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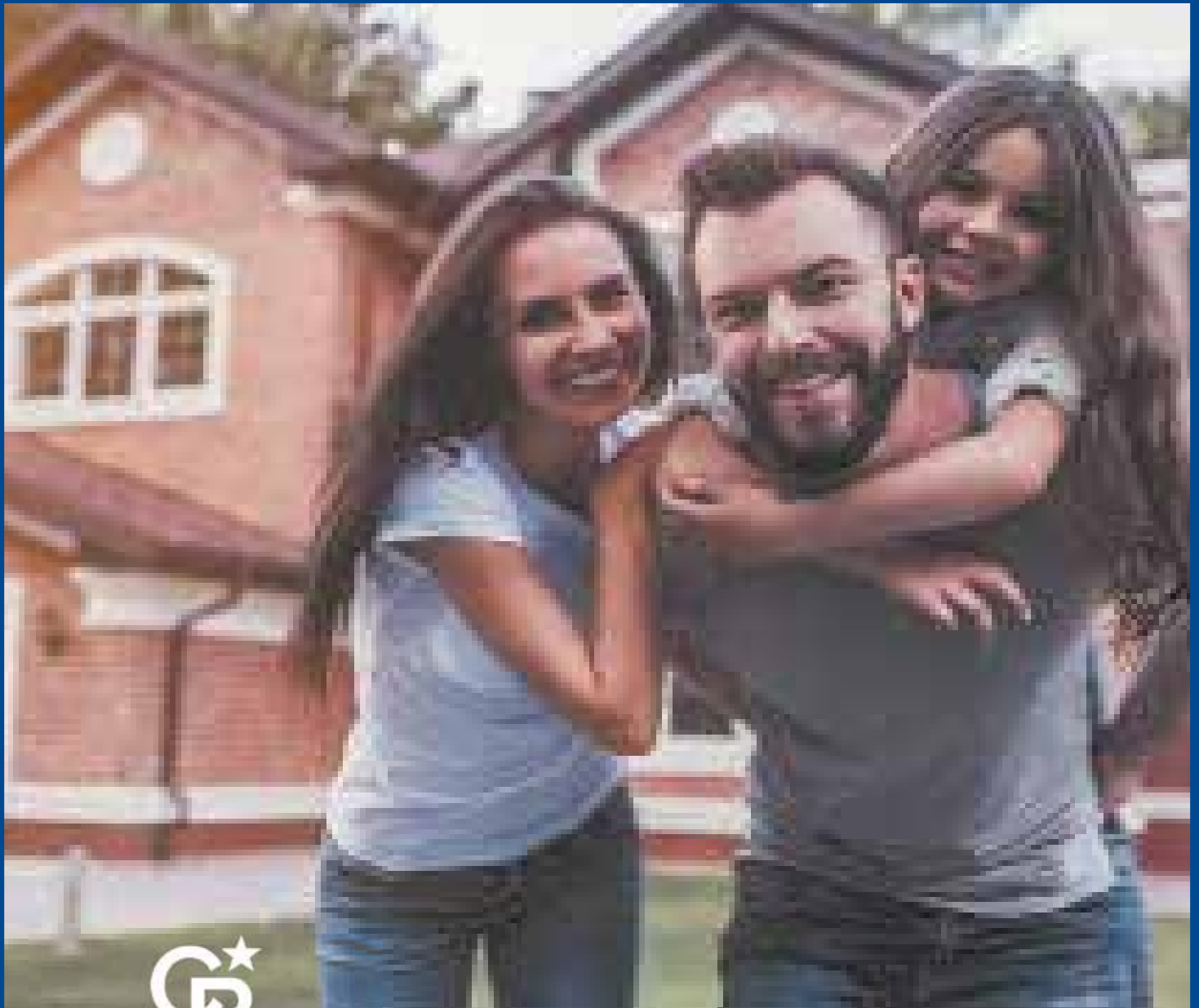
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**W**elcome to this year's edition of the Columbia Basin Tourism Guide – a guide to enjoying a trip to the Columbia River Basin.

The Columbia Basin has much to offer visitors and plenty of friendly people to meet on the trip. As the pandemic hopefully slows to a halt, we know readers are looking forward to getting out of the house and enjoying time in the outdoors or on adventures visiting family and friends. Or, maybe just a simple road trip to get away from it all as in our feature by Rebecca Pettingill explaining all there is to see from Soap Lake to Grand Coulee Dam, one of the region's highlights and arguably a manmade wonder.

For those wanting a simple outdoors experience, Cheryl Schweizer gives us a tour of campgrounds in the region and a few tips on where to find a good swimming pool when it gets hot during our warm, dry summers. While there are literally hundreds of lakes of various sizes throughout the Columbia Basin to enjoy, sometimes a cool drink and a deck chair in the afternoon, while the kiddos play, is what a person really needs.

If you're up for an adventure, maybe an air show is more your style. Staff writer Charles H. Featherstone tells us a bit about what's in store for the Moses Lake Airshow this year. The recently-established event had a bit of a rough start due to the pandemic, but organizers are excited to expand the show and continue to improve it for aerospace junkies.

We also know many readers will be budget-conscious this year, so we're including three articles highlighting local boutiques that can be found in the Basin that offer affordable shopping options. That is followed by a list of thrift shops in the area that have unique treasures, including a few antiques and the occasional walk down the proverbial Memory Lane.

For those in the mood for an adult beverage, we're also offering a listing of local breweries and wineries where you can stop in, take a sip of something crafted right here in the Columbia Basin, and maybe make a friend or two.

Regardless of what your preference is when exploring the Columbia Basin, we hope to see you enjoying our communities and making new friends.

Travel safely, and welcome to the Basin. ■

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A view of Dry Falls just south of  
Coulee City. Dry Falls was once  
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world but has since run dry.

