

2023 Media Kit August 11-19 Billings, MT

Welcome to Montana Fair!

This book is designed to help the working media provide our community with accurate and detailed information about the fair.

The fair offers a wealth of story ideas and we are excited to help you make contacts and find fun photo and video opportunities.

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General Media Information

MontanaFair in Billings, August 11-19, offers premium entertainment, exhibits, food, carnival rides and much more. It is the largest weeklong event in the state, drawing an average of 250,000 visitors.

MontanaFair gate admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids ages 6-12 and adults ages 65 and over, and free for kids 5 and under. For additional information about MontanaFair events, schedules, discounts, and promotions visit: www.montanafair.com.

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MontanaFair does not have reserved parking for media.

Occasionally, a car may be parked for a short time period in the loading bay of the Montana Pavilion, accessible from the lower parking lot. Please pull to the side, leaving access and don't block other vehicles. Please do not park on the grass.

If you are coming to the fair to cover a story and have to park far away, please contact Anne Gauer or Allen Peters and we will do our best to pick you up with a golf cart.



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MontanaFair Entertainment Lineup

MontanaFair opens its nine day run with a number of new shows, new displays, and a great mix of new and classic acts.

This year all concerts at MontanaFair are part of the Pepsi Entertainment Series. Big Sky Pepsi and the Dimich family signed an agreement to sponsor all concerts and entertainment events in the First Interstate Arena at MontanaFair.

MontanaFair's first of three concerts kicks off Friday, August 11, with rock group, Chevelle.

The Pepsi Entertainment Series on Saturday, August 12, will have an evening with country superstar, Carly Pearce.

Sunday, August 13, the Pepsi Entertainment Series invites Ludacris to the First Interstate Arena stage.

On Tuesday, August 15, Octane Addictions Big Air Bash heats up the First Interstate Arena.

The Yellowstone River Roundup PRCA Rodeo, sponsored by Shipton's Big R, will cap off the MontanaFair evening entertainment with performances on August 17, 18, and 19 at the First Interstate Arena. The Yellowstone River Roundup was named Montana Pro Rodeo of the Year in 2016.

Tickets are available at MetraPark Box Office, MontanaFair.com, and MetraPark.com. All arena performances begin at 7pm.

There is also plenty of free entertainment at MontanaFair. Thistle & Lace will perform nightly at the Montana Lottery Winners Club. You can also see WildWind and Kelly McDonald Band daily at the Stink Blossom Stage. Louie Foxx and The Throw Zone with Jeremiah will be at the By All Means Brewing Stage. Stunt Dogs will also be a huge attraction at Billings Clinic Kids World in Montana Park. Adding excitement to the grounds are strolling acts Mango and Dango and Animal Cracker Conspiracy.

Enjoy hours of fun at the Mighty Thomas Carnival, a longtime tradition at MontanaFair. This year they're returning with many favorite rides,

including the Tilt-a-Whirl, Scrambler, Merry-Go-Round, and towering Century Wheel. Also, look for the Martian Maze and Monster Trucks for kids, and another popular youth ride, the Frog Hopper. The Beach Party, a two level walk-through, laugh-throughout, fun house makes its first appearance at MontanaFair this year. The "Star Tower" thrill ride and "Black Out" will be returning to MontanaFair midway again this year.

There's more great action at MontanaFair this year with the Draft Horse Expo on August 12 and 13 in the infield and following will be DigltDays on August 18 and 19.

Some 10,000 exhibitors show their "stuff" at the fair and it's always fun to see what they've created, grown, and done in the past year. Take time to shop and visit the dozens of booths inside and outside the Montana Pavilion. You never know what you'll find. MontanaFair offers tons of daily deals and discounts.

We've only scratched the surface in the Media Kit. For more information on MontanaFair, check out the website at www.montanafair.com.



Chevelle Friday, August 11

On Sneak-A-Peek night, the fair brings brings Chevelle to the First Interstate Arena stage.

Pete Loeffler-Guitars, Vocals ** Sam Loeffler-Drums

After more than two decades together, numerous top-charting releases, and countless worldwide tours, CHEVELLE—the outfit consisting of brothers Pete Loeffler [guitars, vocals], Sam Loeffler [drums]—have confidently sailed through decades of uncharted waters and have emerged with a sound that is equally intricate as it is intimate.

To date, Chevelle has achieved Multi-Platinum, Platinum and Gold certifications across 8 studio albums and 7 number one hits, with 17 songs reaching the Top 10 on the Rock charts. The band has sold over 5 million albums in the US, and more world-wide. Their extensive body of acclaimed work includes the 2002 Multi-Platinum selling genre staple "Wonder What's Next" and the 2004 Platinum selling follow-up "This Type of Thinking Could Do Us In," which debuted #8 on the Billboard Top 200. The releases that followed held their own against the ever changing faces of popular music: 2007's Gold record selling Vena Sera reached #2 on the Billboard Top 200 and #1 on the Alternative Chart. 2011's Hats Off to The Bull (#5 on Billboard Top 200), 2014's La Gargola (#3), and 2016's The North Corridor (#8, #1 Rock) built upon the success. In 2018, Chevelle released a B-sides and rarities collection entitled 12 Bloody Spies while they wrote and recorded the new album, Niratias.

Tickets are \$99 for Gold seating, \$65 & \$55 for reserved and \$35 for general admission. Show starts at 7pm.



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Entertainment

Sunrose

Don't miss Sunrose opening for Chevelle on Friday, August 11.

Since their inception in early 2020, Sunrose have shared a deep fascination with the concept of self-immolation: the act of setting oneself on fire, often as a form of sacrifice or protest. In all of the music they create—and in their wildly frenetic live show—the four-piece band fully channels fire's unpredictable power, delivering a potent breed of alt-rock that's equal parts exhilarating and dangerous and undeniably hypnotic. Rooted in the explosive musicianship of vocalist/ guitarist Jaxon Rose, multi-instrumentalist Stephen Swanson, bassist Tripp Bowers, and drummer Jax Kemp, Sunrose endlessly merge the reckless passion of rock-and-roll, crushing intensity of classic metal, and sonic expansiveness of psych-rock into a one-of-a-kind sound that's immediately essential.

With its members based in Texas and Los Angeles, Sunrose emerged from a series of strangely charmed coincidences. A near-lifelong musician who spent his childhood in both the Caribbean and New York, Swanson first met Rose while the two were living in the same apartment building in downtown L.A. "I heard Jaxon playing guitar through my window, then went and found him and asked if he wanted to jam," recalls Swanson, who plays guitar, piano, saxophone, and harmonica. Born in New Zealand but mostly raised in Houston, Rose had moved to L.A. as a teenager and worked a number of odd jobs (including a brief stint playing Spider-Man on Hollywood Boulevard) before deciding to pursue his passion for music. Not long after crossing paths with Kemp at a party, the two began meeting up weekly to jam and instantly discovered a powerful chemistry that grew even stronger once Swanson joined the fold. "Before I met Jaxon I'd go to this rehearsal studio near my place and rent out a room by the hour, just to play drums like I did when I was younger," says Kemp, a small-town Kentucky native who took up drumming in sixth grade. "The first time Jaxon and Stephen and I all got together, we played for about four hours straight. I remember walking out thinking, 'That's the best I've ever played music in my life." When it came time to find a bass player, the band reached out to Bowers, a longtime friend of Rose's who'd grown up on a ranch in Texas, moved to California at age 13 when his father entered a seminary, and later began modeling for leading fashion houses like Yves Saint Laurent in Europe and New York. "Before the band. I'd never played music at all," says Bowers. "But once I heard what they were doing, I knew I had to get involved-it had so much heart and soul, I got the next flight home from New York and bought a bass as fast as I could. I'd never felt so compelled to be a part of something in my life."

With the lineup solidified in the early days of lockdown, Sunrose next moved into a 400-square-foot apartment together and threw themselves into writing their first batch of songs. "I remember thinking, 'The whole world might be burning, but this is going really well," says Swanson. Late that summer, Sunrose played their first show at a dive bar in East Los Angeles, laying down a blistering performance whose raw ferocity was magnified by a 4.6 earthquake mid-set. Quickly making their name as an incendiary live act, they soon began playing shows all over L.A.—including a now-legendary sold-out headlining gig at the iconic Whisky a Go Go in which a blackout hit the Sunset Strip several songs into their set. "We continued the show acoustically at the drop of the hat, and kept that energy going even without any power," Rose points out. After turning heads at another crowd-thrilling show, at the famed Stubb's Austin in early 2023, Sunrose landed their deal with Crush Music just in time for the completion of their forthcoming debut album.

