

PARADE

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“Being a part of the Grant County parade team is an honor because this is one event that brings the towns together,” she said. “Who doesn’t love a parade?”

Grant County Fair Parade Commercial

Schools/organizations
Chester’s Thriftway, first
Blue Mountain Hospice, first
Grant Union volleyball team, second
Grant Union dance team, third

Horse drawn entry
Katie Johnson, first
Mounted male adult
Larry Pierce, first

Royalty
Queen Jessica Carter and Princess Trinity Hutchison, first
Lil’ Miss NPRA Rowdy Israel, second

Mounted female adult
Charlene Hopkins, first
Crystal Wimberley, second

Riding organization or family
Wilson Family, first
Marciel and Nodine families, second

Walking individual
Tate Waddel and his calf Moo Moo, first

Antique vehicle
Ron Phillips, first
Pioneer Feed, second

Custom vehicle
Jerry and Tracy Bird (T-Bird Signs), first

Classic vehicle
Grand Marshal Jean Kline, first
Randy Dowdy, second
John Ray, third

Decorated vehicle
People Mover, first
Ed Staub & Sons, second
Mountain View Mini Mart, third

Decorated ATV
Grant County Building Supply, first
Dave Traylor, second
Grant County Fairgrounds, third

Decorated commercial vehicle
John Day Polaris, first

Other
John Day Rural Fire Department, first
John Day Volunteer Fire Department, second

Special Awards
Sweepstakes: Blue Mountain Hospice
Most creative: Charlene Hopkins
Best theme: T Bird Signs
Best float: Chester’s Thriftway
Judges’ choice: Tate Waddel & his calf Moo Moo



Youth and adult 4-H participants rode on a float, with even more walking alongside, on Saturday at the Grant County Fair Parade. Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter



Children gather up candy at the Aug. 12 Grant County Fair Parade.



Greg and Christy Habery lead a pack of Polaris riders in the fair parade.



Tate Waddel leads his calf Moo Moo down Main Street with his parents Wade and Simmie Waddel during Saturday’s Grant County Fair Parade.



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs
Ned LeDoux grins out at the crowd during the Grant County Fair on Friday, Aug. 11.

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on a new album he plans to release in early November.

“This is what I’ve been doing since I hit the ground,” he said. “If you’re doing what you love for a living, you never work a day in your life.”

One song particularly well received by the fair crowd was an original piece called “The Hawk.”

In the song, Ned said he believes his father, who died in 2005, keeps watch over the family ranch in Wyoming as a hawk. He explains in the song that 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.”

Singer Melissa Mickelson opened for LeDoux with a number of her own songs as well as cover of tracks including Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire” and Credence Clearwater’s “Bad Moon Rising.” After her set, Mickelson came down into the crowd to take pictures with fans and chat.

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FRIDAY (1:10) (4:10) 7:10 9:45
SATURDAY (1:10) 7:10 9:45
SUN - THURS (4:10) 7:10 9:45

THE NUTJOB 2 PG Surly and his friends must stop the mayor from destroying their home to make way for an amusement park.
FRI & SAT (1:20) (4:20) 9:40
SUNDAY (1:20) (4:20) 7:20 9:40
MON - THURS (4:20) 7:20 9:40

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

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“When the bull rider comes off, I step in and make myself a better target for the bull,” Hankinson said.

Bullfighting judges look for aggression of the bull and bullfighter and mark up for daring maneuvers like jumping over the bull as it charges, event organizer Jim Hamsher said.

The 20 bulls at Saturday’s event ranged from 700-1,300 pounds, according to Hamsher. Sixteen-year-old Miles Bar-

ry, another participant in Saturday’s event, said he has been bullfighting since he was 12. His father has been a professional bullfighter for 35 years, he said.

“It just kind of runs in the blood,” Barry said. “It’s just something that I love to do and love to watch.”

While he does wear armor when he goes into the arena, the padded vest, ankle braces and girdle Barry uses are less than most wear. He leaves off the knee braces others wear because he can move more freely without them, he said.

Despite the pads, Barry has sustained injuries. Last year he broke his tibia and fibia, which needed 12 screws and a plate to heal. He was back in the arena in eight months.

“It’s just an adrenaline rush you can’t get from anything else in the world,” he said.



Eagle photos/Rylan Boggs
Justin Josey taunts a bull by placing his hat on its head during a bullfight at the Grant County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12.

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Zach McVay avoids a bull during a bullfight at the Grant County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12.

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