MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
Aug. 26 - Labor Day, Sept. 6

Artwork by Kevin Cannon
Dear Members of the Media and State Fair Friends,

After a year of pandemic-related closures and the cancellation of countless events, including the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, we are thrilled for the Great Minnesota Get-Back-Together! This 12-day celebration is one of our state’s most-treasured traditions and an integral part of Minnesota culture.

Whether it is your first time covering the fair or you have been here for years, welcome! While things may look a little different, there are still stories to be discovered around every corner. We hope you will find this media kit to be a valuable resource as you put together your news coverage.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you. Thank you, and we will see you Aug. 26 through Sept. 6 at the Great Minnesota Get-Together!

Enjoy the fair!

Minnesota State Fair Marketing & Communications Team

On the cover: A small portion of the 2021 Official Commemorative Art by Kevin Cannon. Go to the “What’s New!” section in this media kit for more information on his artwork. To see the complete artwork, visit mnstatefair.org/commemorative-art/.

This PDF of the media kit is updated as of Aug. 14, 2021.

Because all information is subject to change, for the most up-to-date media kit, visit mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.
If you have questions about this year’s plans, what’s new and what’s changed since the last time we got-together, use the Updates page on our website at mnstatefair.org/updates/. Check back often – this page will be updated frequently.
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Media Services
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Marketing & Communications Contacts:

LARA HUGHES  
Marketing & Communications Supervisor

CHRISTINE NOONAN  
Marketing & Advertising Supervisor

DANIELLE DULLINGER  
Marketing & Social Media Supervisor

Contact Information:

All marketing & communications contacts can be reached via:

Email: media@mnstatefair.org

Media Relations Hotline: 651-288-4321

MEDIA RESOURCES

COVID PROTOCOLS: For the fair's official and up-to-date news regarding Covid protocols, please go to the “Updates to Know Before You Go” page on the website: mnstatefair.org/updates/

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 EMAIL AND HOTLINE – MEDIA@MNSTATEFAIR.ORG AND 651-288-4321: The email is monitored year-round. The hotline will be answered 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. 16, through Monday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 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. Learn more at mnstatefair.org/general-info/mobile-app/. Use these resources for the most complete and up-to-date State Fair daily schedules.

INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The marketing & communications staff is available to make connections or provide contact information for concessionaires, exhibitors, competitors, free stage artists, attraction operators and State Fair staff. Please email your request to media@mnstatefair.org.

MEDIA PHOTO GALLERIES

Our photo galleries have royalty-free high-resolution images that may be used with television, print or digital news stories. Please visit the media photo galleries via the online media room at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/. Please credit the Minnesota State Fair with use of all media gallery photos and list the event dates (Aug. 26 through Labor Day, Sept. 6, 2021) 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, 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 grandstandpr@mnstatefair.org.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Law Enforcement, Fire & Medical

Emergencies in progress: 911

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

The Arthur R. Blakey Jr. Police Station is located at 1826 West Dan Patch Ave. across from West End Market and is open 24 hours a day during the fair. The 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.

Public Safety

The State Fair has a comprehensive safety and security plan in place that involves a variety of local, state and federal agencies. The Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office provides law enforcement services for the fair. Additionally, the fair’s public safety program includes enhanced gate security with metal detectors at entrances, technology and communications systems, first aid and emergency medical services, and community ambassadors.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Find the State Fair on:

FACEBOOK:
facebook.com/minnesotastatefair

TWITTER:
@mnstatefair

INSTAGRAM:
@mnstatefair

LINKEDIN:
linkedin.com/company/minnesota-state-fair/

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
# ATTENDANCE RECORDS

## DAILY RECORDS

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Recent attendance numbers are available at mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/attendance/.
Competition & Agriculture
AGRICULTURE, COMPETITION & EDUCATION

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. 26, through Sunday, Aug. 29. Animal species include beef and dairy cattle, dairy and meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Llama and alpacas are at the fair Sept. 1-3. 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 Minnesota 4-H app can be used to view complete judging results and schedules, an interactive map, a live stream and more. This free app can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play. For interview requests or more information on 4-H, please contact Allison Sandve at 651-492-0811 or ajsandve@umn.edu.

4-H Building

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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-H’ers participate in 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 Minnesota 4-H app for a complete schedule of 4-H competitions, performances and demonstrations.

Purple Ribbon Auction

6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 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. Visit mnpurpleribbonauction.org for more information.

4-H Llama-Alpaca Costume Competition

6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, Located in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum (new location)

4-H’ers and their llamas and alpacas dress in complementary costumes. This creative and nationally recognized competition provides for a colorful and visual experience.

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 area, Minnesota State Florist Association's rotunda exhibit with this year's theme “Floralpalooza: Artistic Legends,” 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.

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 22nd 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, Sept. 1. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete list of programs.

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 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.

THE DIRT DEMONSTRATION AREA
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. most days. 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. Daily discussions with local brewers highlight the inner workings of this popular industry.

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 District 11 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 mnstatefairagrilympics@gmail.com. Schedule includes:

- **Friday, Aug. 27**
  2:30 p.m.: 27th Annual Celebrity Milking Contest presented by Minnesota Farmers Union - Celebrities vie for the title of “Expert Cowhand” by hand-milking a cow.

- **Tuesday, Aug. 31**
  12:20 p.m.: 19th Annual Celebrity Farm Animal Calling Contest - Celebrities vie for the title of champion “Animal Caller.”

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1**
  12:30 p.m.: 21st 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, Sept. 2**
  12:20 p.m.: 19th Annual Celebrity Butter Carving Contest - Presented by Dinner Bell Creamery and 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, Sept. 2**
  1 p.m.: 21st 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. 26-27: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 28: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 29: 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. 30-Sept. 1: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 2: 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

Sept. 3: 1–8 p.m.
Sept. 4: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 5: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Note: Goat Booth closes at 1 p.m., and Sheep Barn closes at 5 p.m. for Livestock Departure)

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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Sept. 4 & 5: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 6: 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 District 11 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. 6)

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

• Make It Better with Butter (butter carving contest) presented by Dinner Bell Creamery and Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI)
  Daily at 10 a.m.

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

• Talk to the Animals Show
  Aug. 27, 28, 29, 31 & Sept. 3, 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. 28, at 2:30 p.m.
  Prizes are awarded in each of three age categories for the best milk mustache.

• Cottage Cheese & Yogurt Eating Contest
  Friday, Sept. 3, at 10:30 a.m.
  Presented by Old Home Foods Inc.

• Butter Carve-O-Rama
  Friday, Sept. 3, at 4:30 p.m.
  Presented by Dinner Bell Creamery and Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI). Prizes awarded for the best carvings in each of three categories.

• I Scream You Scream for Ice Cream! Contest
  Saturday, Sept. 4, at 2:30 p.m.
  Prizes are awarded in each of three age categories for most ice cream eaten.

• 23rd Annual Great Minnesota Moo-Off
  Sunday, Sept. 5, at 2:30 p.m.
  Prizes are awarded to the best moo-er in each of three age categories.

• 28th Annual Big Cheese Cheese Carving Contest
  Monday, Sept. 6, at 12:30 p.m.
  Prizes are 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. 26-27: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 28: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Aug. 29: 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. 30-Sept. 1: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 2: 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.)
Sept. 3: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 4 & 5: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 6: 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. For 2021, in place of live births, this agricultural education exhibit will showcase dozens of newborn farm animals. 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 and a number of agriculture education demonstrations 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
Aug. 26-Sept. 1 at 1, 3 & 5 p.m., Sept. 4 at 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m., Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. 1 & 3 p.m. Located at the Christensen Farms Stage (1 p.m. programs are ASL-interpreted).
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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the northeast corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street
The creative activities department presents an annual exhibition of the finest needlework, handicrafts, baking and canning that Minnesota has to offer. Participation is limited to Minnesota residents. In 2019, 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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.

