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The parade, with a theme of "Freedom," is hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars "Let 'Er Buck" Post 922.

Starting at 10 a.m. at Pendleton City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Ave., the parade will travel to Main Street, then onto Court Avenue to the Pendleton Convention Center. All entries will receive a ribbon and trophies will be awarded in 14 categories. Mike Hagan, honored for his 41-year career in the Oregon Army National Guard, is the grand marshal. If you have questions, contact Fred Bradbury at fbradbury@yahoo.com or 541-377-7474.

After the parade, head to Roy Raley Park, 1205 SW Court Ave., for a full afternoon of family fun. Games and activities will include spike ball, giant Jenga, a corn-hole tournament (1-4 p.m.), face painting, prizes for various races (three-legged, spoon egg and relay), Hula Hoops and Hook a Book with Altrusa International of Pendleton.

Music by DJ Anson Crane will fill the air from noon to 5 p.m. A kids' bike/scooter parade (1 p.m.) features prizes for patriotic themes and a dunk tank (2-4 p.m.) will offer a reprieve from the heat. In addition, food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more about the celebration in the park, visit www.pendleton.or.us or contact Donna Biggerstaff at 541-966-0220 or donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us.

PRAIRIE CITY

Celebrate "Fourth of July on the Prairie" with a day of activities on July 4 in Prairie City. A 5K fun run starts at 7 a.m. at Depot Park, and a pancake breakfast is served from 7-10 a.m. at the Prairie Baptist Teen Center.

Vendors will be on Front Street from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and cow pie bingo starts at 1 p.m. at the high school (purchase tickets from FFA students during the parade or the FFA food booth for \$25 per square). A flag folding ceremony at the park is set for 11:30 a.m., and the parade starts at noon.

From 12:30-3 p.m., enjoy barbecue and activities in the park. Prairie City youth will



Alex Wittwer/The Observer
The Nilson family and hundreds of other spectators watch as fireworks light up the night sky at the Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union July 4, 2021.

present a play at 2 p.m. at the community center (\$1 suggested donation).

STANFIELD

The annual Steak Feed Fundraiser, which helps support the holiday celebration, is Sunday, July 3, 6-8 p.m. at Bard Park. In addition to dinner, the event features live music by Hired Guns. Tickets are \$25/adults and

\$10/kids (for a hamburger meal). They are available at Main Street Market, the Stanfield Public Library or the city of Stanfield.

Bard Park is the hub for the 2022 Stanfield Fourth of July Celebration. Activities get a sizzling start with the Firefighters Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Also, a 5K fun run and 3-on-3 basketball tourney begins at 8 a.m. And the downtown parade gets

rolling at 10 a.m. (line up at 8 a.m., judging is at 9 a.m.).

The pie-baking contest heats up at 11 a.m. and the duck race is at 1 p.m. Other park activities run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Then, be sure to stake out a spot at dusk for the fireworks show.

For more information, search www.facebook.com/Stanfield4thofJuly or call 541-449-3831.

UNION

Union is now the place to be on the Fourth of July in Union County. The main draw is the "Thunder at the Peaks" fireworks, shot off from the Buffalo Peak Golf Course at dusk.

Leading up to the light show, the town hosts vendors and an antique car display on Main Street from 5-9 p.m. and a bank robbery reenactment at 5 p.m. Also, the Union County Museum, 331 S. Main St., will be open from noon-6 p.m.

WALLOWA COUNTY

The Independence Day celebrations begin in Wallowa with a parade at 11 a.m. Food and drink vendors will be outside the Wallowa Fire Hall on Pine Street. Ruby Frazier will serve as grand marshal of the parade; Greta Kennedy and Dylan Wortman are Little Miss Fourth of July and Little Mister Liberty. Seating will be available inside the Fire Hall for people to eat and enjoy the music of Terry and Gary Moffit.

Booth space for food, drinks and crafts are available for free for the Wallowa festivities. Vendors are welcome to set up starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call Wallowa City Hall at 541-886-2422.

The time-honored tradition of fireworks over Wallowa Lake continues as local organizations and businesses across the county raise money to "Shake the Lake" on Independence Day. The sponsors — Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Chamber and Stubborn Mule — are raising \$25,000 for the show and an account has been set up for donations at the Wallowa County Chamber. Visit www.wallowacounty-chamber.com for more information and how to make a contribution.