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### **POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS • RICKREALL, OR**

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#### 2C Polk County Fair

# **2017 POLK COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 10 Senior Day

8 a.m. — Shelter Building Contest 8:30 a.m. — Monster cookie contest — Building B

9 a.m. — 4-H horticulture show — floral area

9 a.m. — Swine market and breed show — swine barn

**10 a.m. — Fair opens to the public** 10 a.m. — Horse Show — Arena 10 a.m. — Cat and pet show — Small

Animal Barn

10 a.m. — Rawhide Express Train 10 a.m. — Rickreall Fire Department obstacle course — playground

10 a.m. — Kids hands-on safety area — playground

10 a.m. — Dragon theatre kids area — playground

10 a.m. — Abck's Dinosaurs — Playground

10:30 a.m. — Pasture Management



101 — PSWCD tent

11:30 a.m. — 4-H Flower Arrangement Contest Organic Certification — PSWCD tent

Noon — Poultry Show — poultry barn Noon — Madjek quad pod, fun slide, obstacle course, mechanical bull, inflatable playground — playground

12:30 p.m. — Canning tomatoes demonstration — PSWCD tent

1 p.m. — Oregon Old Time Fiddlers — <sup>1</sup> Les Schwab stage

1:30 p.m. — Šmall Animal Care presen-



tation — PSWCD tent.

2:30 p.m. — The Zaniac Comedy Show — Les Schwab stage

3 p.m. — Meat Goat show

4 p.m. — Magician Louie Foxx — Les Schwab stage

6 p.m. — Pierce Avenue— Les Schwab stage

7 p.m. — Rough Stock Rodeo — arena 7 p.m. — Goat obstacle course and

costume contest — small show arena 8 p.m. — Chris Tardiff & Showdown —

Les Schwab stage 10 p.m. — Fair closes for the day

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### FRIDAY, AUG. 11

8:30 a.m. — Horse show — arena 9 a.m. — 4-H presentations — Building

B 9 a.m. — 4-H Cavies, followed by rabbit show — Building C

9 a.m. — Dairy cattle show — small show arena

#### 10 a.m. — Fair opens to the public

10 a.m. — 4-H Outdoor cookery

- 10 a.m. Rawhide Express Train
- 10 a.m. Rickreall Fire Department obstacle course playground
- 10 a.m. Kids hands-on safety area —
- playground 10 a.m. — Abck's Dinosaurs — play-
- ground 10 a.m. — Dragon Theatre kids area —
- playground
- 10:30 a.m. Pasture Management 101 — PSWCD tent
- 11:30 a.m. Intro to beekeeping PSWCD tent

Noon — Magician Louie Foxx — Les Schwab stage

Noon — Lego Build-a-thon — Building B

Noon — Madjek quad pod, fun slide, obstacle course, mechanical bull, inflatable playground — playground

1 p.m. — Sheep show: breed, then showmanship

1:30 p.m. — 4-H monster cookie contest — Les Schwab stage

1:30 p.m. — Encouraging pollinators demonstration — PSCWD tent

2 p.m. — Horse grand entry and recognition — arena

3 p.m. — The Zaniac Comedy Show — Les Schwab stage

3 p.m. — Goat showmanship — goat barn

3 p.m. — Groundwater education — PSCWD tent

4 p.m. — 4-H small animal showman-ship

5 p.m. — Swine showmanship — swine barn

6 p.m. — Pierce Avenue — Les Schwab stage

7 p.m. — ATV Rodeo — arena

8 p.m. — Nate Botsford — Les Schwab stage

#### 10 p.m. — Fair closes for the day —

### SATURDAY, AUG. 12

8 a.m. — FFA large animal master showmanship

8:30 a.m. — 4-H food contests

9 a.m. — 4-H large animal master showmanship

#### 10 a.m. — Fair opens to the public

10 a.m. — 4-H archery — arena

10 a.m. — Rawhide Express Train

10 a.m. — Benny the Beaver

10 a.m. — Rickreall Fire Department obstacle course — playground

10 a.m. — Kids hands-on safety area — playground

10 a.m. — Dragon Theatre kids area — playground

10 a.m. — Abck's Dinosaurs — playground

10:30 a.m. — Beautiful Baby Contest — Les Schwab stage

10:30 a.m. — Composting — PSWCD tent

### 11:30 a.m. — Intro to beekeeping — PSWCD tent

Noon — France School of Dance — Les Schwab Stage

Noon — Cookie and cupcake decorating contest — Building B

Noon — Madjek quad pod, fun slide, obstacle course, mechanical bull, inflatable playground — playground

