Dear Members of the Media and State Fair Friends,

A treasured and memorable end-of-summer tradition, the Minnesota State Fair showcases our state's best in areas from agriculture to history, and entertainment to education. More than 2 million attend from all over the world and visit the fairgrounds to see the very best of what Minnesota has to offer.

The Minnesota State Fair is where our past meets our future, and the stories to be shared here are endless. As you plan for the State Fair, please use this media kit as a guide. We hope it will make your coverage efficient, exciting and memorable.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you. Thank you and we will see you Aug. 22 through Sept. 2 at the Great Minnesota Get-Together!

Enjoy the fair!

Minnesota State Fair Marketing & Communications Team

Note: All information herein subject to change. This media kit can also be viewed as a PDF at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

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MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The marketing & communications department handles all media inquiries for the Minnesota State Fair. Types of inquiries may include: production and package story assistance; Grandstand access for footage of evening concerts; interview/appearance arrangements with free stage artists, concessionaires, vendors and State Fair experts; corporate communication; media exhibit space and more.

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Media Relations Hotline: 651-288-4321

MEDIA RESOURCES

DAILY MEDIA UPDATE: The Daily Media Update is a tool for media personnel covering the fair. The update provides day-specific information on photo and video opportunities, Grandstand ticket availability, special events, breaking news and more. The Daily Media Update will be sent as a one-page PDF via email and the State Fair Media Twitter account the evening before each day of the fair. To receive this exclusive update, email media@mnstatefair.org and ask to be put on the list.

MEDIA RELATIONS HOTLINE - 651-288-4321: This hotline will be answered year-round during non-fair time Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except on state holidays) and during fair time Monday, Aug. 19, through Monday, Sept. 2, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MEDIA TWITTER - @MSFMEDIA: This Twitter account tweets official Minnesota State Fair news, special announcements and other newsworthy
fair happenings intended for media use only. These tweets will streamline the process of disseminating information, especially during breaking news times. All official updates will be posted via this account. The account is protected and requires members of the media to send a “follow” request to the @MSFMedia Twitter account.

**STATE FAIR SCHEDULE RESOURCES:** Daily schedules, the Fair Finder and the smartphone app are resources for story ideas and daily events. Daily schedules can be found at any information booth or online at mnstatefair.org/schedule/. The smartphone app features the Fair Finder for food and shopping information and daily schedule details. The app is completely free and designed to work without Wi-Fi or a data plan after the initial download, except when updating. Use these resources for the most complete and up-to-date State Fair daily schedules.

**EMERGENCY**

**Police, Fire & Medical**

*Emergencies in progress:* 911

*Non-emergencies (to reach Dispatch Center for police, fire and medical):* 651-291-1111

The police station is located at 1826 West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market and is open 24 hours a day during the fair. The police substation is located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Dan Patch and Judson avenues.

There are two first aid locations on the fairgrounds. First Aid West is located across from West End Market. First Aid East is located on the outside of the north end of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street.

**INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

The marketing & communications staff is available to make connections and coordinate interviews with concessionaires, exhibitors, competitors, free stage artists, attraction operators and State Fair staff. Please call the Media Relations Hotline at 651-288-4321 or email media@mnstatefair.org.

**MEDIA PHOTO GALLERY**

Our photo gallery is a royalty-free source of high-resolution images that may be used with television, print or digital news stories. Please visit the media photo gallery via the online media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/. Click on a thumbnail to enlarge a photo, then right click or drag the enlarged photo onto your desktop to save. After the JPG appears on your desktop, the photo will be suitable for use. Please credit the Minnesota State Fair with use of all media gallery photos and list the event dates (Aug. 22 through Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2019) whenever possible.

**ONLINE MEDIA ROOM**

Our online media room is available to all media through the State Fair website. To view State Fair news releases, fact sheets, photos and this media kit as a PDF, please visit the media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.
PHOTOGRAPHY ACCESS & VIDEO FOOTAGE GUIDELINES

For information about taking photographs or video footage on the fairgrounds, please visit the online media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

It may be possible for photographers and videographers to access the Grandstand to photograph or get footage of a brief portion of the evening's concert. Please note that access may be restricted depending on the artist. To inquire about obtaining permission to photograph or get footage of a Grandstand event, please contact the marketing & communications department at media@mnstatefair.org or 651-288-4321.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Find the State Fair on:

FACEBOOK:
facebook.com/minnesotastatefair

TWITTER:
@mnstatefair

INSTAGRAM:
@mnstatefair

PINTEREST:
pinterest.com/mnstatefair

YOUTUBE:
youtube.com/StateFairMN

FLICKR:
Flickr.com/groups/mnstatefairofficial/pool/

TWITTER FOR USE BY MEDIA (PROTECTED ACCOUNT):
@MSFMedia

OFFICIAL HASHTAG: #mnstatefair
# ATTENDANCE RECORDS

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Agriculture is the foundation of the Minnesota State Fair. According to the book *History of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society* (1910), the purpose of the first territorial and state fairs was to ‘boost’ Minnesota. The theory was simple: “Once the outside world heard of the existence of bona fide agricultural societies in the territory, rumors of a frozen wasteland beyond Lake Superior would quickly fade away ... such a place [of rich agricultural exhibition] must be a farmer's paradise!” Today, the State Fair continues the tradition of showcasing Minnesota’s agriculture. People come from all over the nation to show the very best in livestock and crops. Far from a frozen wasteland, Minnesota is a national leader in agricultural exports.

**4-H Competitions**

Nearly 3,000 animals come to the fairgrounds for the 4-H Livestock show which runs Thursday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 25. Animal species include beef and dairy cattle, dairy and meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine and llamas (Note: Lama is the correct spelling for the genus that includes llamas and alpacas). Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org, or visit extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair for a schedule of 4-H competitions. The 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair app can be used to view complete judging results and schedules, an interactive map, a live stream and more. This app can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play. For interview requests or more information on 4-H, please contact Erin Kelly-Collins at 612-910-6054 or erinkc@umn.edu.

**4-H BUILDING**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street at the intersection of Wright Avenue

The 4-H Building displays the artwork, technology and other projects created by talented Minnesota 4-H members. The Harkness Hall and Erickson stages feature musical performances and performing arts all 12 days of the State Fair. Also here, 4-Hers participate in cook-offs, fashion shows and other competitions. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org, or visit extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-minnesota-state-fair or the 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair app for a complete schedule of 4-H competitions, performances and demonstrations.

**PURPLE RIBBON AUCTION**

6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, Located in Compeer Arena

4-H youth participants in the Purple Ribbon Auction proudly showcase their award-winning animals. These animals and their owners have progressed to the State Fair from county fairs across the state, where they placed among the top entrants. These promising young Minnesotans will receive proceeds from the sale of their purple ribbon-winning livestock at this auction to be used for academic scholarships. Visit mnpurpleribbonauction.org for more information.

**POULTRY PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST**

*Sponsored by Gold’n Plump*

Coronation ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, Located in the Sheep & Poultry Barn

Now celebrating its 10th year, the Poultry Prince and Princess Contest is a
partnership between Minnesota 4-H and Gold’n Plump. Minnesota State Fair
4-H poultry participants compete in four rounds of competition showcasing
their poultry knowledge. Two 4-Hers earn $1,000 scholarships each and
serve as poultry royalty for one year. For a complete schedule of competition
rounds, refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org. Learn more
information online at extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/minnesota-4-h-poultry-
prince-princess-contest.

4-H LAMA COSTUME COMPETITION
6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, Located in Compeer Arena
4-Hers and their llamas and alpacas dress in complementary costumes. This
creative and nationally recognized competition provides for a colorful and
visual experience. Please note: Lama is the correct spelling for the genus that
includes llamas and alpacas.

Agriculture Horticulture Building and Competitions
Sponsored by Bremer Bank
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located between Carnes and Judson
avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets
The Agriculture Horticulture Building displays the ag-hort-bee competitions
including Christmas trees, bee & honey culture, farm crops, crop art &
scarecrows, flowers, fruits & wines, and vegetables & potatoes. Other features
include: The Common Table: Minnesota Eats exhibit, The DIRT Demonstration
stage, Minnesota State Florist Association’s rotunda exhibit with this year’s
theme “Floralpalooza: Minnesota Grown,” a rotation of various flower shows,
ag-hort-bee demonstrations and presentations, and the Minnesota Craft
Brewers Guild. Largest vegetable winners are also on display all 12 days of
the fair, including the Giant Pumpkin Contest sponsored by North Suburban
Eye Specialists.

BEE & HONEY
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the
Agriculture Horticulture Building
Experienced and amateur producers of honey and beeswax display their
products, including honey, candles, photography and more, in the bee &
honey show. Demonstrations and presentations daily. The popular Bee Beard
Demonstration will be held for the 21st consecutive year. Gary Reuter, apiary
scientist at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab, will perform the feat of
placing 10,000 honeybees on the faces of two volunteers, forming a living
beard of bees at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28.

THE COMMON TABLE: MINNESOTA EATS
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the
Agriculture Horticulture Building
This interactive exhibit inspires Minnesotans to get connected to the food
they eat. The actions we take every day matter, as we are all directly linked to
our food. Centering around six areas of action – Buy Local, Eat Local, Grow
Food, Nurture Soil, Promote Justice, and Reduce Waste, The Common Table:
Minnesota Eats exhibit provides a learning opportunity and takeaway for every
age and interest. Learn from the people who are changing the way we grow,
buy, and eat food. The exhibit features various garden types and
demonstrations, including an aquaponics system, straw bale gardens, an interactive foodscape and waste reduction kitchen, the benefits of solar panel farming as well as dirt and compost displays, all informed by members of the local food community. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete presentation and demonstration schedule.

**CROP ART & FARM CROPS**
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Unique to the Minnesota State Fair, crop art is made from Minnesota-grown seeds, stems and other plant parts on supporting backgrounds with or without the use of paints and dyes. Works of art entered into this year's competition, as well as pieces by renowned crop artists, are on display all 12 days of the fair. Linda Paulsen, the daughter of the late State Fair Hall of Fame crop artist Lillian Colton, will demonstrate crop art creations from 1-5 p.m. daily.

**THE DIRT DEMONSTRATION STAGE**
*Demonstration times vary daily, Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building, northeast side*

Master gardeners, florists and other experts team up to offer informative demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions at various times each day of the fair. Demonstrations begin at 10 a.m. daily. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete presentation and demonstration schedule.

**MINNESOTA CRAFT BREWERS GUILD**
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the west hall of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild presents “Brewed in Minnesota,” an educational and interactive exhibit that celebrates Minnesota's fast-growing craft beer industry. The Guild will offer flights of craft beer from nearly 100 Minnesota breweries and brewpubs; educational stations showcasing the history, agriculture and industry that supports Minnesota craft beer; and daily stage programs that showcase Minnesota craft beer, the Guild, and its members. New this year, daily brewing demonstrations from local breweries featuring ingredients from right here in Minnesota.

**Agrilympics**

Local celebrities compete in agricultural contests, including hand milking a cow, animal calling, wool packing and butter carving. All contests are held on the Moo Stage located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn. All Agrilympics events are presented by AgDay 365-American and Minnesota Agri-Women. Do you have a media celebrity interested in participating in this year's Agrilympics? If so, contact Doris Mold at 612-414-7574 or mnstatefairagriylmpics@gmail.com. Schedule includes:

- **Friday, Aug. 23**
  2:30 p.m.: 26th Annual Celebrity Milking Contest presented by Minnesota Farmers Union - Celebrities vie for the title of “Expert Cowhand” by hand-milking a cow.
• Tuesday, Aug. 27
  12:20 p.m.: 18th Annual Celebrity Farm Animal Calling Contest - Celebrities vie for the title of champion “Animal Caller.”

• Wednesday, Aug. 28
  12:30 p.m.: 20th Annual Wool Pack-O-Rama - Wool Packing Contest - Celebrity Division - Celebrities vie to be the champion wool packer by packing wool into a wool bag as quickly as they can.

• Thursday, Aug. 29
  12:20 p.m.: 18th Annual Celebrity Butter Carving Contest - Presented by Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI) - Celebrities compete to see who is the best butter sculptor by sculpting a one-pound block of butter into a masterpiece.

• Thursday, Aug. 29
  1 p.m.: 20th Annual Agrilympics Awards Ceremony - Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded at the conclusion of the weeklong Agrilympics competition.

Animal Vocabulary & Figures

• Pig
  Mother: Sow
  Father: Boar
  Baby: Piglet
  Number of piglets born at one time: 8 to 12
  Gestation period: 114 days

• Chicken
  Mother: Hen
  Father: Rooster
  Baby: Chick
  Number of eggs at one time: 12 to 15
  Incubation period: 21 days

• Cattle
  Mother: Cow
  Father: Bull
  Baby: Calf
  Number of calves born at one time: 1 to 2
  Gestation period: 283 days

• Sheep
  Mother: Ewe
  Father: Ram
  Baby: Lamb
  Number of lambs born at one time: 1 to 3
  Gestation period: 152 days

• Goat
  Mother: Doe
  Father: Buck
  Baby: Kid
  Number of lambs born at one time: 1 to 3
  Gestation period: 150 days
Baa, Moo, Oink & Goat Booths

BAA BOOTH
Located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets
The Baa Booth is an educational exhibit featuring sheep displays and hands-on activities. The Baa Booth is open the first eight days of the fair.

Aug. 22-23: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 24: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 25: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  (Note: Baa Booth closes at 3 p.m., and Sheep Barn closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Arrival & Departure.)
Aug. 26-28: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 29: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  (Note: Baa Booth closes at 2 p.m., and Sheep Barn closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Arrival & Departure.)

GOAT BOOTH
Located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets
The Goat Booth is a new educational exhibit for 2019. Learn more in the “What's New” section of this media kit.

Aug. 30: 1-9 p.m.
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sept. 2: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOO BOOTH & MILKING PARLOR
Located in the Cattle Barn on the south side of Judson Avenue between Stevens and Liggett streets
The Moo Booth is a family-friendly exhibit where guests can watch cows being milked, take part in educational activities and learn about the care and management of cattle. Demonstrations and activities take place on the Moo Stage outside the Cattle Barn (see schedule below), as well as on the Barn Stage inside the Cattle Barn. Use the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule.

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Aug. 30: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 31-Sept. 1: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sept. 2: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  (Note: Moo Booth closes at 3 p.m., and Cattle Barn closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Departure.)

MOO STAGE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
Located at the Moo Booth, outside the Cattle Barn on the south side of Judson Avenue

• Love Food Don’t Waste It – AGDAY Quiz Show
  Daily at 12:30 p.m. Presented by Minnesota and American Agri-Women.

• More Cheese Please
  Daily at 4 p.m. Presented by Bongards Creameries. Daily cheese-carving contest for the general public.

• Milking Demonstrations
  Daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2, 4 & 6 p.m. (no 6 p.m. on Sept. 2)

• Hand Milking
  Daily at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

• Make It Better with Butter (butter carving contest)
  Daily at 10 a.m.

• 4-H Livestock Demonstrations
  At various times. See the daily schedules.

• Talk to the Animals Show
  Aug. 23, 24, 25, 31 & Sept. 1, at 12:20 p.m.
  Presented by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Fair visitors learn about, see and meet farm animals.

• Milk Moo-stache Contest
  Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2:30 p.m.
  Prizes are awarded to the person in each of three age categories for the best milk mustache.

• King or Queen of the String Cheese
  Saturday, Aug. 24, at 4:30 p.m.
  Prizes are awarded to the person in each of three age categories who creates the best art out of string cheese.

• Cottage Cheese & Yogurt Eating Contest
  Friday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m.
  Presented by Old Home Foods Inc.
• Butter Carve-O-Rama  
  *Friday, Aug. 30, at 4:30 p.m.*  
  Presented by Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI), the butter carving contest awards prizes to the best carving in each of three age categories.

• Yogurt Pie Eating Contest  
  *Friday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.*  
  Presented by Old Home Foods Inc.

• Milk Chug-A-Lug Contest  
  *Saturday, Aug. 31, at 2:30 p.m.*  
  Prizes are awarded to the top milk drinkers in each of three age categories. Milk provided by Kemps.

• 22nd Annual Great Minnesota Moo-Off  
  *Sunday, Sept. 1, at 2:30 p.m.*  
  Presented by First District Association, prizes are awarded to the best moo-er in each of three age categories.

• 27th Annual Big Cheese Cheese Carving Contest  
  *Monday, Sept. 2, at 12:30 p.m.*  
  Presented by Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI), prizes and ribbons awarded to the best carvers.

OINK BOOTH  
*Located in the east end of the Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn)*  
*off Stevens Street*  
Presented by the Minnesota Pork Board, the Oink Booth is an educational exhibit where visitors can see a sow and piglets up close, learn more about the swine industry, catch a narrated talk at 11 a.m. daily and sport free pig ear headbands.

**Aug. 22-23:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Aug. 24:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Aug. 25:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.     (Note: Oink Booth closes at 3 p.m., and the Christensen Pavilion closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Arrival & Departure.)  
**Aug. 26-28:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Aug. 29:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.     (Note: Oink Booth closes at 2 p.m., and the Christensen Pavilion closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Arrival & Departure.)  
**Aug. 30:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Aug. 31-Sept. 1:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Sept. 2:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.     (Note: Oink Booth closes at 3 p.m., and the Christensen Pavilion closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Departure.)
CHS Miracle of Birth Center
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (3 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Clough and Nelson streets

The CHS Miracle of Birth Center debuted at the fair in 2001 and moved to its current location in 2006. This agricultural education exhibit is the birthplace of nearly 200 animals, including calves, lambs and piglets, during the fair’s 12-day run. Fair visitors also can discover more about how farmers use different egg production systems to produce safe and wholesome food and see a backyard chicken coop up-close.

CHRISTENSEN FARMS STAGE
Located outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

The Christensen Farms Stage features the Thank a Farmer Magic Show, a number of agriculture education demonstrations, performances by students in FFA talent shows and talks. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule.

THANK A FARMER MAGIC SHOW
Presented by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation
Daily at noon, 2 & 4 p.m. (10 a.m., noon & 3 p.m. on Labor Day), Located at the Christensen Farms Stage

Born into a six-generation farm family, Rhonda Ross Swanson knows a thing or two about the important role agriculture, farmers and ranchers play in our daily lives. Incorporating magic, comedy and zany fun, this show educates and engages children of all ages. Learn more about this show at mnstatefair.org/booths-and-showcases/thank-a-farmer-magic-show/.

Compeer Arena
Located on the north side of Judson Avenue west of the Horse Barn

Compeer Arena is home to horse, cattle, llama, goat and sheep competitions among 4-H, FFA and open-class exhibitors. Compeer Arena was built in 2012; construction was supported by contributions to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Creative Activities Building and Competitions
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street

The creative activities department presents an annual exhibition of the finest needlework, handcrafts, baking and canning that Minnesota has to offer. Participation is limited to Minnesota residents. In 2018, more than 2,500 participants exhibited more than 9,000 items (more than 3,000 in baking and special contests alone). The Cambria Kitchen in the Creative Activities Building is home to a demonstration area with presentations occurring every day of the fair. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for the complete Creative Activities Building schedule.

Education Building and K-12 Competitions
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues

The Education Building houses a variety of educational exhibitors, as well as
the K-12 competition with the work of Minnesota students in kindergarten through grade 12. Examples of displays include drawings, paintings, sewing, reports and creative writing, photography, woodwork and more.

**TECH ED FIRST ROBOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS**  
*Daily at 10 a.m., noon & 3 p.m., Located in the Education Building*

Each day of the fair, two to three middle or high school robotics teams demonstrate how their robots work. Fair visitors can watch as the teams navigate through various tasks that FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition sets up to showcase the skills and inner-workings of the robots. Teams may choose audience members to “drive” the robots for a hands-on experience.

**Competition Entry Lists & Results**

Lists of entries in the livestock, FFA and horse departments for the 2019 Minnesota State Fair allow exhibitors and fair guests alike to see which exhibitors have submitted their entries and are coming to the State Fair this year. To see these lists and 2019 competition results, including livestock, ag-hort-bee, creative activities and more, visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/. Historical competition results can be found at corp.arcasearch.com/usmnmsf/.

**FFA Competitions**

The 2019 FFA Livestock Show runs Friday Aug. 30 through Monday Sept. 2. Entries are open to Minnesota students in grades 9-12 who are regularly enrolled in an agricultural education program or are active members of a chapter of FFA that is in good standing in the state FFA association. In 2018, the Minnesota FFA program included more than 1,000 exhibitors showing more than 3,300 exhibits. Departments include beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, crops, agriculture technology, judging contests, safe tractor operators contest, and landscape design and construction. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule of competitions.

**Fine Arts Center and Exhibition**  
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the southeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

The Minnesota State Fair's Fine Arts Exhibition is the state's largest juried art show. Participation is open to all living residents of Minnesota, and each may submit one work for consideration. Categories include painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics and drawing. Works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center daily during the State Fair. More than 2,700 entries were submitted for the 2019 State Fair. In most years, between 300 and 350 works of art are accepted for the show.

Select artwork will be sold in the Fine Arts Center with 20 percent of the proceeds benefiting State Fair arts programs through the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3).

**STUDIO: HERE**  
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Fine Arts Center*

Each day of the fair, a practicing Minnesota artist will create artwork and interact with fair guests. This special exhibition provides a window into the
working artist's world and an up-close look at the 'nuts and bolts' of how art is created. The participating artists work in a variety of 2D and 3D media and include: Polonia Odahara Novack (ceramics), David Gilsvik (painting), Katayoun Amjadi (ceramics), Claudia Danielson (photography/printmaking), Kristi Kuder (fibers), Amanda Pearson (embroidery floss assemblage), Claudia Trepanier (watercolor), Gordon Coons (printmaking), Eric Ketelsen (drawing), Toni Dachis (paper cuts), Nick Legeros (sculpture), and Karen Brown (sculpture). Artist talks daily at 1 & 5 p.m. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for the artist schedule.

**BE A FINE ARTS DETECTIVE**
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Fine Arts Center
Participants use observational skills to work their way through a quiz that takes them on a scavenger hunt through the gallery. Fair guests earn a ribbon when the quiz is complete. Two levels of difficulty are available and great for all ages. Learn more by stopping by the information desk in the Fine Arts Center.

**Hop, Flop and Sniff**
Aug. 26-29, Located in the Poultry Barn, south wall
Fair guests can visit the rabbit exhibit to see a sampling of rabbit breeds and distinguish the variations of sizes, shapes, fur types, colors, tails and ears. Exhibit hours are:
Monday, Aug. 26: noon to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 27: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 28: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 29: 9 a.m. to noon

**Horse Barn**
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (5 p.m. on Labor Day; see below for additional closing times), Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Liggett Street
The Horse Barn, built in 1937, houses horses preparing for competition, as well as a variety of educational exhibits. The Horse Barn can house more than 500 horses at one time.
To ensure the safety of fair guests, horses and exhibitors, the Horse Barn will close on select days during competition preparation but may reopen after competition concludes. To see the majestic draft horses perform, venture across the street to the Warner Coliseum. Please note this will also affect Aisle of Breeds and EquiMania!™.
Friday, Aug. 23: Closes at 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24: Closes at 5 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25: Closes at 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 26: Closed from 1 p.m. until the end of draft horse hitch class competitions

**Aisle of Breeds**
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (5 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn (see above for barn closing information)
A variety of horse breeds are showcased throughout the 12 days of the State
Fair. Fair guests can stop by to meet horses and their owners, get answers to equine questions and learn about horseback riding. Breeds include: Peruvian, Norwegian Fjord, Paso Fino, Cleveland Bay, Pintabian, Pinto, Appaloosa, Percheron, Quarter Horse, American Bashkir Curly, Clydesdale, Paint, Rocky Mountain Saddlehorse, Standardbred and more.

**EQUIMANIA!™**  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m., (5 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Horse Barn (see Horse Barn section on page 20 for closing information)  
This comprehensive horse exhibit features full-size skeletons and anatomy models, dental tools, tail-braiding and leg-wrapping activities, an 80-foot-long digestive tract, and stations detailing horse behavior and reproduction, rider safety, careers and more. This free interactive education center for horse enthusiasts of all ages is presented by the Minnesota State Fair and Equine Guelph, the horse owners’ center at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

**Kemps Little Farm Hands**  
Sponsored by Kemps, Cub, Cargill and Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Located on the west side of Cooper Street between Lee and Randall avenues  
Little Farm Hands is a free, hands-on agricultural education exhibit that walks children through the agricultural process from farm to grocery store. Farm hands, adorned with work aprons, help with farm chores, collect goods to sell at the farmers’ market and then spend their earnings at the grocery store. Farm hands can stop at stations to learn about soil and the importance of pollinators. Farm hands ages 11 and older can become Ag-Vestigators on the hunt for fun farm facts. Interview contacts: Beth Schuldt at 651-248-5193 or the Media Relations Hotline at 651-288-4321.

**Livestock Arrival & Departure**  
Livestock Arrival & Departure occurs in all livestock areas (except the Horse Barn and CHS Miracle of Birth Center) on Sunday, Aug. 25, Thursday, Aug. 29 and Labor Day, Sept. 2. On these days, barns and areas of the livestock facilities close at 5 p.m. to prepare for different breeds and classes of animals to move in. Refer to the daily schedules for animal display times, dates and locations.

**Livestock Judging Locations**  
Livestock competition takes place in several barns, the Exercise Ring, Compeer Arena and the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. Refer to the daily schedules for the complete livestock judging schedule.

The following location descriptions will make judging areas easier to find:  
**COMPEER ARENA:** Located on the north side of Judson Avenue, just west of the Horse Barn.  
**EXERCISE RING:** Located south of the Warner Coliseum.  
**LEE & ROSE WARNER COLISEUM:** Main entrance on the south side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets, directly across from the Sheep & Poultry Barn.  
**POULTRY BARN:** Judging takes place on the east side of the Sheep & Poultry Barn.
Barn. It is located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets.

**ROBERT A. CHRISTENSEN PAVILION (FORMERLY SWINE BARN):**
There are two show rings in the center of the building. The Christensen Pavilion is located on the south side of Judson Avenue directly across from Compeer Arena.

**SHEEP BARN:** Judging takes place on the west side of the Sheep & Poultry Barn. This barn is labeled “Goat” during the last four days of the fair. It is located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets.

**Minnesota State Fair Horse Show**
*Sponsored by Tractor Supply Co.*

One of the premier horse expositions in the nation, the Minnesota State Fair Horse show features several competitions, breeds and demonstrations – all free with State Fair admission. The show is a 12-day multi-breed event consisting of performance, pleasure, stock and draft horses, including a cutting horse competition, Championship Bulls & Barrels and more, many of which take place in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. Check out the complete horse show schedule at mnstatefair.org/competitions/horses/ or refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org.

**What do judges look for?**

**Beef Cattle**
Beef cattle are evaluated on the basis of meat production. Importance is placed on the animal's size for its age and growth potential. Desired characteristics are ample substance of bone, length of leg and body; evidence of muscling in shoulder, rump, back and thigh; good skeletal conformation; sound feet; legs with no deformities; and muscular and athletic bodies.

**Dairy Cattle**
Dairy cattle are judged using four major categories: 1) general appearance, including femininity, harmonious correlation of parts, attractive carriage and graceful walk; 2) dairy character emphasizing long, flat, angular bones and smooth, flat muscles without extra fat; 3) body capacity, which must appear large in proportion to the size of the animal and provide ample digestive capacity, strength and vigor; and 4) mammary system, including a strongly attached, well-carried udder, which can sustain heavy production and a long period of usefulness.

