

# A busy week at the Grant County Fair

## 'Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats'

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You don't need Western wear to have fun at the Grant County Fair, but "Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats" is this year's theme Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 15-18.

The headliner this year is Lonestar, which performs at the outdoor arena on Friday with gates opening at 6 p.m. With 10 albums and numerous hit songs, Lonestar's music is influenced by Alabama, The Eagles and Restless Hearts.

Opening for Lonestar at 7 p.m. will be Nate Botsford, a Portland-based artist with a hybrid style and numerous music awards. Tickets for Lonestar and Botsford are available online at eventbright.com. General seating is \$30, and admission for children 12 and under is \$15.

The Grant County Free-



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**Justin Josey dodges around a bull during a bullfight at last year's Grant County Fair. Freestyle bullfighting takes place at 8 p.m. Aug. 18 this year.**

style Bullfighting event will take place on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. in the outdoor arena. Country music singer Britnee Kellogg will perform on the main stage at 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. She has been singing since she was 3 and appeared twice on American Idol. Admission to both events is covered with general admission to the fair.

The Funtime Carnival opens at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and noon on Saturday. The cost is

\$1 per ride on Wednesday and \$18 per day for unlimited rides Thursday through Saturday.

The Coventry & Kaluza Circus and Comedy team will perform each day in a strolling act or on the main stage. Hypnotist Dan Hawk will perform each day on the main stage.

Team branding and dog trials will take place at the outdoor arena on Wednesday at 5 p.m. The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will perform each day on the stage behind



**Cheyenne Nichols leads her steer out of the livestock auction at the Grant County Fair last year. The livestock auction will take place at 5 p.m. Aug. 18 this year.**

the pavilion.

Friday kicks off with the Ranchers Breakfast from 7-9 a.m. on the east side of the pavilion, with ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice and coffee for \$7.

The Kids Parade at 1 p.m. will run from Southwest Second Avenue down South Canyon Boulevard onto Southwest Dayton Street, then left on Main Street to Umpqua Bank. Children can register the day of the parade.

The Grant County Fair Parade will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. Decorated floats and vehicles will stage at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School from 8-9 a.m. The parade will run down South Canyon Boulevard and Southeast Dayton Street and then left on Main Street all the way to the big parking area next to Timbers Bistro.

Grand marshals this year are Mike and Joanne Keerins, residents on a century farm in

Izee. Descended from a distinguished ranching family, Mike spent two years in the Army before returning home to ranch with his parents. Joanne worked as a substitute teacher and volleyball referee when she wasn't raising a family, serving on many community boards, from PTA and 4-H to soil and water conservation and watershed advisory councils.

The Grant County Best Pie Contest will take place at the east end of the Pavilion on Saturday at noon. The 4-H/FFA Grant County Fair awards and recognition ceremony will take place in the heritage barn at 2 p.m., and the 4-H/FFA livestock auction will take place in the sale barn at 5 p.m.

Admission is free Wednesday and then \$5 per day or \$12 weekly. Senior tickets are \$2 per day and children 5 and under can enter for free. Parking is \$3 per day or \$10 weekly.

Tickets can be purchased at Len's Drug, Radio Shack, Bar WB, Boyer's Store, Duke Warner Realty, Jonna Joe's Hair Care and at the fairgrounds.

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.

### THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUG. 9-10

#### Youth volleyball camp

- Grant Union Junior-Senior High School gym

A volleyball camp will be held for grades 3-5 (one day) and 6-8 (two days). Grades 6-8 will meet 1-5 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$30 and includes a T-shirt. Grades 3-5 will meet 1-5:30 p.m. Friday. The cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call 541-910-6180.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 10-11

#### NPRA Rodeo

- 6 p.m., Grant County Fairgrounds

The cost to attend is \$10 each night, \$2 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$5 for youth 6 to 12 years old. Children 5 and under are free. A family-friendly Queen's Dance will be held Aug. 11 after the rodeo, featuring live music. For more information, call the fairgrounds office at 541-575-1900.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 11

#### John Day Farmers Market

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Southwest Brent Street, John Day



The market features a variety of locally grown produce, homemade food and handmade crafts, plants, food and recipe samples, information booths and entertainment. For more information, call 541-575-0547 or 1-229-869-2136, or email johndayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

#### Triathlon for hunger

- 9:15 a.m., Gleason Pool, John Day

Proceeds from the event benefit the John Day/Canyon City Parks and Recreation summer lunch program for kids around the county. Participants can compete as individuals for \$35 or as a team for \$60. Events include a 10-lap swim, 12.4-mile bicycle ride and a 3.1-mile run. Check in is from 8-8:45 a.m. Registration must be completed by Aug. 8, and forms are available at jdccparksandrec.weebly.com. For more information, call the parks and recreation district at 541-620-4001 or visit the website.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

#### 'A Community Touched by Suicide'

• 6-8 p.m., John Day Senior Center  
The public forum is sponsored by Community Counseling Solutions and Lines for Life. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 541-676-9161.

### WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, AUG. 15-18

#### Grant County Fair

- 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday
- 8 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday
- Grant County Fairgrounds, John Day

Features of the fair include a live concert by Lonestar on Friday, the parade on Saturday and daily entertainment acts by hypnotists, fiddlers, a comedy act and more. The pavilion is open during the day. Admission to the fair is \$5 per day or \$12 for a week pass; seniors are \$2 per day, and children 5 years old and younger are free. Parking passes cost \$3 per day or \$10 for the week. The carnival will open at 5 p.m. Wednesday, 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and noon on Saturday. Passes for the fair and carnival can be purchased at Len's Drug, Radio Shack, Bar WB, Boyer's Store, Duke Warner Realty, Jonna Joe's Hair Care and the fairgrounds. For more information, call the fair office at 541-575-1900 or visit grantcountyfairgrounds.com.

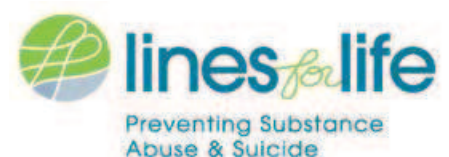
## Public Forum A Community Touched by Suicide

August 15, 2018 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm

John Day Senior Center  
(Refreshments Provided)

- In 2016, the suicide rate per 100,000 youths aged 10-24 was 12.97 in Oregon, compared to 9.6 nationwide. Suicide is the second leading cause of death amongst this age category in Oregon.
- Its not a stretch to state that Grant County has experienced, or is experiencing, a suicide cluster, defined as "multiple suicidal behaviours or suicides that fall within an accelerated time frame, and sometimes within a defined geographical area." In this case, it would specifically be a "point cluster": Point clusters involve suicides that are close in time and/or space. They often occur within institutional settings such as hospitals, prisons, or schools, or within distinct communities." These are more common in smaller, family like communities. Gilliam County experienced this from 2006-2011, when they had one youth suicide per year for 5 years. They were off the charts.
- Grant County in the past 7 months has had at least four completed suicides. Usually there is an average of approximately 1 per year.

- Grant County (combined with Lake and Harney) youth are a full 5 percentage points higher in the contemplating suicide category compared to the rest of the state.
- There have been more suicides in Grant County this year than homicides.
- There were 45,000 suicides in the US in 2016, more than twice the number of homicides.
- Among people ages 15-34, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death.



**Lines for Life is the agency that will be providing the community forum. They are nationally recognized in their work on suicide prevention. They provide hallmark training taught by certified professionals, assisting schools and communities in identifying at risk individuals and to respond to signs and symptoms.**