Noon — FFA Awards and recognition — sheep barn show ring

1 p.m. — 4-H and FFA Livestock Buyers Luncheon — floral area

1:30 p.m. — ATV Rodeo — Arena

1:30 p.m. — 4-H Fashion Show and

Performing Arts — Les Schwab stage

1:30 p.m. — Static and Shooting Sports

Awards — Les Schwab stage

1:30 p.m. — Encouraging pollinators demonstration — PSWCD tent

2:30 p.m. — 4-H dog obedience demo — Les Schwab Stage

3 p.m. — 4-H and FFA Youth Market Auction — swine barn

3 p.m. — Groundwater Education — PSWCD tent

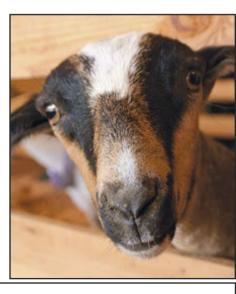
4:30 p.m. — The Zaniac Comedy Show — Les Schwab Stage

6 p.m. — Open class awards ceremony — Les Schwab stage

8 p.m. — Jessie Leigh Band — Les Schwab stage

8 p.m. — American Thunder and Mega Truck Show — arena

#### 10 p.m. — Fair closes for 2017



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# **Best of ag country on display at Polk County Fair**

f it's hot and harvest time, the Polk County Fair must be right around the corner. The three-day county showcase kicks off Thursday and runs through Saturday with everything from barns full of prize animals to cooking contests to a goat obstacle course on the schedule.

This year's theme, "Moo at the Moon," is anchored in the Great American Eclipse, a mere eight days following the conclusion of the fair.

But don't worry, the Polk County Fair has plenty to see here on the ground.

Tina Andersen, fair manager, said FFA and 4-H are challenging her creativity in making space in the animal barns.

"The numbers are rolling in and they are rolling in big," Andersen said. "Not sure where we are going to put them all."

Live entertainment will be on stage all three nights, and the 2017 performers are all a little bit country.

"We changed things around guite a bit and brought in some bigger acts," Andersen said. "For the first time in years, we brought in The Zaniac Comedy Show."

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers are featured at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Pierce Avenue, husband and wife Tony and Jaime Pierce, play at 6 p.m. Thursday, followed by Showdown, headlining after the Rough Stock rodeo on Thursday evening.

On Friday, Pierce Avenue plays at 6 p.m. Nate Botsford takes to the stage at 8. Jessie Leigh closes out the fair Saturday at 8 p.m., with her blend of rock and roll and country.

The comedy show will be on stage all three days. Magician Louie Foxx will dazzle the crowd on Thursday at 4 p.m.

This schedule has a few changes, with the annual truck and tractor pull canceled, and American Thunder Monster Truck and Mega Truck Show added to Saturday night's slate of events.

"They can expect a wreck every eight seconds and lots of action," organizer Wayne White said.

Quickly becoming a fair favorite, the Hell on Hooves Rodeo is back on Thursday.

This year's rodeo will feature bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing and muttonbusting. Expect to see some of the best rodeo performers from the area putting on a show.

Polk Soil & Water Conservation District, which usually has a display and information at the entrance, has moved its booth inside the fair and will present information on small animal care and an introduction to beekeeping.

Kids have entertainment choices galore out on the playground.

Bouncy houses, an obstacle course, water balls, an inflatable playground, mechanical bull, and slide will be set up in one part of the lawn, while Rickreall Fire's firefighting-themed obstacle course is featured in another.

New this year are Dragon Theatre, offering on hands-on activities and puppet shows, and Houston's Dinosaurs Alive.