**Sheep**
Sheep are evaluated on the basis of breed type with the emphasis on such traits as color of face, ears and leg; size and carriage of ears; and wool covering face and legs. Their meat productivity is judged by size, overall dimension, scale and frame, weight for age and muscle content. Wool productivity is evaluated by the fineness, uniformity, freedom from debris and length of hair shaft. Average sheep produce about 15 pounds of wool a year.

**Swine**
Swine are evaluated by their structural and skeletal conformation, strength
through the back, depth of chest, lung capacity, width in back and rump represented by muscle (not fat), muscle structure, length of legs and body, and smoothness of belly.

**Boer Goats**

Boer goats are evaluated on the basis of meat production. Importance is placed on the animal’s size for its age and growth potential. Desired characteristics are ample substance of bone, length of leg and body, evidence of muscling in shoulder, rump, back and thigh, good skeletal conformation, sound feet, legs with no deformities, and muscular and athletic bodies.

**Dairy Goats**

Dairy goats are judged using four major categories: 1) general appearance, including femininity, harmonious correlation of parts, attractive carriage and graceful walk; 2) dairy character emphasizing long, flat, angular bones and smooth, flat muscles without extra fat; 3) body capacity, which must appear large in proportion to the size of the animal and provide ample digestive capacity, strength and vigor; and 4) mammary system, including a strongly attached, well-carried udder, which can sustain heavy production and a long period of usefulness.
CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Minnesota State Fair is a public corporation and a quasi-state agency, as defined by state law. The fair receives no financial appropriations of any kind from any government agency and is completely financially self-supporting.

The fair is governed by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, which is charged exclusively with governance of the State Fair. Society delegates represent all 87 county fairs in Minnesota, along with delegates from 43 regional and statewide agricultural groups. At its annual meeting each January, this group of delegates elects a 10-member board of managers to set policy and provide oversight for the fair. Nine members represent the Agricultural Society's nine regional districts, and the 10th member (the president) serves at large.

The society has remained dedicated to its original purpose of promoting Minnesota agriculture since its inception in 1854, four years before Minnesota became a state.

In addition to financing the annual production of the fair, the State Agricultural Society is responsible for all capital work and maintenance of the 322-acre fairgrounds, which is classified as state property. Fairgrounds facilities and infrastructure are conservatively valued at nearly $300 million. In a typical year, the Agricultural Society will invest between $6 million and $20 million in improvements and maintenance to the State Fairgrounds. The state invests nothing. The fair has more than 80 year-round full-time staff members. During the summer, about 450 seasonal staff are added to complete fair preparations. There are nearly 2,300 fair-time staff members. The annual economic impact in the Twin Cities is a Super Bowl-sized $290 million.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

Offices located year-round at the J.V. Bailey House. Hours during the State Fair are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The State Fair has had a long and successful history, but there is a need for additional funding to build new facilities, improve aging structures and provide educational programming. This is why, in 2002, community leaders formed the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) as the State Fair's nonprofit fundraising entity in support of the mission to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs.

Since then, more than $13 million has been granted to the State Fair from contributions for a variety of capital and program improvements including construction of the Minnesota State Fair History & Heritage Center and exhibits, Compeer Arena, Hugh & Margaret Schilling Amphitheater and the CHS Miracle of Birth Center; improvements at the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum; historic restoration and naming of the J.V. Bailey House; improvements to the Grandstand Marquee; improvements to the Christensen Pavilion (formerly the Swine Barn); development of the State Fair Archives; renovation of the Moo Booth; development of educational programming; the addition of gardens, trees, recognition benches and tables throughout the fairgrounds; and more.

The Foundation strives to preserve the State Fair experience for future
generations within the areas of art, agriculture, education, the fairgrounds environment and history. More information about the State Fair Foundation is available at msffoundation.org.

For interviews and information about the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, please contact 651-288-4323 or info@msffoundation.org.

**FRIENDS OF THE FAIR MEMBERSHIPS**

Friends of the Fair is an annual giving program that offers exclusive membership benefits such as gate admission tickets and Fan Club pre-sale ticket access to Grandstand shows. The Foundation also offers personalized commemorative bricks, benches or tables in honor or memory of loved ones. Contributions support the Foundation's mission to improve State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs. New and renewing Friends of the Fair who stop by the Foundation offices at the J.V. Bailey House during their State Fair visit will receive a 2020 State Fair wall calendar featuring State Fair photographs (while supplies last). Learn more about Friends of the Fair and the Foundation at msffoundation.org/contribute/friends-of-fair.

**RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION**

The Minnesota State Fair has been recycling on a major scale since the mid-1980s. Currently, the fair recycles aluminum, paper, glass, metal, vehicle and appliance batteries, automotive oil, tires, grease, manure, construction materials, wood waste, food waste, waste water, cardboard, concrete, oil filters, plastic bottles, electronics, toner cartridges and more.

**Fair Recycling Facts:**

- About 76 tons of grease are recycled and turned into biodiesel fuel during a typical State Fair.

- 72.5 tons of food waste were collected during the 2018 fair and recycled.

- More than 800 bottle-recycling receptacles will be placed around the fairgrounds this year.

- 56 tons of glass, plastic and aluminum were collected and recycled during last year’s fair.

- More than 3,000 tons of manure from cows, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, llamas, rabbits and other livestock is cleaned of trash and non-natural materials each year, then hauled to Hastings, Minn., where it is composted, mixed with dirt and used as fertilizer on more than 1,000 acres of farm field.
FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
Sponsored by Mazda
Fireworks follow each evening's Grandstand show (weather permitting). Times vary, but fireworks shows generally start between 10 and 11 p.m.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT STAGES
Visit mnstatefair.org for complete biographical information on entertainers.
For interview and appearance arrangements with free stage artists, please contact the marketing & communications department at media@mnstatefair.org or 651-288-4321.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell
Sponsored by Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street, north of the Space Tower

• AUG. 22 – AUG. 31
  Amateur Talent Contest Semifinals (variety, family): 6 p.m.

• AUG. 22 & 23
  Dawson Hollow (country, pop, Americana, family): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  Mac McAnally (traditional country, singer-songwriter): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Chubby Carrier and the Bayou Swamp Band (Zydeco, Cajun, accordion): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 24 & 25
  Chad Przybylski and his Polka Rhythms (traditional polka): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  The Quebe Sisters (traditional country, western swing, fiddle): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Brandon Lay (modern country): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  The 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band (military band, patriotic, pop, orchestra): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  AC Jones (country, singer-songwriter): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  The War and Treaty (R&B, blues, gospel): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Outstanding Senior Citizens Awards: 10:30 a.m. (Aug. 29 only)
  Mollie B & Squeezebox (traditional polka, accordion): 10:30 (Aug. 28 only) & 11:45 a.m.
  Tonic Sol-fa (vocal, pop, a cappella): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Colt Ford (modern country, rap): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Jaida Dreyer (modern country, pop, singer-songwriter): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  Bill Kirchen and Redd Volkaert (traditional country): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Lucky Chops (R&B, funk, brass band): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Matt’s Family Jam (rock, pop, country, vocal): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  The Peterson Brothers (R&B, blues, funk): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
The BB King Blues Band Featuring “The Voice” Michael Lee (blues, funk, R&B, vocal): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.
The Sound Exchange (pop, a cappella, vocal): 6 p.m.

Bandshell Tonight!
Sponsored by Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.
Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell on the west side of Cosgrove Street, north of the Space Tower
All shows begin at 8:30 p.m.

- **AUG. 22 & 23**
  Belinda Carlisle (rock, pop, '80s, former lead singer of The Go-Go's)

- **AUG. 24 & 25**
  Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone (rock, pop, '60s-'70s)

- **AUG. 26 & 27**
  Lonestar (modern country)

- **AUG. 28 & 29**
  One Night of Queen Performed by Gary Mullen & The Works (rock, Queen tribute band)

- **AUG. 30 & 31**
  Tony! Toni! Toné! (R&B, funk, '80s-'90s)

- **SEPT. 1 & 2**
  Dessa (hip-hop, rap, rock)

Cosgrove Stage
Sponsored by Allina Health | Aetna
Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues, outside the Education Building

- **AUG. 22**
  Young Fiddlers Association of Minnesota: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Square Dance Federation of Minnesota: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Cadenza: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

- **AUG. 23**
  Krewe de Walleye: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Square Dance Federation of Minnesota: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Rhythm & Swing: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

- **AUG. 24**
  West Coast Swing Dancers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Tapestry Folkdance Center: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Creature Crew: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

- **AUG. 25**
  Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Tapestry Folkdance Center: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Line Dance Minnesota: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.
• AUG. 26
  Minnesota Polka Dancers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Tapestry Folkdance Center: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Dance Love Latin Afrobeat: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• AUG. 27
  Pleasant Valley Cloggers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Dance and Entertainment Studios: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Rhythm & Swing: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• AUG. 28
  The Plymouth Rockers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Dance and Entertainment Studios: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Wild Rose Cloggers: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• AUG. 29
  Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Dance and Entertainment Studios: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• AUG. 30
  Zumba® Fitness: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Dance and Entertainment Studios: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  River City Cloggers: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• AUG. 31
  Miss Shannon's Sock Hop: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  West Coast Swing Dancers: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Art of Dance Studio: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 1
  River City Cloggers: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Come Square Dance: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Rhythm & Swing: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 2
  ArtsUs Center for the African Diaspora: 10 & 11 a.m., noon
  Come Square Dance: 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Minnesota Tango Society: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park
Sponsored by Green Mill Restaurant
Located between Randall and Wright avenues and Cooper and Cosgrove streets

• AUG. 22 – AUG. 30
  MSF County Fair Talent Contest Semifinals (variety, family): 7 p.m.

• AUG. 22 – SEPT. 2
  Sean Emery (comedy, juggling): 12:30 & 5 p.m.
  (Sean Emery's 12:30 p.m. performances will be ASL-interpreted)

• AUG. 22 – SEPT. 2
  Break-Shop Bump'n (breakdance, acrobats): 1:30, 4 & 6 p.m.
• AUG. 22 & 23  
  *Greg Frisbee* (comedy, juggling, magician, variety): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.

• AUG. 24 & 25  
  *The Chipper Experience* (family, comedy, magician): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27  
  *Kenny Ahern* (comedy, juggling, family): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29  
  *Babaloo Music & Fun* (music, family): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31  
  *Alléz-OOPS!* (comedy, variety): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.  
  *MSF County Fair Talent Contest Finals* (variety, family): 7 p.m. (Aug. 31 only)

• SEPT. 1 & 2  
  *The Dollipops* (music, family): 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m.  
  *Six Appeal* (music, a cappella family): 7 p.m.

**Festival of Nations Demonstration Stage**  
**Presented by International Institute of Minnesota**  
**Located at the International Bazaar, east side**

• AUG. 22  
  *Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans Dance Troupe*: noon, 1:30 p.m., 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 23  
  *African American Dancers*: noon & 1:30 p.m.  
  *Turkish Dancers*: 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 24  
  *Armenian Dance Ensemble*: noon & 1:30 p.m.  
  *Al-Bahira Middle Eastern Dance Theater*: 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 25  
  *Thai Dancers*: noon & 3 p.m.  
  *Izvorasul Romanian Dance Ensemble*: 1:30 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 26  
  *Diversity Street Dancers*: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 27  
  *Storyteller Who Helps Imaginations Fly*: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 28  
  *Max Thompson Russian Accordionist*: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 29  
  *O'Shea Irish Dancers*: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• AUG. 30  
  *Al-Bahira Middle Eastern Dance Theater*: noon & 1:30 p.m.  
  *Turkish Dancers*: 3 & 4:30 p.m.
• AUG. 31
  Sansei Yonsei Kai: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 1
  Away Runakuna Ecuadorian Dance Group: noon
  Bangladeshi Dancers: 1:30 & 3 p.m.
  Somali Dance Troupe: 4:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 2
  Minnesota Tamil Sangamam: noon, 1:30, 3 & 4:30 p.m.

The Garden
Sponsored by Treasure Island Resort & Casino
Located on the southeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street
Karaoke by Mia Dorr’s Premier Entertainment daily from noon to 5 p.m.
D.J. nightly 6-10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day)

International Bazaar Stage
Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
Located at the International Bazaar

• AUG. 22 & 23
  Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (folk dance, Ukraine, Russian):
    10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Intoxicats (rock, pop, funk): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 24 & 25
  Papa Shalita (R&B, reggae, African): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Native Pride Dancers (Native American, dance, regalia, storytelling):
    3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Chuck Thiel & His Jolly Ramblers (traditional polka): 10:45 a.m.,
    noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Blue Book Band (R&B, blues, swing): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Dirty Shorts Brass Band (jazz, brass band, swing, Dixieland): 10:45 a.m.,
    noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Grupo Mio (Mexican, Latin): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Atahualpa (folk, Andean, Ecuador): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Patrick Adams (R&B, funk, vocal): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  VocalEssence Singers Of This Age (pop, vocal, youth choir): 10:45 a.m.,
    noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers (pirate, sing-along): 3:15, 4:30 &
    5:45 p.m.
Bazaar After Dark
Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
Located at the International Bazaar Stage
All shows begin at 8 p.m.

• AUG. 22 & 23
  Westside Band (R&B, funk)

• AUG. 24 & 25
  MFELLAZ (R&B, funk)

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Kat Perkins (rock, pop, vocal)

• AUG. 28 & 29
  iLLism (hip-hop, rap, funk, R&B)

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Malamanya (Latin, Cuban, jazz)

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Free Fallin – A Tribute to Tom Petty (rock)

Ramberg Music Cafe Stage
Sponsored by Cal Spas
Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues, across from the Agriculture Horticulture Building

• AUG. 22 & 23
  The Fairlanes (pop, vocal, a cappella): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 22; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 23
  Steve Noonan (rock, Americana, singer-songwriter): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 22; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 23

• AUG. 24 & 25
  Tony Cuchetti (country, rock, Americana, singer-songwriter): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 24; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 25
  Rich Lewis Band (country, rock, folk, blues, singer-songwriter): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 24; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 25

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Jim Berner’s Music Legends (vocal, pop, storytelling): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 26; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 27
  Vicky Emerson (pop, folk, country, Americana, singer-songwriter): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 26; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 27

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Big Bob Scoggin (pop, vocal, jazz, country, Americana): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 28; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 29
  Tim Patrick and his Blue Eyes Band (pop, jazz, vocal, tribute to Frank Sinatra): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 28; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 29

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Honky-Tonk Jump (country, Western swing, accordion): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 30; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 31
The Christopher David Hanson Band (pop, folk, country, singer-songwriter): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 30; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 31

- **SEPT. 1 & 2**
  Bill & Kate Isles (pop, folk, country, Americana, singer-songwriter): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 1; 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 2
  Jolly Zuks (traditional polka): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 1; 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 2

Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater
*Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.*
*Located at West End Market, west side*

- **AUG. 22 – SEPT. 2**
  MNHS presents History On-A-Schtick (music, theater): 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. performances are ASL-interpreted)

- **AUG. 22 & 23**
  Sarah Morris (country, Americana, singer-songwriter): 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.
  Joyann Parker (rock, blues, vocal): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  Mentalist Noah Sonie (magic, hypnotist, comedy): 6 p.m.

- **AUG. 24 & 25**
  The Minnesota State Fiddle Contest (instrumental fiddle, country, folk, bluegrass): 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
  Sawyer’s Dream (pop, rock): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  Hit Ticket (pop, vocal, a cappella): 6 p.m.

- **AUG. 26 & 27**
  USAF Band of Mid-America Starlifter (rock, country, pop): 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.
  Six Mile Grove (country, folk, singer-songwriter): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  50 Year Awards (honoring individuals with 50 years of State Fair participation): 5:30 p.m. (Aug. 26 only)
  Fantastick Patrick (comedy, juggling, variety): 6 p.m.

- **AUG. 28 & 29**
  Fab 6: A Beatles Tribute (rock, tribute band): 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.
  Pushing Chain (country, folk, rock, Americana, singer-songwriter): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  The Kate Escape (hypnotist, comedy): 6 p.m.

- **AUG. 30 & 31**
  Minnesota Americana-Roots Music Contests (country, bluegrass, Americana, folk, roots, acoustic, vocal): 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
  Craig Clark Band (blues, rock): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  John Bush (comedy): 6 p.m.

- **SEPT. 1 & 2**
  Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo (traditional polka): 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.
  The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra (rock, country, jazz, instrumental): 3, 4 & 5 p.m.
  Alléz-OOPS! (juggling, comedy): 6 p.m.
West End at Sunset
Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.
Located at the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater at West End Market, west side
All shows begin at 8 p.m.

- AUG. 22 & 23
  Nooky Jones (R&B, funk, pop, vocal)

- AUG. 24 & 25
  Early Eyes (rock)

- AUG. 26 & 27
  Aby Wolf (pop, R&B, singer-songwriter)

- AUG. 28 & 29
  Pert Near Sandstone (bluegrass, country, Americana, acoustic)

- AUG. 30 & 31
  First Avenue Goes To The Fair (rock, pop, variety)

- SEPT. 1 & 2
  Jaedyn James & The Hunger (rock, pop)

FREE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

Alphabet Forest
9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located at Family Fair at Baldwin Park
Step inside the Alphabet Forest to discover literacy activities for all ages. Guests can meet a different author each day at the Blue Ribbon Author Showcase from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., take pictures with Fair Letters, create alphabet Ferris wheels, add Minnesota State Fair words to the Fair Dictionary or play the Fabulous Fair Alphabet Game. Designed by author and illustrator Debra Frasier, this vocabulary-building game invites families to collect words they see, read, hear, feel or taste at the fair. Players who complete a game card win a blue ribbon at the Alphabet Forest at Baldwin Park. To see the author schedule or get a game card, visit an information booth or mnstatefair.org/location/alphabet-forest/.

New in 2019: To celebrate the 10th year of discovering words at the Alphabet Forest, Debra Frasier will return with a new activity area featuring magnetic poetry.

Alphabet Forest activities are brought to the fair by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation Friends of the Fair, Red Wagon Books, Winding Oak and Debra Frasier.

Arts A’Fair
Located at the North End and at KSTP Heritage Plaza at West End Market
Arts A’Fair celebrates performing arts in Minnesota with pop-up showcases of drumming, music, puppetry, dance and theater throughout the fairgrounds. This year will feature performances by 13 performance groups from around the state of Minnesota. New artists for 2019 include Bucket Brigade Theater,
James Sewell Ballet, Captain Willy DeWitt – Comedy Stunt Show and Twin Cities Trapeze Center. Arts A'Fair is supported by contributions made to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

• **AUG. 22-24**
  - **COLLIDE Theatrical Dance Company**: 10:15 & 11 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m. (North End)
  - **Duniya Drum & Dance**: 2:45, 3:30, 5 & 5:45 p.m. (North End)
  - **Bucket Brigade Theater**: 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. (West End Market)
  - **Mexica Yolotl**: 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

• **AUG. 25-27**
  - **Black Storytellers Alliance**: 10:15 & 11 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m. (North End)
  - **James Sewell Ballet**: 2:45, 3:30, 5 & 5:45 p.m. (North End)
  - **Twin Cities Trapeze Center**: 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. (West End Market)
  - **Duniya Drum & Dance**: 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

• **AUG. 28-30**
  - **Interact Theater**: 10:15 & 11 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m. (North End)
  - **Mixed Precipitation**: 2:45, 3:30, 5 & 5:45 p.m. (North End)
  - **Captain Willy DeWitt – Comedy Stunt Show**: 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. (West End Market)
  - **Open Eye Figure Theatre**: 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

• **AUG. 31-SEPT. 2**
  - **Open Eye Figure Theatre**: 10:15 & 11 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m. (North End)
  - **Green T Productions**: 2:45, 3:30, 5 & 5:45 p.m. (North End)
  - **Twin Cities Trapeze Center**: 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. (West End Market)
  - **Zorongo Flamenco Dance**: 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

**Daily Parade**
The State Fair Daily Parade begins at 2 p.m. The parade features the high school marching band competition, floats and special attractions. The parade route begins near the Haunted House, goes north on Cosgrove Street, west on Randall Avenue and south on Underwood Street. Parade units are announced at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell, as well as at the east side of the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park.

**MARCHING BAND COMPETITION**
*Sponsored by McDonald's*
High school marching bands compete during the State Fair Daily Parade. The following is a list of participating high school bands and their performance dates (dates and bands are subject to change):

• **AUG. 22**
  - Eastview, Eden Prairie, Rosemount, SD 622 United, Somerset (WI)

• **AUG. 23**
  - Burnsville, Chisago Lakes, Coon Rapids, Irondale, Robbinsdale Armstrong

• **AUG. 24**
  - Edina, Moorhead, Prior Lake, Onalaska (WI)
• AUG. 25
  Rockford, Stewartville, Waseca, Glenwood City (WI), Spring Valley (WI)

• AUG. 26
  East Central/Willow River, NRHEG, Park Center Senior, Thomas Jefferson, William Kelley Schools/Silver Bay

• AUG. 27
  Farmington, La Crescent-Hokah, Lakeville, Simley, Clear Lake (WI)

• AUG. 28
  Crookston, St. Peter, South Washington County, Winona, Chequamegon (WI)

• AUG. 29
  Blaine, Cretin-Derham Hall, Jordan, Minnetonka, Totino-Grace Fine Arts Academy, St. Croix Falls (WI)

• AUG. 30
  Champlin Park, Minneapolis Southwest, New Prague, Osseo, Robbinsdale Cooper

• AUG. 31
  Anoka, Altoona (WI)

• SEPT. 1
  Special guests: University of Minnesota Marching Band, NDSU Gold Star Marching Band (ND)

• SEPT. 2
  No marching bands

Giant Sing Along
9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located north of Lee Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets

A participatory public art installation created by Montreal-based artists Mouna Andraos and Melissa Mongiat, the Giant Sing Along offers an opportunity for fair guests to join together in a one-of-a-kind musical experience. A field of microphones welcomes everyone to sing along to this year’s voted-on hits – karaoke-style. A large screen features the lyrics of modern and nostalgic songs and hit songs from musicals and movies. Software helps everyone sing in unison. The Giant Sing Along is co-produced by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Laser Encore’s Laser Hitz Show
9:15 p.m. nightly, Located outdoors at the intersection of Cosgrove Street and Randall Avenue

High-powered aerial laser beams dance above fair guests while colorful images light up a gigantic screen – all choreographed to hit music.

Mascot Appearances
Free photo opportunities and autograph sessions with State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne occur at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at Visitors Plaza. The mascots also appear at 2 p.m. in the daily parade
Math On-A-Stick
9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street at Baldwin Park

The fair has everything on-a-stick – even math. Celebrating its fifth year, the Math On-A-Stick experience is where kids and grown-ups can explore fun math concepts at the fair. Families can count their way through the fairgrounds on a Number Game scavenger hunt, noticing that a corndog has one stick, a cow has four legs, the Great Big Wheel has 36 gondolas, and so on. Visitors can also play with geometric and reptile-shaped tiles to create designs and patterns. Children can sort, count and look for what's the same and what's different in groups of colored eggs and on captivating cards; or discover how math can be creative in special activities led by visiting mathematicians and artists who use math in their careers. Fair guests can also enjoy a shapes or numbers book. Supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. In 2019, Math On-a-Stick introduces calculus toys featuring spheres, cones, cubes and more.

The North Woods Stage
Sponsored by Good Health Saunas
Located on the east side of Cooper Street between Lee and Randall avenues, east of Little Farm Hands

- **All-Star Stunt Dogs Splash** daily at 11 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
  Trick dog show, dock dogs, water jumping.
  (11 a.m. performances are ASL-interpreted.)

- **Timberworks Lumberjack Show** daily at noon, 3, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
  Lumberjack sports, including axe throwing, speed climbing, log rolling and more.

Talent Contests

**MSF AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST**
Sponsored by JACK’S® Pizza

For 47 years, this contest has been a State Fair favorite. Nearly 10,000 fans will attend the finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 at the Grandstand. Semifinals are held at 6 p.m. nightly Aug. 22-31 at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. Semifinalists were selected from more than 400 acts that auditioned in late July in one of three divisions (open, teen and preteen) for a chance to move on to the semifinals held during the fair. One hundred and twenty semifinalists then compete for a place in the final round. The final round at the Grandstand will feature the 26 remaining contestants competing for more than $20,000 in cash awards, JACK’S® Pizza Prize Packs and one year's worth of JACK’S® Pizza. The open division winner receives $10,000. All Amateur Talent Contest events are free with fair admission. For more information, please contact entertainment at 651-288-4395. For a complete list of past amateur talent contest winners, visit mnstatefair.org/schedule/minnesota-state-fair-amateur-talent-contest/.

**MSF COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST**

The MSF County Fair Talent Contest features winners from county fair talent contests around the state. Semifinals are held at 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 22-30 at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park. Finals are held at 7 p.m. Saturday
Aug. 31 at the Family Fair Stage. Participants who finish first and second in each division (open, teen and preteen) in the Aug. 31 county fair finals advance to the MSF Amateur Talent Contest Finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 at the Grandstand.

**3RD LAIR SKATEPARK AT ADVENTURE PARK**
*Located at Adventure Park, east side*

- **3rd Lair SkatePark at Adventure Park** (skateboard and BMX bike demonstrations):
  In a new location for 2019, shows are at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. daily. Riders featured in the shows will also be on hand to greet fair guests and sign autographs.

**GRANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES**
*Sponsored by Sleep Number*

**Grandstand Artist Information**

**Hootie & The Blowfish:** Group Therapy Tour with special guest Barenaked Ladies

Thursday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m. • $90, $76 & $51

Hootie & the Blowfish: With the rich, bluesy vocals of Darius Rucker and gleeful harmonies of guitarist Mark Bryan, bassist Dean Felber and drummer Jim “Soni” Sonefeld, Hootie & the Blowfish has sold more than 25 million records worldwide to date after the group’s infectious melodies hit the airwaves in 1994 with hits such as “Hold My Hand,” “Let Her Cry” and “Only Wanna Be With You.” The quartet met at the University of South Carolina, where gigs at local bars built a major buzz with a blend of pop, folk, blues, soul and rock. Atlantic Records, impressed by their regional draw, signed them and released *Cracked Rear View* in 1994. An appearance on the “Late Show with David Letterman” sent sales skyrocketing, eventually landing at No. 1 on the Billboard chart. The band went on to win two GRAMMY® Awards, an MTV Video Music Award, a Billboard Music Award, and multiple People's Choice Awards. *Cracked Rear View* remains the fifth most-certified studio album in music business history. The band remained a top draw nationwide and released five more albums for Atlantic. Hootie & the Blowfish took a break from full-time touring in 2007, reuniting annually for a variety of philanthropic events while also pursuing solo projects. 2019 will mark the band's first full-time touring year in more than a decade as it embarks on the Group Therapy Tour in support of forthcoming new music.

**Barenaked Ladies:** Formed in 1988 in Scarborough, Ontario, alt-rock group Barenaked Ladies debuted its first album *Gordon* in 1992, featuring the hits “If I Had $1,000,000” and “Brian Wilson.” Known for high-energy live performances, the band – with an impressive cult following – showcases its free-style rapping and comedic banter throughout its show. Nominated for two GRAMMY® Awards, Barenaked Ladies has sold more than 15 million records and was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in March 2018. The group’s most recent and 15th studio album, *Fake Nudes*, features the single “Lookin' Up.”
WHY DON’T WE with special guests MAX and EBEN
Friday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m. • $38, $28

Why Don’t We: Since its formation in 2016, Why Don’t We haven’t stopped. Instead, these five young men—Jonah Marais, Corbyn Besson, Daniel Seavey, Jack Avery, and Zach Herron—have forged ahead at warp speed. Prior to coming together, each member stood out as a performer in his own right. Marais and Besson often livestreamed in-home performances to massive audiences as Herron served up viral covers that generated tens of millions of views. Avery built a growing subscriber base on YouTube, and Seavey etched a space in the hearts of viewers on American Idol. They crossed paths during tours and fan engagements in the midst of these burgeoning solo careers. Soon, they found themselves on a group text where the idea of joining forces came up. The collective response: “Why don’t we?” Drawing on their respective talents and formidable followings, the group emerged as a phenomenon. Beyond generating more than 300 million YouTube views and 200 million Spotify streams during that period, the quintet released five EPs—Only The Beginning, Something Different, Why Don’t We Just, Invitation and A Why Don’t We Christmas. Along with singles such as the 2018 Ed Sheeran-penned single “Trust Fund Baby,” this avalanche of music represented an unconventional approach as the group’s audience constantly received new music at a record pace. The group sold out its first-ever headline tour throughout North America and followed that up by selling out an even bigger headliner in 2018.