Building on the unbound vitality of their 2021 self-titled debut project, Sunrose's first full-length marks a major leap forward for the band, unfolding in bigger hooks and grittier riffs and more commanding rhythms. In bringing the self-produced album to life, the band worked at Austin Music Group (Swanson's Austin-based studio) and deliberately took their time to sculpt the most dynamic sonic atmosphere for their songs-ultimately arriving at a glorious onslaught of cathartic meditations on the state of the world and the search for transcendence. "When this collective of people first came together, not only did our ideas about music mesh-our ideas about the world completely meshed as well," says Rose. "A lot of bands right now hold themselves back from saying what they want to say, but very early on we all decided, 'If no one else is willing to bang down the doors and take any kind of risk with their music, we'll do it.' We just want to create something that helps people to feel more awake and alive, and we bring that energy into every single thing we do."



Carly Pearce Saturday, August 12

Fiercely rooted in the classics, the girl who left her Kentucky home and high school at 16 to take a job at Dollywood has grown into a woman who embraces the genre's forward progression. GRAMMY® Award-winning singer-songwriter Carly Pearce has come a long way from the pain she felt writing her critically acclaimed and commercially lauded third studio album 29. Looking ahead, she closes that pivotal life chapter with her first live album 29: Written In Stone (Live From Music City), out now via Big Machine Records.

Pearce continues to resonate with her honest lyrics and timeless musicality, earning her fourth No. 1 at Country radio with "What He Didn't Do." Lighting a fire with her debut album Every Little Thing and the platinum-certified history-making title track, Carly's 3x platinum-certified "I Hope You're Happy Now" with Lee Brice won both the 2020 CMA Awards Musical Event and 2021 ACM Awards Music Event, plus ACM Single of the Year. She picked up her second consecutive ACM Music Event of the Year in 2022 with Ashley McBryde duet "Never Wanted To Be That Girl," Carly's third No. 1 and the third duet between two solo women to top Billboard's Country Airplay chart. The song also took home the 2022 CMA Musical Event of the Year and won a GRAMMY® Award for Best Country Duo/Group Performance, marking Pearce's first and making history as the first female pairing to win in the category.

The Grand Ole Opry and Kentucky Music Hall of Fame member recently joined Blake Shelton's BACK TO THE HONKY TONK TOUR and made her 100th performance at the Grand Ole Opry. Honored as one of CMT's 2022 Artists of The Year, the 2021 CMA Female Vocalist of the Year and reigning ACM Awards Female Artist of the Year is clearly living out her childhood dream. For tour dates and more, visit CarlyPearce.com.

Tickets are \$99 for Gold seating, \$65 & \$55 for reserved and \$35 for general admission. Show starts at 7pm.



Juliette Angelo

Opening for Carly Pearce on Saturday, August 12, Juliette Angelo.

Juliette Angelo, known for her captivating performances and profound passion for music, will grace the stage on August 12. This talented artist, who has been making waves in the country music scene, will set the tone for an unforgettable evening.

Recognized for her Patsy Cline-influenced style, Angelo masterfully blends classic country elements with a modern twist, creating a truly unique musical experience. Her dedication to her craft and distinctive style has caused a stir in the country music industry, making her performance at MontanaFair a must-see event.



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More Fun

Ludacris Sunday, August 13

MontanaFair is ready to have an evening with Ludacris!

The career of the multitalented CHRIS "LUDACRIS" BRIDGES can best be described as remarkable. As a recording artist, he has sold more than 24 million albums worldwide, thanks to the blockbuster success of such singles as "Stand Up," "Get Back," "Southern Hospitality," "Number One Spot," "Money Maker" and "My Chick Bad." All of these records were accompanied by ingenious videos that demonstrated Bridges' farreaching imagination, and his willingness to stretch the boundaries of what rap videos should look and feel like.

With an unrivaled match of lyrical acumen, wit, and imagery, Ludacris has solidified himself as one of music's premier entertainers. His versatility and artistic complexity also enabled him to make a seamless transition to acting, including the fan favorite role of "Tej" in Universal Pictures' box office phenomenon Fast & Furious franchise where he was introduced for the first time in 2003 in 2 Fast 2 Furious. He will reprise his role of "Tej" for the seventh time in Fast X, which is set to release May 20, 2023.

His other notable feature film credits include Garry Marshall's ensemble comedy New Year's Eve, Ivan Reitman's romantic comedy, No Strings Attached, Paul Higgin's Crash which received an Academy Award for Best Picture in 2006 and Hustle & Flow which earned Bridges a SAG Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. As a father of four girls, his latest ventures fittingly include launching his educational platform devoted to the enrichment of children called "KidNation". In addition, Bridges created the animated series KARMA'S WORLD which launched in the Top 10 in 42 countries on Netflix, received two NAACP Award nominations and is already on its fourth season. The series for children ages 6-9 is a coming-of-age story about a young Black girl finding her voice and using it to change her world -originally inspired by Chris's oldest daughter Karma and based on the interactive educational website of the same name created by Karma's World Entertainment in 2009.

A consummate businessman, Ludacris is enjoying success outside of entertainment. One of his most successful ventures includes opening his long-anticipated restaurant "Chicken-n-Beer" at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport with a new location opening at LAX in 2023. Bridge's philanthropic efforts rival his entertainment accomplishments. He started The Ludacris Foundation in 2001 which focuses on helping the youth in his hometown of Atlanta and has partnered with No Kid Hungry and Feeding America.

Tickets are \$115 for Gold seating, \$75 & \$55 for reserved and \$35 for general admission. Show starts at 7pm.



DJ Infamous

Opening for Ludacris on Sunday, August 13 is DJ Infamous.

DJ Infamous, born Marco Rodriguez, has carved an indelible path in the music industry as a celebrated DJ, producer, and influential figure. Hailing from Atlanta, Georgia, Infamous emerged as a key player in the realm of hip-hop and urban music, renowned for his seamless mixes, innovative productions, and unparalleled ability to command any crowd.

With an innate talent for curating the perfect musical atmosphere, DJ Infamous quickly rose to prominence in the early 2000s. His electrifying sets became sought-after highlights at some of Atlanta's hottest nightclubs, eventually catapulting him to larger stages and collaborations with A-list artists. Infamous's exceptional ear for blending genres and his innate knack for reading his audience's energy led him to become an in-demand DJ for high-profile events, concerts, and radio shows.

However, it was DJ Infamous's work as a producer that solidified his influence within the industry. His collaborations with chart-topping artists yielded hits that resonated with listeners worldwide. Infamous's production credits spanned hip-hop and R&B, contributing to the success of tracks that became anthems of their time.

Beyond the turntables and studio, DJ Infamous's impact extended to philanthropy and community engagement. He became an advocate for empowering the youth and supporting local communities, using his platform to give back to the city that nurtured his talents.

With a career spanning decades, DJ Infamous remains a dynamic force that continues to shape the music landscape. His legacy is one of innovation, versatility, and an unwavering dedication to pushing the boundaries of creativity in the world of music.



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Octane Addictions Big Air Bash Tuesday, August 15

MontanaFair is teaming up with Octane Addictions to present Big Air Bash on Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm at the First Interstate Arena.

Octane Addictions Big Air Bash is an adrenaline-fueled event that brings together the most daring motocross riders for a jaw-dropping display of mind-boggling stunts and high-flying action. This extravaganza is a paradise for thrill-seekers, attracting thousands of spectators from near and far who come to witness the fearless feats performed by these gravity-defying athletes.

From backflips to Superman grabs, the event showcases a variety of mind-blowing tricks that push the boundaries of what is humanly possible on a dirt bike. These death-defying maneuvers demonstrate the physical and mental strength possessed by these riders, who possess a passion and addiction to adrenaline that sets them apart from the rest.

Octane Addictions Big Air Bash is not just about the riders, but also about the sense of community and camaraderie that exists among the motocross enthusiasts. It brings together riders, fans, and sponsors who share a common love for the sport and a hunger for adrenaline. It provides an opportunity for like-minded individuals to connect, exchange stories, and revel in the spectacular displays of talent and courage. Safety is paramount at the Big Air Bash, with strict measures in place to ensure both rider and spectator well-being. Professional medical staff and expert safety personnel are on-site to provide immediate assistance if needed, guaranteeing that the event is as exhilarating as it is safe. For riders and fans alike, Octane Addictions Big Air Bash is an unmissable event that encapsulates the spirit of motocross. It celebrates not only the skill and talent of the riders but also the audacious pursuit of adrenaline and the freedom that comes with it. So, mark your calendars and prepare to be amazed as these daredevils take flight, defying gravity and leaving an indelible impression on all who witness their prowess at this unforgettable event.

Tickets range from \$19-25 for reserved seating, \$16 for adult general admission, and tickets for children 6-12 are \$11.50 general admission. Children 5 and under are admitted free in general admission.



Yellowstone River Roundup PRCA Rodeo August 17, 18, and 19

2023 is the 13th anniversary of the PRCA rodeo coming to MontanaFair. The PRCA cowboys made their first appearance at MontanaFair following the Father's Day tornado of 2010.

Over the years, the best cowboys and cowgirls in the world have appeared at the fair. Tuf Cooper, Trevor Brazile, Clay Tryan, and Ty Erickson have all made multiple appearances at the Yellowstone River Roundup. The YRR is one of the last rodeos of the year providing the opportunity for participants to earn those last dollars to qualify for the NFR in Las Vegas.