If you see a dinosaur running loose through the fairgrounds, don't be surprised. It's all part of the interactive display and photo booth making custom T-shirts.

"He's going to be set up in the kids area and he's got this great set up, where he has a Jeep, so it looks like Jurassic Park," Andersen said.

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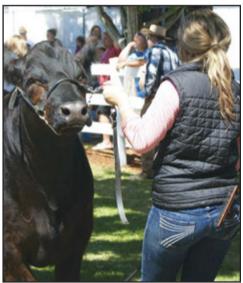
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Barrel racing is one of Thursday night's Hell on Hooves rodeo events.



Animals exhibits will fill the fair's barns.

### Moo at the Moon

What: 2017 Polk County Fair. When: Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway West (99W), Rickreall.

Admission: Daily: adults, \$8; juniors (ages 11 to 15), \$5; seniors (62 and older), \$5; children 10 and younger are free. Season passes: adult, \$20; junior, \$10; and senior, \$10. Parking: \$3 per car.

Of note: Seniors are free on Thursday until 4 p.m. and members of the military are free on any day with a photo ID. Due to the rodeo, adult admission after 4 p.m. on Thursday is \$10.



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# **Open class offers culinary treasures at the fair**



You can find tables filled with fruits, nuts and vegetables at the fair. These tomatoes were disqualified because drawing on entries is not allowed.

S trolling through the Polk County Fair wouldn't be complete without admiring the entries in open class.

Tables filled with fruits, nuts and vegetables — including the monstrous and odd — is a treat for even the nongardener.

"It has to be something you grew yourself this year, on your property or on a rental property," said Bobby Haynes, superintendent for fruits, nuts and vegetables. "The only thing you can have from last year is nuts."

It takes a special mix of hard work, dedication, and good weather to get an award-winning entry, especially when it comes to fall vegetables such as orange pumpkins. Some gardeners have been babying their plants since January or February, Haynes said.

"This year I'm not sure what we'll get," she said. "Tomatoes are just starting to get ripe, so I don't know what we'll get in the line of tomatoes. The cucumbers are coming in, so we may get some of them."

When it comes to some fruits, the heat has made them come and go quickly.

"Blueberries came in late, but the heat made them go away really fast," Haynes said.

She said she has some in the refrigerator, but they aren't show quality anymore. "It's all got to be fresh," Haynes said. The zucchini has taken off, but don't think you can win for the largest one the squash is not accepted for the monstrous category.

Haynes has worked with the Polk County Fair in some capacity off and on since the early 1970s. A retired Master Gardener, she has never had the time to submit her own bounty to the fair because she's so busy helping with the fair itself.

"We put stuff in there out of the Master Gardener garden to fill space and give people an idea of what to think about or what to look for, or to help there be more variety," Haynes said. Those entries don't get judged, though, she noted.

"We usually get over 200 — and sometimes over 300 — in the fruits and vegetables," Haynes said. "We have a lot of people who have passed away who were really involved in bringing things in and competed against each other."

Now their grandchildren are the ones entering the fruits and vegetables, she said. She also tries to get the kids involved in decorating.

"I like to get the younger people interested in it, because if they're interested in it, it encourages the older people to help them do it," Haynes said.

# County fair has a kooky collection of contests

f you love old-fashioned, or just plain kooky contests, the Polk County Fair has you covered — from determining which baby has best outfitted stroller to which goat has the best costume.

Is your baby the cutest baby ever? Of course. Every parent thinks that— and they're all right! Rather than try to dispute that, the Beautiful Baby Contest gives babies the opportunity to shine in the areas that they are cutest.

To that end, there are categories for both "bluest eyes" and "darkest eyes," as well as "baldest baby" and "longest hair," among others. Once again, this year there will also be a category for "Best Dressed Stroller," for crafty parents and shy babies.

The list of prizes varies between categories, but every winner is sure to walk away pleased.

"There are lots of prizes, all different," said Tina Andersen, Polk County Fairgrounds manager and organizer of the Beautiful Baby Contest. "We have toys, onesies, baby T-shirts, some antique books. ..."