MAX: As an iHeart 2019 ‘Best New Pop Artist’ nominee, MAX has been labeled by Billboard as a top pop star to watch. Born in New York City, the artist, actor and dancer has toured the world multiple times over and stared in critically acclaimed films and television shows. With the breakout success of his 2016 full-length album, Hell’s Kitchen Angel, MAX yielded an inescapable smash with his hit single “Lights Down Low.” The song generated 500 million streams globally, earned Double Platinum certifications in the U.S. and Canada, soared to No. 20 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, No. 7 at Top 40 radio, and No. 1 on the Billboard Adult Pop Radio airplay chart. With his sophomore album, House of Divine, on the way and a world tour in the works, 2019 is shaping up to be a huge year for MAX.

EBEN: Hailing originally from Ohio, Los Angeles-based singer-producer EBEN released his debut Finally last year. The album features a collection of pop tracks with hip-hop influences and shot to No. 7 on the Apple Music Chart. Shortly after that, he released his six-track EP Past Hundred Days, which was co-written and co-produced by EBEN, GRAMMY® Award-winning producer R8DIO and Josh J. EBEN has been featured on Billboard, “On Air with Ryan Seacrest” and more. Before joining the Why Don’t We tour as an opening act, he worked as part of the crew on the group’s previous two tours.

DIERKS BENTLEY with special guest to be announced
Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m. • $75, $65 & $50

Dierks Bentley: After 15 years in country music, singer-songwriter Dierks Bentley continues to be a dominant voice with more than 8.6 billion overall digital streams. To date, the Arizona native has scored 18 Number Ones including “What Was I Thinkin’,” “I Hold On” and “Black.” Reaching a new creative high, Bentley co-wrote 10 of the 13 tracks on his current album, The Mountain, including his poignant new single “Living,” which follows
two back-to-back Number Ones, “Woman, Amen” and “Burning Man.” *The Mountain* earned Bentley the highest debut sales of his career and became his seventh chart-topping album. He has amassed countless nominations from the American Country Music Awards, Country Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards and more while also earning 14 GRAMMY® nominations.

**TRACE ADKINS & CLINT BLACK with special guest Terri Clark: Hits. Hats. History. Tour**

Sunday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. • $41, $31

**Trace Adkins:** A Nashville icon for more than two decades, Trace Adkins has made his mark on the country music industry, including 11 million albums sold, time-honored hit singles, memorable live performances, GRAMMY® nominations, Country Music Television and Academy of Country Music Awards, nearly 200 million plays on YouTube and a slew of movie and TV roles. Working with some of Nashville's most respected songwriters, Adkins continues to find ways to connect with his fans through music while recording autobiographical songs throughout his career. It's an interesting change of perspective for Adkins however, when he hits the road for his legendary live gigs. Where the studio offers him unique insight into his current state of mind, onstage, when revisiting his classic songs “You're Gonna Miss This” or “Every Light in the House” nearly every evening, he says he's taken back to earlier moments in his life. With 1 million followers on Spotify and more than 1 billion spins on Pandora (10 million spins per month), the longstanding country icon has yet to lose any of his trademark passion and killer instinct for his craft. The 57-year-old is as fired up as ever to be back on the road this year, taking his music to fans once again.

**Clint Black:** Multi-million-selling country icon Clint Black is set to embark on a tour commemorating the 30th anniversary of his groundbreaking debut album *Killin’ Time*, which all but altered the landscape of country music. Raised in the suburbs of Houston, Texas, Black surged to superstardom, reaching No. 1 with five consecutive singles from that Triple-Platinum debut album. He followed that with the Triple-Platinum *Put Yourself in My Shoes* and then a string of Platinum and Gold albums throughout the ’90s. Black wrote or co-wrote every one of his more than three dozen chart hits, including “A Better Man,” “Where Are You Now,” “When My Ship Comes In,” “A Good Run of Bad Luck,” “Summer’s Comin’,” “Like the Rain” and “Nothin’ But the Taillights,” part of a catalog that produced 22 No. 1 singles and made him one of the most successful singer-songwriters of the modern era. Along the way, he landed nearly two dozen major awards and nominations, won a GRAMMY® Award, countless Country Music Association Awards, American Music Awards and Academy of Country Music Awards, as well as a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2015, Black released *On Purpose*, his first studio album of new material in nearly a decade.

**Terri Clark:** Hailing from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, Terri Clark got her start by playing for tips at Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, a legendary honky-tonk bar across the alley from Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium. With more than 5 million albums sold, critically acclaimed international tours and hit singles such as “Better Things to Do,” “Poor Poor Pitiful Me,” “Girls Lie Too,” “Northern Girl” and “I Just Wanna Be Mad,” Clark has solidified her place in the history books of country music. In 2018, she was inducted into the Canadian Country Music
Hall of Fame. The three-time JUNO Award winner also holds the honor of being the only Canadian female member of the legendary Grand Ole Opry. She has been named Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Female Vocalist of the Year five times and has taken home eight CCMA Fans’ Choice Awards. In total, Clark has received 19 CCMA Awards.

TOMMY JAMES AND THE SHONDELLS and HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR 2019
Monday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. • $31

Tommy James and The Shondells: “Crystal Blue Persuasion,” “Crimson and Clover,” “Mony Mony,” “I Think We’re Alone Now,” “Draggin’ the Line,” “Hanky Panky,” “Sweet Cherry Wine,” “Three Times in Love” and “Mirage” are just a few of his many hits. In addition, Tommy James has racked up 23 Gold records, nine Platinum albums, more than 100 million records sold worldwide and 32 Billboard Hot 100 Chart hits. Many artists around the world have covered and continue to cover his songs, including Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Joan Jett, Billy Idol, Kelly Clarkson, R.E.M., Dolly Parton, Carlos Santana, Cher, Tom Jones, and the Boston Pops. Tommy's music can be heard in 55 films, 39 television shows and numerous commercials. Most recently, the film “Finding Steve McQueen” with Forest Whitaker will feature four of Tommy's songs. BMI lauded Tommy for his success with the presentation of five “Million-Air” awards for his music being played more than 21 million times on air. Tommy’s critically acclaimed autobiography, “Me, The Mob and The Music,” is on Rolling Stone's Top 25 Best Music Memoirs List and is now in production for a major motion picture with producer Barbara Defina, whose credits include “Goodfellas,” “Casino,” “Cape Fear,” “Color of Money,” “Age of Innocence” and “Silence.” The screenplay is written by Matthew Stone, whose credits include “Intolerable Cruelty,” “Man of the House” and “Big Trouble.” Tommy now has his own show on SiriusXM Satellite Radio's '60s on 6 channel: “Gettin' Together with Tommy James” every Sunday evening from 5-8 p.m. Tommy is an inductee of the prestigious New Jersey Hall of Fame, and his life-size hologram can be viewed at the Hall of Fame exhibit in Newark Airport. He was also given the Pittsburgh Legend award and was voted the Jukebox Artist of the Year by the Amusement & Music Operators Association of New York. Now entering his 51st year in the music business, he just finished his new album, ALIVE!, which will be released in April. Tommy continues to tour around the country.

Happy Together Tour 2019: The Happy Together Tour 2019 features The Turtles; Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night; Gary Puckett & The Union Gap; The Buckinghams; The Classics IV; and The Cowsills. Some of the most popular bands and performers of the '60s and '70s, these groups collectively produced many hit singles, including “Happy Together,” “One,” “Young Girl,” “Kind of a Drag,” “Spooky,” and “The Rain, The Park & Other Things” respectively.

“WEIRD AL” YANKOVIC Strings Attached Tour
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. • $31

Weird Al: “Weird Al” Yankovic is the biggest-selling comedy recording artist in history, earning four GRAMMY® and 15 career nominations. The legendary musical satirist follows his sold-out 2018 tour of intimate venues — where he played deep cuts for his hardcore fans — with his biggest show ever. Weird Al is back to playing the hits and classics with his Strings Attached tour, a
high-energy rock and comedy production featuring his original band, costumes, props, a video wall and — for the first time — background singers and a full symphony orchestra. “Weird Al” Yankovic is best known for sending up the biggest hits in the world with his own hit parodies, including “Eat It,” “Like A Surgeon,” “Smells Like Nirvana,” “Amish Paradise,” “White & Nerdy,” and “Word Crimes.” Yankovic's last album, 2014’s Mandatory Fun, made history as the first comedy album ever to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 chart.

DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES with special guest G. Love & Special Sauce

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. • $67, $57

Daryl Hall & John Oates: Starting out as two devoted disciples of earlier soul greats, Daryl Hall & John Oates are soul survivors in their own right. One of the most sampled artists today, the duo's impact can be heard everywhere from boy band harmonies to neo-soul to rap-rock fusion. Signed to Atlantic in the 1970s, Daryl Hall & John Oates have sold more albums than any other duo in music history. Their 1973 debut album, Abandoned Luncheonette, yielded the Top 10 single “She’s Gone.” The duo recorded one more album with Atlantic, War Babies, before they left and promptly signed with RCA. Their tenure at RCA would catapult the duo to international superstardom. From the mid-80s to the mid-70s, the duo would score six No. 1 singles, including “Rich Girl,” “Kiss on My List,” “Private Eyes,” “I Can't Go For That (No Can Do),” “Maneater” and “Out of Touch” from their six consecutive multi-platinum albums. The duo is in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

G. Love & Special Sauce: Garrett “G. Love” Dutton, Jeffrey “The Houseman” Clemens and Jimmy “Jazz” Prescott are celebrating their 25th year as touring and recording artists. With more than 15 records released, this pioneering band has been an influence to artists such as Jack White, Jack Johnson, The Avett Brothers, Slightly Stoopid and many more. With their signature blend of Delta Blues, hip-hop, funk, rock & roll and jazz, The Special Sauce have literally created their own funky stew of American music. Expect a high-energy mashup of funky beats and songs written from the front porch to get the world smiling and dancing to the positive message of love and the blues.

LOGIC with special guest Prof

Thursday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. • $55, $43

Logic: Logic – the 29-year-old GRAMMY®-nominated (Song Of The Year and Best Music Video) rapper born Sir Robert Bryson Hall II – burst onto the music scene through a series of mixtapes that led to a significant, rabid underground fan base. “1-800-273-8255,” the six-time-Platinum single off Everybody, which spotlights mental health and suicide prevention awareness, has become Logic's highest charting single to date. Referencing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number, the song created a cultural moment globally, affecting the lives of thousands. Logic has sold 650,000 tickets to date, which includes sold-out shows at Madison Square Garden and The Forum in Los Angeles. 2019 is shaping up to be Logic's biggest year yet. His first novel “Supermarket” debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times Best Seller list and has sold more than 150,000 copies to date. With one of his most recent releases “Keanu Reeves” garnering close to 50 million streams in less than 3 weeks, there is no sign of slowing down.
Prof: Minnesota hip-hop artist Prof spent the early part of the 2010s amassing a strong loyal following and distributing nearly 200,000 records through his own imprint, Stophouse, before signing to Rhymesayers Entertainment in 2013, which helped propel him to the next stage of his career. He is best known for his show-stopping live performances and his annual self-headlined Prof Outdoors festival has repeatedly sold out at 4,000+ for years. Prof’s undeterred, unwavering commitment to his mission has revealed a detailed craftsmanship behind the perceived chaos of the eccentric Minneapolis MC. Today, as his latest album title states, the newly sophisticated Prof is more accurately referred to as Pookie Baby.

LIONEL RICHIE with special guest Lauren Jauregui

Friday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. • $67, $57

Lionel Richie: International superstar and Tuskegee, Ala., native Lionel Richie has a discography of albums and singles that is second to none. Richie is one of only two songwriters in history to achieve the honor of having No. 1 records for nine consecutive years. With more than 100 million albums sold worldwide, he also has an Oscar®, a Golden Globe®, four GRAMMY® Awards, the distinction of MusiCares Person of the Year in 2016, and he was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2017. Richie is known for mega-hits “Endless Love,” “Lady,” “Truly,” “All Night Long,” “Penny Lover,” “Stuck on You,” “Hello,” “Say You, Say Me,” “Dancing on the Ceiling” and “We Are the World.” His song catalog also includes his early work with The Commodores, when he penned smashes such as “Three Times a Lady,” “Still” and “Easy.” With his most recent All the Hits, All Night Long Tour, Richie sold out arenas worldwide with a set list of his brightest and best anthems. In recent years, he’s headlined festivals, including Bonnaroo, Outside Lands and Glastonbury, drawing the festival’s biggest crowd ever with more than 200,000 attendees.

Lauren Jauregui: Lauren Jauregui is an artist, singer, songwriter, creative and humanitarian. The 22-year-old has embarked on the next chapter of her career with the release of her debut solo song “Expectations” via Columbia Records. The track was written by Jauregui and provides fans the first glimpse into new music from the award-winning artist who spent most of 2018 in the studio. True to her artistic ethos, this next phase of Jauregui’s career finds her fully expressing her creativity in every aspect of her art, from writing songs to conceptualizing and editing videos. In January, Jauregui was included as a 2019 member of Forbes’ prestigious “30 Under 30 Music Class of 2019” list. She’s currently gearing up for the release of her debut solo album.

The Current's Music On-A-Stick featuring BRANDI CARLILE with special guests Mavis Staples and Savannah Conley

Saturday, Aug. 31, 6:30 p.m. • $76, $66, $51

Brandi Carlile: American folk rock and Americana singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile was born in Ravensdale, Wash., and taught herself to play piano and guitar. She’s released seven albums, including her debut major label album, Brandi Carlile, which was released to critical acclaim. The Story, released in 2007, featured a single of the same name and achieved Gold status after selling more than 500,000 copies. She received a GRAMMY® nomination for Best Americana Album with The Firewatcher's Daughter; that album peaked at No. 9 on the Billboard 200 chart. Her most recent album, By the Way,
I Forgive You, debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard 200 and reached No. 1 on Billboard's Top Rock Albums. The album, Carlile said, is "about radical acceptance (not to be confused with complacency) and unconditional love." She was nominated for six GRAMMY® Awards this year, the most nominations for a female in 2019.

Mavis Staples: Rock & Roll Hall of Famer and Kennedy Center Honoree Mavis Staples began her career singing with the groundbreaking family group, the Staple Sisters, in 1950. When she graduated from high school, the group started touring and rose from popularity in the gospel world to become a central part of the soundtrack to the protest movement of the 1960s. The Staple Singers' expressions of strength and empowerment earned the group a GRAMMY® Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. Mavis Staples would go on to record two albums produced by Prince and work with Bob Dylan, Ray Charles and George Jones. In 2017, she was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, and in 2018 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Arts Awards. Her spectacular 12th studio album and first full-length collaboration with multi-GRAMMY® Award-winner Ben Harper, We Get By, delivers roof-raising performances with both a youthful vigor and a commanding maturity.

Savannah Conley: Emerging singer-songwriter Savannah Conley was born and raised just outside Nashville. Influenced by musical parents – her father was a guitarist and her mother a background singer – she has been performing since the age of 7. Now 21, Conley recently released her EP Twenty-Twenty, featuring the stand-out track “All I Wanted.” Twenty-Twenty was produced by GRAMMY® Award-winning producer Dave Cobb (Chris Stapleton, Sturgill Simpson, Anderson East) and is Conley's first release in partnership with Cobb's Low Country Sound imprint at Elektra Records. Twenty-Twenty received critical acclaim from the likes of Rolling Stone who referred to the release as an “emotionally rich collection of tracks full of moody instrumentation and whip-smart lines.” Rolling Stone also named Conley one of their “Artists You Need To Know” in March of this year.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST FINALS
Sponsored by JACK'S® Pizza

Sunday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. • FREE – No Grandstand ticket required
The MSF Amateur Talent Contest, sponsored by JACK’S® Pizza, has been a Minnesota State Fair tradition for 47 years. Approximately 400 talented performers auditioned in late July in one of three divisions (open, teen and preteen) for a chance to move on to the semifinals round held during the fair. One hundred and twenty semifinalists then compete for a place among the performers in the final round. The final round of competition at the Grandstand will feature the 26 remaining contestants vying for cash prizes.

ZZ TOP – 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR with special guest Cheap Trick

Monday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. • $49, $39
ZZ Top: ZZ Top – Billy F. Gibbons, Dusty Hill and Frank Beard – lays undisputed claim to being the longest-running major rock band with original personnel intact, and in 2004, the Texas trio was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It was in Houston in 1969 that ZZ Top coalesced from the core of two rival bands, Billy’s Moving Sidewalks and Frank and Dusty’s American Blues.
The new group went on to record the appropriately titled *ZZ Top's First Album* and *Rio Grande Mud* reflecting its strong blues roots. The group's third album, 1973's *Tres Hombres*, catapulted it to national attention with the hit “La Grange,” still one of the band's signature pieces. Following a lengthy hiatus, the band returned with albums *Deguello* and *El Loco*. Its next release, *Eliminator*, highlighted three smash singles: “Gimme All Your Lovin';” “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Legs.” The group continues to release music, and when it comes to the live experience, the trio's still got it. ZZ Top's music is instantly recognizable, eminently powerful and profoundly soulful. The band has sold millions of records over the course of its career and is a true rock icon.

**Cheap Trick:** Robin Zander (vocals, rhythm guitar), Rick Nielsen (lead guitar) and Tom Petersson (bass guitar) are part of the very fiber of American music, inspiring and delighting generations with their unique union of massive melodies and razorblade riffs, their own special brand of mischievous wit and maximum rock ‘n’ roll. Since the 1970s, they've been blending elements of pop, punk and metal in a way that is instantly catchy and recognizable. With timeless classics such as “I Want You to Want Me” and “Surrender,” Cheap Trick, now with drummer Daxx Nielsen, is a musical institution. The Rockford, Ill., band is as vital today as ever, having released three records in the last three years: 2016’s *Bang, Zoom, Crazy... Hello* and 2017’s *We’re All Alright!* and *Christmas Christmas*, along with touring relentlessly to packed audiences around the world. 2016 saw Cheap Trick's long-awaited induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The induction honored both the band and the pioneering sound that has earned them group total record sales in excess of 20 million and more than 40 international Gold and Platinum certifications. 2017’s *We’re All Alright!* was yet another undisputed triumph for the band as the album’s first single, “Long Time Coming,” enjoyed an unprecedented run of 18 weeks at No. 1 on the Mediabase Classic Rock chart.

**Grandstand Information**

**GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINERS BY YEAR**
For a complete list of past Grandstand artists by performance year, view the “Grandstand Entertainers by Year” PDF at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

**GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINERS BY NUMBER OF APPEARANCES**
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**GRANDSTAND TICKETS**
Tickets to Grandstand shows can be purchased at mnstatefair.org, Etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. Mail order service is available, and requests should be addressed to: Tickets, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. The Minnesota State Fair Ticket Office on the fairgrounds also sells all tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 1 through Aug. 21, the State Fair Ticket Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). From Aug. 1 through Aug. 16, ticket office hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Exceptions: Aug. 17: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 18: 9 a.m. to noon, and Aug. 19 through Aug. 21: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
During the fair, Grandstand tickets for all shows may be purchased at the ticket office location at the east Grandstand Plaza. The ticket office opens at noon daily. Will call tickets may be picked up on the day of the show beginning 90 minutes prior to show time.

Admission to Grandstand events is free for children under two years of age if they share a paid seat. Children under two who require their own seat must have a ticket.

**CANCELLATIONS**

All concerts go on, rain or shine. Grandstand shows are never cancelled without official notification from the State Fair. Guests who have questions regarding the cancellation of a Grandstand event should be directed to Guest Relations in Visitors Plaza or 651-288-4400. Media questions should be directed to the Media Relations Hotline at 651-288-4321.

**GRANDSTAND GUIDELINES**

State Fair admission is not included with the purchase of a Grandstand show ticket. Guests may enter the venue from gates at the east or west towers. Wheelchair patrons may use the elevator on the east or west end or enter via the ramp at the west end; access to the second level of the tower is also available via the center Grandstand Ramp (enter only, no exit). Strollers and umbrellas are not allowed in the Grandstand seating area. Parking for strollers is available outside the Grandstand gates. For further information, call 651-288-4427.

Grandstand gates open approximately 60 minutes prior to show time. Coolers are not allowed in the Grandstand. Patrons and parcels are subject to search before entering the venue. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only; it is not permitted in seating areas.

Video and audio recording equipment, including the use of selfie sticks, is not allowed at any Grandstand show, with the exception of the Amateur Talent Contest finals on Sunday, Sept. 1. Still photography cameras may not be allowed at some concerts. If still photography is allowed, pictures must be taken from the ticket holder’s seat only. For information concerning still photography at specific shows, contact the ticket office at 651-288-4427.
ALL FOODS
At the Minnesota State Fair, nearly 300 vendors offer more than 500 different foods. For a list of all available foods and their locations at the State Fair, utilize the Fair Finder at mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/food/ or on the Minnesota State Fair app.

CONCESSIONS & EXHIBITS
The concessions and exhibits department is responsible for selecting concessionaires and exhibitors for the annual 12-day State Fair. Each year, many registrations are considered for a limited number of opportunities. The State Fair does not maintain a waiting list. As opportunities become available, vendors are selected from the pool of registrations submitted. Several criteria are considered in registration review, including: 1) experience at other fairs or shows; 2) booth presentation and appearance; 3) balance of similar products and services around the fairgrounds; 4) appropriateness of product, service or presentation to the available site; and 5) physical requirements.

FAIR FINDER: FOOD
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FOODS ON-A-STICK
Of the more than 500 foods offered at the State Fair, 80+ are served on-a-stick. For a list of all the food items served on-a-stick, use the Fair Finder.

NEW FOODS FOR 2019
New Food Items
• **Bada Bing Sandwich:** Italian-inspired warm flatbread sandwich with ham, salami, melted mozzarella cheese, tomatoes, fresh basil and creamy balsamic vinaigrette dressing.
  *The Sandwich Stop, located on the west side of Clough Street between Carnes & Judson avenues*

• **Blueberry Key Lime Pie:** Blueberry Key lime filling in a graham cracker crust, topped with whipped cream and fresh blueberries.
  *Farmers Union Coffee Shop, located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper & Cosgrove streets*

• **Boozy Berries & ‘Barb Trifle:** Five-layer cold trifle with vanilla pound cake, lemon curd, Cannon River Gris wine and blueberry compote, more pound cake and Gris and rhubarb compote, topped with mint-infused fresh whipped cream and Gris and blueberry coulis.
  *The Hideaway Speakeasy, located in the Veranda, Grandstand upper level, northwest section*

• **Breakfast Potato Skin:** Deep-fried potato skin stuffed with scrambled eggs and peppers, topped with blackened beef chislic – a South Dakota bar food
staple – and drizzled with bearnaise sauce.

**The Blue Barn, located at West End Market, south of the History & Heritage Center**

- **Carnitas Taco Cone:** Carnitas with a sesame-garlic ginger sauce, cabbage, lime and queso fresco, topped with green onion and sour cream and served in a deep-fried cone-shaped tortilla.

**San Felipe Tacos, located in the Food Building, east wall**

- **Carolina Pit-Smoked Brisket Taco:** Beef brisket pit-smoked over hickory charcoal, shredded and topped with smoked Gouda cheese, a pickled kale crunch made with kale, Brussels sprouts, carrots, radicchio, napa and red cabbage, with a drizzle of BBQ sauce; served in a flour tortilla with tortilla chips.

**Shanghaied Henri’s, located at the International Bazaar, north wall**

- **Cheesy Sriracha Funnel Cake Bites:** Bite-sized funnel cake pieces infused with a blend of Parmesan, Romano and mozzarella cheeses, deep-fried and finished with a sprinkle of sharp cheddar and chives, and served with homemade Sriracha aioli dipping sauce. Ranch or garlic butter dipping sauce is also available.

**Funnel Cakes, located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Nelson & Underwood streets**

- **Cuban Fusion Fajita:** Carnitas-style roast pork, deli-sliced ham, Swiss cheese, dill pickles and Juanita's Fajitas' signature mustard folded into a flour tortilla.

**Juanita's Fajitas, located west of Nelson Street just south of the Grandstand**

- **Deep-Fried Dilly Dog:** Pickle stuffed with bratwurst, dipped in batter and deep-fried.

**Swine & Spuds, located in the Warner Coliseum, east side**

- **Duck Drummies:** Duck wings coated in a batter and seasoning blend, deep-fried and served with Giggles' own tequila lime dipping sauce.

**Giggles' Campfire Grill, located on the southeast corner of Lee Avenue & Cooper Street at The North Woods**

- **Feta Bites:** Deep-fried Greek pasta dough stuffed with feta cheese, cream cheese and Dino's Greek seasoning. Served with a creamy olive tapenade.

**Dino's Gyros, located on the north side of Carnes Avenue between Nelson & Underwood streets**

- **Fried Tacos On-A-Stick:** Two stuffed tacos – one filled with green chorizo and potatoes and one filled with a vegetarian black bean and corn mix – deep-fried, topped with crumbled cheese and a drizzle of guacamole salsa and served on-a-stick. (Available Aug. 28–Sept. 2 only)

**Midtown Global Market's Taco Cat, located in the Taste of the Midtown Global Market booth at the International Bazaar, east wall**

- **Grilled Sota Sandwich:** Cinnamon nut butter and Minnesota blueberry marmalade served warm on Irish soda bread. Gluten-free and dairy-free.

