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Ned LeDoux

## Ned LeDoux to headline county fair

Country singer talks about his father, life on the road and his next album

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Ned LeDoux fell in love with music at a young age.

The son of country star Chris LeDoux, Ned got his first drum kit when he was 5. Now he's touring the country.

"I just knew that was what I wanted to do at a really young age," he said.

Ned said he probably spends more time on the road than with his family in northeast Kansas. The traveling, meeting new people and camaraderie of the band make it all worth it, though, and he said there's a sense of freedom out on the road.

"That's pretty much what I've been doing most of my life," he said. "There's not many roads I haven't been down."

A handful of Ned's bandmates played in his father's band, Western Underground. Chris passed away in 2005 but is still a huge influence on his son's music.

Ned sings "Johnson County War" on his EP al-

bum "Forever a Cowboy." The song was written by Chris and tells the story of a series of rangeland conflicts in the late 1800s between cattle companies and ranchers in Wyoming. Ned said he wanted to cover the song because of its connection to his home state, Wyoming, and because it was a lesser known song of his father's.

"I wanted to pick almost like a B-side song," he said.

In Ned's song "The Hawk," he said he believes his father keeps watch over their ranch in Wyoming. As a child his father asked him, if he could be reincarnated as an animal, what would it be? Ned said he would come back as a mountain lion.

Chris said, "I think it would be kinda neat to be a hawk."

Shortly after his father's death, his mother found herself constantly followed by a hawk.

"We hardly ever see any hawks. If you do they're just passing through, but this one decided to stick around," Ned said. "I always believe he's still here."

Ned said he doesn't feel overshadowed by his father's music career.

"I'm just proud to carry on the torch," he said.

He plans to roll out another album Nov. 3. He said it will be roughly a dozen songs with eight originals and a handful of covers. The songs have already been recorded, and it's just a matter of getting them all together, he said.

Ned loves being on the road playing music, and plans on sticking with it.

"Yeah, I've been trying to find that Bigfoot fella," he jokes. "But no, this is what I'm wanting to do for the rest of my life."

Ned LeDoux will take the main stage at the Grant County Fair Friday, Aug. 11. Opener Melissa Mickelson will go on at 7:30 p.m. followed by LeDoux.

The deadline for What's Happening items is 5 p.m. Friday. Call the Eagle, 541-575-0710, or email editor@bmeagle.com. For meetings this week, see our list in the classifieds on Page A17.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 4

#### First Friday

• 4-9 p.m., downtown John Day  
Multiple John Day businesses will participate in special event on the first Friday of each month, including a Dessert Crawl with samplings of sweet treats. Planners hope to make it an evening of fun, friends and food, and plan to add music.

#### Micky and the Motorcars concert

• 7:30 p.m., Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center, 116 NW Bridge St., John Day  
The band will be joined by guest performer Dustin Schaefer, featuring country/rock and Americana music. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for VIP and at 6:30 for general admission. Suds Pub will provide food and beverages, and all ages are welcome. Tickets start at \$25 and may be purchased at maddenbrothers.tix.com or by calling 1-800-595-4849.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 5

#### Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth night rodeo

• 4 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day  
Free for spectators, events begin at 5 p.m. Membership is \$30 or \$45 per family, and membership is required. Entry fees are \$2 per event or \$10 for the day. For more information, call 541-575-3520 or 541-792-0077, or email cmlaydays@gmail.com.

#### John Day Farmers Market

• 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day  
The market features crafts, baked goods, produce, kids activities, entertainment and information booths. This week will feature a bee-themed coloring contest for children, sponsored by J5 Beekeeping, with prizes. For more information, call 541-792-0958 or email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

#### Grant County Kruzers Cruise-In

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Prairie City Park  
A classic car show will feature vintage vehicles with Best of Show receiving a trophy honoring the late Mike Greear. For more information, call 541-820-3745.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 8

#### Health insurance workshop

• 6-8 p.m., Canyon City Community Hall, 129 S. Washington St.