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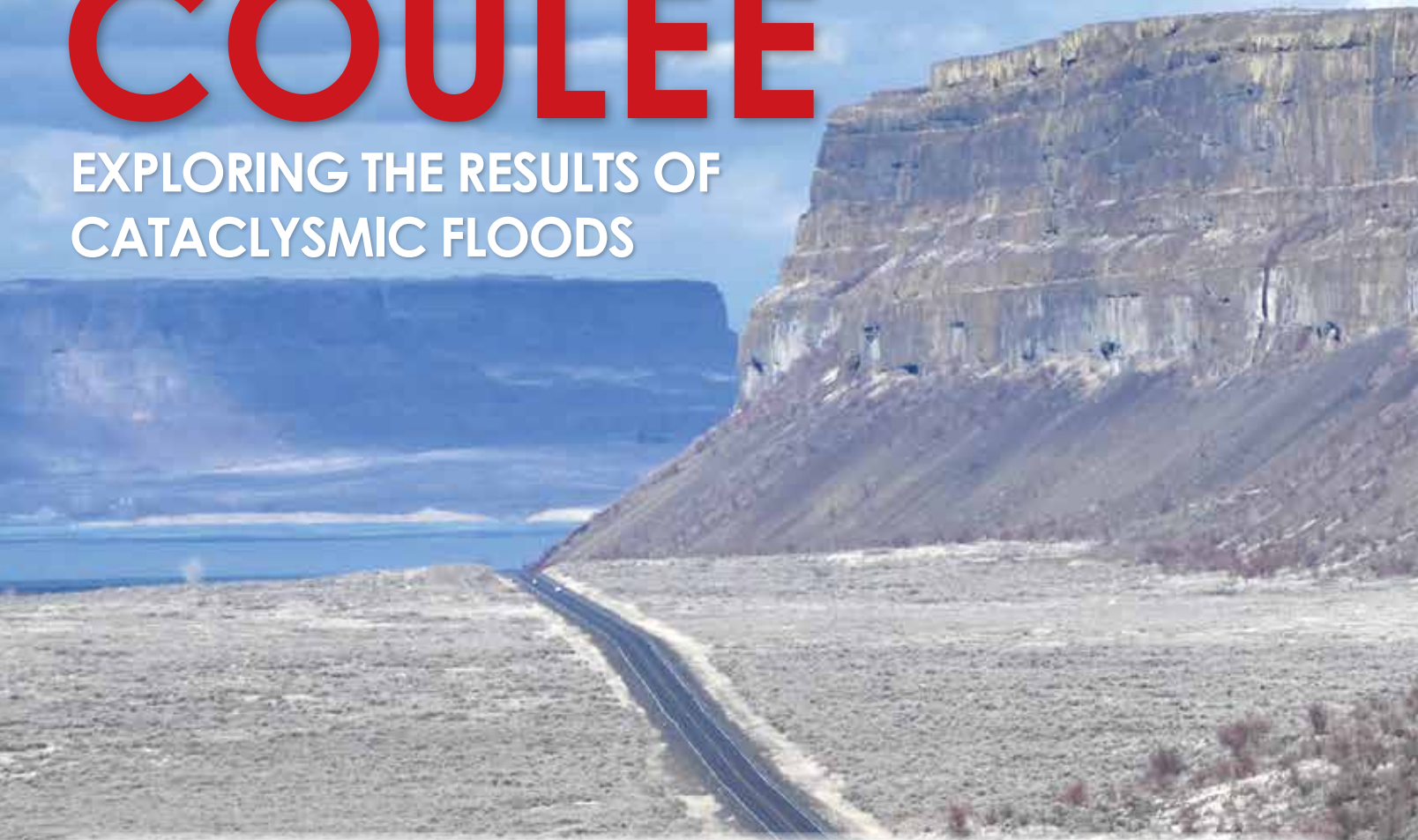
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# THE COOLEST COULEE

By Rebecca Pettingill

## EXPLORING THE RESULTS OF CATACLYSMIC FLOODS



**T**he drive from Soap Lake to the Grand Coulee Dam provides numerous opportunities in the summertime for locals and visitors alike to enjoy what nature in the Columbia Basin has to offer.

The more than 50-mile stretch features unique and historic landscapes and lakes both natural and man-made. The entire route was carved by the erosive forces of cataclysmic floods during the ice ages with recently built dams adding to that vista.

Starting in Soap Lake, the first place to visit is the lake. Soap Lake is known to have the most diverse mineral content of any body of water on earth and is said to have healing properties, according to the Smokiam Resort website. The lake has a shallow edge lining, creating a perfect swimming spot. In the summer, many people can be seen swimming, floating and

paddleboarding on the lake. Due to the healing properties, observing people covering themselves in the mud of the lake isn't uncommon. Due to the mineral content, Soap Lake is fishless, but is home to a rare small shrimp and numerous species of aquatic birds that live on its shores.

Father's Day weekend, the lake will be host to the city's annual Soap Lake Hydro Regatta which is a two day event of hydroplane races.

Following along state Route 17, at the north end of the lake, is the Smokiam Resort. It features a variety of accommodations to stay in such as campsites, RV sites,

Banks Lake nestles between rock walls north of Coulee City.  
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cabins and tepees in the summer.

Heading north on SR-17, we see a series of lakes and caves among the rugged basalt cliffs. Some of those include Lenore Lake, the Lake Lenore Caves Trail, Lake Lenore Caves State Park and Blue Lake. These are perfect for fishing and hiking or exploring.

Toward the end of the lakes is a steep grade with a pull off that has a perfect view of the Sun Lakes. Sun Lakes is the term for the numerous lakes along that stretch of the corridor of basalt cliffs.

Continuing north, roadtrippers will find Dry Falls with a visitor center and viewpoint on the right-hand side of SR 17. The viewpoint highlights a 3.5-mile-wide, 400 foot high chasm of basalt that was once the biggest waterfall in the world. It is now dry after the last of several Ice Age floods swept through the Grand Coulee thousands of years ago, according to Washington State Parks.

Moving on north, SR-17 connects to US 2. Taking a right at the junction leads travelers to Coulee City on the edge of Banks Lake. A campground and boat launch can easily be accessed on the left as you travel on US 2. The lake is a 27-mile long reservoir popular for fishing, swimming and other recreational water activities. As travelers continue north onto SR-155, the road traces the lake and has numerous day-use areas, camping and fishing spots and hiking trails.

One feature that stands out is Steamboat Rock. Steamboat rock dominates the landscape; rising 800 feet and spanning 600 acres surrounded by water and sagebrush. The rock sits on a 3,522-acre state park full of campground areas and a large day-use area.

Hopping back on SR-155, the rest of the stretch of road leads through Electric City and the city of Grand Coulee before reaching the Grand Coulee Dam.

While driving across the dam is no longer an option, there is a visitors center with a parking lot that gives the perfect view of the dam. In the summers, the dam also puts on a free laser light show after the sun goes down that tells the story of Grand Coulee Dam and the Native American heritage of the area.

Of course, these are not the only attractions and stops along the nearly 60-mile stretch. It is up to you to find the spots that steal your attention and discover the beauty of the Columbia Basin. ■

The pull off above Sun Lakes gives nearly a bird's-eye view of the corridor of basalt cliffs.

INSET: The laser light show at Grand Coulee Dam is free to the public and is held late in the evening during the summer.

*Rebecca Pettingill photos*







# DISCOVERING THE BASIN

Many of the scenic stops may require a Discover Pass.

The Washington State Legislature and Governor created the Discover Pass in 2011 to offset steep reductions in general tax support for parks and other recreation lands and facilities operated by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, according to the discover pass website.

The cost for a Discover Pass is \$10 for a day-use pass or \$30 for an annual pass. The annual pass is good for one year from the date of purchase. They can be purchased online at <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov> or at select grocery or outdoor store locations.

The annual Discover Pass is transferable between two vehicles but can not be used for two vehicles at the same time.

The penalty for not having a Discover Pass is a \$99 fine.

The Discover Pass is a motor vehicle permit only and is not needed to access state recreation lands by boat or by non-motorized means (foot, horse, bicycle, etc.). Motor vehicles used to transport recreation equipment, such as vehicles pulling horse or boat trailers, must display the pass. If you just want to drive through state recreation lands managed by DNR and WDFW and you do not leave your vehicle, you do not need a pass.

WDFW and DNR offer several "free days" when a Discover Pass is not required to visit these lands.

Free days in 2022 are April 22, June 11, June 12, June 19, Sept. 24, Oct. 10, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25.

Free days apply only to day use, not overnight stays or rented facilities.



