

Kids parade draws cheers on Main Street



Getting ready for the start of the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 16 are, left to right, Riley Hansen, Landon Finley, Wyatt Hansen and Cole Holly.

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More than 30 children and adults marched down Main Street on July 16 for the Grant County Fair Kids Parade.

Kids rode bikes, wagons and an electric-powered John Deere Gator loaded with an inflatable deer

before cheering residents.

Kelsei Kiser, 19, of Fox and Katie Barker, 15, of Dayville the Grant County Fair and Rodeo 2020 queen contestants, joined the kids.

Wyatt Hansen, not yet old enough to keep balanced on a two-wheeler, sped ahead of the crowd with his feet kicking the pavement.



Collins Derrick, dressed as Wonder Woman, anxiously waits for the start of the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 16.



Kathlyne Page with her passenger Katy gets ready for the Grant County Fair Kids Parade.



Three members of Boy Scout Troop 800 for the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 16 were, left to right, Brighton McLane, Collin McLane and Reid Dole.



Waiting for the start of the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 16 are Harleigh Lemcke in the wagon and Blake Kimball ready to pull the wagon.



Riding in their electric-powered John Deere Gator in the Grant County Fair Kids Parade on Aug. 16 after a successful hunt are, left to right, Ryder and Wyatt Stinnett.

Parmalee and Britnee Kellogg rock Grant County

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Grant County Fair visitors were treated to a first-class concert this year, with platinum-winning Parmalee rocking homes throughout the John Day Valley.

Folks from the rodeo bleachers began upgrading tickets to the VIP section following Britnee Kellogg's opening act, as ticket holders in the dance area in front of the stage.

Kellogg, who hails from Vancouver, Washington, has been singing since she was 3 and opened for Blake Shelton in Pendleton. She competed in American Idol in seasons 11 and 12. In addition to some bluesy songs and rocking hard on others, she sang a few favorite traditional country tunes.

Parmalee's four band members grew up in the small town of Parmele, North Carolina, but now call Nashville home.



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Britnee Kellogg was the opening act for the Grant County Fair concert Aug. 16.

They're the "country side of a rock band," according to lead singer and guitarist Matt Thomas.

Thomas' brother Scott was in the back of the stage on drums, their cousin Barry Knox played bass and good friend Josh McSwain switched back

and forth from lead guitar to keyboards. Everybody in the band sings.

The crowd joined in with the band as Parmalee performed their first big hit from 2013, "Carolina," which reached No. 5 on Billboard's U.S. Indie chart and No. 10 on Billboard's



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Left to right, Barry Knox and Matt Thomas of Parmalee perform at the Grant County Fair on Aug. 16.

U.S. Country chart.

Parmalee also introduced their newest song, "Be Alright," to a cheering

audience. Locals hugged the stage, shooting cell-phone video and selfies.

The takeaway was

a good time for all with a party atmosphere, just as the band promised.

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