



# The Fair Facts



## WHO CAME?

**F**acebook videos of last night's rodeo performance have been posted time and time again – easy to imagine with 4,589 fans attending last night (selling out the show). Much of the buzz came from the performances of the Cowgirl Sweethearts brought to us this year through a sponsorship from our friends at Wheatland Bank. Were they ever great! Such excitement on the grounds as well with 29,508 in attendance. We hope that each of you had a tremendous day as well! Our concert series will begin on Monday evening with Old Dominion. Senior Day is tomorrow as well in which guests 65 and over will be admitted free.

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

- 10:00 All Buildings Open
- 11:00 Make & Take Kids Crafts (Bay 3)
- 12:00 Butler Carnival Opens (Mn / S Lwns)
- 1:00 Newspaper 101: Local Media 2018 with Spokesman Editor Rob Curley
- 1:00 Drop-In Painting Class (Bay 4)



- 2:00 Yth Market Stock Auction (Hog Barn)
- 3:00 Lego Build-Off Contest (4-H Bldg) Make & Take Kids Crafts (Bay 3)
- 4:00 How to Tell Your Story with Spokesman Editor Rob Curley Racing Pigs (North Lawn)
- 5:00 Sea Lion Encounter (North Lawn) Briana Renea / Vocalist (N.Stage)
- 6:15 Kids Mutton Bustin' (N of G.Stand)
- 9:15 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
- 10:00 All Buildings / Booths Close
- 10:30 Carnival Closes (approximate time)

For a full listing of all entertainers, please see your daily program.

## DAILY COMPARISONS

	2018	2017
Day 1	13,371	9,308
Day 2	29,508	25,150
Day 3		17,988
Day 4		10,476
Day 5		19,722
Day 6		12,583
Day 7		13,018
Day 8		17,284
Day 9		32,419
Day 10		20,322
<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>42,879</b>	<b>178,270</b>

## ASK US

**I**s there a fine or penalty for vendors that open their booths late and/or leave early? Also, could you clarify the closing hours?

Funny story, we were sent a photo yesterday of a booth that was left unstaffed at 5:30 p.m. Yep...your neighbors noticed and let us know. There is indeed a fine for booths that are not opened on time, closed early, and/or left unstaffed. ALL booths (inside, outside, commercial, and food) are to be open and operating at 10:00 a.m. Closing times are 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights in Bay 1, Bay 2, and the Plaza. Closing times during the remainder of the fair in those areas is 10:00 p.m. Bays 3 and 4 as well as outside booths (including most food booths) have a 10:00 p.m. closing time (even Fridays and Saturdays). On the final day of the fair (Sunday, Sept. 16), the closing time for all booths is 8:00 p.m. By leaving your booth unstaffed, you are putting the items in your booth at risk for theft and damage AND you are missing out on potential sales. Those not adhering to the times as outlined in your agreement may be fined \$50 and an invitation to attend future fairs may not be extended. To clarify -

### Tonight through Thursday Night Closing Time

- 10:00 p.m. – All Buildings and Outside Booths

### Friday and Saturday Night Closing Times

- 10:30 p.m. – Bays 1 and 2 (and Plaza)
- 10:00 p.m. - Livestock Buildings, Bays 3 and 4, Outside Commercial and Food Vendors

### September 16 (Final Night) Closing Time

- 8:00 p.m. – Everyone including Carnival areas

**Does the Fair have a “will call” booth where I can leave a few tickets for some of my workers / volunteers to get in with?**

We do have a “will call” service. It has changed, however, to a new location this year. Will call is now located at the Main Gate in the most southern ticket booth. The booth is accessed from the Main Parking Lot. To leave a ticket in Will Call, bring the ticket(s) in an envelope with the person's name and booth clearly written on the front to the Fair Office. Each person MUST have their own envelope. This is also a change as previously we distributed tickets to individuals that were lumped together under one company / booth. To reiterate, each person must have their own envelope with their name clearly written on the outside for their tickets this year when leaving them in will call. The booth is open all day for your convenience.

**I've seen some t-shirts with the Fair logo on them? Where can I purchase them?**

We will not be reordering any additional t-shirts this year so once they are gone, that's it. This year's theme lent itself to great artwork and the shirt color choices are outstanding! By the way, is it truly navy? Nope, check it close and it is purple and black threads. Stop by the Fair Office between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to purchase yours today!

## VENDOR SPLENDOR

**R**EBATH / IDAHO BATH SOLUTIONS has been with us now for 9 years. They are located in Bay 2, Spaces 352 / 353.

Their website reminds us that they are “Part of a national company that has been remodeling and installing quality bathrooms for nearly 40 years. We aim to continue those high standards for homeowners in the region. Our contractors can help you make smart design decisions so that you'll get the bathroom of your dreams. Our proprietary products feature a lifetime warranty, and we provide an aftercare program for post-installation support. We also offer a one-time transfer of warranty, so the products will remain protected even if you sell the home. This feature can help you improve the resale value of your property.”

During the year, they are found locally at 12926 E Indiana Ave #3 in the Spokane Valley. Their installations are certified and guaranteed. Every franchise is ADA compliant and many are Certified Aging in Place Specialists. Their products are manufactured in the USA. Their installation professionals are licensed and fully insured and they offer a lifetime warranty on their products.

