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“Usually we have one head, and this year we have about nine,” said Isel Tejada Urenda, an incoming senior at Hermiston High School.

Missy White, the dairy superintendent, said the kids who had raised dairy cows aged out, and interest in the category waned for a while.

Tejada Urenda said they have been helped by a local business, Meenderink Dairy, which has put on clinics for kids to learn how to groom and take care of dairy cows.

Many of the food vendors from last year have returned, from those selling sodas and elephant ears, to Piggly’s, which serves whole turkey legs and other barbecued meats.

A new food vendor is selling “Dragon’s Breath,” corn puffs frozen in liquid nitrogen which make vapor come out of the person’s mouth and nose as they eat.

During the hottest part of the day, escape the heat by heading inside to the air-conditioned event center building. 4-H projects including flower arrangements, produce, quilts and baked goods are on display throughout the building, and commercial vendors have also set up shop.

In the evening, stop by the Walk on the Wild Side animal show — possibly the only chance to see a live tiger in Umatilla County all year. Steve Higgs, owner of the show, said he has been rescuing exotic animals from around the U.S. for 25 years, and brings a few of them to county fairs each year.

Other than the big cats, Higgs said popular animals include the Canadian lynx and the binturong, a large animal in the civet family, also known as a bearcat.

Higgs also brought camels and is offering rides in a ring on the fairgrounds.

On the opposite side of the fairgrounds, Chris Biro will give fairgoers a look at a different type of exotic



Jules Archer, 9, with the JCR Kids 4-H group out of Hermiston, explains her meal choice to judge Harriet Kyles during the cloverbuds table setting competition on Tuesday at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.



Rebecca Reynolds, 16, of Stanfield shears her market lamb on Tuesday at the Umatilla County Fair.

animal, with his “Pirate’s Parrot Show.” The show features a range of birds, which interact with the crowd, including taking a dollar from an audience member’s hand and dropping it into a jar.

In the carnival area, new rides and games will be available this year, including a zip-line and knockerball, which puts people in giant plastic bubbles. The carnival opens at 2 p.m. every day.

Fair board member Lucas Wagner encouraged people to stay for the musical acts in the evening, which

include several country artists, Latino bands, and the bands Skid Row and Blues Traveler.

He cautioned people to be careful in the heat.

“Come on out, but stay safe,” he said.

Admission to the fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children ages 6 to 12. The fair opens at 9 a.m. every day. Mid Columbia Bus Company will start operating free shuttle buses at 4 p.m. and run to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Shuttle pickup spots

are at the Hermiston Community Center (415 S. Hwy. 395), Hermiston City Hall (180 NE Second St.), Wal Mart (1350 NE First St.), and Hermiston High School (600 S. First St.). On Friday and Saturday, Kayak Public Transit will handle pickups and drop-offs from city hall on Friday and Saturday, but with a break from 8 to 9 p.m. The Kayak bus is wheelchair-accessible but the Mid-Co buses are not.

If people chose to drive instead, they are asked to have the \$5 for parking ready when they drive up to the window. General admission attendees need to be in the left lane entering the fairgrounds, prepaid parking passes go to the center lane, and rodeo and handicapped parking traffic need to stay in the right lane.

The Umatilla Cab Company is offering a special throughout fair week. They will drop a group of up to four people, all picked up at the same location, at the fairgrounds for \$8.

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ter stage this week during the Umatilla County Fair.

The Hermiston FFA Alumni are particularly proud of the new crop of youths and are committed to supporting members of the Hermiston FFA Chapter. Kylie Baker said the alumni group has sponsored more than \$10,000 in scholarships so far this year. In addition, they provided a \$5,000 sponsorship for Dylan Westfall, who was elected as vice president of the state FFA officer team.

In addition to financial support, Baker said alumni members volunteer thousands of hours while serving as chaperons, judges, practice partners, event managers and drivers. The alumni organization hosts fundraisers to provide support for the chapter, including an auction and dinner each fall.

People are encouraged to open their wallets during the annual 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Auction, which begins Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Livestock Barn at EOTEC in Hermiston.

Mike & Debi Purkerson of Hermiston drove away from the Arlington Show ‘n’ Shine with two awards for their 1964 Chevy Impala SS. The couple received the people’s choice award and runner-up for 1960s stock vehicle.