The Yellowstone River Roundup in the First Interstate Arena is sponsored by Shipton's Big R. There are three nights of performances - August 17 Tough Enough to Wear Pink sponsored by Signal Peak, August 18 is our Patriot Night sponsored by MONTANA STRONG a local partner with South Central Montana Mental Health Center, and August 19 is Boot Barn's Night of Champions. Each performance begins at 7pm.

For real rodeo fans, slack is always a big draw. Slack occurs when there are too many participants to give every performer a time slot in the night time performances. Slack will also be in the arena each day.

Sankey Rodeo Company of Joliet will provide the stock and assist in producing the fair rodeo again in 2023.

For a complete list of the cowboys and cowgirls who will be in action at the Yellowstone River Roundup, please check MontanaFair.com.

Rodeo Tickets range from \$19-25 for reserved seating, \$16 for adult general admission, and tickets for children 6-12 are \$11.50 general admission. Children 5 and under are admitted free in general admission.

Fair admission is included with the purchase of a rodeo ticket. Tickets are online at MetraPark.com, by phone at 800-366-8538 or 406-252-2422, at the MetraPark Box Office.



ValuPass offers 7 shows plus gate admission for \$119

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The ValuPass is without a doubt the best deal at MontanaFair! Only \$119 for seven nights of entertainment and gate admission all nine days!

This year's ValuPass includes general admission for all 7 night shows in the First Interstate Arena.

Tickets can be upgraded to premium and reserved seating for an additional fee.

Gate admission is included every day and the pass is transferable, so ValuPass holders can share the fun with family and friends.

The ValuPass can be purchased in person at the MetraPark Box Office, online at montanafair.com, or by calling the Box Office at 800-366-8538 or 406-256-2422.

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Stunt Dogs at Montana Park in Billings Clinic Kids World America's favorite stunt dogs are back in action at MontanaFair! This

America's favorite stunt dogs are back in action at MontanaFair! This must see show will entertain people of all ages. From back flips, handstands, big air stunts, to amazing tricks; these "All-Star Stunt Dogs" are thrilling the nation! You may even recognize the stars from Good Morning America, the Ellen DeGeneres Show, Oprah Winfrey show, Queen Latifah Show, NatGeo Wild, Animal Planet, Disney Plus, the Rose Parade, or from commercials.

What makes these stunt dogs so special? Besides their talent for the flipping, jumping, and racing, all of these amazing pooches have been adopted out of shelters from across the country and turned into stars. Their mission is to promote the importance of pet adoption, spay & neutering, and encourage people to be responsible pet owners.

From large breed to small, you'll be mesmerized as these dogs compete in challenges, like obstacle course racing and high-jumping. They will even leap into the air to catch flying discs and perform amazing tricks; like jumping rope, doggy dancing, back flips, and hand stands.

The louder you cheer the more air the dogs get! So come join the "Dog-Gone Fun", happening daily at MontanaFair.

Performing at the Billings Clinic Kids World three times daily August 12-19 at 4:30pm, 6:00pm, and 7:30pm.



Kelly McDonald Band Performs at Stink Blossom Stage

Kelly McDonald started playing shows when he was 15 years old. After searching for many years, he found Daniel Fellows (drums) by chance and then after many years of knowing Bruce Gilsenan (lead guitar) finally got him into the band. Rudy Sermeno (bass) came to them in the early days of the KMB and left for other opportunities, but now he is back!!!

The band is a tight machine and they make their way around the country playing shows.

Performing at the Stink Blossom Stage August 11 - 7:00pm and 9:45pm. August 12-16 - 5:45pm, 7:45pm, and 10:15pm. August 17-19 - 7:45pm and 9:30pm



WildWind at Stink Blossom Stage

WildWind was born out of a deeply-rooted love for music, life on the road, and the camaraderie that can only be experienced on stage between likeminded musicians with a common goal. While the name may be new, the members of WildWind have been making music together for nearly a decade. Influences stretch from classic country to modern rock, from bluegrass to gospel quartet and Motown harmonies. If you go to a WildWind concert, expect to hear some Willie Nelson, Elton John, Doobie Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Lumineers, George Straight, and more than a few originals.

Founder and frontman Luke Lautaret, a multi-instrumentalist with over two decades of stage experience behind him, has spent years honing his craft and brings that experience and professionalism to WildWind. With a wide range and unique sound, Luke's raspy soulful voice has been a recognizable and welcome feature on stages and radio stations all over the Pacific Northwest for over a decade. His experience in the music business extends beyond performing, to that of a songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, booking agent, and promoter. Stephany Novak also sings lead vocals, bringing an energetic, feisty, romantic and sultry flavor to the band. Performing as a duo all the way up to a full seven-piece band (or anything in between) Luke & Stephany provide the backbone for a sound that is both fresh and exciting, yet uniquely familiar.

The musicians of WildWind, each seasoned professionals with years of experience under their own belts, make up a band that features multiple lead singers, fiddle, drums, percussion, guitars, saxophone, and perfectly tight 3 & 4-part harmony vocals. Don't be surprised to see a ukelele, mandolin, banjo, or harmonica make an appearance, either. Their sound is both huge and intimate, switching seamlessly between rocking uptempo dance tunes to softer, poignant acoustic songs that move your heartstrings. If you are hoping to be entertained, you'd be hard-pressed to do better than spending an evening with WildWind. The WildWind sound is familiar yet original, with the members effortlessly putting their own spin on classic covers. Their repertoire and set list easily reaches into the hundreds of songs. And with four songwriters in the group, WildWind is sure to play some songs that you've never heard before... but still manage to make you feel right at home.

Performing at the Stink Blossom Stage August 11 - 5:15pm and 8:30pm. August 12-16 - 4:30pm, 6:45pm, and 9:30pm



Louie Foxx at By All Means Brewing Stage!

Audiences across North America love Louie Foxx's One-Man Sideshow and you will too! Howie Mandel called Louie's performance on NBC's America's Got Talent "Fantastic" and the International Brotherhood of Magicians said Louie was "Incredible"!

In addition to amazing magic and hilarious comedy, Louie is a twotime Guinness World Record Holder and was voted the Best Live Entertainment for Families by the readers of the Parent Map Magazine, two years in a row! This is a show you don't want to miss!

See him three times daily August 12-19 at 4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 7:15pm.



The Throw Zone with Jeremiah at By AU Means Brewing Stage!

Jeremiah Johnston presents 'The Throw Zone,' a high-energy, interactive show featuring daring feats of dexterity and balance, hilarious audience participation, and world-class juggling the whole family will love.

Jeremiah dazzles fairgoers with his world-class juggling talents. As the sun begins to set, his mobile juggling act will light up the night with stunning LED technology and visuals.

See him perform three times daily August 12-19 at 4:45pm, 6:15pm, and 8:30pm



Notes

Thistle & Lace are back at Montana Lottery Winners Club

THISTLE & LACE is an eclectic, acoustic duo that combines spot-on harmonies with hits from the past 8 decades to bring you a one-of-a-kind listening experience. Husband and wife duo Jon and Ashley started the group in 2016.

The group is made up of a cappella veteran Jon McLemore (Street Corner Symphony), musical theater maven Ashley McLemore (a.k.a. "Jon's boss") Their repertoire is as diverse as their members--there is something for everyone!

See this duo peform three times daily at 6pm, 8pm and 10pm!



Animal Cracker Conspiracy

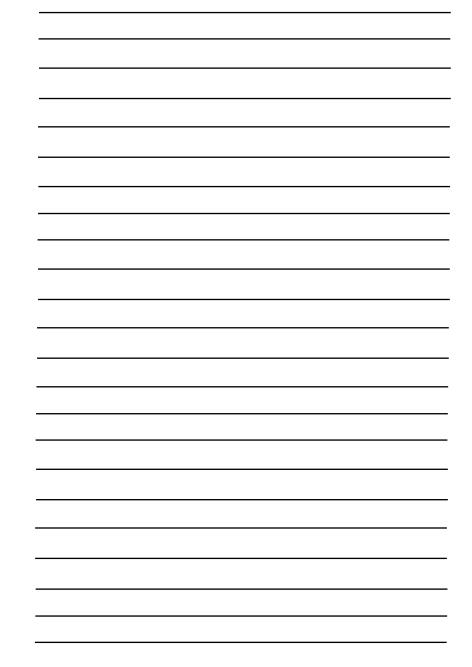
Animal Cracker Conspiracy was founded by Bridget Rountree and lain Gunn who joined forces to bring their love of puppetry and performance to audiences of all ages in 2006 and have now been wowing audiences for over a decade. Their shared interest and investigation of where fine art, puppetry, performance art, physical theater, and mixed media intersect is a continued source of inspiration for their work. They are known for their ability to collaborate as well as the quality of performers they work with. People will be talking about their charming and audacious characters for years to come.

