



The Fair Facts



WHO CAME?

Last year's attendance was 15,607 on Thursday. This year's attendance was up 8.6% with a total of 16,959 visitors yesterday. This evening Blues Traveler will take the stage in the Grandstand Arena. Tonight's concert marks the end of this year's concert series as we head into our motorsport weekend. Our next admission promotion is scheduled for Sunday (Coats 4 Kids Day). Kids 13 and under will be admitted free with a donated new or gently used coat.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

TODAY IS FRIDAY / PEPSI DAY

- 10:00 All Buildings Open
Farm Animal Experience (North Lawn)
- 10:30 Butter Churning Demo (Steam / Gas)
- 11:00 Oil on Aged Plates Demo (Bay 4)
- Noon Carnival Opens (Mn / S. Lawns)
Portato Accordion Band (N. Stage)
- 1:30 Tanner Azzinnaro (North Stage)
- 2:00 Racing Pigs (North Lawn)
- 2:30 Kids Mutton Bustin (N. of G. Stand)
- 2:45 Garrett Lee and Bartley Band (N Stg)
- 4:00 Paul Isaak / Juggler (North Stage)
- 5:00 Midnight Run (North Stage)
- 6:00 Kids Mutton Bustin' (N of Grandstand)
- 6:15 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
- 7:00 Blues Traveler Concert (Grandstand)
- 6:30 Open Class Sheep Judging (Livestock)
- 8:45 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
- 10:00 Out Buildings / Outside Booths Close
- 10:30 Commercial Buildings Close
- 11:00 Carnival Closes (approximate time)

For a full listing of all entertainment and demos, please see your daily program.

DAILY COMPARISONS

	2012	2011
Day 1	13,563	12,599
Day 2	26,292	25,105
Day 3	18,754	26,760
Day 4	14,199	10,668
Day 5	20,139	15,868
Day 6	17,427	17,001
Day 7	16,959	15,607
Cumulative	127,333	123,608

ASK US

Need to send a fax, send out some mail, or make a few copies? No problem. Incoming faxes (sent to 509-477-8926) are accepted for you and remain in the office for your pickup. Outgoing faxes are \$1.00 per page. Copies can be made at a cost of 25 cents per page. Cash payment for these services is requested at the time of the service. If you need to send out a letter, the mail service drops by the Fair Office around 1:00 p.m. each day and you'll just need to have the letter / package to the Fair Office before that time. If you need to have something sent to you, please have them include your name as well as the booth name (example below):

Your Name / Booth Name
Spokane Interstate Fair
404 N Havana St Ste 1
Spokane Valley WA 99202-4663.

I had someone stop by and state that they were evaluating my booth. Who were they and why?

Members of the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center Advisory Board volunteer to visit each of the commercial booths and to complete an evaluation. These evaluations are used to determine the quality of each booth and its appropriateness for future Interstate Fairs. A copy of the evaluation is placed in each vendor's file and a copy is mailed to each vendor at a later point in time. If the booth attendant is available at the time the evaluator comes around, they will also be asked for their thoughts and suggestions for future fairs. Booths that are new or have changed dramatically from last year will also have a photo taken for their file by a staff member over the next couple of days.

The Interstate Fair takes place at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center which resides in the boundaries of the city limits of Spokane Valley. In regards to Washington State Sales Tax, what is the percentage, what is the reporting code, etc.?

The sales tax rate for our area is 8.7%. The reporting code is 3213 (Spokane Valley). Any booth selling an item must have a Washington State Sales Tax (UBI) Number on file with the Fair Office prior to opening. This number has been provided to the Department of Revenue per their regulations. As a reminder -

Commercial Booths are asked to clarify pricing clearly on signage visible by the guest stating "including tax" or "plus sales tax".

All of the prices listed on food booth agreements and menu boards INCLUDE tax. We will back out the sales tax before our percentage is charged (if you are subject to reporting sales tax).

VENDOR SPLENDOR

ZACK'S ZOO returns for their fourth fair this year and the owners are a husband and wife team - Bob and Madeline Zachariuk.

Their business is a traveling business and they sell their puppets, stuffed animals, toys, Beanie babies and Beanie buddies only at fairs. Their home is in Langley BC. They started the business in 1997 and have participated in the Northwest Washington Fair for 11 years and the Central Washington State Fair for 6 years. They state that they have something for everyone and Madeline states that she is called the "Beanie Lady". Visit them in their booth in Bay 1, Spaces 205 / 206.

LYLO'S is our second vendor to spotlight today...this is their sixth Spokane Interstate Fair. They are located on the Old Food Row (south side) in Space 027 where they sell Asian cuisine. The business was established in 1996 and is family-run. Lylo is passionate about cooking and loves serving people. They also participate in ValleyFest, Pig Out in the Park, and Hoopfest as well as 9 other shows each year. They state that they are pretty well known for really authentic, fresh, homemade food. Last year, Lylo's received the Best Signature Dish Award.

Thanks to both Zack's Zoo and Lylo's for being a part of this year's Spokane Interstate Fair.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

First Aid: Located south of the Main Grandstand and North of Bay 1 (operated by the Spokane Valley Fire Department).

Phones: Located at the east end of the Plaza by the ATM.

Guest Services Booths: The Information / Guest Services Booth is located just inside the west entrance of the Plaza and operated by Spokane Southeast Lions.

Maintenance Needs: Contact the Fair Office.

Lost and Found: Located in the Security Office.

