



Competitors Guide



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July 17-23, 2017 🍷 Bozeman, MT 🍷 406StateFair.com



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To All Competitors Across Big Sky Country:

Big Sky Country State Fair arrives this July with an increase in competitions, entertainment and your traditional favorites. As the largest attended event in Gallatin County, the Fair offers \$200,000 in entertainment offerings for the simple cost of admission.

Competitions are a vital part of any Fair environment and we are growing this area rapidly. This year we bring to you the Bedazzled Bra contest, a SPAM competition from our Culinary Arts department, a drone quadcopter competition and more. The Franz Bakery PBJ contest and Grilled Cheese contests, new last year, were a big hit and shall return.

July 15-16, a preview weekend of sorts, will feature the MSHSA two-day Open Horse Show. Big Sky Western Bank presents the Bronze Bonanza July 22-23, adding market hogs to this junior livestock show. And, one of the top 4-H market sales in the state will return Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m. This event, along with all livestock competitions, shall be housed in a new tented structure just south of the Indoor Arena.

The Bozeman Roundup will emerge as a two-day competition with \$10,000 in cash prizes. The night show lineup includes a true rancher's experience Thursday night with Ned LeDoux in concert. In an unusual twist, Chad Prather will open for Ned. The Facebook phenom has tickled the cowboy funny bone with his two-minute comic bits. The pair perform Thursday. Also on the traditional list is the Mud Bog which runs Saturday afternoon.

Friday night brings Academy of Country Music winners Eli Young Band. This band has a number of mega-hits including "Crazy Girl" which went double platinum. With eight hits to date and three number one singles, the band is set to release their newest track off the same-titled album, *Saltwater Gospel*. Eli Young Band are working their way to the A-List and will surely be a huge concert night.

You never know, with Aussie Kingdom arriving, you may be speaking with an Australian accent after this year's Big Sky Country State Fair.

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Lori Cox, CFE, General Manager

Gallatin County Fair Board

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The Gallatin County Fair Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Ag Center at the Fairgrounds beginning at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Competitive Exhibits Staff

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Exhibitor Gate Hours

C Gate: Open 24 hours
West Annex Gates: Open 24 hours

Public Gate Hours

A Gate: Wed – Sat: Noon – Midnight; Sun Noon – 5 pm
B Gate: Wed – Sat: 7 am – Midnight; Sun 7 am – 5 pm

Carnival Hours of Operation

Wed – Sat: 1 pm – Midnight
Sun: 1 pm – 5 pm
Carnival Deals: Go to 406StateFair.com

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This guide is for all open class entries at Big Sky Country State Fair.

Parking

Parking is free to the general public in South and North Lots (see map online).

C Gate: Available to livestock/canine/horse exhibitors. All trailers and coordinating vehicles must park in West Annex Lot. Must have exhibitors pass; parking pass must accompany RV/vehicle. Contact show superintendents for passes.

RV Parking

Call the office for more information and availability.

Daily Rate When Available:

Dry Camping: \$20/night

Electric: \$25/night

Full: \$30/night

Mailing Address for Out-of-Region Articles of Entry

Address in this manner:

Gallatin County Fairgrounds

State Fair Article of Entry

901 N. Black

Bozeman, MT 59715

Fair is not responsible for damage to any articles during shipping, nor articles that arrive too late for judging. All deadlines strictly adhered to.

Gate Admission

Children 5 and under..... Free

Youth 6 - 12..... \$3

Adult..... \$10

Seniors 62+..... \$6

No Liability

Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to our guests, vendors, concessionaires and exhibitors at Big Sky Country State Fair. The Fair shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment in case of fire, theft, or from loss from any other cause.

Exhibitors, vendors, concessionaires and all participants hold harmless Big Sky Country State Fair, Gallatin County, the Gallatin County Commission and Fair Board, the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and staff, against any and all injuries, loss and damages to persons or property in connection with the participation of, or travel to and from, any activity, display or event related to Big Sky Country State Fair.

GENERAL FAIR REGULATIONS

1. Fair management considers it favorable if persons report any gross mistreatment or extortion practice by any employee of the Fair, commercial vendors or concessionaires. Report any said practices to management immediately.
2. Open class competition is open to the world unless otherwise stated.
3. Big Sky Country State Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
4. Grounds maintained and equipped to the best of ability and resources for public comfort.
5. The Connect Care Center maintains a first aid station across from the carnival in case of accident or illness.
6. Fair management will carefully guard against extortion in any form practiced on patrons of the Fair. A violation of this rule shall cause forfeiture of contract and money paid and involves expulsion from the Fair under authority of Fair management.
7. Fair management reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all automobiles or other vehicles or conveyances within the Fairgrounds and to direct where they shall be driven. It may prohibit the running of automobiles in any section of the grounds whenever public safety demands it.
8. Fair management reserves the right to exclude from the Fairgrounds any person or persons whom they may deem undesirable, or who shall violate any of the rules laid down by the management, or who shall otherwise become offensive.
9. No roller blades, skateboards or bicycles allowed within Fairgrounds admission gates.
10. Under NO circumstances will dogs be allowed external to the barns except for canine competitions. Only livestock/canine/horse exhibitors are allowed to have dogs on the Fairgrounds, in camping areas, or in barns.
11. In the event of conflict between General Fair Regulations and Exhibitor Rules, the latter will govern, subject to interpretation by management.
12. Big Sky Country State Fair is not liable for any printing errors in this publication.

Media

Members of the working press are welcomed to attend. Media badges required. For badge attainment, email: lori.cox@gallatin.mt.gov. All media must alert the General Manager prior to arrival at 406-570-6807. No vehicles on location without Fair escort; vehicles must enter through C Gate.

Exhibitor Rules

1. Management reserves the right to reject any entries offered, particularly such as require an unreasonable amount of space.
2. The Fair is not responsible for the safe return of any exhibit or animal to the rightful owner, although due care and caution will be exercised to prevent loss and/or damage.
3. Fair management reserves the right to formulate and announce new rules to meet emergencies that may arise later and during the Fair, and to adjudicate all matters arising from the Fair after it is held.
4. All entries shall be made on the appropriate entry forms available in this Competitors Guide or online at 406StateFair.com. No entries accepted by phone. Entries will not be considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid.

5. See each department in this Competitors Guide for all entry deadlines. Pre-entry is required in livestock, canine and equine events. Pre-entry is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** in static entries.

Walk-up static entries subject to a \$10 processing fee per entrant.

6. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered in the wrong class or division may, at the discretion of the Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
7. Only articles entered in competition may be offered for public sale. Sale cards available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed.
8. Should an individual enter an animal or article in the name other than that of the bona fide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from competition and all fees paid will be forfeited.
9. Exhibitors will cooperate in conduct to best represent Big Sky Country State Fair at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and any offending exhibitor will forfeit all fees paid and premiums earned and may be immediately dismissed from the grounds at management discretion.
10. Articles mailed to Big Sky Country State Fair for competition must be mailed to the Fairgrounds office (see address and mailing manner above). Entry forms must be completely filled out and enclosed with the article. All incoming mailing fees must be prepaid or the exhibit will be refused. For return mailing, include complete instructions including credit card information to cover all mailing costs including necessary insurance as requested. Estimated value of article(s) will be helpful. Out-of-Region mailing form available online.
11. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
12. Static exhibits will be under secured confinement during evenings. Exhibit buildings are opened to Superintendents at 11:30 am daily and closed at Fair close. Superintendents shall have personnel on duty throughout the day at their corresponding departments. Articles shall be secured overnight between July 23 and July 24.

13. Exhibit Release

Release of all static exhibits shall occur Monday, July 24, 2 pm – 7 pm.
ABSOLUTELY NO STATIC ARTICLES RELEASED SUNDAY, JULY 23.

14. Exhibitors must provide proper identification that matches each entry tag upon claiming articles.
15. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Articles remaining after 30 days become the property of Big Sky Country State Fair.
16. Animal release is listed per department; see this Guide for further details.

Judging

1. All exhibitors entering shall accept all judges and agree to abide by their decisions.
2. Every effort is given to provide qualified judges. No exhibitor, spectator or Superintendent will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties.
3. Exhibitors interfering with judges in any manner during time of judging will be excluded from further competition and will forfeit any prizes and premiums earned.

4. Unworthy articles in competition shall not be worthy of a prize/ premium.

Protests

1. Objections to judges and/or all formal protests must be submitted in writing, include full name, address and phone number, and be signed.
2. Objections and protests must be accompanied by \$50 cash or certified check (refundable if protest sustained). Protest must state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Superintendent within 24 hours after the occasion for the protest. Protests shall be brought before management for final decision, with a complete investigation of the matter to follow. No objection or protest that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered. Protests not sustained will forfeit the \$50.

Premiums (Prize Monies Awarded)

1. Premiums for static classes shall be awarded to all first place winners at \$5 each. Unworthy articles in competition shall not earn premiums.
2. Premiums for animal competitions are dependent upon their own payout structure and do not follow the \$5/first place designation. Such payouts are itemized in each department.

Any open class animal exhibitor (with stalling) exiting prior to Sunday, July 23 at 5 pm shall forfeit any earned premiums.

3. Cash paid out for total premiums earned shall occur July 20-22, 3-5pm at the Fair Office or at check-out in Exhibit Buildings 1-2 on Monday, July 24, 2pm-7pm. Premium checks not deposited within six (6) months from issuance will be canceled.
4. Management does not guarantee the payment of special prizes offered by sponsors and/or private parties. These special prizes are signed by the sponsor or donor and are accepted by management in good faith of fulfillment.

