



# The Fair Facts



## WHO CAME?

**T**oday we open the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Spokane Interstate Fair and look to have 200,000 guests come through the gates. Tonight, the PRCA Rodeo contestants vie for the top score / time in the Grandstand beginning at 7 p.m. It is Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night at the rodeo. Show your support for breast cancer awareness by wearing pink. Last year, the Fair concluded with 178,270 attendees. Lots of new things this year for our guests to see and do over the next ten days including 4 nights of concerts in the Grandstand...Turnip the Jam!

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

### TODAY IS

#### DAVE SMITH JEEP DAY

Also Celebrating Tough Enough to Wear Pink

- 9:30 Grand Opening Event (Main Gate)
- 10:00 All Buildings Open
  - Gent's Club Car Show (Main Gate)
- Noon Kiddyland Carnival Opens (S. Lwn)
  - Professor Smart (Family Fun Stage)
- 1:00 Kids Mutton Bustin' (N of G.Stand)
- 2:30 Sea Lion Encounter (North Lawn)
- 3:00 Main Carnival Opens (Main Lawn)
- 3:30 Britnee Kellogg / Vocalist (N. Stage)
- 6:00 Drop-In Painting Class (Bay 4)
  - Goat Grooming Contest (Goat Barn)
- 7:00 P.R.C.A. Rodeo (Grandstand)
- 8:00 Racing Pigs (North Lawn)
- 9:00 Kicho / Acoustic Soloist (Beer Grdn)
- 9:15 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 entertainers, please see your daily program.

## FROM THE STAFF

What makes the Interstate Fair special each year? YOU! If you've ever been on the grounds after the last guest leaves, it is very quiet and a little eerie to see the rides stilled, vendor tents empty, exhibit building doors rolled down, and the food trailers closed. In contrast, when the next morning rolls around and everything is brought back to "life", it happens because you breathe that life back into it; you bring the magic to our guests; you make memories for those attending. We have missed you and the magic you bring to our 97 acres here on the corner of Broadway and Havana. We are so glad that YOU are here and we look forward to a fantastic ten days ahead. Thank you for being a part of the 2018 Spokane Interstate Fair!

## ASK US

### WHAT are this year's gate promotions and the Grandstand line-up?

**Today** – PRCA Rodeo at 7:00 p.m. (Tough Enough to Wear Pink). One dollar of each purchased rodeo ticket this evening will be donated to Because There is Hope. Elementary school tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m. and they'll begin at the Train Gate on the south side of the Fair. Also those arriving in a JEEP today, the driver will receive free admission courtesy of Dave Smith Jeep.

**Saturday** – PRCA Rodeo at 7:00 p.m.

**Monday** – Senior Day in which guests 65 and over will be admitted free. Old Dominion Concert at 7:00 p.m. Elementary school tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday** – Patriot's Day in which police, fire, and members of the military will be admitted free. Josh Turner Concert at 7:00 p.m. Elementary school tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday** – Jeff Foxworthy at 7:00 p.m. Elementary school tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday** – The Nixon Rodeo Band at 7:00 p.m. School tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m. and they'll begin again at Train Gate.

**Friday** – Pacific Pro Pulling Series Truck and Tractor Pulls at 7:00 p.m. Elementary school tours on the grounds from 10 to 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday** – Demolition Derby at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday** – Demolition Derby at 4:00 p.m. Coats for Kids. Children 13 and under donating a new or gently used coat will receive free admission.

### Is there Wi-Fi service available here at the Fair? If so, how do I access it?

It's Official! The Fair and Expo Center has FREE Wi-Fi in the buildings and outside (the buildings do tend to have stronger signal). There are three levels of FREE service.

1. **Fair Public Wi-Fi** – No password required.
2. **Fair Vendor Wi-Fi** – **Login:** vendor **Password:** Password01
3. **Secure Vendor Network** – if you are processing credit cards, this is the network for you. Please visit the Fair Office (located next to the Main Gate) between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to get the password and sign the user agreement form for the use of this network.

### Parking changes tomorrow and Sunday?

It does...Are you prepared? All spaces in the Main, West, and South Lot are \$5.00 per car. Only those vendors with a hanging parking pass will receive free parking in the STA Lot on Saturday and Sunday and spaces are first-come, first-serve. Did your booth miss getting parking passes? Stop by the Fair Office today.

## VENDOR SPLENDOR

**T**he 2018 Spokane Interstate Fair Vendors are absolutely the cream of the crop and we are so excited to be partnering with all of you again. In future editions, this portion of the newsletter will feature some of our returning vendors allowing us the opportunity to get to know them and their product / service even better. We would be remiss if we did not thank our tremendous Food Vendors for their continued support of our Fair Ambassador Program. Thank you so much!

- Today – Leonardo's Bistro (lunch)
  - Spokane Catering (dinner)
  - Pennsylvania Dutch Funnel Cake (snack)
- Saturday – Fair Food Contest (lunch)
  - Greater Spokane Valley Rotary (dinner)
  - H & H Blue Vending Ice Cream (snack)
- Sunday – A & W Root Beer (lunch)
  - Island Noodles (dinner)
  - Elle's Huckleberry (snack)
- Monday – Pizza Rita (lunch)
  - MacDaddy's Gourmet Grub (dinner)
  - Moonshriners (snack)
- Tuesday – H & H Blue Vending Dog House (lunch)
  - Azar's Greek (dinner)
  - Big Bear Chocolates (snack)
- Wed. – Philly Express (lunch)
  - Subdivision (dinner)
  - Azar's Sweet Treats (snack)
- Thursday – Taste of Italy (lunch)
  - Lylo's Teriyaki (dinner)
  - Spokandy (snack)
- Friday – El Katif (lunch)
  - Baja Bowl (dinner)
  - Lonnie's Tropical Snow (snack)
- Saturday – Bartlett's Bakers Dozen (lunch)
  - Berryhill's (dinner)
  - Old Fashioned Kettle Corn (snack)
- Sunday – Spokane Valley Kiwanis (lunch)
  - Mary Lou's Ice Cream (snack)
  - VFW (dinner)

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**First Aid:** Located south of the Main Grandstand and northwest 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:** Information / guest services booths are located just inside the west entrance of the Plaza (operated by the Kiwanis of East Spokane).

