

It's fair time in Grant County

Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — The 113th Grant County Fair & Rodeo is coming your way.

The ICA Prime Rodeo will get things started Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, with performances beginning at 7 p.m. both days at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Sanctioned by the Idaho Cowboys Association, the rodeo features some of the region's top talent competing in categories such as saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, steer wrestling and bull riding.

Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$3 for 12 and under or 62 and up. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://tinyurl.com/2uzu94jh>.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, the younger set gets its turn with the Grant County Junior Rodeo. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., competitors aged 16 and younger will try their hand at events such as mutton busting, calf riding, steer riding, dummy roping, breakaway roping, mini broncs, pole bending, barrels, goat tail undecorating, goat tail tying and goat tying.

The fair itself runs Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 10-13. For four days, the fairgrounds will



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The 2022 Grant County Fair and Rodeo Court, from left, Princess Raneey Anderson, Queen Riley Robertson and Princess Macy Carter. The three were crowned on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, during a ceremony at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

play host to all the things that make county fairs, well, county fairs. There will be 4-H and FFA animal shows, midway rides at the Family Fun Center, and all your favorite fair food items.

This year's musical highlight is a concert starting at 7 p.m. Friday in the John Day Auto Parts Outdoor Arena, headlined by Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry fame, with Jesse Leigh opening the show and performing an after-concert at the end of the evening. (Tickets cost \$35 or \$15 for kids 12 and under and are available at GrantCountyOregon.net.)

Each of the fair's other three nights also closes with a concert. The James Gang plays on Wednesday, the boondock Boys

Thursday and Kristi Kinsey Saturday. Additional entertainment is provided throughout the day by strolling magician Brian Ledbetter and Flippenout Productions.

The pavilion will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day with Jukebox Express, the Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers, a balloon artist and a no-host bar provided by the Grant County Stockgrowers.

The fair's final day holds some of the fair's finest attractions.

Saturday begins with the Rancher Breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. in The East Pavilion. Starting at 11 a.m., the Grant County Fair Parade will wend its way from Grant Union

Junior/Senior High School

down Canyon Boulevard to downtown John Day, then west on Main Street to Timbers Bistro. Leading the way will be Grand Marshalls Gibb and Gary Gregg and the Grant County Fair Court: Queen Riley Robertson and Princesses Raneey Anderson and Macy Carter. Back at the fairgrounds, the festivities will continue with a cornhole tournament, the Champion Pie Baker contest, the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction and an exhibition by the Hamsher Fighting Bulls.

Fair admission is free on Wednesday. The other days, admission is \$6 general, \$3 for seniors and kids aged 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. A pass for the whole week costs \$5.

The Family Fun Center is open 4-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 2-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Wristbands cost \$10 for the whole week (mechanical bull rides are extra).

Fair passes can be purchased at Len's Pharmacy, Radio Shack, Duke Warner Realty, Bar WB, the Grant County fairgrounds and the Grant County Chamber of Commerce or online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n7nsvhk>.

Some events require separate admission.

Malheur raises fire precautions

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JOHN DAY — With temperatures on the rise, the Malheur National Forest is warning the public to be more cautious about anything that could cause a wildfire.

On Tuesday, July 26, forest officials raised the fire danger level for the Emigrant Ranger District, in the southern part of the forest, to very high. That means fires will start easily from most causes and spread rapidly. Fire intensity can increase quickly and small fires can easily become big fires. Public use restrictions remain at Phase B in the Emigrant Ranger District. While the fire danger level remains at high in the Blue Mountain and Prairie City ranger districts, forest officials raised public use restrictions to Phase B in those areas on Friday, July 29.

Campfires, charcoal fires and stove fires are now banned except

in designated campfire rings within specific campgrounds as designated by the Forest Service.

Other Phase B restrictions include:

- No smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

- No chain saw use between 1 and 8 p.m. Operators must have a shovel and a fire extinguisher, and a one-hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease.

- No use of internal or external combustion engines without a spark arrester.