**Brim, located at the North End, northwest section**

- **Halo Cone:** A swirled blend of cotton candy and blue raspberry soft serve ice cream in a halo of vanilla cotton candy and sprinkled with a mix of candy toppings.
• **The Hot Hen:** BBQ chips topped with smoked pulled buffalo chicken, blue cheese fondue, pickled jalapeños, tomatoes, green onions and blue cheese crumbles.
  *RC’s BBQ, located on the north side of West Dan Patch Avenue between Liggett & Chambers streets*

• **Irish Whiskey Boneless Wings:** All-natural white chicken chunks, breaded, deep-fried, tossed in Irish whiskey BBQ sauce and garnished with chopped scallions. Gluten-free.
  *O’Gara’s at the Fair, located on the southwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue & Cosgrove Street*

• **Jamm’in Brisket Grilled Cheese:** Slow-smoked brisket, red onion jam, cheddar and pepper jack cheeses and RC’s hot BBQ sauce.
  *RC’s BBQ, located on the north side of West Dan Patch Avenue between Liggett & Chambers streets*

• **Joey Mary:** An iced coffee slushie topped with a skewer of gluten-free baked goods, including a chocolate bite, honey toffee crunch and almond cookie.
  *Brim, located at the North End, northwest section*

• **Lamb T-Bone Chops:** All-natural, 100% grass-fed grilled lamb loins seasoned with Mama Fatima's Holy Land Marinade.
  *Holy Land, located at the International Bazaar, southeast corner*

• **Lavender Lemonade:** Pink lemonade made with fresh lavender leaves.
  *Farmers Union Coffee Shop, located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper & Cosgrove streets*

• **Mini Donut Latte:** A traditional latte with house-made mini donut flavoring, whole milk and espresso topped with a dusting of cinnamon and sugar.
  *The Anchor Coffee House, located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes & Judson avenues outside Ramberg Music Cafe*

• **No Bologna Coney:** Italian mortadella pork sausage flavored with pistachios and Mancini’s pepper blend, served on a buttered and toasted split-top bun, and topped with mild muffuletta olive and pepper salad.
  *Mancini’s al Fresco, located on the north side of Carnes Avenue between Nelson & Underwood streets*

• **Nordic Waffles:** Two new fresh-made waffle wraps:
  - **Pebbles & Bam Bam:** Filled with warm Reese’s chocolate peanut butter cups and fruity cereal
  - **Waffle Al Pastor:** Filled with Mexican-style marinated pork, pineapple, onions, cilantro and salsa verde

  *Nordic Waffles, located at West End Market, southwest section*

• **Peaches n' Cream Nachos:** A bed of cinnamon sugar pita chips with Bridgeman’s Peaches n' Cream ice cream, peach topping, a drizzle of honey and crushed pecans, finished with whipped cream, a cherry and a dusting of cinnamon sugar.
  *Bridgeman’s Ice Cream, located on the northeast corner of Judson Avenue & Liggett Street*

• **Shrimp & Grits Fritters:** Aged cheddar grits, gulf shrimp, onions and Creole seasoning, deep-fried and served with aioli dipping sauce. Gluten-free.
  *Funky Grits, located in the Food Building, east wall*
• Snow Cap Mini Waffle Sundae: Mini waffle topped with a scoop of Izzy's cream cheese ice cream, warm real maple syrup and a maraschino cherry. 
Hamline Church Dining Hall, located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets

• Stuffed Cabbage Roll: Cabbage leaves wrapped around seasoned ground pork and rice, prepared with tomato sauce and served with a dinner roll. 
iPierogi, located in the Food Building, south wall

• Tailspin: Tangy BBQ sauce drizzled on top of french-fried onions and fresh-made coleslaw, layered over pulled pork, elote, Oaxaca cheese and peppery spices – all on a seasoned hash brown waffle. The Hangar, located at the North End, southwest section

• Tipsy Pecan Tart: Pecan pie infused with Dubliner Irish Whiskey and baked in a buttery shortbread shell. Gluten-free. 
Sara's Tipsy Pies, located in the Food Building, south wall

• Turkish Pizza: A Turkish-style cracker-thin flatbread, authentically named Lahmacun, topped with spicy minced beef, onion, tomato, lettuce, cucumber salad, parsley, fresh herbs, a squeeze of lemon and garlic sauce, then rolled or folded. 
Blue Moon Dine-In Theater, located on the northeast corner of Carnes Avenue & Chambers Street

• Warm Cheesecake Tart: Cheesecake in a tart crust served warm with choice of chocolate, salted caramel or strawberry glaze or without topping. 
LuLu's Public House, located at West End Market, south of Schilling Amphitheater

New Food Vendors
• Blue Ox Burger Bar: Serving build-your-own hamburgers, cheeseburgers and bacon cheeseburgers (with lettuce, onions, tomatoes, pickles, ketchup, mayo, mustard, BBQ sauce and more); breakfast sandwiches (sausage or bacon with egg and cheese on a toasted English muffin); crinkle-cut French fries; tater tots; and assorted beverages. 
Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue & Clough Street

• Brim: Serving the Grilled Sota Sandwich (cinnamon nut butter and Minnesota blueberry marmalade served warm on gluten-free Irish soda bread); Joey Mary (iced coffee slushie topped with a skewer of gluten-free baked goods); coffee slushies; brewed coffee; blueberry lemonade; and mint green lemonade. Flavorings and colors made with organic and natural ingredients. 
Located at the North End, northwest section

• Funky Grits: Serving Shrimp & Grits Fritters (aged cheddar grits, gulf shrimp, onions and Creole seasoning, deep-fried and served with aioli dipping sauce); gluten-free. Also selling bottles of Cry Baby Craig’s hot sauce. 
Located in the Food Building, east wall

• iPierogi: Serving stuffed cabbage rolls (cabbage leaves wrapped around seasoned ground pork and rice, prepared with tomato sauce and served with a dinner roll); pierogies in three varieties (meat, potato and cheese, and meat/potato/cheese combination, garnished with bacon and caramelized onion and served with sour cream and arugula on the side; vegetarian option on request); Polish sausages (with homemade sauerkraut); and blintzes
(sweet cheese rolls sprinkled with powdered sugar and drizzled with chocolate syrup).

Located in the Food Building, south wall

- **Kora's Cookie Dough**: Serving deep-fried chocolate chip cookie dough topped with powdered sugar and chocolate drizzle; and cookie dough on-a-stick in five flavors: classic chocolate chip, Grandma's sugar cookie, monster cookie, Reese's peanut butter, and Oreo fudge. All five flavors can be dipped in chocolate, white chocolate, peanut butter or butterscotch chips and rolled in sprinkles or peanuts. Sugar cookie variety is vegan-friendly.

Located on south side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper & Cosgrove streets

- **Strawberries ’n Crème**: Serving fresh strawberries with non-dairy whipped topping; and fresh-brewed iced tea with strawberry flavoring.

Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue & Underwood Street

- **Thelma's Handmade Ice Cream Sandwiches**: Serving 10 varieties of ice cream sandwiches made with two cookies and ice cream: Snickerdoodle, chocolate chip, cayenne chocolate chip, strawberry sugar cookie, banana peanut butter, mint double chocolate chip, double chocolate chip, chocolate peanut butter, s'mores, and gluten-free snickerdoodle.

Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue & Underwood Street

**Specialty Brews & Beverages**

Check out our website at mnstatefair.org/general-info/specialty-beers/ to see a full list of this year's specialty brews and beverages premiering or found only at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair.
ACCESSIBLE PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Several free Park & Ride lots feature accessible buses and parking spaces for people with accessible parking permits. This free service is provided from 8 a.m. to midnight. See mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/ for a list of locations. Metro Mobility picks up and drops off at the Como Loop Gate (#9) and the North End Gate (#2). Additionally, hundreds of parking spaces for people with accessible parking permits are available in State Fair public parking lots. These spaces are available on a first-come basis at $15 per vehicle (cash only).

BICYCLE PARKING

Three free bike parking areas are available on the fairgrounds: 1) near the Como-Snelling Gate (#6); 2) by the North End Gate (#2); and 3) near the West End Gate (#16) at Buford and Randall avenues. The lots are open from 6 a.m. to midnight and are the only locations where bicycles may be parked. No bicycles or motorcycles may be operated on the fairgrounds or at the campground during the fair, except for authorized public safety personnel. Visit mnstatefair.org/parking/bicycle/ for more information.

BICYCLE PARKING AT PARK & RIDE LOTS

Select Park & Ride lots allow riders to park and lock their bicycles and take a free bus to and from the fair. For exact locations, visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/.

EXPRESS BUS SERVICE

State Fair Express Bus service is offered by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit at dozens of free parking sites throughout the Twin Cities area. Buses drop off and pick up passengers at the fair’s Transit Hub near the West End Gate (#16). Round-trip bus fare is $6 for persons 5 years and older with discounted pricing available online and via the Metro Transit mobile app (cash only if purchased on-site during the fair). Children (4 and under) ride free with a paid fare. (At SouthWest Valley transit locations, cash fare only and prices vary.) Visit metrotransit.org/StateFair for full details on pricing, site locations and service. Visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/metro-transit/ for more information on getting to the fair via the State Fair Express Bus service.

METRO GREEN LINE

To get to the State Fairgrounds via the METRO Green Line, board the light rail at one of 23 stations between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. Get off the train at the Snelling Avenue Station. At Snelling and University avenues, board either the northbound Metro Transit A Line bus, or the Route #84 bus on Snelling Avenue and Spruce Tree Drive, which will take you to the fairgrounds. For fares and detailed routes, visit metrotransit.org/StateFair.

METRO TRANSIT BUS STOPS

Metro Transit regular route bus stops bordering the fairgrounds are on Como Avenue across from the Como Loop Gate (#9) and near the intersection
of Midway Parkway and Snelling Avenue near the Dan Patch Gate (#5). Route #3 travels on Como Avenue between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. Route #61 travels from both of the downtowns and drops off on Larpenteur Avenue, just north of the fairgrounds. On Snelling Avenue, the A Line bus travels between Rosedale and the 46th Street Station; Route #84 travels between Midway Parkway and Shepard Road. During fair time only, Route #960 travels from downtown Minneapolis to the fairgrounds in about 15 minutes. Visit metrotransit.org/StateFair for more information. Metro Transit representatives are also available at 612-373-3333 or 711 - Minnesota Relay (hearing impaired).

**MOTORCYCLE PARKING**

Motorcycle parking is available on a first-come basis from 6 a.m. to midnight for $9 (cash only) in a designated lot on the south side of Como Avenue, across from the Como-Underwood Gate (#7). Motorcycles parked in other State Fair lots will be charged the regular $15 parking fee. Motorcycles are not permitted on the fairgrounds. Visit mnstatefair.org/parking/bicycle/ for more information.

**PARK & RIDE**

Free parking with free bus service to and from the fair is available at more than 30 locations within a short distance of the fairgrounds. Park & Ride bus service operates from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. Buses servicing the free Park & Ride lots drop off and pick up at the Transit Hub near the West End Gate (#16) or across Snelling Avenue from the Dan Patch Gate (#5) on Midway Parkway. No RV or overnight parking is permitted. Visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/ for more information. For Park & Ride lot updates and information, follow @mnstatefair on Twitter with the hashtag #MSFParking.

**PARKING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS**

Public parking lots at the State Fairgrounds are open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. No RV or overnight parking is permitted in public parking lots. Parking is $15 (cash only). Vehicles with trailers will be charged $30 ($15 for vehicle and $15 for the trailer). Parking for vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking identification placard is also available for $15. All parking is limited and filled on a first-come basis. Note: A pre-fair discount admission ticket cannot be used to pay for parking. Visit mnstatefair.org/parking/vehicle for more information. For parking lot updates and information, follow @mnstatefair on Twitter with the hashtag #MSFParking.

**TAXIS & APP-BASED RIDE SERVICES**

During the State Fair, taxi drop-off and pick-up is located at the Loop Gate (#9) on Como Avenue on the south side of the fairgrounds. App-based ride services Lyft and Uber have two drop-off and pick-up areas (sponsored by Lyft): on the northeast end of the fairgrounds near Snelling and Hoyt avenues (Gate #2), and outside Gate #16 (follow the directional signage). For more information, visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/taxi-and-rideshare/.
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES
Accommodations for guests with disabilities include accessible restrooms, assistive listening devices for Grandstand shows, sign language interpreters, wheelchair and electric scooter rental, transportation, wheelchair battery recharging, curb cuts, accessible parking and more. For a complete list of services, refer to the Accessibility Guide at mnstatefair.org/general-info/accessibility-guide/ or pick one up at any information booth.

APP FOR IPHONE AND ANDROID SMARTPHONES
The Minnesota State Fair app is available through the App Store or Google Play. It's free and features the popular Fair Finder, which is a tool to search for State Fair foods, shops and exhibits. It also includes complete daily schedule information.

ATMS
ATMs are available at numerous locations throughout the fairgrounds. See a State Fair map for exact locations. In addition to potential bank charges, each withdrawal is subject to a $3 service fee.

BANKING SERVICES
Bremer Bank is located in Visitors Plaza and serves vendors and Bremer clients from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the fair. Banking services include vendor coin and currency orders, deposit processing, check cashing for Bremer Bank clients, 24-hour ATM and night depository. Bremer Bank is also open Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BARGAIN BOOK & STATE FAIR POSTER CARTS
2019 Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and commemorative art posters are available for purchase at various carts located: inside the gate off Snelling Avenue (#5); at the north end of the fairgrounds on the northwest corner of Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street near the Gate #2 information booth; on the northeast corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street inside Gate #7; and inside the West End Gate (#16). Carts are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Proceeds support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are sponsored by Minnesota Lottery.

BATTERIES
A selection of regular batteries is available for purchase at Steichen's Grocery & Deli in the Commissary Building located north of the Sheep & Poultry Barn and at Northern Tool & Equipment located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Underwood Street. An area for recharging wheelchair batteries is located in Care & Assistance on West Dan Patch Avenue south of West End Market. Outlets to plug in scooters are also available on the outside south wall of the Grandstand.
CAMPGROUND
The Minnesota State Fair Campground is located at the northeast corner of the fairgrounds, and space sells out well in advance of the fair. Reservations must be completed and confirmed prior to arrival. The campground is open Aug. 16 to Sept. 4. For more information, visit mnstatefair.org/general-info/campground.

CARE & ASSISTANCE
8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market
Care & Assistance is headquarters for people of any age who have become lost or separated from their group. Nursing and infant care facilities are available, as well as an area to recharge wheelchair batteries.

CHARGING STATIONS
Sponsored by Device Pitstop
Cell phones can be charged at several locations on the fairgrounds. Refer to mnstatefair.org for a list of locations.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS
Feedback is welcome at Guest Relations in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., or email guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

DAILY SCHEDULES
Sponsored by Rally Health
Free printed schedules of each day's events are available to guests at all information booths. Daily schedules can also be viewed at mnstatefair.org/schedule/.

FIRST AID
Sponsored by Regions Hospital
First Aid West is located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market, 8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
First Aid East is located outside the north end of the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Injuries and ailments can be treated at either first aid station. In the event of serious illness or injury, contact 911. For non-emergencies, contact the Dispatch Center at 651-291-1111.

HAND WASH STATIONS
Hand wash stations are available in the Food Building and at many entrances to buildings in the livestock area, including Compeer Arena, the Cattle Barn, Cattle Annex, Sheep & Poultry Barn, Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn) and the CHS Miracle of Birth Center. Please consult a State Fair map for exact locations. We invite guests to enjoy time with the animals, but highly recommend washing or sanitizing hands before and after visits and especially prior to eating.
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ID WRISTBANDS
Identification wristbands to help reunite found children with their lost families are available free of charge at all information booths and in Care & Assistance.

INFORMATION BOOTHs
Free daily schedules, sunscreen, maps (sponsored by Star Tribune), specialty brochures and more are available at all information booths. Booth locations and hours of operation are as follows:

- **Adventure Park:** 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Agriculture Horticulture (Judson Avenue):** 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Baldwin Park (Randall Avenue):** 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **DNR (Judson Avenue):** 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Gate #5 (Dan Patch Avenue):** 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- **Livestock Area (southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Liggett Street):** 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Mighty Midway:** 10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day)
- **North End (north of Murphy Avenue, west of the North End Event Center):** 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Visitors Plaza:** 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **West End Gate (#16):** 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS
During the fair, Lost & Found is located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue next to Care & Assistance. Check at this location for lost articles from 8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. (11:30 p.m. on Labor Day) during the fair, call 651-288-4555 or email lostandfound@mnstatefair.org. Found items can be turned in to the Lost & Found office, any information booth or any building. Items found between 12:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. should be turned in to the Police Station next door to the Lost & Found office. After the fair, anyone looking for lost items can call 651-288-4555 or stop by the Lost & Found office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, through Thursday, Sept. 5, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 6. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Sept. 20, contact Lost & Found at 651-288-4555, email lostandfound@mnstatefair.org or visit the Admin Too Building (1312 Cosgrove St., St. Paul, MN 55108) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LOST PEOPLE
From 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Care & Assistance, located on the south side of West Dan Patch Avenue across from West End Market, is headquarters for people of any age who are lost or separated from their group. If the lost person is a child, contact 911, and an officer will initiate a search. If a child is not quickly reunited with their party, the officer will escort the child to Care & Assistance.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIRWEAR GIFT SHOPS
- Lower Grandstand – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- North End – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Visitors Plaza – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Warner Coliseum (North Entrance) – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
West End Gate – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

State FairWear Gift Shops feature Minnesota State Fair merchandise, as well as Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and Official 2019 State Fair Commemorative Art merchandise featuring the work of Minnesota artist R. J. Kern. Purchases made in State FairWear Gift Shops support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. The State FairWear Gift Shop in Visitors Plaza is also open on Aug. 20 & 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious services are offered on Sunday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Sept. 1. Ecumenical services are held at 9:15 a.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and at 7:45, 9:30 & 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Chapel on Underwood Street. A Catholic mass is held at 9:15 a.m. at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park.

SMOKING - DESIGNATED AREAS

For the comfort and safety of all, designated smoking areas have been established at convenient locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes and vape pens) is permitted only in these areas. Each designated smoking area consists of a bench and receptacle to safely deposit spent cigarettes. Designated smoking areas are identified on State Fair maps, which are available at all information booths.

SUNSCREEN

The State Fair is encouraging everyone to play it safe in the sun all day at the fair with free sunscreen in dispensers at each information booth.

TROLLEYS

Two free trolleys serve the Machinery Hill area daily. Please consult the State Fair map for the route. No service 2-3 p.m. due to the daily parade. One of the two trolleys is ADA accessible. In addition, an ADA-accessible trolley will service Randall Avenue, with stops at Buford Avenue and Gate #18 (at Dan Elmer Way and Randall Avenue).

UPS STORE

The UPS Store will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in Visitors Plaza. Services include: UPS shipping; U.S. Postal Service stamps, mail and shipping; packaging and mailing supplies; greeting cards; office supplies; and copying, printing, scanning and email service. The store is connected to the Rosedale UPS Store located at 2355 Fairview Avenue, Roseville. Contact the UPS Store at 651-635-0636.

WI-FI HOTSPOT

Sponsored by DragNFly Wireless

Free Wi-Fi service is available at a hotspot located at the west Grandstand Plaza. An additional Wi-Fi location is located at the Xfinity booth at the entrance of FAN Central on the west side of Underwood Street.
The Minnesota Agricultural Society was founded in 1854 with a mission to promote the Minnesota Territory’s agriculture by presenting an annual fair – the first of which was held in 1855 in Minneapolis. Statehood was granted in 1858, and the Society held its first fair after statehood in 1859, also in Minneapolis.

During the fair’s early years, the site of the exposition changed annually with stops in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Red Wing, Winona and Owatonna. In the 1870s and early 1880s, civic groups from both St. Paul and Minneapolis worked to provide a permanent home for the fair in their respective cities, but could not agree on anything. The State Fair finally found a permanent home at its present location in 1885 when Ramsey County donated its 210-acre poor farm to the state for exclusive use by the Agricultural Society, the governing body of the State Fair. Secure in its new surroundings, the State Fair began to grow. Physically, the fairgrounds blossomed to its current 322 acres. Architecturally, it is home to many historically significant structures, including the Fine Arts Center, Progress Center, Grandstand, Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum and Agriculture Horticulture Building.

An important change in the State Fair over the years has been in the growing attractions offered to fair visitors. The character of early fairs was dominated by agricultural exhibits and competitions, reflecting the fair’s original purpose of encouraging farming in the state. While agriculture is still the primary focus with a bigger-than-ever presence at the fair, the scope of activities has broadened to include large-scale entertainment, technological and industrial exhibits and participation of scores of education and government institutions.

Since its inception, the fair has been held every year with only five exceptions: in 1861 and 1862 due to the Civil War and Dakota Indian Conflict, in 1893 because of scheduling conflicts with the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1945 due to federal government travel restrictions during World War II, and in 1946 due to a polio epidemic.

**2019 ANNIVERSARIES**

**160 Years • 1859**
- First fair held after statehood.

**120 Years • 1899**
- Gas lighting allowed for evening shows.

**115 Years • 1904**
- First year carnival shows rides were held in one area – known as “The Merry Pike.”

**110 Years • 1909**
- Grandstand built.
105 Years • 1914
- James J. Hill bet $1,000 that a 14" ear of corn could not be grown in Minnesota. He lost to John J. Furlong, president of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society.

100 Years • 1919
- Fair extended from six days to eight days.

85 Years • 1934
- Streetcar entrance moved south one block from the Grandstand ramp and Judson Avenue extended.
- Conservation Building (DNR Building) constructed in the new space.
- The Streetcar Arch welcomed fair guests to the new streetcar entrance.

80 Years • 1939
- Fair extended from eight days to 10 days.
- First fair that ended on Labor Day.
- The partially completed 4-H Building opened for the fair.

75 Years • 1944
- “Minute Man” floral display created from 56,000 plants.
- Agricultural Building (first building erected on the fairgrounds in 1885) burned to the ground on Nov. 10.

70 Years • 1949
- Partially used in 1948, the Food Show Building was completed and officially opened.

65 Years • 1954
- Buses replaced streetcars as a mode of transportation to the State Fair.
- The Fine Arts Show exhibit moved to the third floor of the Grandstand and, in celebration, included works on loan by Pierre Auguste Renoir and Henri Matisse from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

60 Years • 1959
- A statue of Neptune was placed in Administration Plaza to celebrate the opening of the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence Seaway.

55 Years • 1964
- Skyride debuted, taking fair guests up to 70 feet above the fairgrounds from the Agriculture Horticulture Building to the area now known as West End Market.

50 Years • 1969
- Giant Slide debuted.

40 Years • 1979
- Sweet Martha’s Cookie Jar concession opened.
In 1966, Fairchild the gopher became the official mascot of the State Fair and was joined by his nephew, Fairborne, in 1983. Fairchild got his name, a play on the institution’s title, after a statewide naming contest. It’s also a tribute to Henry S. Fairchild, the man who first suggested the Ramsey County Poor Farm become the permanent site of the State Fair, which became reality in 1885.
HISTORICAL DATES

GENERAL OCCASIONS AND CURIOSITIES

- **1854**
  Minnesota Territorial Agricultural Society founded (governing body of the fair).

- **1855**
  First territorial fair.

- **1858**
  Minnesota admitted to the Union.

- **1859**
  First fair held after statehood.

- **1860**
  Minnesota Territorial Agricultural Society officially renamed Minnesota State Agricultural Society.

- **1877**
  First year people arrived at the fairgrounds (then located in Minneapolis) via streetcars.

- **1885**
  First year at present fairgrounds.

- **1887**
  A mock battle staged by Civil War veterans brought 80,000 spectators to the Grandstand and surrounding area on Grand Army Day.

- **1887, 1888, 1889, 1898**
  Battle reenactments of “Minnesota at Gettysburg,” among others.

- **1892**
  1,000 shade trees and shrubs were planted throughout the fairgrounds.

- **1897**
  - Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Society was established at the fair.
  - Hamline Church Dining Hall opened.

- **1899**
  - First evening Grandstand show, “The Burning of Manila” fireworks presentation.
  - First year of gas lighting at the fair, which allowed it to operate after sunset.

- **1901**
  U.S. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous “Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick” speech at the fair.

- **1903**
  First appearance of legendary pacer horse Dan Patch.

- **1904**
  First carnival midway.

- **1906**
  Legendary pacer horse Dan Patch set the world record time of 1:55 for one mile at the Grandstand.

- **1907**
  - First year of auto races.
  - Fine Arts Center and Progress Center built.
  - 40 acres of land was purchased north of the fairgrounds (known most recently as Machinery Hill).

- **1909**
  Present-day Grandstand built.

- **1910**
  First airplane flight in Minnesota was featured at the fairgrounds.

- **1911**
  - Fine Arts Exhibition debuted.
  - A world record 6,000-pound round of cheese from Pine Island was on display in the Dairy Building.

- **1912**
  - Miss Jessie Walkup, secretary of the Pipestone County Fair, was the first female delegate to attend a Minnesota State Agricultural Society annual meeting.
  - Minnesota State Fair Encampment was established (later known as the Farm Boys’ camp).
  - Theodore Roosevelt, running under the Bull Moose ticket, visited the State Fair and gave a rousing speech in the morning. He was unable to give his scheduled evening speech due to laryngitis.

- **1915**
  - Ye Old Mill attraction constructed.
- Baby contest pitted city babies vs. country babies and Minneapolis babies vs. St. Paul babies.

**1916**
First greenhouse built on the fairgrounds.

**1920**
- St. Paul and Minneapolis school boards set back the opening day of school to the Monday after the State Fair. Educational authorities said there is more to be learned in a single day at the State Fair than in double the time at school.
- 50¢ all-you-can-eat buffet, served on a conveyor belt, was introduced as the future of dining.

**1922**
Vice President Calvin Coolidge was heckled by an impatient Grandstand audience after speaking for 45 minutes on a 90 degree day. The good-natured vice president shortened his speech by several pages so the auto races could start.

**1927**
John Phillip Sousa composed the “Minnesota March” and performed it at the fair.

**1928**
F. Scott Fitzgerald waxed poetic about the fair in his short story “A Night at the Fair.”

**1933**
- First Thrill Day.
- First year of “everyone pays” gate, requiring all who enter the fairgrounds to present an admission ticket.
- First fair to have four Ferris wheels in one location.

**1937**
The Works Progress Administration (WPA) completed the Horse Barn, Poultry Barn and Grandstand Ramp.

**1938**
Last year the fair started on the Saturday before Labor Day.

**1943-1945**
The entire livestock complex, including the original Hippodrome and all barns, were taken over by the federal government during World War II and used as a manufacturing plant for military aircraft propellers.

**1944**
Original wooden-domed Agriculture Building burned down.

**1947**
- The Pronto Pup made its debut as the first food on-a-stick.
- The new Agriculture Horticulture Building opened.

**1949**
- Last year of horse races.
- Last government appropriation of any type, reimbursing the fair for structural damage done to the original Hippodrome during its use as a WWII aircraft propeller plant.

**1951**
New Hippodrome (now the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum) replaced the original built in 1906.

**1954**
First statewide Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest.

**1955**
The State Fair passed the 1 million mark in attendance for the first time.

**1958**
Pioneer Woman statue erected to celebrate Minnesota's Centennial (now located in front of Ramberg Music Cafe).

**1962**
First year of “big name” evening Grandstand entertainment.

**1964**
- Skyride built.
- Teen-Age Fair (Young America Center) built. West End Market is now in that location.

**1965**
- First year Princess Kay and her court were sculpted in butter.
- Space Tower built.
- The Outstanding Senior Citizens recognition program began.

- **1966**
  Fairchild debuted as the State Fair mascot.

- **1969-1981**
  “Little Irvy,” a frozen whale, was available for view in a refrigerated trailer.

- **1970**
  - Sharon Moore and Nancy Moe rode the Skyride continuously for 7 ½ hours, breaking the record of four hours, 28 minutes from the previous year

- **1971**
  - Colorful arches formed the new “Gateway to Progress” gate at East Commonwealth Avenue (now Dan Patch Avenue) and Snelling Avenue to welcome visitors to the State Fair.

- **1972**
  - First year current butter sculptor Linda Christensen carved the Princess Kay butter heads.
  - The State Fair extended its annual run from 10 days to 11 days.

- **1973**
  First Amateur Talent Contest.

- **1975**
  - First 12-day fair.
  - Hippodrome renamed Coliseum.
  - Young America Center (Teen-Age Fair) converted to Heritage Square.
  - West End Market is now in that location.

- **1977**
  On Aug. 30, more than 5 inches of rain poured onto the fairgrounds in a two-hour period.

- **1978**
  The Century Farm program started, honoring Minnesota families who have owned farms for 100 years.

- **1980**
  - Fine Arts Exhibition moved from the Grandstand's third floor into the newly renovated Fine Arts Center, one of the two oldest State Fair buildings.
  - The 50 Year Award recognition program started.

- **1983**
  Fairborne debuted as the second State Fair mascot.

- **1984**
  The Mexican Village was re-themed as the Bazaar, offering goods and entertainment from around the world.

- **1985**
  First Milk Run.

- **1986, 1987, 1989**
  Aerialist Jay Cochran walked on a high wire from the top of the 4-H Building to the top of the Space Tower.

- **1988**
  First State Fair llama show.

- **1991**
  - Visitors Plaza constructed.
  - Pet Center opened. This structure now houses The Hangar, which opened in 2018.

