KIDS CAMP



A fair experience unlike any other

Though it was designed for ven-children who are entering first dors and 4-H presenters to get through fifth grade, the camp a distraction.

a break from their children and provides a more in-depth and younger siblings — and vice behind the scenes opportunity versa — the Umatilla County for kids to experience all the arts Fair's Summer Fun Kids Camp and crafts, animals, science exhas grown into much more than periments, music and more that the fair has to offer.

Now open to the public for 40 "The kids see things that usual

patrons of the fair don't get to the camp is held in a tent, though see," fair director Angie McNalley said.

Those "things" include private shows from the fair's entertainment acts and chances to interact camp has already won an award with and pet the animals.

Tammy Wagner founded the camp in 2012 after presenting to the fair board about the need she saw for parents working at the fair and teenagers who were presenting animals to have a trusted The camp is for kids who work place for their kids or younger siblings to spend time. The camp was an immediate hit. McNalley said they've had to cap it at 40 kids, though they could easily fill up to 80 spots if they had the school students volunteer as capacity.

"It's easier to know where your kid is then letting them run around or making sure there's a family member or friend to watch them," McNalley said.

Wagner said the issue is that there's just not enough space to expand at this point. Currently,

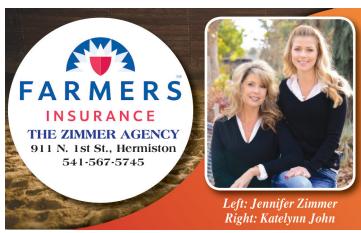
she added that most of the day is spent roaming around the grounds.

According to McNalley, the from the Oregon Fair Association for its success. Wagner is hoping for more though, and said one day she'd like to see the fair dedicate a whole section to kids as some other fairs do.

well in large groups and can function independently as the camp takes them through the animal barns and all across the fairgrounds. Middle and high camp leaders and can earn community service hours in the process. Wagner said many campgoers who are now too old to participate come back to help.

This year, campers will also perform a rehearsed dance at the fair's Les Schwab stage on







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