Refunds

1. Classes with entry fees that are canceled by Big Sky Country State Fair shall refund all entry fees to entrants.
2. Exhibitors needing to cancel their entries within 72 hours of judging shall forfeit all entry fees. Exhibitors with animal entries cancelling within 10 days of judging shall need to submit a medical or veterinary written explanation, and upon review may or may not be refunded entry fees by management.
3. Refunds for overpayment of entry fees will be made within 30 days following Big Sky Country State Fair. No refunds will be made for exhibitor-entered errors less than \$10.

Livestock & Animal Governing Rules

1. All open show classes are open to the world.
2. All animal entries entered and exhibited shall be subject to health inspection before being stalled/caged. All animals not passing current health restrictions shall not be accepted.
3. Stalls and bedding shall be prepared and ready for exhibitor arrival. Feed or bedding determined to contain noxious weeds will be confiscated and exhibitors may be restricted from bringing feed/ bedding to future fairs.
4. Exhibitors are required to keep their stall, pens or cages and alleys in a clean and attractive condition.
5. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in appropriate locations, as determined by Superintendent.
6. Replacement bedding may be furnished by exhibitor (shavings for livestock) or purchased by onsite vendors, as referred by Superintendent.

Vision

Animal competitions and exhibition are of top priority at Big Sky Country State Fair. It is management's vision that the Fair is the last best place to educate guests about their quality food supply, modern farming and ranching practices, and the economic impact of Montana agriculture.

Veterinarian on Call

All West Veterinary, Bozeman, MT
406-586-4919

7. Schedules for deliveries, gate access, tie outs and exercise will be strictly adhered to.

Animal release dates are dependent upon their respective departments and strictly adhered to. Refer to department rules for dates.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK: HEALTH, BRAND AND IMPORT REGULATIONS

General Regulations

1. All imported animals presented for exhibition or sale shall be accompanied by an import permit, certificate of veterinary inspection and brand inspection. Import permits may be obtained by the veterinarian issuing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 10 days prior to arrival into Montana by calling the Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, Helena, MT (406) 444-2976.
2. A brand inspection is required on all shipments originating outside of Gallatin County. Department of Livestock Inspectors will check all consignments upon arrival at Big Sky Country State Fair for compliance of Montana Animal Health Import and Brand Laws.
3. Any livestock (cattle, horse, goat, sheep, hog) entering Montana from a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last 14 days or a county that contains a premises quarantined for vesicular stomatitis shall be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection dated within 14 days of entry and containing the following statement: "All animals identified on this certificate of veterinary inspection have been inspected and found to be free from clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis."
4. Inspection will be made of all animals upon arrival. Any animals showing evidence of disease, affected with warts, ringworm or other skin conditions or unsightly blemishes will be refused entry or required to be handled in accordance with directives of the veterinarian in charge. Animals which develop a disease condition during the course of the exposition are to be handled in accordance with the directive of the attending veterinarian.
5. All cattle, sheep, swine and goats will need a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 20 days of exhibit. Certificate must accompany the animal upon arrival on the grounds and be available for examination for the duration of the exhibit.
6. All sheep/goats entered in the Fair must have an official scrapie ID tag.

Cattle

1. All out-of-state cattle shall be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show.
2. The certificate of veterinary inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health.
3. All female cattle 4 months of age or older just be officially Brucellosis vaccinated with legible tattoo.

Exhibitors with state regulation questions may direct their inquiries to:
Montana Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division:
(406) 444-2043
For 24 hour permits: (406) 444-2976
Montana Department of Livestock, Brands Enforcement:
(406) 444-9321

4. All sexually intact cattle – bulls (18 mos.), beef females (18 mos.), dairy females (18 mos.) from Class A states (Wyoming, Texas, Idaho) must be Brucellosis tested negative within 30 days prior to importation into Montana. Cattle originating from Class A states which remain in Montana may be subject to Brucellosis retest.
5. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all cattle originating from TB Modified Accredited Advanced states (California, New Mexico, Minnesota and Texas), unless originating from an Accredited TB-Free Herd. (Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) TB test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS accredited veterinarian.
6. Two TB tests (negative) required 60-120 days apart for all cattle originating for TB Modified Accredited states (Michigan). The second TB test must be within 60 days prior to importation into Montana.
7. Statement on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: "All animals in this shipment are not M-Brand (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to M-Branded cattle."
8. TB test (negative) required within 60 days prior to importation into Montana for all cattle in contact with or exposed to M-Branded, Mx-Branded, or other cattle originally from Mexico. Test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS-VS Accredited Veterinarian.

Goats

1. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall show compliance with the following requirements in addition to the statement of general health:
All goats must have official scrapie ID tag to enter the Fair.
 - A. Brucellosis: All sexually intact imported goats six (6) months of age or older must have a current negative test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry into Montana.
 - B. Scrapies: Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: First by issuing vet: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam." Second by the shipper: "Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant herd."

Horses

All horses are required to have a negative test for Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) within the last 12 months. Valid test can be AGID (Coggins) or Elisa.

Sheep

All out-of-state sheep shall be accompanied by an official certificate of Veterinary Inspection obtained from your local accredited veterinarian within 20 days prior to the show, certifying freedom from disease, including lice, or exposure thereto (except market lambs for slaughter). All sheep must have official Scrapie ID tag to enter the fair. All sheep must show a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that shall show compliance with the following requirements:

- A. Lice: Sheep found to be infested with sheep lice are subject to quarantine in Montana, including exhibition and sale animals. Sheep will be inspected at grounds and any found with lice will not be allowed to be stalled on the grounds.
- B. Scrapies: Statements needed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). One by issuing vet: "The animals in this shipment were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of the exam." One by the shipper: "Animals are not a scrapie positive suspect, high risk, or exposed animal and did not originate from a scrapie-infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock."

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.
Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance

at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

- The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

DEPARTMENT 1 - CREATIVE ARTS

Superintendent: Laura Edmonds 00pony00@gmail.com

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes Donated by Owenhouse Ace Hardware



Department Rules

- Entries must be the work of the Exhibitor.
- Limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor.
- Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
- Framed art with glass or entries that are heavy will be accepted, but they MUST have a sturdy wire hanger appropriate for the weight of the frame for hanging. Any framed or heavy entries that do not have a wire, may be rejected.
- Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
- Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
- Artwork must be dry.
- Fabric crafts can easily overlap with Textiles. If the emphasis for your piece is the artistic quality, enter it in Creative Arts. If the emphasis is the needlework quality, enter it in Textiles. Superintendents can help determine the appropriate department.
- Judging will be by qualified judges of Creative Arts.

- The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
- All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fair Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
- All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

What Judges Look For -- Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information

Age/Ability (age as of January 1):

- 01 – Youth 7 Years & Under
- 02 – Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 07 – Special Needs
- 09 – All Adults Combined

DIVISION 1 - YOUTH CRAFTS

(Ages 01, 02, 03, 07 above)

CLASS

- 01 Beadwork
- 02 Collages
- 03 Creative Kits
- 04 Dioramas
- 05 Legos (maximum size 24"x24")
- 06 Modeled Clay
- 07 Painting on 3D Objects
- 08 Pottery/Ceramics
- 09 Recycled Materials Art
- 10 Woodworking
- 11 Youth Crafts, other than listed
- 12 "The Sky's the Limit" Youth Crafts Art*



*12, 22 "The Sky's the Limit" THEME CLASS

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit". There will be a special award given to the best youth craft and best adult craft entered. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DIVISION 2 - ADULT CRAFTS

(Ages 07, 09 above)

CLASS

- 13 Basketry
- 14 Batik/Tie Dye
- 15 Beadwork
- 16 Glass (stained, glass art)
- 17 Holiday Crafts
- 18 Jewelry
- 19 Metalwork
- 20 Pottery/Ceramics
- 21 Repurposed Garden/Outdoor Décor

- 22 Recycled Materials Art
 23 Woodworking
 24 Adult Crafts, other than listed
 25 "The Sky's the Limit" Adult Theme Class* see page 7



DIVISION 3 - WRITING Tell Us Your Montana Story

Contact: Allison Wynhoff-Olsen allison.wynhoffolsen@msu.montana.edu
 Rules:

1. This competition is inspired by the Montana writer, Ivan Doig, who told his own story and the story of so many other Montanans with great beauty, honesty and humor. To explore his archive at Montana State University, visit ivandoig.montana.edu
2. Prompt: Tell us your Montana story.
3. Poetry (Class 26): Maximum 300 words.
4. Prose (Class 27): Maximum 1500 words.
5. Up to two (2) original photos may be submitted with/as part of the poem or prose.
6. All submissions need to be in one (1) PDF file, which may be uploaded as part of the online entry process at 406StateFair.com.
7. Judging is by Yellowstone Writing Project.

(Ages 01, 02, 03, 07, 09 above)

CLASS

- 26 Poetry
 27 Prose (short fiction or personal narrative/memoir)



DIVISION 4 - SPECIAL CREATIONS

(Ages 01, 02, 03, 07, 09 above)

CLASS

- 28 THEME CLASS Popsicle Stick Structure Building



28: THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit". There will be a special award given to the best popsicle stick structure entered.