# CHRIS DANIEL WINERY

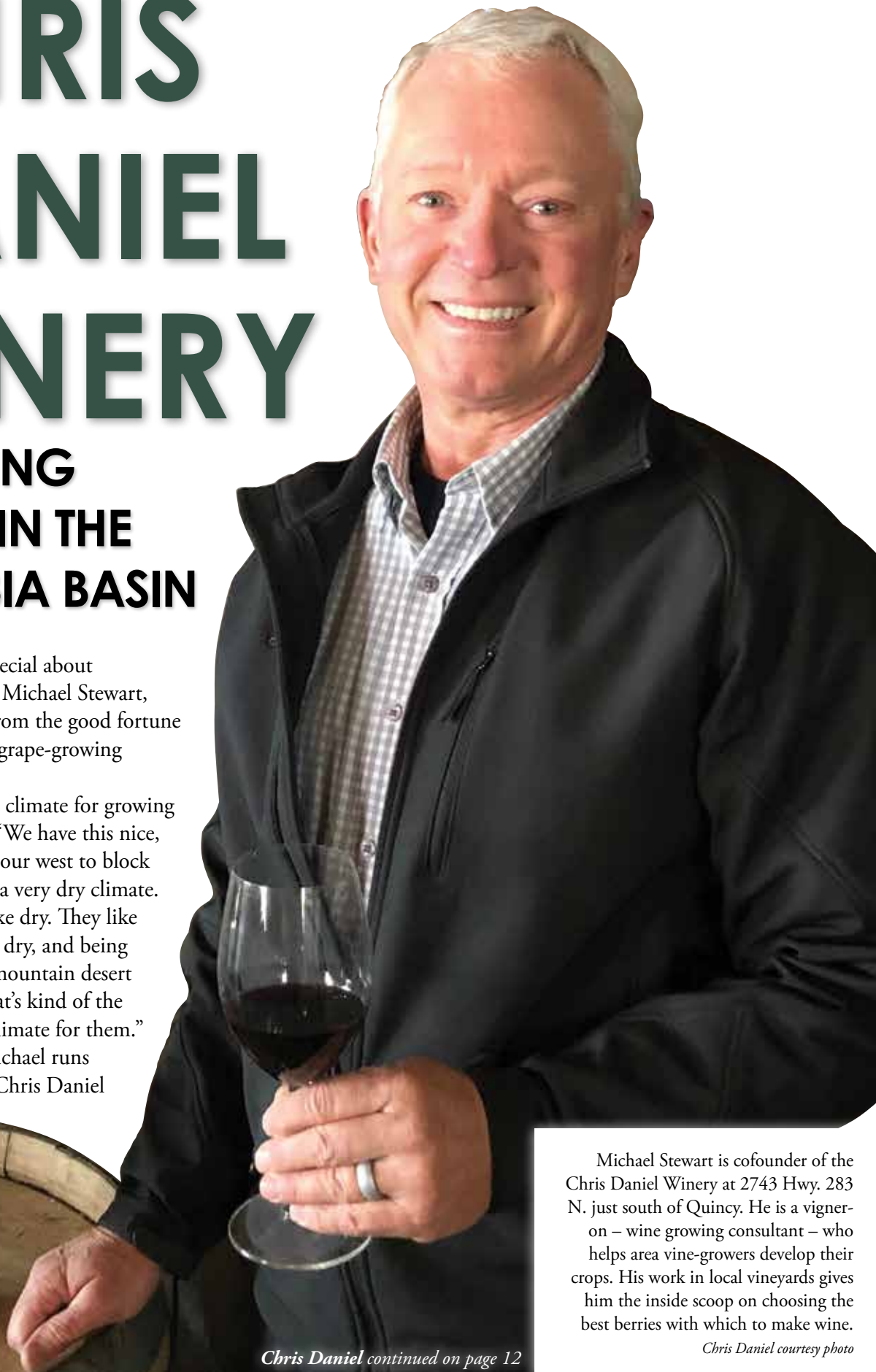
## SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE COLUMBIA BASIN

There's something special about Washington wine, says Michael Stewart, and most of it comes from the good fortune of being in the perfect grape-growing environment.

"We have a beautiful climate for growing grapes," Michael said. "We have this nice, big mountain range to our west to block the rain, which creates a very dry climate.

Grapes like dry. They like hot and dry, and being a high mountain desert here, that's kind of the ideal climate for them."

Michael runs the Chris Daniel



Michael Stewart is cofounder of the Chris Daniel Winery at 2743 Hwy. 283 N. just south of Quincy. He is a vigner-on – wine growing consultant – who helps area vine-growers develop their crops. His work in local vineyards gives him the inside scoop on choosing the best berries with which to make wine.

*Chris Daniel courtesy photo*

*Chris Daniel continued on page 12*



**W**ineries and vineyards are scattered throughout the Columbia Basin among potato, wheat, pear, apple and a variety of other agricultural land. In recent years, the area has become known for its wines and competes with other wine-producing regions around the globe. The dry summers and slightly acidic soils make the area perfect for growing grapes that have just the right bit of sweet or tart flavors for a variety of wine options.

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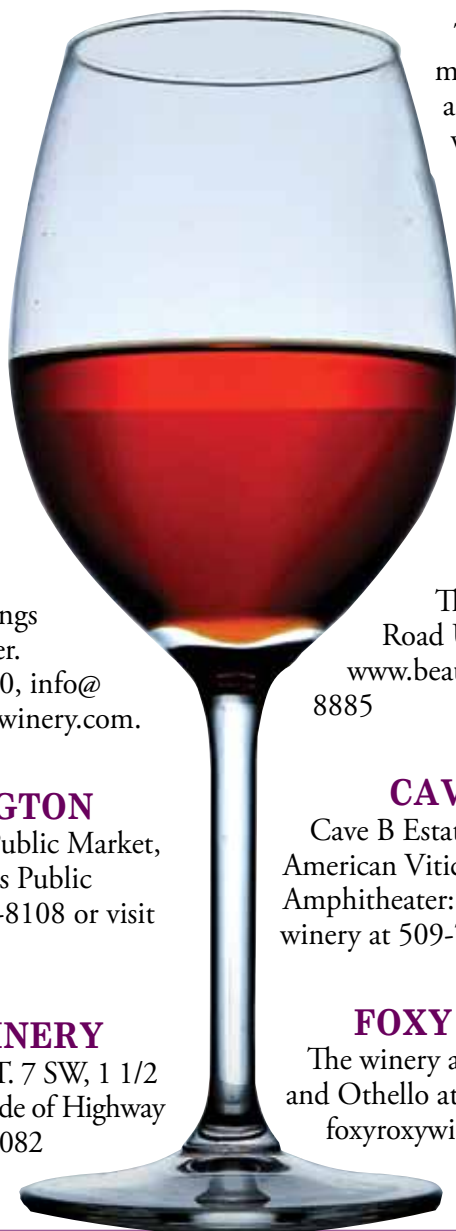
The winery and tasting room at 8634 Road U NW, Quincy. For information, visit [www.beaumontcellars.com](http://www.beaumontcellars.com) or contact (509) 717-8885

### **CAVE B ESTATE WINERY**

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### **FOXY ROXY WINE COMPANY**

The winery and vineyards are between Royal City and Othello at 3744 Highway 26. More at [www.foxyroxywines.com](http://www.foxyroxywines.com) or 509-989-0760.



Winery with his wife Dianne Stewart and their son Chris Daniel Stewart, the winery's namesake and the vintner at Chris Daniel Winery just south of Quincy. The winery offers everything a wine connoisseur might expect. They offer regular wine tastings during the summer, a wine club, chocolate pairings and similar events and a venue to hold special occasions.

"We do wine club dinners," Stewart said. "We have a friend who's a French chef, and he cooks for us and we pair our wines with (his meals)."

The winery also offers painting events where visitors drink a glass of their favorite vintage and are walked through how to paint a picture.

The favorite vintage may help folks be creative, but to the Stewarts, it's serious business. Chris Daniel Winery offers 12 wines from more affordable viognier and chardonnay to petit Verdot and a cabernet sauvignon. All of the wines are affordable at \$40 a bottle or less, and can be obtained through the Chris Daniel Winery's club, Stewart said.