- **1994**
  State Fair scholarship program established to give 20 students $1,000 each for rural youth development (Originally called Ben C. Hallberg Rural Youth Scholarship).

- **1995**
  - First year State Fair independently operated Mighty Midway and Kidway.
  - The Minnesota State Fair launched its first website.

- **1997**
  - The Old Iron Show, featuring antique farm equipment, debuted.
  - Stock dog trials debuted as a competitive event.

- **2001**
  - SkyGlider constructed.
  - Adopt-A-Garden Program began.

- **2002**
  - Last year of auto racing at the Grandstand.
- Minnesota State Fair Foundation established.
- Food Building renovated and new park constructed outside the south side of the building.
- Grandstand bleachers razed and renovation began.

**2003**
- Little Farm Hands exhibit opened.

**2004**
- The Grandstand renovation project was completed and included a new Grandstand Plaza seating area, accessible entrance and exit ramps, stair towers, restrooms, entertainment production facility and expanded interior exhibit space.
- Minnesota State Fair Commemorative Art series began.

**2006**
- CHS Miracle of Birth Center built.
- Coliseum renamed for Lee and Rose Warner.
- Historic greenhouse residence restored and named J.V. Bailey House.
- Eco Experience took over the Progress Center.

**2007**
- Minnesota Wine Country debuted.
- Food and agricultural waste recycling program started.
- A robotic milker was introduced in the Cattle Barn’s Milking Parlor.

**2008**
The old Mexican Village/Bazaar was razed and replaced with the all-new International Bazaar.

**2009**
- Moo Booth in the Cattle Barn renovated.

**2010**
- Alphabet Forest debuted in Baldwin Park.

**2011**
- First Military Appreciation Day.
- First year of the State Fair History Walking tour, a partnership between the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society.
- Giant Sing Along debuted.

**2012**
- AgStar Arena opened (now known as Compeer Arena).
- The Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild was added to the Agriculture Horticulture Building.

**2013**
- More than 4,000 Vietnam-era veterans walked in a Welcome Home Parade on Military Appreciation Day.

**2014**
- West End Market, History & Heritage Center and Transit Hub opened.

**2015**

**2017**
- The Great Big Wheel debuted at the Minnesota State Fair.
- The Veranda, a shop-eat-sip destination, opened on the second level of the Grandstand.

**2018**
- On Saturday, Sept. 1, 270,426 visitors made this the best-attended single day in State Fair history.
- The State Fair passed the 2 million mark in attendance for the first time with an all-time cumulative attendance record of 2,046,533.
- New Pet Pavilions constructed.

**NO FAIR**

**1861**
- Civil War.

**1862**
- Civil War, U.S.-Dakota Conflict.

**1893**
- World’s Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

**1945**
- World War II federal government-ordered transportation restrictions.

**1946**
- Polio epidemic.
EVOLUTION OF GRANDSTAND SHOWS

- **1885**
  Horses raced around the one-mile track.

- **1899**
  First evening fireworks show, “The Burning of Manila,” attracted huge crowds and established fireworks as a mainstay at the Grandstand.

- **1907**
  Auto racing was added to daytime Grandstand events.

- **1909**
  Present Grandstand built to accommodate the huge crowds attracted to harness racing by world-famous pacer horse Dan Patch.

- **1920, 1921, 1933, 1934**
  Staged locomotive collisions in Grandstand infield.

- **1927**
  John Philip Sousa was the fair’s first well-known entertainer and performed at Plaza Park outside the Grandstand.

- **1933**
  The inception of “Thrill Day,” which featured automobile crashes, parachute jumps and locomotive collisions.

- **1935**
  The Grandstand fireworks shows evolved into the State Fair Revue, starring Radio City Music Hall dancers, minor Hollywood starlets and a smashing fireworks finale.

- **1939**
  Last year of the one-mile track. A new half-mile track for horses and auto racing was built.

- **1941**
  State Fair Revue promised 57 “headline” acts, but the show was stolen on opening night by ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his wooden sidekick Charlie McCarthy.

- **1949**
  Last year of horse races at the fair. The focus shifted to automobile racing.

- **1957**
  Ricky Nelson starred in Children’s Day shows shortly after his first release, “I’m Walking,” made him a teen heartthrob.

- **1962**
  First “big-name” night shows were staged, starring Dennis Day, Jane Russell and Jimmy Dean.

- **1964**
  The dirt racetrack was replaced by asphalt.

- **2000**
  An all-time record Grandstand crowd of 22,117 attended Christina Aguilera’s concert.

- **2002**
  Last year of auto racing at the State Fair.

- **2003**
  Plaza-level seating was added to the Grandstand.

- **2013**
  Macklemore & Ryan Lewis set the attendance record in the current Grandstand seating configuration with a sold-out crowd of 16,529.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & LANDMARKS

**4-H Building**  
*Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street at the intersection of Wright Avenue*

This magnificent three-story, monolithic concrete structure commands a view of the entire fairgrounds and surrounding vicinity. Built after the 1938 State Fair by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the 4-H Building partially
opened in 1939. It was fully completed in 1940 and dedicated in a ceremony on Aug. 29, 1940. Home to thousands of youth during the fair’s 12-day run, the second-level kitchen serves more than 40,000 meals each fair. Public exhibits on the main floor include aquatic robotics, clothing and textiles, creative arts, video and filmmaking.

**Agriculture Horticulture Building**
*Sponsored by Bremer Bank*
*Located between Carnes and Judson avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets*

This octagon-shaped building hosts competitions, demonstrations, exhibits and concessions related to agriculture, horticulture and bee culture. Opened in 1947, its architecture mirrors the 4-H Building with the same lit tower, vertical thrust and streamlined shapes. In 1885, the first year the fair was held on the current fairgrounds, a wooden-domed building was constructed on this site as the “main building,” and by 1910, it was solely for agriculture. With an addition to this building in 1912, Minnesota boasted the largest permanent building devoted to the exhibition of agricultural products in the world. That building is no longer, due to fire on Nov. 10, 1944. The modern Agriculture Horticulture Building, commonly referred to as Ag-Hort, resides on the main building’s former footprint.

**Cattle Barn**
*Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Stevens and Liggett streets*

The Livestock Pavilion, now known as the Cattle Barn, was completed in 1920. The massive brick structure covers 117,450 square feet with sufficient housing for 1,000 head of cattle. The structure has changed several times in its 99 years, most notably serving in World War II along with the rest of the livestock complex as home for the A.O. Smith Corporation that manufactured military aircraft propellers. The 21,000-square-foot corrugated steel Cattle Annex formerly called the Beef Barn was built in 1970. The most recent addition is the Moo Booth exhibit, which was rebuilt in 2009 to showcase beef and dairy cattle’s role in the agricultural process from farm to table.

**Commissary Building**
*Located north of the Sheep & Poultry Barn between Liggett and Clough streets*

Erected as a WPA project in 1938, this building is a central location for supply warehouses. From June 1943 until May 1946, this building was part of the war plant, housing the cafeteria and plant protection section of the A.O. Smith Corporation’s propeller plant. In 1946, the building was reconverted for State Fair use and on Aug. 23, 1946, the west half of the superstructure burned and was replaced by the present concrete block, steel and wood structure. The building now houses vendor Steichen’s Grocery & Deli, and other State Fair concession suppliers.

**Creative Activities Building and Annex**
*Located on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

The first building on this site was erected in 1904 to serve as the Manufacturer’s Building. After a few years, the name was changed to the
Woman's Building. In 1911, a fine arts annex was built onto the Woman's Building and formed a link to the Schools Exhibits Building. The Woman's Building changed its name to Home Activities in 1952 and was razed in 1970. With the new structure in 1971 came a new name of Creative Activities to more accurately reflect its diversity of exhibits and exhibitors. In 2018, the new state-of-the-art Cambria Kitchen was built for cooking demonstrations.

**Dairy Building**  
*Sponsored by Paddle North*  
*Located on the southwest corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street*

The dairy department has been housed in various buildings throughout the fairgrounds – the oldest one still remaining is now the Fine Arts Center, built in 1907. In 1923, the dairy department was moved to the mezzanine floor of the Cattle Barn, and in 1933 returned to its former home, at today's Fine Arts Center. The current Dairy Building was built in 1967, but for its first year, the education department exhibits were shown there, due to a roof collapse the previous winter at the Education Building. The following year, the dairy department moved to its current location. Now fair guests can see Princess Kay and her court getting their likenesses carved into butter, purchase a dairy concoction and browse the various merchandise vendors.

**DNR Building**  
*Located on the southwest corner of Carnes Avenue and Nelson Street*

This wood structure is one of the largest log structures in the Midwest. Known originally as the Conservation Building, it was erected in 1934 atop the former streetcar gate, which was moved one block to the south. This extended Judson Avenue and allowed more accessibility to the livestock area. A formal water fountain and gardens graced the south side until 1971 when two connecting pools containing native Minnesota fish and waterfowl took its place. 1971 was also the year the name changed to Department of Natural Resources. A wetlands exhibit was added in 1992, the ability for visitors to climb the fire tower returned in 2007, and in 2013, updated aquariums and terrariums graced the interior.

**FAN Central**  
*Sponsored by Xfinity*  
*Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues*

Built in 1963 by the North Central Electric League as an exhibit of electrical appliances and equipment, the building was appropriately named Electri-City. In 1973, it was renamed the Modern Living Building, chosen through a statewide contest. In 2009, it was re-purposed and is now known as FAN Central where Minnesota sports teams are featured.

**Fine Arts Center**  
*Located on the southeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

Built in 1907, the Fine Arts Center originally served as the Dairy Building and eventually became Machinery Hall. In 1980, it became home to the fair's Fine Arts Exhibition, Minnesota's largest juried art show. Before finding a permanent home in the old Dairy Building, the Fine Arts Exhibition had been held at
various locations, including the third floor of the Grandstand. It is one of the
two oldest buildings on the fairgrounds along with the neighboring
Progress Center.

**Food Building**
*Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues*

The Food Building, which houses dozens of food concessions, was partially
built and used during the 1948 State Fair and was completed in 1949. Known
at the time as the Food Show Building, it housed the Beer Garden, the Food
Show, dining halls and four corner concessions. In 2002, the Food Building
underwent an extensive renovation with many new food vendors becoming
part of the mix.

**Grandstand**
*Sponsored by Sleep Number*
*Located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Chambers and Nelson streets*

The Minnesota State Fair Grandstand is the historic heart of the fairgrounds.
The original two-decked wooden Grandstand, built in 1885, was replaced in
1892 with an iron and wood Grandstand, which was razed after the 1908 State
Fair. The current Grandstand, much larger than the originals, was built in 1909.
Large bleacher structures were added in the late 1930s. In November 2002,
the fair began a two-year, $18 million project to renovate the structure, adding
new stairways, elevators, restrooms and seats, and removing the deteriorating
bleachers. Over the years, the State Agricultural Society has committed
substantial resources to the renovation of this historic building to preserve
it for future generations of fair visitors. In 2017, an accessible elevator was
added to the west side of the Grandstand to accompany the elevator already
in place on the east side.

The area beneath the Grandstand seating currently houses nearly 200
merchandise vendors on two floors of exhibit space, including the Veranda
shopping and dining area, which was added in 2017. In the past, it has also
been utilized as an art gallery, automobile show space and display of WPA
projects and programs.

The State Fair Grandstand has always hosted a variety of entertainment,
including horse and auto races, military spectacles, concerts, fireworks, staged
train wrecks, livestock parades, motorcycle races, stunt flying shows, beauty
pageants and speeches including Theodore Roosevelt’s “Speak Softly and
Carry a Big Stick.”

In 2009, the current Grandstand celebrated its 100th anniversary. In conjunction
with this celebration, the entire Grandstand marquee was renovated and
replaced with high-efficiency LED light bulbs. The Minnesota State Fair
Foundation’s Grandstand Marquee Campaign contributed to the renovation.

**Home Improvement Building**
*Sponsored by LeafFilter*
*Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues*

Built in 1973, this building is characterized by boxy-shaped concrete and metal
paneling. Housing exhibitors with windows, roofing and landscaping supplies, it was aptly named the Home Improvement Building through a statewide contest.

**Horse Barn**  
*Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Liggett Street*

The Horse Barn was built in 1937 as a WPA project. From June 1943 until September 1945, the Horse Barn served the World War II effort by housing the machine shop of the A.O. Smith Corporation's military airplane propeller plant. Some modifications were made after World War II, and in 1947, horses, sheep and 4-Hers returned for competition. Currently, the Horse Barn houses horses in State Fair competitions, along with the popular exhibits Aisle of Breeds and EquiMania™.

**J.V. Bailey House**  
*Located on the south side of Cosgrove Street, south of the Space Tower*

With the erection of the first greenhouse in 1916, it also became the year-round residence to greenhouse superintendents and groundskeepers from 1916 to 2004. It was also the fair-time home for State Agricultural Society board members from 1911 to 1967. Restored with gifts to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation from Bailey Nursery Foundation and the Gordon and Margaret Bailey Foundation, the property now provides meeting space and offices for the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. On Aug. 27, 2006, the home was named in honor of J.V. Bailey, founder of Bailey Nurseries. Mr. Bailey served the Minnesota State Fair as superintendent of horticulture (1912-1934) and as a member of the State Agricultural Society board and president of the board (1933-1934).

**Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum**  
*Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets*

The original structure on this site, known as the Hippodrome, was built in 1906 and used for horse shows and livestock judging. From 1909 to 1942, it also housed as the Hippodrome Ice Rink during the winter months and was considered, at the time, to be the largest indoor rink in the world. In 1943 during World War II, the building, along with others in the livestock area, was converted to a government-run military aircraft propeller plant, and horse shows came to a halt. After its use as a propeller plant, the building was no longer structurally sound and was razed. In 1950 and 1951, the present structure was erected, and horse shows were reinstated. The building continued to be called the Hippodrome until 1975, when a new ice rink was installed, and the name was changed to Coliseum. The rink was permanently closed in 2014 due to declining use and deteriorating ice-making equipment. In 2006, the name became the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. Mr. Warner was a member of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society Board of Managers and the vice president of the Agricultural Society from 1919 to 1944.

**Progress Center (Eco Experience)**  
*Located on the north side of Randall Avenue at the intersection of Cosgrove Street*

Built in 1907, the Progress Center is one of the two oldest buildings on the fairgrounds (the neighboring Fine Arts Center was also built in 1907).
Originally constructed as the Poultry Building and touted as “the largest exhibition building for poultry in the world,” it has also been home to State Exhibits, Wonders of Technology and, currently, Eco Experience.

**Ramberg Music Cafe**  
*Sponsored by Cal Spas*  
*Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues*

Like many buildings throughout the fairgrounds, Ramberg Music Cafe (formerly known as Ramberg Center) has had various names and has been used for many purposes. The first building on the site was a brick structure built in 1886, and it was used as an art gallery. It then became the farmer's institute in 1890. In the 1920s, it was also used as the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers’ Portrait Gallery. In 1958, the original building was razed, and a new portrait hall was built, along with the Pioneer Woman statue to honor the Statehood Centennial. In 1970, it became the Senior Citizens Headquarters, which coincided with the first ever Senior Citizens Day at the fair. In 1989, the building was named after Leonard Ramberg, who was the senior citizens program supervisor from 1970 through 1986, vice president of the State Fair board of managers 1969-1986, named Life Member of the State Agricultural Society in 1988, and State Fair Hall of Fame inductee in 1990.

**Robert A. Christensen Pavilion (formerly Swine Barn)**  
*Located on the southwest corner of Judson Avenue and Stevens Street*

In 1935, Swine Barn construction began under the Emergency Relief Administration and was completed in 1936 as a WPA project. Until 1943, swine shared their space with sheep. Like many other fair buildings, it served the war effort in World War II, when the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over for the grinding and shipping operations of its military aircraft propeller plant. In 2017, the swine annex on the west side of the building was removed, enabling new wash racks to be installed outside, more pens added inside, and windows and doors on the west side to be opened, improving ventilation. In 2018, new mobile pens were installed on the north side of the building, and a brand-new entrance door and windows for improved ventilation greeted visitors entering the east side of the building. In 2019, the Swine Barn was officially named Robert A. Christensen Pavilion to honor the legacy of the late Bob Christensen. Christensen, a visionary leader of the swine industry, was an early adopter of technologies to improve biosecurity and herd health, contract production arrangements, and artificial insemination and genetic advancements. Praised for striving to make improvements throughout the entire pork production chain, he built Christensen Farms, one of the largest hog production companies in the U.S. and one of the largest family-owned hog production companies in the world.

**Sheep & Poultry Barn**  
*Located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets*

The current Sheep & Poultry Barn was built as a WPA project in 1937. As with many State Fair buildings in the livestock area, the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over from 1943 to 1945 for World War II military aircraft propeller manufacturing. This building once housed dog and cat shows, and only after
the war did poultry share its barn with sheep. Sheep, poultry, goats and rabbits can be found here today.

**Streetcar Arch**  
*Located at the West End Gate*

In 1934, the Emergency Relief Administration (ERA) created a trolley entrance on the south side of Judson Avenue, along with a new gate with permanent ticket sale booths supporting a brick arch bearing the inscription “State Fair.” The arch remained in that location until the 1980s when it was removed and abandoned in a far corner of the State Fair’s Como Avenue parking lots. In 2013, the Streetcar Arch was restored, and in 2014, it became a permanent part of the Transit Hub’s West End Gate, once again welcoming hundreds of thousands of fair guests to the Great Minnesota Get-Together each year.

**HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTER**  
*Located at West End Market, east side*

The History & Heritage Center, a centerpiece of West End Market, opened in 2014 and showcases the competition, entertainment, agriculture, food, merchandise, Midway attractions and Minnesota industry that have been the heart of the fair for a century and a half. Developed in partnership with the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society, the center reflects the progression of change at the State Fair. Exhibits bring to life the significant events, intriguing stories and inspiring traditions that have laid the foundation for the present-day Great Minnesota Get-Together. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free with fair admission.

**STATE FAIR DIGITAL ARCHIVES**

With a 165-year history connecting thousands of families and organizations in Minnesota and surrounding states, the State Fair has retained documents and images that span generations. Fair guests are invited to search for their family’s name in the State Fair Archives, where annual reports and competition results dating back to the 1880s are searchable and downloadable. The archives are accessible at mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/history/.
CALENDAR/DAY DESIGNATIONS

Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org for a detailed schedule of performances, demonstrations and activities.

Thursday, Aug. 22 • Thrifty Thursday

Today's Deals: Reduced admission – Adults (13-64) $13; Seniors (65+) $10; Kids (5-12) $10. Special ride & game promotions are offered at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Thrifty Thursday bargains for all fair guests.

STEM Day at Dan Patch Park (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.): The Land of 10,000 Lakes is home to incomparable opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM celebrates its 10th year at the fair. More than 30 exhibitors will feature hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations designed for children of all ages, including the Minnesota Department of Transportation seat belt convincer, and a performance stage. Interactive activities and demonstrations provided by SciMathMN. Guests can drive robots, try their hand at computer coding, explore bioremediation, build model rockets and mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, construct a model that survives an earthquake simulator, and more.

Opening Ceremony: At 10:15 a.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell, State Fair Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Paul Merkins declare the State Fair officially open at the Opening Ceremony with the national anthem and a flag raising by State Fair Police.

Friday, Aug. 23 • Governor’s Fire Prevention Day

Today's Deals: Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

Around the fairgrounds: The 21st annual fun-filled, action-packed Governor’s Fire Prevention Day is the largest fire-prevention education event in the world. Opportunities for families include learning about fire-safe behavior, fire prevention, safe escape from a fire, proper use of a fire extinguisher, how to prepare for an emergency, as well as technological improvements in burn treatment and firefighting equipment. Activities take place at Dan Patch Park, the North End and DNR Park. Presented by the Governor’s Council on Fire Prevention and Control.

Fire Explorer Challenge at Dan Patch Park (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.): More than 325 youth representing 24 Fire Explorer posts from around the state square off in a variety of competitions – gear donning, ladder raising, spinal immobilization and others – capped off at 5 p.m. with an awards ceremony. Explorers are young men and women who work with adult mentors throughout the year to learn all the skills necessary for a firm understanding of a firefighter’s job. Skits and CPR and AED demonstrations also take place throughout the day on the Dan Patch Park Stage. A “State of Fire Prevention Address” from fire service dignitaries will be presented on stage at 11 a.m. Presented by the Governor’s Council on Fire Prevention and Control.

Fire prevention focus at the DNR Building and Park (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): On the north side of the DNR Building, the Department of Natural Resources hosts games to help young and old better understand fire safety and how to prevent
wildfires; visitors can test their skills and knowledge for prizes. Climb the Fire Tower (9 a.m. to 7 p.m., weather permitting), visit the Fire Prevention Building to learn about firefighting equipment and the impact of fires (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.), and meet Smokey Bear at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Guests can also celebrate Smokey Bear's 75th birthday at 1 p.m. at the DNR Volunteer Outdoor Stage.

Flag Raising Ceremony at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell (10:10-10:30 a.m.): The Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control, firefighters from around the state and a pipe and drum team lead the State Fair's flag raising ceremony.

**Saturday, Aug. 24 • 4-H Day**

Hubbard Broadcasting Day at Dan Patch Park (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Hubbard Broadcasting Day features the radio and television stations locally owned and operated by Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc. There will be games, activities and interactive booths for the entire family, presented by 5 Eyewitness News, 45TV, myTalk 107.1, SKOR North and KS95.

**Sunday, Aug. 25 • Minnesota Cooks™ Day**

Minnesota Cooks™ Day at Dan Patch Park (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Minnesota Cooks™ is a unique and entertaining one-day event that highlights locally and sustainably grown foods. Through cooking demonstrations by talented Minnesota chefs and cooks, and lively discussions with chefs, cooks, farmers, and local political, media and arts celebrities, Minnesota Cooks™ explores the vital role family farmers and sustainable agriculture have within our food system. A mix of cooking demonstrations, relevant discussions and live music, Minnesota Cooks™ is a festive celebration of our state's bounty and the people who bring good food to life.

**Today Only:** The 35th Annual 5K Milk Run, sponsored by Great River Energy, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Farmers Union and Giggles' Campfire Grill, kicks off at 7:45 a.m. Awards are presented to the top three finishers in each of 13 age categories.

**Monday, Aug. 26 • Seniors, Kids & Minnesota State Patrol Day**

Today's Deals: Reduced Admission – Seniors (65+) and Kids (5-12) $10. Special ride & game promotions are offered at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Seniors & Kids Day bargains for all fair guests.

Minnesota State Patrol Day at the North End (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): Fair guests are welcome to stop by the North End for experiences and learning galore as part of the 15th annual Minnesota State Patrol Day at the Minnesota State Fair. Guests can see what the amazing K-9 unit dogs can do, spin the prize wheel for a chance to win State Patrol merchandise, get photos taken in the State Trooper cutout, check out airbag and field sobriety demonstrations and much more. Weather permitting, a State Patrol helicopter will land. Fair guests can also ask a State Trooper a question about all the hard work they do keeping Minnesotans safe on the road.

Mental Health Awareness at Dan Patch Park (9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.): Mental health and wellness is important to all Minnesotans. More than 50 organizations present mental health resources for children and adults through
games, art, prizes, mindfulness, trivia and demonstrations, as well as inspiring stage acts including music, youth performances, yoga and more at Dan Patch Park.

**Tuesday, Aug. 27 • Military Appreciation Day**

**Today's Deals:** Reduced admission – Active military families, retired military and spouses, and veterans and spouses receive discounted admission with valid military service documentation. All ages (with documentation): $10. Early Bird specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games until 1 p.m. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Military Appreciation Day bargains for all fair guests.

**Military Appreciation Day at Dan Patch Park** (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.): Guests can stop by to visit more than 50 educational booths and organizations that support the military in celebration of Military Appreciation Day presented by the United States Automobile Association (USAA). “We Love Military Families” hats to the first 500 people at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. On the Dan Patch Park Stage, guests can find entertainment, presentations and special musical guests including a performance at 9:45 a.m. by singer-songwriter and Minnesotan Navy Veteran, Jerri Sailor.

**Other Military Appreciation Day events:** The day begins with a 9:15 a.m. ceremony at the Veterans Garden on the south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building. At 9:45 a.m., the day is commemorated with a program at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell to recognize veterans and welcome home the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls from an overseas deployment. The 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band performs at the Bandshell at 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. At 2 p.m., the State Fair Daily Parade will feature military units.

**Wednesday, Aug. 28 • Read & Ride Day**

**Today's Deals:** Reduced admission – Public library cardholders receive the following discounted admission ticket price when they purchase a ticket at the gate and present a valid library card. (Only one discount per card is permitted.) Adults (13-64) $13; Seniors (65+) $10; Kids (5-12) $10. Special ride & game promotions are offered for everyone at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day.

**Read & Ride Day at Dan Patch Park** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Minnesota's public libraries celebrate readers of all ages. Fair guests are invited to stop by to play jumbo games, make a State Fair button, participate in the Helga Hufflepuff Cup Wizarding Tournament and read their way through the park with “One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree." Performances on stage include comedy, dance and music throughout the day. For more information, visit readrideday.org.

**Thursday, Aug. 29 • Seniors Day**

**Today's Deals:** Reduced admission – Seniors (65+) $10. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Seniors Day bargains for all fair guests.

**Seniors Day at Dan Patch Park** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): The UCare Stretch & Stroll kicks off an all-day program at 9 a.m. on the Dan Patch Park Stage with
live ‘60s–’80s music from The Pearl Brothers. Fun fitness programs happen throughout the day; a morning SilverSneakers fitness demo begins at 10 a.m., and it will include stretching and simple exercises to get the day started at the fair. Guests can check out the UCare Healthmobile from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as get a free health screening. The park will feature The Pearl Brothers throughout the afternoon with more fun fitness options. Free giveaways throughout the day.

**Today Only:** 10:30 a.m. Outstanding Senior Citizens Award Ceremony at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. Sponsored by Humana and presented by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, this award is given to two Minnesota seniors who have shown outstanding commitment to community service since reaching the age of 65.

**Friday, Aug. 30 • MPR Day**

**Today's Deals:** Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

**MPR Day at Dan Patch Park** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): On the Dan Patch Park stage, MPR News, Classical MPR and 89.3 The Current team up for live broadcasts, conversations with local newsmakers, live performances, local music and more throughout the day. Presented by Minnesota Public Radio.

**Saturday, Aug. 31 • FFA Day**

**Today:** Several FFA livestock judging events take place throughout the day. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule.

**AARP Day at Dan Patch Park** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Fair guests can stop by Dan Patch Park to catch a local band showcase on stage (bands include Alex Rossi, Annie Mack, The Ginstrings and PaviElle), and stay at the park to learn how to make communities better places for all ages. Presented by AARP.

**Sunday, Sept. 1 • Friends of the Fair Day**

**Today:** Fair guests can stop by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation tent at the North End this year to learn about supporting the future of the Minnesota State Fair. Guests can participate in informational scavenger hunts of facts and figures. Once complete, they will get to spin a wheel for a prize. Free paper crowns. (While supplies last.)

**The Sioux Chef® Presents the Indigenous Food Lab at Dan Patch Park:**
Celebrate the richness, beauty and diversity of Minnesota's indigenous foods and culture in a special daylong program from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Dan Patch Park. Winner of a prestigious James Beard Award, Chef Sean Sherman will present a cooking demonstration and discuss the foundations of the Indigenous Food Systems. Also taking center stage are traditional drumming, singing and dancing that showcase the cultural artistry of Minnesota tribes. Presented with the support of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

**Monday, Sept. 2 • Kids & Last Chance Day**

**Today's Deals:** Reduced admission – Kids (5-12) $10. Special ride & game promotions are offered at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Last Chance bargains all day.
**Hmong Minnesota Day at Dan Patch Park** (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.): Now in its fifth year Hmong Minnesota Day programming will feature songs, dance, visual arts and live music. The opening ceremony will feature statements by Hmong community leaders and a thank-you to our military and veterans. The afternoon will highlight talented Hmong Americans in a community showcase. To wrap up the day, Hmong American headlining artists perform. Event partners include Hmong American Partnership, Community School of Excellence and CHAT (Center for Hmong Arts + Talent).