- Must use minimum of 200 popsicle sticks
- Non-popsicle stick objects may be used for added decor but only 10% of total structure
- Popsicle sticks must be wood
- Provide a short description and how many popsicle sticks were used

Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

(Ages 09 above)

- 29 Bedazzled Bra

29 Bedazzled Bra Chinese Auction Fundraiser For Cancer Support Center
 Entry Fee: \$10

- Contestant will "bedazzle" a bra and matching hanger. A Bedazzler is not required. Design and bling any bra of your choosing.
- Contestant shall supply a title for their creation.
- All entered bras will be displayed, Fair duration.
- Fairgoers may vote for the best bra; \$1 ticket or 25 for \$20; tickets dropped in containers next to bra choice.
- Separate drawing Sunday, 1pm from containers -- winner awarded the bedazzled bra.
- All proceeds donated to Cancer Support Center in Bozeman.

Kids Workshops

Preregistration encouraged!

CLASS

- 30 Easter Egg Fireflies (Limit 20 participants; ages 5-12)
 Thursday, July 20, 5pm
 Exhibit Building 1 - Creative Arts Department
 31 Cork Buddies (Limit 20 participants; ages 5-12)
 Friday, July 21, 5pm
 Exhibit Building 1 - Creative Arts Department



Special Demonstration

Salish techniques include wrapped, diagonal openwork, vertical and slanting openwork, overlay, simple twining, three stand twining, plain openwork and double twining. The most frequent method used the plain, twill and twine techniques. See some of these methods here.

DEPARTMENT 02 - CULINARY ARTS

Superintendent: Tommy McCombs tommy.mccombs@gmail.com

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Tuesday, July 18	3pm-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 2
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 2

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes Donated by Sysco



Department Rules

1. Entry must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor.
3. A 3" x 5" card listing all ingredients must be attached. Omit name of exhibitor. If no card is attached, item will not be judged.
4. No commercial package mixes or fillings allowed with the exception being Class 6.
5. All baked goods, except pies and decorated cakes, must be on a sturdy disposable plate/tray appropriate to size of product in a clear plastic bag. Cakes should be exhibited out of the pan. Breads need to be exhibited in a loaf and out of the pan.
6. Entries presented as individual servings (for example: cupcakes, rolls, cookies), must have six (6) servings or pieces only.
7. Follow proper safe canning preparation.
8. If judges deem a food non-presentable after being displayed for a few days, they will dispose of the food and may display a photograph of the food for the remainder of the Fair.

9. Refrigerated entries will be accepted.
10. Judging will be by qualified culinary judges.
11. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition or item has been incorrectly entered, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
12. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
13. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies.

What Judges Look For -- Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information

Age/Ability for this department (age as of January 1):

- 04 - Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- 05 - Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)
- 06 - Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 - Special Needs
- 08 - All Youth Combined (17 & under)

DIVISION 1 - BAKED GOODS

CLASS

- 01 Breads
- 02 Montana Flatbreads (made with any Montana milled wheat product)
- 03 Cakes
- 04 Cupcakes
- 05 Cookies
- 06 Bars/Brownies
- 07 Creations from Mixes
- 08 Pies
- 09 Cheesecakes (baked or unbaked)
- 10 Baked Goods, other than listed
- 11 THEME CLASS Petit Fours*
- 12 THEME CLASS Chocolate Truffles*
- 13 THEME CLASS Carved Cake (Judged on Decoration Only)*



*11, 12, 13, 21: THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit". There will be a special award given to the best youth and best adult entered. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DIVISION 2 - PRESERVED

CLASS

- 14 Pickles (any vegetable)
- 15 Relish
- 16 Salsa
- 17 Canned Jams/Jellies/Preserves
- 18 Freezer Jams
- 19 Jerky
- 20 Preserved, other than listed
- 21 THEME CLASS Decadent Jellies (made with wine)



DIVISION 3 - KOMBUCHA

Prizes: Donated by Dean's Zesty Booch

Rules:

1. Name, package and label your submission.
2. Write a short description of the process and any unique elements or techniques.
3. Submission must arrive chilled and include 16 oz., full ingredient list including tea blend used, ferment time

CLASS

- 22 Zesty Blue Ribbon Booch - Plain
- 23 Zesty Blue Ribbon Booch - Flavored/Infused

DIVISION 4 - SPECIAL CULINARY CONTESTS

NOT SUBJECT TO PREMIUMS

CLASS

- 24 FRANZ BAKERY YOUTH PB&J CONTEST
- Saturday, July 22, 2pm
- Exhibit Building 2 - Culinary Arts Department



Prizes:

- 1st - Free bread for year + swag bag of Franz Bakery promotional items
- 2nd - Free bread for year
- 3rd - Swag bag of Franz Bakery promotional items

Rules:

- Pre-registration is required
- Ages 4-14 years
- No entry fee
- Fair admission required

Fair Provides:

- 1/2 of 8 foot table
- Hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, paper towels
- Official Sammich judging plates
- Safe food handling information sheet
- Rules sheet

Contestants Provide:

- Everything needed to produce your winning PB&J sammich
- ANY PERISHABLE ITEMS MUST BE KEPT IN A COOLER TEMPERATURE BELOW 45 degrees
- Your entry must be accompanied by an ingredients list
- The bread used must be a Franz Bakery brand bread or you will be disqualified
- You have 15 minutes to prepare 3 sammiches for the judges
- NO EXCEPTIONS butter knives down means butter knives down

CLASS

- 25 FRANZ BAKERY GRILLED CHEESE SHOWDOWN
- Saturday, July 22, 12:30pm
- Exhibit Building 2 - Culinary Arts Department



Prizes:

- 1st - Franz Bakery free bread for year + swag bag
- 2nd - Franz Bakery free bread for year
- 3rd - Franz Bakery Swag bag

Rules:

- Pre-registration is required
- Ages 9-14 years
- No entry fee
- Fair admission required
- Limit of 12 contestants



Fair Provides:

- One-half of 8' table
- Electric griddle
- Spatula
- Hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, paper towels
- Official sammich judging plates
- Safe food handling information sheet
- Rules sheet

CLASS

- 26 YOUTH WATERMELON SPITTING CONTEST
Saturday, July 22, 3pm
Exhibit Building 2 - Culinary Arts Department



Prizes Donated by Small Dog Realty

Rules:

- Pre-registration required
- Age divisions: 6-9, 10-14 and 15-17
- Each contestant will select ONE competition seed
- Participants may run to the spit off line, hold firm position, stand or sit
- No extraordinary elevations will be allowed
- All competition seeds must fall within the designated playing area
- No entry fee
- Fair admission required
- Limit of 12 contestants per age division



CLASS

- 27 ADULT WATERMELON CARVING CONTEST
Saturday, July 22, 1pm
Exhibit Building 2 - Culinary Arts Department



Prizes:

- 1st – Town & Country \$20 Gift Certificate
2nd – Town & Country \$10 Gift Certificate

Rules:

- Ages 16 years and older
- No entry fee
- Fair admission required
- Creation must be based on "The Sky's The Limit" theme.
- All carving must happen at the Fair within 45 minute time frame.
- Only non-motorized tools allowed (provided by contestant)



CLASS

- 28 SPAM COOKING COMPETITION
Saturday, July 22, 4pm
Exhibit Building 2 - Culinary Arts Department

Prizes Donated by Smith's Food & Drug

Rules:

- Ages 15 years and older
- No entry fee
- Fair admission required
- No restrictions on ingredients except must use HORMEL SPAM CLASSIC VARIETY
- All cooking and preparation done on location
- Must provide list of ingredients to judges
- ONE HOUR time limit to prepare your dish
- Dish presentation is at contestant discretion; must fit 12"x16-5/6" tray provided to contestants
- Complete 3 portions for judging
- Limit of 6 contestants



Fair Provides:

- **HORMEL SPAM**
- 8' Table and griddle
- Hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, paper towels
- Official judging plates and tray
- Safe food handling information
- Rules sheet

Contestant Provides:

- Anything needed to prepare your dish
- Any knives, cutting boards needed for all prep work
- Ingredients list

DEPARTMENT 03 - FINE ARTS

Superintendent: Mikaleen Lowe mikaleenlowe@gmail.com

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

1st-3rd placings shall be offered a special showing for two weeks at a Bozeman business/gallery.

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes TBD

Department Rules

1. Entries must be the work of the Exhibitor.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor.
3. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
4. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
5. Paintings, drawings, or printings **MUST BE MOUNTED** (framed, matted, or mounted on a stiff board) for display.
6. Framed art with glass or entries that are heavy will be accepted, but they **MUST** have a sturdy wire hanger appropriate for the weight of the frame for hanging. Any framed or heavy entries that do not have a wire, may be rejected.
7. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
8. Paintings with names in the corner will have a small post-it note covering the name during judging.