While Michael says he loves all of the wines the family produces from locally-sourced grapes, he does have a fondness for last year's new arrival to the winery, their inaugural Sangiovese – which uses a grape originally cultivated in Italy – and their rosé.

Michael said he and his son were traveling in Europe when they came up with the idea of starting their own winery. He is a consultant with various growers in the Columbia Basin, helping them ensure their grape crops are healthy and solid – something that gives him an advantage when choosing grapes for the winery. His son had gotten his degree in viticulture and enology at Washington State University and studied abroad in Chile, France and continues to refine his craft in California's Napa Valley.

"(Chris) was in France, and when he finished working there, I flew over and met him and we kind of backpacked around. ... And we started talking about starting the winery. And because his skill set had kind of gotten to the point where it was, I was comfortable he could make wine on his own, and we have a place to make wine," Michael said.

The main focuses of their discussions – which Dianne eventually joined in on – were making sure the wines they'd make were high quality and the experiences visitors have at the winery matched the quality of the wine, Michael said.

"We wanted people to have a good experience tasting wine, and we've all tasted wine all over the world, and our best experiences were when we got to talk to somebody that was intimately involved in the winery, whether that's an owner or a winemaker or a family member," Michael said.

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As a result, a visit to Chris Daniel Winery is a personal affair. While they may have staff that help with different events, the family is hands-on.

"When you come here, it's me and my wife or sometimes just one of us, but it's us," Michael said. "And, because we want to tell our story, and show off our wines. So, (visitors) come in and we tell them a little bit about who we are and tell them about Chris and what he does. Then, as we go through each wine, we talk about why that wine is special to us and how it's made."

Michael said the winery is just one of several in the Columbia Basin that people can visit and he encourages people to visit all of them. The people are friendly, he said, and they're all friends working together to make visits memorable for wine aficionados – or newbies; all are welcome. Mostly, he just wants to see people discover what it is about Columbia Basin wines that is so special to him and his family.

"Washington wines are definitely different than California (wines)," Michael said. "I mean, they're just two different styles, generally, but Washington is so unique. You can do a world-class cabernet sauvignon, right next to a world-class chardonnay. That's not normal. That's almost unique in the wine world. We're able to do almost every wine very well, if not great, and that – that gives us a big advantage."

Chris Daniel is located at 2743 Hwy. 283 N., Quincy, and can be reached at 509-398-1417, [chrisdanielwinery@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdanielwinery@gmail.com). Their website is [www.chrisdaniel.wine](http://www.chrisdaniel.wine). ■





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## MOSES LAKE AIRSHOW READIES FOR FLIGHT IN 2022

# APPARENT

By Charles H.  
Featherstone



**T**he Moses Lake Airshow had only just gotten started when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, throwing a wrench into attempts to make the event an annual Father's Day weekend draw.

But with pandemic restrictions looking to be a thing of the past, air show organizers are looking forward to making this year's show bigger and better than ever.

The Airshow is scheduled for Father's Day weekend in 2022. However, unlike the last two air shows, Mueller said this year's show will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, rather than on a Friday and Saturday, because spectators wanted the show on Father's Day itself as a way to celebrate the holiday.

"There were a lot of people in our community that just were not able to come to the air show due to their lives and schedules and things like that," Mueller said. "They couldn't do Friday and Saturday."

The public was vocal about the idea, Mueller said.

"There was kind of a groundswell of support for the idea of being able to bring dad out on Father's Day for the air show. So we're making that change," he added.

Grant County International Airport Director Rich Mueller guides in an Oregon Air National Guard F-15 at the start of the first Moses Lake Airshow in 2019.

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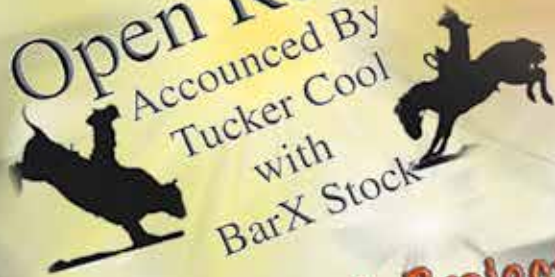


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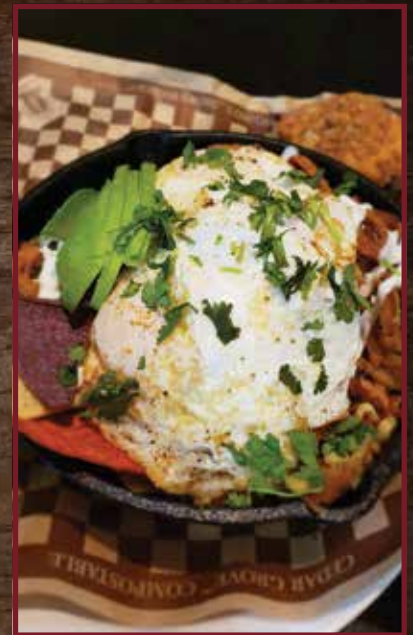
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The event line-up is still being finalized, in large part because things in the world of air shows are so uncertain due to long-term repercussions from the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of that, it's been a tough two years for organizers of large, outdoor mass gatherings like concerts, fairs and even air shows, Mueller said. Aerial performers and show organizers are still uncertain exactly how things are going to sort themselves out, and this presents difficulties and possibilities for a smaller air show like Moses Lake.

"The air show world is still kind of righting itself," Mueller said. "We're in a lot better shape than last year. But it's still kind of getting its equilibrium back from what, frankly, was a real shock."

Still, Mueller said air show organizers are finalizing this year's performer line-up. However, coming back to the 2022 Moses Lake Airshow are Tom Larkin, former U.S. Air Force F-15 pilot and instructor and owner of

a JSX-2 Subsonex mini-jet; and Kyle Fowler of Go-EZ Acrobatics in his oddly-shaped Rutan Long EZ; the Undaunted Airshows team of Todd Rudberg and Stephen Christopher.

Scheduled to join them this year is Canadian pilot Mike Tryggvason of 10G Aerosports, Mueller said.

The remaining lineup will be published as soon as it's available, Mueller said. The chaos of the pandemic offers some

RIGHT: Aerobatics performing team Undaunted Airshows, consisting of pilots Todd Rudberg and Stephen Christopher, performing in the skies above the Grant County International Airport at the 2021 Moses Lake Airshow in May 2021. Undaunted Airshows is scheduled to perform again at the 2022 airshow..

ABOVE: Tom Larkin and his Subsonex JSX-2 mini-jet at the 2021 Moses Lake Airshow. Larkin is scheduled to return with his mini-jet to the 2022 Moses Lake Airshow, which is scheduled to be held Father's Weekend, May 18-19.

*Charles H. Featherstone photos*





opportunities that could lead to some surprises in Moses Lake this June.

“There’s a lot of shuffling going on right now,” Mueller said. “So we’re trying to take advantage of that to bring some of the players that maybe we wouldn’t be able to get normally but because of other air shows having complications.”

As in 2021, spectators will drive out onto the air field and park in order to watch this year’s show. That means that alcohol will not be allowed — cars, airports and drinking do not mix, Mueller said — but with the end of any pandemic restrictions, it will end up being more

like a big tailgate party at a major sporting event.

Unlike the 2021 airshow, there will be vendors selling food, big static displays of airplanes — including the collection of World War II-era aircraft from the Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras, Oregon — flying demonstrations from remote-controlled aircraft and even giving pilots who fly in to see the air show a chance to display their aircraft, Mueller said.

