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Fair to include top entertainers

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he Umatilla County Fair is gearing up for topnotch performers each night during

the Aug. 9-13 event, including Creedence Clearwater Revisited, who will take the stage Saturday, Aug. 13.

Other main stage musicians include A Thousand Horses (Tuesday, Aug. 9), The Bellamy Brothers (Wednesday, Aug. 10), Brothers Osborne (Thursday, Aug. 11) and a trio of Latino bands (Friday, Aug. 12). The concerts are at 9 p.m. (except Friday's show, which begins at 8 p.m.) on the Wildhorse Resort & Casino Main Stage at the fairgrounds in Hermiston.

General admission seatis available with fair admittance. Reserved seats are \$12 each, which does not include fair admission. Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" may not have intended it, but their band Creedence Clearwater Revisited has taken on a life of its own. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame rhythm section from the legendary group Creedence Clearwater Revival launched the project in 1995 to perform Creedence Clearwater Revival hits. Though the pair initially only planned to play private parties, Creedence Clearwater Revisited now performs up to 100 shows a year and released the album "Recollection." "We never really had any intention of playing for the public," Cook said. "But a friend wanted to promote a couple of concerts. We got



Creedence Clearwater Revisited will perform Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Umatilla County Fair.



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Landing Days fireworks and entertainment set for Saturday

Blue Tattoo will headline Landing Days in Umatilla on Saturday.

The Hermiston-based cover band, which bills itself as "classic rock with attitude," will play at the Umatilla Marina from 6 p.m. to dusk, followed by fireworks over the river.

Earlier in the day visitors to the marina will also have the opportunity to watch performances from a variety of local artists from 1-4 p.m. Food vendors, ranging from Polynesian food to elephant ears, will be on hand.

The Landing Days parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the marina. The Umatilla Chamber of Commerce is still accepting entries.

Months ago the chamber announced that Landing Days had been canceled for a lack of volunteers, but after renewed interest in the event, a scaled-back version was planned for Saturday. The annual event celebrates the history of Umatilla.

For more information contact the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce at 541-922-4825.

Hermiston **Municipal** Airport

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Montez De Durango will perform Friday, Aug. 12. The Bellamy Brothers will perform Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Fire damages Columbia Court Club building



Firefighters work to contain a structure fire at the Columbia Court Club.

By ALEXA LOUGEE Staff Writer

A Monday fire at Columbia Court Club in Hermiston has been ruled accidental by Hermiston Fire Marshal Tom Bohm. The fire, while still under investigation, appears to have started from an electrical short in the attic. Bohm stated there was a power strip, extension cord and space heater all within a three foot radius, but the specific point of origin has not been determined. The fire closed one lane of northbound traffic on Highway 395 Monday morning.

Hermiston Fire Depart-

closed for construction

Hermiston Municipal Airport is closed for construction until July

The closure is part of an ongoing series of upgrades at the airport, which started with Federal Aviation Administration funding to move the taxiway to comply with FAA standards for the distance between taxiways and runways. The project has since expanded to include moving and enlarging the fuel station, new paving and new taxiway and runway lighting.

Mark Morgan, assistant city manager, said the airport is also getting new signs and paint after being informed that the runway must be renamed. Runways are named based on magnetic heading, and after decades of shifting magnetic fields on Earth, Hermiston's runway will now be Runway 5-32 instead of 4-22.

The airport has an estimated 30,000 takeoffs and landings per year, including aerial applicators, corporate planes, hobby planes, 10 UPS freight planes per week and helicopter traffic. The airport is currently closed to all of them for safety reasons while contractors work near the runway and there are open trenches

- Jade McDowell

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