9. Artwork must be dry.
10. Judging will be by qualified judges of fine arts.
11. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition or article has been incorrectly entered, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
12. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
13. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

What Judges Look For -- Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information

Age/Ability for this department (age as of January 1):

- 01 - Youth 7 Years & Under
- 02 - Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 - Youth 13-17 Years
- 07 - Special Needs
- 09 - All Adults Combined

DIVISION 1 - PAINTING

CLASS

- 01 Acrylic
- 02 Oil
- 03 Watercolor
- 04 Mixed Medium
- 05 Painting, other than listed

DIVISION 2 - DRAWING

CLASS

- 06 Charcoal (please shrink wrap or frame)
- 07 Pastel (please shrink wrap or frame)
- 08 Colored Pencil
- 09 Pen & Ink
- 10 Crayon/Markers
- 11 Pencil
- 12 Mixed Medium
- 13 Drawing, other than listed

DIVISION 3 - SCULPTURE

CLASS

- 14 Bronze
- 15 Clay
- 16 Sculpture, other than listed

DIVISION 4 - OTHER FINE ARTS

CLASS

- 17 Digital Art/Graphic Design
- 18 Hand-lettering (calligraphy, graffiti, etc.)
- 19 Any Other



DIVISION 5 - THEME ART

CLASS

20 THEME ART



20 THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit". There will be a special award given to the best themed art. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DEPARTMENT 04 - HORTICULTURE

Superintendent: Alice Siebecker

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Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Tuesday, July 18	3pm-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 2
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 2

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Award of Merit - Fruits and Vegetables
- Award of Merit - Annuals
- Best Official Fair Flower (Pansy)
- Award of Merit - Perennials
- Award of Merit - Herbs
- Award of Horticulture Excellence
- Award of Merit - Container Grown Plants
- Growers Choice Award
- Award of Merit - Fair Theme Design
- Youth Award - Gardening
- Youth Award - Floral
- Bees Knees Award



Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Awards Include:

- An Award of Merit for the best entry scoring 90 or above may be awarded in each of the following areas: Fruits & Vegetables, Annuals, Perennials, and Herbs.
- An Award of Horticultural Excellence may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit receiving 90 or more points in Divisions 1 - 4 if all conditions are met.
- A Growers Choice Award may be awarded in Division 5.

Prizes Donated by Cashman's Nursery & Oak Gardens

Rules - All Horticulture

1. Judging is the evening of Tuesday, July 18. Judges will be locally and regionally known industry experts. The show committee will water all exhibits.
2. Due care will be taken of all entries. The show committee cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.
3. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.

4. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
5. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies therein.

Rules - Gardening

1. An Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or sub-class, if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, size, or color.
2. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the genus and species name; variety/cultivar name added, when known. Only properly named entries are eligible for top exhibitor awards.
4. Each exhibit must contain the specified amount.
5. Exhibits will be judged on uniformity, maturity, variety characteristics and freedom from disease and injury.
6. Youths may enter all Sections. They will be judged and staged separately.
7. Outline of what the judges are looking for will be printed at the beginning of the class description.

Rules - Fruits & Vegetables

1. All Root Crops: Cut off tops leaving approx. 1" at top and the roots should be cut off leaving approx. 1" except beets which should be 2 inches. Wash all vegetables thoroughly but do not use a brush.
2. Spinach and Lettuce: Roots should be left on. Spinach and lettuce will be displayed in canning jars to prolong their display. Wash thoroughly but do not use a brush.
3. Peas: Leave ¼ to ½ inch stems and select uniform pods. Avoid over-mature pods.
4. Carrots: Select uniform length and thickness, avoid green shoulders.
5. Chives: Should be the entire plant with roots washed.
6. Dry Onions: Twist tops and remove outer layer of dirty skin; just one layer. Remove tops leaving about 1 inch and clip roots to approximately 1 inch. DO NOT PEEL ONIONS TO MAKE THEM SHINY.
7. Green Onions: Lift just prior to exhibition, avoiding damage to root node. Trim roots leaving ½ inch uniformly. Leave 6" top. Remove outer layer to get dirt off and wash. Choose plants that are well blanched and white.
8. Tomatoes: Leave stems on.
9. The Fair will provide paper plates for entry exhibition.

Rules - Flowers

1. The show committee will water all exhibits.
2. Please enter only the specified number of stems.
3. A stem means one bloom. A spray means more than one bloom; attached foliage optional.
4. Include foliage where requested. All foliage must be clean and attached. No foliage should appear below the water line.
5. The exhibitor must have grown all flowers and plants.
6. Big Sky Country State Fair IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOWER CONTAINERS OR ACCESSORIES.

7. All floral entries that are stems, stalks or sprays will be exhibited in test tubes in blocks, which will be provided by the Fair unless they are very tall, (like delphiniums) then the exhibitor should provide a clear glass container for each entry.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to replace specimens with fresh, identical material if wilted during Fair exhibition.
9. NO artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
10. Living plant material may not be treated in any way.

Rules - Floral Design

1. NO artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
2. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any way. Sometimes flowers sold commercially have been treated with dyes. They are not permitted and, if in doubt, do not use them.
3. Dried plant material may be treated (painted, stained, etc).
4. Noxious weeds will not be permitted in any design entry. A noxious weed list is available at Gallatin County Weed Control, 901 N. Black St, Bozeman; p) 406-582-3265.
5. All design entries must contain some plant material, fresh and/or dried, foliage, blooms, fruit, vegetables etc. as specified in the schedule.

Age/Ability (age as of January 1)

08 – All Youth Combined (17 and under)

09 – All Adults Combined

DIVISION 1 - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Eligible for Award of Merit

CLASS

- 01 Beets, Beta vulgaris – 3
- 02 Carrots, Dacus carota sativus – 5
- 03 Chives, Allium schoenoprasum – 3 plants with roots
- 04 Lettuce, Lactuca sativa – leaf – 1 plant with roots
- 05 Onions, green, Allium – 5
- 06 Onions, Allium – 3
- 07 Peas, Pisum sativum – 10
- 08 Pepper, Capsicum annus – 1
- 09 Radishes, Raphanus sativus – 5
- 10 Summer squash, Cucurbita pepo – 1
- 11 Spinach, Spinacia oleeracea – 1 plant with roots
- 12 Tomatoes, Lycopersicon, any color – 3
- 13 Tomatoes, Cherry, Lycopersicon, any color – 5
- 14 Any other leaf crop, include name – 1 bunch or 1 plant with roots
- 15 Any other root crop, include name – 3
- 16 Any other vegetable, include name – 1
- 17 Rhubarb, Rheum, 5 stalks, trim leaf 1" above stalk. Pull stalks, do not cut.
- 18 Strawberries, Fragaria – stem on – 5 berries
- 19 Any other fruit not listed, include name – 5 specimens

DIVISION 2 - ANNUALS

Eligible for Award of Merit

Hints For Exhibiting Cut Flowers -- Go to 406StateFair.com for information

2017 SPECIAL CONTEST - OFFICIAL FAIR FLOWER

Official Flower: Pansy

A special Fair ribbon will be awarded for the best specimen of this flower.

CLASS

- 20 Bachelor Button, Cyanus – 3 stems
- 21 Calendula, Calendula officinalis – 3 stems
- 22 Cosmos, Cosmea bipinnatus – 3 stems

- 23 Dianthus deltooides (Pinks) – three sprays
- 24 Foxglove, Digitalis – 1 stem
- 25 Geranium, Pelargonium – 1 blossom cluster
- 26 Marigold, Tagetes – 3 stems
- 27 Nasturtium, tropaeolum – 3 stems
- 28 OFFICIAL FLOWER: Pansies, Viola wittrockiana – same color – 3 blooms with no foliage
- 29 OFFICIAL FLOWER: Pansies, Viola wittrockiana – different color flowers – 3 blooms with no foliage
- 30 OFFICIAL FLOWER: Pansies, Viola tricolor – (Johnny Jump Ups) – 5 blooms
- 31 Petunia – single – 3 stems with foliage
- 32 Petunia – double – 3 stems with foliage
- 33 Poppy, Papaver – 3 stems
- 34 Poppy – California, Eschscholzia californica – 3 stems
- 35 Snapdragons, Antirrhinum – 3 spikes
- 36 Sweet Peas, Lathyrus odoratus – 1 color – 5 stems
- 37 Sweet Peas, Lathyrus odoratus – mixed colors – 5 stems
- 38 Zinnia, Zinnia – 3 blooms
- 39 Any other annual, named – 3 stems, sprays or spikes

DIVISION 3 - PERENNIALS

Eligible for Award of Merit

CLASS

- 40 Allium – 3 stems if small, 1 if large
- 41 Campanula glomerata – 3 stems
- 42 Clematis any variety – 3 blooms
- 43 Columbine, Aquilegia – 3 blossoms
- 44 Coreopsis grandiflora – 3 blooms
- 45 Daisy, Shasta, Leucanthemum x superbum – 3 stems
- 46 Delphinium, Delphinium – 1 spike
- 47 Gaillardia, Blanket Flower – 3 stems
- 48 Lily, Day, Hemerocallis – 1 stalk
- 49 Lily, Asiatic – Lilium lancifolium – 1 stalk
- 50 Lily, Oriental, Lilium orientalis – 1 stalk
- 51 Lupine, Lupinus – 1 stalk
- 52 Penstemon – 1 stalk
- 53 Rose, Hybrid Tea, Rosa – 1 bloom with foliage attached
- 54 Rose, Rosa floribunda – 1 spray with foliage attached
- 55 Rose, Rosa grandiflora – 1 stem with foliage attached
- 56 Rose, Climbing – 1 spray with foliage attached
- 57 Rose, Shrub – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 58 Rose, miniature – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 59 Rose, full blown – 1 stem with foliage attached
- 60 Rudbeckia – 3 stems
- 61 Scabiosa – 3 stems
- 62 Sedum – 3 stems
- 63 Sweet William, Dianthus barbatus – 3 stems or sprays
- 64 Yarrow, Achillea – 3 sprays
- 65 Any other perennial, named – 3 stems or sprays if small, 1 if large

DIVISION 4 - HERBS

Eligible for Award of Merit

CLASS (Cut specimens – 3 stems)

- 66 Basil, Bacilicum – 3 stems
- 67 Bee Balm, Monarda didyma – 3 stems
- 68 Catnip, Nepeta cataria – 3 stems
- 69 Lavender, Lavandula officinalis – 3 stems
- 70 Lemon Balm, Meilssa officinalis – 3 stems