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace will sponsor "Health Insurance 101," a free workshop to help attendees prepare for the health insurance open enrollment period beginning next fall. To register, call 855-268-3767 or email info.marketplace@oregon.gov.

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 9-12

#### Grant County Fair

• 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday  
• 8 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday  
• Grant County Fairgrounds, 411 NW Bridge St., John Day  
Highlights include free day Wednesday, the talent show at 6 p.m. Thursday, the ranch breakfast from 6-9 a.m. Friday, country musician Ned LeDoux at 7:30 p.m. Friday, the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, the pie contest at 12 p.m. Saturday, 4-H/FFA awards at 2 p.m. Saturday, the 4-H/FFA livestock auction at 5 p.m. Saturday and freestyle bullfighting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit grantcountyfairgrounds.com or call 541-575-1900.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 11-13

#### Hope4Paws yard sale fundraiser

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Four Seasons Plumbing lot, N. Canyon Blvd., John Day



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Children enjoy the Tornado and the Ferris wheel in the Cascade Amusement carnival at last year's Grant County Fair. The fair is planned Aug. 9-12 this year.

• 9-11 a.m. Sunday, Four Seasons Plumbing lot, N. Canyon Blvd., John Day

The pet rescue and education nonprofit will accept items donated in advance, and volunteers also will accept donations at the yard sale site on Thursday, Aug. 10, the day before the sale. Those with questions about acceptable donations can call Hope4Paws at 541-575-0500.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 18

#### Eclipse country music dance and concert

• 7-11 p.m., Prairie City Senior Center  
Residents of all ages are welcome to enjoy music by the Copper Ridge Band. Refreshments of iced tea, lemonade and water will be provided, and no alcohol, vaping or smoking will be allowed. The cost to attend is by donation, and all funds raised will benefit the Prairie City Senior Center.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 19

#### MoonLIT Music Festival

• 2 p.m. to midnight, Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day  
Several local and regional artists will present multiple genres of music, including country, alternative, rock, pop and folk. Headliner bands include Jane N The Jungle, Hit Factory, Wind Fields, VCI Audio and Jamie Rachelle. Local musicians include Les Church of Prairie City, performing with Gary Battle of Oakridge and Prairie City; Marcus Perkins of John Day, joined by Nathan Delano of Pendleton; Samantha Floyd of Canyon City; Austin McKrola of Mt. Vernon; sisters Aliciana and Maleah Archibald of John Day; and Peter and Rachel Lyttlewood of Long Creek. Tickets are available at MoonLitMusicFestival.com. For more information, call 541-575-0547.

### MONDAY, AUG. 21

#### Total solar eclipse

• 10:21 a.m., Grant County  
Observers will see approximately 2 minutes, 6 seconds of darkness as the moon totally blocks out the sun. The partial eclipse will begin at about 9:08 a.m.

#### Chris Knight acoustic concert

• 9 p.m., Madden Brothers Performing Arts Center, John Day

The rural, folk rock, Americana singer will perform an acoustic set. Doors open at 7 p.m. for VIP and at 8 p.m. for general admission. Suds Pub will provide food and beverages, and all ages are welcome. Tickets start at \$30 and may be purchased at maddenbrothers.tix.com or by calling 1-800-595-4849.

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Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German army and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II.  
FRI - THURS (4:10) 7:00 9:30  
\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

## The Kruzers are back

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The nostalgia of a classic car show is hard to beat.

The Grant County Kruzers have scheduled a summer Cruise-In from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Prairie City Park.

After running a good 20 consecutive years of car shows,

the Kruzers took last summer off. Now they're back.

Visitors can browse the vintage vehicles admission-free.

This year, it's also free to enter a vehicle in the show.

A trophy, honoring the late Mike Greear, will be awarded to the best of show.

For more information, call Tony Johns at 541-820-3745.



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Scenes from the 2015 Grant County Kruzers Cruise-In at Prairie City Park.

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