



The Fair Facts



WHO CAME?

WE have partnered with KXLY today to kick off the 2018 Coats 4 Kids Drive. The campaign collects coats for the Inland Northwest's children and has been running for 33 years with well over 350,000 coats collected during that time. Today, those that bring a new or gently used coat today will receive a free admission ticket for a child 13 and under. Today's Grandstand Entertainment is the Trentwood Service Club's Demolition Derby at 4:00 p.m. Last year's attendance was 32,419. This year we had 40,980. Long distance livestock exhibitors will begin moving out at 5 p.m. If you haven't seen them yet, be sure to see the animals this morning!

AROUND THE GROUNDS

TODAY IS KXLY'S COATS 4 KIDS DAY

- 10:00 All Buildings Open
Mopar's Unlimited Car Show (Main Gate)
- 12:00 Butler Carnival Opens (Mn / S. Lwns)
Inland NW Wood Turners (Bay 4)
- 1:00 Drop-In Painting Class (Bay 4)
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- 2:00 Dairy Goat Games (Goat Barn)
Antique Tractor Pulls (Steam/Gas)
Wool Spinning Demo (Bay 3)
- 4:00 Demolition Derby (Grandstand)
Kids Mutton Bustin' (N of G.Stand)
Quilt Raffle Drawing (Steam & Gas)
- 5:00 Sea Lion Encounter (North Lawn)
- 6:00 Branch and Dean (North Stage)
- 7:15 Mark Yuzuik / Hypnotist (N. Stage)
- 7:30 Racing Pigs (North Lawn)
- 8:00 Entire Fair Closes

For a full listing of all stage entertainment 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	18,025	10,476
Day 5	15,823	19,722
Day 6	14,028	12,583
Day 7	12,787	13,018
Day 8	21,945	17,284
Day 9	40,980	32,419
Day 10	_____	20,322
Cumulative	187,893	178,270

TEAR DOWN PLAN

The Fair closes at 8:00 p.m. tonight. Exhibitors may begin lining up at the "Y" accessed by coming in the South Gate off of Havana Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. immediately following the carnival's semi-trucks.

Vendors in Bays 1, 2 and 3, as well as the Ag. Complex and Food Row - When the crowds have thinned out on the north side of Bay 1 and security feels that it is safe, the Yellow Gate (to the east of the Ballpark) will be opened and vehicles will be allowed onto the grounds. Please remember to keep your vehicles SLOW during this period as the grounds will still have vendors, exhibitors, etc. walking about the Fair. You will be asked to exit east through the Blue Gate 6 (near the Beer Garden) and then through Blue Gate 2 until you reach access to Broadway Avenue through the Red Gate. If we should still have a lot of livestock loading out (which we do not expect at this time) you will be directed to an alternate exit route...but plan for Blue Gate 6.

Vendors on the South Lawn - you will be released from the "Y" to enter through the Purple Gate (south gate). Your exit route will also run east but will take you through Blue Gate 5 (south of the Main Grandstand), then through Blue Gate 4 until you reach access to Broadway Avenue through the Red Gate.

We ask for your cooperation in the move-out process as outlined above. We will try to accommodate you as quickly as possible. Hand carting out of items may begin slightly before 8:00 p.m. on the condition that someone remains in the booth to answer questions. Remember, do NOT line up at any of the gates accessible from the Red Gate (east lot) as you will NOT be able to access the grounds from these gates. All traffic will flow from West to East this evening.

It's very important that booths stay open and operating until 8:00 p.m. tonight. Today is the first time many of our guests have had the chance to visit the Fair and we want them to be able to enjoy the full experience. Thank you!

Shipment of my product (incoming and outgoing)...What should I do?

When UPS, Federal Express, or the Postal Service shows up tomorrow we will refuse all letters and packages and mark them "Return to Sender" unless we have instructions from you to do differently. Please leave your instructions with the Fair Office prior to 6 p.m. tonight. If you have a truck coming to pick up a shipment tomorrow, please alert them that this must be done by 3:00 p.m. and they must contact us at 509.477.2770 tomorrow morning with their expected arrival time. Also...please let the office know today that you are leaving something behind for pickup!