- 71 Mint, Mentha – 3 stems
- 72 Oregano, Origanum – 3 stems
- 73 Parsley, Petroselinum crispum – 3 stems
- 74 Sage, Salvia officinalis – 3 stems
- 75 Tarragon, Artemisia dracunculus – 3 stems
- 76 Thyme, Thymus vulgaris – 3 stems
- 77 Any other herb, named – 3 stems

DIVISION 5 - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS (Houseplants)

Eligible for the Growers Choice Award

Rules:

- Plant containers may not exceed 12" inches in any direction
- Plants in these containers may extend past the edges
- All plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of 3 months
- No hanging plants allowed
- Flowering Plants (must be in bloom)

Blooming Houseplants

CLASS

- 01 African Violet – Saintapaulia
- 02 Begonia
- 03 Clivia (Kafir lily) Clivia minata
- 04 Cyclamen
- 05 Hoya (wax plant)
- 06 Kalanchoe
- 07 Spathiphyllum – Peace Lily
- 08 Any other – (must have Latin name)

Foliage Plants

CLASS

- 09 Croton – Codiaeum
- 10 English Ivy – Hedera
- 11 Fern
- 12 Philodendron
- 13 Schefflera – Brassia
- 14 Spider Plant – Chlorophytum
- 15 Any other (Must have Latin Name)

Cactus and Succulents

CLASS

- 16 Agave - Century Plant
- 17 Aloe
- 18 Crassula – Jade plant
- 19 Echeveria
- 20 Euphorbia
- 21 Mammillaria
- 22 Any other (Must have Latin Name)

Orchids

CLASS

- 23 Cattleya
- 24 Dendrobium
- 25 Paphiopedilum
- 26 Phalaenopsis
- 27 Oncidium
- 28 Any other (Must have Latin Name)

Combination Plantings

Rules:

- All Combination Plantings shall be grown together for a minimum of 6 weeks
- Can contain annuals and perennials
- Do not need to be a houseplant combination.

CLASS

- 29 Dish Garden – Container not to exceed 12" in any direction
- 30 Terrarium – Container not to exceed 12" in any direction
- 31 Planter – Container not to exceed 12" in any direction
- 32 Window Box – Container not to exceed 3' in length and 1' wide
- 33 Round outdoor container – Planting not to exceed 2' diameter

Floral Design

THE FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOWER CONTAINERS OR ACCESSORIES.

Glossary:

1. Components are physical materials of which a design is composed: plant material; containers and special staging or mechanics. Optional components may be bases, accessories and/or features.
2. Creative designs result from the creative idea of the artist, using plant material and other components within the limits of the principles of design. There can be more than one point of interest or point of emergence and there is little if any filler material. This type includes abstract.

AGE/ABILITY (age as of January 1)

08 – All Youth Combined (17 and under)

09 – All Adults Combined

DIVISION 6 – Theme Designs

Eligible for Award of Merit

Designer has complete freedom to choose components and plant material.

CLASS

34 THEME CLASS



34 THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit" using fresh and/or dried material staged on a table that is 30" deep and covered with a white cloth. Width allowed 24", unlimited height. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DIVISION 7 – SPECIAL FLORAL EXHIBITS

CLASS

- 35 Fairy Garden – can be made in a low shallow dish up to 12" OR a glass terrarium up to 12".
- 36 Seed pictures – any type of seeds might be used, they maybe natural colored or painted, other natural materials can be used as accents. This picture should be no smaller than 5"x7" and no greater than 9"x12" – no need to frame but small easel provided by the contestant would display it well.
- 37 Wreaths – any type of dried material, hanging hardware should be provided by contestant and the wreath should be no bigger than 18".
- 38 Dried Arrangement – No larger than 3' tall and 1' wide – can be in a vase, basket or container of preference which contains a floral base.

DIVISION 10 – HONEY AND APIARY PRODUCTS

Eligible for the Bees Knees Award

Rules:

1. Limit one entry per class per exhibitor
2. Exhibited honey may be produced in 2016 or 2017
3. Exhibited honey shall be clear, un-granulated, have appropriate viscosity, moisture content, sugar content and density and be free from foreign material, smoke and or fermentation.
4. Comb honey will be judged on appearance, completeness, cleanliness, free from foreign material, damage, and discoloration, unless noted differently at class designation.

Extracted Honey

Rules:

1. Glass containers only...1# (12 oz.) Queenline OR 1 pint canning jars
2. Two samples constitute an entry

CLASS

- 39 Light color extracted honey
- 40 Light amber color extracted honey
- 41 Amber color extracted honey
- 42 Dark color extracted honey
- 43 Extracted honey other than listed

Unfiltered Raw Honey

Rules:

1. Glass containers only ...1# (12 oz.) Queenline OR 1 pint canning jars
2. Two samples constitute an entry

CLASS

- 44 Light color unfiltered raw honey
- 45 Light amber color unfiltered raw honey
- 46 Amber color unfiltered raw honey
- 47 Dark color unfiltered raw honey
- 48 Unfiltered raw honey other than listed

Comb Honey

Rules:

1. Each entry must be wrapped with clear plastic wrap (Saran Wrap etc.)

CLASS

- 49 Comb honey, 4" square or Ross Round, two samples
- 50 Comb honey, 9-1/8" extracting frame, one sample
- 51 Comb honey, 7-1/8" extracting frame, one sample
- 52 Comb honey, 6-1/4" extracting frame, one sample
- 53 Comb honey, heaviest extracting frame, judging based on weight only
- 54 Comb honey other than listed, one sample

Pure Beeswax Products

CLASS

- 55 Dipped Tapers Natural wax, 10-12" in height, 1 pair continuous wick
- 56 Dipped Tapers Natural wax, decorated, 7-8" in height, 1 pair, continuous wick
- 57 Molded Candles, pair of Natural wax candles, 10-12" in height
- 58 Molded Candles, molded pillar or other shape, 1 candle or set
- 59 Rolled Candles (Rolled Beeswax; pillar or taper) pillar or other shape
- 60 Beeswax cosmetics – Lip balm, ingredients listed, appropriate container
- 61 Beeswax cosmetics- Moisturizer, ingredients listed, 2 oz. cosmetic jar or bottle
- 62 Beeswax cosmetics-Any other cosmetic in appropriate container

Honey Bees Educational Display

A creative, educational display utilizing photographs, posters, signs and products to interpret a specific subject related to bees.

This year's subject choices are:

- Bee friendly plantings
- Distinguishing honey bees from wasps and hornets
- Ways for people to help honey bees and other pollinators

CLASS

63 Educational Display

Horticulture Workshops, Demonstrations, and Activities

Preregistration encouraged! Limit 10 participants/workshop; all ages

CLASS

64 Paint a Garden Gnome Workshop

Thursday, July 20, 2pm

Exhibit Building 2 - Horticulture Department

Fair provides:

- Gnome shape, paint and paint brushes

65 Kokedama Workshop

Learn how to make a moss ball planter

Friday, July 21, 2pm

Exhibit Building 2 - Horticulture Department

66 Make a Fairy Garden Workshop

Saturday, July 22, 2pm

Exhibit Building 2 - Horticulture Department

Fair Provides:

- Containers
- Plant material
- Colored rocks/glass
- Some miscellaneous materials for fairy decorations and furniture

Exhibitor Provides:

- Own miniature fairy home decorations

EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES IN THE HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Flower arranging (daily until flowers are gone)

Vertical Chalk on the Walk



entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes Donated by F-11 Photographic Supplies



General Information

1. Any exhibit can be moved into a different class if so needed by the Photography Superintendent or judges.
2. The Photography Superintendent may reject any entry not having sufficient merit, and may re-classify where necessary.
3. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
4. Permission should be requested of all recognizable people in photographs. Judging will be by qualified photography judges.
5. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
6. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
7. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies.

Department Rules

****Note Important Changes**

1. Prints in frames will not be accepted.
2. NO Foam Board.
3. ALLOWED ENTRY SIZES:
 - Adults: 8"x10" prints with an 11"x14" mat
 - Youth: 5"x7" prints with an 8"x10" mat
4. Photographs must be taken by the exhibitor but may be finished commercially.
5. Limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor.
6. Exhibitor's name, address, and phone number, class and title of entry must be on the back of the print.
7. Each exhibit can only be exhibited in one Class Number – NO CROSS ENTRIES.
8. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.

What Judges Look For -- Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information

Age/Ability for this department:

- 01 – Youth 7 Years & Under
- 02 – Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 04 – Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- 05 – Adult Intermediate (Some experience, additional training, no sales, etc.)
- 06 – Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 – Special Needs (All Ages)

DEPARTMENT 05 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent: Jaycee Baird julycreations1234@gmail.com

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the

DIVISION 1 - DIGITAL AND FILM, COLOR & BLACK & WHITE

CLASS

- 01 PEOPLE/PORTRAIT – a posed or candid photo of a person where the person is the focus of the image.
- 02 ANIMALS – pets, farm animals, etc.
- 03 WILDLIFE – wildlife in its natural habitat or zoo.
- 04 LANDSCAPE – depicts natural scenery, mountains, fields, nature, water, flowers, etc.
- 05 ARCHITECTURAL – a structure, such as a building or bridge that is the focal point, includes cityscapes.
- 06 CLOSEUP/MACRO – the subject is photographed at a very close range and is clearly defined and recognizable; larger than 1:1 scale.
- 07 ACTION – the focal point is a moving object; includes sports.
- 08 HUMOROUS – an amusing or humorous moment.
- 09 PHOTOJOURNALISM – depicts a newsworthy event portrayed in a timely, objective/impartial or narrative manner.
- 10 CUTE KID – images of children that are memorable, fun or overall image is extremely endearing.
- 11 STREET PHOTOGRAPHY- images of public places with subjects in candid situations; observation and capture of social interaction.
- 12 STILL LIFE – images where the focus is inanimate objects which are found or arranged, but not close-ups. This could include food, vessels, clothing, photographed diorama setups, flower arrangements and farm equipment.