“This goes hand in hand with wanting to bring in people who want to share their love of aviation with

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anybody who wants to come up and talk to them as they're wandering around the air show," Mueller said.

Mueller said organizers are also working this year to simplify ticket prices and help make the Moses Lake Airshow one of the region's premier, late-spring events. He also wanted to thank sponsors, especially Boeing, which is "all in" this year to help make the Moses Lake Airshow happen.

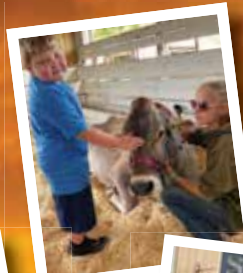
"I really appreciate the way our community has gone about this," Mueller said. "And they deserve the best. So we're gonna give them the best that we can." ■

Kyle Fowler of Go-EX Aerobatics shows off the capabilities of his uniquely shaped 1986 Long EZ aircraft at the Moses Lake Airshow in 2021.

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# RIVER REVELRY

By Cheryl  
Schweizer

## GRANT COUNTY PUD OFFERS RECREATION ACCESS ALONG COLUMBIA SHORE



**T**he Columbia River is a natural attraction on those long summer days. A picnic by the water, a swim off the beach, a day out on the water in the boat all maybe mixed with a few days camping.

Sounds like fun. But where's a good swimming beach picnic spot, boat launch or campground?

Actually, all that is available at campgrounds and recreation areas owned and maintained by the Grant County Public Utility District. Providing recreation facilities is a requirement of the PUD's license to operate Wanapum and Priest Rapids dams.

Jerri Mickle, PUD license implementation supervisor, said the utility offers five campgrounds along the river, three that require reservations for camping.

Campers must reserve a spot at Crescent Bar near Quincy, Sand Hollow near Vantage and the Priest Rapids Recreation Area at Desert Aire. Two other campgrounds, Rocky Coulee north of Vantage and Jackson Creek south of Priest Rapids Dam, do not require reservations. Rocky Coulee is for tent camping only.

Mickle said camping in particular got a boost from the COVID-19 pandemic, and now campsites are in high demand. She used to say the camping season along the Columbia ran from about May 15 to Sept. 15, but not any more.

"We start seeing lots of campers earlier," she said.

Campers start showing up in early April, about the time of spring break – but really, people come camping

year-round, she said.

Utility district recreation staff used to divide the year into three seasons; winter, recreation and a transition.

Now there are just two, winter and recreation.

"We definitely get used in the winter months," Mickle said.

### CRESCENT BAR

The campground at Crescent Bar is open year-round.

Crescent Bar is located about 11 miles southwest of Quincy. Opportunities for recreation, especially spring through fall recreation, have been developed on the shoreline and Crescent Bar Island.

Crescent Bar offers a playground for children, basketball and pickleball courts and a walking trail on Crescent Bar Island. There's a nine-hole golf course, concession stand and a place to rent personal watercraft such as kayaks and paddleboards.

"It's a lot," Mickle said. "There's such a wide variety of things that people can do."

There's an added bonus.

"Most everything is free," Mickle said. "You don't pay to park, you don't pay to launch your boat, you don't pay to use the day use parks."

However, fees are charged for the campgrounds and

Chase and Jennifer  
Gutenberg beat the heat  
on the beach at the Cres-  
cent Bar Recreation Area  
operated by the Grant  
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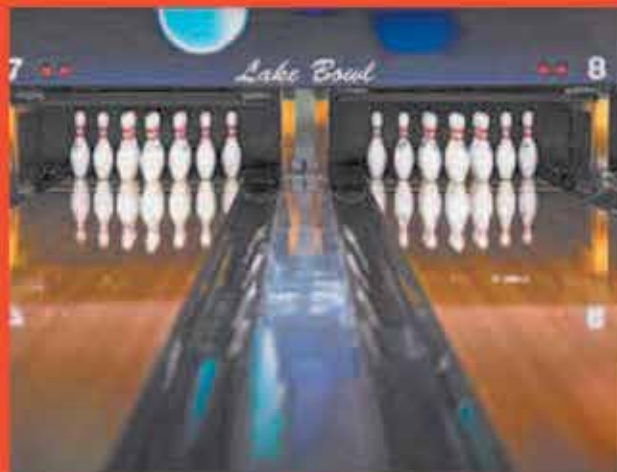




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the golf course, she said.

The recreation area underwent a multi-year renovation, completed in 2018, that expanded and upgraded many of the facilities.

There are two boat launches for boarding and unloading, with room for four boats to launch at once.

“It really decreases the amount of wait time for people who want to launch their boats,” Mickle said.

The on-island boat launch has its own loading and unloading dock. There’s a separate dock for businesses renting watercraft.

The launches also are designed to make it easier for boats to launch even when the water is low. Prior to the upgrades, it could be difficult to launch



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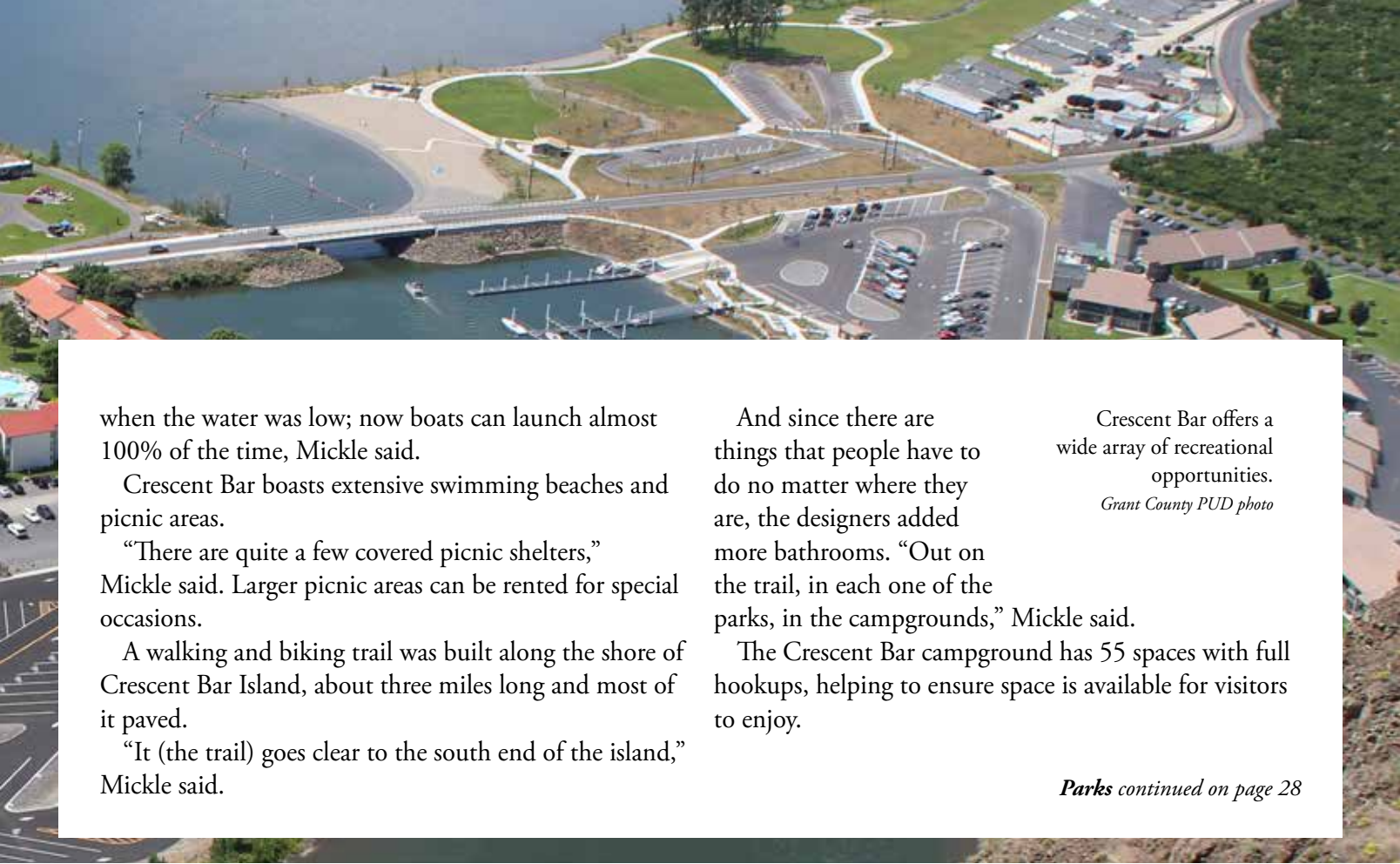
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when the water was low; now boats can launch almost 100% of the time, Mickle said.