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 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 2021 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 2021 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
FFA Awards Ceremony Sponsored by Bremer Bank
The 2021 FFA Livestock Show runs Friday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 6. 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 2019, the Minnesota FFA program included nearly 1,000 exhibitors showing more than 3,400 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the southeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street*

The fine arts department presents an annual exhibition that is the result of a juried competition. Participation is open to all living residents of Minnesota, and each may submit one work for consideration. Works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center every day of the State Fair. In 2019, a total of 2,747 pieces were submitted, and 354 works were accepted. Despite the cancellation of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, the 2020 Fine Arts Exhibition of Minnesota was held. 2,068 works were submitted and 346 works were accepted to be displayed during a special, in-person ticketed event and virtually from Aug. 27 - Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2020.

**STUDIO: HERE**

*9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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: Arden Bushnell-Harrison (fiber/embroidery/beadwork), Joshua Binewald (printmaking), April Malphurs (sculpture/glass), Blair Treuer (fiber), Niccu Tafarodi (ceramics), Kristine Heykants (photography), Andy Sturdevant (artist book publisher/writer), Scott Krohn (scratchboard/colored pencil), Christopher Harrison (painting/drawing/sculpture), Alyssa Baguss (interdisciplinary artist), and Kordula Coleman (ceramics). 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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. 30-Sept. 2, 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. 30: noon to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 31: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 2: 9 a.m. to noon (Note: Hop, Flop and Sniff closes at noon, and the Poultry Barn closes at 5 pm. due to Livestock Arrival/Departure.)

**Horse Barn**

*Hours are listed below. 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 competition preparation will also affect the hours of Aisle of Breeds.

- Thursday, Aug. 26: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 27: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 28: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 29: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 30: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 31: Closed
- Wednesday, Sept. 1: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Note: Fewer horses will be in the barn this day due to horse arrival and departure.)
- Thursday, Sept. 2: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 3: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 4: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 5: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 6: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Aisle of Breeds**

*Located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn (see Horse Barn section for 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.

Aug. 26: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aug. 27: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug. 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Aug. 29: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 30: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Aug. 31: Closed
Sept. 1-5: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 6: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**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, where barn hours vary; and CHS Miracle of Birth Center) on Sunday, Aug. 29, Thursday, Sept. 2, and Labor Day, Sept. 6. 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. 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**

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 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 Profile
CORPORATE INFORMATION

The governing body of the State Fair is the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, which is a public corporation. 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. The State Fair receives no financial appropriations from any government agency and is financially self-supporting. The Society is charged exclusively with the management and control of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, presentation of the annual State Fair and other events.

The Society is made up of delegates representing all 87 county fairs in Minnesota, along with delegates from 43 regional and statewide agricultural and education 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 Society's nine regional districts, and the 10th member serves at large as president.

In addition to financing the annual production of the State Fair, the Society is responsible for all capital work and maintenance to the 322-acre State Fairgrounds. In a typical year, the Society invests between $10 million and $20 million in improvements and maintenance to the Fairgrounds.

The State Fair has more than 70 year-round employees. During the summer, the State Fair typically adds another 450 staff members to complete fair preparations. Another 2,500 employees are added for the 12 days of the State Fair.

Economic Impact

The State Fair's annual economic impact in the Twin Cities is $300 million, plus additional unmeasured impact throughout the state. Included in these impacts are 12,600 jobs and job equivalents, $77 million in household earnings and $10 million in tax revenue to state and local governments. In 2019, the State Fair had ticket buyers from all 50 U.S. states, plus 33 nations around the world.

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 $15 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 pre-sale ticket access to Grandstand shows. The Foundation also offers personalized commemorative bricks, benches or tables. 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 tent outside the J.V. Bailey House during their State Fair visit will have the opportunity to vote on one of several State Fair projects to receive funding in 2021. 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 78 tons of grease are recycled and turned into biodiesel fuel during a typical State Fair.
- 79.8 tons of food waste were collected during the 2019 fair and recycled.
- More than 800 bottle-recycling receptacles will be placed around the fairgrounds this year.
• 50 tons of glass, plastic and aluminum were collected and recycled during the 2019 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.
Entertainment
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. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. on Labor Day.

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. 26 – SEPT. 4
  Amateur Talent Contest Semifinals (variety, family): 6 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Box On (polka, family): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  Tonic Sol-fa (vocal, pop, a cappella): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Shenandoah (traditional country): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Becky Buller Band (bluegrass, fiddle): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  Kazual (a cappella): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  King Calaway (modern country): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  The 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band (military band, patriotic, pop, orchestra): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  The Malpass Brothers (traditional country): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Pam Tillis (country music singer-songwriter): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Outstanding Senior Citizens Awards: 10:30 a.m. (Sept. 2 only)
  Renata The Band (country, siblings): 10:30 (Sept. 1 only) & 11:45 a.m.
  Rockland Road (pop, R&B, country): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Jeff Dayton (country singer-songwriter): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  Monroe Crossing (bluegrass, gospel): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  The Sweet Colleens (Celtic, Americana): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Melinda Doolittle (vocalist from American Idol): 3:30 & 4:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 5 & 6
  Malamanya (Caribbean and Latin American rhythms): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m.
  Rosie Flores (punk, rockabilly, alt-country): 1 & 2:30 p.m.
  Sunpie & The Louisiana Sunspots (Afro-Louisiana, zydeco, accordion): 3:30 & 4:45 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 Aug. 26 – Sept. 4 begin at 8:30 p.m.
The shows Sept. 5 & 6 begin at 7:30 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Sister Sledge (R&B, funk, ’70s & ’80s)

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Gear Daddies (Americana, rock)

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Ezra Ray Hart (trio of modern rock hitmakers)

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  The Legendary Wailers (reggae)

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  Roots & Boots featuring Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw and Collin Raye (trio of country hitmakers)
• **SEPT. 5 & 6**  
  *Yam Haus* (dance floor, alternative poprock)

**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. 26**  
  *Young Fiddlers Association of Minnesota*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Square Dance Federation of Minnesota*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *West Coast Swing*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **AUG. 27**  
  *Clog Jam*: 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. 28**  
  *Minnesota Tamil Sangam*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *QC Dance Studio*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Cre.ture Crew*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **AUG. 29**  
  *Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Armenian Dance Ensemble of Minnesota*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Art of Dance Studio*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **AUG. 30**  
  *Minnesota Polka Dancers*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *QC Dance Studio*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Miss Shannon’s Sock Hop*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **AUG. 31**  
  *Pleasant Valley Cloggers*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *QC Dance Studio*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Miss Shannon’s Sock Hop*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 1**  
  *Zumba® Fitness*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Plymouth Rockers*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Wild Rose Cloggers*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 2**  
  *Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Armenian Dance Ensemble of Minnesota*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Somali Museum Dance Troupe*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 3**  
  *Zumba® Fitness*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Line Dance Minnesota*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 4**  
  *Rhythm & Swing*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Dance & Entertainment Studio*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Rhythmically Speaking*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 5**  
  *River City Cloggers*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Dance & Entertainment Studio*: 1 & 2:30 p.m.  
  *Cre.ture Crew*: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

• **SEPT. 6**  
  *Art of Dance Studio*: 10 & 11 a.m., noon  
  *Dance & Entertainment Studio*: 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. 26 – SEPT. 3
  MSF County Fair Talent Contest Semifinals (variety, family): 7 p.m.