DIVISION 2 - OPEN

CLASS

- 13 ABSTRACT – contains a design of patterns or shapes where the subject matter is not evident. Subject matter must be identified on the back.
- 14 EXPERIMENTAL – images produced using non-traditional or alternative photo processes, or images that have been significantly altered in the camera, darkroom or with computer editing. Examples can include but are not limited to photo emulsion lifts, alternative image transfers, hand-colored/tinted/manipulated photos, pinhole photographs and heavily edit images using image software.
- 15 GROUPS AND COLLAGES – any arrangement that includes multiple photographs. This can include narrative art that tells a story through several photos. Same size restrictions apply as other categories.
- 16 ANYTHING GOES – if it doesn't fit in the above classes, include it here.

DIVISION 3 - MOBILE DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHY

Rules:

1. Do not enter mobile photography in any other divisions.

CLASS

- 17 ALL MOBILE DEVICE PHOTOGRAPHY – Will include photographers of any ages and abilities. Size restrictions may not be smaller than 4"x6" (including matting) and not exceeding 8"x10" (mat included). A photo lab can let you know what size your image will clearly print as an enlargement. Please identify what type of mobile device your image has been taken with.

DIVISION 4 -THEME PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS

- 18 THEME CLASS - Photography



18 THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit." There will be a special award given to the best theme-based photograph entered. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme "The Sky's the Limit". Open to all ages and abilities.

DEPARTMENT 06 - QUILTING

Superintendent: Vickie Johnson 406-570-0624

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

Premiums are paid during Fair -- see PREMIUMS, page 4, for payout info.

Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show



Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes Donated by Silver Thimble & Main Street Quilting Co.

Department Rules

1. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per class per exhibitor.
3. Kits may be used, but "KIT" must be specified on the entry tag.
4. Exhibits should be clean and ready for exhibiting or they will not be accepted.
5. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
6. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
7. Judging will be by qualified quilting judges.
8. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
9. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
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Age/Ability (age as of January 1)

- 01 – Youth 7 Years & Under
- 02 – Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 04 – Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- 05 – Adult Intermediate (Some experience, training, no sales, etc.)
- 06 – Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 – Special Needs (all ages)

DIVISION 1 – BED QUILTS (65" & OVER)**CLASS**

- 01 Hand pieced, hand quilted bed quilt
- 02 Machine pieced, hand quilted bed quilt
- 03 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self bed quilt
- 04 Machine pieced, commercially quilted bed quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 05 Bed quilt, appliquéd
- 06 Bed quilt, produced by a group
- 07 Bed quilt, other than listed

**DIVISION 2 – LAP QUILTS (45" – 65")**

- 08 Hand pieced, hand quilted lap quilt
- 09 Machine pieced, hand quilted lap quilt
- 10 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self lap quilt
- 11 Machine pieced, commercially quilted lap quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 12 Lap quilt, produced by a group
- 13 Lap quilt, other than listed

DIVISION 3 – CRIB/MINIATURE QUILTS (45" & UNDER)

- 14 Hand pieced, hand quilted crib/mini quilt
- 15 Machine pieced, hand quilted crib/mini quilt
- 16 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self crib/mini quilt
- 17 Machine pieced, commercially quilted crib/mini quilt (provide name of quilter)
- 18 Crib/mini quilt, other than listed

DIVISION 4 – QUILTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (Wall Hangings, Table Toppers or Runners)

- 19 Hand pieced, hand quilted household item
- 20 Machine pieced, hand quilted household item
- 21 Machine pieced, machine quilted by self household item
- 22 Machine pieced, commercially quilted household item (provide name of quilter)
- 23 Quilted household item, other than listed

DIVISION 5 – THEME QUILTS**CLASS**

- 24 THEME CLASS Quilt (all sizes)

**24 THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"**

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit." There will be a special award given to the best theme-based quilt entered. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DEPARTMENT 07 - TECHNICAL ARTS**Superintendent:** Ben Keeley

b.keeley@ascentvision.com

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

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Special rosettes may be awarded for the following:

- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

*Prizes TBD***Department Rules**

1. Entries must be the work of the Exhibitor.
2. Kits may be used but "KIT" must be specified on entry tag.
3. Limit of one entry per class per exhibitor.
4. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
5. Subject matter deemed not suitable for display in a family exhibit will be returned to the exhibitor.
6. Judging will be by qualified judges of each technical arts division.
7. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
8. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
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What Judges Look For -- Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information**Age/Ability** (age as of January 1)

- 08 – All Youth Combined (17 and under)
- 09 – All Adults Combined

DIVISION 1 – UNMANNED VEHICLES

This division includes all of the new technology devoted to various unmanned vehicles.

CLASS

- 1 Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- 2 Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicles
- 3 Unmanned Ground Vehicles

DIVISION 2 - AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Show what you can do with a drone and some editing skills.

Submissions may be uploaded online (406StateFair.com), or produced as an 8"x10" print with an 11"x14" mat.

CLASS

- 4 Drone Photography

DIVISION 3 - MICROCONTROLLER DESIGNS

Show the judges what you can do with a microcontroller.

CLASS

- 5 Arduino, Raspberry Pi or any other microcontroller

DIVISION 4 - CINEMATOGRAPHY

The Big Sky Country State Fair Drone Film Festival celebrates the art of drone cinematography. The Festival offers participants the opportunity to exhibit their work through 300 seconds or less short film.

Rules:

1. Submit your short film online (406StateFair.com) or mail the video on an external flash drive to: Big Sky Country State Fair, 901 N. Black, Bozeman, MT 59715.
2. Must regard all civil aviation rules and regulations when obtaining footage.
3. Display creativity, artistry and piloting skills through exciting imagery and angles captured from the drone.

CLASS

- 6 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Cinematography

DIVISION 5 - FIRST PERSON VIEW RACING

Race our FPV racing course with your kit or homemade quadcopter.

CLASS

- 7 FPV Quadcopter Competition - Saturday, July 22, 5pm
Check in at Exhibit Building 2; preregistration encouraged



DEPARTMENT 08 - TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Vickie Johnson 406-570-0624

Schedule

Friday, July 7	Prior to 5pm	Entry Forms Due	Fair Office
Sunday, July 9	Midnight	Online Entries Due	406StateFair.com
Monday, July 17	11am-6pm	Check-in	Exhibit Bldg 1
Monday, July 24	2pm-7pm	Check-out	Exhibit Bldg 1

Premiums & Special Awards

1st Place = \$5

Ribbon Placings to Third Place (if warranted by judge)

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- Adult Best of Show
- Adult Reserve Best of Show
- Youth Best of Show
- Youth Reserve Best of Show

Best is defined as that which demonstrates the best technique and skill as determined by the judges.

Superintendent's Award: A special rosette ribbon will be awarded to the entry that merits special recognition by the department superintendent. It does not need to be a placing entry.

Prizes Donated by Walmart



Department Rules

1. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Kits may be used for crafts, but "KIT" must be specified on the entry tag.
3. Exhibits should be clean and ready for exhibiting or they will not be accepted.
4. Exhibits previously entered in Big Sky Country State Fair will not be accepted.
5. Fabric crafts can easily overlap with Creative Arts. If the emphasis for your piece is the artistic quality, enter it in Creative Arts. If the emphasis is the needlework quality, enter it in Textiles. Superintendents can help determine the appropriate department.
6. Articles exhibited and also available for sale to the public must have a sale card available through the Competitive Exhibits Manager. No self-made signage of any kind allowed. No other advertising is allowed in the area. Sale must take place after completion of Fair.
7. Judging will be by qualified needlework judges.
8. The option is reserved to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. Where there is no competition, judges may award first, second, third or nothing, according to the merits of the entry.
9. All exhibits and awards will be checked out on Monday, July 24th 2pm-7pm. This is strictly enforced as there is a checkout process. We want to make sure that each exhibit is going home with the correct owner. Please do not remove anything from the building until check out on Monday. Any items not picked up on Monday will be transferred to the Fairgrounds Office. Unclaimed static articles will be stored by the Fair for 30 days. Fair is not responsible for unclaimed articles in any way. Unclaimed articles after 30 days become the property of the Fair.
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- 02 – Youth 8-12 Years
- 03 – Youth 13-17 Years
- 04 – Adult Novice (little or no experience)
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- 06 – Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- 07 – Special Needs (all ages)

DIVISION 1 – SEWING

CLASS

- 01 Sewn Household Item (pillow cases, napkins, pot holders)
- 02 Sewn Adult Clothing
- 03 Sewn Baby/Child Clothing
- 04 Sewn Holiday Crafts (ornament, wreath, wall hanging)
- 05 Sewing/Crafts, other than listed

DIVISION 2 – CROCHETING

CLASS

- 06 Crocheted Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 07 Crocheted Blanket
- 08 Crocheted Adult Clothing
- 09 Crocheted Baby/Child Clothing
- 10 Crocheted, other than listed

DIVISION 3 – KNITTING

CLASS

- 11 Hand Knit Household Item (doily, potholder)
- 12 Hand Knit Blanket
- 13 Hand Knit Adult Clothing
- 14 Hand Knit Baby/Child Clothing
- 15 Hand Knit, other than listed

DIVISION 4 – HANDHELD NEEDLE

CLASS

- 16 Embroidery (Brazilian, etc)
- 17 Needlepoint
- 18 Appliqué
- 19 Cross Stitch
- 20 Beaded Stitchery
- 21 Handheld Needle, other than listed

DIVISION 5 – OTHER TEXTILES

CLASS

- 22 Hand Woven Items
- 23 Hand Spun Items
- 24 Felted Items
- 25 Other Textiles, other than listed

DIVISION 6 – THEME TEXTILES

CLASS

- 26 THEME CLASS - Textiles



26 THEME CLASS "The Sky's the Limit"

The theme for the 2017 Competitive Exhibits is "The Sky's the Limit." There will be a special award given to the best theme-based item entered. Follow the general rules for this department, no cross entry, entry must be relevant to the theme. Open to all ages and abilities.