However, Andersen said that the best part of the contest is always "watching the goofy things parents do to get their baby to smile for the Biggest Smile contest."

Registration is free and begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The contest will begin at 10:30.

You don't have to have a baby to join the fun. Two new contests test baking skills on one of two favorites: chocolate cake or apple pie.

The new additions to the fair's open class competitions gives people a chance to pit their secret family recipes for the two dessert classics against those of other bakers.

You don't have to register ahead of time for the contests, just bring your best effort to the fair on Saturday.

Entries are accepted starting at 12:30 p.m., and judging starts at 2.



Saturday morning's Beautiful Baby Contest is of one of many entertaining contests

Grand prizes are \$50 gift certificates to sponsors Ovenbird Bakery in Independence (apple pie) and Nicky B's Cakes of Dallas (chocolate cake).

For those just wanting to watch a zany competition, head to the small show arena at 7 p.m. on Thursday to take in the goat obstacle course and costume contest. Yes, you read that correctly, costumes on goats.

The obstacle course has goat-and-kid teams — anyone who has seen this event know goats don't always make good teammates — trying to be the best at weaving their way through a series of challenges.

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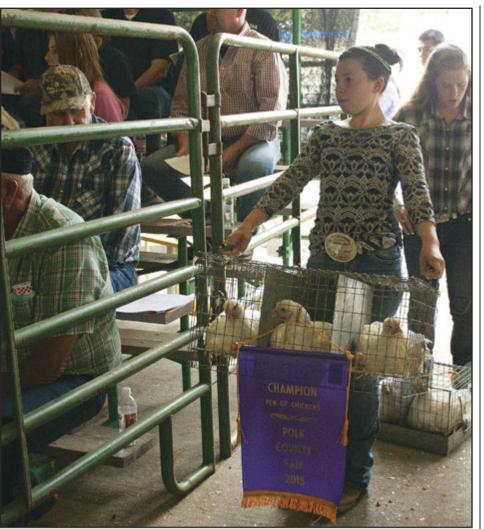
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4H/FFA Youth Livestock Auction takes place at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

# Calling all bidders to the livestock auction

t's the culmination of months spent raising animals, of early-morning and evening feedings, and chores squeezed in between school and other activities: The 4-H/FFA Youth Market Auction.

Children and teens whose animals are in the auction already had their animals judged by experts, now they will see how they do on the market at the Polk County Fair auction on Saturday afternoon.

### **Fair auction**

What: 4H / FFA Youth Market Auction.

Where: Show area of the Swine Barn on the east side of the Polk County Fairgrounds.

When: Saturday at 3 p.m. Bidders and buyers are encouraged to arrive early to receive a bidding number and a good seat.

Animals auctioned: Steers, hogs, sheep, goats, turkeys, chickens, rabbits. The auction will again be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Swine Barn.

The afternoon start time allows auction attendees to enjoy other parts of the fair afterward. Be prepared get to the auction early for a good seat — the swine barn is usually packed — and to wait for a while for the animal you want to bid on.

The auction is open to anyone — and people are free to donate if you don't want or don't have room to take the animal home. Bidders can sell the animal back to the owner or give it back if they don't want to eat it.

# Country bands set to invade county fair

G tready to bring the country. The Polk County Fair will play host to a variety of bands from local favorites to up-and-comers — all with a little country flair — to help crank up the festivities.

The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will perform first Thursday at 1 p.m. followed by Pierce Avenue at 6 p.m.

Pierce Avenue features husband and wife Tony and Jaime Pierce, who come together for unique, soulful, southernfringed harmonies.

Showdown, a high-energy country band, returns to the fair to headline after the rodeo on Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

On Friday, Nate Botsford takes to the stage at 8 p.m.

Jessie Leigh closes out the fair Satur-

## Les Schwab Stage music

THURSDAY

1 p.m. – Oregon Old Time Fiddlers 6 p.m. – Pierce Avenue

8 p.m. – Chris Tardiff & Showdown

#### FRIDAY

6 p.m. – Pierce Avenue 8 p.m. – Nate Botsford

SATURDAY 8 p.m. – Jessie Leigh Band

day at 8 p.m., bringing her blend of rock 'n' roll and country to Polk County.