• AUG. 26 – SEPT. 6
  Monster Shop Bump’n (breakdance, acrobats): 3, 4:30 & 6 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  The Chipper Experience (family, comedy, magician): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  The Rubber Chicken Variety Show (comedy, juggling, variety): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Jared Sherlock (comedy, magician): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Fantastick Patrick (comedy, variety, juggler): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30 p.m.

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  The Flyin’ Hawaiian Show (hula hoop, acrobatics, comedy): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30 p.m.
  MSF County Fair Talent Contest Finals (variety, family): 7 p.m. (Sept. 4 only)

• SEPT. 5 & 6
  Kidsdance (dance, music): 10:30 a.m., noon & 1:30
  Lizzy – Comedy Stage Hypnosis (hypnotism, comedy): 7 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.: Sunday-Thursday: 5:30-10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday: 5:30-11 p.m.; Labor Day: 5:15-9 p.m.

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

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Jack Brass Band (New Orleans, Dixieland, horns): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Café Accordion Orchestra (jazz, swing, accordion): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Phoenix Chinese Dance Academy (Chinese dance): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  The Men of New Hope (R&B, gospel, vocal): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Sumunar Indonesian Music & Dance (gamelan, Indonesian, dance): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Tha Ma Muz (R&B, funk): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Best Awards (recognizes outstanding fair vendors, exhibits and attractions): 10 a.m. (Sept. 2 only)
  Ujamaa Music Group (hip-hop, jazz fusion): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Maria Isa and LatinXpolis (Afro-Latinx, hip-hop): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  Siama’s Congo Roots (world, African, jazz): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  Native Pride Dancers (Native American folk dance): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 5 & 6
  Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca (Mexican folk dance): 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m.
  KOFI & The Fire Keepers (gospel, reggae): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.
Bazaar After Dark
Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.
Located at the International Bazaar Stage
All shows Aug. 26 – Sept. 5 begin at 8 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 6, the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Jaybee and The Routine (R&B, funk)

• AUG. 28 & 29
  Good For Gary (rock, pop)

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Takin’ It To The Limit: An Eagles Tribute (Eagles covers)

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Banda La Verdadera (traditional Mexican music, horns)

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  Socaholix (Caribbean, dance music)

• SEPT. 5 & 6
  Ka Lia Universe & Friends (Hmong-American, hip-hop, crossover)

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. 26 & 27
  Polkarobics (polka, swing): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  Tom Hunter (blues, jazz): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  The Neighborhood Trio (roots, pop, jazz): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  Jack Knife & The Sharps (rockabilly, rock, country): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  The Joey Johnson Band (eclectic, polka, rock): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  Dakota Dave Hull & Friends (jazz, ragtime, folk, blues): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 1 & 2
  Jim Berner’s Music Legends (vocal, pop, storytelling): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  PK Mayo (blues, guitar): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 3 & 4
  Hello Heartache (country, fiddle, honky-tonk): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  Phil Heywood & Eric Lugosch (national guitar champions): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

• SEPT. 5 & 6
  Bill Koncar (polka, waltz, swing, pop): 10:30 & 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m.
  Lolos Ghost (Americana, gospel): 3:15, 4:30 & 5:45 p.m.

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

• AUG. 26 – SEPT. 6
  MNHS presents History On-A-Schtick (music, theater): 10 & 11 a.m. (10 a.m. performances are ASL-interpreted)

• AUG. 26 & 27
  Mary Cutrufello Band (blues, Americana, guitar): noon, 1 & 2 p.m.
  The Jorgensens (Americana, roots): 4, 5 & 6 p.m.

• AUG. 28 & 29
  The Minnesota State Fiddle Contest (instrumental fiddle, country, folk, bluegrass): noon to 2:45 p.m.
  Barley Jacks (bluegrass, Celtic): 4, 5 & 6 p.m.

• AUG. 30 & 31
  Starlifter from the USAF Band of Mid-America (rock, country, pop): noon, 1 & 2 p.m.
  Poppa Bear Norton (country, western): 4, 5 & 6 p.m.
  50 Year Awards (honoring individuals with 50 years of State Fair participation): 5:30 p.m. (Aug. 30 only)
• **SEPT. 1 & 2**
  *Kris and the Riverbend Dutchmen* (traditional Dutch polka): noon, 1 & 2 p.m.
  *Molly Maher Band* (Americana, blues, singer-songwriter): 4, 5 & 6 p.m.

• **SEPT. 3 & 4**
  *Minnesota Americana-Roots Music Contests* (country, bluegrass, Americana, folk, roots, acoustic, vocal): noon to 2:45 p.m.
  *Cornbread Harris* (blues, jazz, vocal, piano): 4, 5 & 6 p.m.

• **SEPT. 5 & 6**
  *Joe & Vicki Price* (blues, guitar): noon, 1 & 2 p.m.
  *The Dollys* (trio sings the music of Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton and Linda Ronstadt): 4, 5 & 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 Aug. 26 – Sept. 5 begin at 8 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 6, the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

• **AUG. 26 & 27**
  *Davina and The Vagabonds* (jazz, swing, blues, piano)

• **AUG. 28 & 29**
  *The Greeting Committee* (indie rock)

• **AUG. 30 & 31**
  *Big Sandy and his Fly-Rite Boys* (rockabilly, roots, Americana)

• **SEPT. 1 & 2**
  *NUR-D* (hip-hop, rap)

• **SEPT. 3 & 4**
  *First Avenue Goes To The Fair* (rock, pop, variety)

• **SEPT. 5 & 6**
  *Mae Simpson* (soul, funk, rock, singer-songwriter)

**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 or illustrator each day at the Blue Ribbon Author Showcase from 10 a.m. to 2 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/.

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 14 performance groups from around the state of Minnesota. New artists for 2021 include Ballet Minnesota, CAAM Chinese Dance Theater, Little Coyote Puppet Theater + Pinwheel Arts and Movement Studio, Sod House Theater, Street Sweeper Cirkus, Students of the Ragamala Training Center and Yellow Apple Circus. Arts A’Fair is supported by contributions made to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

• **AUG. 26-28**
  *Ballet Minnesota* 10 & 10:45 a.m., 12:15 & 1 p.m. (North End)
  *Students of the Ragamala Training Center* 3, 3:45, 5:15 & 6 p.m. (North End)
  *Yellow Apple Circus* 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m. (West End Market)
  *Twin Cities Trapeze:* 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

• **AUG. 29-31**
  *Sod House Theater:* 3, 3:45, 5:15 & 6 p.m. (North End)
  *Mexica Yolotl:* 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)
• SEPT. 1-3

  Black Storytellers Alliance: 10 & 10:45 a.m., 12:15 & 1 p.m. (North End)
  Mixed Precipitation presents The Pickup Truck Opera: 3, 3:45, 5:15 & 6 p.m. (North End)
  Collide Theatrical Dance Company: 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m. (West End Market)
  Duniya Drum & Dance: 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m. (West End Market)

• SEPT. 4-6

  CAAM Chinese Dance Theater: 10 & 10:45 a.m., 12:15 & 1 p.m. (North End)
  Little Coyote Puppet Theater + Pinwheel Arts and Movement Studio: 3, 3:45, 5:15 & 6 p.m. (North End)
  Street Sweeper Cirkus: 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30 & 1:30 p.m. (West End Market)
  Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre: 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 exhibition, 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 EXHIBITION

High school marching bands perform 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. 26
  Anoka, Eastview, Eden Prairie, Farmington, Lakes International Language School, Rosemount

• AUG. 27
  Burnsville, Irondale, Osseo, Robbinsdale Armstrong, Onalaska (WI), Somerset (WI)

• AUG. 28
  Blaine, Edina, Jordan, North Lakes Academy, Rockford

• AUG. 29
  Moorhead, Waseca, Glenwood City (WI)

• AUG. 30
  Crookston, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Schools, Chequamegon (WI), Clear Lake (WI)

• AUG. 31
  Fridley, Park Center, Simley

• SEPT. 1
  Lakeville South, St. Peter, Winona Senior, St. Croix Falls (WI)

• SEPT. 2
  Cretin-Derham Hall, Minneapolis Southwest, Minnetonka, Prior Lake

• SEPT. 3
  Champlin Park, Chisago Lakes, Robbinsdale Cooper, South Washington County

• SEPT. 4
  No marching bands

• SEPT. 5
  Special guests: University of Minnesota Marching Band, NDSU Gold Star Marching Band (ND)

• SEPT. 6
  No marching bands

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 sixth 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. See daily schedules.
for a list of visiting mathematicians and artists. Fair guests can also enjoy a shapes or numbers book. New this year: The Circle Game! Supported by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

The North Woods Stage  
**Sponsored by Good Health Saunas**  
Located on the east side of Cooper Street between Lee & 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 *(2 p.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. *(3 p.m. performances are ASL-interpreted.)*

Talent Contests

**MSF AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST**

The Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest is an event almost as legendary as corndogs and cotton candy. Nearly 10,000 fans will attend the finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Grandstand. Semifinals are held at 6 p.m. nightly Aug. 26-Sept. 4, at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. Semifinalists were selected from nearly 300 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. The open division winner receives $10,000. All Amateur Talent Contest events are free with fair admission. For more information, please contact the entertainment department at 651-288-4395. For a complete list of past amateur talent contest winners, visit mnstatefair.org/schedule/msf-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. 26-Sept. 3, at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park. Finals are held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at the Family Fair Stage. Participants who finish first and second in each division (open, teen and preteen) in the Sept. 4 county fair finals advance to the MSF Amateur Talent Contest Finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Grandstand.

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

**Grandstand Artist Information**

**MIRANDA LAMBERT** with special guest Lindsay Ell  
Thursday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. • $65, $55, $40

*Miranda Lambert*: East Texas native Miranda Lambert is no stranger to taking corners on two-wheels, getting into—and out of—trouble, laughing at what life hands you and creating authenticity on her own terms. Along the way, her brand of seriously girly, post-"Thelma & Louise" hardcore feminism broke Merle Haggard's Academy of Country Music Awards record for most awards—including five Albums of the Year, four Songs of the Year, four Singles of the Year and nine Top Female Vocalists of the year, as well as 13 CMAs (across Female, Album, Single, Song, Video and Event), two CMT Artist of the Years and a pair of GRAMMY® Awards (Best Female Vocal, Album of the Year) with songs that own mistakes and create the kind of havoc that sets women free. With all that, what could possibly be left? *Wildcard*. The Lone Star songwriter/cultural force's most diverse effort yet moves from fraught, taut rock & roll to gentle folk, classic Wurlitzer country and a bit of funky gospel with just enough humor to keep things in a sweet spot that's definitively the freewheeling platinum blonde's comfort zone.

**Lindsay Ell**: Lauded by Forbes magazine as “one of the most exciting and talented young artists in country music,” Lindsay Ell learned to play guitar while traveling with her father to country and bluegrass music camps as a young girl. The Calgary native was discovered at age 13 by Randy Bachman of Bachman Turner Overdrive and The Guess Who and soon was touring alongside the likes of Luke Bryan and Buddy Guy. Lauded for her blistering guitar work, Ell is also highly regarded as a singer/songwriter. Her most recent album, heart theory, maintains a sonic depth and auditory aura while still conveying the emotional rawness and storytelling that highlights her growth as an artist since the release of her debut album, *The Project*. That album debuted at No. 1 on the Country Album Sales Chart and was named Billboard Magazine's Best Country Album of 2017. *The Project* also spawned her first Top 20 hit in the U.S., as well as on the Canadian country radio chart, making her the first female artist to top that chart in 10 years. Most recently she scored her first No. 1 single with “What Happens in a Small Town,” her duet with Brantley Gilbert.

**MAREN MORRIS** with special guests Noah Schnacky and Patrick Murphy  
Friday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. • $65, $55, $40

*Maren Morris*: Maren Morris is one of the leading voices in country music today — armed with incredible vocal stylings that reflect her country, folk and pop influences, sheer talent, honest lyrics and a strong presence. Morris’ most recent album, *GIRL*, released in March 2019, was named Album of the Year at the 53rd Annual Country Music Association Awards, where Morris was the most-nominated artist. The album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart and No. 4 on the Billboard.
The Current’s Music On-A-Stick featuring LAKE STREET DIVE with special guests Low Cut Connie and Kiss the Tiger
Saturday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m. • $38, $28

**Lake Street Dive:** Lake Street Dive epitomizes democracy in action: The group, expanded into a quintet since touring keyboardist Akie Bermann officially joined in 2017, share writing and arrangement duties. Their personalities, skills and wide-ranging taste in pop, rock, R&B and jazz have long blended together to make an impressively cohesive sound, both sophisticated and playful, combining retro influences with contemporary attitude. The band was founded in 2004 by four students at Boston’s New England Conservatory of Music: Rachel Price (vocals), Mike “McDuck” Olson (guitar, trumpet), Bridget Kearney (bass) and Mike Calabrese (drums). They have earned a devoted following thanks to social media and airplay on alternative radio. Their version of The Jackson Five’s “I Want You Back” was posted on YouTube in 2012 and has earned more than 6 million views. In 2017, their cover of A-ha’s hit “Take On Me” racked up more than 11 million views. On the band’s most recent album *Obviously*, the quintet fashions disarmingly cheerful arrangements guaranteed to keep the party going even as the subject matter takes a more serious turn on lead-off single “Making Do,” about a younger generation facing a life of diminished expectations, and “Being a Woman,” a finger-snapping, bird-flipping treatise on gender inequality.

**Low Cut Connie:** Since the release of their 2011 debut album *Get Out the Lotion*, Philadelphia’s Low Cut Connie have firmly established their reputation as one of the most exciting live bands in the U.S. Their mixture of western pop, R&B and rock ‘n roll have earned them a cult following along with high-profile fans, including Barack Obama, Sir Elton John and Howard Stern. The band is fronted by pianist, singer and songwriter Adam Weiner whose well-worn $100 piano, named Shonda, is the backbone of their boogie strain of rock ‘n roll. Weiner has been joined on stage by Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings member Saundra Williams resulted in what Rolling Stone Magazine describes as “a mix of Seventies Stones (but dirtier), the New York Dolls (but tighter) and Jerry Lee Lewis (but Westerberg-ier) with an extra sense of bare-knuckled grit and sonic thwump.” Low Cut Connie’s sixth album, *Private Lives*, features Weiner with guitarist and longtime collaborator Will Donnelly, as well as a rotating cast of nearly 30 different musicians. Weiner recorded and produced *Private Lives* on the road, cutting songs in studios across the U.S. during the band’s extensive 2019 touring schedule. *Private Lives* earned critical praise upon its release and was named one of the best albums of the year by Rolling Stone.

**Kiss the Tiger:** Kiss the Tiger pounced onto the Twin Cities’ music scene in late-2016 and has been making big waves ever since. Inspired by the sounds and energy of The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty and Patti Smith, Kiss the Tiger has breathed new life into 21st century rock and roll. In February of 2017, Kiss the Tiger was the runner-up in Star Tribune’s Are You Local? – Best New Band competition. Shortly after, the group recorded its EP, *Elliot Park*. In 2019, Kiss the Tiger released its sophomore album, *Let Me Bleed*. The band was recognized that year as a Picked to Click band by City Pages, an end-of-year roundup of the best local bands as voted on by their peers. The Current radio station included the music video for “Bad Boy” off of *Let Me Bleed* in its Best Minnesota Music Videos of 2019. *Vicious Kid* marks the band’s third full-length release and has garnered notable attention from fans and critics alike. Kiss the Tiger’s single “Hold On To Love” was featured on The Current’s Chart Show and jumped from the No. 14 spot to the No. 1 spot in its second week. Star Tribune recently named *Vicious Kid* one of the Best Minnesota Albums of 2021 so far.

**TLC and SHAGGY with special guest Bone Thugs-n-Harmony**
Sunday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. • $57, $47, $37

**TLC:** One of the biggest-selling female singing groups of all time, TLC rose to R&B and hip hop superstardom during the
1990s. The trio formed in Atlanta, Ga., in 1991, when Tionne “T-Boz” Watkins and rapper Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes split off from another group; they were joined shortly thereafter by Rozonda “Chilli” Thomas. The group's debut album spawned the hit singles “Ain’t 2 Proud 2 Beg” and “Baby-Baby-Baby.” The group's second album, CrazySexyCool, released in 1994, became a blockbuster success. That album sold more than 11 million copies in the United States alone and won a GRAMMY® for Best R&B Album. The lead single, “Creep,” became TLC's first No. 1 pop hit and was followed by three more Top 5 singles, including their biggest hit “Waterfalls.” In 2002, Lopes was tragically killed in a car accident. The surviving members carried on, releasing 3D, the album they were working on at the time of Lopes’ death, which became Double Platinum. In addition to continuing to release music and tour, TLC is the focus of a documentary on A&E, set to air in 2021.

**Shaggy:** When it comes to making dancehall reggae hits that rock the world and stand the test of time, nobody does it better than Shaggy. Paving the way for the likes of Drake, Rihanna and Major Lazer, Shaggy has provided the blueprint for global dancehall success and continues to innovate at the forefront of the island sounds that regularly top the worldwide pop charts. Shaggy has sold more than 30 million albums to date, racking up eight singles in the Billboard Hot 100, including two that went to No. 1, as well as seven albums on the Billboard 200, with four in the Top 40. His hit single “Boombastic” topped the U.K. charts and reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in the U.S. Other hits include “Oh Carolina,” “It Wasn’t Me” and “In The Summertime.”

**Bone Thugs-n-Harmony:** Based in Cleveland, Ohio, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony was one of the most successful ‘90s rap outfits to break into the mainstream. Formed in the early 1990s by Layzie Bone (Steven Howse), Bizzy Bone (Bryon Anthony McCane), Krayzie Bone (Anthony Henderson), Wish Bone (Charles Scruggs) and Flesh-n-Bone (Stanley Vernell Howse), they were signed and nurtured by the founder of Ruthless Records, the late Eazy-E of N.W.A. Their brand of flowing, rolling, rapid-clip, harmonized rap – dubbed the “Cleveland Sound” – propelled them to the top of the charts. Their EP Creepin on ah Come Up included the breakout single “Thuggish Ruggish Bone,” which reached No. 22 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Their second album, E. 1999 Eternal, included hits “1st of the Month” and “East 999.” The group's hit single “The Crossroads,” a tribute to Eazy-E after his death, won a GRAMMY® Award in 1997. Some of the group's other albums include the double-disc set The Art of War, Thug World Order, Thug Stories and Uni5: The World's Enemy.

**The Spinners with special guests Little Anthony & The Imperials and The Grass Roots**

**Monday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. • $31**

**The Spinners:** Most often thought of as a Motown recording act, the classic R&B group The Spinners has never lost its universal appeal. Throughout the decades, they have sold millions of records and topped both the Pop and R&B charts with smash hits such as “I'll Be Around,” “Games People Play,” “One of a Kind (Love Affair)” and “Then Came You.” Today, original member Henry Fambrough is joined onstage by Jessie Peck, Marvin Taylor, Ronnie Moss and CJ Jefferson; a soul-infused four-piece band, led by Keith Ferguson, backs them up. Inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 1999, they have also been awarded the Rhythm and Blues Foundation Award for their contribution to the genre. The Spinners have performed for presidents, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and appeared in numerous network and cable television specials paying tribute to the music of the 1970s. Today, this legendary R&B group maintains a full touring schedule, performing for fans of all ages in sold-out houses around the world.

**Little Anthony & The Imperials:** Legendary R&B vocal group Little Anthony & The Imperials has enjoyed one of the longest careers in any musical format. Formed in New York City in the 1950s, the group featured the distinctive high-octave and youthful-sounding vocals of lead singer Jerome Anthony “Little Anthony” Gourdine. The group's first single, “Tears on My Pillow,” was a Top Five hit on both the pop and R&B charts, selling more than 1 million copies. The group followed up with another hit, “Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Bop.” A string of hits followed, cementing the group's place in the world of soul and doo-wop music. Those include “I'm On The Outside (Looking In),” “Going Out Of My Head,” “Hurt So Bad” and “Take Me Back.” In 2009, Little Anthony & The Imperials were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2018, they were inducted into the R&B Hall of Fame in Detroit, Mich.

**The Grass Roots:** Since first teaming up with mega-hit producer Steve Barri (The Mamas & The Papas, Dusty Springfield) in 1965, The Grass Roots have charted 29 singles, 13 of which went Gold, followed by two Gold albums and one Platinum album. In the entire history of rock 'n' roll, only nine bands have charted more hits on Billboard's Hot 100 than The Grass Roots. The band has sold more than 20 million records worldwide, thanks to a steady stream of hits, including “Midnight Confessions,” “Sooner or Later,” “Temptation Eyes” and “Get It Together.” They continue to be a mainstay on classic rock radio stations across the country. The Grass Roots' current lineup includes Dusty Hanvey (lead guitar, vocals), Larry Nelson (keyboard, vocals), Joe Dougherty (drums) and Mark Dawson (lead vocals, bass).

**The Doobie Brothers – 50th Anniversary Tour featuring Tom Johnston, Michael McDonald, Pat Simmons, John McFee with special guest Dirty Dozen Brass Band**

**Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. • $65, $50**

**The Doobie Brothers:** The Doobie Brothers' rugged, real and authentic approach to rock and roll began in 1969, when a drummer named John Hartman arrived in Northern California and met Tom Johnston, a local singer/songwriter/guitarist. The two began playing local Bay Area bars and soon met singer/guitarist Pat Simmons, whose finger-style playing richly complemented Johnston's R&B strumming-style, and the foundation for The Doobie Brothers was set. The group's second record, Toulouse Street, became a breakout sensation. From there the band hit the road, tirelessly working its way around the world. The Doobie Brothers established themselves with a run of hits, including “Listen to the Music,” “Jesus Is Just Alright,” “China Grove,” “Black Water,” “Rockin' Down the Highway” and “Long Train Runnin’.” The group was augmented in 1975 by Michael McDonald, whose soulful vocals and songwriting led to the hits “What a Fool Believes,” “Minute by Minute,” “Takin' It to the Streets,” and “You Belong to Me.” Multi-instrumentalist and vocalist John McFee joined in 1978 bringing his wide range of
musical styles. The Doobie Brothers were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004, have won four GRAMMY® Awards, sold more than 48 million records worldwide, and tallied five Top 10 singles and 16 Top 40 hits. Known for dynamic live performances, the band plays close to 100 shows a year worldwide.

