

Second 'Farm Crawl' happening June 27

Discover the bounty of Union County at gardens, farmstands, and more

UNION COUNTY — The community is invited to tour small farms, orchards and producers this weekend for the second Union County Farm Crawl.

The first, in 2019, saw more than 300 visitors to each location. The 2020 version was cancelled.

This year's farm crawl is set for Sunday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are 12 locations. Maps with addresses and descriptions of each place are available at the Union County Chamber of Commerce office, 207 Depot St. in La Grande, at the La Grande Farmers Market on Saturday (9 a.m. to noon at Max Square), and at participating stops during the Farm Crawl.

The idea for this event started with Nella Mae Parks, who is one of the featured participants. She'd discovered the idea of a farm crawl on the Farmer to Farmer podcast, then presented the idea to the Union County agritourism committee.

"I was immediately taken with the idea because I am always trying to find ways to bring the community into local food production and revive the 'culture' in agriculture," Parks said.

Parks runs Nella Mae's Farm in Cove. Her produce is available at her own farmstand, as well as the La Grande Farmers Market and on the menu at several local restaurants.

A Farm Crawl such as Sunday's event provides producers a dedicated day to connect with consumers.

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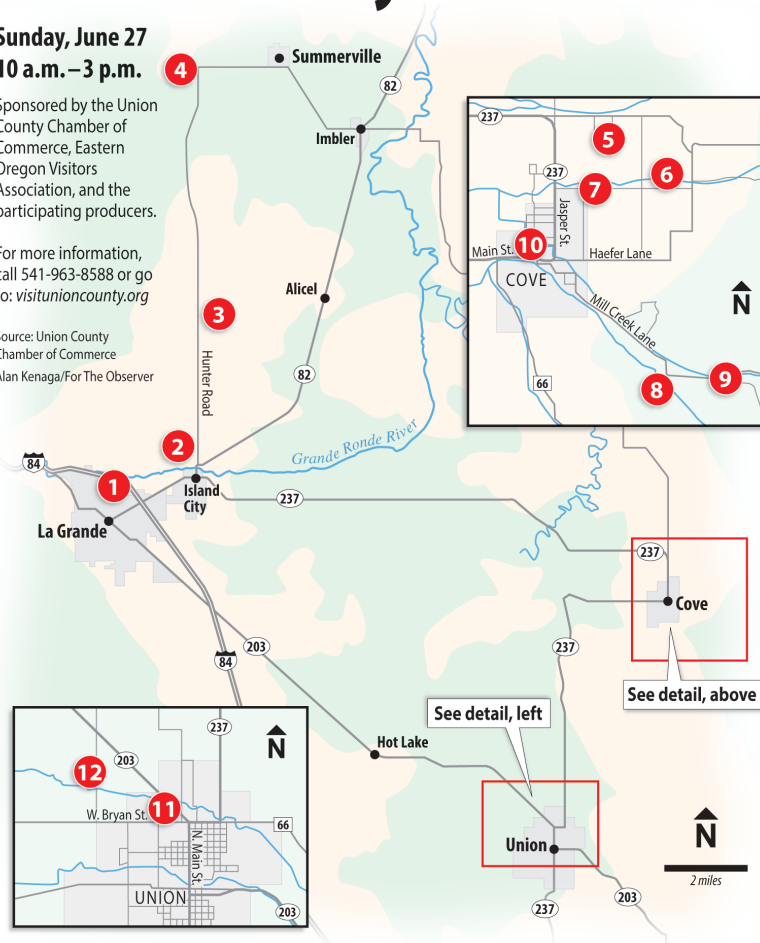
Union County Farm Crawl

Sunday, June 27
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, and the participating producers.

For more information, call 541-963-8588 or go to: visitunioncounty.org

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houses, orchards and farm stands around the Grande Ronde Valley will be open to the public offering fruit and vegetables, encounters

with farm animals, tours and fun activities for the whole family.

Free samples will be given at several locations, as well as oppor-

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK



FRIDAY
High 92 Low 63
Mostly sunny; hot



SATURDAY
High 99 Low 65
Very hot



SUNDAY
High 100 Low 65
Very hot



Courtesy of Apple Spring Micro Farm



Courtesy of Almosta Farm

Maps are available at the Union County Chamber of Commerce and at the La Grande Farmers Market on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Here are the featured stops:

Avella Orchard
2807 N. Fir St., La Grande

Evergreen Family Farm
62402 Evergreen Road
La Grande

Mt. Emily Farmstead
63172 Starr Lane
La Grande

Happy Walrus Farm
67086 Happy Walrus Road
Summerville

Folly Farm
67364 Squire Loop, Cove

Almosta Farm
69749 Antles Lane, Cove

Nella Mae's Farm
69361 Antles Lane, Cove

Apple Spring Micro Farm
60024 Thew Loop, Cove

Forest Cove Acres
60076 McNeill Road, Cove

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center
1104 Church St., Cove

Cats Paw Farm Mercantile
1260 N. Second St., Union

M Bar A Nigerian Goats
57853 Godley Road, Union

tunities for conversation with the growers.

The Union County Farm Crawl is organized with assistance from the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association Agritourism Development Program. It is sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce.