

Old-fashioned fair coming to Wallowa County

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ENTERPRISE — "Splish, Splash, Barnyard Bash" is the theme of the Wallowa County Fair, Aug. 5-13, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW First St.

Admission is free.

On a walk through Cloverleaf Hall, open to the public beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, a visitor will see everything from baskets, fiber art, jewelry and leatherwork to hand-sewn clothing, painting, photography, fruit and vegetables.

Events for the old-fashioned county fair kick off with the junior rodeo at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, and Saturday, Aug. 6. All-Around Boy and All-Around Girl will each win a saddle.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, local youngsters will show their well-coiffed, faithful canines in the 4-H dog show. Action starts at 9 a.m. Obedience and showmanship contests will be staged.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, the 4-H horse show gallops into the spotlight beginning at noon. Dressage and jumping are among the competitions as young equine enthusiasts display their Stetson spirit.

On Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 8-9, the 4-H horse show starts at 8 a.m. The horse



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Swine judge Anna-Marie Chamberlain congratulates Landon Greenshields for his winning FFA grand champion market hog Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at the Wallowa County Fair. The 2022 county fair in Enterprise is set for Aug. 5-13.

awards program concludes festivities in elongated shadows at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, Cloverleaf Hall opens to the public for a look at traditional handmade and homegrown exhibits at 10 a.m. The open class baked goods competition offers \$25 Ida Hillock Memorial Awards in both the one-crust and two-crust pie divisions.

Livestock weigh-ins run most of

the afternoon and evening: beef, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; sheep and goat, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; swine, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Small animal check-in is at 6:30 p.m.

Team roping shows off the best of the Old West Wednesday, Aug. 10, and Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Tio Simmons at 541-398-2288.

On Thursday, Aug. 11, judging of market animals will culminate at 6:30 p.m. Grand champion market classes will

crown winners in beef, goat, sheep and swine.

On Friday, Aug. 12, the penultimate day of the fair, the small animal show begins at 8:30 a.m. as will swine showmanship. Beef showmanship will begin at 10:30 a.m., and sheep and goat showmanship will begin at 3 p.m. All-around showmanship will take place at 6:30 p.m.

The fair ends Saturday, Aug. 13, with Family Day. An awards program at 8:30 a.m. kicks off festivities. Peewee showmanship follows at 10:30 a.m. for pre-4-H kids (younger than fourth grade) with ribbons and \$1 cash awards for each participant.

Games on the Grass and Balloon Scramble offer a chance to decompress starting at 11 a.m. Highlights include a wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, water balloon toss and an egg and spoon race. Participants will capture a balloon from the herd released and pop it for a surprise. The FFA barbecue starts at 1 p.m.

Proving this is blue-ribbon bull country, the fair concludes with the 4-H/FFA Fat Stock Sale beginning at 3 p.m. Bidders from the community will offer top dollar to reward youngsters for a year's worth of work.



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