**Janitorial Needs:** Contact 509.342.6577.

**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 call 509.998.4595 (Purple Gate Modular Trailer).

**Vendor Superintendent:** Dennis at 509.992.6504.

## WELCOME ABOARD

**J**ust as "Vendor Splendor" features some of our returning vendors in each issue, this section will feature some of our NEW vendors. Today, we wanted to provide you with a list of this year's new vendors so that you can help them feel welcome and a part of our wonderful "Fair Family". We look forward to getting to know our new family members more in future editions and we want to thank each of you for joining us this year! We wish you the best run possible!

### Bay 1

Christian Business Community LLC (242)  
Dot's Soul Food (211)  
Genuine Real Leaf / Aaron McKee (320)  
Jemm's Gifts (249)  
Jimmy's Roofing (316)  
Leather Inspired (309)  
New Horizons / Computer Solutions (266)  
Norwex (241)  
Ocean Charms (210)  
Sun Cal Products (319)

### Bay 2 / Plaza / Other

All Medicare Solutions LLC (351)  
B West (382 / 383)  
Color Street Nails (360)  
Dogology (375)  
Emily Farish Acupuncture (376)  
Hope Outfitters (Plaza P14 / P14A)  
Inland NW Wildlife & Ag Cooperative (391)  
Lularoe with Kassie Gallarda (359)  
Mobile One LLC / T-Mobile (363)  
Profile by Sanford (Plaza P3)  
RVs Northwest Rentals (Plaza P6)  
Senoritas Unique Jewelry (384 / 385)  
Spokane Co Master Gardeners (Ag A)

### Outside

509 Metal Works LLC (114)  
Boilermakers Local 242 (082)  
E-Photobuttons.com (103)  
EV of Washington LLC (105)  
Henrys General Construction LLC (074A)  
Hollywood Light Up Gear (118)  
PNW Journey (115)  
Premier Portable Buildings (075)  
Sand Buds (117)  
Solgen Power (124)  
Spokane Public Library (106)  
Tidy's Beautiful Bins LLC (125)  
Whisman Globle (063)

### Food

Azar's Sweet Treats (038)  
Many new food items in returning booths as well!

### Also New !!

There's a HUGE tent down on the South Lawn where the Petting Zoo was last year. Many of you may remember the Familyville Stage that used to be located on the South Lawn. It has been missed (as well as the entertainment that it housed) and so we've changed it up! Jest in Time / Topper Todd joins us this year with his super beautiful tent. Two shows will alternate throughout the day under the big top; Professor Smart and Cirque Zuma Zuma. On occasion, other family acts will be joining the line-up. This year, the Family Fun Stage is sponsored by Premera Blue Cross! Please be sure to stop in and check out the super fun performances.

## RED, WHITE, AND BLUE AWARDS

**T**HE Interstate Fair is proud to recognize four outstanding booth displays. The Red, White, and Blue Awards come with a \$100 credit towards the winners' 2019 booth space rental or food deposit. The booth identified as incorporating this year's Fair theme (Lettuce Turnip the Jam) into their display the best will receive a \$250 credit. The awards are:

1. Best Food Booth
2. Best Inside Commercial Booth
3. Best Outdoor Commercial Booth
4. Best Incorporation of the Fair Theme

**Register** – Registration forms are available in the Fair Office. This form must be completed and returned prior to 6 p.m. Sunday (9/9).

**Criteria** - All of the areas that would be found on a booth review form are considered when judging including Booth Cleanliness, Friendly / Prompt Service, Identifying Signage, Lighting, Employee Appearance, and Overall Impression.

There is a tie-breaker in place, it is how well your staff engages the public. Thank you for incorporating fun and excellence into each of your displays. Good luck! The 2017 winners were Big Bear Chocolates (Food Vendor), Jamberry (Outside), Me Designz (Inside), and Escape ET (Fair Theme Incorporation).

## SPECIAL GREETINGS



If you know of someone in our Fair Family celebrating something special, please let us know so that we can include them in future editions of the *Fair Facts*.

## WHERE AM I ?

We love playing (one of Fish Philosophy's core principles). Each morning the Fair Facts provides clues to a hidden rosette on the grounds in this section. We also attempt to deliver the newsletter to different locations first each morning to give everyone a fair opportunity. What a great way to get out and explore areas other than your own.

The first person to bring the rosette into the Fair Office will win a 2018 Fair T-Shirt. Additionally, we'll print your name and booth name in the following day's edition giving you a "Shout Out". To make it fair, we do have a couple of rules to follow -

1. Only vendors and their employees are allowed to play upon receiving the newsletter in the morning. Each booth can win only ONCE. Remember... Superintendents, volunteers assisting Superintendents, and Employees may not play until Noon.
2. You will not need to enter anyone's booth or display area to obtain the special rosette. Remember...The fun begins tomorrow!

## THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

**B**ecause of our AMAZING sponsors, we get to have some of the best entertainment in our Grandstand each year as well as fantastic events throughout the grounds. We cannot say "thank you" enough and appreciate their continued support over the years. Again, thank you SPONSORS for joining us this year in making magic happen! If you are interested in being a sponsor in 2019, please contact Mary Kae or Angie at 777-1120!

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