**Dirty Dozen Brass Band:** Celebrating more than 40 years since their founding in 1977, New Orleans-based Dirty Dozen Brass Band has taken the traditional foundation of brass band music and incorporated it into a blend of genres including bebop jazz, funk and R&B/soul. This unique sound, described by the band as a ‘musical gumbo,’ has allowed the Dirty Dozen to tour across five continents and more than 30 countries, record 12 studio albums and collaborate with a range of artists from Modest Mouse to Widespread Panic to Norah Jones. More than 40 years later, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band is a world-famous music machine whose name is synonymous with genre-bending romps and high-octane performances.

**TIM MCGRAW with special guest Midland**  
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. • $88, $78, $60

**Tim McGraw:** Tim McGraw's unparalleled career includes 43 No. 1 radio singles, 16 No. 1 albums and countless industry awards and accolades. His unique chart achievements include having three singles in the Top 20 of the radio charts on multiple occasions, as well as having two singles spend more than 10 weeks at No. 1. His last solo project spawned one of the biggest hit singles of all-time, “Humble and Kind,” which McGraw also sang in Spanish. The song conveys a message that continues to impact fans around the world. He has routinely been cited as one of the biggest touring artists in the history of country music. As part of the host committee, McGraw welcomed his largest outdoor crowd ever to his Nashville performance at the 2019 NFL Draft. He also appeared in the NFL Tailgate Party for Super Bowl LII and the College Football Playoffs 2020.

**Midland:** Hailing from Dripping Springs, Texas, lead vocalist Mark Wystrach fronts country group Midland’s rich sound that is rounded out with lead guitarist/vocalist Jess Carson and bass player/vocalist Cameron Duddy. Rooted in tradition in both sound and style, the trio initially garnered attention playing clubs in the region. Their critically acclaimed sophomore album, *Let It Roll* (Big Machine Records), earned the No. 1 position on Billboard's Top Country Album Sales chart upon release, receiving praise from outlets such as Rolling Stone, Variety, NPR and Entertainment Weekly, among others. Wystrach, Carson and Duddy all played an integral role in writing the 14-track album with Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne. The album was produced by Dann Huff, McAnally and Osborne and was a follow-up to the critically acclaimed debut album, *On The Rocks* (Big Machine Records). Launched in 2017 with rave reviews, that album was declared “the year's best country album” by Washington Post. The group’s two-time Platinum-certified chart-topping debut ‘Drinkin’ Problem’ earned the band its first GRAMMY® nominations for Best Country Song and Best Country Duo/Group Performance. Midland was also named New Vocal Group of the Year at the 2018 ACM Awards.

**THE CHAINSMOKERS with special guest GASHI**  
Thursday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. • $70, $60, $50

**The Chainsmokers:** GRAMMY® Award-winning and Billboard Chart-topping artist/producer duo The Chainsmokers have evolved into a dominating musical force with a diverse repertoire of songs that have led them to become one of music’s hottest recording artists. The signature sound of Alex Pall and Drew Taggart deftly reaches across indie, progressive and pop realms and has led to the development of some of the biggest breakthrough songs over the last few years. In 2016, the group catapulted to worldwide stardom with three multi-Platinum certified hits - “Roses” featuring RoZes, “Don’t Let Me Down” featuring Daya and now Diamond-certified “Closer” featuring Halsey, which went on to become the longest-running No. 1 single of 2016 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. In April of 2017, the group released their debut album via Disruptor/ Columbia Records titled *Memories.. Do Not Open*. The album, which has been certified Platinum, debuted at No. 1 in the U.S. on the Billboard 200 chart and produced multi-Platinum certified smash hits “Paris” and “Something Just Like This” featuring Coldplay. In December 2018, The Chainsmokers released the album *Sick Boy*, which includes the Platinum certified single “This Feeling” featuring Kelsea Ballerini and “Side Effects” featuring longtime collaborator Emily Warren. In 2019, they received Billboard Music Awards for Top Dance/Electronic Artist and Top Dance/Electronic Album for *Sick Boy*.

**GASHI:** Born in Libya, GASHI spent much of his young life as a refugee, moving from country to country. His family eventually settled in Brooklyn, New York, where he was introduced to music at a very young age. GASHI absorbed a melting pot of musical influences throughout his youth, resulting in the formation of his own unique sonic palette that blends together different genres of music. GASHI’s dynamic sound has allowed him to collaborate with a wide range of talents ranging from Chris Brown to Travis Scott. In the last couple of years, he released two studio albums, sold out venues across the globe, and has accumulated more than 500 million streams with more than 100 million video views worldwide.

**MUSIC, MOVIE AND A CONVERSATION WITH KEVIN COSTNER with special guest Modern West**  
Friday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. • $75, $45, $35, $25

**Kevin Costner:** Kevin Costner has starred in numerous blockbuster movies, including “The Bodyguard,” “Bull Durham” and “The Untouchables” and won two Academy Awards for “Dances With Wolves,” which he wrote, directed and produced. He recently starred in the western thriller “Let Him Go” with Diane Lane, as well as in the television drama series “Yellowstone.” This special evening at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand features a performance by Costner’s country-rock band, Modern West, followed by a live Q & A with the actor. The evening wraps up with a showing of Costner’s iconic film “Field of Dreams.”

**Modern West:** Kevin Costner & Modern West is an Americana and rock band founded by actor Kevin Costner in 2007. Their first album, *Untold Truths*, was released in 2008 and reached No. 61 on Billboard’s Top Country Albums chart and No. 35 on the Top Heatseekers chart. Singles released from that album include “Superman 14,” “Long Hot Night” and “Backyard.” The band’s second album, “Turn It On,” was followed by a tour through Europe. The band’s 2012 album, *Famous For Killing Each Other: Music From and Inspired By Hatfields & McCoys*, peaked at No. 14 on the Billboard Country Album chart. Coinciding with
Costner's star turn as John Dutton in the TV Series "Yellowstone," the band released Tales from Yellowstone, a collection of songs written from the perspective of that character. Songs from that album were featured on Season 3 of the show.

GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS “GOOD TO BE BAD TOUR: 45 YEARS OF ROCK” with special guest Night Ranger

Saturday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. • $46, $36

George Thorogood & The Destroyers: Since 1976, George Thorogood & The Destroyers have sold more than 15 million albums, built a catalog of classic hits and played more than 8,000 ferocious live shows. They broke records with their 50 Dates/50 States Tour, delivered landmark performances at Live Aid and on “Saturday Night Live,” and became mainstays of radio, MTV and stages worldwide for more than two generations. Through it all, they’ve remained one of the most consistent – and consistently passionate – progenitors of blues-based rock in pop culture history. Thorogood and his longtime bandmates – Jeff Simon (drums, percussion), Bill Blough (bass, guitar), Jim Suhler (rhythm guitar) and Buddy Leach (saxophone) – have amassed an unmatched catalog of hits, including “Who Do You Love,” “I Drink Alone,” “One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer,” “Move It On Over” and the ultimate badass anthem “Bad To The Bone.” For the past 45 years, it’s been very good to be George Thorogood and The Destroyers. And in 2021, their “Good To Be Bad Tour: 45 Years of Rock” will prove why like never before.