**SPECIAL EVENTS & CEREMONIES**

**50 Year Awards**
*Monday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m., Located on the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater*

This award honors individuals with 50 years of State Fair participation.

**Flag Raising**
*Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

With the exception of Aug. 22, 23 & 27, flag raising ceremonies occur at 10:25 a.m. daily. On Aug. 22, the flag raising is at 10:15 a.m. during the Opening Ceremony. On Aug. 23, the flag raising is at 10:10 a.m. as part of Governor’s Fire Prevention Day. On Aug. 27, the flag raising is at 9:45 a.m. as part of Military Appreciation Day.

**35th Annual Milk Run**
*Sponsored by Great River Energy, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Farmers Union and Giggles’ Campfire Grill*
*Sunday, Aug. 25, 7:45 a.m., Starting on Randall Avenue*

This 5-kilometer certified race begins near Randall Avenue and Underwood Street, moves off the fairgrounds through the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and finishes back on Randall Avenue. Each participant receives a Milk Run T-shirt, admission to the State Fair, a malt coupon, breakfast sandwich, a finisher medal and the opportunity to win prizes.

**Opening Ceremony**
*Thursday, Aug. 22, 10:15 a.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Paul Merkins declare the State Fair officially open. The ceremony features a welcome to guests from around the world and a flag raising by State Fair Police.

**Outstanding Senior Citizens Award Ceremony**
*Sponsored by Humana*
*Seniors Day, Thursday, Aug. 29, 10:30 a.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Two Minnesota seniors are selected and honored as Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. From a pool of nominees from each county in the state, winners are chosen for their outstanding commitment to community service from age 65. A special reception for county winners and their guests hosted by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation is held at the J.V. Bailey House following the ceremony. Presented by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs.
2019 Best Awards Ceremony

*Thursday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m., Located at the International Bazaar Stage*

State Fair superintendents and other State Fair organizers will select the best State Fair exhibitors who exemplify the following:

- Provide exceptional, efficient customer service and an outstanding experience for fair guests
- Knowledgeable staff with positive attitudes who are courteous, thoughtful and professional
- An amazing visual presentation and positive image
- Present a premium quality product/service
- Offer great value

Winners are announced at this ceremony.

66th Princess Kay of the Milky Way Coronation

*Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Since 1954, the Princess Kay competition has recognized young women who live or work on one of Minnesota’s dairy farms. Dairy princesses from throughout the state will compete to be crowned the 66th Princess Kay of the Milky Way. The princess will serve as a dairy spokesperson throughout the year, and she and the nine finalists will have their likenesses sculpted in butter during the State Fair in the Dairy Building. The competition is organized by Midwest Dairy. For more information, please contact Megan Anderson with Bellmont Partners at megan@bellmontpartners.com or 612-255-1118.

Veterans Garden Ceremony

*Tuesday, Aug. 27, 9:15 a.m., Located at the Veterans Garden on the south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

A ceremony honoring Minnesota’s veterans of military service will be held at the State Fair Veterans Garden. The Veterans Garden was established in 2005 to honor all Minnesotans who have served in the U.S. armed forces, from territorial days through the present. The garden currently features plaques honoring Minnesota veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, as well as a Blue Star Memorial honoring all American military veterans and a Gold Star Families plaque that honors families of those who died while in military service to our nation.
BUTTER SCULPTURES
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22–Sunday, Sept. 1, Located in the Dairy Building

Princess Kay and her court will each have their likenesses carved into a 90-pound block of butter by a live sculptor. Princess Kay's likeness will be carved over two days, on Thursday, Aug. 22 and Friday, Aug. 23, with one of the nine finalists' likenesses carved each day of the fair through Sunday, Sept. 1. The princess being sculpted and the sculptor rotate in a 40 degree display cooler and periodically answer questions from the audience. For more information, please contact Megan Anderson with Bellmont Partners at megan@bellmontpartners.com or 612-255-1118.

CAMBRIA KITCHEN
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Creative Activities Building on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street

The Cambria Kitchen is a state-of-the-art food preparation facility that features insightful culinary demonstrations each day of the fair. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete list of demonstrations.

THE COMMON TABLE: MINNESOTA EATS
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building

This interactive exhibit inspires Minnesotans to get connected to the food they eat. For more information see the “Competition & Ag.” section in this media kit.

DNR BUILDING AND PARK
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Located between Carnes and Judson avenues and Clough and Nelson streets

DNR Building and Park features information, demonstrations and displays on Minnesota's forests, rivers and wildlife. Inside the building are aquariums and terrariums full of Minnesota fish and reptiles. Outside at DNR Park, visitors can view a pond full of fish species native to Minnesota, meet Smokey Bear and take part in activities and demonstrations. The DNR Volunteer Outdoor Stage provides music and demonstrations about Minnesota's wildlife and environment. The Garden Stage features the music of Ecuador Manta from 5-9 p.m. daily (except Aug. 29) and Raptor Displays and Flying Demonstrations daily at 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. except Aug. 28. The DNR Fire Tower is open to climb from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (weather permitting). Fair guests can visit the Fire Prevention Building from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily to learn about firefighting equipment and the impact of fires. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule of entertainment and activities.

DRIVEN TO DISCOVER
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues

The University of Minnesota's Driven to Discover is a research facility featuring collaboration between researchers and thousands of fair guests. University departments are seeking adults and children for more than 50 studies on
such diverse topics as body awareness and sensory abilities, creating a 3D avatar, mental and sexual health, measuring fruit and vegetable intake via skin carotenoids and much more. Guests can participate as part of a research study and meet with researchers and learn about their work. Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule of studies.

**ECO EXPERIENCE**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Progress Center on the north side of Randall Avenue at the intersection of Cosgrove Street*

Presented by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, this exhibit is designed to inspire people to lead more sustainable lives while improving quality of life and the environment. Eco Experience showcases renewable energy and exhibits on air, water, land, green buildings, organic agriculture and local foods.

Eco Experience includes a Sustainability Stage with environmental demonstrations, entertainment and healthy cooking presentations throughout the day. For a complete Sustainability Stage schedule, refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org.

For more information, visit ecoexperience.org.

**FAMILY FAIR**

*Sponsored by Coca-Cola and Xcel Energy*

*Located at Baldwin Park between Randall and Wright avenues and Cooper and Cosgrove streets*

Family Fair features attractions, concessions and entertainment for the whole family including: comedic juggler Sean Emery, Alléz-OOPS!, music and dance performances, the Alphabet Forest, Math On-A-Stick and more. For a listing of entertainment at the Family Fair Stage, see the “Entertainment” section in this media kit.

**FAN CENTRAL**

*Sponsored by Xfinity*

*Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues*

Many of Minnesota’s sports teams are featured under one roof. Meet and greet players, purchase team merchandise and interact with the following: Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Lynx, St. Paul Saints, Minnesota Vixen, Minnesota United FC, Minnesota RollerGirls and Running Aces.

**GREAT BIG SANDBOX**

*9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located east of the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park*

Kids can dig, scoop, pour and burrow their toes in a giant sandbox made just for them.

**HEALTH-RELATED EXHIBITS**

Health-related exhibits can be found throughout the fairgrounds and are listed below by location.

- **Dan Patch Park**
  - Mental Health Awareness, Monday, Aug. 26: The Minnesota State Advisory
Council on Mental Health, Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota and more than 50 organizations host fun games, photo opportunities, trivia contests, giveaways and activities on wide-ranging and far-reaching mental health and wellness topics.

- Seniors Day, Thursday, Aug. 29: The UCare Stretch & Stroll will have Minnesota seniors learning how to stretch their muscles and stay fit and healthy. UCare also presents health and wellness programs, exercise sessions and music throughout the day.

**Health Fair 11 at the Fair**  
*9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located on the southwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cooper Street*

Health Fair 11 at the Fair offers free or low-cost health checks, health education and information. New for 2019, CaringBridge joins Health Fair 11 to offer connections for patients and families experiencing health crises, medical treatment and/or recovery. Other opportunities this year include:

- Information on food allergies
- Annual flu shots
- Vision screening for children
- Blood pressure checks, hearing assessments, blood typing, and memory-loss evaluations
- The ability to find your true weight with a finely calibrated scale
- List of fair vendors offering gluten-free food options
- Nursing and infant care facilities

**Eco Experience**  
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Progress Center on the north side of Randall Avenue at the intersection of Cosgrove Street*

Eco Experience offers an array of exhibits and demonstrations about clean air and water, saving energy, climate change, recycling, healthy local food and other ways to lead more eco-friendly lives. Many of the exhibits and demonstrations are health-related. Refer to the daily schedules for a complete schedule.

**Education Building**  
*9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues*

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota  
Minnesota Board on Aging  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank & Hearing  
Minnesota State Council on Disability  
Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge  
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
Project Turnabout
• University of Minnesota
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the south side of Dan Patch Avenue, between Underwood and Cooper streets
The University of Minnesota exhibit building features interactive exhibits by diverse colleges, departments and student groups, including many health-related presentations.

• University of Minnesota Driven to Discover
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues
Learn more about Driven to Discover in this section of the media kit.

HISTORY WALKING TOUR
Brought to you by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society and funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund
Learn about State Fair history and explore all corners of the grounds on this self-guided tour. Prizes are offered to those who visit eight or more stops on the tour at the History & Heritage Center at the West End Market and the Minnesota Historical Society’s booth in the Education Building until 9 p.m., or the J.V. Bailey House until 8 p.m. (while supplies last). Tour brochures are available at information booths and at each of the tour stops.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets
The International Bazaar features entertainment, food, crafts and wares from around the world. The free entertainment stage, sponsored by Summit Brewing Co., features live performances by numerous acts throughout the fair. Dance and instrument demonstrations are showcased daily on the Festival of Nations Stage. For a complete listing of entertainment on the International Bazaar Stage and Festival of Nations Stage, see the “Entertainment” section in this media kit.

MINNESOTA CORN FAIRSTALK
Located at the North End
The Minnesota Corn Fairstalk is named in recognition of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, who are focused on building a brighter future for the state’s 24,000 corn farmers. The farmer-led organizations work together to invest in research improving water quality and soil health, as well as developing new uses for our state’s corn crop. The overall goal with each investment is to help Minnesota’s growers become the most environmentally responsible and sustainable corn farmers in the nation. Both organizations serve to raise awareness of this mission and the importance of corn farming in Minnesota, and are proud to partner with the Minnesota State Fair in developing the North End and the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk as part of this effort. Learn more in the “What’s New” section of this media kit.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR GARDENS
The Minnesota State Fairgrounds are home to spectacular gardens and green spaces. Use the Gardens Guide to take a scenic walk through the grounds while
learning about the plants and features in each garden. The guide can be found at mnstatefair.org or at any information booth.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTER
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located at West End Market, east side
The History & Heritage Center, a centerpiece of West End Market, showcases the State Fair’s rich history. For the full description, please see the listing in the "History" section in this media kit.

MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS CABIN
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues
The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers Inc., established in 1897, consists of members who are direct descendants of persons who settled in the Minnesota Territory prior to statehood on May 11, 1858. The first cabin on the fairgrounds was built in 1900. In 1958, it was razed, and a log cabin from the State Fair campground was moved and refurbished for use as its headquarters on Underwood Street. The cabin features displays of clothing, household articles, toys, photos and other artifacts from territorial times, along with pioneer-inspired gifts available for purchase.

MINNESOTA WINE COUNTRY
9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Judson and Carnes avenues
Explore Minnesota’s growing wine country featuring award-winning wines from the state’s thriving vineyards and wineries. Fair guests can join renowned local winemakers, sommeliers, chefs and bloggers as they guide them through tastings of the best in Minnesota wine or learn how to pair wine with State Fair foods, cheese curds, chocolates, herbs and other locally made foods, and how to explore Minnesota’s thriving wine scene beyond the fairgrounds. Free daily demonstrations are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. from Thursday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Sept. 1 (times subject to change). Guests can sip along with live music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each night. Refer to the daily schedules for a complete schedule. For more information, search “Minnesota Wine Country” on Facebook or contact Briana Gruenewald with Bellmont Partners at briana@bellmontpartners.com or 651-366-1545.

MINNESOTA NEWSPAPER MUSEUM
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (6 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street, on the street level of the 4-H Building, outside
Letterpress printing is experiencing a huge resurgence in popularity. See it in its original form as the sights and sounds of an old-time newspaper office come alive in this living-history exhibit operated by the Minnesota Newspaper Foundation. Ink-stained volunteers produce souvenir issues of the daily “Maynard News” using linotype (a process of forcing hot lead into a casting box to form a “line of type”), a large cylinder press and a folder. The museum offers insight on the importance of Minnesota community newspapers, the opportunity to visit with “Editors of the Day,” free hand-folded hats made
from newspapers, hot-off-the-press merchandise and more. The exhibit also explores the impact newspapers have had on our communities and highlights the importance of freedom of the press.

**NORTH END**

Refer to the “What’s New” section of this media kit to learn about the new exhibits, vendors and other elements at the North End.

**OLD IRON SHOW**

*8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Located on Lee Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Reminiscent of old Machinery Hill, rare, valuable and fully operational antique farm equipment is displayed and demonstrated.

**PET PAVILIONS AND OUTDOOR DEMONSTRATION AREA**

*8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located on the west side of Underwood Street, north of Murphy Avenue*

The Pet Pavilions feature Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association exhibits and demonstrations, the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association Pet Surgery Suite and other pet-oriented commercial exhibits and concessions. Pet spay and neutering surgeries are presented in the surgery suite daily at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. The St. Paul Police K-9 Foundation offers outdoor demonstrations daily at 7 p.m. A variety of agility demonstrations are also presented at the Outdoor Demonstration Area. Refer to the daily schedules for a complete schedule of Pet Pavilions and Outdoor Demonstration Area events.

**RAMBERG MUSIC CAFE**

*Sponsored by Cal Spas*  
*8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues*

The Ramberg Music Cafe features a lineup of entertainment featuring singer-songwriters and local pop, polka, jazz, blues and country groups. For the full lineup, refer to the “Entertainment” section of this media kit. Also located here is a Relax & Recharge Station sponsored by Humana, where fair guests can sit in a rocking chair, charge phones, enjoy free water and learn about past winners of the Outstanding Senior Citizens Awards.

**SHOPPING**

Visitors to the Minnesota State Fair will find an abundance of shopping, specialty merchants and unique artisans. From goods, gadgets and gear to crafts, collectibles and confections, hundreds of vendors offer a diverse array of merchandise. Shopping can be found throughout the fairgrounds, including in the following areas: Creative Activities Annex, Dairy Building, Family Fair at Baldwin Park, FAN Central, Grandstand, Home Improvement Building, International Bazaar, Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum, Merchandise Mart, the North End, Pet Pavilions, the Veranda, and West End Market. To see a complete list of vendors and merchandise, use the Fair Finder at mnstatefair.org or on the State Fair app.
THE VERANDA
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Grandstand, upper level
Honoring the architecture, heritage and character of the historic Grandstand, the Veranda is a shop-eat-sip destination on the west side of the Grandstand’s upper level merchandise and shopping area. Boutique-style shopping at nearly 20 vendors showcases vintage, trendy, upcycled, handmade and made-in-Minnesota goods. The Veranda’s balcony provides iconic State Fair views overlooking Adventure Park and West End Market.

WEST END MARKET
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located at the west end of the fairgrounds
West End Market debuted in 2014 with new State Fair sights, sounds, tastes and experiences, featuring the History & Heritage Center; the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater with entertainment all 12 days of the fair; dozens of artisans, craftspeople and specialty merchants; and many food and beverage options.

SPONSORS

Allina Health | Aetna
Cosgrove Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-29, Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street next to the Cosgrove Stage
Allina Health | Aetna offers Medicare Advantage plans to Minnesotans in the Twin Cities and surrounding area. They want to help members reach their health goals through whole person care – body, mind and spirit. By bringing together Allina Health’s network of high-quality providers and hospitals with Aetna’s leading health plan experience, they bring a radically new, yet simple approach to health care. Fair guests can stop by the Allina Health | Aetna exhibit between Aug. 26-29 to win a prize.

August Schell Brewing Co.
Schell’s Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located south of the Schell’s Stage at Schilling Amphitheater
Fair guests should prepare to enter vacation mode because Sangria is back along with Grain Belt Blu and the infamous frozen toppers. Guests can try the brand-new Schell’s IPA, a hop-forward and tropical brew, or our Keller Pils, the unfiltered Pilsner. Next in “lime” is the Grain Belt Southwest Cerveza, a Mexican-style lager with a hint of lime. A lineup of refreshing brews perfect for even the most sweltering of days. Fair guests can also hop over to LuLu’s Public House to try the new sour, Berry-Go-Round, a Noble Star Collection exclusive.

Bremer Bank
Agriculture Horticulture Building Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the north side of Judson Avenue, south of the Agriculture Horticulture Building
Bremer Bank is proud to work with the people who grow food, build the
economy and serve neighbors in the community. Gather at the Bremer Grain Bin near the Agriculture Horticulture Building entrance on Judson Avenue for a free photo opportunity, giveaways and plenty of seating, shade and fun.

**Cal Spas**  
*Ramberg Music Cafe Sponsor*  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located south of Ramberg Music Cafe at Underwood Street and Judson Avenue*  
Promotion and sales of Cal Spas products, including hot tubs, swim spas and gazebos.

**Cargill**  
*Little Farm Hands Start Barn Sponsor*  
*Located at the Little Farm Hands Start Barn*  

**Coca-Cola**  
*Official Soft Drink Sponsor, Adventure Park Sponsor and Family Fair Sponsor*  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located at Baldwin Park on Cosgrove Street between Randall and Wright avenues and two locations at Adventure Park*  
Promotion and sales of Coca-Cola and Monster products.

**Cub**  
*Little Farm Hands Grocery Store*  
*Located at the Little Farm Hands Grocery Store*  
Promotion of Cub and product giveaways for children participating in the Little Farm Hands exhibit.

**Device Pitstop**  
*Phone Charging Stations Sponsor*  
*Located throughout the fairgrounds*  
Refer to mnstatefair.org for a list of locations.

**DISH**  
*Kidway Sponsor*  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located north of Kidway on Wright Avenue at Underwood Street*  
Promotion and sales of DISH satellite TV and Internet, Hughes Net, AirTV, SlingTV, OTA Antennas and Portable Satellite Antennas. Interactive activities with prizes for all ages.

**DragNFly Wireless**  
*Wi-Fi Hotspot Sponsor*  
*Located at the west Grandstand Plaza*  
Visitors can enjoy free Wi-Fi provided by DragNFly Wireless. For more than 16 years, Eden Prairie, Minn. – based DragNFly has been providing Wi-Fi services to locations all across the U.S. Fair guests can stop by to stay connected and share pictures on social media.
FVP
Go Karts Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Clough Street
Promotion of FVP products through interactive activities and giveaways.

Giggles’ Campfire Grill
Milk Run Co-Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the southeast corner of Cooper Street and Lee Avenue
North Woods-inspired fare, including the new Duck Drummies with homemade tequila lime sauce.

Gold’n Plump®, a Pilgrim’s® brand
Poultry Prince and Princess Scholarship Program Sponsor
Located in the Sheep & Poultry Barn
Coronation of the 10th annual 4-H Poultry Prince & Princess on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 10:30 a.m. Gold’n Plump is proud to support the Poultry Prince and Princess program. To learn more about the Gold'n Plump brand and its products, as well as find great recipes, general cooking and safe handling tips and nutrition information, visit GoldnPlump.com.

Good Health Saunas
The North Woods Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the northeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, south of The North Woods
Promotion and sales of Good Health Saunas. Displaying revolutionary Far Infrared Saunas by Good Health Saunas.

Great River Energy
Milk Run Sponsor
Aug. 25, 7:45 a.m., Find Great River Energy at the Milk Run

Green Mill Restaurant
Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the east side of Cooper Street at Baldwin Park, west of the Family Fair Stage
Promotion and sales of Green Mill Restaurant food, including the return of Loaded Garlic Cheese Bread.

Humana
Outstanding Senior Citizens Program Sponsor; Ramberg Music Cafe Relax & Recharge Station Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the west side of Underwood Street in front of Ramberg Music Cafe
Humana is proud to return as a sponsor at the Minnesota State Fair. They offer more than insurance products and services – Humana intends to be your health partner for life and would like to help guests find coverage that works for them. Humana representatives will be available at their exhibit, with tote bags to give away. Inside the Relax & Recharge Station, Humana is excited to offer interactive opportunities and a photo booth for fair guests.
JACK’S® Pizza

Amateur Talent Contest Sponsor

Find JACK’S® Pizza at the Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest

Providing prizes to contest winners, including a grand prize of $10,000 and a year’s supply of pizza to the winner of the open division. All nine winners in the finals receive a prize package from JACK’S® Pizza. JACK’S® Pizza is delicious whether baked in the oven or cooked on the grill. Made in the Midwest with 100 percent real Wisconsin cheese.

Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell Sponsor

Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the east side of Cooper Street, south of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell

In 1867, Jacob Leinenkugel started brewing beer for the thirsty lumberjacks of Chippewa Falls, Wis. Today, the sixth generation of Leinenkugels continues to brew some of the same family-inspired recipes. Sampling from 4-6 p.m. Sales all day.

Kemps

Kemps Little Farm Hands and Dairy Barn Sponsor

Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the west side of Cooper Street, south of the Little Farm Hands entrance

Educational exhibit celebrating more than 100 years of Kemps' rich history as a Minnesota company. Guests can visit Kemps mobile “Mooseum,” a family-friendly blend of hands-on activities and colorful displays, plus promotion of Kemps products with sampling and interactive activities.

LeafFilter

Home Improvement Building Sponsor

Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues

Promotion and display of LeafFilter Gutter Protection.

Lyft

App-Based Ride Services Pick-Up and Drop-Off Locations Sponsor

Dedicated drop-off and pick-up locations for app-based ride services including northeast end of the fairgrounds near Snelling & Hoyt avenues (Gate #2) and outside the northwest end of the fairgrounds (Gate #16).

Mazda

Nightly Fireworks Spectacular Sponsor

Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located at the west Grandstand Plaza

Promotion and display of Mazda's lineup, specifically the all-new Mazda3, Mazda CX-5 and Mazda CX-9. Visitors can take the opportunity to jump in the driver's seat for a “Speed Cam" photo and product insight. Promotional giveaways will also be available.

McDonald’s

High School Marching Band Competition Sponsor
Midwest Dairy  
**Milk Run Co-Sponsor**  
Aug. 25, 7:45 a.m., Find Midwest Dairy at the Milk Run

Minnesota Corn Growers Association  
**Little Farm Hands Grain Bin Sponsor**  
Located at the Little Farm Hands Grain Bin

Kids at Kemps Little Farm Hands can play in the grain bin, which is full of untreated corn donated by the state’s corn growers. On Friday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Minnesota Corn Growers Association will host “A-Maize-ing” Corn Day at the Christensen Farms Stage, celebrating all things corn. Refer to the daily schedules at mnstatefair.org for more information about this fun event. Refer to the “What’s New!” section of this media kit to learn more about the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk named for the Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council.

Minnesota Farm Bureau  
**Thank A Farmer Magic Show Sponsor**  
Located at the Christensen Farms Stage outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

Minnesota Farmers Union  
**Milk Run Co-Sponsor and 4-H/FFA Animal Judging Cards Sponsor**  
Aug. 25, 7:45 a.m., Find Minnesota Farmers Union at the Milk Run and located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper and Cosgrove streets

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities.

Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association  
**Thank A Farmer Magic Show Sponsor**  
Located at the Christensen Farms Stage outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

Minnesota Lottery  
**Blue Ribbon Bargain Book Sponsor**  
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Nelson Street

Educational pieces focusing on how the lottery funds the way Minnesotans play, including hiking trails, state parks, fishing, biking and more. Lottery tickets, beneficiary information, free gift with purchase, and second chance drawings for $500 and an explorer package. Promoting I'MN to Summer.

Minnesota Rusco  
**Deals, Drawings and Giveaways Guide Sponsor**  
Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, east side

Promotion and sales of Rusco brand home improvement products, including windows, siding, doors, bathroom remodeling, Kohler walk-in baths and showers, and four-seasons sunrooms.
North Suburban Eye Specialists  
**Giant Pumpkin Contest Sponsor**  
*Contest located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

North Suburban Eye Specialists provide the most advanced treatments to handle all vision needs and specializes in Refractive Cataract Surgery and LASIK.

**Paddle North**  
**Dairy Building Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located in the northeast corner of the Dairy Building*

Paddle North celebrates Minnesota's water culture by designing and crafting paddle boards, kayaks, utility docks and apparel for Minnesota's abundant lakes and rivers. Founded in 2014, the team has expanded with retail stores in Mall of America, Rosedale Center and Northeast Minneapolis. The company specializes in ultra-lightweight boards and kayaks that perform specifically well for Minnesota's freshwater lakes and rivers. Paddle North is excited to reveal their new inflatable kayak and inflatable utility docks at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair, as well as fair-exclusive discounts and promotions.

**Rally Health**  
**Daily Schedules Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 28-Sept. 2, Located on Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

Family-friendly activities that bring to life the small, simple steps we can all take to improve our overall care and health. Visitors can play a round of mini golf, be rewarded for learning how Rally makes it simple and fun to stay healthy, post a pledge on their wall to be healthier, and share a photo.

**Sleep Number**  
**Grandstand Concert Series and Grandstand Exhibit Building Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, southeast corner*

Sleep Number, the official sleep and wellness partner of the Minnesota Vikings, delivers proven, quality sleep through effortless, adjustable comfort and biometric sleep tracking. Sleep Number's revolutionary 360® smart bed and SleepIQ® technology are proving the connection between sleep and well-being. Ranked #1 in J.D. Power's 2018 Mattress Satisfaction Report, Sleep Number is improving lives by individualizing sleep experiences. To experience a better quality of sleep, visit Sleep Number in the Grandstand. Promotion and sales of the Sleep Number 360® smart bed, bedding & adjustable bases available onsite.

**SPLASH**  
**River Raft Ride Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Clough Street*

Promotion of SPLASH products. Guests can stop by to play yard games or rest their feet while watching River Raft riders in the seating area of the new SPLASH Zone.
Star Tribune

*Minnesota State Fair Maps Sponsor*

*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the north side of Carnes Avenue between Chambers and Nelson streets*

Star Tribune is a proud sponsor of the Official Minnesota State Fair Map. All day, every day, Star Tribune delivers more of what matters to Minnesota. With the state’s largest and most trusted newsroom, they bring you more stories relevant to you, from breaking news to investigative reports.

Summit Brewing Co.

*International Bazaar Stage Sponsor*

*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located inside the International Bazaar at the Summit on-a-Stick booth*

A variety of Summit beers will be available at this location, including the new Mini-Sotan IPA that is brewed exclusively for the Minnesota State Fair. The Mini-Sotan IPA is a flavorful, refreshing and thirst-quenching low-calorie, low-carb, low ABV American-style IPA that was named by a Summit fan. It will be sold on its own or on-a-stick as part of a flight of select Summit beers at this booth.

Target

*Great Big Wheel Sponsor*

*Exhibiting Aug. 22-27, Located on Cooper Street south of the Great Big Wheel*

Visitors can stop by for some family-friendly fun courtesy of Target, a highly recognized and well-loved brand.

Tractor Supply Co.