Held July 28 at Earl Snell Park, other local residents who shined at the car show included Betty Burns of Ione, entrant’s choice award for a 1960 Ford Thunderbird; Loyal Burns of Ione runner-up 1950s stock vehicle, 1953 Dodge Meadowbrook;

Wren Hyder of Boardman best 1960s modified vehicle, 1963 Ford 5-100 Unibody pick-up; Scott Adams of Hermiston best muscle car, 1968 Ford Mustang; Cody Fletcher of Lexington best teen entry, Chevy Corvaire Monza.

In addition, several local businesses helped in sponsoring awards, including Bank of Eastern Oregon, Boardman Napa Auto Parts and Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

The Anderson family of Hermiston are super sleuths. Cam and Katie Anderson, along with their four children, Gregory, 16, Grant, 14, Claire, 12, and Gabriel, 9, won the National Night Out treasure hunt for the fourth time.

They found the golden medallion, which was hidden by Tim Mears of the Hermiston Police Department, under home plate in the bullpen at the Armand Larive Middle School baseball field. Three clues were printed in the East Oregonian and a bonus clue was included in the Hermiston Herald. (For a full story about their efforts and an explanation of clues, see the Aug. 3 EO).

The family enjoyed sweet success during an ice cream social block party in their Southeast Crestline Drive neighborhood during Tuesday’s National Night Out festivities. City leaders manned the serving line and first responders mingled with guests. Additional National Night Out block parties were held throughout town as a way to create a safer community by encouraging neighbors to get to know each other and partner with police in crime prevention activities.



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Best Western
2255 S Hwy 395, Hermiston

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IRRIGON WATERMELON FESTIVAL

Straight From The Field

The Irrigon Watermelon Festival would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who sponsored the Festival. With special thanks to our major sponsors, Morrow County Unified Recreation Dist and Bellinger Farms. Please support our sponsors by patronizing their businesses and letting them know how much we appreciate their community support. Without the tremendous support of our volunteers, we would not have such a successful event.

Morrow County Unified Recreation District	Silverwood Dust Devils	Sergio’s Mexican Restaurant	Carlson’s Umatilla Drug Midway Tavern	Irrigon High School Drama Club
Bellinger Farms	Wildhorse Casino	Hermiston Drug & Gift	Community Women’s Club	Boardman Youth Basketball
Watts Brothers / Lamb	Pendleton Round up	AJ’s Printing	Irrigon School Administrators	Gem’s Cheer Royals
Weston Boardman	Bi-Mart	RDO Equipment	Irrigon Rural Fire Department	William Pullen & Crew for Kids Games
Oregon Trail Vet Clinic	Barnett & Moro	Tyler Stahl – Stahls Guide Service	Morrow County Sheriff’s Department	Stokes Landing Senior Center
Umatilla Electric	Farm City Pro Rodeo	Brian Dames – Castaway Custom Rods	FOLI, Friends of the Irrigon library	Don & Donna Eppenbach Desert Sounds Entertainment
Bank of Eastern Oregon	Smitty’s Ace Hardware	Nail & Spa	Irrigon Moose Lodge	
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Assisting People To Become Independent, Healthy, And Safe

In order to live up to that goal, CAPECO’s employees work hard to develop and deliver different kinds of programs that will address the issues faced by the low-income citizens in our service area. Although CAPECO cannot possibly deal with all of the problems, we want to use the funds we have in the most effective way. We cannot do that without your help. You are the only person who understands the problems that you face daily. You are the only person who can tell us if the programs we deliver are still effective, or need to be changed in order to deal with more current issues.

Representatives will be at the following locations and will host a small group discussion and a survey. See you there!

Milton Freewater
August 3
Milton Freewater Senior Center Luncheon
311 N Main St,
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862
11:15 am - 1 pm

Boardman
August 15
Boardman Chamber Luncheon at Port of Morrow
2 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR 97818
11:45 am - 2:00 pm

Pendleton
August 27
Senior Center
510 SW 10th St,
Pendleton, OR 97801
11 am - 1 pm

Athena/Weston/Adams/Helix
August 29
Senior Luncheon at Memorial Hall in Weston
210 E. Main St., Weston, OR 97886
11 am - 1 pm

Pendleton
August 28
City Hall Community Room
500 SW Dorion Ave,
Pendleton, OR 97801
1 pm - 3 pm

Heppler
September 13
City Hall Conference Room
111 N Main St,
Heppler, OR 97836
10 am to 12 noon, Lunch to Follow

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