ACC have performed at fairs and festivals all over the West and this year are expanding to eastern audiences as well as exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and Santa Barbara, the La Jolla Playhouse, HEREArts NY, Museum of Photographic Arts SD, and Art Power at UCSD. They have participated in both national and international artist residencies and workshops with the La Jolla Playhouse, Bread and Puppet, North American Creative Laboratories, La Pocha Nostra, RosenClaire, and the Old Trout Puppet Workshop. They have received support from the San Diego Foundation, Jim Henson Foundation, Puffin Foundation, Leo S. Guthman Foundation, Sator Arts Foundation, Synergy Arts Foundation, and The Puppet Slam Network.

Strolling daily!



Notes



Western Ranch Supply Expo

The animals are all over the grounds, but you can see animals most anytime in the Western Ranch Supply Expo. The home of the "most comfortable animals in Montana," says former MontanaFair General Manager Bill Dutcher. Over 63,000 square feet of air-conditioned space await animals and guests.

From cattle and goats, to pigs, sheep, and chickens, you'll find them in the WRS Expo. Please wash your hands when you come in contact with animal areas. VIP Services stocks restrooms and provides handwashing stations throughout MontanaFair where people and animals come together. Handwashing prevents the potential spread of disease.

Animals are always one of the biggest attractions every year at MontanaFair. Western Ranch Supply is a primary supplier to ranchers in Montana, Wyoming, and the western part of the Dakotas and features a large line of animal care and handling products.

Keep in mind when you visit the Expo, animals shown on the floor of the building are in competition and being judged. Often you will see animals being prepared for their turn in the show ring. Please allow the judges and contestants space to do their work.



MontanaFair Draft Horse Expo Equine enthusiasts and fairgoers alike will love these gentle giants as

they perform.

This heavy horse extravaganza can be seen in the infield.

Entries compete head to head with each other in classes for carts, tandems, unicorns, teams and fours. The sea of horses, harness and wagons is a spectacular sight!

The 2023 Draft Horse Expo will begin with a performance on Saturday, August 12 starting at 12pm- 5pm and continue on Sunday, August 13 10am-5pm.

Premiums for this event will be paid to three places: 1st- \$300.00, 2nd- \$200.00, 3rd - \$100.00.

Buckle to 1st place winner in each class. Ribbons awarded in each class to 1st - 3rd place. Junior Classes: Premiums for these classes will be paid to three places, 1st- \$150.00; 2nd - \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00.

The Montana Draft Horse & Mule Association will provide trophy belt buckles for the Junior Classes.



Yellowstone Dig it Days!

This fun family-centered event will bring industry professionals together with kids and families while learning safety whenever digging in the ground!

Kids get to play with the real stuff, get pictures and learn while having a blast all in one day! August 18 & 19, 2023 from noon -6pm.

We will have construction equipment of all kinds for kids to play around, climb over, operate and get pictures with. From backhoes, motor graders, and dump trucks to excavators and mini track hoes, this fun filled family event will bring out the kid in all of us. Whether you are big or small, this event will bring industry professionals and families together in educating, promoting and building memories unlike any other event in Billings, MT.

Kids will also have the chance to earn some money! A big sand truck will be dumping quarters for kids to find.

Activities for kids & families to do at Yellowstone Dig it Days

- Operate heavy equipment like backhoe, excavator, trackhoe, or even a mini track hoe
- Play "King of the sand pile", find prizes and use toys
- Drive Big Tractors
- Sit in a big Dump Truck/Coal Truck
- Get free t-shirts and stuff (500 free t-shirts will be given out each day so come early!)
- Get free Dig it Days toy hard hat (first 500 people each day)
- Get pictures with heavy equipment
- Pan for gold
- Learn about safety before digging
- Decorate a concrete stepping stone to take home afterward
- Spend time with family, kids and grandkids
- Eat some good food
- Have fun and receive more FREE stuff!

Watch Equipment Operators battle for the Big Dig Contest! Friday August 18 @ 3pm at Yellowstone Dig it Days.





Notes

Montana Harvest Haven

MSU Yellowstone County Extension, North40Ag, and MetraPark have teamed up to create a unique garden at the MetraPark facilities.

A space covered with a cement pad for over 20 years will someday sustain several Montana crops that are common in Montana, as well as specialty crops that may not be grown as commonly in our area. The crop garden will have corn, sugar beets, wheat, and some uncommon crops such as grapes, hops, and several varieties of berries. This space will be used for education, such as the Ag in The Classroom program, The Soil your Undies event, and Master Gardener and Horticulture classes.

Visitors at the MontanaFair will have the chance to tour the space, and local producers will be showcased with their stories of growing crops in our community. Harvest Haven will be developed in stages.

For the summer of 2023, the space will be cover cropped with peas; in an adjacent garden area, we will plant small boxes of local crops such as corn, wheat, and alfalfa. In addition to Harvest Haven, Yellowstone County Extension will provide garden space and resources for local youth and their families at risk of becoming homeless or no longer having a home. The hope is that this space can benefit community members from across the county, with opportunities for agriculture and horticulture education and skill building.

The project was initiated in early 2023; Harvest Haven is 220' x 72'; initially, it contained remnants of the old concrete pad, and the soil conditions were poor. This spring MetraPark staff utilized footing from horse barns to fill the space.

Once the cover crop is planted it will be left until next year when it will be incorporated into the soil before planting again in 2024.

With the addition of peas to the area, the cover crop will fix nitrogen and add additional nitrogen needed when we seed our future crop garden. This will be a multi-year process as we build off the soil's productivity and plant shrubs, trees, hops, and more in the nontraditional crop area. We will continue to document the process and encourage everyone to go check out the space at the upcoming fair in August of 2023.

Harvest Haven Tent Schedule: Tent hours Noon-7pm daily August 12 - Wild, Edible & Medicinal Plants August 13 - Urban Forestry August 14 - Insects are Important August 15 - All About Compost August 16 - Learn about Harvest Haven

August 18 - What's the Buzz about Bees?

August 19 - Trailhead Cattle Women



Heritage Park

MontanaFair is proud to announce the introduction of Heritage Park, an innovative feature set to transform the fair experience for the community.

This new area aims to provide added value and encourage community involvement, enhancing the MontanaFair experience. Heritage Park at MontanaFair is more than just an addition to the fairgrounds. It's a testament to the fair's commitment to creating an immersive, interactive, and inclusive environment for all attendees.

In addition, Heritage Park will serve as a platform for community involvement. MontanaFair has always reflected the community's spirit, and with the introduction of Heritage Park, it reaffirms its commitment to fostering this connection.

Attendees can participate in various activities that celebrate the essence of Montana, its rich history, and its thriving culture.

Make sure to check out the TeePee's on grounds for a limted time. August 11-15, and Miniature Livestock will be at MontanaFair on Thursday, August 17.

Heritage Park Tent Schedule: Tent hours Noon-7pm daily

August 12 - MSUB STEM August 13 - Magic City Fly Fishers August 14 - Montana Audubon Center August 15 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service presenting Soil Health & Gardening August 17-19 - Live Chainsaw Artwork

HERITACE DARK

At MontanaFair all week in Heritage Park is Project Donkey!

More Fun

FairTivity Tent

MontanaFair, the state's premier summer destination for family fun, has revealed its latest attraction, the "FairTivity Tent." This new addition to the fair's lineup of attractions is explicitly designed for the enjoyment and education of kids, fostering community involvement and providing a unique learning environment.

The FairTivity Tent is different from your average carnival tent. It's a space dedicated to the spirit of fun, creativity, and education. It will be a hub of entertaining and educational activities, promoting the engagement of the community's children positively and interactively.

With the introduction of the FairTivity Tent, MontanaFair continues to bolster its commitment to offering attractions that serve the community beyond providing entertainment. The fair's organizers understand the importance of community involvement and have designed the FairTivity Tent to be a platform that fosters such engagement.

FairTivity Tent Schedule Open Noon - 7pm daily

August 12 - Big Sky Cornhole Tournaments August 13 - Boys & Girls Club Virtual Reality Games August 14 - Big Sky Reptiles August 15 - Fit4Mom Billings August 17 - Fish Wildlife & Parks August 18 - Wise Wonders Children's Museum August 19 - Big Sky Cornhole Tournaments

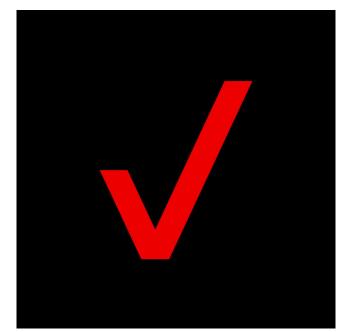


Verizon Spidernet

MontanaFair, in partnership with Verizon, has taken a significant step towards enhancing the attendee experience by bolstering cellular strength across its fairgrounds. Leveraging cutting-edge technology and network solutions, this collaborative effort aims to provide fairgoers with seamless connectivity and improved mobile experiences during their visit.

