

# Umatilla County Fair

## NEWS RELEASE

Below you will find a courtesy copy of a news release that was issued this week by the Umatilla County Fair office. Please feel free to forward to others who would be interested in this information. If you have any questions, please direct them towards Peggy Clough, Umatilla County Fairgrounds Manager at (541) 567-6121; or Cell 541-379-8321 or email to: [peggyc@umatillacounty.net](mailto:peggyc@umatillacounty.net)

### *Umatilla County Fair Parade "Standing Room" Only!*

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **Parade a grand success Winners announced**

Hermiston-OR, August 7, 2011 –Judges had their hands full as they watched entries from around Eastern Oregon and Washington, with some coming from as far away as Tillamook and Madras, proudly move thru the parade route many times to standing ovations.

Parade Chairman Gay Newman and co-chair Spike Piersol announced the winners to the 2011 Umatilla County Fair Parade. The Sweepstakes Award was presented to the Columbia County Fair Host & Hostess, a mounted group from Dayton, WA. The "Best of Theme" award went to the Oregon Trail Riders, a mounted group from Walla Walla, Washington. Other awards were given in the following categories:

#### **Business / Commercial:**

Hermiston Drug & Gift

#### **Service-Fraternal:**

VPW Desert Post 4750

#### **Youth Organization:**

Oregon Trail Riders 4-H Club

#### **Dance-Drill Team:**

Round Up City Cloggers

#### **Royalty-Mounted:**

Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse

#### **Church:**

Templo Abarim Church

#### **Antique Tractor:**

Ryan Bliss

#### **Horse –Single:**

Little Blue Britches Buckaroo, Calib Glenn

**Horse/Drawn Units**

Little Temptations Driving Club

**Horse-Group**

Riverbend Kids Ranch

**Stock Auto:**

Mike & Linda Monroe

**Stock Vintage:**

Rusty & Thelma Roe

**Hot Rod-Race**

Larry & Linda Storment

Newman was excited about the spectator turnout as many noted the parade watchers were standing and sitting four-deep along the parade route. The spectators were not disappointed as a record 144 entries rode, marched, walked and drove thru the streets of Hermiston on Saturday night. The crowd was greeted by entries from around Eastern Oregon and Washington with some coming from as far away as Tillamook and Madras, Oregon. "And just when everyone thought the parade was near over – along came the Contreras Family with their prancing ponies, who were a spectacular sight to see." said Newman.

The Umatilla County Fair starts on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> with the gates opening at 9am; the display buildings will open at 10 am.

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