VENDOR SPLENDOR

THE mission of the Greater Spokane Valley Rotary Club is to offer every Club member an opportunity to be involved to the degree they can in providing excellence in service to Rotary and our community.

They state, "Our focus is primarily on the youth of the Valley and also on the elderly. We provide financial support to organizations that serve the youth, such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and Daybreak. For the elderly of the Valley community, financial support is provided to Meals on Wheels and Spokane Valley Partners. We also provide direct, hands on support to those in need, certainly to youth and elderly, but also to those who are simply underserved. Important by-products of the service projects and our weekly meetings are the abiding friendships that are reached among our members. The development of acquaintance has become an opportunity for service. The application of the ideal of service becomes the hallmark of the Rotarian in his/her personal, business, and community life."

At the Interstate Fair, the Rotary Club has the best baked potatoes around! They also carry turkey legs, corn on the cob, and drinks! They've been a part of the Interstate Fair for over 25 years and although they've gone through a name change (from Spokane East Rotary) they are still the same great organization that continues to give back to our community.

If you are interested in more information on the Rotary Club, please visit one of their members in the booth (located on the east end of Food Row). They also meet every Wednesday at Noon at Darcy's (10502 E Sprague).

We want to thank you for your continued participation in the Spokane Interstate Fair. Keep up the great work!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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

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

In the spring of 2012, several friends had just earned their master's degrees in business administration and were anxious to get out in the real world and use what they had learned. Their goal was simple: build businesses and get rich but as time passed this goal left them feeling uneasy.

Shortly after, the founder's family went on a weekend trip to Silver Mountain in Idaho. While there, they toured an old gold mine on the side of the highway. Putting on their hardhats, they noticed several black and white pictures hanging on the wall--miners, long gone. The miners in the photos stared right back at them: sad, sober expressions on their faces, pickaxes in hand. Questions arose such as "What were they like? Did they ever find silver or gold?" At one point these were real people with names and families. They had dreams and aspirations like all of us and now...they're gone. Gone. Nobody remembered who they were or what they worked for. Nobody cared anymore about their gold and silver. Those pictures reminded the founders of how temporary our lives on this earth really are and changed their "goal" mindset to "The only thing that truly matters in this life is whether or not we love Christ and love others!"

The founders started Hope Outfitters because "Jesus gave up everything to love us and we, in a small way, want to do the same." Now they design and sell apparel and give all of the profits away. Every year they partner with a new charity, work to create awareness for it and donate 100% of the profits from the sale of their clothing back to its cause. They call it, "Buy 1 Give 100" -- You buy 1 or more items and they give 100% of the profits back to the cause.

Their website adds, "It may seem small to buy a T-shirt, but it matters. Mother Teresa said, "...Do small things with great love." When all of us work together our small acts can add up to make a big difference. From the sale of our T-shirts we have healed the sick, sheltered the homeless, rescued girls out of human trafficking, provided clean water, granted money to adopting families, and so much more...all because of your purchases. Together we are changing our world for Christ. Together we are making a difference that will last for all eternity."

Thank you for bringing beautiful apparel to the Interstate Fair this year that we not only feel beautiful wearing but feel WONDERFUL wearing knowing that your purchases have helped others!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



TOP AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations again to this year's vendors that Turned up the Jam to bring a fantastic experience to our fair guests. You are truly amazing!

Best Indoor Commercial Booth – Hope Outfitters (Plaza – Spaces 014 / 014A).

Best Outdoor Commercial Booth – Michael Closson (Space 112).

Best Food Booth – Moonshriners (Food Row Building 013).

Best Incorporation of Fair Theme – Scentsy (Bay 1 – Spaces 293 / 294).

Ambassador's Award – Inland Empire Steam and Gas Buffs Club.

Best Dessert – Azar's Sweet Tooth.

Best Signature Dish – Leonardo's Bistro.

Most Creative Item – Mary Lou's Ice Cream.

Best Deep Fried – Philly Express.

THOSE THAT HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

BRIAN FRIEDENBACH...Brian helped a neighboring department when one of their workers was down due to her phone being stolen. Thanks for lifting my spirits!