Through strategic infrastructure enhancements, such as the deployment of advanced 5G capabilities and optimized network architecture, MontanaFair and Verizon are addressing the challenge of high cellular demand that often accompanies large events. This initiative not only facilitates faster data speeds but also ensures that attendees can easily share their fair experiences, stay connected with loved ones, and access digital services without disruptions.

By investing in improved cellular strength, MontanaFair and Verizon are not only elevating the overall event experience but also catering to the modern expectations of connectivity that attendees bring with them. This collaboration demonstrates a commitment to embracing technological advancements and accommodating the digital needs of fairgoers, ultimately contributing to a more enjoyable and connected experience at MontanaFair.



Verizon COW

MontanaFair represents a significant challenge for emergency services in our community. The fair sits between two Verizon cell towers and nearly destroys cell coverage in the area almost every moment the fair is open.

Yellowstone County Department of Emergency Services Director KC Williams said, "Public safety in our community is impacted when MontanaFair is in operation. The huge crowds negatively impact cell coverage in the eastern part of Billings by making it very difficult for people to complete a call."

Verizon has more than 70% of cell usage in Yellowstone County. Their towers and service are most impacted during the fair.

MontanaFair and Verizon created a plan in 2021 to fix this problem. The two groups worked together to create a solution to the challenge by setting up a COW for the fair. The Verizon COW (Cellular on Wheels) device is a mobile cell system which can be deployed in certain locations with very specific technical requirements.

In 2021, Media coverage on local television showed that the Verizon equipment was on every television station in town. One station that uses cell coverage as their gateway to getting on air with their broadcast utilized the Verizon equipment and highlighted its flawless performance. Yellowstone County Department of Emergency Services added to the technology upgrade with a portable high power hot spot. This allowed for an increase in the coverage area over the fair's 189 acres.

Public safety was thrilled with the outcome of the program. No reported dropped calls and Facebook and Instagram worked better than ever on the fairgrounds. This plan will be implemented again for this year's 2023 MontanaFair.

Improvements in technology are something all properties are looking to accomplish. Getting a donated COW from America's leading cellular company for a sponsorship tie is certainly unique and innovative in our part of the country.

Verzion's COW with full fiber hookup operates behind First Interstate Arena.



More Fun

MontanaFair Safety Plan MontanaFair is stepping up its safety game this year to make sure that

MontanaFair is stepping up its safety game this year to make sure that visitors continue to enjoy a safe, fun-filled, and memorable experience. With Family Fun, Local Support, and safety as our guiding principles, we join forces with local law enforcement agencies, including the County Sheriffs and the Billings Police Department, to increase security and safety across the fairgrounds.

We understand that safety is paramount in ensuring that these moments remain enjoyable and stress-free for everyone. With the support of local law enforcement, we are putting additional measures in place to remind our visitors that the fairgrounds are not only a venue for unforgettable experiences but also a safe environment for families and individuals alike.

This collaboration is not just about ensuring safety at the fair; it's about creating a sense of community where everyone looks out for each other. Local Support is vital in maintaining the fair's safe and family-friendly atmosphere, and we are grateful to have the backing of local law enforcement and the public in this endeavor.

MontanaFair is more than just a fair; it's an annual tradition where families enjoy various activities, from thrilling rides and games to live entertainment and delicious food. As we grow and welcome more visitors each year, we are committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all our guests.

As you plan your visit to MontanaFair this year, know that your safety is our top priority. We hope this increased safety measure will improve your peace of mind and enhance your overall fair experience. We're looking forward to seeing you at MontanaFair!



Fair Food: Summer's Ultimate Indulgence

Set your diet aside for a week and come to MontanaFair and enjoy the food. There are hundreds of food and drink options to choose from and many are only available at the fair. Everyone loves the traditional corn dog, cotton candy, funnel cakes, lemonade, and sno-cones. If you're feeling a little more adventurous, then why not try Walleye on a stick, strawberry shortcake kabobs or chocolate covered bacon? Go with the usual or try something new. It's all good!

The selection of foods at MontanaFair is like a culinary trip around the world. The midway offers Mexican fare, including tacos, burritos, and fajitas. Asian food includes egg rolls, stir fry, and teriyaki. The Sons of Norway sell the always popular Viking on a stick and fresh lefse. There's also German and Russian meat pies along with many other traditional dishes. You'll also find plenty of all-American foods such as hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, steak sandwiches, and turkey legs.

Many food vendors are local businesses, including Brockel's Chocolates, Taste of Asia, Cowboy's BBQ, and Mountain Mudd. It's also a big fundraiser for local service groups like the Sons of Norway.

New to the fair this year is B-Town Cookie Shack! Grab yourself some warm home-made cookies and a cold glass of milk.

With so many options, no one will go home hungry!



Fair Food Map



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201- Wagon Wheel Kettle Korn		11.5	
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202 - Opa Grill	304 - Sweetened	0/0	
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208 - Honeybee Lemonade	Bourbon Chicken Skewers		306
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Corn Bogs, Caramel Apples, Popcorn	311- Texas Twister	218	307
212 - Stuff'd	Lemonade and Fruit Punch		
German & Russian Meat Pies	312 - Blissful Bowlz	219	308
213-214 - Levandowski Concessions	Acai Bowls	210	
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215 - Guttbusters Cowpies	314 - Rollin Ritos	221	310
216-217 - Levandowski Concessions	Sushi Burritos & Sushi Nachos	221	
Lemonade, Pretzels, Corn Dogs	Egg Rolls, Asian Cuisine	000	311
218 - Giovanni's Concessions	401- Tiki Hut	222	_
New York Italian Sausage	Mixed Drinks	000	312
219 - The Rollin' Donut	402 - Surfer Joes	223	_
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220 - Cowboy's Wood Fire Pizza	501- MetraPark		014
221 - Cowboy's BBQ	Smore's Fries, Garlic & Spicy Cheese		314
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222 - Snow Drift	502 - Brockel's Chocolates Inc.		
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Fair Food

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Sweetened	304	Tiki Hut	402
Food Theme: Snacks	007	Food Theme: American	
Primary Food Item(s): Cotton Candy Assorted, Rock Ca	andy	Primary Food Item(s): Mixed Fancy Drinks	
Sons of Norway	305	MetraPark Concessions	501
Food Theme: Norwegian		Food Theme: American	
Primary Food Item(s): Vikings, Norskies, Lefse		Primary Food Item(s): Popcorn, Taco in a Bag	
B-Town Cookie Shack	306	Brockel's Chocolates Inc.	502
Food Theme: American		Food Theme: Snacks	
Primary Food Item(s): Cookies, Milk and Water		Primary Food Item(s): Candy Novelties	
Railside Diner	307	Frzackerley Fudge & Candy	503
Food Theme: American		Food Theme: Snacks	
Primary Food Item(s): Turkey Legs		Primary Food Item(s): Assorted Fudge Candies,	
		Caramel Apples	
Taste of Asia	308	4-H Ice Cream	Evno
Food Theme: Oriental		Food Theme: American	Expo
Primary Food Item(s): Various Sushi, Fried Noodles		Primary Food Item(s): Ice Cream	
High Plains Concessions	309	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Food Theme: American			
Primary Food Item(s): Bourbon Chicken Skewers			
I'm Craving BBQ	310		
Food Theme: BBQ			
Primary Food Item(s): Brisket, Mac n Cheese			
Texas Twister	311		
Food Theme: American			
Primary Food Item(s): Lemonade			
Blissful Bowlz	312		
Food Theme: American	-		
Primary Food Item(s): Açaí Bowls			

4-H Fun

Thursday, August 10		
4 pm	4-H Horse Division 70, Class 1; Division 71, Class 1-5; Champion of Champions - SuperBarn	
Friday, August 11 Sneak a Peek!		
8:30 am	4-H Horse Division 70, Class 2-41 - SuperBarn	
8:30 am	4-H Horse Division 70, Class 47-51 - SuperBarn	
5 pm	4-H Pocket Pet Show - WRS Expo	
Saturday, August 12		
8 am	4-H Cavy Showmanship & Show - WRS Expo	
8:30 am	4-H Horse Division 70, Class 42-46 - SuperBarn	
8:30 am	4-H Horse Division 70, Class 52-58 - SuperBarn Outdoor Arena	
9:00 am	4-H Rabbit Showmanship - WRS Expo	
11 am	4-H Non-Livestock Exhibits on Display - WRS Expo	
5 pm	4-H Breeding Sheep Classification followed by Sheep and Goat	
	Pictures - WRS Expo	
Sunday, August 13		
8 am	4-H Poultry Showmanship, Egg Show, Junior Pigeon Show, Fancy	
	Feathers, Game and Ornamental Bird, Meat Pen, Market	
10	Breeds, Turkeys, & remaining Poultry - WRS Expo	
10 am	4-H Market Steer Ultrasound - WRS Expo	
11 am	4-H Non Livestock Exhibits on Display - WRS Expo	
1 pm	4-H Market Lamb Ultrasound	
1 pm	4-H Market Goat Ultrasound - WRS Expo	
6:30 pm	4-H Quiz Bowl - WRS Expo	
Monday, August 14		
9 am	4-H Meat Goat Showmanship Show; 4-H Breeding Meat Goat Show -	
44	WRS Expo	
11 am	4-H Archery Shoot - SuperBarn	
1 pm	4-H Beef Showmanship - WRS Expo	
1 pm	4-H Breeding Beef Show begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of Showmanship; Dairy Cattle Showmanship - WRS Expo	
5 pm		
Tuesday, August 15		
9 am	4-H Market Steer & Market Heifer Show -WRS Expo	
11 am	4-H Non Livestock Exhibits on display - WRS Expo	
1 pm	4-H Sheep Showmanship, Market, Breeding Show - WRS Expo	
4 pm	4-H Small Animal Round Robin Training Clinic - WRS Expo	
6:30 pm	4-H Annual Awards Program - WRS Expo	

