

Celebrate Hog Wild Days June 3-5 in Island City

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ISLAND CITY — The Island City Lions club welcomes everyone to join the fun and street fair at Hog Wild Days held June 3-5 along C Street in Island City.

"We're so happy to be back again hosting Hog Wild Days after a two-year absence," said Kayla Hansen, club president. "We're trying to make this as good as it possibly can be, and we invite everyone to come and have fun."

It's going to be a weekend of food, music, craft sales, game vendors and crowds meandering around and enjoying the sights, smells and sounds of this annual festival.

Hansen said the event's history days back 42 years ago when the Urban Vine at 10701 W. First Street used to be a little cafe and coffee shop and the Lions Club made a fire pit there and roasted a pig.

One might say that the community went hog wild over it.



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The piggy train returns for Hog Wild Days, June 3-5 in Island City.

As a result, Hog Wild Days has grown into the street fair festival it is today, attended by thousands of people.

To kick things off, everyone is invited to the Lions' traditional BBQ pork dinner Friday from 5:30-8 p.m. at the pavilion at Island City Park.

"Hines Meat Company will be preparing and serving the barbecued meat," Hansen said. "There will be a beer garden set up, and the music group Sage and Stone will be playing originals and covers from 5:30-7:30 p.m."

Picnic table seating is limited, so feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to the park to enjoy your BBQ meal.

The downtown street fair along C Street is open Saturday from 8 a.m. to dusk and Sunday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. On Saturday, the La Grande Rural Fire District will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 6-11 a.m. The cost for the pancake breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids. The volunteer firefighters will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, cof-



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Hog Wild Days returns with a full slate of activities June 3-5 in Island City.

fee and milk at the fire station in Island City.

Throughout the weekend, people can buy food from vendors making such delights as fried foods, shaved ice, kettle corn, a variety of lemonade drinks and scones. There are over 75 vendors signed up, and if you wish to be among them, you can sign up until June 3. For more information, call Kayla Hansen at 541-786-7210 to pay the \$50 booth space.

Saturday's entertainment lineup is another fun feature. From 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, a kids' fiddle club will play,

followed by the parade at 11 a.m.

The music on Saturday continues from 1-3 p.m. with Sage and Stone, followed by guitarist Jeremy Shankle from 4-5 p.m. After an hour break the Blue Plate Special, a blues band, will perform from 6-8 p.m.

Kid activities will be held Saturday at the school, including the piggy train and, from noon-6 p.m., Victory Farms is hosting 5-minute pony rides for \$5 per child.

"We're hoping that a big crowd turns out," Hansen said, "and that everyone has something to enjoy!"



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