Crescent Bar boasts extensive swimming beaches and picnic areas.

“There are quite a few covered picnic shelters,” Mickle said. Larger picnic areas can be rented for special occasions.

A walking and biking trail was built along the shore of Crescent Bar Island, about three miles long and most of it paved.

“It (the trail) goes clear to the south end of the island,” Mickle said.

And since there are things that people have to do no matter where they are, the designers added more bathrooms. “Out on the trail, in each one of the parks, in the campgrounds,” Mickle said.

The Crescent Bar campground has 55 spaces with full hookups, helping to ensure space is available for visitors to enjoy.

Crescent Bar offers a wide array of recreational opportunities.

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“There’s something for everybody. Definitely,” Mickle said.

### SAND HOLLOW AND PRIEST RAPIDS

Sand Hollow is about four miles south of Vantage on Interstate 90, on the east bank of the Columbia River. Its sandy – and large – swimming beaches are a popular attraction, along with its riverbank walking trail and large day-use area. The day-use portion includes some covered picnic areas. Sand Hollow has about 30 spaces for campers, some of which are accessible for people with limited mobility.

The Priest Rapids Recreation Area is along the riverbank at Desert Aire, about 22 miles south of Vantage. It too has a riverbank walking trail and covered picnic areas. It also sports a boat launch and about 15 campsites.

Mickle said outdoor recreation has increased in popularity in the wake of the pandemic. Many people are looking for an opportunity for fresh air and sunshine without being shoulder-to-shoulder with others.

“We saw a lot of people who had never really

camped before,” she said.

And that popularity doesn’t look like it’s going to change as people have found they enjoy outdoor recreation and family time.

“The pandemic has enlightened people to camping, and they like it,” she said. “They’re coming back in droves.”

The push to work from home showed people they could work anywhere, not just at home. Mickle said the market for camping equipment, especially campers, was red-hot in 2020, and she had expected to see a lot of campers for sale over the winter – but they weren’t.

People have discovered it’s a good way to go on vacation, she said.

Visitors can check campground availability, make reservations and find additional information on the PUD website, [www.grantpud.org/visit-us](http://www.grantpud.org/visit-us).

With all the options the PUD offers, Mickle said there’s one activity that tops her list.

“I’m a sunshine person, so my favorite thing to do is go down and sit on the beach,” she said. ■

Boaters head for the open water of the Columbia River from the Crescent Bar boat launch.

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### CRESCENT BAR

#### **Crescent Bar Golf Course**

8894 Crescent Bar Road NW, 509-787-9516

The 9-hole course stretches southward beside the Columbia River in Crescent Bar. On the western edge of the county and surrounded on three sides by the river, the course boasts vibrant greens and fairways thanks to the ample irrigation. The course is open to the public year-round, weather permitting, and offers discounted seasonal and annual passes.

#### **Sunserra Golf Course**

23572 Sunserra Loop NW, 509-787-4156

Nestled within the Sunserra resort community along the Columbia River sits this 9-hole course with views of basalt cliffs and the river. The course features challenging greens, with approach shots that might almost feel like a PGA event. After a round on this par-3 course, golfers can spend the rest of the day in their choice of water sports.

### DESERT AIRE

#### **Desert Aire Golf Course**

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Nestled next to the Columbia River, Desert Aire Golf Course has been in operation for more than 50 years. The 18-hole course winds through sand and sagebrush, rewarding golfers who can avoid the penalties and pitfalls.

The course has received accolades, including being named one of the highest rated public courses in the region.

### ELECTRIC CITY

#### **Banks Lake Golf & Country Club**

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The northernmost course in the county, Banks Lake Golf Course offers views of the lakeshore and surrounding basalt walls near Electric City. The 18-hole public course boasts well-kept fairways and greens.

### EPHRATA

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### MOSES LAKE

#### **Moses Lake Golf Club**

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Paired with Pillar Rock Grill, the 18-hole private course in Moses Lake has built a tradition, featuring a number of prominent tournaments and championships. The course is known for its “lightning fast” greens and a sandy, desert rough that will penalize golfers who veer off the fairway.

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This well-maintained 18-hole course offers an open landscape and is easily found along Highway 281 in western



The Crescent Bar Golf Course boasts nine holes surrounded on three sides by the Columbia River.  
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Grant County. Golfers of all skill levels can find a suitable challenge for themselves and enjoy a tasty meal at the cafe afterwards. With the RV park beside the course, golfers can come for the day, or stay and play for the whole weekend.

## ROYAL CITY

### Royal Golf Course RV Park

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Enjoying views of the Saddle Mountains won't be hard to do as you traverse the 9-hole course in Royal City. The course has alternate tees available for the back nine to offer the feel of an 18-hole course for golfers. Hole 3, with a pair of water hazards to look out for, is noted as the signature hole golfers look forward to on this course.

## SOAP LAKE

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Just outside of Soap Lake, this 18-hole course is one of the few in the area where golfers will find fairways lined with trees. The private course offers a unique challenge for its members across the 6,638 yard, par 71 course.

## WARDEN

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Originally a private club when it was founded in the early 1960s, the course is now open to the public. The Warden course, like many in the area, offers lush, green fairways that are surrounded by the sagebrush and sand of the desert area. With four tees to choose from, golfers of any skill level can find a challenge before relaxing at the 19th Hole Bar & Grill, or taking a dip in the swimming pool.

# SHOOTING FISH

## MOSES LAKE CARP CLASSIC HAS EYES ON GROWTH

*By Charles H. Featherstone*

**D**isneyland.” That’s how Ty Swartout described Moses Lake. “I grew up coming here. I’m not from Moses Lake, but the West Side, and I like to tell people that this was like Disneyland for me,” Swartout said.

He sat at the large table in the dining room of his Panorama Heights home overlooking a still-frozen Moses Lake cracking behind him.

But his thoughts, as always, are when the weather gets warmer, when he can go fishing and hunting in his favorite place — the place his father brought him to hunt and fish when he was a child.

“I mean, from the time I could barely walk, we would come to Moses Lake, fishing and bird hunting,” Swartout, 57 and a retired Boeing procurement manager, said. “It was a very special place for my dad.”

Swartout said his father never lived to see the home his son built overlooking the lake he loved, but from that home Swartout could see, beginning in the last few summers, a thick green mat of blue-green algae form atop parts of the lake. And he wanted to do something about it.

He read about phosphorus loads, sediments, the effects of wind in churning a very shallow lake. And he also learned about the



Trent Treagle unloads his carp for the weigh in at the Moses Lake Carp Class Tournament in 2021.

