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Morrow Co. fair kicks off Aug. 16-20

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Celebrating its heritage and showcasing the products and skills of area residents, the theme of the 2017 Morrow County Fair is "Our Roots Run Deep in Morrow County."

The fair kicks off Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 74473 Highway 74, Heppner. In addition to the daily 4-H and FFA contests, there is a Kids Fun Zone and The Reptile Man. Fair admission is \$4 for ages 8 and up (\$10 for a pass) and free for those 7 and under.

The Reptile Man, aka Richard Richey, brings a variety of animals, said Ann Jones, fair secretary. Animals provided by The Reptile Man have appeared in numerous films, including "Wild" with Reese Witherspoon, "I Don't Feel at Home in This World Any-



FILE PHOTO

Kaelyn Lindsay guides her steer around the ring during conformation at the 2015 Morrow County Fair in Heppner. The fair highlights youth activities Aug. 16-20.

more" starring Elijah Wood and "Kill Bill 2" featuring Uma Thurman. Based out of Colton, The Reptile Man receives more than 100 unwanted reptiles each year. He cares for the animals and

prepares many for adoption.

Other fair highlights include:

- Wednesday: The Junebugs perform high energy pop music (1-3 p.m.), Tillamook ice cream social



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Ireland Martin belts out "Heart of Dixie" during a past talent show at the Morrow County Fair. Winners of each age group compete for cash prizes and a chance to compete at the Oregon State Fair.

(1 p.m.), the RDO kids' tractor pull (5 p.m.), and the Pee Wee My Favorite Outfit and the 4-H Fashion Revue (6:30 p.m.).

Also, a special dinner and evening entertainment with the Cory Peterson Band is from 7-10 p.m. Paradise Rose Chuckwagon will serve tri-tip or chicken

meals. Tickets are \$15 or \$7.50 for kids ages 12 and under. Also, beer will be available for purchase.

• Thursday: People won't want to miss the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers (10 a.m. to noon), and a talent show (3 p.m.), which includes cash prizes in three age groups. Division winners may compete in the Oregon State Fair. Rules and registration forms are available on the fair's website. The evening closes out (6-10 p.m.) with Murray's Beer & Wine Tasting, which includes live music featuring Joe Lindsay & Friends and Nate Botsford.

• Friday: Ballet performance (4 p.m.), greased pig contest (6 p.m.), four age groups will compete for \$50 and the pig.

• Saturday: Parade (10 a.m.), buyers luncheon (noon) and youth livestock auction (2 p.m.).

In addition, a pair of Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. Get there 30 minutes early for the Mutton Busters, which features 12 kids riding sheep. Rodeo tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$6 for ages 7-12 and free for ages 6 and under. Also, VIP seating is \$12-\$15. (541-989-8351). Dan Burns 3D Productions will keep things rockin' after the rodeo in the Spur 'Em Barn.

Activities close out Sunday, Aug. 20, with a track/cross country fundraising breakfast at 6 a.m. and the Morrow County Rodeo at 1:15 p.m. Open to Morrow County residents and alumni, there are activities for all ages. ([mcorodeo@hotmail.com](mailto:mocorodeo@hotmail.com) or 541-676-9451).

For more information about the fair, call 541-676-5536 or visit www.co.morrow.or.us/fair.

IN BRIEF

Metal band to rock Wildhorse Casino

Selling more than 10 million albums worldwide, Dokken continues to perform and will rock the region during a show at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The heavy metal band will take the stage Thursday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center. Tickets for the 21-and-older show are \$29 each.

The band was nominated for a Grammy for best metal performance in 1989. Familiar top singles include "Alone Again," "In My Dreams" and "Into The Fire."

All tickets are general admission for the standing-room-only show. There will be no tables or chairs — providing an opportunity for audience members to stand near the stage or dance. In addition, a no-host bar will be available.

Tickets are available at the Wildhorse Gift Shop or www.wildhorseresort.com.

Cruise Control revs up park music series

The Music in the Parks series crescendos with its final performance of the season featuring Cruise Control.

The free show is Monday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at Irrigon

Marina Park. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Also, food and beverages will be available for purchase from Judy's Chuck Wagon. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held at the Irrigon Senior Center.

An oldies rock and roll band from the Tri-Cities, the group also plays some country hits from the '50s to the '70s — as well as a few tunes from the 1980s.

Sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation, the Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844.

Library exhibit features Oregon Grange

An exhibit highlighting the Oregon Grange is on display at the Hermiston Public Library.

The exhibit focuses on the history and accomplishments of the Oregon Grange, which began in 1874. It features photos and memorabilia about the association for farmers, which sponsors social activities, community service and political lobbying. The exhibit will also include information

about Hermiston's Columbia Grange No. 867, which was the largest grange in Oregon for many years and recently celebrated its 80th anniversary.

The library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. It's open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the grange, visit www.orgrange.org.

Heppner High School hosts all '80s reunion

A reunion for all Heppner High School graduates from the 1980s is planned.

The All '80s Heppner Class Reunion is Saturday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 Main St. A no-host taco bar will be available. In addition, those attending are encouraged to bring photos and stories to share with others.

To RSVP, call Missy Cutsforth at 541-989-8104 or visit www.facebook.com/

[events/121681435042115](https://www.facebook.com/events/121681435042115).

Group seeks more aviation enthusiasts

An organization that promotes general and recreational aviation invites people to learn more about the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Everyone with an interest in aviation is invited to attend. Participants don't have to have a pilot's license or own an airplane to learn more about Chapter 219 of the Experimental Aircraft Association. The club was chartered more than 50 years ago at the Hermiston Municipal Airport.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. in the administrative building at the Hermiston Airport, 1600 Airport Way, located south of town off Highway 395.

For more information, contact Ron Linn at 541-449-3630 or rlcd@eotnet.net.

Open Air Market returns to Echo

The next Open Air Market in Echo is coming up.

The free event is Saturday, Aug. 19 from 4-7 p.m. at George Park, located at Bonanza and Dupont streets. Nearly three dozen vendors have already confirmed for the market.

Proceeds from vendor fees benefits the Echo Historical Museum. For more information, contact echoopenairmarket@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/echoopenairmarket.

Story time shines light on solar eclipse

An upcoming story time at the Echo Public Library will focus on the upcoming full solar eclipse.

Oregon author Nancy Coffelt has given permission to reproduce her book, "The Big Eclipse," and children will get a copy during the

program. In addition, special eclipse glasses will be distributed to participants. The free event is Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. in the old VFW Hall, 210 W. Bridge St., Echo. Extra eclipse glasses will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on the morning of the Monday, Aug. 21 eclipse.

For more information, call 541-376-8411.

Living Water church moves services

The Living Water Four-square Church has changed venues.

The church, which previously was housed on East Gladys Avenue, is now meeting at The Arc building. The small congregation invites everyone to attend. They meet each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, contact 541-289-7526, mcavvv@gmail.com or visit www.foursquare.org/churches/31919.

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<p>Fri. Aug. 11 La Marca de Tierra Caliente Domador de la Sierra Los Canarios de Michoacan</p>	<p>NEW FACES, NEW PLACES, OLD FRIENDS umatilla County Fair</p>	<p>Sat. Aug. 12 • 9pm Great White</p>

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