DEPARTMENT 9 - CANINE

Superintendent: Nancy Creel

Email your Intent to Enter for all classes to nmcreel@gmail.com

Schedule			
Friday, July 21	9am	Entries Open	Indoor Arena
	10am	Stock Dog Invitational	Indoor Arena
	5pm	Entries Open	Indoor Arena
	6pm	Open Class Dog Agility	Indoor Arena

Premiums & Special Awards

Open Class Dog Agility:

Champion: Custom Leash
Ribbon Placings to Fifth Place (with the two runs combined)

Stock Dog Invitational:

Champion: Jackpotted 80% & Custom Leash
Ribbon Placings to Third Place

Entry Fees:

Open Class Dog Agility: \$20
Stock Dog Invitational: \$25

Stock Dog Invitational Rules

1. A maximum of 20 dogs will run in the first go round. First go order of running will be determined by drawing for position prior to the trial.
2. In the second go round, the dogs will run in reverse order of the first.
3. The dog must be in the handlers circle prior to being sent. As soon as the dog leaves the handlers circle, time will start. Once the setter raises their hand to indicate that the stock are set, then the dog must be sent. After a count of 5 the time will start.
4. Dogs may be directed by voice or whistle (handlers may carry a stockman's cane or shepherd's crook).
5. All the stock must complete each obstacle before going on to the next obstacle. The time will note the times at the completion of each obstacle after the post. (Drive panel #1, Drive panel #2)
6. Knocking over an obstacle will result in a thirty second penalty.
7. The handler must remain in the handler's circle in Open Range or behind the handler's line until the last stock exits the Drive Panel #2 in Ranchette and Open Range. The time will be double on dog whose handler has to leave their post or cross the line.
8. Once the handler takes hold of the gate they may not release it until the sheep are penned in Open Range and Ranchette. In the case of a "Y" chute no handler may walk through this restriction.
9. At no time will a handler come in contact with the stock except in the case where the stock runs into the handler while blocking them. This includes contact with any part of the handler's body or any inanimate object. Intentional contact with the stock will result in a disqualification.
10. Gripping and/or biting will result in immediate removal and disqualification.
11. There will be a 4 minute time limit. When the time calls "TIME" the handler must immediately leash their dog or return the stock to the exhaust at the judge's discretion.
12. In the Homestead Class handlers must remain at a walk and may go wherever they need to be on the course.

Open Class Dog Agility Rules:

1. Awards to the top 5 dogs in each class.
2. Twenty dollar entry fee includes two runs.

3. Both runs will be combined to determine the top 5 dogs.
4. Classes: scored time + faults and dogs will be handicapped by time.
5. Veteran dogs (7+), Handlers (60+), and Junior Handlers (<17) earn a 5% discount on time.
6. Dogs whose withers are less than 11" earn 15% off their time, less than 14" earns 10% off their time, and less than 18" earns 5% off their time.
7. Dogs with long backs may move down one category.
8. Dogs will have 10 seconds added to their time for the following: off course, missed contact, dropped bar. Dogs will have 20 seconds added to their time for failure to complete any obstacle in the correct direction.
9. Dogs that foul the ring or leave the ring will be immediately excused.
10. All participants in the Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations and complying with all policies.

DIVISION 1 - STOCK DOG INVITATIONAL

CLASS (each dog runs twice)

- 1 Homestead (Few handler restrictions)
- 2 Pro-Homestead (Handlers or dogs that have competed at the Open level)
- 3 Ranchette (Handler restricted to half the arena)
- 4 Open Range (Handler remains at the "the post")

DIVISION 2 - OPEN CLASS DOG AGILITY

Age/Ability for this Division:

- 08 - All Youth Combined (17 Years & Under)
 09 - All Adults Combined (18 Years & Over)

CLASS

- 1 Into - This class is for dogs that have not earned agility titles in AKC/ NADAC and will not have weave poles
- 2 Intermediate - This class is for dogs that have not earned elite/ excellent titles and will have 6 weave poles
- 3 Open - Any handler may enter this class with any dog and could have 12 weave poles

DEPARTMENT 10 - HORSE

Superintendent: Scot Hogue info@montanahorshow.org

Schedule			
Friday, July 7	Midnight	Online Entries Due	montanahorshow.com
Saturday, July 15	7am	Post Entries	Anderson Arena
	9am	Western Classes	Anderson Arena
Sunday, July 16	7am	Post Entries	Anderson Arena
	9am	English Classes	Anderson Arena

Premiums & Special Awards -- Department Rules

Go to 406StateFair.com for complete information.

DIVISION 1

CLASS

- 1 Halter Weanlings
- 2 Halter Yearlings
- 3 Halter Junior Mares
- 4 Halter Senior Mares
- 5 Halter Junior Geldings/Stallions
- 6 Halter Senior Geldings/Stallions

- 7 Showmanship Green Handler
- 8 Showmanship Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 9 Showmanship 13 & Under
- 10 Showmanship 14-17
- 11 Showmanship 18 & Over
- 12 Lead Line (no charge)
- 13 Western Pleasure Walk-Trot Open
- 14 Green Horse Western Pleasure
- 15 Western Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 16 Western Pleasure 13 & Under
- 17 Western Pleasure 14-17
- 18 Western Pleasure 18 & Over
- 19 Western Pleasure Open
- 20 Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 21 Western Horsemanship Green Rider
- 22 Western Horsemanship 13 & Under
- 23 Western Horsemanship 14-17
- 24 Western Horsemanship 18 & Over
- 25 Reining Open
- 26 Ranch Horse Pleasure Open
- 27 Green Horse Trail
- 28 Trail Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 29 Trail 13 & Under
- 30 Trail 14-17
- 31 Trail 18 & Over
- 32 Barrel Racing 13 & Under
- 33 Barrel Racing 14-17
- 34 Barrel Racing 18 & Over
- 35 Barrel Racing Open Jackpot
- 36 Pole Bending 13 & Under
- 37 Pole Bending 14-17
- 38 Pole Bending 18 & Over
- 39 Pole Bending Open Jackpot
- 40 Keyhole Race 13 & Under
- 41 Keyhole Race 14-17
- 42 Keyhole Race 18 & Over
- 43 Keyhole Race Open Jackpot
- 44 English Pleasure Walk-Trot Open
- 45 Green Horse English Pleasure
- 46 English Pleasure Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 47 English Pleasure 13 & Under
- 48 English Pleasure 14-17
- 49 English Pleasure 18 & Over
- 50 English Pleasure Open
- 51 English Equitation Green Rider
- 52 English Equitation Walk-Trot 10 & Under
- 53 English Equitation 13 & Under
- 54 English Equitation 14-17
- 55 English Equitation 18 & Over
- 56 Hunter Hack Cross Rails 13 & Under
- 57 Hunter Hack 2'3" Fences 14-17
- 58 Hunter Hack 2'3" Fences 18 & Over
- 59 Hunter Jumper 2'3" Fences 13 & Under
- 60 Hunter Jumper 2'3" Fences 14-17
- 61 Hunter Jumper 2'9" Fences 18 & Over
- 62 Hunter Jumper 3'3" Fences Open Jackpot

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DEPARTMENT 11 - JR LIVESTOCK SHOW



BRONZE BONANZA

Superintendent: Open

Schedule

Friday, June 30	5pm	Entries Due	Fair Office
Saturday, July 22	8-11am	Animals In Place	Indoor Arena
	11am-1pm	Registration	Indoor Arena
Sunday, July 23	8:30am	Pee Wee Hog Showmen	Livestock Pavilion
	9am	Hog Showmanship	Livestock Pavilion
	10:30am	Market Hogs	Livestock Pavilion
	11:30am	Beef Showmanship	Livestock Pavilion
	12:30pm	Lunch Break	
	1pm	Market Steers	Livestock Pavilion
	2pm	Sheep Showmanship	Livestock Pavilion
	3pm	Market Lambs	Livestock Pavilion
	4pm	Breeding Heifers	Livestock Pavilion
	4:30pm	Breeding Ewes	Livestock Pavilion

Premiums & Special Awards

This is a jackpot show as follows:

- 1st 20%
- 2nd 20%
- 3rd 15%
- 4th 10%

*No jackpot in showmanship classes.

Added Monies:

Market Classes:

- Grand Champion -- \$500 and Bronze
- Reserve Champion -- \$250

Breeding Classes:

- Grand Champion -- \$250 and Bronze
- Reserve Champion -- \$125
- Showmanship, Each Class:
 - Grand Champion -- \$100 & Prize
 - Reserve Champion -- \$50

Premiums mailed to award winners.

Entry Fees:

- Market & Breeding Classes: \$25/animal
- Showmanship: No charge

Eligibility

1. BSCSF show is open to any youth from any state between the ages of 7-21 as of January 1st of the given show year.
2. Showman must be rightful owners of their animals unless they are doubled in class.