Wednesday, August 16 Kids Day		
8:30 am	4-H Dairy, Pygmy, Angora and Meat Breading Goat Shows,	
followed	by Goat Cart Class - WRS Expo	
11 am	4-H Non Livestock Exhibits on display - WRS Expo	
1 pm	4-H Foods Festival/Edible Arts/Stir Ups Contest - WRS Expo	
2 pm	4-H Swine Showmanship & Pictures - WRS Expo	
6:30 pm	4-H Costume Animal Parade -WRS Expo	
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Thursday August 17		
8 am	4-H Market Swine and Breeding Show - WRS Expo	
2 pm	4-H Llama/Alpaca Show (Halter & Showmanship) - WRS Expo	
2 pm	4-H Llama/Alpaca/Goat Obstacle Course - WRS Expo	
3 pm	4-H Small Animal Round Robin - WRS Expo	
Friday, August	18 Service to America Day	
10 am	4-H Large Animal Round Robin (Beginner, Junior, Senior) -WRS	
Expo		
11 am	4-H Non Livestock Exhibits on Display - WRS Expo	
2 pm	4-H Beef Fitting Contest (or after Round Robin has finished)	
followed	by Livestock Judging Clinic - WRS Expo	
6:30pm	4-H Department A (Livestock) Awards - WRS Expo	
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Saturday Augu	st 19	
	4 H Non Livestock Exhibits on Display WPS Expo	

4-H Non Livestock Exhibits on Display - WRS Expo
4-H Junior Livestock Sale Preview - WRS Expo
4-H Junior Exhibitor and Buyer Lunch - Montana Lottery Winners
Patrick K. Goggins Junior Livestock Sale - WRS Expo

For more information on 4-H, contact Roni Baker at 406-698-6838 or 406-256-2828.

More about 4-H

4-H is a nationwide youth development program that emphasizes practical, hands-on learning in a broad variety of subjects. It was started to create opportunities for rural youth, but has since expanded to include young people from urban areas as well.

There are 4-H clubs in most every county in every state in the nation, and participation in fairs is a hallmark of the organization. About 400 4-H youth from 20 clubs in Yellowstone County participate at MontanaFair.

Their interests vary from livestock to robotics and sewing to astronomy. Each club is required to host a demonstration or workshop, which helps members gain valuable presentation and public speaking skills.

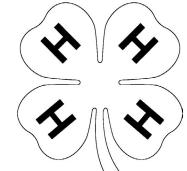
4-H Herdsman Contest

The 4-H Herdsman Contest has been going on for many years, but several elements are new. In the past, Livestock and Non-Livestock participants were judged by anonymous judges and scored appropriately. The individual and club winners were awarded plaques.

Thanks to the Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors, some exciting additions have been made. For the first time, the public may also weigh in on the vote. Posters with QR codes will be placed throughout the buildings to vote on a mobile device and slips of paper will also be available for the vote. Each Fairgoer may vote once each day per species and category. The votes will be made for individuals along with clubs.

When voting concludes at the end of the week, the winners will still receive plaques but also prize money, thanks to the sponsorship of the Yellowstone Count 4-H Council. The individual winners in the animal classes will also receive a buckle.

Check out all the fun in the Western Ranch Supply Expo!



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Patrick K. Goggins Junior Livestock Sale

The Patrick K. Goggins Junior Livestock sale is the grand finale for many youngsters who raise livestock for 4-H. After months of feeding, training, grooming, and showing their animals, the livestock will be sold at auction Saturday, August 19 at 12:30pm in the Western Ranch Supply Expo Center. The Junior Livestock Awards Ceremony will be held at 9am prior to the sale in the WRS Expo Center.

On the day of the sale, the animals will be in top condition, well bred, well fed, and impeccably groomed. The 4-Hers earn money from the sale, which many of them use for college or to build their own herd. This event celebrates all the hard work the youngsters put in throughout the year and touches on the deep traditions of the fair.

For more information, contact Roni Baker at 406-698-6838 or 406-256-2828.



Open Competitive Livestock Shows

Saturday, August 12		
8 am	Öpen Junior Angus Show - WRS Expo	
10:30am	Open Market Lamb Jackpot Show - WRS Expo	
11 am	Open Market Goat Jackpot Show - WRS Expo	
12-5pm	Draft Horse Expo - Infield	
2 pm	Open Market Steer Show - WRS Expo	
4 pm	Open Junior All Other Breeds Show - WRS Expo	
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4 pm Open Horse Show - SuperBarn

Sunday, August 13			
9 am	Open Horse Show - SuperBarn		
10am - 5pm	Draft Horse Expo - Infield		

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6 pm	Open Market Swine Show - WRS Expo
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Art Barn

Montana's finest professional and amateur artists and photographers show their work every year at MontanaFair as part of the Fine Art competition. Cedar Hall is transformed into a gallery of works that include drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry, graphic design, pottery, and mixed media.

Some 650 pieces are displayed and in the past few years the photography and painting categories have grown considerably.

The Art Barn is located in Cedar Hall and is open from noon to 9pm daily.

Check out the Art Barn daily for fun demonstrations.

For more information, contact Catherine Dove at 406-670-2902 or artbarnfair@gmail.com.



Heritage Arts

The exhibits in the Heritage Arts building are a showcase of all the creativity, ingenuity, and dedication of Montana residents. They include the divisions of culinary, horticulture, needlework, and crafts. Within those categories, the entries are quite eclectic.

The Culinary Division showcases cooking, canning, baking, cake and cookie decorating as well as beer and winemaking.

If it can be grown, it can be shown in the Horticulture Division. All manner of handicrafts, quilts, sewn items, and needlework also find a category at Heritage Arts.

Heritage Arts is located in the Montana Pavilion and is open from noon to 9pm daily.

Check out Heritage Arts daily for fun demonstrations: Prairie Hand Spinners - Daily Diamond Art - Daily Coloring Wall - Daily Make & Take Wands - August 12 at 3pm Make & Take Pot Holders sponsored by Yarn Bar - August 13 at 3pm Cookie Decorating sponsored by Velvet Cravings - August 14 at 3pm Popsicle Craft - August 15 at 3pm Cupcake Decorating sponsored by Velvet Cravings - August 16 at 3pm Wildflower Planting - August 17 at 4pm Wildflower Planting - August 18 at 4pm Superintendent's Choice - August 19 at 4pm

This building will close early at 6pm on Saturday, August 19.

For more information, contact Marie Smith at 406-690-2274 or heritageartsfair@gmail.com



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Youth Art

Montana kids have talent, and if you need proof, check out the Youth Art Show in the 4-H Building next to the Art Barn(Cedar Hall). All of the art in the show was created by youngsters ages 3-18.

Entries include everything from finger painting by the youngest artists to jewelry making. Visit the gallery to check out drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and mixed media art. The quality and creativity of the art is often a surprise to visitors.

High school seniors have the opportunity to win one of four \$100 scholarships awarded during the fair. The scholarship entries must include three selections of artwork using different media that students created during the previous year. Scholarship winners are announced Saturday, August 12 at noon.

The Youth Art Show is located in the 4-H Building and is open from noon to 9pm daily.

Check out Youth Art daily for fun demonstrations.

For more information, contact Monica Anderson at 406-690-2943 or fatkitties@gmail.com



Youth Art at MontanaFair has introduced an engaging twist this year with a People's Choice Award. Attendees can participate by scanning a QR code, allowing them to vote for their top three favorite art pieces, making the artistic celebration even more interactive and inclusive.



Montana Fair History

1916 was the start of something spectacular. It was the year of the first Midland Empire Fair. This fair promised to have the finest agricultural, livestock, and industrial exhibits ever seen. The Midland Empire Fair brought together communities from all over Montana and Northern Wyoming. This allowed people to show off their projects they had been working on all year in hopes of winning a blue ribbon and some recognition. With great excitement for this new endeavor, the fair board made special arrangements with the Northern Pacific Railroad to run a train from the depot to the fairgrounds. This arrangement gave special rates for riders of the train to travel back and forth from the fair to home.