- No use of a vehicle off Forest Service roads except when parking in a cleared area within 10 feet of the roadway.

- Generators allowed only in cleared areas at least 10 feet in diameter with approved spark arrester.

Industrial Fire Precaution Level II is in force throughout the forest. Under Level II rules, many activities related to logging and other industrial operations are banned between 1 and 8 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Raymond Rickard

Raymond Rickard, 90, of John Day died July 9. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the Seventh Street Sports Complex in John Day. A potluck lunch will follow.

Blue Mountain Eagle earns journalism honors

WELCHES — The Blue Mountain Eagle brought home half a dozen awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association banquet in Welches on Friday, July 29, including top honors for overall excellence.

All of the awards were for work published in 2021.

The newspaper won the 2022 Elmo Smith Award for General Excellence, ranking as the state's best weekly in its circulation category. The general excellence

award is based on every aspect of a newspaper's performance, from the quality of local news and sports coverage to advertising expertise, reproduction excellence, editorial comment, general appearance, photos and graphics.

"Explore Grant County," the Eagle's magazine-style visitors guide, won first place for best special section or issue.

First-place honors in the best government coverage category went to reporter Steven Mitchell

for "Committee Conflict," which delved into the controversy surrounding the reappointment of a county budget committee member. Mitchell also finished third in the best education coverage category for "Grant Union Considers Ending Sports Co-ops." Graphic designer Randy

Wright took first place for best Page One design based on three samples of his work, including the front page that featured Mitchell's "Committee Conflict" story. And former reporter Rudy Diaz picked up a second-place award in the best general feature story category for "Request

Jimmy Ray "Doc" Pope June 26, 1944 - July 7, 2022

Jimmy Ray "Doc" Pope, 78, died July 7, 2022. He was born June 26, 1944, in Seattle Washington, the oldest son of Jim and Madora (Purdy) Pope.

Doc started grade school at John Day and in the sixth grade the family moved to North Pole, Alaska where he continued that grade at a small two room school. Later that year after his father Jim sustained an injury, the family moved back to John Day where he finished the sixth grade. That summer the family moved to Mount Vernon where he attended grade school and high school and was active in all sports, and also played saxophone in the band. He graduated high school in 1962.

After graduating Doc worked for a short time on a local road construction crew. Then he attended EOC/Eastern Oregon College in La Grande, Oregon for a year. He moved to Alaska working different jobs for the summer. Later that year he moved back to Mount Vernon where he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Doc spent four years in the military, three years at Camp Pendleton, California and one year in Vietnam.

After his return from the military, Doc married LaVerna Johnson and they had two children, Dana and Jenny. Doc made his home in southern California with his family where he worked in heavy equipment through the Operating Engineers. After four years they divorced and Doc stayed in California where he worked for a total of 20 years where he also completed his AA degree with emphasis on psychology and mentally gifted minors. Doc then married Jackie and moved home to Mount Vernon where he purchased the local store from his aunt Lola and ran the store for eight years. After divorcing Jackie he moved back to California and worked another 10 years with heavy equipment working on road construction. He loved his big Tonka toys.

After retiring he moved back home again to help his Uncle Bill with the family ranch. Doc managed the ranch until 2021 when it was sold.

Moving to John Day later that year he lived with his daughter Jenny until his death.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents James and Madora Pope, numerous aunts and uncles and cousins. His daughter Dana was in the hospital when he passed and she passed two days after him. He is survived by his daughter Jenny Pope, his brother Doug Pope, three grandchildren, Maddie Linker, Micah Phillips, Josiah Phillips and four great-grandchildren, Kaedyn, Amery, Owen, and Emmett.

He was a father, grandfather, brother, mentor, and friend. There is a book that helped him process his mother's death called "Messages from Michael" that he'd read in college. It has made a difference in the lives of those who have read it at his suggestion.

Donations in Doc's name can be made to Blue Mountain Hospice or a veteran's outreach of your choice, through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, Oregon 97845.