Night Ranger: Night Ranger has earned widespread recognition from their multi-Platinum and Gold albums and an impressive number of instantly recognizable hit singles, including “Sister Christian,” “Don’t Tell Me You Love Me,” “When You Close Your Eyes” and the anthemic “(You Can Still) Rock In America.” The band has sold more than 17 million albums worldwide, performed across more than 4,000 stages and captivated a radio audience that exceeds 1 billion. They were one of the first big video bands on MTV, with more than 10 No. 1 hit videos. Their most recent album, ATBPO, which stands for And The Band Played On, is the group’s 12th studio album and will be released in August 2021. Night Ranger’s lineup is Jack Blades (bass, vocals), Kelly Keagy (drums, vocals), Brad Gillis (lead and rhythm guitars), Eric Levy (keyboards) and Keri Kelli (lead and rhythm guitars).

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST FINALS

Sunday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. • FREE – No Grandstand ticket required

The MSF Amateur Talent Contest has been a Minnesota State Fair tradition for 48 years. Nearly 300 talented performers audition 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 finals round. The final round of competition will feature the 26 remaining contestants performing under the bright lights of the Grandstand in front of a crowd of up to 10,000. Those contestants compete for thousands of dollars in cash awards! Don't miss talented musicians, dancers and more performing in this fun-filled evening variety show.

DARCI LYNNE: MY LIPS ARE SEALED (EXCEPT WHEN THEY'RE NOT) with special guest Okee Dokee Brothers

Monday, Sept. 6, 4 p.m. • $25

Darci Lynne Farmer: Winning NBC’s “America’s Got Talent” at just 12 years old by the most votes for a final performance in the history of the show, singer/ventriloquist Darci Lynne Farmer impresses audiences across the country with her sweetheart disposition and undeniable, show-stopping talent beyond her years. She is accompanied on stage by her musical friends, including a diva-esque rabbit, Petunia; a shy and soulful mouse, Oscar; and a sarcastic old woman, Edna. Singing through her friends helped the young entertainer find a voice inside she didn't know she had and helped her overcome a lifelong struggle with shyness. An Oklahoma native, Darci began participating in talent-based pageants at a young age and picked up ventriloquism shortly after. Two weeks later, Darci began tackling talent shows, eventually making it to the biggest talent show on television, NBC's “America's Got Talent.” Following her big win, she has been featured on NBC’s “Little Big Shots,” Food Network’s “Kids Baking Championship,” “Ellen” and “TODAY.” Her first Christmas special, “Darci Lynne: My Hometown Christmas,” aired on NBC on Dec. 11, 2018, and, in January 2019, Darci returned to the “America's Got Talent” stage for AGT “The Champions” and won second place. Darci and her friends are continually on the road bringing smiles to audiences across the country.

Okee Dokee Brothers: Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander have been exploring the outdoors together since they were kids. Now, as the GRAMMY®-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, they write songs to encourage kids and families to get outside and get creative. The duo’s most recent album, Winterland, is a tribute to the season of coziness, family time and outdoor fun! This cold-weather project is the follow-up to their wildly popular Adventure Album trilogy, which was inspired by their extended canoe trip down the Mississippi River (“Can You Canoe?”), their month-long trek along the Appalachian Trail (“Through The Woods”) and a joyous horseback adventure through the American West (“Saddle Up”). With songs written under wide-open skies and harmonies fine-tuned around the campfire, the natural world is at the heart of the duo’s Americana folk music. The Okee Dokee Brothers make room for kids to dance, for parents to share stories, and for everyone to gain respect for nature, each other and the world we live in.

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
For a complete list of past Grandstand artists by number of appearances, view the “Grandstand Entertainers Alphabetically & Including Number of Appearances” PDF at mnstatefair.org/get-involved/media/.

GRANDSTAND TICKETS
Tickets to Grandstand shows can be purchased at mnstatefair.org, Etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. The Minnesota State Fair Ticket Office on the fairgrounds also sells all tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 2 through Aug. 25, the State Fair Ticket Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). From Aug. 2 through Aug. 20, ticket office hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. After Aug. 20, the Ticket Office is open Aug. 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to noon; and Aug. 23 through Aug. 25, 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 canceled 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. 5. 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.
Food & Beverage
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
Use this search engine at mnstatefair.org/fair-finder/food/ or on the Minnesota State Fair app to find all available foods and their locations. The Fair Finder also includes information on vendors participating in special day deals and discounts.

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.

OFFICIAL NEW FOODS FOR 2021

• Banh Minn Bun and Banh Minn Bowl: Inspired by Vietnamese cuisine, a sausage made with a variety of Asian seasonings, served in a crusty baguette smeared with a Sriracha sauce and topped with shredded and pickled carrot, radish, chpped jalapeño and a sprig of fresh cilantro. The bun-less bowl starts with a five-grain blend and is topped with shredded and pickled carrot, radish, Asian slaw, chopped jalapeño, sausage slices, cilantro and a drizzle of Sriracha sauce.
  Sausage Sister & Me, located in the Food Building, east wall

• Bison Bites: A North Woods spin on ravioli with ground bison, braised fennel, portobello mushrooms and fresh basil wrapped in classic egg dough, deep-fried and served with a sweet bourbon sauce with a little kick.
  Giggles’ Campfire Grill, located on the southeast corner of Lee Avenue & Cooper Street at The North Woods

• Blue Raspberry Blitzed: Traditional hand pie filled with a raspberry, blueberry and apple blend infused with UV Blue Vodka and topped with cotton candy sugar.
  Sara’s Tipsy Pies, located in the Food Building, south wall

• Buffalo Chicken Doughscuit: Fluffy biscuit-style doughnuts stuffed with shredded chicken, glazed with a sweet & spicy buffalo icing, and topped with crispy bacon bits.
  The Blue Barn, located at West End Market, south of the History & Heritage Center

• Caramelized Banana Pudding: Layers of homemade vanilla pudding, fresh bananas, toasted ‘nilla wafers, caramelized cocoa crispy cereal, caramel sauce and fresh whipped cream.
  Blue Moon Dine-In Theater, located on the northeast corner of Carnes Avenue & Chambers Street

• Choripop: Chorizo by The Herbivorous Butcher dipped in a classic corndog batter, deep-fried on-a-stick with choice of avocado salsa or mole sauce drizzled on top or on the side. Served with Mexican BBQ chips. (Vegan)
  Midtown Global Market’s Andy’s Garage*, located in the Taste of the Midtown Global Market booth at the International Bazaar, east wall (Available Aug. 26-31 only)

• Cracklin Prime Nachos: Deep-fried chicharrón (pronounced chee-chah-rohn) covered in prime rib slices, ¡Que Bueno! nacho cheese, pico de gallo and green onion slices.
  Coasters, located on the southeast corner of Carnes Avenue & Liggett Street

• Cucumber Jalapeño Limeade: Limeade made with juiced Minnesota-grown cucumbers and jalapeño syrup, served with a cucumber slice.
  Farmers Union Coffee Shop, located on the north side of Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper & Cosgrove streets

• Dual Berry Shortcake: Strawberries and blueberries over a sugar-coated Betty & Earl’s biscuit, topped with whipped cream and balsamic glaze.
  LuLu’s Public House, located at West End Market, south of Schilling Amphitheater

• Esquites (pronounced es-KEE-tez): Mexican street corn off-the-cob topped with mayonnaise, Cotija (pronounced Koh-tee-hah) cheese and pequin (pronounced puh-KEEN) chile powder.
  Midtown Global Market’s Los Ocampo located in the Taste of the Midtown Global Market booth at the International Bazaar, east wall (Available Sept. 1-6 only) (Los Ocampo returns to the Midtown Global Market booth for the first time since 2013.)