Department Rules

1. All exhibitors will be responsible for their own tack and show supplies. The Fair is not responsible for any theft of property.
2. Entry fees, refund allowance, and payback amounts will be determined by the jackpot.
3. Appropriate show dress is required. No t-shirts or tennis shoes allowed.

4. All participants in Big Sky Country State Fair are responsible for reading the General Fair Regulations, Livestock & Animal Governing Rules, The Montana Dept of Livestock Health Regulations, and Code of Show Ring Ethics and complying with all policies herein.

DIVISION 1 - MARKET HOGS

Rules:

1. All market hogs must be owned and ear tagged by April 15.
2. Minimum weight 220 pounds at weigh-in.
3. Underweight animals will be immediately re-weighed.
4. Market hogs are divided into classes by weight after weigh-in.
5. Boars are not allowed.

CLASS

- 1 Market Hog

DIVISION 2 - MARKET STEERS

Rules:

1. Minimum weight 1000 lbs, no max weight.
2. Ownership date for Steers is January 1st of current year.
3. Steers will be weighed and sorted into classes by weight regardless of breed.

CLASS

- 1 Market Steer

DIVISION 3 - MARKET LAMBS

Rules:

1. Ewe or wether lambs born January 1st of current year or later are eligible.
2. Ewe lambs can be entered in Market Lamb Division OR Ewe Lamb Division, NOT BOTH!!
3. Contestant must declare which division on the entry form. No changes at show.
4. Ownership of lambs must take place prior to May 15th of current year.
5. Lambs will be weighed and sorted into classes by weight, by management's discretion.

CLASS

- 1 Market Lamb

DIVISION 4 - JR HEIFERS

Rules:

1. Ownership date for Heifers is January 1st of current year, proof by bill of sale.

CLASS (Heifers will be sorted to class by age.)

- 1 January 1st of current year or later
- 2 May 1st of previous year to December 31st of previous year
- 3 March 1st to April 31st of previous year
- 4 January 1st to February 28th of previous year

DIVISION 5 - EWE LAMBS

Rules:

1. Minimum 90lbs, no maximum weight.
2. All Ewe Lambs born January 1st of current year or later that have NOT been shown in Market Lamb Division.
3. Ownership of lambs must take place prior to May 15th of current year.
4. Lambs will be weighed and sorted into classes.



CLASS

- 1 Ewe Lamb

DIVISION 6 - HOG SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. All Showmanship exhibitors must also enter in either market or breeding classes.

CLASS (Age as of January 1)

- 1 Beginner: 7-9 years old
- 2 Junior: 10-12 years old
- 3 Intermediate: 13-15 years old
- 4 Senior: 16-21 years old

DIVISION 7 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. All Showmanship exhibitors must also enter in either market or breeding classes.

CLASS (Age as of January 1)

- 1 Beginner: 7-9 years old
- 2 Junior: 10-12 years old
- 3 Intermediate: 13-15 years old
- 4 Senior: 16-21 years old

DIVISION 8 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Rules:

1. All Showmanship exhibitors must also enter in either market or breeding classes.

CLASS (Age as of January 1)

- 1 Beginner: 7-9 years old
- 2 Junior: 10-12 years old
- 3 Intermediate: 13-15 years old
- 4 Senior: 16-21 years old

Montana State University Library Presents:

The Ivan Doig Collection



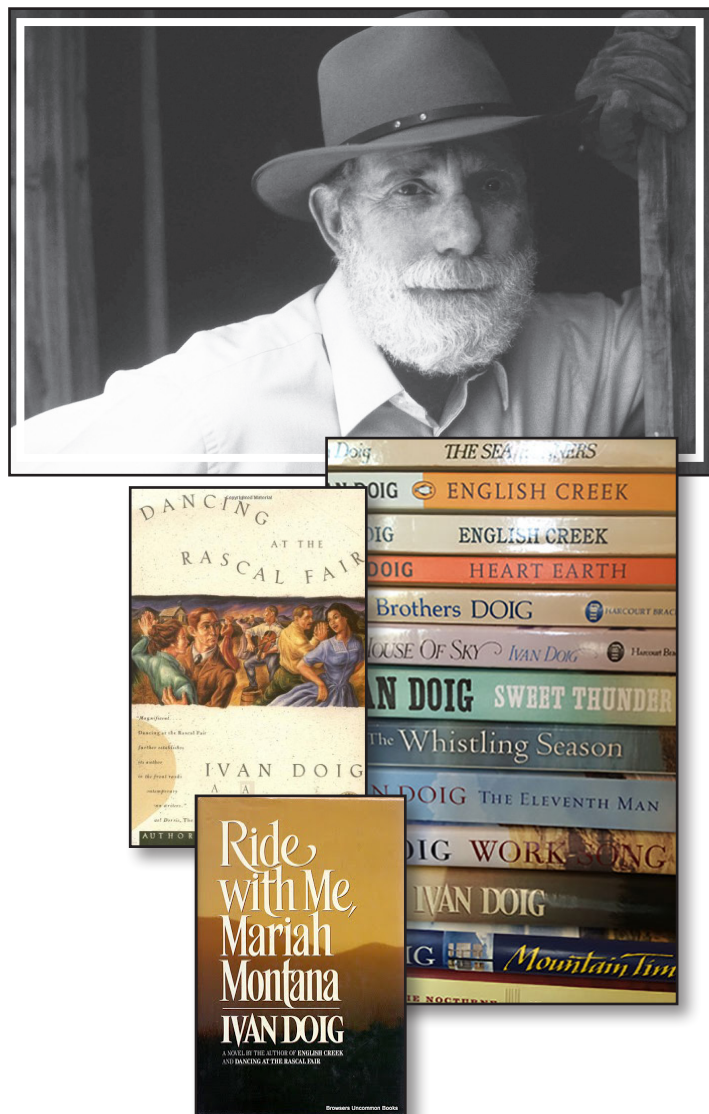
The MSU Library is proud to offer a hands-on glimpse into the new Ivan Doig Archive during the Big Sky Country State Fair. This exhibit brings beloved Montana author Ivan Doig and his works to life, highlighting the storyteller's art and the voices and vistas central to his writing.

With this State Fair-MSU Library partnership, it is our collective objective to bring the Doig Archive to other communities around the state. As a prototype for the Ivan Doig traveling exhibit, this will be the first time this collection is showcased outside of MSU.

From demonstrations to interactive spaces, don't miss this chance to explore the extraordinary lives of ordinary Montanans in the fiction and memoirs of one of Montana's greatest.

Exhibit Building 1, July 19-23, Noon - 8pm

Stay in touch with exhibit updates, social media conversations and more at 406StateFair.com.





2017 BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS ENTRY FORM

(One Exhibitor Per Entry Form Please)

PRINT EXHIBITOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DEADLINES: **Paper Entries:** July 7 mail, deliver or fax to Fairgrounds Office (see below)
Online Entries: July 9 at midnight 406StateFair.com
Walk Up Entries: Those not pre-registered by deadlines will incur a **\$10 Walk Up Fee at Check In**

AGE/ABILITY (Note: Refer to Age/Ability for Each Department)

- ___ 01 Youth 7 Years & Under Age _____
- ___ 02 Youth 8-12 Years Age _____
- ___ 03 Youth 13-17 Years Age _____
- ___ 04 Adult Novice (Little or no experience)
- ___ 05 Adult Intermediate (Some experience, addl training, no sales, etc.)
- ___ 06 Adult Advanced (Experienced, award winners, sales, etc)
- ___ 07 Special Needs
- ___ 08 All Youth Combined
- ___ 09 All Adults Combined
- ___ 10 No Age Distinction

DEPARTMENT CODES

- 01 Creative Arts
- 02 Culinary Arts
- 03 Fine Arts
- 04 Horticulture
- 05 Photography
- 06 Quilting
- 07 Technical Arts
- 08 Textiles
- 09 Canine

DEPT CODE	DIVISION NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OR TITLE OF ITEM (Not Class Name) <i>Limit of one (1) Entry/Exhibitor/Class unless otherwise specified</i>	TAG # (Staff Use Only)

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ABOVE ENTRIES FOR THE BIG SKY COUNTRY STATE FAIR, SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EACH OF THE CLASSES.

Exhibitor shall be responsible for any damages to county property and shall assume all responsibility for damages or injuries to persons and/or property at the event. Exhibitor also agrees to protect and defend the County and its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees and to hold them harmless from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any nature whatsoever arising from the acts of omissions of Exhibitor and or its agents, employees or representatives under this Agreement.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge all rules and regulations and hereby release Big Sky Country State Fair from any liability from loss or damage to article while said article is displayed at the Fair. Nor will Big Sky Country State Fair be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to owner.

X _____

(Signature of Exhibitor or Parent/Guardian if Exhibitor is under 18 years of age)

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ENTER ONLINE, PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR DELIVER THIS FORM TO:

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2017 Hot Entertainment

Night Shows:

Ned LeDoux - Thu
Chad Prather - Thu
Eli Young Band - Fri

Traditional Events:

Barnyard Brawl - Wed
Mountaineers Mud Bog - Sat
Bozeman Roundup Ranch Rodeo -- Sat & Sun

Grounds Acts:

Aussie Kingdom
Midwest Dueling Pianos
DockDogs
Super Science
Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls
Tyzen
Youth Entertainment from Around the Valley

Special Attractions:

Ivan Doig Exhibit
Dirt Made My Lunch
And More to Come!

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