*Horse Shows Sponsor*

*Exhibiting Aug. 22-24, Located on Clough Street south of Judson Avenue*

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Follow Us to the Fair Tour is a fun, interactive experience that brings the excitement of “Life Out Here” to thousands of lucky fairguests and TSC customers, including Feed the Animals game, Lasso the Cow game and a green screen photo opportunity.

Treasure Island Resort & Casino

*The Garden & Garden Stage Sponsor & Clear Cups Sponsor*

*Located in The Garden on the southeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street*

Live music, karaoke and chances to win free buffets and other prizes from Treasure Island Resort & Casino. Karaoke by Mia Dorr’s Premier Entertainment from noon to 5 p.m. DJ nightly from 6-10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day).

Xcel Energy

*Family Fair at Baldwin Park Co-Sponsor*

*Exhibiting Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Located on Wright Avenue at Cooper Street*

Fair guests can visit the Xcel Energy tiny house adjacent to Baldwin Park to discover energy-saving options for the home, learn more about electric vehicles, and find a renewable program.
Xfinity
**FAN Central Sponsor**
*Exhibiting Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on Underwood Street, east of FAN Central*

demo and sales of Xfinity services – TV, Internet and home automation, plus home and mobile phone services. Xfinity Internet combines America’s best Internet provider, the best in-home Wi-Fi experience and reliable speeds to power all guests’ streaming needs. Visit FAN Central to access complimentary Wi-Fi, presented by Xfinity.

**TOURING PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS**

Promotional exhibits and sampling located throughout the fairgrounds. (Dates and locations are subject to change.)

**5-hour ENERGY® Zone**  
*Aug. 22-25, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

The 5-hour ENERGY® Zone visits large events all over the country. The display offers free interactive games to all event attendees. Games can be played to win prizes, and the staff offers one complimentary bottle of 5-hour ENERGY® or 5-hour TEA™ to attendees 18 years of age or older.

**AARP Media Road Show**  
*Aug. 22-25, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Raising awareness of AARP services, promotional literature and giveaways.

**AARP Rock, Vote, Win Booth**  
*Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on Cooper Street, west of the J.V. Bailey House*

Music trivia, a fun photo booth, a special gift for AARP members only and much more.

**All of Us Journey**  
*August 28-29, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

The All of Us Journey is a hands-on experience to build awareness and excitement about the All of Us Research Program, supported by the National Institutes of Health. Through this national tour, this traveling exhibit actively engages community members to join this landmark research project that will accelerate research and improve health.

**American Red Cross Blood Mobile**  
*Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located east of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Blood Mobile and raising awareness of the importance of blood donation. Volunteer blood donors welcome. All presenting donors will receive a free gift while supplies last.

**BODYARMOR**  
*Aug. 26-27, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Guests can see NASCAR Driver Ryan Blaney’s Penske #12 BODYARMOR
Show Car. The BODYARMOR sampling team will be on-hand with ice cold samples of their Natural Sports Drink along with plenty of racing themed contests for prizes.

**Careers in Welding**  
*Aug. 22-25, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

An educational exhibit designed to show the many careers available in the field of welding. Visitors can try their hand at virtual reality welding. A $1,000 scholarship will be awarded each day.

**Driscoll’s Berry Together Tour**  
*Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Gather the family for shareable treats and fun. The can’t-miss Berry Mobile will be serving up free berry treats and cool prizes. Come on out and join some fun in the sun, because the best moments in life are shared. #BerryTogether

**Experimental Aircraft Association’s Spirit of Aviation**  
*Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located at the North End*

An educational exhibit designed to show the many sides of aviation to all ages.

**L.L. Bean**  
*Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Located at the North End*

As the summer season winds down, the Bootmobile is bringing all the exciting fall gear and apparel to the fair. Find the team for a photo opportunity with the L.L. Bean Boot-On-Wheels, a special discount on products, and plenty of outdoor fun.

**McDonald’s Minnesota Co-Op**  
*Aug. 22, Located at the North End*

Promotion of McDonald's Archways to Education tuition assistance program; Ronald McDonald House Charities; local supplies; food quality; and McDonald's economic impact in Minnesota. T-shirts (while supplies last) will be given away for playing the prize wheel game. Food coupons also available.

**Nintendo Switch Road Trip**  
*Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Guests can join the fun at the Nintendo Switch Road Trip. Experience a colorful and highly interactive space featuring playable demos of some of the hottest Nintendo Switch games, fun photo opportunities, Nintendo-themed challenges and more.

**#realpigfarming**  
*Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Located on Clough Street, south of Judson Avenue*

Visitors can learn about #realpigfarming and meet Minnesota pig farmers. Win free bacon for a year, activities, recipes, pork samples, cooking information and more.
Red Vines  
**Aug. 23-24, Located at the North End**

When American Licorice® Company started in 1914, the founders never imagined more than 100 years and five generations later, the company would share samples of Red Vines® candy and have a photo booth inside of a Volkswagen bus at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair. The Red Vines® brand has always existed to bring people together to celebrate life’s sweetest moments. Red Vines will have a place to play games and connect with people in a positive way. Like Red Vines, life is best when shared. Join in by sharing peace, love and vines. Dez from KS95 will be visiting the booth 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

**T-Mobile**  
**Aug. 22-Sept. 2, Located on the west side of Cooper Street, east of the Agriculture Horticulture Building**

VIP lounge with seating area, charging stations, games and giveaways.
ADVENTURE PARK
Sponsored by Coca-Cola
10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day). Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close 1/2 hour before attractions close. Located east of Mighty Midway.

Adventure Park features extreme thrill attractions, including:

• **ROCK CLIMBING WALL**
  Simulated 25-foot-tall mountainside climbing for beginners to experts. $5 per person

• **SKYSCRAPER**
  Skyscraper rotates 360° vertically on its axis taking the cars at each end to a height of 160 feet and speeds of up to 60 mph. $30 per rider; Early Bird discount of $25 per rider from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays

• **SLING SHOT**
  Hurls two riders at a time 140 feet straight into the air. $30 per rider; Early Bird discount of $25 per rider from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays

• **TURBO BUNGY**
  Riders are harnessed in and perform trampoline stunts. $5 per person

KIDWAY
Sponsored by DISH
9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (10 p.m. Labor Day). Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close 1/2 hour before rides close. Located between Wright and Dan Patch avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets.

Media MUST check in with the marketing & communications department at 651-288-4321 and the Kidway Office at 651-288-4491 before entering Kidway for interviews, video or photography. For safety reasons, NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE KIDWAY LOT.

Kidway features rides, attractions and food concessions for children and families. Pre-fair discount ride & game tickets are available through Aug. 21 ($15 for 25 tickets). During the fair, ride & game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway ticket booths ($1 for an individual ticket, $25 for a 30-ticket sheet and $40 for a 54-ticket sheet). Discounts and promotions are offered all day on Thursday, Aug. 22; Monday, Aug. 26; Wednesday, Aug. 28; and Monday, Sept. 2. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23; Tuesday, Aug. 27; Thursday, Aug. 29; and Friday, Aug. 30. The following is a list of this year’s rides and attractions at Kidway:

- Beetle Bobs
- Big Bamboo Fun House
- Cars, Motorcycles & Dune Buggies
- Charlie Chopper
- Clown Around
- Combination Carousel
- Daytona
- Dive Bomber
- Dragon Wagon
- Ghost Pirate Dark Ride
MIGHTY MIDWAY

10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day). Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close 1/2 hour before rides and games close. Located at the west end of the fairgrounds. Entrance at the intersection of Carnes Avenue and Liggett Street.

Media MUST check in with the marketing & communications department at 651-288-4321 and the Midway Operations Office at 651-288-4491 before entering Mighty Midway for interviews, video or photography. For safety reasons, NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON MIGHTY MIDWAY LOT.

Mighty Midway features rides, games of skill and food concessions. Pre-fair discount ride & game tickets are available through Aug. 21 ($15 for 25 tickets). During the fair, ride & game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway ticket booths ($1 for an individual ticket, $25 for a 30-ticket sheet or $40 for a 54-ticket sheet). Discounts and promotions are offered all day on Thursday, Aug. 22; Monday, Aug. 26; Wednesday, Aug. 28; and Monday, Sept. 2. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23; Tuesday, Aug. 27; Thursday, Aug. 29; and Friday, Aug. 30. The following is a list of this year’s rides and attractions at Mighty Midway:

- Air Maxx
- Alpine Bobs
- Arabian Daze Fun House
- Beach Party
- Cliff Hanger
- Crazy Mouse Spinning Roller Coaster
- Downdraft
- Equinox
- Flipper
- Haunted Castle Dark Ride
- Haunted House Dark Ride
- Jukebox Music Video Funhouse
- Kamikaze
- Magic Maze Glass House
- Magnum
- New York New York Fun House
- Orbiter
- Rock Star
- Scooter
- Sea Ray*
- Sizzler
- Sky Flyer
- Safari Train
- Samba Balloon
- Slide
- Teacups
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Tractor Ride
- Wacky Shack Kiddie Fun House
- Wave Swinger
- Winky the Whale

(*new ride for 2019)
- Spider
- Starship 3000
- Storm
- Techno Power
- Tornado
- Zero Gravity*
- Zipper

(*new rides for 2019)

OTHER TICKETED ATTRACTIONS

- Bob's Snake Zoo
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Nelson and Underwood streets. Ages 6-64 $2, children 5 & younger and adults 65+ are free.

- Butterfly House
  8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Located on the northwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. $3.50 per visitor

- Carousel
  9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Located on the west side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues. $2.50 per rider

- Giant Slide
  8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Located on the east side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues. $2.50 per rider

- Go Karts
  Sponsored by FVP
  9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Nelson and Underwood streets. $7 per driver and $4 per passenger

- Great Big Wheel
  Sponsored by Target
  9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, across from Family Fair at Baldwin Park. $5 per rider

- Haunted House
  9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street. $4 per visitor

- Krazy Maze
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the north side of Randall, south of the North Woods
  In a new location this year, the Krazy Maze is designed for the adventurous who wish to lose themselves in a maze filled with lights and music. Maze explorers become a spectacle as family and friends watch the excitement from a viewing deck. $5 per person

- Monty's Traveling Reptile Show
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east side of Nelson Street between Carnes and Judson avenues. $3 per visitor

- River Raft Ride
  Sponsored by SPLASH
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Clough and Nelson streets. $5 per rider
• **SkyGlider**

8 a.m. until fireworks conclude, Located north of Dan Patch Avenue east of the Grandstand and at the southwest corner of Murphy Avenue and Cooper Street

A 10-minute chairlift-type ride takes passengers 40 feet in the air from the east end of the Grandstand to Murphy Avenue at the North End and back. One-way ticket: $4.50, round-trip ticket: $7

• **Skyride**

8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Located on the east side of Cooper Street near the Agriculture Horticulture Building and east of West End Market

Gondolas take passengers from Cooper Street near the Agriculture Horticulture Building to Liggett Street near West End Market and back. One-way ticket: $4.50; round-trip ticket: $7

• **Space Tower**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east side of Cooper Street south of the Leinnie Lodge Bandshell

This rotating ride provides passengers a 360 degree panoramic view of the Twin Cities from nearly 300 feet in the air. $4 per rider

• **Ye Old Mill**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the southwest corner of Carnes Avenue and Underwood Street

Ye Old Mill is the oldest attraction on the fairgrounds and is a working connection to the fair's past. The mill wheel moves water through the 1,300-foot channel and boats float along at a leisurely speed, carrying riders through almost complete darkness. $4 per rider.
TICKETS

Pre-Fair Tickets
Through Aug. 21

- Pre-fair discount admission tickets: $12 (valid for any age, any day of the fair)
- Pre-fair Mighty Midway and Kidway discount ride & game tickets: $15 for a 25-ticket sheet
- Blue Ribbon Bargain Books: $5

Pre-fair discount admission tickets, Mighty Midway and Kidway discount ride & game tickets and Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are available at the State Fair Ticket Office, participating Cub locations, Minneapolis Visitor Information and numerous locations in greater Minnesota and Hudson, Wis., through Aug. 21 (while supplies last). For a complete list of pre-fair discount ticket sales outlets, visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/buy-admission-tickets-early-and-save/ or call 651-288-4427. Pre-fair discount admission tickets and ride & game tickets may also be purchased online at mnstatefair.org until 9 p.m. on Aug. 21. Pre-fair discount admission tickets purchased online can be printed at home or scanned from mobile devices for no additional fees.

Grandstand show tickets are available at mnstatefair.org/grandstand/ or by calling Etix at 800-514-3849. The State Fair Ticket Office on the fairgrounds also sells all Grandstand tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 1 through Aug. 21, the State Fair Ticket Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Ticket office hours are:
- Aug. 1-21: Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 17: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 18: 9 a.m. to noon
- Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 19-21: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more ticketing information, visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/.

Fair-Time/Regular Admission Tickets
Aug. 22 through Labor Day, Sept. 2

- Adults (13-64): $15
- Seniors (65+): $13
- Kids (5-12): $13
- Children (4 and under): always free

During the State Fair, admission tickets may be purchased at State Fairgrounds ticket booths from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day). In addition, tickets may also be purchased via mnstatefair.org to print at home or via mobile devices to be scanned at admission gates for no additional fees.

Fair-Time Mighty Midway & Kidway Tickets
Aug. 22 through Labor Day, Sept. 2

- $1 for an individual ticket
- $25 for a 30-ticket sheet
- $40 for a 54-ticket sheet
Grandstand Tickets
Tickets to Grandstand shows can be purchased at mnstatefair.org/grandstand/, Etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. The Minnesota State Fair Ticket Office on the fairgrounds also sells all Grandstand show tickets prior to and during the fair. Day-of-show concert tickets are available at the ticket booths on the east end of the Grandstand, which open at noon daily. Will-call tickets may be picked up on the day of the show beginning 90 minutes prior to show time. Tickets for upcoming shows are also available for sale at these ticket booths. Gate admission is required in addition to a Grandstand ticket. Admission to Grandstand events is free for children under 2 years of age if they share a paid seat. Children under 2 who require their own seat must have a ticket.

Access to Friends of the Fair Fan Club seating for Grandstand shows is offered through the Minnesota State Fair Foundation Friends of the Fair membership program. Friends at the Red Ribbon level ($100) and above receive access to this seating and other fair benefits. Visit msffoundation.org for more details.

Re-Admission
Everyone entering the fairgrounds must present a valid ticket of admission. Guests may leave the fairgrounds through any gate and be readmitted the same day without an additional charge by requesting a hand stamp when leaving. Guests must be readmitted before 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day) on the day the stamp is issued. Readmission does not apply to vehicles parked in State Fair parking lots.

Refunds
Tickets for Grandstand shows and gate admission are non-refundable. Questions should be directed to Guest Relations in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Guest Relations may also be reached at guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

SAVINGS

Special Discount Days

Thrifty Thursday • Thursday, Aug. 22
Admission prices are reduced all day when tickets are purchased at the gate, and many merchandise and food vendors offer special Thrifty Thursday bargains for all fair guests. All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

Gate Admission on Thrifty Thursday:
• Adults (13-64): $13
• Seniors (65+): $10
• Kids (5-12): $10
• Children (4 and under): free

Seniors & Kids Day • Monday, Aug. 26
Admission prices are reduced all day for seniors (65+) and kids (5-12) when tickets are purchased at the gate. All-day specials are offered on Mighty
Midway and Kidway rides & games. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Seniors & Kids Day bargains for all fair guests.

**Gate Admission on Seniors & Kids Day:**
- Adults (13-64): $15
- Seniors (65+): $10
- Kids (5-12): $10
- Children (4 and under): free

**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY • TUESDAY, AUG. 27**
Active military, retired military and veterans receive an admission discount when they purchase a ticket at the gate and present valid documentation of military service.
- Active military, their spouses and kids: $10
- Retired military and their spouses: $10
- Military veterans and their spouses: $10
Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games until 1 p.m. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Military Appreciation Day bargains for all fair guests.

**READ & RIDE DAY • WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28**
Public library cardholders receive a discount on regular admission when they purchase a ticket at the gate and present a valid library card (one discount per card). All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

**Discounted Gate Admission on Read & Ride Day (must present valid public library card to receive discount):**
- Adults (13-64): $13
- Seniors (65+): $10
- Kids (5-12): $10
- Children (4 and under): free

**SENIORS DAY • THURSDAY, AUG. 29**
Seniors (65+) are admitted for $10 all day when tickets are purchased at the gate. Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games until 1 p.m. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Seniors Day bargains for all fair guests.

**KIDS & LAST CHANCE DAY • MONDAY, SEPT. 2**
Kids (5-12) are admitted for $10 all day when tickets are purchased at the gate. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Kids & Last Chance Day bargains for all fair guests. All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

**Blue Ribbon Bargain Book**
*Sponsored by Minnesota Lottery*

The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book offers 150 coupons with huge savings on food, merchandise and attractions. Each coupon offers at least 30 percent off listed items. Coupons are valid every day of the fair. Books are available at
the State Fair Ticket Office, and at participating Cub locations, Minneapolis Visitor Information and many locations in greater Minnesota and Hudson, Wis., through Aug. 21 (while supplies last). During the fair, books can be purchased at State FairWear Gift Shops and Blue Ribbon Bargain Book & State Fair Poster Carts on the fairgrounds. Books purchased during the fair support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs. For more information on the Blue Ribbon Bargain Book, including a list of all coupons, visit mnstatefair.org/blue-ribbon-bargain-book/.

**Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide**  
**Sponsored by Minnesota Rusco**  
This free guide lists discount days, best values, free stuff, items for less than $1, sign-up-to-win drawings and hidden bargains at the fair, including deals on food and beverages. The Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide is available during the fair at all information booths and at mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/.

**Last Chance Day Deals**  
Special food and merchandise bargains are offered on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, at many locations throughout the fairgrounds. These deals can be found in the Last Chance Day Deals flier at all information booths or at mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/ on Sept. 2.

**Mighty Midway and Kidway Specials**

**ALL-DAY SPECIALS**
Special ride & game promotions are offered all day at Mighty Midway and Kidway Thursday, Aug. 22; Monday, Aug. 26; Wednesday, Aug. 28; and Monday, Sept. 2.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS**
Early Bird hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mighty Midway and are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kidway. Early Bird ride and game promotions are offered on Friday, Aug. 23; Tuesday, Aug. 27; Thursday, Aug. 29; and Friday, Aug. 30.
TRIVIA

FOOD

• How many food concessions are located throughout the fairgrounds? (About 300 food concessions dish up nearly 500 different delectable delights.)
• What is the oldest food concession on the fairgrounds? (Hamline Church Dining Hall, which began operating in 1897)
• When did the All You Can Drink Milk tradition begin? (1955)
• How long would it take the average cow to produce all the milk served during the fair's 12-day run at the All You Can Drink Milk booth? (8-9 years)
• During a typical year, how many gallons of milk are served at the All You Can Drink Milk booth? (About 26,000 gallons)
• What kind of milk is served at the All You Can Drink Milk booth? (2 percent white and 1 percent chocolate milk)
• How many glasses of milk does the average customer drink at the All You Can Drink Milk booth? (The average customer drinks between two and three 12 oz. glasses of milk.)
• The Corn Roast grows all its corn at a farm near which Minnesota town? (Waverly, Minn.)
• At what temperature is the corn at the Corn Roast booth roasted? (575 degrees)
• How many ears of corn does the Corn Roast booth go through each day? (25,000 ears of corn)
• How many acres of corn are sold at the Corn Roast booth each fair? (25 acres)
• How many pounds of butter does the Corn Roast booth go through each year? (4,000 pounds of butter)
• Approximately how many ice cream treats are served at the Dairy Goodness Bar during the fair? (Approximately 182,000 ice cream treats)
• How many pounds of strawberries are used each fair for ice cream treats in the Dairy Goodness Bar? (Approximately 6,000 pounds of strawberries)
• Fresh French Fries made its debut at the fair in what year? (1973)
• How many tons of potatoes do the three largest French fry vendors [Fresh French Fries' two locations and World's Greatest French Fries] use each year? (About 145 tons of potatoes or the weight of 290 cows)
• How many pounds of ketchup do the Fresh French Fries stands go through each fair? (25,000 pounds)
• When was the Pronto Pup introduced at the State Fair? (1947)
• How many tons of batter do Pronto Pups use each fair? (Approximately 70 tons of batter)
• In what year was the 25 millionth Pronto Pup served at the Minnesota State Fair? (2016)
• How many cookies can Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar produce in one day? (3 million cookies)
• How many tons of chocolate chips does Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar use during the run of the fair? (54 tons of chocolate chips)
• How many cookies does one batch of dough at Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar yield? (Approximately 5,000 cookies)

• Between the three Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar locations, how many cookies are baked every 12 minutes (the time it takes to bake a batch of cookies)? (38,000 cookies every 12 minutes or 3,166 cookies per minute at full capacity)

• In what year did Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar start offering pails of cookies? (1985)

• Tom Thumb Donuts were invented and introduced at the Minnesota State Fair in what year? (1949)

• How many dozens of mini donuts are eaten each year at the Minnesota State Fair? (Nearly 338,000 dozen – that's more than 4 million individual mini donuts)

• If measured end to end, how many miles of foot-long hot dogs are sold at the State Fair each year? (35 miles of hot dogs)

• On average, what's the total number of corndogs typically consumed by fair guests each year? (365,000 corndogs)

**COMPETITION & LIVESTOCK**

• Throughout the year, how many animals are housed in the livestock barns on the fairgrounds? (Nearly 20,000 animals)

• When was the first llama show held at the State Fair? (1988)

• Which largest boar was the largest of them all? (In 2010, crossbred swine Reggie weighed in at 1,450 lbs.)

• What types of animals compete in a costume contest at the State Fair? (Lamas and sheep)

• How much manure is hauled out of the livestock barns each year during the 12 days of the State Fair? (More than 3,000 tons of manure is hauled to Hastings, Minn., where it is composted, mixed with dirt and used as fertilizer on more than 1,000 acres of farm field.)

• What animals shown at the State Fair are unlike other livestock because they have no proper breed names? (Llamas)

• Breed names of Cinnamon, Hotot, Crème D'Argent and Mini Rex belong to what State Fair animal? (Rabbits)

• How many baby animals are born at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center during the State Fair? (Nearly 200 animals, including calves, lambs and piglets)

• In what year was the CHS Miracle of Birth Center built? (2006)

• Which class receives the most entries in the fine arts competition? (Class 8 - Photography)

• At peak times, where on the fairgrounds are there as many as 400 cows milked daily? (The State Fair Milking Parlor in the Cattle Barn)

• What is the most popular flavor of pies entered in the creative activities baked goods category? (Apple pie)

• What color are sweepstakes or grand champion best-of-show ribbons? (Purple)

• In what year did the “vegan main dish” category debut in the creative activities competition? (2011)
• What is the difference between lama and llama? (Lama is the correct spelling for the genus that includes llamas and alpacas.)
• How many items are entered into the creative activities competition each year? (More than 8,000 entries)
• What happens to the giant pumpkins and vegetables in the agriculture horticulture competition after the fair? (The giant pumpkins and other vegetables are composted.)

HISTORY
• Before the Ramsey County Poor Farm near St. Paul became the State Fair’s permanent home, what other Minnesota cities hosted the time-honored event? (Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Red Wing, Winona and Owatonna)
• Were there fairs in the area before Minnesota became a state? (Yes. The governing body of the State Fair is older than the state. Founded in 1854, the Minnesota Agricultural Society held its first Territorial Fair in 1855. The same organization continued to present fairs after Minnesota was granted statehood in 1858.)
• What year was the Minnesota State Fair first held on the current fairgrounds? (1885)
• When did the Streetcar Arch, now residing at the West End Gate, make its first appearance at the State Fair? (1934)
• What year were gas lights first used at the State Fair, allowing the fair to operate after sunset? (1899)
• What unusual attraction debuted at the 1898 State Fair? (“Daylight Fireworks”)
• In 1902, the St. Paul and Minneapolis school boards pushed the opening day of school back to the Monday after the State Fair. What was their reason for doing this? (Education authorities stated there was “more to be learned in a single day at the fair than in double the time at school or college.”)
• What year did legendary pacer horse Dan Patch make his Minnesota State Fair debut? (1903)
• What machine revolutionized the animal agriculture process and was first exhibited at the 1908 fair? (A dairy cattle milking machine)
• The first 12-day State Fair was held in what year? (1975. Prior to this, the fair lasted anywhere from three days to 11 days.)
• Why did the State Fair’s Hippodrome (now the Warner Coliseum) need to be rebuilt? (During the 1940s, the A.O. Smith Corporation of Milwaukee took over the original Hippodrome, making it a World War II military aircraft factory for two years. After the propeller factory was removed, the Hippodrome was deemed “economically unfit for restoration” and was torn down.)
• Why was Theodore Roosevelt only able to attend one of his two planned speaking engagements at the 1912 State Fair? (After giving his first speech at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, Mr. Roosevelt suffered a severe case of laryngitis.)
• In 1920, what was introduced to fair guests as the future of dining? (Reverend J.M. Batinger’s Automatic Eater, an all-you-can-eat buffet served on a rotating conveyor belt. Price: 50¢)
• Why has the State Fair Grandstand been called “the house that Dan Patch built?” (The current Grandstand was constructed in 1909 to accommodate the enormous crowds attracted to harness racing by world-famous pacer horse Dan Patch.)

• How did most of the streets on the fairgrounds get their names? (Most streets on the fairgrounds are named in recognition of past State Agricultural Society leaders and individuals who shaped the State Fair between 1854 and 1940.)

• Has the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Medallion ever been hidden on the fairgrounds? (The Winter Carnival Medallion has been hidden on the fairgrounds twice: First in 1953, near the Poultry Building by the base of a tree; and in 1967, between the Judging Arena and the KTCA-Channel 2 booth, lodged in a horseshoe under 8 inches of ice.)

• Which United States president gave one of his most famous speeches at the State Fair? (Theodore Roosevelt gave his “Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick” speech in 1901 when he was serving as vice president.)

• What special event took place at the fairgrounds on June 22, 1910? (The first airplane flight in Minnesota history)

• When did State Fair attendance first top the 1 million mark? (On Sept. 5, 1955. Robert Karklin received a wristwatch and silver trophy for being the fair’s millionth guest.)

• Which famous composer appeared at the fair in 1927? (John Philip Sousa)

• Why wasn’t there a fair in 1946? (Polio epidemic)

• In the late 1980s, world-famous aerialist Jay Cochran walked on a high-wire stretched between the tops of which two State Fair structures? (The 4-H Building and the Space Tower)

• What insect was blamed for reducing attendance at the 1875 fair? (Grasshoppers)

• In what year was the first statewide Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest held? (1954)

• In what year was the Bandshell constructed? (1971)

• In what year did the Agriculture Horticulture Building open? (1947)

• What is the oldest amusement at the fairgrounds? (Ye Old Mill, which began operating in 1915)

• In what year was the Space Tower built? (1965)

   The 330-foot Space Tower was built in Germany and shipped to which Minnesota city before being loaded onto 20 trucks to finally arrive at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds? (Duluth)

**EXHIBITS**

• How many Little Farm Hands walk through this agricultural education exhibit each year? (40,000 children)

• What is the length of the wind turbine blade outside Eco Experience? (Standing at 123 feet tall, the wind blade is one of three that make up a wind turbine.)