Doc & Little Doc Pope



Dana Michelle Pope-Clark June 19, 1967 - July 29, 2022

On Saturday, July 29th, 2022, Dana Michelle Pope-Clark, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, niece, cousin, and friend, passed away.

Dana was born on June 19, 1967, at Camp Pendleton, California to LaVerna Johnson-Cormier and Jimmy "Doc" Pope. Dana was raised primarily in Anaheim, CA, also lived in Mt. Vernon, OR before moving to Spokane, WA, where she eventually met the love of her life, Jeff "Bear" Clark. Dana and Bear were married on 11/11/11.

Dana was always caring for others. She was known to open her home to those in need, whether it was one of her children's friends or someone she met at work. Her intuition as to knowing the words of advice or support that others needed was uncanny. She had a huge love for people going through tough times; she understood from her own life experiences.

Dana was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her husband Bear, sister, Jennifer "Jenny" Pope, her three children, Madora Pope Linker, Micah Phillips, and Josiah Phillips. She also has four grandchildren, the love for which prompted her to move to The Dalles, OR: Kaedyn, Amery, Owen and Emmett.

Dana and Doc's potluck celebration of life will be held on August 6, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the Mt. Vernon Community Center 640 S. Ingle St., Mt. Vernon, OR 97845.

Please bring a picture of her for the picture board if you have any.

In lieu of flowers, please make your donations to Newby Ginnings of North Idaho, Blue Mt. Hospice of John Day or any hospice or veteran.s outreach program of your choice.

Paid for by the family of Jimmy Pope & Dana Clark.

Doc & Dana's Potluck celebration of life will be held on August 6, 2022 at noon. See above



Kenneth "Kenny" Brooks

August 7, 1957 ~ July 22, 2022

Kenneth "Kenny" Brooks was born on August 7th 1957 in John Day, Oregon as the first child to Robert and Mary Ellen Brooks. He passed away on July 22nd, 2022 from a tragic horse accident, while doing what he loved, moving cattle from one pasture to the next.

As a cattle rancher for the majority of his life he worked for the Silvies Valley Grazing Association and Bob and Violet Sproul, till he went on to own and operate his own cattle ranch. He also worked for his parents in their meat packing plant, as well as a few other random jobs.

In 1994 he moved to Fox Valley, making that his home for the rest of his life. In showing of his character, he learned to enjoy the extreme cold winters, the snow in July, and the wind 360 days out of the year. He was a loving husband, dedicated father and papa, and an outstanding horseman and cattleman. A man of his word and handshake, he was well respected by all. He loved supporting the youth of the county in various aspects.

He served on the Grant County Fair Board, the Long Creek School Board, the Grant County Stockgrowers and Oregon Cattlemen's Association because of his loyalty to the county and industry.

His legacy is carried on by surviving family members including his wife Cici Brooks, his children by his first wife Joyce Brooks, Robin and Melissa (Sam), Cici's children Brandy (Jason) and Levi (Vinny). He shared a very special connection with his grandchildren; Clayton and Logan Yoder, Emma and Lexi Helmick, Reagan and Rianne Pickard, as well as his nephew Bob, whom he considered a son.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Bob and Violet Sproul, Harold and Wanda Clark, and his parents Robert and Mary Ellen Brooks.

A man among men, he was true to his roots. His mentorship and dedication to the industry will be greatly missed.

Kenny will be laid to rest in the Fox Cemetery in Fox Valley. His graveside service was held on Saturday, July 30th at 10:00 AM with a potluck reception following at the Mount Vernon Community Center. Memorial contributions may be made to the FFA, 4-H, Cinnabar Mountain Play Days or to the Keerins Hall Restoration Fund through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97814.

To offer online condolences to Kenny's family, please visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com. Paid for by the family of Kenny Brooks.

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	100/64
Thursday	100/65
Friday	101/66
Saturday	101/65
Sunday	96/61
Monday	97/66
Tuesday	89/60

24/7 FORECAST

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162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 3-9

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	sunny	sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy
92	90	85	92	95	96	94
62	54	54	58	61	62	60