With great success, the fair continued to grow over the years but in 1919, it was bigger and even more elaborate than years prior. This 4th annual fair had several counties of Northern Wyoming involved in showing exhibits and livestock. Wyoming recognized that the Midland Empire Fair was a great advertising tool in the northwest.

Midland Empire Fair housed the finest livestock in the region and people traveled from all over. Soon, Montana started becoming known as a state in which purebred livestock was a specialty. Not only were there exhibits and livestock but also the attractions of horseracing and rodeo. The annual horserace drew in thousands and the rodeo brought in cowboys from all over the nation. Both types of riders competed for the largest purses awarded to winners.

The fair was a destination for exhibitors and a place where all the citizens from different counties could exchange helpful advice. They were able to discuss what worked for them and why, as well as explain what didn't work.

After having the name Midland Empire Fair for nearly 60 years, the fair board decided it was time for a name change and rebranded the fair as the Yellowstone Exhibition. The board felt that changing the name would help those that weren't really sure what or where the Midland Empire was. Having Yellowstone in the name made the area more distinguishable. Also, they used exhibition instead of exposition because Great Falls used that in their name. In 1969 came a great tragedy when the original Midland Empire Auditorium burned down. Though it was sad to see it go, the board used it as an opportunity to create a new facility that could be used year round and host more events than just an annual fair. Seven years later, the Metra was constructed. The name Metra came from an acronym for Montana Entertainment Trade and Recreation Arena.

The Yellowstone Exhibition lasted 14 more years until transitioning into the MontanaFair we have today here at MetraPark. Although the name has changed, the event still stays true to the original mission of celebrating agriculture and education and has become the largest event in Montana with 250,000 visitors annually.

Midland Empire Fair





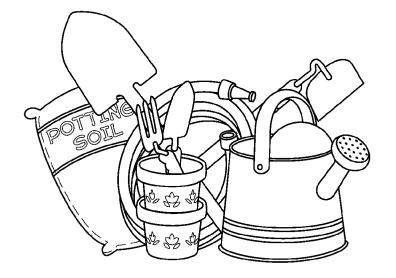
Master Gardeners Demonstration Gardens

The Yellowstone County Master Gardeners have been working all year to prepare a demonstration garden at MontanaFair. Sponsored by the Yellowstone County Extension Service, the gardens include several square-foot gardens, which is the latest technique in gardening that allows maximum crop yield in a minimum amount of space.

The gardens include crops that are ideal for Montana's climate. Visitors to the gardens are always surprised at the variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers grown in the gardens, which have been a feature at MontanaFair for more than a decade. It is located next to the NILE office.

As part of the Master Gardeners Program, members are required to volunteer in their communities. During the fair, they are often onhand for questions, hoping to show visitors how easy and rewarding gardening can be.

For more information on the Garden Patch or the Yellowstone Master Gardeners Program, contact the Yellowstone County Extension office at 406-256-2828.



Kids Day with Wendy's

When people think of MontanaFair, the smells of funnel cakes and corn dogs come to life, the bright lights of the Midway appear and the sound of laughter fills the air. Many of those laughs come from kids giggling after getting off a ride or winning big at one of the many carnival games. This year you will hear the laughter the loudest on Wendy's Kids Day taking place Wednesday, August 16. On this day, Wendy's is providing free admission for children 12 and under at MontanaFair.

Wentana, the local Billings based Wendy's franchise group, is excited to be the Kids Day sponsor for the second year in a row and takes pride in giving back to the communities it calls home. Its community outreach can be seen across various sponsorships and partnerships including Big Sky State Games, Saturday Live and each sporting event played at Wendy's Field at Daylis Stadium.

Wentana also actively supports the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national public charity, and its tireless efforts to find permanent loving homes for the children in the foster care system anxiously waiting for their forever families.

Montana has two full time Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiters who are focused exclusively on moving Montana children out of foster care into permanent, adoptive placements with loving families.

These recruiters are funded by local in-store fundraising campaigns such as selling Frosty key tags and Halloween Frosty coupon books as well as the A Waiting Child Golf Classic held every August in Billings.



The Billings Clinic Kids World has expanded to feature 32 rides, attractions, and games sure to entertain the young ones in your family.

Seeing smiles on the faces of children is the end goal of both MontanaFair and Billings Clinic.

The additional rides and smiles from the partnership makes the 2023 MontanaFair even more special for kids. You can visit the Billings Clinic Kids World on the southwest corner of the MontanaFair every day.





Service to America Day

Service comes in many forms. Service to America day will continue to recognize the military veterans and their service to our country. Additionally, the day will focus on the service others give to our nation and our community. Police, fire, EMT's, and sheriff's deputies give their own service to us. MontanaFair and the Montana Army National Guard want to salute their service on this day as well.

Any member of these groups will get free gate admission to MontanaFair and will also receive a general admission ticket to the rodeo at no charge on Patriot Night on Friday, August 18 with the support of MONTANA STRONG a local partner with South Central Montana Mental Health Center.







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More Fun

Deals and Days at MontanaFair

With so many deals and promotions available every day of the week anyone can afford to indulge in MontanaFair entertainment, food, and fun. Here are some of the ways to save, day by day:

Friday, August 11 - Sneak-A-Peek

Sponsors: Buffalo Wild Wings, Intermounain Distributing

Rock band Chevelle will kick off the Pepsi Entertainment Series by taking the First Interstate Arena stage at 7pm. Tickets to the show are \$99, \$65, \$55 and \$39 for general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

Gates open at 4pm and admission is \$8. The carnival starts at 6pm with Hot 101.9 Sneak-A-Peek Night. Ride wristbands available for \$25. Pick up a \$3 discount when you download the HOT 101.9 app and show it on your phone at the ticket booth.

Saturday, August 12

Sponsors: Republic Services, Lynnrich Siding

Country superstar Carly Pearce takes the First Interstate Arena stage at 7pm. Tickets to the show are \$99, \$65, \$55 and \$39 for general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

Saturday is \$10 Day at the Mighty Thomas Carnival. Ride seven rides for \$10. Purchase between noon and 5pm - honored until midnight.

Sunday, August 13

Sponsor: Simplot Growing Solutions, Kirkness Roofing

The Pepsi Entertainment Series ends with Ludacris performing at the First Interstate Arena at 7pm. Tickets to the show are \$99, \$65, \$55 and \$39 for general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

Monday, August 14

Sponsor: Big Sky Spas

The Mighty Thomas Carnival is offering \$25 afternoon ride wristbands (regular price \$33) good from noon to 5pm. \$3 Discount Coupon available at montanafair.com

Monday is also NonStop Local Family Fun Night. Get four(4) gate admissions for \$30 and \$20 ride wristbands from 6pm-midnight.

Tuesday, August 15

Sponsor: White Heating and Cooling & JW Synthetic

Nightly entertainment continues with Octane Addictions Big Air Bash in the First Interstate Arena at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 for premium, \$19 for reserved, \$16 for general admission and \$11.50 for children 6-12 in general admission. Kids 5 and under are free in general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival is offering \$25 afternoon ride wristbands (regular price \$33) good from noon to 5pm. \$3 Discount Coupon available at montanafair.com.

Tuesday is also Hot 101.9 Ride til U Drop from 6pm to midnight. Ride wristbands are \$25. Pickup a \$3 discount when you download the HOT 101.9 app and show it on your phone at the ticket booth.

Wednesday, August 16 - Kids Day Sponsor: Wendy's

Courtesy of Wendy's kids 12 and under are admitted free from noon to 5pm.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival is offering \$25 afternoon ride wristbands (regular price \$33) Good from noon to 5pm. \$3 Discount Coupon available at montanafair.com.

Thursday, August 17 Sponsor: Montana Lottery

Rodeo action begins with the Yellowstone River Roundup, sponsored by Shipton's Big R, which begins at 7pm in the First Interstate Arena. Thursday night is Tough Enough to Wear Pink sponsored by Signal Peak. Make sure to wear your pink support of breast cancer awareness.

Tickets are \$25 for premium, \$19 for reserved, \$16 for general admission and \$11.50 for children 6-12 in general admission. Kids 5 and under are free in general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival is offering \$25 afternoon ride wristbands (regular price \$33) good from noon to 5pm. \$3 Discount Coupon available at montanafair.com.

Planet 106.7 Wrist-Up and Ride from 6pm to midnight. Ride wristbands are \$25. Get a \$3 discount coupon by texting 'planet' to 406-256-8800.

Friday, August 19 - Service to America Day Sponsors: Montana Army National Guard

Patriot Night is sponsored by MONTANA STRONG a local partner with South Central Montana Mental Health Center at the Yellowstone River Roundup sponsored by Shipton's Big R, at 7pm in the First Interstate Arena. Wear your red, white and blue, and say thank you to a serivce member. Tickets are \$29 for premium, \$22 for reserved, \$19 for general admission and \$15 for children 6-12 in general admission. Kids 5 and under are free in general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

Veterans and first responders get free gate admission and a free general admission rodeo ticket.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival is offering \$25 afternoon ride wristbands (regular price \$30) good from noon to 5pm. \$3 Discount Coupon available at montanafair.com.

