

HR County Fair arrives July 22-25

The Hood River County Fair returns Wednesday through Saturday, July 22-25. An old-fashioned family-oriented county fair that's been named the "best in the state," it's known for outstanding entertainment, activities for kids and adults, displays and exhibits, carnival and midway fun, horses, livestock, flowers, and food to please every taste. Country music star trio

River Taqueria are sponsors.

Fair headliner Gloriana takes to the main stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, presented by Griffith Toyota Northwest.

Also free with fair admission are many other great attractions — many found in the park area, or around the fairgrounds. Kidz Dental is sponsoring many of the park activities. In the park, the "Walk on the Wild Side" exotic animal show displays a wide range of exotic animals and reptiles in a jungle atmosphere, and Godfrey the Magician serves up award-winning comedy and levitation tricks. Professor Bamboozle's Road Show brings laughs and fun — and balloons — to the park and fairgrounds. And look for Dr. Solar's Good Time, Traveling Medicine Show's unique magical and educational

Every day is "Bracelet Day" on Cascade Amusements carnival rides. Save money on rides by purchasing a \$22 ride bracelet ticket for just \$17 in advance of the fair's opening. They're available in Odell at the fair office, Mid Valley Market, Hood River Supply, and G.G.'s; at McIsaac's in Parkdale; at Juanita's Market in The Dalles; and at Juanita's Market, Hood River Supply, and Columbia State Bank in Hood River; and must be purchased by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22.

Each bracelet ticket purchased may be used on any one day of the fair, and is good for rides all day long. Carnival rides begin at 1 p.m. each day and continue until closing.



FAIR BOOKS are full of details and available at stores throughout the county.

Musical entertainment begins Wednesday evening on the park stage at 8 p.m., with a Patsy Cline impersonator. On Thursday at 7:30 p.m., the 204th Army Band performs on the main stage. On Friday, it's a full evening of Hispanic music on the main stage, with Oregon bands playing from 7-9 p.m., and California's Banda La Movida beginning at 9 p.m. Hood River Supply, Juanita's Fine Foods, and Hood

musical performances are free with paid admission.



Photos by Patrick Mulvihill

ELI EINHORN beholds a performance by entertainer Leapin' Louie at the Hood River County Library Wednesday evening. Louie, formerly a comedic cowboy, came up with a new act this year. At right, juggler Curtis Carlyle wows kids and adults alike at the library in the July 1 show. See Happenings, page A9, for more information on Library Summer Reading program events.

GORGE RADIOLAND



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

THE LADIES of Harmony of the Gorge listen as Los Temerosos perform at Bingen Theater for the July 3 Independence Eve radio broadcast celebrating the nation's birthday and its diversity. Jana Castanares performs the classic love song "La Vie en Rose," and Alonzo Garbonzo sings his original protest song, "Now." With him is Humberto Calderon, who emceed the event with Leti Valle.

Museum hosts 'Recycling Days' activities July 27-29

Have your kids been complaining that they are bored? Do they need a fun summer activity to beat this heat?

Sign up for Recycling Days at the History Museum of Hood River County. This is a camp-like atmosphere all about recycling.

"We are going to learn and have fun with a recycled materials theme," said AmeriCorps volunteer Andrea Smith. "These fun recycling centered activities will include creating musical instruments from recycled materials, special guests from the Forest Service, and the big project we are keeping a surprise."

"Recycling is an important part of continued life in the Gorge, so bring your kids down to learn about and make it a part of their everyday life in a fun way," said Smith.

Recycling Days will be July 27, 28, and 29, from 10 a.m. to noon. This day camp

is for kids ages 7-11.

The camp will be \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days.

Pre-registration is required as space and supplies are limited. To register your kids for Recycling Days call 541-386-6772. A snack will be provided so inform the museum if your children have any allergies or food sensitivities.

For more on what's going on at the Museum, see photo on page A2.

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Athlete of the Week

Matt Cooper
Kollas Cranmer runner

Matt Cooper, 31, of Hood River, performed the feat of running the 7.4-mile Kollas Cranmer race while facing backwards, finishing in 1 hour, 41 minutes, 45 seconds.

The Athlete of the Week will receive a large pizza with 2 toppings from Papa Murphy's. Congratulations to our winner 7-11-15.



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