*Sam Fletcher photo*



carp, bottom feeders which also stir up the mud on the bottom of the lake, releasing phosphorus and breeding, living and dying in the thousands, providing yet even more nutrients for the blue-green algae.

“I knew about carp tournaments, so I reached out to the Washington Bowfishing Association,” Swartout said. “What if I put together a tournament? On Moses Lake?”

We’ll call it the Moses Lake Carp Classic? And would you support that?”

That was in 2019. This year, 2022 marks the third annual Moses Lake Carp Classic — the event was canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic

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Common carp are found all over the world and can thrive almost anywhere.

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Registration for the tournament begins at 6 a.m. the day of the tournament, and prizes will be awarded for the biggest carp caught, the team that caught the 10 biggest fish (when weighed together), the most carp caught, with a special prize given to the biggest Koi or goldfish caught.

“Believe it or not, some people release goldfish or Koi into our lake,” Swartout said.

Bowfishing is just what it sounds — using a bow and arrows to shoot and catch fish. Kenny Vansteenkist, president of the Washington Bowfishing Association, said he enjoys bow fishing because it’s one of the last unregulated sporting activities in the state.

“It’s year-round, and no license is required,” he said. “This is an invasive species people don’t want in our lakes, and bow fishing is one of the best ways to do that.”

Vansteenkist, a resident of the Tri-Cities area, said he travels several times a year to Moses Lake to take aim at the lake’s carp, including last year’s carp classic, but said the

## LET’S GO FISHIN’

With the arrival of spring, it’s time to get out your pole and net, clean off that boat and get ready to go fishing.

According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, state licenses to catch fish or collect shellfish are needed to catch anything except common carp, crawfish or bullfrogs or the collection of relic shells. In addition, licenses to catch salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut or Puget Sound Dungeness crab will also include a catch record to track your harvest, and must be returned to the department even if you don’t catch anything, according to WDFW’s website.

Licenses can be purchased online at the department’s website (<http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>; you must create an account), by calling the department at 360-902-2464, or by visiting a license dealer.

Freshwater licenses for Washington residents aged 16-69 are \$29.50, \$7.50 for seniors and \$84.50 for non-residents. Licenses are good for the year. For more details on the cost of fishing licenses, check out the WDFW website <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/fishing/types-fees>.

In Adams County, you can buy fishing licenses at the following retailers:

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- The New Mar Don Resort, 8198 Highway 262 SE, Othello, 509-346-2651
- Walmart, 1860 E. Main Street, Othello, 509-488-9295

In Grant County, you can buy a Washington state fishing license at the following locations:

- Ace Hardware, 716 13th Avenue SW, Quincy, 509-787-0480
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weather was so bad that he caught more bow fishing the previous weekend than he did during the tournament.

He also said Moses Lake itself is very shallow in places and that can make it a challenging place to hunt.

“I enjoy going up there, and there is plenty of fish,” he said. “But there are lots of shallow, rocky areas in the lake and that can damage boats.”

Vansteenkist said in the last few years, he’s also seen a lot of bass in areas populated by carp, which is unusual, since carp tend to destroy bass spawning areas when the water’s warm enough for them to spawn.

“Carp are huge, violent fish when they spawn,” he said. “And they can spawn multiple times in a year. Not many fish prey on carp, and one female can lay 1 million eggs.”

While Moses Lake was originally stocked with carp to provide a food source, not many people eat them, Vansteenkist said, because they’re too bony and, as bottom feeders, aren’t very tasty.

“Parts can be super good,” Vansteenkist said. “I will eat catfish out of the river, but if I catch them in the mud, I will throw them back.”

Swartout said they are looking for uses for the carp caught in the classic — one company in Utah is trying to develop and market an organic fertilizer from carp. The carp caught

at this year’s Moses Lake tournament will be used as bait for crawfish trappers, according to the Vansteenkist and Swartout.

“We’re not killing to kill, and they aren’t being wasted,” Vansteenkist said.

Swartout, who has become a bow fisher as a result of his organizing the carp classic, said he has plans for the event. He’d like to see it get bigger, maybe even become a two-day hunt, and possibly even the premier carp hunt in the state of Washington.

“We’re really excited for the tournament this year, a lot. We got some new sponsors, we got new people again,” he said. “I’m praying for good weather, we even have a chance of a possible TV show to come and do a show on it.”

Vansteenkist, who did not compare Moses Lake to Disneyland, did say he is pleased with how the Moses Lake Carp Classic is shaping up as a premier bow fishing event.

“I have no problem changing this to our biggest shoot each year,” he said. ■

Left to right: Trevor Gibson, Gavin Wing, Ty Swartout and Colby Myers claim their wins of most carp and heaviest 10 at the 2021 Moses Lake Carp Classic Tournament.

*Sam Fletcher photo*



# COUNTRY FUN

## LONESTAR TO HEADLINE 2022 GRANT COUNTY FAIR

**T**he veteran country group Lonestar will take to the stage Aug. 18 at the Grant County Fairgrounds. Lonestar is one of the headliners for the 2022 Grant County Fair.

Admission to the concert will be included in the \$10 daily fair admission, but a limited amount of VIP seating will be available also. Tickets for the VIP seating went on sale March 11.

Lonestar is well-known to country music fans, with multiple best-selling singles and albums. The band was formed in 1992 and had their first hit in 1996 with “No News,” the satirical tale of a man who keeps expecting his long-gone girlfriend to come back. Lonestar is probably best known for the 1999 song “Amazed,” off the album “Lonely Grill.”

Fairgrounds manager Jim McKiernan said the band was looking for a date in the Pacific Northwest this summer and the fairgrounds had the date and could pay the fee. A well-known act is more expensive, he said.

“But it was worth it,” he said. “That’s a big one for us. ... I think part of our goal is to get bigger and bigger acts,” he said.

McKiernan said support from the City of Moses Lake and Grant County tourism councils helped attract better-known performers. Fair sponsorships also have

The band Lonestar (from left, Keech Rainwater, Michael Britt, Dean Sams and Drew Womack) will perform in concert Aug. 18 during the Grant County Fair.

*Grant County Fair photo*



increased, he said.

Kameron Marlowe will perform in concert Aug. 19. Marlowe was a contestant on the musical competition show “The Voice” in 2018. His first single, 2019’s “Giving You Up,” is based on an incident in his own life, the breakup with his former fiancée. His new single is “Tequila Talkin’.”

Marlowe has played as the opening act for a number of country music stars, including Lee Brice, Dustin Lynch and Chris Young.

Marlowe’s concert also has VIP seating; tickets will go on sale on March 11.

Music is scheduled Wednesday through Saturday of fair week and will include three tribute bands on Aug. 17. Jukebox Heroes covers the music of Foreigner, the 1970s and 1980s rock band whose biggest hits include “Waiting for a Girl Like You” and “Double Vision.” The band Barracuda plays the music of the Seattle-based 1970s and 1980s band Heart, whose repertoire includes “These Dreams” and “Alone.” The band Stone in Love is a tribute to the 1970s and 1980s band Journey, best known for hits like “Don’t Stop Believin” and “Who’s Crying Now.”

Fairgrounds officials are still working on performers for the Aug. 20 concert, McKiernan said. ■



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*By Cheryl Schweizer*

After a couple of bumpy years, the pool will be open in Moses Lake for summer 2022. And in Quincy, Ephrata and Othello.

