

Prepare to be 'Amazed' by fair headliner, Lonestar

By Angel Carpenter
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Fairgrounds manager Mindy Winegar announced the country music band Lonestar will be this year's Grant County Fair headline entertainment, playing Friday, Aug. 17, in John Day.

She said, with the great entertainment lined up, "The fair is going to be amazing."

Lonestar has been cranking out country music hits for more than 20 years — a few of their many familiar tunes include "Amazed," "Already There," "My Front Porch Looking In" and "Mr. Mom."

"Amazed" is the band's biggest hit, lasting eight weeks at the top of the Billboard country chart, with over 1,650,000 digital copies sold.

The song also reached the Billboard Hot 100, one of only two country songs in the 2000s decade to do so.

There are plenty more hits from the band's 10 albums, including nine other No. 1 singles, which should



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Lonestar will perform at the Grant County Fair on Aug. 17.

have a wide appeal for those attending the fair.

The Lonestar musicians include Richie McDonald, lead vocals, pia-

no; Michael Britt, lead guitar, backing vocals; Keech Rainwater, drums; and Dean Sams, keyboards, acoustic guitar, backing vocals.

Nate Botsford, a Portland-based singer/songwriter, will open for Lonestar and will also perform after the concert.

Botsford's hybrid style is a fresh take on musical influences, which include Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison, as well as two piano-playing grandfathers. He has described his work as "bluegrass-country-rock with a little bit of pop in there."

Concert gates open at 6 p.m., and Botsford opens at 7 p.m.

VIP tickets are \$65 with seating close to the band and no-host bars with alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks. General admission is \$30 with seating (or standing) in the grandstands. Admission for people 12 and under is \$15 with seating (or standing) in the grandstands.

All tickets also provide free admission to the Grant County Fair that day. The 109th Grant County Fair is scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 15-18.

To purchase tickets visit the fairgrounds or purchase online at <http://prchs.me/2Htx4e4>.

For more information, call Winegar at 541-575-1900.

OTEC hosting annual membership meeting in Burns

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Oregon Trail Electric Co-operative has sent ballots for its board of directors elections to the members.

Three positions on the OTEC board are up for election at the 30th annual membership meeting April 14 at the Harney County Fairgrounds, 69660 S Egan Ave., Burns.

The election results will

be announced at that time.

The candidates are incumbents Austin Bingaman, Union County; Wayne Overton, Baker County; and Gary Miller, Grant County. All candidates are running to serve a three-year term.

OTEC voting members will be able to cast their ballots by mail or may hand deliver their ballot to the meeting. To vote by mail,

the signed and sealed ballots must be received by April 10 or delivered in person to the meeting.

Members voting by mail may also enter a contest to win a \$500 energy credit to be awarded at the meeting.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 11 a.m. A catered lunch will be provided by Juniper Cookhouse and will be served following the

business meeting. Live entertainment will be provided by Frank Carlson, and there will be lots of raffles and prize drawings throughout the event. All members are invited to attend.

A sign-up sheet for free

bus travel to the meeting is available at the John Day Senior Center, 142 NE Dayton St. The bus is scheduled to depart from John Day at 8:45 a.m. and to return passengers to John Day by 3 p.m. All times are approximate.

Signup sheets will be available until Friday, March 30, or until they are filled.

To register to vote in OTEC elections, contact the local OTEC office, 541-575-0161. For more information, visit otecc.com.

Candidate forum planned at fair pavilion

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All local candidates in the upcoming election are expected to attend a candidate forum sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Grange in April.

Ted Ferrioli, former state senator and current member

of the Northwest Power & Conservation Council, will moderate the event at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Grant County Fairgrounds pavilion.

Each candidate will be allowed to speak for five minutes, with an opportunity for a three-minute rebuttal.

Questions from the audience for Ferrioli to present will be gathered during an intermission. Coffee and cookies will be available during the intermission.

For more information, contact Jean Sagert, 541-575-1007.

GRANT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2018 ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATION

JUNIPER ENCROACHMENT AND WATER TALK

Western juniper are a predominant vegetation cover in eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. In the last 140+ years, juniper has increased 10 fold by encroaching into sagebrush ecosystems. This juniper expansion has mostly occurred in semi-arid areas, where small changes in the ecosystem water budget can have large impacts on water availability to forbs and grasses as well as reducing downstream water resources.

Hydrologist Ryan Niemeyer will discuss his doctoral research that focused on "tree-level" and "large-scale" impacts of how juniper alters the ecosystem water budget. He will present some useful resources and tools to help better understand these impacts, including a hydrology website to provide easily accessible information to stakeholders. He has also developed an interactive map where individuals can zoom in to areas of interest to discover potential changes in water resources with shifts in juniper land cover.

For More Information Contact:
Jason Kehrberg, District Manager at 541-575-0135 or jkehrberg@ortelco.net

DETAILS
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018, 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Grant County Regional Airport, 72000 Airport Road, John Day, OR 97845.

This is a public event and all are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

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<p style="text-align: center;">UNITED METHODIST</p> <p>126 NW Canton, John Day 541-575-1326</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Maundy Service</i> Thursday March 29th 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Easter Sunday Service</i> 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIVING WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER</p> <p>59357 Hwy. 26, Mt. Vernon 541-932-4910</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH 6:30 - <i>Worship Jesus Communion</i> SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST 5:30pm - <i>Resurrection Celebration</i> <i>He Lives!</i> <i>Come worship the risen Christ!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>108 S. Washington St. Canyon City 541-575-2688</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 am <i>Easter Sunday</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Resurrection Sunday Services</i> John Day Service 10:00 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>139 NE Dayton, John Day <i>Open Invitation Community Good Friday - March 30th</i> at 7pm <i>Easter Service at 10 am</i> At the Fairgrounds Followed by free lunch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</p> <p>311 NE Dayton, John Day 541-575-1202</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Easter Service</i> at 11 am <i>With a special communion and Easter message</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PRAIRIE CITY COMMUNITY EASTER SERVICE</p> <p>Prairie City School Old Gym 10:30 am Refreshments following</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>521 E. Main, John Day 10:30am <i>Continental Breakfast before Easter Service</i> 10:45 am <i>Special Easter message & music</i> Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Service 541-575-1895</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>Holy Thursday 6:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments 7pm to 11pm Good Friday 6:00 pm Holy Saturday 7:00 pm Easter Sunday 9:00 am St. Anne's 12:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY SERVICES</p> <p><i>Maundy Service</i> March 29th United Methodist <i>Good Friday</i> March 30th Church of Nazarene 6pm St. Thomas 7pm Grace Chapel 6:30 - 7:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY SUNRISE</p> <p>April 1 at 6:30 am Crisp Heights, 467 W. 4th St. Parking off Airport Way <i>Breakfast to follow at John Day Methodist Church 7:30am</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH</p> <p>139 S. Washington, Canyon City <i>Good Friday Service</i> March 30th, 7 pm <i>Easter Vigil</i> March 31st, 8 pm <i>Easter Eucharist Service</i> April 1st, 10 am 541-620-1436</p>