• How many species of fish are in the DNR pond? (More than 40 species)
• How much butter is used to sculpt the likeness of Princess Kay of the Milky Way? (85-90 lbs.)
• How long does it take to complete a Princess Kay of the Milky Way butter sculpture? (Approximately 6 hours)
• What is the temperature of the cooler where the Princess Kay of the Milky Way butter heads are sculpted? (40 degrees)
• What company produces the butter for the butter sculptures? (Associated Milk Producers, Inc. [AMPI] in New Ulm)
• How many steps does it take to get to the top of the DNR Fire Tower? (84)

RECORDS
• Which State Fair day in history holds the record for total rainfall? (On Aug. 30, 1977, it rained 7.35 inches.)
• What is the Minnesota State Fair's all-time attendance record, and when was it set? (2,046,533 guests attended the fair in 2018.)
• Who broke the all-time record for the most tickets sold to a single Grandstand show? (In 2000, Christina Aguilera sold 22,117 tickets.)
• Who set the attendance record in the current Grandstand seating configuration? (In 2013, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis performed to a sold-out crowd of 16,529.)
• What are the record high and low temperatures during the fair? (High: 104 degrees in 1931; Record low: 33 degrees in 1890)
• Which artist/band has made more Grandstand appearances than any other performer? (Alabama with 19 performances)

OTHER
• How tall is the Great Big Wheel? (156 feet tall or 15 stories)
• How many miles of electrical wiring are used for the Great Big Wheel? (6 miles of electrical wiring)
• How many trailers are used to transport the 200-ton Great Big Wheel? (12 trailers)
• How many gallons of water does the Ye Old Mill hold? (About 60,000 gallons)
• How are State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne related? (Fairchild is Fairborne's uncle.)
• What percentage of fair guests came to the State Fair by some type of public, charter or mass transit bus operation in 2017? (Approximately 50%)
• How many acres make up the State Fairgrounds? (322 acres)
• What was the 2018 State Fair's average daily attendance? (170,544 visitors)
• When was the Minnesota State Fair Foundation established? (2002)
• How many tons of organic waste, such as corn cobs, lemon peels, pineapples, pickles, banana peels and more, were recycled in 2018? (96 tons)
• How many tons of glass, plastic and aluminum were collected and recycled during the 2018 fair? (56 tons)
• How many recycling receptacles, collecting plastic bottles and cups, glass and aluminum, are placed throughout the fairgrounds during the State Fair? (More than 800 recycling receptacles)
• How many LED lights make up the Grandstand marquee? (5,500 individual lights)

• How fast does the Space Tower carry passengers into the skies above the State Fairgrounds? (The Space Tower rises at a rate of 295 feet per minute.)

• How much government funding or what sum of taxpayer dollars does the State Fair receive? (The State Fair does not receive government funding or taxpayer dollars of any kind. It is completely financially self-supporting.)

• How many employees make up the Great Minnesota Get-Together’s fair-time staff? (More than 2,300, plus another 10,000 hired by State Fair vendors)

• What architectural styles can be seen among the State Fair’s historic buildings? (Art Deco, Beaux Arts, Classical, Early Colonial and modern)

• How many blocks long is the parade route? (14 blocks)

• How many events take place on the fairgrounds during non-fair time? (Approximately 220 events)

• How many benches sit in front of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell? (Nearly 300)

• How many cannas are planted around the fairgrounds? (7,900)

• Who is the longest-running entertainer at the State Fair? (Sean Emery, who has performed each day of the fair since 1991. Be sure to stop by the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park to see him perform.)

• The daily parade always ends with which float? (A Black Angus steer advertising MN Beef Expo)
NEW DESTINATION

• NORTH END
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (some vendors and attractions are open earlier or later),
Located north of Murphy Avenue at the north end of the fairgrounds

The expanded redevelopment of the North End features these newly added attractions:

• North End Event Center
The North End Event Center, the area’s stunning brand-new centerpiece, houses a 12,000-square-foot state-of-the-art exhibit hall that will be the fair-time home to annually changing museum-quality exhibits that fair guests can enjoy free with fair admission. The inaugural exhibit is ANGRY BIRDS UNIVERSE: THE EXHIBITION. During non-fair time, the event center is available to rent for special events.

• Minnesota Corn Fairstalk
A 24-foot-tall art installation celebrating Minnesota agriculture.

• Minnesota Marquees
These three shade structures on the plaza feature exhibit panels showcasing iconic, innovative and influential people, institutions and events from our state.

• Other elements
- Pose for photos next to 6-foot-tall figures created by prominent Minnesota artist Adam Turman: State Fair mascot Fairchild; Paul Bunyan; Babe the Blue Ox; and Hotdish Girl, made famous in Turman’s artwork.
- Minnesota-based specialty merchants make their State Fair debut at the North End: Brim featuring the Grilled Sota Sandwich, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, GoodThings, Handsome Cycles, Homespun Gifts & Décor, Minnesota Distillers Guild, and Summer Lakes Beverage.
- The North End neighborhood is also home to: several rotating touring promotional exhibits; Arts A’Fair pop-up performances; activities for Governor’s Fire Prevention Day (Aug. 23) and Minnesota State Patrol Day (Aug. 26); Pet Pavilions and Outdoor Demonstration Area; The Hangar food and beverage establishment; guest services such as wheelchair and electric scooter rental, an information booth, State FairWear Gift Shop, Minnesota State Fair Foundation booth, the North End gate, and drop-off/pick-up locations for app-based ride services and Metro Mobility.

• ANGRY BIRDS UNIVERSE: THE EXHIBITION
9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the North End Event Center, north of Murphy Avenue
ANGRY BIRDS UNIVERSE: THE EXHIBITION, making its Midwest debut, is the inaugural exhibit in the North End Event Center and is only at the 2019 State Fair. Based on the famous game and characters that took the world by storm, ANGRY BIRDS UNIVERSE: THE EXHIBITION gives fair fans of all ages the chance to explore art and science concepts through unique, hands-on
interactives. “Be the bird” and explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through unique, hands-on interactives: Build and race handheld vehicles; launch larger-than-life Angry Birds with massive slingshots; try your hand in a high-tech design studio; learn about egg sizes, wing span and flight dynamics; and propel down a zip line to knock over enormous foam structures – these are just some of the exhibit’s unique activities. Physics, animation, gravity, magnetics, geometry and more have never been so fun! Free with fair admission.

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To see more ANGRY BIRDS, don’t miss their new movie, “The Angry Birds Movie 2,” in theaters Aug. 14.

• MINNESOTA CORN FAIRSTALK

Located at the North End, north of Murphy Avenue, west of the North End Event Center

Greeting guests as they meander through the North End, this 24-foot-tall one-of-a-kind art installation celebrates Minnesota agriculture. Giant LED screens, displaying fun facts about corn and farming, food and the fair, are integrated into the design of what is sure to become an iconic photo stop for fair visitors. Fair guests are invited to contribute to the video content shown on the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk. Use #mnstatefair in your social media posts showing the best parts of your fair day, and your post may be shown on the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk LED screens.

Named for the Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council in recognition for their gift to the North End Campaign through the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

ATTRACTIONS

• MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HEALING GARDEN

Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street on the south side of the 4-H Building

Dozens of plants known for their healing and therapeutic properties fill the beautifully designed State Fair Healing Garden. In 2019, Phase 1 of the garden will include educational signage amidst the waterfalls and gazebo pointing out each plant and explaining its medicinal uses. Get inspired to integrate the healing power of plants into your health regimen. See the Minnesota State Fair Garden Guide at mnstatefair.org or any information booth for more information and a list of other State Fair gardens.

• MIGHTY MIDWAY RIDES

10 a.m. to midnight daily (11 p.m. on Labor Day), Located at Mighty Midway. Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close ½ hour before rides and games close.

Mighty Midway features two new rides:

- Sea Ray: Hop on board a giant pirate ship for a wild ride that swings from side to side – as if you’re on a high-seas adventure.

• KIDWAY RIDE  
*Sponsored by DISH*  
9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (10 p.m. Labor Day). Located at Kidway. Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close 1/2 hour before rides close.

Kidway features one new ride:  
- **Merry-Go-Round**: Colorful horses take tots for a spin on this classic carnival ride.

**EXHIBITS & DEMONSTRATIONS**

• **THE SIOUX CHEF® PRESENTS THE INDIGENOUS FOOD LAB**  
*Located at Dan Patch Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1*  

Celebrate the richness, beauty and diversity of Minnesota’s indigenous foods and culture in a special daylong program at Dan Patch Park.

Throughout the day, indigenous chefs will demonstrate native foods from North America and share the history, cultural significance, culinary and medicinal uses, and preservation techniques of an array of ingredients and dishes. Winner of a prestigious James Beard Award, Chef Sean Sherman will present a cooking demonstration and discuss the foundations of the Indigenous Food Systems. Also taking center stage are traditional drumming, singing and dancing that showcase the cultural artistry of Minnesota tribes. The program will also feature NATIFS (North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems), a non-profit organization focused on education and access to Native foods, and introduce the Indigenous Food Lab, a culinary training center coming to the Twin Cities in 2020. Presented with the support of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Check the daily schedule for a list of programs that are a part of The Sioux Chef® Presents the Indigenous Food Lab at Dan Patch Park.

• **GOAT BOOTH**  
*Located inside the south entrance of the Sheep & Poultry Barn, north of Judson Avenue between Liggett and Clough streets*

Goats will now have their own education stop. Get answers to fascinating questions about the tassels that hang from a goat’s neck (they’re called wattles), how much milk goats produce, why some goat breeds have such different-looking ears, and more. Plus, see a goat anatomy model.

The Goat Booth is open:  
Friday, Aug. 30: 1-9 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 31 & Sunday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE BUILDING – NEW FEATURES**  
*Sponsored by Bremer Bank*  
*Located between Carnes and Judson avenues and Underwood and Cooper streets*

Here’s a sampling of what’s new in the building we affectionately call Ag-Hort:  
- Brewing demonstrations highlight the different ingredients and the subtle yet significant keys to brewing a variety of beers. Daily at the Minnesota Craft Brewers Guild “Land of 10,000 Beers” exhibit.
- “Floralpalooza” in the Rotunda features large-scale handcrafted and personalized designs created by local florists to celebrate the lives of iconic “Minnesota Grown” hometown legends such as Judy Garland, Charles Schulz, Prince and others.

- Always insightful and informational, The DIRT demonstration stage features eight presentations daily. Among the intriguing new topics to be presented by experts this year: Tasty Tomatoes Growing the Rainbow, Grow Gourmet and Medicinal Mushrooms in Your Home and Garden, How to Grow Your Hobby Into a Small Business, Retain Soil Moisture & Conserve Water Using Soil Polymers, Making Room for Monarchs, Edibles and Decoratives from the Woods or Backyard, Urban Insects We Like, Build a Spring Greenhouse for Less Than $100 and Heat It With Your Straw Bale Garden, and more.

- The blooms are always beautiful in the flower competitions held throughout the fair, and this year, “Minnesota Explores the Arts” is the theme of the Minnesota State Fair Flower Show for amateur floral arrangers (Aug. 26-27). Competitors choose which category to enter depending on their design – “Art-A-Whirl” is for wreaths; “Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky” incorporates a water element; “Jackson Pollock” entries emphasize colors; and “Dancers by Degas” arrangements imply motion – just a few of the dozens of artful categories.

- The College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) celebrates 150 years of providing food and agriculture education at the University of Minnesota. Learn about turf research that will help you save water and increase pollinators; how new crops such as Kernza®, now used in beer and bread, impact clean water and commercial chemical use; ask questions of a master gardener; and explore pop-up learning stations on entomology, food science and nutrition, and more.

- Common Table: Minnesota Eats inspires Minnesotans to get connected to the food we eat through a variety of displays and presentations. Spotlights this year feature partners who are changing the way we grow, buy and eat food. Topics include farming with fish; solar sites for bees, berries and beer; lazy, feel-good recipes; creative food innovations in the Rondo community; insect predator, prey and pollinators; straw bale gardening; pheasant-friendly solar farms; and more.

Check the daily schedules for more information.

**CREATIVE ACTIVITIES – NEW HIGHLIGHTS**

*Located on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

Here’s an overview of what’s new at the 2019 State Fair:

- Premier, award-winning chefs present demonstrations in the Cambria Kitchen on Aug. 22: Diane Moua, executive pastry chef at Bellecour, 10 a.m.; Wyatt Evans, chef de cuisine at P.S. Steak, 2 p.m.; Nick Vasquez, chef de cuisine at Monello, 4 p.m.

- The talent of your fellow Minnesotans will amaze you in these this year’s themed competitions: “Have you ever seen a dairy cow dance?” quilt on-a-stick; “Minnesota Gardens” cookie decorating; and
“My Favorite Exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair” cake decorating.
- The intricate beauty of glass arts takes over the center display case in “Minnesota Master part Deux,” an exhibition of work created by artists with Foci Minnesota Center for Glass Arts.
- An always-fascinating schedule in the Cambria Kitchen features these new presentations in 2019: **3 Cricketeers “Cooking with the Super Protein”** (yes, crickets!); **Popol Vuh – Centro Restaurant**, cooking tips for “elevated Mexican cuisine”; and **Surly Brewery** chefs on beer-flavored meat, savory flavors, and pastry and beer making.
- **Hand-picked blue-ribbon-winning recipes** from the 2018 State Fair are featured on limited-run Recipe Card Round-Up cards available on select days: Black Raspberry Jam; Carrot Cake with Vanilla Bean Buttercream; Dill Pickles; Beer Bread Using a Minnesota Craft-Brewed Beer (Castle Danger Cream Ale); Apple Fritter Monkey Bread; and Chocolate Pistachio Cookies.

Check the daily schedules for more information.

**NEW FEATURES OF POPULAR EXHIBITS & EXPERIENCES**
*Located throughout the fairgrounds*

These popular and free State Fair experiences are adding new features:

- **Alphabet Forest**: This popular word-discovery wonderland celebrates its 10th year at the fair with the debut of a magnetic poetry word-play creation station.
- **Arts A’ Fair**: Four local performing groups debut at the fair as part of the Arts A’Fair series of pop-up showcases: Bucket Brigade Theater (Aug. 22-24), James Sewell Ballet (Aug. 25-27), Captain Willy DeWitt – Comedy Stunt Show (Aug. 28-30), and Twin Cities Trapeze Center (Aug. 25-27, Aug. 31-Sept. 2).
- **Kemps Little Farm Hands**: The littlest fair fans will get the scoop on soil and discover more about the ground we walk on.
- **Pet Pavilions**: “Read to a Breed” joins Read & Ride Day at the fair, giving children the opportunity to read to attentive dogs, cats, rabbits and other breeds of North Star Therapy Animals at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

**NEW HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS**
*Located on the southwest corner of Lee Avenue and Cooper Street and at the Sheep & Poultry Barn*

The History Walking Tour, a two-mile self-guided exploration of some of the State Fair’s most historically significant spots, introduces two new additions to the tour: The Early Fairs and the Sheep & Poultry Barn. Pick up a tour brochure at any tour stop on the fairgrounds or the Minnesota Historical Society booth in the Education Building. Visit at least eight of the 12 stops and collect a prize. (See brochure for details.)

The two additions are:

- **Agricultural fairs** in the Minnesota Territory began in 1854, flaunting the lush crops, healthy livestock and bustling society of the region to entice fair visitors to put down roots in Minnesota. Find out how many
people attended the first fair after statehood in 1859 and other fun trivia to impress your friends.

- The Sheep & Poultry Barn was built in 1937 by members of the Works Progress Administration, an employment program during the Great Depression. The work of artists hired by the WPA can still be seen today on the outside of the barn.

The History Walking Tour is supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society.

• **ECO EXPERIENCE – NEW HIGHLIGHTS**  
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located in the Progress Center

At this award-winning exhibit, an array of new highlights features the latest in: easy, everyday reduce-reuse-recycle how-tos that impact our air and water; healthy cooking tips to reduce food waste; innovations in green technology; and other compelling topics on environmentally focused living.

Here’s a sampling of topics you’ll find at this year’s Eco Experience:

  - **An 18,000-pound block of ice** in the center of the Eco Experience exhibit will melt away during the fair, raising awareness of how climate change is shortening Minnesota's lake ice season and the implications for our economy and ecology. Sign up to be a citizen volunteer and help collect lake ice data.

  - See a battery-powered lawn mower, snow blower and other equipment on display in the “Green Garage.”

  - Interest in local foods has focused on vegetables, milk, meats and more. One food group that is found at most every meal and could make the biggest impact on our landscape is grains. Learn about the quality, flavor and nutrition of locally grown artisan grains, and the environmental benefits provided by regenerative, artisan grain production. **Local chefs and foodmakers offer tips on how artisan grains can elevate your cooking.**

  - See a community solar garden array, a Nissan Leaf battery storage demonstration and more in the “Let’s Cool It! Connect to the Sun” exhibit.

  - **Learn easy ways to combine walking, biking and riding public transit** to improve access to jobs, contribute to healthier lifestyles, reduce personal and household transportation costs, and increase transportation choice.

Eco Experience is a partnership of the State Fair, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and more than 150 organizations and businesses across the state. It is the largest environmental education event of its kind in the country. Visit ecoexperience.org to learn more.

**COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS & NON-FOOD CONCESSIONS**  
Located throughout the fairgrounds

• **ASIAN INVASION**  
  T-shirts and hats with humorous puns, panda banks, pop-up greeting cards and more.
• ASMODEE NORTH AMERICA
Tabletop and board games for all ages, including Catan, Ticket to Ride, Spot It!, Rory’s Story Cubes and more.

• THE BELL COLLECTION
Handcrafted heirloom sterling silver bell pendants and charms in sentimental designs meaningful to giver and receiver.

• B-DRIVEN SPORTS
Sports and medical compression sleeves for arms and legs, sun sleeves and compression socks.

• BIG IDEAS INC.
Opportunities to learn more about skilled trades such as carpentry, welding, plumbing, electrical, mechatronics, masonry, HVAC/sheet metal, commercial cooking, commercial sewing and more.

• BOWS BY LISA LUANN
Flexi-8 one-piece beaded barrette with attached hair pin and the EZ Bun hair accessory to create a variety of hair styles.

• CARAMEL KITCHEN
Handmade, artisan, all-natural caramel sauces in a variety of flavors.

• CHALK COUTURE WITH SOJO
Crafting supplies to create personalized, professional-looking décor and gift items.

• COWGIRLS DON’T CRY
Texas artist-designed cowboy hats with Swarovski crystals (custom orders accepted) and a variety of non-embellished brandname hats.

• CREATIVE OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTORS
Folding wagons, neon clocks, barstools, canopies, folding chairs and tables, pub tables and more.

• DIAMONDKINGSMOKER
Smokers, cookers, smoking woods, fire starters, cutting boards, BBQ meat thermometers, basting brushes and more.

• DOUGHMAKERS KITCHEN
Doughmakers brand bakeware and kitchen gadgets.

• EDGE BOWFISHING
Information about guided bowfishing trips and bowfishing instruction.

• EURO SCOOTER
Three-wheeled, ADA-compliant, battery-powered electric scooters with numerous features to increase safety, comfort, ease-of-use and durability.

• FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS
Education materials on the roles and responsibilities of the FRBM and the local tour program.

• FIREBUGGZ
Campfire roasters, s'more builders, camping accessories, fire pit inserts and more.
• **FRIENDS OF THE BOUNDARY WATERS WILDERNESS**
  Raising awareness about efforts to protect, preserve and restore the wilderness character of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Quetico-Superior Ecosystem.

• **THE GLITTER GLAMPER**
  Temporary body bling, including 3D fantasy faces, unicorn horns, décolletage designs, glitter tattoos, glitter beards and more.

• **GOODTHINGS**
  Minnesota-related décor, lefse chips, kitchenware, clothing, soaps, blankets, custom State Fair socks and more.

• **GOSERV GLOBAL**
  Information on how to be involved or be a provider of Safe T Homes®, highly modified grain bin structures used as long-term homes, hospitals and schools in tropical regions and disaster-relief areas of the world.

• **GRACE GEAR**
  Faith-related, custom-designed and embellished Bibles, journals, crosses and jewelry.

• **HANDSOME CYCLES**
  Minnesota-built bikes, branded apparel, bike accessories and bike maintenance demonstrations.

• **HAVE 2 HAVE IT**
  Super-soft plush bunnies and puppies for children, custom embroidery on-site.

• **HERE’S TO EARS**
  Handmade clip-on animal ears, tails and unicorn horns made with faux fur, faux suede and sequined fabric.

• **HOMESPUN GIFTS & DÉCOR**
  Minnesota-made and themed wall art, magnets, clothing, ornaments, jewelry, kitchenware and more.

• **JEN’S FRIENDS**
  Original handmade soft sculpture hockey monsters, Minnesota hedgehogs, Northwoods gnomes, Paul and Babe, and more.

• **KENSINGTON GARDEN ROOMS**
  Handcrafted luxury cedar gazebos for outdoor residential and commercial use.

• **KOHLER COMPANY**
  Kohler® Walk-in Bath and LuxStone Showers.

• **KRISTI ABBOTT ORIGINAL ART**
  Prints, mugs, glassware, T-shirts and more printed with original artwork designs.

• **LAURA KAE DESIGNS**
  One-of-a-kind handmade boutique girls’ clothing in a vintage look using modern designer fabrics and original children’s artwork, plus hair accessories, bonnets, bloomers and doll clothes.
• **THE MARKET AT FOX RUN**
  Featuring natural and environmentally friendly candles, soaps, jewelry, décor and soft goods by 12 featured Minnesota artists.

• **MINERAL HOT SPRINGS THERAPY**
  All-natural Medicine Springs Mineral Therapy bath salt packets to turn a bathtub or hot tub into a mineral hot spring.

• **MINNESOTAS DISTILLERS GUILD**
  Informational displays on Minnesota distilleries and cocktail rooms, grains and the distillation process, and a Minnesota Distillers passport.

• **PATRICK REID O’ BRIEN’S MY TOWN ART**
  Original art on paper, canvas, glass, wood and apparel, illustrated on-site and personalized with names hidden in the art.

• **PCR STONE IMPORTS**
  Onyx stone lamps, bowls, wine racks, mirror frames, table tops, décor and more.

• **PHOTOBALLGUY**
  Personalized photo sports ball gifts, awards, plaques and trophies made with digital photos.

• **PUZZLETWIST**
  Jigsaw puzzles with designs by Minnesota artists that differ slightly from the images on the box, including the 2007 Michael Birawer State Fair art.

• **RED CAPE CPR TRAINING**
  Mobile CPR training service offering CPR, first aid and AED courses focusing on adults, children and pets; and information on Naloxone (Narcan), a medication to reverse the effects of opioid overdose.

• **RETROGREEN ENERGY**
  How-to videos on performing home energy retrofits using high-performance products such as injection foam, spray foam and cellulose insulation.

• **ROOT’D**
  Trendy, nature-inspired décor, garden accessories, artwork, textiles, furniture and gifts.

• **ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS**
  Promoting newspaper, home-delivery and online subscriptions.

• **SALT SOOTHERS**
  Mix-your-own handcrafted organic sea spa salts in a variety of colors and scents, plus Dead Sea salt scrubs and bath bombs.

• **SCRUBBIE SPONGES**
  Long-lasting sponges for household cleaning with no odor or bacteria build-up.

• **SOCIA LLY HANDCRAFTED**
  Decorative wood signs, pillows and marbled-design cut-outs of Minnesota and Wisconsin state shapes.

• **SPIRAL LIGHT CANDLES**
  Unique made-in-Minnesota candles in a variety of scents with spiral wicks that burn in a circle.
• **STEVENBE**  
Designer StevenBe inspired and hand-curated yarns, knitting tools, bags and other fiber art gifts, plus a selection of items by designer Christopher Straub.

• **SUMMER LAKES BEVERAGE**  
BOOTLEG-branded cocktail mix, glassware, shirts and hats.

• **SUNSPACE**  
Sunspace porch windows, screen products and deck railings.

• **TEACHERS ON CALL**  
Providing career placement services for short-and long-term substitute teachers and teachers’ aides.

• **TEN THOUSAND THINGS**  
Home décor, gifts and jewelry from 30 countries, made from recycled materials.

• **TOPPEREZLIFT**  
TopperLift kits to transform a pickup truck and topper into a pop-up camper and Nomad camper packages to extend the truck bed.

• **TOTAL SPORTS ENTERPRISES**  
Signed and unsigned memorabilia, including jerseys, footballs, helmets, pucks and photographs.

• **ZIEGLER CAT**  
Ziegler CAT equipment, including CAT UTVs, skid steer loaders, loaders and excavators.

To see a complete list of vendors and merchandise, use the Fair Finder at mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/shops/ or on the State Fair app.

**FOOD**

For new foods and their locations, please see the “Food & Beverage” section of this media kit.

**OTHER NEW ELEMENTS**

• **GIANT SLIDE TURNS 50**  
8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily, Located on the east side of Nelson Street, north of Carnes Avenue

The iconic five-story Giant Slide celebrates its 50th anniversary at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair. An estimated 9 million fair guests have ridden this landmark attraction, which is owned and operated by three generations of the Pittroffs, the family that first brought the slide to the fair in 1969.

Fair guests can visit for a selfie and buy a limited-edition commemorative T-shirt and hat (available only at the 2019 State Fair and while supplies last). Rides on the Giant Slide are $2.50 per person.

(Riders must be 45” or taller to ride unaccompanied; anyone under 45” must ride with a parent or guardian.)

• **NEW ATTRACTION LOCATIONS**
  - **3rd Lair SkatePark**: 3rd Lair SkatePark, presenting flips, tricks and daredevil skateboard and BMX bike demonstrations, is now at Adventure
Park, on the southwest corner of West Dan Patch Avenue and Chambers Street. Seven shows daily – at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

- **Krazy Maze:** Krazy Maze, a super-sized race against the clock to find the hidden letters – and the way out, is now located on the north side of Randall Avenue between Cooper and Cosgrove streets near Eco Experience.

**NEW PARK & RIDE LOCATIONS**

Offered at 33 locations near the fairgrounds, our park free, ride free service is adding two new locations:

- **2955 Centre Pointe Drive:** Between 35W and Cleveland Avenue, north of the Courtyard by Marriott, Roseville, 55113 (open 8 a.m. to midnight all 12 days of the fair; drop-off/pick-up at Transit Hub)

- **Grace Lutheran Church:** 1730 Old Hudson Rd., St. Paul, 55106 (open 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. to midnight Sunday; drop-off/pick-up at Transit Hub)

Please note that parking at Roseville Area High School is not available this year.

**2019 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR COMMEMORATIVE ART BY R. J. KERN**

The 2019 State Fair commemorative art is featured on the cover of this media kit.

R. J. Kern, the first photographer to be chosen as the Official Commemorative Artist, explores ideas of home, ancestry and a sense of place through the interaction of people, animals and cultural landscapes in his photographs. His interpretation of the Great Minnesota Get-Together shares the unique experience of how animals are chosen as “Supreme Champions” – the best of the best – and how this tradition honors the past and inspires the present. His final photograph pays homage to this legacy, highlights the spirit of competition, and documents champion livestock.

Commemorative merchandise featuring Kern’s art is available at State FairWear Gift Shops and Bargain Book and State Fair Poster Carts on the fairgrounds during the fair and year-round at statefairwear.com. Proceeds support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) and its mission to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational programs. The original piece will be displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the fair.

**SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS**

Located throughout the fairgrounds

- **Photo Mosaic**

  On the fair’s opening day outside the east entrance to the Grandstand building, with the help of guests who post fair photos on social media, watch as a surprise giant photo mosaic is revealed in real-time as more and more photos are added to the artwork. The final mosaic will be on display throughout the fair, so stop by anytime to snap a photo of the photo. Brought to you by Sleep Number, sponsor of the Grandstand building and Grandstand Concert Series.
- **Nintendo Switch Road Trip**  
  *Aug. 30-Sept. 2*  
  The Nintendo Switch Road Trip brings playable demos of some of the hottest Nintendo Switch games, fun photo opportunities, Nintendo-themed challenges and more.

- **Driscoll's Berry Together Tour**  
  *Aug. 30-Sept. 1*  
  Free berry treats, cool prizes, photo opportunities and family fun will be served up in the colorful Driscoll's #BerryTogether Berry Mobile promotional exhibit.
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