## 2014 Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo • Highlights

Still hungry after all those candies? Stop by the food court for a variety of flavors and cuisines. New this year is the glazed doughnut cheeseburger!

The food court is located in front of the Bank of the Cascades Center. Shaded tables are provided.



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# Meet the Fair's Candy Man

One of the longest tenured food vendors, Old World Candies is a sweet delight

by Damian Fagan, for The Bulletin Special Projects

You have to love a candy maker who quotes Willy Wonka.

"A chocolatier has to run free, and he has to follow his dreams, and gosh darn the consequences," quoted Bruce Heveran, owner of Old World Candies, Based in Ashland, Heveran doesn't label himself a chocolatier, but he is the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo's Candy Man.

> "My 1040 says 'confectionaire,'" explained Heveran, somewhat tongue in

Definitions aside, this year represents 39 years of Heveran selling sweets at the fair. The Deschutes County Fair is one of 26 fairs or events that Heveran will attend this year.

"What I particularly love about the Deschutes County Fair is the greenery. Being out on the beautiful

lawns and being surrounded by the mountains, it is a particularly attractive location."

Heveran's booth inside the Middle Sister building offers a good representation of his Old World Candies business. He makes chocolate walnut and peanut butter fudges, as well as

peanut brittle. The cooler temperatures inside the building benefits those treats made with butter. He will also have jaw breakers, salt water taffy and lolliops to keep the kids happy.

"Bruce is one of the nicest men you could meet on the planet." said Ross Rogers, Deschutes County Fair marketing director. "Old World Candies is a good solid vendor that folks like and that we like. It is no wonder they've been around for so long."

Though Old World Candies doesn't make a specific treat for the Deschutes County Fair, Heveran records what he sells.

"My number one seller, almost everywhere, is chocolate peanut butter fudge. At the Deschutes County Fair, divinity candies are a very popular one, and pecan rolls are also.

Old World Candies also operates a second booth outside on the main walkway that carries refreshments such as lemonade. snow cones and sodas.

Because Heveran is on the road so much, he doesn't have a website to take online orders.

"When you look at what we do, my business is like 'Simple Simon Met the Pie Man Going to the Fair," said Heveran, who will turn 64 during the fair on July 30.

The old nursery rhyme reference sums up his business – simple and sweet – and is the recipe for success that Heveran has been using for 40 years.

## CARNIVAL DISCOUNTS Wednesday:

Young Life

#### PEPSI DAY

30 percent off all carnival rides ALL DAY, 11 a.m.-close. No coupon required!

#### Thursday: **NEWS CHANNEL 21** & FOX DAY

12 and younger free; bring a canned food item and receive one free carnival ride.

### Friday: THE BULLETIN & MID OREGON CREDIT UNION DAY

All carnival games only \$2 ALL DAY, 11 a.m. to close.

### Sunday: KOHD TV DAY

Carnival Wristband Day for \$25.

# **CLASSIC CARNIVAL RIDES:** THEY'RE FUNTASTIC

by Molly Hover, The Bulletin Special Projects

The world is upside down.

Or perhaps it is just your point of view on the Zipper, the oblong, dizzying ride that is synonymous with any fair, particularly the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo (DCFR).

Funtastic Traveling Shows has been providing entertaining rides like the Zipper to the DCFR since 1975.

"They do the largest fair in the Northwest -- Payallup Fair -- and many major fairs in Oregon," said Dan Despotopulos, director of the Deschutes County Fair.

The long-standing relationship between Funtastic and the DCFR means they have seen the fair grow and expand in location, spirit and popularity.

"The biggest difference between Funtastic Traveling Shows and other carnivals is the people," according to Funtastic's

The clean-cut and friendly staff, as well as their dedication to safety, allow fairgoers to feel at ease, even when facing the prospect of such rides as Zero Gravity. In fact, this staff consists of employees from the local area which, the website mentions, brings jobs to the community and makes this company economical as well as reliable.

The rides are what it's all about, however.

"The most popular rides are the Vertigo because of the height, 100 feet in the air. Second would be the [Super] Orbiter," Ronald Burback, president of Funtastic Rides Inc., said. "Last but not least the Zipper —



as hard core a ride as it gets. If you can handle this one, all other rides are tame."

Of the 24 rides offered to adventure-seekers at the DCFR, there are plenty of new ones to try, including the Cliff Hanger, Tornado, Scrambler, Paratrooper, Fire Brigade and Airport Copters.

The carnival area of the fair is open daily 11 a.m. to close with specials to please everyone. Funtastic's presence at the DCFR is sure to be exhilarating, as always.