



The Fair Facts



WHO CAME?

TODAY all guests 65 and over are invited to attend the Fair at no charge. Today through Thursday pay-one-price bracelets are just \$30. TOMORROW is Patriot's Day. Tonight is Old Dominion with Brandon Lay in the Grandstand beginning at 7:00 p.m. Additional grandstand events include Josh Turner Tuesday night, stand-up comedian Jeff Foxworthy Wednesday night, and the Nixon Rodeo Band Thursday night. The attendance yesterday was 21,426 compared to 17,988 in 2017. Lettuce Turnip the Jam!

AROUND THE GROUNDS

TODAY IS SENIOR DAY

- 10:00 All Buildings Open
FFA Tractor Driving Contest (Sth Lwn)
FFA Livestock Judging (Barns)
- 11:00 Senior Activities (N Lawn Pavilion)
Until 3:00 p.m. (FREE)
- Noon Kiddy Carnival Opens (South Lawn)
- 2:00 Antique Tractor Pull (S of G.Stand)
- 2:30 How to Take Good Fair Photos (Ag B)
- 3:00 Main Carnival Opens (Main Lawn)
- 5:00 Youth Round Robin Finals (Livestock)
- 6:00 Drop-In Painting Class (Bay 4)



- 7:00 Old Dominion Concert (Grandstand)
- 7:30 Branch and Dean (North Stage)
- 8:45 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
- 10:00 All Buildings / Booths Close
- 10:30 Carnival Closes (approximate time)

For a full listing of all entertainers on the North Stage, as well as grounds acts, etc., please see your daily program.

DAILY COMPARISONS

	2018	2017
Day 1	13,371	9,308
Day 2	29,508	25,150
Day 3	21,426	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
Cumulative	64,305	178,270

ASK US

What are the Fair's Office hours and what types of services do you provide?

The Fair Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (this is a change from previous years). During those hours we are happy to receive incoming faxes (sent to 509.477.8926) at no cost to you. Out-going faxes are \$1.00 per page (local or long distance). Copies can be made at a cost of 25 cents per page on white paper. Cash payment for these services is required at the time of the service. Additionally, US Mail is delivered and picked up Monday through Friday at our office around 11:00 a.m. each day and you'll just need to have the letter 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

Is there an area that I can take a quick minute away from the public that is quiet?

The Interstate Fair has rented soft chairs and couches to create an Exhibitor's Lounge. The area is available from 10:00 a.m. to the close of the fair each day and is located on the west end of Bay 1 (accessible through the blue doors on either the north or south end of the hall). Please refrain from using this area to make phone calls or visit with clients as others are trying to rest. If staffing a booth by yourself...don't forget to put out your "Back in 20 Minutes" sign. Please remember that this area is not available until 10:00 a.m.

Am I a smoker and am staffing my booth by myself. How do I find the nearest smoking area?

The Fair's daily program (available at all gates and originally in your vendor packet) has a map in the middle that shows the location of the fair's smoking areas. These areas are used for cigarette smoking and e-cigarette vaping. At no time is vaping or smoking allowed in your booth. Additionally, smoking marijuana products is not permitted anywhere on the grounds. If you are working the booth by yourself, please use your "Back in 20 Minutes" sign.

AMBASSADOR MEAL HOSTS

Food Vendors –Thank you, again, for hosting the Fair Ambassador's meals! They really enjoy visiting your booths and trying your amazing food!

Today – Pizza Rita (lunch), MacDaddy's (dinner), and Moonshriners (snack).

Tuesday – H & H Blue Vending Dog House (lunch), Azar's Greek (dinner), and Big Bear Chocolates (snack).

VENDOR SPLENDOR

ONE of the top three reasons people come to the Fair each year is the FOOD! We've got records dating back to 1980 that include this group and their participation in the Interstate Fair. Returning for another year of fun are the MOONSHRINERS! Mike Harper is again coordinating the efforts of this group and doing a fantastic job! The booth is located on the west end of Food Row in building 013. There they sell elephant ears and drinks. Of course, all of us know that elephant ears are a pie-crust type item, deep fried, with cinnamon and sugar. Believe it or not, some have been overheard discussing how horrible it is that elephants were harmed in making these items (I'm not kidding). Again, one of the beauties of fairs is our opportunity to provide education.

The MOONSHRINERS are part of Shriners International, a sub-group of Free Masonry. Funds raised at the fair each year help support the Shriner's Hospital system. The Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 hospitals across North America that provide excellent, no-cost medical care to children with orthopedic problems and burn injuries. The Moonshriners' website states, "The Moonshriners club had its beginning in 1979 with 10 charter members. It was to be a club that didn't require the purchase of an expensive animal, motor bike, costumes, or expensive makeup. The early beginnings of the club had its adversity, debt, mistakes, and moments of joy. Unsure of what type of Shrine club to be, the club decided to adopt a Hillbilly theme and christened themselves the "Moonshriners".

Thank you for being a part of the Interstate Fair for 39 years and the mission of hope that you spread for children in need!

