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Animals

Inside the fairgrounds, 4H and FFA students worked hard to keep their animals cool and clean in EOTEC's brand new barns.

"When you're washing the animals, you want to make sure the water's cool, but you can't just spray them or they'll go into shock," said Kennidy Baker, a Hermiston High School sophomore who shows beef, lambs and pigs. "You start at the feet, and work your way up."

It's also important to make sure the animals have clean, fresh water, and keep them cool in between showings.

"With the pigs, there's a lot of skincare needs," Baker said. "Their skin's like ours, so we use gentle soap. We also put sunscreen on them, because if we're not careful, it can scar.'

In addition to wetting down the animals' bedding, competitors will also sprinkle water on the animals' skin, or wipe them down with cloths.

"When they're hot or overheated, you put water in their armpits or put a cloth on them," said Tali Leetch, 19, from Pendleton who shows a market lamb named Wilma. Leetch said she also tries to avoid putting a coat on her animals, which many people do to keep them clean before showing.

"I'll wash her tonight and put a coat on her right before she shows," Leetch said. "But they pant and foam, and it's not good."

Tejeda Urenda, 16, cared for her steer Wyoming and her two yearling heifers, Boons and Miss America, who will give birth to calves sometime next March.

The herd is like a big, happy family, Tejeda Urenda said. More important, it represents her ticket to college. Steers like Wyoming can fetch as much as \$5,000 at auction, and Tejeda Urenda has already set

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Fair goers walk the promenade Wednesday evening at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

aside \$13,000 to pursue a degree in agriculture. Over the course of three years in 4-H and now two years with Hermiston FFA, she has established her own livestock program from the ground up, complete with breeding stock and market animals

"This is the only way, aside from scholarships, I'll be able to go to college," she explained. "It's going to fund my future."

Food

Closer to the fair's entrance, food vendors — local restaurants, nonprofits and out-of-town businesses — served up favorites like elephant ears and snow

"We've got the best burgers here," Phil Hamm said as he worked a volunteer shift in the bright red Lions Club food trailer.

The mobile trailers for the nonprofits were new this year, provided by the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center to make up for the loss of the permanent structures at the old fairgrounds.



Indie Loveland, 12, of Hermiston, checks her social media while relaxing on her duroc hog, Gunner, in the animal's pen in the swine barn Tuesday at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

Hamm said they were a "great replacement" for the old buildings and the Lions Club was grateful for the accommodations.

Ruth Carollo, who was taking orders for ice cream at the Vange John Memori-

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al Hospice food truck next door, said the nonprofit had no problem switching to their new digs.

"The old fairgrounds booth was bigger, but the nice thing about this is it's air-conditioned," she said.

The one problem she did see was that the nonprofits, which were located along the wrought iron fence on the southern edge of the fairgrounds, were seeing less foot traffic, but Carollo said she understood the flow would have been hard to predict for the first year.

"It's so hard to know," she said. "I'm sure they'll make adjustments."

Activities

At the "Fun at the Fair" camp, 40 children got a chance to enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of the fair up close.

"It started out as just for vendors, so when they were working here they had a place for their kids," said Tammy Wagner, the camp's founder and director. "And then we opened it up to the community.'

During the week, Wagner took the kids on trips to the animal barns, to the different shows, and to explore the exhibits located inside the main building.

After lunch on Thursday, some kids relaxed, and others ran to greet someone dressed as a wyvern, a twolegged dragon, that was roaming the grounds that day. Others played "Simon Says" with the counselors, and some did art projects.

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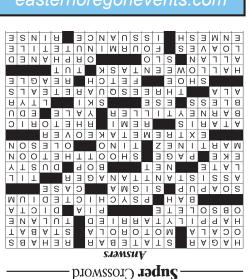
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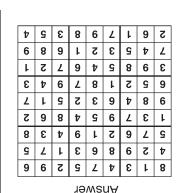
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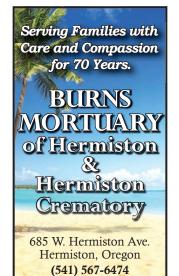
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