Saturday, August 19 Sponsor: Altana FCU

The final night of rodeo is Boot Barn's Night of Champions with the Yellowstone River Roundup, sponsored by Shipton's Big R, at 7pm in the First Interstate Arena.

Tickets are \$29 for premium, \$22 for reserved, \$19 for general admission and \$15 for children 6-12 in general admission. Kids 5 and under are free in general admission. Tickets include free gate admission all day.

Free Admission Noon-5pm with any Altana Debit, Credit, or Share Card, and don't miss the free ice cream right inside the gate!

Saturday is \$10 Day at the Mighty Thomas Carnival. Ride seven rides for \$10. Purchase between noon and 5pm - honored until midnight.

MORE INFORMATION:

Daily Gate Admission

Gates open at noon: Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6-12, \$8 for seniors 65 or older, and free for children 5 and under.

Ticket Information

Tickets to the Concerts, Big Air Bash, and Rodeo can be purchased at the MetraPark Box Office, online at montanafair.com or metrapark.com.

ValuPass

Don't forget MontanaFair's ValuPass. For just \$119 you get three night shows, Octane Addictions Big Air Bash, and three nights of rodeo as well as gate admission every day. Purchase the ValuPass at the MetraPark box office, online montanafair.com, or metrapark.com.

The Mighty Thomas Carnival

The Mighty Thomas Carnival brings the midway to the 2023 MontanaFair in Billings August 11-19. This traveling carnival presents thrilling rides, fun games, and tasty carnival treats at the MetraPark fairgrounds for the 44th straight year. Founded in 1928 in Lennox, South Dakota, by Art B. Thomas, the show now winters near Austin, Texas, and is providing its 92nd season of summer fun and excitement for fair-goers, including 51 events in 12 states.

The Beach Party, a two level walk-through, laugh-throughout, fun house makes its first appearance at MontanaFair this year. Built by Owen Custom Trailers in California, the Beach Party features bright yellow and blue scenery, wacky obstacles, and a walk-through spinning barrel that evokes the roiling waters of an incoming tidal wave. Harken to cries of "surf's up!" and have your sun screen ready!

The Star Tower is a gentle but thrilling 90 foot chair swing ride, with many hundreds of color-shifting LEDs combining to create mesmerizing, everchanging light displays that tower above the fairground. This attraction accepts wristbands and regular carnival ride tickets. Star Tower is popular for selfies--everyone takes a photo with their riding partner.

Another ride adding to the fun is in the extreme ride genre--the exhilarating Black Out. The Black Out made its continental US debut last year, and is only for those with a sense of adventure! On this mega attraction, twelve passengers are secured into gondolas that rotate and flip as the central arm launches them up, up - and over! The ride swings up to a highpoint of 80 feet in the air, and makes a complete circle as it swings back down in the other direction.

The centerpiece of the midway is the towering Century Wheel, a 70 foot ferris wheel with gondola-style seating designed to be enjoyed by the entire family. Other thrilling rides include the spinning Thunderbolt, the exhilarating Zipper, and the swinging Pharaoh's Fury. Adventurous riders enjoy the exciting wave action of the Moby Dick. The Super Shot, a 90-foot tall drop tower, always draws a crowd to watch the hilarious reactions of riders who have just completed the free fall to the bottom. Thomas Carnival classics include the Tilt-a-Whirl, Merry-Go-Round, the Crystal Lil's House of Mirrors, the Dodgem Bumper Cars, the Dizzy Dragons, Tornado and more. In the children's midway ride area, look for the Barnyard, the Speedway, and the Rio Grande Train. The whole family can enjoy the Cobra Coaster, as well as the Up Up and Away and the Airport. There will be 2 "Extreme" riding attractions at the fair this year: Speed and the Ejection Seat. Pricing on these 2 attractions is separate from the normal carnival tickets and wristbands.

More returning favorites include 100 foot Fun Slide, and the ZamperlaMini Jet with 8 bold ships shaped like barrels melded into fantastic flying airplanes.

Popular carnival games include water races, the duck pond, balloon pop, basketball, break-a-bottle, big ring-o-bottle, grab bag fish 'til you win game, bulldozer-token push, and the rope ladder. Everyone enjoys the colorful prizes-- teddy bears, dogs, picture mirrors, computer portraits, buttons, t-shirts, wall-hangings and a fantastic array of neat trinkets and novelties. Emojis are new, Smurfs are back and Owls are popular this year. Also, an old favorite returns: The Guess your age and weight stand - your weight within 3 pounds, your age within 2 years, or your birth month within one month.

Enjoy tasty traditional fair food items on the midway, including corn dogs, foot long hot dogs, caramel and candy apples, nachos, pickles, funnel cakes, pizza, hamburgers, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones, and soft drinks. The Midway Pastries has a new-age automated lemon squeezer device made of clear plastic--you can watch the fresh juice being produced and delivered to your own cup.

Thomas Carnival facilities include generators and wire, light towers, benches, rest and shade areas, trucks and trailers, repair shops, laundry and uniform facilities, offices and living guarters in addition to the rides, games and food concessions seen by the public on the midway. 150 traveling workers are joined by locally hired employees and helpers to set up, operate, and then dismantle the show after MontanaFair closes.

For further information, contact John Hanschen at 512-914-0395, or Andrew Hanschen at 512-297-0537, or visit Mighty Thomas Carnival on Facebook.



Shop Montana Fair

Check out all of MontanaFair's Commercial Vendors:

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Outside	Big Sky Spas
Outside	Ford Street Team
By NILE	Child Evangelism Fellowship

For more information on commercial vendors, please contact Deb Christensen at 406-256-2402.



People's Choice Awards

The Best Vendor of the year contest has been going on for many years, but this year we are changing it up.

In the past, MetraPark Advisory Board members would walk around and visit both food and commerical vendors and vote who they thought was the best.

The things they were looking for was the level of customer service given, how visually appealing the booth was, and the quality or product being sold.

The vendors were judged anonymously by various board members, and the winners were awarded plaques at the end of the fair week.

This year some exciting additions have been made.

For the first time, the public may also weigh in on the vote of who the best vendor is.

Each vendor will have a little card with a QR code that will take customers to a voting page on their cell phones.

Each Fairgoer may vote once each day in three different vendor categories, Indoor Vendor, Outdoor Vendor, and Food & Beverage Vendor.

The voting will close every night at midnight, and the winners will be announced the following day. The vendors will receive a People's Choice Award Ribbon that they can proudly display in their booth.





Notes

Tips for Attending

Park Smart

MontanaFair is not responsible for loss or damage to valuables or vehicles in the parking lot. Lock your car and don't leave valuables within view.

Leave Pets at Home

Pets are not allowed at MontanaFair and should not be left in your car. Even on a mild day, temperatures inside a vehicle can be risky and security personnel will report any animals left in vehicles to the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office.

Be Prepared

Wear comfortable shoes for walking and bring a light jacket in case the weather changes. Wear sunscreen and stay hydrated. MontanaFair vendors offer a lot of beverage options but several free drinking fountains are also scattered throughout the grounds. A first aid station, sponsored by Billings Clinic, is also marked on the map and can offer help for blisters, cuts, scrapes, insect stings, and other minor injuries. Emmanuel Baptist Church provides a changing station and private area for nursing mothers in the commercial exhibits area. Wheelchairs and strollers are available for rent at the Information Booth. Bring what you need but avoid overpacking. Backpacks and large bags are not allowed on carnival rides.

Use the Shuttles

Take a load off your feet and utilize the MontanaFair Bus and the Shrine Train at the fair. The MontanaFair Bus shuttles fairgoers from the upper parking lot, the MET bus stop across from the arena, and from handicapped parking near the arena to the Montana Pavilion gate to enter the fair. Once inside the fair, the Shrine Train provides transportation throughout the grounds.

Stay safe

MontanaFair is a weapons free event. Please do not bring weapons to the fair. Children under age 15 should be accompanied by an adult. Lost children and missing persons should be reported at the security office located behind the Yellowstone Room in the Grandstands.

Wheelchair and Stroller Rentals

Wheelchairs and strollers are available for rent in the MarketPlace in at the concessions stand. Rental rates for strollers are \$15 for 4 hours, \$25 for full day. Rental rates for wheelchairs are \$20 for 4 hours, \$30 for full day. A credit card is required to rent a stroller and/or wheelchair. A \$50 late fee will be charged on your card if returned late.

Get into the Cool

Most of MontanaFair's Exhibit Buildings are air conditioned so you can get out of the sun for a bit. See animals in the WRS Expo, shop in the Marketplace, or check out Heritage Arts, The Art Barn, SCRaPtacular, small animals, and more in the other buildings. There's also plenty of shade near the free stages and vendors provide ice cold water and refreshments.