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

P NW JOURNEY is under the direction of Joe Buchmann and is attending their very first Spokane Interstate Fair with us this year. They are located on the South Lawn in Space 115.

They are locally owned and operated (Spokane and Coeur d'Alene) and the business is run by a close group of family and friends that decided to form a business that they could do together. They state, "We all grew up in the Pacific Northwest and love it here. We decided to put our skills together to create our own line of uniquely designed products to represent this beautiful place. We started with apparel and are now growing into more lifestyle products beginning with our new dry bags." The company has been offering their products on-line since early in 2017 and has just recently branched out to the "fair scene" with their first fair being the North Idaho Fair in August.

They offer Pacific Northwest lifestyle apparel and accessories including shirts, sweatshirts, tank tops, hats, beanies, dry bags, tote bags, stickers, and decals. The hope to become the local face of the PNW!

PNW JOURNEY utilizes the term "Life is Best at 315 Degrees" because on a compass, 315 degrees points to the northwest. One of their primary goals is to create designs that are completely unique or as they state, "Stuff you've never seen before on any other shirts or products." Bigfoot is one of their favorite PNW symbols so they have a lot of Bigfoot designs. They add, "To our surprise, we've learned that there are a TON of Bigfoot fans in the PNW."

Visit their booth and their website at pnwjourney.com. Welcome to the 2018 Spokane Interstate Fair!

EXTRA MILE AWARDS

The Interstate Fair has been formally recognizing the staff and volunteers that were found going above and beyond their roles (hence the term "Extra Mile") since 2006. Over the years, 400 people have been nominated for the award. How are people nominated? It's simple, you obtain a form from the Fair Office and give us the details of what you've seen! We'll then honor them with a special memento and a visit from the Fair Ambassadors. We also give them a shout-out in the *Fair Facts* letting everyone know what a great job they've done.

At the end of the fair, all of the nominees' names are placed into a special drawing for a dinner for two. The overall winner's name is also placed on a special perpetual plaque in the office. Help us find this year's extra milers!

The past winners include:

- 2017 – Jon Martin (Livestock Area)
- 2016 – Lyla Gray (4-H Still Life)
- 2015 – Jan Cuda (Steam & Gas Area Volunteer)
- 2014 – Jami Yocom (Swine Barn Volunteer)
- 2013 – Myron Fuller (Steam & Gas Superintendent)
- 2012 – Jacqueline McFarlen (Bay 4)
- 2011 – Nancy Connors (Kodiak Security)
- 2010 – Suzanne Strong (Goat Barn Volunteer)
- 2009 – Wendell Morrow (Janitorial)
- 2008 – Lynn Cotter (Livestock Office)
- 2007 – Doreen Preuss (Ag Building Clerk)
- 2006 – Susan Murphy (Ag Building Clerk)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



SPECIAL GREETINGS

Happy Birthday 40th Birthday
Windy Daley !!

WHERE AM I ?



Riddles are great but photos are so much more fun! As a reminder, if someone from your booth has been the lucky finder already this year; you are no longer eligible to participate. With photo clues, the rosette that you will need to return will be placed near the items in the photo. Be the first one to return the pink rosette to the Fair Office and you will win a Fair t-shirt.

No winner yesterday (sad face). The rosette was still at the Milking Parlor when we retrieved it at 4:30 p.m.

THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

The Spokane County Fair and Expo Center Advisory Board consists of seven voting members and one youth member appointed by the Spokane County Commissioners.

The Board Members meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. and advise staff and management in all aspects of the Fair as well as the year-round operation of the Expo Center.

If you are interested in applying for a position on the Advisory Board, please contact the Commissioners' Office at 477-2265 – terms open in February.

This year's Chair of the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center Advisory Board is **Clint Branz** - Mr. Branz is a show promoter (Custer Enterprises) and was appointed to represent District 3. He has been a member since 2007.

Wayne Brokaw – Mr. Brokaw was appointed in 2011 to represent District 1. Mr. Brokaw also serves as our Llama Superintendent. Joined the Board in 2011.

Lee Cameron – Mr. Cameron is serving in the At-Large position. Mr. Cameron is in hotel / motel management. He has been a member since 2007.

Kary Gibbs – Ms. Gibbs represents District 2. She is in the banking industry and has an agricultural background. Ms. Gibbs joined the Board in 2012.

Craig Opsal - Mr. Opsal is an electrical engineer for Eastern Washington University. He represents District 1. He has been a member since 2007.

Scott Peterson – Mr. Peterson is employed in the banking industry and was appointed to serve as a representative of District 3 back in 2011.

Jeff Sevigney – Mr. Sevigney represents District 2 and is a Trooper with the Washington State Patrol and has been serving on the Board since 2010.

Emma Torres – Emma was appointed to the Advisory Board as the youth member in 2016. Emma has also served on the Junior Advisory Board. We'll miss her as she graduated in June and is off to a new chapter in her life.

Thank you to all of the Board Members...you truly help to "Make the Fair Happen" each and every year!

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

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