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Left to right, Kara Hansen, Mordecai Soupir, Wyatt Hansen and Zoey Rookstool eagerly wait for the start of the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 17.

The 2018 Grant County Fair

Boots, chaps and cowboy hats

Blue Mountain Eagle

From the pre-fair 4-H contests through the excitement of Saturday's freestyle bullfighting, the 109th Grant County Fair entertained the crowds.

Country act Lonestar was the headliner, packing the stands Friday evening, with Nate Bosford opening and Britnee Kellogg performing Saturday.

Local kids exhibited animals before Saturday's 4-H/FFA livestock auction, and a variety of events got the community involved.

About 30 children and their mothers participated in the Grant County Fair Kids Pa-

rade on Friday. Led by the Boy Scout Troop 800 color guard, the children wore boots, chaps and cowboy hats as they rode bikes, pulled wagons and escorted dogs and goats through downtown John Day.

Grant County Fair Princess Courtney Nichols judged the entries at the end, and everyone was a winner, with each child receiving a Dairy Queen token for free ice cream.

Thirty-three entries participated in the 109th Grant County Fair parade on Saturday morning.

The winner of the Sweepstakes Award were grand marshals Mike and Joanne Keerins and the Keerins family float.

Grant County Fair parade results

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| <p>Best commercial float Hutch's Printing</p> <p>Best organization float Blue Mountain Hospice</p> <p>Best horse rider Baker County Fair and Panhandler Rodeo Princess Karhira Phillips</p> <p>Walking costume group First: Kim's Taekwon-do Second: Community Counseling Solutions</p> <p>Decorated vehicle First: Gordon Larson Second: John Day Volunteer Fire Department</p> <p>Mounted adult female Charlotte Hopkins</p> <p>Mounted adult male Monte Buck</p> | <p>Riding organization/family First: Nodine, Marciel and Wilson family Second: Rocky Top Riders</p> <p>Mounted royalty First: Grant County Fair and Rodeo Court Queen Trinity Hutchison and Princess Courtney Nichols Second: Baker County Fair and Panhandler Rodeo Princess Karhira Phillips</p> <p>Decorated ATV First, tie: Bar 11 farrier Ashley Thomas and Grant County Fair staff Mindy, Dusty and Tanni Second: John Day Polaris Third: Nathaniel Moore</p> | <p>Antique vehicle Ron Phillips</p> <p>Classic vehicle First: Robert and Lori Ake Second: Leland Turner Third: John Ray</p> <p>Other First: OSU Extension Office Second: Oregon Department of Forestry, Taylor Myers and Engine 9261</p> <p>School and organization floats First: Blue Mountain Hospice Second: Grant Union Gold Dance Team Third: Dayville Community 4-H Club</p> |
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Entertainment-seekers enjoy a ride on the Ferris wheel Saturday at the Grant County Fair.



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Cooper Holly prepares to give his collies a wagon ride in the kids parade on Aug. 17.



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Two young friends are ready to enjoy the carnival rides at the Grant County Fair.



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Raney Anderson of Izee holds young friend McKenzie Glascock on Saturday at the Grant County Fair in John Day.



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Lonestar's lead singer Richie McDonald wowed the crowd Saturday night, including Fair and Rodeo Queen Trinity Hutchison, right, and Princess Courtney Nichols.