Security Needs: As all event staff / security officers carry radios, contact ANY event staff personnel. If an event staff member cannot be located, please see the personnel in the modular trailer near the Purple Gate.

Vendor Superintendent: Dennis at 370-1345.

WELCOME ABOARD

TASTY BITES (all the way from Woodbury Minnesota) is celebrating its first year at the Spokane Interstate Fair – brought to us by Dale Wakasugi. Tasty Bites is located on the South Lawn (just south of the permanent food buildings) in Space #047. They sell battered deep-fried Wisconsin cheese curds...yum! It is a family-owned business. The owners have an 18+ year background in the pharmaceutical / biotech industry and began the business after being laid off their job in 2008. Tasty Bites has attended the Baseball College World Series in Omaha, Missouri State Fair, and several other State Fairs prior to coming to the Interstate Fair. Following their run here, they will be headed to the Central Washington State Fair in Yakima. What is a cheese curd? They are small chunks of cheese solids that have been separated from the natural whey present in milk but not yet pressed into molds to make cheese. Here at the Fair, they have a light coating and then they are deep-fried. All we know is that the cheese curds are SUPER popular at this year's Fair...so much so that he ran out of product on Wednesday night...but they're back on for today. **Welcome to the Interstate Fair!**

SPECIAL GREETING

Happy Birthday Denise Rains of Subdivision and Terri Webb of Lotion Bars...we hope your day is wonderful!

WHERE AM I ?

"What is this?" Buttercup exclaimed. The pink rosette is next to it.



If you are the first person to find the winning rosette and return it to the Fair Office...a prize awaits you! Yesterday, the rosette was hidden at the Windmill on the South Lawn. The winner was Kyle Davis of Raindrop Raingutters.

PUZZLER WORD LIST

Didn't quite find all 15 words in yesterday's puzzle? Here is the word list to help you finish! Again...Experience the Ride!

Automobile	Plane	Sheep
Bucking Bull	Pony Rides	Roller Coaster
Duck	Rabbit	Tractor
Ferris Wheel	Rasmussen	Trains
Mutton Bustin	September	Zillerator

THE FINAL FORECAST

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 82° Lo: 52°	Hi: 81° Lo: 52°	Hi: 75° Lo: 46°
 Partly Sunny	 Sunny	 Partly Sunny

EXTRA MILE AWARDS

We are continuing to take nominations for Extra Mile Awards. One lucky winner will receive a dinner gift certificate for two and will have their name added to the perpetual plaque in the office. Let's celebrate today's winners!

MICHEAL BANNING...Micheal's nominator states, "He does an excellent job keeping the manure dumpster emptied and is very willing and helpful in the Beef Barn."

JAN CUDO...Nominated by Myron Fuller in the Steam and Gas Area, she is "far outstanding".

BOB FIELD...Bob "takes care of all of the pumpkins, sunflowers, and corn and helps keep everyone happy".

SHIRLEY LOUKS...Her nominator states, "She has a clear sense of the jobs to be done and initiates them – outstanding helper."

BRYAN NEHER...Barb Kunze states that Bryan is "very enthusiastic, helpful to staff and exhibitors, and looks for people to help."

BONNIE SEWELL...Nominated by one of her clerks they state, "Bonnie is the BEST boss that is always there with the right answer. She 'cracks the whip' gently and with a smile."

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Two sisters (one blonde and one brunette) inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull from the stockyard in a far town so that they can breed their own stock. They only have \$600 left. Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home." The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here to haul it home." The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her then adds, "It's 99 cents a word." Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her the word 'comfortable.'" The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable'?" The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly ... com-for-da-bull."

THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

The Spokane County Fair and Expo Center (Home of the Interstate Fair) is truly blessed to have extremely talented individuals working at the facility year-round. With approximately 100+ events held at the facility each year, the "joint is really jumping" and the staff members do a fantastic job of making each event a success. The staff consists of -

Rich Hartzell – Director

Rachelle Buchanan – Office Asst.
Craig Crocker – Facility Manager
Lynn Darrah - Maintenance
Terry Dickinson – Event Prod. Coordinator
Roy Evans – Maintenance
Cory Goltiani - Maintenance
Erin Gurtel – Marketing / Sales Manager
Mark Harris – Event Maint. Coordinator
Jason Hibbs – Trades Specialist
Bill Johnston – Accountant
Greg Knapp - Maintenance
Jessie McLaughlin – Fair Coordinator
Cindy Warner – Office Manager
David Zaro - Maintenance

FROM THE STAFF

Tomorrow, we will be holding two Monster Truck Shows in the Grandstand Arena. Performances will begin at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. For your safety, the area between Blue Gate 4 and 5 (gate south of Grandstand to gate near the campground) will be CLOSED during the entire performance as well as at least ½ hour before and after the show.

If you need to get to the east lot, you will need to travel north of the Grandstand (past the Beer Gardens) and out at Blue Gate 2 (ticket booth in the Livestock Area).

We'd like to "pre-thank" the food vendors that will be hosting the Ambassadors on Saturday and Sunday. To all of those that have participated in the program this year...thanks just aren't enough. You're amazing!

Saturday Lunch – El Katif
Saturday Dinner – Huli Huli Chicken
Saturday Snack – Shepard's Ice Cream

Sunday Lunch – Pizza Rita
Sunday Snack – Charlie's Cheesecakes
Sunday Dinner – Berryhill's Concessions

Director - Rich Hartzell
Fair Coordinator - Jessica McLaughlin, CFE
Facility Manager – Craig Crocker

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