Welcome back to this year's fair! For more information stop by their booth or visit their website at rebathspokane.com.

## SPECIAL GREETINGS

Happy Birthday Superintendent Wayne Brokaw and Vendor Toy Anderson. Enjoy your special day!

## EMERGENCY LOCATIONS

**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.

## MARKET STOCK AUCTION

**I**s your freezer in need of some home-grown meat? If there isn't room in your freezer, would you consider supporting Inland Empire youth? The Spokane Interstate Livestock Booster Club will host the 2018 Youth Market Stock Auction at 2:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn. Youth exhibitors from all over the region have spent months raising lambs, goats, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, hogs, and steers. The kids have spent the past two days showing these animals and have been awarded Blue, Red, or White ribbons for their efforts. The best of these animals, those achieving a Blue or Red ribbon are given the opportunity to enter the sale ring for the market stock auction.

If purchasing quality home-grown meat and/or supporting children from the Inland Empire appeals to you, please stop by the Swine Barn before 2:00 p.m. to obtain your buyer number. The sale is open to everyone! If you've never been to a market sale, here are the options you will have -

1. You can purchase an animal and have it sent to your favorite processing plant to fill your freezer.
2. You can "turn" an animal. In each species, someone has volunteered to "floor" the animals meaning that the animal will be a certain price per pound guaranteed to the youth owner. If you "turn" an animal, you pay just the amount above the floor price and the animal will go to the person who "floored" the sale. The difference you pay is (in essence) a donation to the youth owner.
3. You can purchase an animal and take it home.
4. You can donate general support money which will be divided between the kids.

This year market animals will be sold in the following order - Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, then rabbits. The Grand Champion sells first in their species. Every dollar spent at this auction helps youth from our area...please show your support!

## WHERE AM I ?

*Usually used only the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of fair;  
Without critters this year, a little bare.  
But alas, bright and colorful we are now,  
The artist should definitely take a bow!*

*I'm guessing this will be found by 2 percent,  
Maybe the cream of the crop got the hint.*

If you're the first person to the Fair Office with the special pink rosette you will receive a prize.

The rosette was found yesterday by Al Bendle. The rosette was on the shed housing the paper mache animals in Bay 3.

Thank you, again, Tuff Shed for loaning us this beautiful shed to keep our "little critters" safe.

## MISSION STATEMENT

As one of Spokane's largest annual events, the Interstate Fair strives to be a place where one can visit the past, explore the future, and enjoy the wonders of the present in a single location by:

- Promoting public education related to our agricultural heritage;
- Serving as a showcase of the talents of our community by providing a means of education, exhibit, and competition;
- Promoting family-oriented entertainment and activities;
- Providing superior customer service and an enjoyable experience;
- Recognizing the vast cultural diversity of our participants and visitors;
- Providing commercial opportunities that showcase information and new products related to agriculture, outdoor living, and other local interests;
- Being innovative and creative in planning and growth in a secure and fiscally responsible way; and
- Providing a safe and friendly environment.

## THIS YEAR'S ARTWORK

We partnered with Graphic Designer Michael Bagley in bringing this year's fair theme "Lettuce Turnip the Jam" to life. The characters are truly a joy and have been so much fun to work with on various publications. With fun names like Tina Turnip and Pearla Jam...they took on a "life of their own". When we first saw the artwork, we knew something was missing but Michael, in his wisdom, stated that it needed a blue ribbon behind the characters to represent the fair. Thank you, Michael, for another great year! You are truly amazing!



## WEATHER FORECAST

### Today – Sunday 9/9

High 76 / Low 53, mostly sunny

### Monday – 9/10

High 71 / Low 48, partly cloudy

### Tuesday – 9/11

High 68 / Low 45, partly cloudy

### Wednesday – 9/12

High 68 / Low 45, partly cloudy

## BEST OF THE FAIR FOOD CONTEST

Holy cow what a great representation of the creative natures of our food vendors at yesterday's Best of the Fair Food contest! The judges raved about the dishes and were in awe at the creations this year! Congratulations!

**DEEP-FRIED** – Cheese Curds with Red Pepper Siracha Ranch Sauce (\$5) from Philly Express located on the South Lawn, Space 046.

**DESSERT** – Deep Fried Cookie Dough (\$10) at Azar's Sweet Tooth located on the North Lawn (Space 038A).



**MOST CREATIVE** – Cinnamon Apple Fries with Caramel and Cream (\$8) at Mary Lou's located on Food Row (Space 024).



**SIGNATURE DISH** – Fresh Grilled Salmon with Cuban Congri and Fresh Salsa (\$12) from Leonardo's Bisto located on Food Row, Spaces 029 / 030.

The 2018 judges were Danielle Gonzalez (Tres Peaks Restaurant), Carl LaPrath (Kalico Kitchen), and Cynthia Monroe (Pantry Fuel). This year's entries consisted of 30 absolutely AWESOME dishes.

The Fair's Facebook page has been updated with the names of the winners (along with photos of their entries). A press release went out yesterday as well. This year's winning banners are purple. Thank you to those who participated in this year's contest...you are all winners!

## THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

Have you seen any of the Fair's volunteers, staff, or superintendents going the "Extra Mile" this year? They all do a great job but sometimes there is someone that goes above and beyond. Help us recognize them but letting us know in the Fair Office!

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

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