

# Fourth of July fun

Area events offer a variety of options for an entertaining holiday

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If you're not sure what to do on the Fourth of July, there are a variety of local events sure to keep you entertained.

From pie baking to watermelon smashing, from early morning breakfasts to evening fireworks, from races and tournaments to parades and pool parties, be sure to check out all the area has to offer.

## Stanfield

Why wait for the Fourth? Stanfield kicks off its celebration Friday evening with an annual steak feed from 6-9 p.m.

## EVENTS

at Bard Park. A beer garden with music will be open there from 6 p.m. to midnight, and a light show will take place at dusk.

On the morning of the Fourth, the festivities begin with the Firemen's Breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Stanfield Community Center. Registration for a fun run and park vendors begins at 7 a.m. in Bard Park, and parade registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of Crossroads Community Church on N. Sherman Street. People can sign up for the three-on-three basketball tournament between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the park.

The fun run starts at 8 a.m., followed by the basketball tournament at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., the parade weaves its way through town, and a variety of activities begin in Bard Park at 11 a.m. The celebration will feature vendors, children's games, a water slide, entertainment and more.

If you think you can make the best pie around, bring it to the park by 11 a.m. for the pie baking contest. If a rubber duck race is more your style, that begins at noon.

New this year, the Wyked A & I Car Club is hosting a car show with registration from 11 a.m. until the show, which runs from noon to 4 p.m.

Although most of the park activities end at 3 p.m., a fireworks and light show will take place at dusk.

For more information, visit the Stanfield 4th of July Facebook page or call 541-449-3831.

## Hermiston

If you've ever wanted to smash a watermelon, Hermiston's Stars and Stripes Fourth of July celebration is the place for you.

People can sign up for the watermelon smashing contest when the celebration begins at 1 p.m. at Butte Park. Sign up ends at 6 p.m., and the contest is at 7 p.m.

The event features games, juggling, magic, vendors, music and a classic car show beginning at 1 p.m.

Children can enjoy a bounce obstacle course from 1-8 p.m., and bounce houses and other games from 1-9 p.m.

Big Top the Clown will be at the event from 3-10 p.m. with an under the tent performance from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Free balloon making and face painting will take place from 4-8 p.m.

Bobby and Faith unplugged will kick off the stage performances from 3:30-5 p.m. The Shades will perform swing music starting at 5 p.m. alternating with half-hour Fired Up Magic shows until 10 p.m. when the fireworks show begins.

For those who want a cool place to enjoy the show, the Stars and Stripes Pool Party offers dinner from Dickies BBQ, games, swimming and an excellent view of the fireworks on the butte from the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center. The party starts at 7 p.m. and lasts until after the fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

The pool party usually sells out, so get your tickets early. Tickets cost \$10 for children 2 to 14 years old and \$14 for people 15 and older, and they are available at the pool until Friday.

For more information, call 541-289-7665.

## Boardman

The north Morrow County town of Boardman is getting ready for a blast during its Fourth of July celebration.

The Boy Scouts are offering a full belly to start the festivities, with a breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at Boardman Marina Park. The meal is by donation, with a suggested \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. For those who want to get their blood pumping early, there's a 5K or 10K fun run/walk with registration at 7 a.m. near Boardman Avenue and Main Street. The starting gun goes off at 8 a.m. Race day registration is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, while supplies last.

The Boardman Thunder Parade gets rolling at 11 a.m., with line-up beginning at 10 a.m. at Northeast Front and First streets.

A full afternoon of activities are planned at Boardman Marina Park, including food and entertainment. There's a horseshoe tournament from 1-4 p.m. and children's activities (games, contests, cake walk and more) from 2-6 p.m.

Live entertainment features DJ Cora from 2-6 p.m., Tony Madrigal from 6-7:30 p.m. and Brass Fire from 7:30-9:30 p.m., followed by a booming fireworks display at dusk over the Columbia River.

For more information, contact 541-481-3014 or info@boardmanchamber.org.

## Ione

In south Morrow County, the Ione Amphitheater will sizzle during the Fourth of July with stage entertainment heating up in the afternoon.

For a fun-filled day of family activities, head to Ione early for a Fireman's Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Ione Fire Hall. For those raring to go early, plunk down the \$10 registration fee for the Firecracker 5K

## Stanfield Fourth of July parade route

Parade starts at 10 a.m. Vehicles may not be parked along the parade route from 9 a.m. until after the parade. Festivities continue afterward at Bard Park.



run/walk, which benefits Creative Care PreSchool. Registration is at 7 a.m. at Ione City Park, with the event starting at 7:30 a.m.

Additional activities include the Ken Turner Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, a three-on-three basketball tourney, the Altar Society Pie Sale and food vendors, a beer garden, information booths and park activities, including a fish pond, duck races, money pile and photo booth. Beat the heat with free swim-

ming from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Ione Swimming Pool.

The Blues Cruise starts at 9 a.m. at the Lexington Sinclair Station. Participants can register for the show and parade from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Ione City Park. The \$25 registration fee includes a dash plaque, goody bag, T-shirt and awards. Proceeds benefit the Ione FFA Chapter.

Betty Rietmann is the parade grand marshal, which gets underway at 1 p.m. on Main Street.



FILE PHOTO  
Keith Ramsey, also known as 'Stretch,' high-fives 18-month-old Zaylah Williams as her father, Joey Williams, holds her up to reach during last year's Stars and Stripes celebration July 4 at Butte Park in Hermiston. This year, the event begins at 1 p.m. and ends with a fireworks display at 10 p.m. Saturday.

The amphitheater takes center stage beginning at 3:30 p.m. with a talent show, followed by The FrogHollow Band at 6:30 p.m. Breaks in the music set features raffle drawings at 7 p.m. and boat trip auction at 7:45 p.m. The celebration crescendos with James Otto at 8:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at dusk.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/Ione4thOfJuly](http://www.facebook.com/Ione4thOfJuly) or [www.cityofioneoregon.com](http://www.cityofioneoregon.com).

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