



MEET THE FAIR COURT



KIRA KRUMBACH-KUHAR

Lives in Milton-Freewater and attends McLoughlin High School where she participates in FFA, choir and cheerleading. Her parents are Sherri Krumbah and Kevin Kuhar.



RAYLEE LEHNERT

lives in Pendleton and attends Pendleton High School where she participates in FFA, volleyball, basketball and softball. Her parents are Rondi Anderson and Ryan Lehnert.



JANESSA PREWITT

Lives in Hermiston and attends Hermiston High School where she participates in track and choir. Her parents are Cyndi and Jeremy Prewitt.

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This year's Umatilla County Fair court is nearing its most active week of the year.

Three girls were picked for the 2016 court: Kira Krumbah-Kuhar, JaNessa Prewitt and Raylee Lehnert. Court chaperone Alice Newman said this year's court well represents Umatilla County.

From January until June, the court's main tasks are to promote the fair at parades around the region and volunteer at local events in a variety of roles. Once summer rolls around, their schedule becomes even busier. The princesses pass out fair programs, make appearances on local radio shows and anything else that is asked of them.

A rule change allowed for Krumbah-Kuhar, 15, to become a court princess this year, following her older sister, Catie, who was on the 2015 court.

According to Newman, past applicants were required to be at least a sophomore in high school and have a driver's license. The hiring committee decided that rule wasn't practical, and now accepts any applicant between the ages of 14 and 19. Newman said this change will put less pressure on older girls to apply for the court, especially those who are about to leave home.

"Trying to fit in a fair court schedule is much harder to do when you're about to go off to college," she said.

Newman said this year's court is a particularly hard-working group. Between the three princesses, they've volunteered countless hours to local events and will continue to do so as fair week nears.

"They're a working court," she said. "They're not just there to show up and look pretty."

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