The Oregon Old Time Fiddlers will perform Thursday afternoon.

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"They can expect a wreck every eight

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back riding, saddle bronc riding, bull

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ing. Expect to see some of the best

from the area putting on a show for

"Champions from all over the North-

west will be on hand to compete," White

The rodeo, which has been a fixture at

the fair since 2015, has proven to be one

seconds and lots of action," organizer

# **Rodeo ready to 'raise hell' at county fair**

Event expected to entertain fans with exciting action featuring champions from the northwest

ide 'em cowboy. The Hell on Hooves Rouah Stock rodeo returns Thursday at 7 p.m. As cowboys and cowgirls compete, expect to see fans flock to the

Wayne White said.

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### **Hell on Hooves**

What: Rough Stock Rodeo When: Thursday, 7 p.m. Where: Polk County Fair Arena Admission: Included in fair admission. \$10 for adults after 4 p.m.

of the most popular draws.

"The county fair and rodeo are both family entertainment for the entire family from 8 to 80, there is something for everybody," White said.

White thinks the reason is simple. There's something inherently exciting about seeing a cowboy and a bull at odds.

"The reason rodeo is timeless, it's man against beast — bulls that weigh 1,800 pounds against a cowboy who is 140 pounds," White said.

While the action is ramped up to 11, the muttonbusting provides a thrill for the young ones — and a good laugh for adults.

"It's the only form of legalized child abuse," White said with a chuckle. "The reason being every one of those little kids are riding 9 miles an hour just before



The Rough Stock Rodeo returns to the fair on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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they fall, they all do the same thing and open their mouths for some reason. It's a good time." Attendance for the rodeo is free with

fair admission. Cost will be \$8 before 4 p.m. on Thursday and \$10 after 4 p.m. "The rodeo has helped draw people to the fair," White said.

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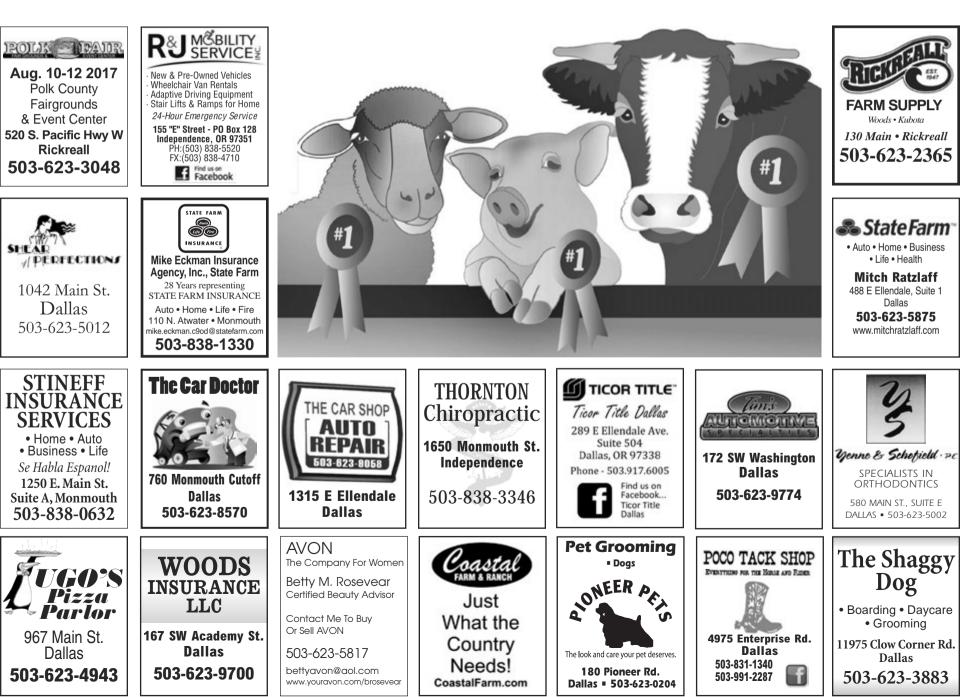


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