



# The Fair Facts



## WHO CAME?

**T**ODAY is the last day of this year's Fair in which true ride enthusiasts can purchase a discounted pay-one-price bracelet for just \$30. After today, they are \$32. Yesterday, we had 14,028 guests attend the Fair (12,230 in 2017). The Nixon Rodeo Band is in the Grandstand Arena tonight at 7:00 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pulls will begin our motorsports weekend with their show Friday at 7:00 p.m. Saturday is Demolition Derby fun at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday they smash cars again at 4:00 p.m. Sunday's admission special is in conjunction with the Coats 4 Kids Drive. Those bringing a new or gently used coat receive a free admission for a child 13 and under. Have a great day, everyone!

## AROUND THE GROUNDS

### TODAY IS THURSDAY

- 10:00 All Buildings Open
  - Crochet / Knitting Contest (Bay 3)
  - General Store Opens (Steam/Gas)
  - Noon Kiddyland Carnival Opens (S. Lawn)
  - 2:00 Antique Tractor Pull (Steam & Gas)
  - 3:00 Main Carnival Opens (Main Lawn)
  - 4:30 Cirque Zuma Zuma (Family Fun Stg)
  - 5:00 Branch and Dean (North Stage)
  - 6:00 Drop-In Painting Class (Bay 4)
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- 6:15 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (North Stage)
  - 7:00 Nixon Rodeo Band (Grandstand)
  - Sea Lion Encounter (North Lawn)
  - 8:00 Racing Pigs (North Lawn)
  - 8:45 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
  - 10:00 All Buildings / All 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	21,426	17,988
Day 4	18,025	10,476
Day 5	15,823	19,722
Day 6	14,028	12,583
Day 7		13,018
Day 8		17,284
Day 9		32,419
Day 10		20,322
<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>112,181</b>	<b>178,270</b>

## BEST BOOTH AWARDS

**T**HIS year, the following have been selected as this year's best commercial and food booths. Congratulations!

The winner of the **Best Indoor Commercial Booth** is Hope Outfitters. Located in the Plaza in Spaces 014 / 014A, this new booth did a fantastic job with their display and they are always pleasant! Their products are show-stoppers and we found out after the judging, a portion of their proceeds go to charity...for this show their designated charity is Living Water.

The winner of the **Best Outdoor Commercial Booth** is Michael Closson. Located on the South Lawn in Space 112, they are bright, clean, and very professional! We'd like to also give a shout out to Rock n Soul Boot and PNW Journey – they were definitely in the running!

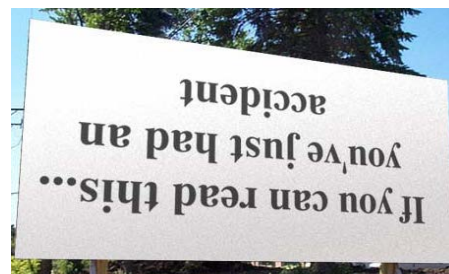
This year's winner for **Best Food Booth** is Moonshiners located in Permanent Food Booth Building 013. The staff is always cheerful, the booth is open on time, and we know just how much work Mike Harper did this year to get his booth clean and ready for the Fair. Thank you, Mike, for the hard work...it shows!

This year's winner for **Best Incorporation of Fair Theme** is Scentsy located in Bay 1, Spaces 293/294. Your themed display piece is very eye-catching! This booth is also bright, well-organized, and the staff is great!

Thank you for taking the time and effort to put together such beautiful booths – the fair guests (your customers) notice your extra touches (and so do we)! Again, congratulations! The *Red, White, and Blue Award* winners each receive a \$100 credit towards their 2019 booth rental / food deposit. The Fair Theme winner will receive a \$250 credit towards next year's booth.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Thought we'd share some funny signs we found!



## VENDOR SPLENDOR

**F**LETCHER FINANCIAL GROUP is with us again this year and located in Bay 1, Spaces 286 / 287. Their contact is Dennis Fletcher and they are celebrating their ninth fair with us this year.

Fletcher Financial Group has been in the insurance business since 1991. Their agency specializes in several types of Health Insurance including -

- Medicare Insurance Plans
- Individual & Family Plans
- Insurance Plans for Small Business
- Life Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Investments & Annuities

They can assist in answering questions on Medicare Advantage, original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Advantage Enrollment Period (and more).

Their website (ffg4insurance.com) states, "Recent changes to Medicare have brought about more healthcare choices for mature Americans than ever before. Today when you are eligible for Medicare you can choose to receive healthcare through the Original Medicare program only; or apply for a Medicare Supplement (Medigap Plan) to fill in the "gaps" in Medicare coverage with few if any co-pays or deductibles."

If looking for some help to make your way through the sometimes difficult to understand Medicare insurance information, contact them at their Spokane Valley Office (2510 N Pines Rd) or in Coeur d' Alene (420 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street). Thank you for participating in this year's Spokane Interstate Fair!



## 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

**I**F you've been on the South Lawn, you might have run across the vendor we are spotlighting today – BOILER MAKERS LOCAL 242. They are located in Space 082.

They were founded in 1861 and list themselves as the "Oldest Union on the Planet". Their official title is International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and Helpers". Their outreach coordinator is George Moore. At the Fair, they are recruiting apprentices that are interested in these fields.

Boilermaker work demands a high degree of technical skill and knowledge, a dedication to excellence, a willingness to study and complete on-the-job training, and an ability to travel from job site to job site to maintain employment. Typical tasks performed by a field construction boilermaker apprentice include rigging materials for movement, directing crane operators, changing crane booms, burning / gouging / welding, interpreting blueprints and much more.

