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Children on foot, bikes, rollerblades and in wagons walk down Main Street in John Day during the Kids Parade on Friday, Aug. 12.

Parade

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The Whiskey Gulch Gang was also in attendance. They arrived with a bang by shooting their trademark cannon in the middle of Main Street to the surprise of many parade watchers.

The John Day Volunteer Fire Department was on hand in its famous vintage fire truck, complete with working lights and a siren. Smokey Bear made his second parade appearance in as many days (he was also at the Kids Parade on Friday), this time riding in a Forest Service fire truck.

Making an appearance on horseback were Princess Macy Carter, Princess Raney Anderson and Queen Riley Robertson of the Grant County Fair and Rodeo Court. Rowdy Israel of Dayville, the Oregon High School Rodeo Queen and Elgin Stampede Queen, also rode in the parade.

Area 4-H clubs were well-represented. A contingent of 4-H members rode on horseback led by a club flag bearer, and Dayville's 4-H club rode in the back of a pickup truck.

The parade was led a Grant County Sheriff's Office patrol SUV, followed by a rider on horseback carrying the American flag.

All smiles at the Kids Parade

By JUSTIN DAVIS
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY — A parade of kids that included Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts as well as a clown and Smokey Bear marched through John Day on Friday, Aug. 12. The parade made its way down South Canyon Boulevard and proceeded along Dayton Street before marching down Main Street through the middle of the city.

The clown greeted onlookers while Smokey Bear waved to crowds and greeted children eager to meet him. The Grant County Fair Kids Parade featured right around 30 kids from Boy Scout Troop 800,

Girl Scout Troop 898 and Cub Scout Pack 898, as well as various other youths on bikes who threw candy to children who lined the streets to watch.

Other youths on rollerblades and in wagons pulled by their parents also participated in the Kids Parade.

Parade attendees snapped photos and recorded video of the procession as it made its way down Main Street in John Day. State and county law enforcement officers blocked roads to ensure the parade route was safe for participants.

The Kids Parade was a prelude to the Grant County Fair Parade, which took place on Saturday, Aug. 13.



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Kids from Boy Scout Troop 800, Girl Scout Troop 898 and Cub Scout Pack 898 walk alongside the stars and stripes down Main Street in John Day during the Kids Parade on Friday, Aug. 12

4-H/FFA livestock events showcase hard work

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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JOHN DAY — The 113th Grant County Fair went off without a hitch last week, kicked off on Wednesday, Aug. 10, and winding down Saturday, Aug. 13.

However, long before the gates swung open at the county's fairgrounds, 4-H and FFA students were hustling inside the Heritage Barn to get their livestock ready for the multiple shows hosted at the fairgrounds.

Between grooming, feeding and working with their animals daily, bringing their animals to the county fair each year represents a culmination of months of hard work for the students.

An ag-based community, Grant County has a longtime tradition of local 4-H/FFA students raising livestock to compete for ribbons at the shows and then ultimately sell at the Youth Livestock Auction at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Macy Carter, 16, of the Izee Livestock club, who showed her market steer Friday, Aug. 12, at the 4H/FFA beef showmanship exhibition, said the months-long process, though stressful at times, is worth it in that it teaches skills that can be used in the workplace.

Preston Boethin, 17, of the Izee Livestock Club, added that there was a sense of relief once his steer was moved into the barn and settled.

"It's kind of like you've made it," he said.

Monel Anderson, 15, of the Izee Livestock Club, said that moment of getting the steer to the fair brings a huge sense of accomplishment as it's something they have been working toward all year.

"It's a really exciting time," she said.



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Preston Boethin, 17, a member of the Izee Livestock 4-H Club, poses with his market steer on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022



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Macy Carter, 16, a member of the Izee Livestock 4-H Club, poses with her market steer on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022.



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Monel Anderson, 15, a member of the Izee Livestock 4-H Club, poses with her market steer on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022

PARADE RESULTS	
2022 Grant County Fair Parade Results	Second place: Grant County Fair Court
COMMERCIAL	Third place: Long Ear Leathers Asses
First place: Solutions CPAs	COMMERCIAL RIDING GROUP
Second place: Chester's Market	First place: John Day River Veterinary Center
Third place: Old West Federal Credit Union	ANTIQUVE VEHICLE
SCHOOLS/ORGANIZATIONS	First place: Ron Phillips
First place: Beavers Believers 4-H Club	CLASSIC VEHICLE
Second place: Dayville Community 4-H Club	First place: Eric Bush
Third place: Boy Scout Troops 800 and 898	VISITING ROYALTY
COMMUNITY	First place: Brook Parsons, Haines Stampede Princess
First place: Community Counseling Solutions	Second place: Rowdy Israel, Elgin Stampede Queen and Oregon High School Rodeo Queen
Second place: Grant County Search and Rescue	DECORATED ATV
Third place: People Mover	First place: Grant County Fair staff
MOUNTED MALE	DECORATED COMMERCIAL ATV
First place: Daniel Palmer	First Place: John Day Polaris
MOUNTED FEMALE	SPECIAL AWARD PRIZE WINNERS
First place: Jacey "Moe" Michey	Solutions CPAs
RIDING ORGANIZATION OR FAMILY	SWEEPSTAKES WINNER
First place: Rocky Top Riders	Beaver Believers 4H Club
	Rocky Top Riders
	Mt. Vernon Grange No. 659
	John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824



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The Whiskey Gulch Gang with their cannon in tow during the Grant County Fair Parade on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022.

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