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**Darla Fletcher, left, removes a block during a game of Jenga Saturday at Northfork RV and Camping in Monument as her opponent Ernie Slavey looks on. Fletcher and Slavey, both from Redmond, said they wanted to get away from their phones for the Fourth of July weekend.**

## Monument fireworks show to be bigger than ever this year

Parade is at 10 a.m.

By Steven Mitchell  
 Blue Mountain Eagle

Monument's fireworks show and parade will be bigger than ever this year.

Organizer Kristi Guimont said she has been fielding calls from people all over the country.

"It just seems that everybody is so stoked to get back out there and be around people again," Guimont said.

She said businesses from around the county have stepped up to support the town's festivities, and they have been shocked by the generosity.

"We thought it was going

to be a rough year and that we were going to get a lot of nos," she said. "We knew it was a tough year (for businesses), but we're trying to get back into the swing of things because we did not get to do this last year. But everybody has really been into it. We were pretty shocked."

The parade, which kicks off at 10 a.m., will feature longtime Fourth of July volunteer organizer Lonnie Lawrence, Guimont said.

Guimont said Lawrence had a tough year herself, losing her husband, and then her home burned down on Christmas Day.

There will be live music in the park at 7 p.m., and the fireworks start at 10 p.m.

## Dayville Fourth of July festivities planned

Events take place Friday through Sunday

By Steven Mitchell  
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As the state lifts coronavirus restrictions, Dayville is gearing up for its Fourth of July festivities.

Kalli Wilson, who recently took over for Ruthie Moore at the city of Dayville, said anyone from the town or who has ties to Dayville has a "big connection" with Dayville's Fourth of July ceremony because the celebration has happened for so many years.

"We're super excited just to feel normal again," Wilson said.

This year's event features several contests — coloring, painted rock and sidewalk chalk art — to be judged at 8 p.m. July 3. Stop by city hall for more information.

**Friday, July 2**

Live music at the Fish House Inn kicks off at 5 p.m.

**Saturday, July 3**

Kids fishing day at the Driscoll Ranch from 8-11 a.m. for kids 12 and younger. Those who are 12 and older are welcome to help. Organizers will provide fishing gear or people can bring their own.

Fishing gear (as well as snacks) will be provided, or



File photo/Ruthie Moore  
**Piper Swagger, 8, of Redmond helps display the baked goods during the baked goods auction benefiting the renovation of the community hall at Dayville's Fourth of July celebration in 2019.**

you can bring your own.

Karaoke will be held at the Fish House Inn later in the evening.

**Sunday, July 4**

Breakfast at the Community Church will be held from 8-9:30 a.m. with a service to follow.

The parade lines up, and judging begins at 10:30 a.m., and the parade starts at 11 a.m. Jake Burgers will be served from 11:30 a.m. to noon with a baked goods auction at noon and a horseshoe tourney and duck race both at 12:30 p.m.

Goat roping for kids kicks off at 1 p.m. while the adults start at 5 p.m.



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**Adrianna Reed, 7, rides the mechanical bull during Saturday's Family Fun Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds.**

## Families, fun and lots of sun

300 attend Family Fun Day in John Day

By Steven Mitchell  
 Blue Mountain Eagle

Roughly 300 people braved the sweltering heat Saturday for Family Fun Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Kids of all ages enjoyed a rock climbing wall, water slide, bouncy house and mechanical bull, among other activities at the 14th annual event.

Free and open to the public, the organizers offered a bike helmet exchange where those interested brought in old helmets and \$6 to purchase a new, inexpensive helmet for children.

The event also offered \$1 hot dogs and hamburgers along with free snow cones.

Organizers Rhiannon Bauman and Teresa Aasness of Families First said it was nice to see the community coming together.

There were approximately 20 booths.

The event was cancelled due to COVID-19 last year. Bauman said the event came to be because several community organizations wanted to do something affordable for families.

According to Bauman, this year's sponsors include Grant County Fairgrounds, the Local Community Advisory Council and the Frontier Early Learning Hub.

Bauman said that some community organizations that would have been at the Grant County Health Fair decided to participate in Family Fun Day this year instead.

Organizers said wristbands for children to play on inflatables such as the bouncy house were free this year.



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**Kids scale the rock wall Saturday during Family Fun Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds.**



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**JW Haskins, 14, of Prairie City rides a mechanical bull Saturday.**



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**Kids ride the waterslide during Family Fun Day Saturday at the Grant County Fairgrounds.**



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**From left, Rose Founts, 9, throws a softball to dunk Morgan Randleas, 14, during Family Fun Day at the Grant County Fairgrounds.**

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**Our office will be CLOSED Friday, July 2nd in observance of Independence Day.**

**Early Deadline: Thursday, July 1st before 4:00 p.m.**

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