Boilers, dams, power generation plants, storage tanks, and pressure vessels are usually mammoth in size; therefore, a major portion of boilermaker work is performed at great heights, often from 200 to 1000 feet above the ground. To become a journeyman boilermaker you must complete a minimum of 6000 hours in an apprenticeship program of on-the-job training (usually 4 years).

In the booth they are offering a 9-point questionnaire that helps you decide if boilermaking is really the job for you and addresses strenuous physical work, ability to work at heights, willingness to travel, etc. If you answer "yes" to all 9 statements, then this may be a new exciting career path for you! Visit them for more information. Thanks for being here this year!

## WHERE AM I ?

**Y**esterday the rosette was taken but never turned in (sad face). If you have it, please return it. The rosette was hidden behind the show times sign on the bleachers at the new Family Fun Stage.

The person identifying the photo below and returning the pink yellow rosette to the Fair Office first will win a Fair t-shirt today.



## ASK US

**W**HERE can I find an item that I lost while at the Fair? Is there a Lost and Found?

Cell phones, wallets, car keys and more end up in the Lost and Found each year. Believe it or not (thank goodness there are still honest people in the world)...even wallets still with credit cards and all of their money in them! Lost and Found is located in the Kodiak Security Trailer just inside the Purple Gate (south gate). If you are missing something, please visit the Security Trailer. Also, if you have found something on the grounds that belongs to someone else...this is where you would want to turn it in. If you have found something, the sooner you can get it to the Security Trailer, the better. If you can't get away from your booth, please give the item to a security officer the next time they pass your booth.

**I** still need some vendor one-day tickets? Is there any other vendor that is willing to sell some of theirs?

After this Sunday, any tickets that you have remaining will be yours to keep forever. Wouldn't it be better to sell them now to one of your "fair family" members? We have a handful of vendors that are still looking to purchase a few more tickets but they won't want to wait until the last day. So...check your inventory and see if you can spare to sell a few. The receptionist in the Fair Office has a list going of those who want to purchase and those who need to purchase. We'll try to match you up to get the best use of your \$3.00 vendor tickets. Again, don't wait. Let us know if you need (or have) tickets ASAP!

## SPOKESMAN REVIEW

Not wanting you to miss out on the opportunity that Spokesman Review Editor Rob Curley has provided to those visiting this year's fair, I'm including the schedule for the next couple of days. These clinics are located in the Ag B Building.

## TODAY...

10:00 a.m. – Conversation with County Commissioner Candidates Rob Chase and Mary Kuney with SR staff writer Amy Edelen and SR government editor Jonathan Brunt.

1:00 p.m. – Drone Photography in the Newspaper with SR staff photographer Jesse Tinsley.

4:00 p.m. – How Writers and Photographers Can Best Work Together with SR outdoors writer Eli Francovich and SR photographer Tyler Tjomsland.

## FRIDAY...

10:00 a.m. – Conversation with County Treasurer Candidates Michael Baumgartner and David Green with SR staff writer Amy Edelen and SR government editor Jonathan Brunt.

2:30 p.m. – Agriculture Gardening with SR correspondent Pat Munts.

## SATURDAY...

1:00 p.m. – Newspaper 101: Local Media 2018 with Editor Rob Curley.

4:00 p.m. – A Conversation with columnist Shawn Vestal.

## SUNDAY...

1:00 p.m. – Conversation with Top Chef Season 13 and local chef Chad White with Editor Rob Curley.

4:00 p.m. – A Conversation with Mayor Condon with Editor Rob Curley.

## THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

**O**N Tuesday, we introduced you to two of our Fair Ambassadors (Maddie and Maggie). Today, we'll focus on the other two amazing young ladies – Taylor Johnson and Annika Redell.

Taylor is the 17-year-old daughter of Evan and Angela Moore of Deer Park, WA. She is currently a senior at Deer Park High School. She has participated in the Junior Livestock Show where she raised a market hog. She has shown dairy cattle at the Clayton Community Fair. After graduating in June 2019, she plans to attend either WSU or Seattle University to pursue a degree in Law and Criminal Justice. Her school goals while attending DPHS are to serve as a varsity cheerleader, become President of the Deer Park FFA, be a lead within Link Crew, and make varsity on the softball team while maintaining a 3.8 G.P.A. After college, she would like to start her own farm to raise hogs, ducks, horses, and dogs because she states that she is "Passionate about livestock and the overall purpose of agriculture." She enjoys spending time with her grandparents during the summer landscaping and transplanting plants for their garden. She also enjoys welding and finds it "relaxing". She states that she has witnessed the value of giving back to her community by volunteering for events and activities through FFA and cheer squad and looks forward to continuing to serve in the future. Fun fact about Taylor, she moved to the area in 2016 from Jack, Alabama!

Annika is the 19-year-old daughter of Brenda and Craig Redell of Cheney, WA. She is currently a sophomore at Eastern Washington University and her goal is to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in biochemistry and continue onto medical school to pursue her dream of becoming a cardiologist. She has exhibited in the Spokane Interstate Fair for seven years, was the Goat Barn Captain at the Junior Livestock Show, and helped lead the Medical Lake High School distracted driving campaign. In high school, she played basketball and softball, participated in leadership class, tutored other students, participated in National Honor Society and graduated with a 3.75 G.P.A. In college, she has become a co-leader of the fast pitch softball club, been on the Dean's List, and has a 3.68 G.P.A. She enjoys horseback riding, goat showing, rabbit showing, and playing softball.

*Thank you Taylor and Annika...you are "Making the Fair Happen" and we appreciate it!*

If you know of a youth (17 to 20 years of age) that would be interested in serving as a 2019 Fair Ambassador, please have them contact the Fair Office at fair@spokanecounty.org for an application. We would love to meet them!

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

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