The COVID-19 pandemic left every pool in Grant and Adams counties closed and dry in 2020, and with limited

operations in 2021, although pools were open. With the pandemic receding pool hours and operation will be headed back toward normal.

Traditions were upheld, even in the face of the pandemic. It's tradition for the Surf 'n Slide water park in Moses Lake to open Memorial Day weekend, and it will again in 2022. Surf 'n Slide is located at 401 W. Fourth Ave. in McCosh Park.

It's traditional for the start of summer

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Ethan Badajoz (foreground) takes a leap into the water at the Surf 'n Slide water park in Moses Lake while his brother Jayden (background) watches.  
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operations to be tied to the end of the school year in most communities and the pools in the Columbia Basin honor that practice.

The goal at the Splash Zone in Ephrata is to open on the same day as school is dismissed for the summer, said recreation supervisor Josh Johnson. The Splash Zone is tucked back in the park at 780 A St. SE.

The Quincy Aquatic Center is scheduled to open June 17, said Quincy recreation director Russ Harrington. The pool is in the middle of Quincy's East Park, 724 F St. SE.

The Othello Community Pool will be open during the summer, but Opening Day hadn't been determined at press time. The pool is located at 1135 E. Pine St.

But every summer must come to an end, and the pools will close with the end of swim season after Labor Day weekend.

Swimmers can ride a twisty-turny waterslide - ooh, that's quite the splash - at every pool. Zero depth entry is available at all pools for small children who want to play in the shallows, or people who just want to go wading.

Sometimes people just want to get drenched without the whole jumping-in thing, and every pool has a toy for that. That's what those mushrooms are for in Quincy, Othello and at Surf 'n Slide, and that pipey-looking thing at the Splash Zone that spouts water from - well, all over. Oh, that's also what the pipey-looking thing at the Othello pool does, the one with the buckets. The Surf 'n Slide has water jets at the pool's edge and a splash pad.

There are plenty of other toys. People can try the concept of surfing on the Flowrider, and float around and around on an inner tube on the Lazy River at the Surf 'n Slide. There's a rope bridge at the Splash Zone.

For people who want to dry off, Surf 'n Slide has big toys for small children, a beach volleyball court and a lot of grass for people who plan to stay all day. Every pool has plenty of grass for people who want to spread out a blanket and enjoy a summer day.

A boarder does a flip on the Flowrider at the Surf 'n Slide water park.

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The pool at the Quincy Aquatic Center is filled on a summer day.  
*City of Quincy photo*



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Every community pool has some special classes or events planned over the course of the summer. Harrington said Quincy officials want to sponsor a water safety class for families. Johnson said the Splash Zone may plan another “Paws in the Pool” event, allowing people to bring their dogs for a swim right before the pool closes after Labor Day weekend. A “Dive In Movie” is also planned at the Splash Zone, where people can take in a movie at poolside – or go swimming while they watch. The Surf ‘n Slide sponsors Mermaid University, where kids can learn the proper techniques for swimming with a monofin.

All pools charge admission fees, which can be found on the websites for each city. ■

Riders float around the Lazy River at the Surf ‘n Slide water park in Moses Lake.

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# EVENTS

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*Note: This information is correct as of March 2022 and is subject to change.*

## MAY 21

### Moses Lake Carp Classic

Enjoy hunting fish with a bow and arrow? Want to take advantage of one of the last remaining outdoor events that is unlicensed and almost completely unregulated? Want to help improve the quality of the water in Moses Lake by taking out a bottom feeding, algae nutrient-stirring invasive species? The Moses Lake Carp Classic is your hunt. Join bow fishers from across the state and the Pacific Northwest at 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 21 in Connelly Park for an all-day tournament. Prizes will be awarded for catching the biggest fish, catching the greatest number of fish and catching the most fish by weight, with a special prize awarded to anyone who catches a Koi or goldfish. For more information, contact Ty Swartout to 206-459-2342 or swartoutfamily@comcast.net.

## JUNE 18-19

### Moses Lake Airshow

Dads across the world like things that go “vroom!” So what better way to celebrate Father’s Day than by taking dad to the Moses Lake Airshow. This year’s airshow is set for Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 at the Grant County International Airport, and will feature acrobatic demonstrations including Tom Larkin’s mini Jet, Kyle Fowler’s Go EZ Acrobatics Team and Mike Tryggvason’s 10G Aerosports. For more information, including ticket prices, visit [www.moseslakeairshow.com](http://www.moseslakeairshow.com).

## JUNE 18-19

### Soap Lake Hydro Regatta

The 2022 Soap Lake Hydro Regatta will be held June 18-19. The yearly event features Hydroplane races on the lake where boats can hit speeds of 160 miles an hour on the straight-aways. The event is free to the public with multiple locations where the races can be seen from (and even more locations that they can be heard from). The event, which took a 30-year hiatus, returned to the mineral-rich lake in the early 2010s.

## JULY 4

### George 4th of July celebration

The annual City of George 4th of July celebration is an all day affair starting with fun run in the morning called the Cherry Bomb Run. The city park is filled with vendors and booths selling anything and everything from food to handmade decor. Mid morning comes the parade and shortly thereafter is a several hour program that features a live band, local legislative speakers and a flag ceremony. The event attracts people from all over the state, especially for the famous cherry pie (who doesn’t like pie?). The cherry pie has been made for the event every year for the last 40 years and is said to be the largest in the world. To close the day off, the city puts on a professional fireworks show.

## JULY 8-9

### Royal City Summerfest

“Backyard BBQ” is the theme for 2022. A car show, games and tournaments, the annual Glow Run Friday night, and the Summerfest Parade Saturday morning. Free admission.

## AUGUST 16-17

### Northwest Ag Demolition Derby

Rodeo arena at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Drive NE. Heat races at 7 p.m. Two nights of dirt track racing, with specialty races including Australian pursuit, pickup truck racing and a small car demo derby, among others. Heat winners compete for trophies and prizes both nights. Ticket prices TBA.

## AUGUST 18-20

### Moses Lake Roundup

Rodeo arena at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Drive NE. Action starts at 7:30 p.m. Three nights of classic rodeo, including bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing and team roping. Mutton busting (riding sheep) for children. Specialty acts featured each night. Ticket prices TBA. 509-765-6393 [www.moseslakeroundup.com](http://www.moseslakeroundup.com).

## SEPTEMBER 14

### Othello Demolition Derby

Rodeo area at Othello Fairgrounds, 831 S. Reynolds Road. Time trials at 5:30 p.m. Traditional kickoff to the Othello Fair and Rodeo. Heat races, trophy dash, powder puff and Australian pursuit races. Heat winners compete for trophies and prizes. Ticket prices TBA.

## SEPTEMBER 16-17

### Othello PRCA Rodeo

Saddle bronc and bareback riding, bull riding, barrel racing and team roping are among the events. The Othello rodeo also features the Wild Cow Ride, where teams must saddle and ride a wild cow. Ticket prices TBA. 509-488-2604 or [www.othellorodeo.com](http://www.othellorodeo.com)

## OCTOBER 8-29

### Othello Straw Maze

6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights from the second week-end in October to Halloween at the Othello Fairgrounds, 831 S. Reynolds Rd. Non-scary maze from 6 to 7 p.m., scary maze 7-10 p.m. Presented by the Othello Rodeo Association. Spooky lighting, dark dead ends, unsettling noises – wait, is that a chainsaw? – encounters with creepy creatures; the straw maze has been scaring people for more than a decade. There’s an outdoor theater that shows a Halloween movie each night the straw maze is open. Admission TBA. [www.othellorodeo.com](http://www.othellorodeo.com).

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