JACOB "Teddy" HEADLEY...Teddy is currently working in admissions and his nominator states, "Thank you so much for stepping in to assist our department when we needed you." Teddy has also been super instrumental in helping with the Fair's social media as well.

MARIE JEPSEN...Marie invites fairgoers of all ages to stop and engage in the activities in the 4-H Life Department.

SUE McCOURY...Her nominator says that Sue as 4-H Life Superintendent goes the extra extra mile to make sure the department runs efficiently each year.

DONNA RUSSELL...Donna is another that stepped in to help the admissions department when extra help was needed this year. They state, "Thank you for your flexibility."

JOAN SCHMOKER...Joan was nominated earlier in the week by another department but this nomination comes from admissions for her last-minute help." Thanks!

LOUISE WELLS...For forty-five years of service, we cannot thank Louise enough for her wonderful leadership in the Home Arts Department! We love you!

SHERYL WOMBLY...A clerk in Bay 4, her nominator stated, "Super Wiz at clerking the judge's results."

DID YOU KNOW ?

Need a forklift for tonight? Book a time slot ASAP in the Fair Office. 30-minute minimum = \$37.50. You'll need to show your receipt to your driver for service.

Yellow Gate Parking Pass Final Day Sale! Did you miss out on getting a reserved area parking pass for the Yellow Lot immediately south of Bay 3 this year? Would you like one more chance to purchase one and then have your vehicle closer for load out tonight? This service is not available to trailers. See the office ASAP as we have only 5 of them remaining at \$20 each.

We have received reports that counterfeit \$20 bills and even a \$100 bill have been received. Please be on the lookout for counterfeit bills and make sure your staff are trained on what to look for (or have a counterfeit-detecting pen) so that they don't accept any accidentally. You work so hard for your money that we don't want you to lose out on your hard-earned profits.

WHERE AM I ?



The ribbon was hidden yesterday on the east side of Horse Barn C by the horse cutout. For the second time, the rosette disappeared but no one turned it in. If you hiked to find this one, hopefully you got to see some of the beautiful horses brought in by the youth this year. One more chance to win a 2018 Fair t-shirt. Bring the yellow rosette to the Fair Office!

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have suggestions and/or ideas (yours or something you'd like to pass along that you've heard from someone else) for the 2019 Interstate Fair, please feel free to contact us via one of the methods listed below.

- o **Phone** - 509-477-2772
- o **Mail** - 404 N Havana St Ste 1, Spokane Valley WA 99202-4663
- o **Fax** - 509-477-8926, or
- o **E-mail** - fair@spokanecounty.org

Although we will be searching for great ideas as well, we appreciate your input as you have eyes and ears that have been in the midst of our guests for the last 10 days. Thank you for sharing!

FROM THE STAFF

As fast as it came, it is almost over again. We kept wondering where the summer went and then before we knew it, it was September and the Fair was here! We hope that each of you have had a good run this year and that you'll consider joining us again in 2019 (September 6-15). You are considered family and we truly enjoy working with you each year. You bring the magic to the Fair and we love watching you win over the hearts of our guests. Our livestock exhibitors bring their animals from far and near so that the fair guest can see animals up close, ask questions, and dispel any myths that they may have heard (i.e. chocolate milk comes from brown cows). Our still life exhibitors work throughout the year on crafts, paintings, gardens, and more to have them ready to show at the Fair. The prize money they take home is small in comparison to the time they've put in on their craft but receiving comments on how to improve are key to them and the occasional Special Award or Grand Champion Rosette is a BIG THING (as it should be). The superintendents and other volunteers that put in hours and hours in preparation and then more hours during the Fair are hands down the best in the west! The extra help, maintenance staff, office staff, security, parkers, and entertainers all play key roles in making sure that the Interstate Fair is clean, safe, and family-friendly. And the vendors at the Interstate Fair are wonderful! From 10:00 a.m. each morning until 10:00 p.m. (sometimes later) each night, you all put in some really long hours and still keep smiling. We wish you all safe travels to your next destination and a fantastic year until we meet again. Thank you, all!

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