• Fudge & Fruit: Fresh strawberries and fudge brownies dipped in wine-infused dark chocolate, drizzled with wine-infused white chocolate and served on-a-stick.
  Minnesota Wine Country, located on the west side of Underwood Street between Carnes & Judson avenues

• Greek Stuffed Ravioli: Mediterranean pastry dough stuffed with cream cheese, tzatziki sauce, mozzarella cheese, pepperoncini, tomato, gyro meat and Dino’s Greek seasoning, deep-fried and drizzled with roasted garlic butter.
  Dino’s Gyros, located on the north side of Carnes Avenue between Nelson & Underwood streets
• **New Food Vendors**

  *Auntie M's Gluten Free*: Serving gluten-free corn dogs and funnel cakes (both available in egg- and dairy-free options) and cheese curds (nut-free). Funnel cakes are available in strawberries and cream and apple pie flavors or with powdered sugar, cinnamon or chocolate topping choices.

  *Baba's*: Featuring a variety of hummus bowls, including Hummus bi lahme (minced beef shawarma, lemon sauce, parsley, pine nuts, sumac); Chili Baba (garlic chili oil, kimchi, scallions, za'atar); Falafelicious (falafel, fried eggplant, warm chickpeas, pickled cabbage, Arabic pickles, tahini, sumac); Dilly Dilly (dill pickle hummus, dill pickles, cheese curds, crispy onions; Truffle (truffle

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hummus, roasted wild mushrooms, pine nuts); Baba Gone Wild (create your own); and more. Served with warm or fried pita. (Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options available.)

Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Lee & Randall avenues, just south of Little Farm Hands

• **Fluffy's Hand Cut Donuts**: Fluffy's specializes in hand-cut, yeast-raised donuts with a variety of icings, butter cream frostings, fillings and toppings, including the official new food Jumbo Donut Sundae. Also serving soda and bottled water.
  Located between West Dan Patch & Carnes avenues and Liggett & Chambers streets

• **Libby's Ice Cream & Co.**: Soft serve ice cream in a variety of flavors served in cones and cups and as shakes, sundaes and floats. Plus, banana split on-a-stick, frozen banana on-a-stick and cheesecake on-a-stick—all dipped in chocolate.
  Located east of Chambers Street, just south of the Grandstand

• **Midtown Global Market’s Andy’s Garage**: This new vendor is serving the official new food ChoriPop, as well as deep-fried cheese or chicken tamales and horchata soft-serve milkshakes and cones.
  Located in the Taste of the Midtown Global Market booth at the International Bazaar, east wall (Available Aug. 26-31 only)

• **Summer Lakes Beverages**: Serving three 2021 State Fair-exclusive gluten-free and vegan mocktails that are on the official new foods list: the Wedge-Hammer, Lake Storm Lemonade and Bama! Lemon Sweet Tea. Their menu also features the Bootleg (gf), Luna Paloma (gf), Fresh Press Margarita (gf, v) and Fresh Press Jalapeño Margarita (gf, v). Mixes by the bottle to make cocktails at home will also be for sale. gf (gluten free); v (vegan).
  Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Lee & Randall avenues, just south of Little Farm Hands (Summer Lakes Beverage previously sold its bottled mixes and merchandise at the State Fair.)

• **Scenic 61 by New Scenic Café**: Serving the official new food Sashimi Tuna Tacos, as well as lemonade, iced tea and Caribbean punch.
  Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Lee & Randall avenues, just south of Little Farm Hands

• **Solem Concessions Cheese Curds and Mini Donuts**: Featuring brand-new blueberry mini donuts, plus classic cheese curds in Cajun (new to the fair!), ranch, garlic and original flavors.
  Underwood Street between Murphy & Lee avenues

• **Spinning Wylde**: Dye-free cotton candy with organic cane sugar in a variety of natural flavors. Also serving fresh-pressed watermelon juice.
  Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Lee & Randall avenues, just south of Little Farm Hands

**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 debuting or found only at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair.
Getting to the Fair
ACCESSIBLE PARKING & TRANSPORTATION
Several free Park & Ride lots feature accessible buses and parking spaces for people with disability parking certificates or disability license plates. In addition, the Oscar Johnson Park & Ride Lot is exclusively wheelchair-accessible parking for persons with disabilities. This free service is provided from 8 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Labor Day). 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 disability parking certificates or disability license plates are available in State Fair public parking lots. These spaces are available on a first-come basis at $16 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 (11 p.m. on Labor Day) 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.

EXPRESS BUS SERVICE
State Fair Express Bus service is offered by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit at several 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). Visit metrotransit.org/StateFair for full details on bus ride pricing, site locations and service times. Face coverings are required on all buses.

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. Face coverings are required on all buses.

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). Face coverings are required on all buses.

MOTORCYCLE PARKING
Motorcycle parking is available on a first-come basis from 6 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Labor day) for $10 (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 $16 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 27 locations within a short distance of the fairgrounds. Park & Ride bus service operates from 8 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Labor Day). 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. Face coverings are required on all buses. Visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/free-park-and-ride/ for more information. For Park & Ride lot updates and information, follow @mnstatefair on Twitter with #MSFParking.

PARKING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS
Public parking lots at the State Fairgrounds are open from 6 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Labor Day). No RV or overnight parking is permitted in public parking lots. Parking is $16 (cash only). Vehicles with trailers will be charged $32 ($16 for vehicle and $16 for the trailer). Parking for vehicles displaying a disability parking certificate or disability license plate is also available for $16. 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 #MSFParking.

**TAXIS & RIDESHARE APPS**

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. Rideshare apps such as Lyft and Uber have two drop-off and pick-up areas: on the northeast end of the fairgrounds near Snelling and Hoyt avenues (Gate #2), and on the south end of the fairgrounds in the parking lot south of Como Avenue, across from Gate #7 and the Dairy Building (follow the directional signage). For more information, visit mnstatefair.org/transportation/taxi-and-rideshare/.
Guest Services
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, the Fraser Sensory Building and more. For a complete list of services, refer to the Accessibility Guide at mnstatefair.org/general-info/accessibility-guide/ or pick up details at any information booth.

APP FOR iPhone AND ANDROID SMARTPHONES
Information on the State Fair app and how to download it can be found at mnstatefair.org/general-info/mobile-app/. The app is 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.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETATION
During the fair, ASL interpreters are available to assist guests 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inquire about this free service at 651-288-4448 or accessibility@mnstatefair.org. Guests can also stop by the Admin Too Building on Cosgrove Street. Special requests for interpreter services will be accommodated based on interpreter availability.
ASL interpreting is also available upon request for free evening Bandshell Tonight! shows at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and for the Grandstand Concert Series (Grandstand concerts require purchase of a show ticket). Requests should be made at least 14 days prior to the show. Contact accessibility@mnstatefair.org or 651-288-4448.
The following free performances and demonstrations will include ASL interpretation daily:
MNHS presents History On-A-Schtick, 10 a.m., Schell's Stage at Schilling Amphitheater
Raptor Displays and Flying Demonstrations, 11 a.m. (no show on Sept. 1), DNR Garden Stage
The Raptor Center, 11 a.m. (Sept. 1 only), DNR Volunteer Outdoor Stage
Thank A Farmer Magic Show, 1 p.m., Christensen Farms Stage
All-Star Stunt Dogs Splash, 2 p.m., The North Woods
Timberworks Lumberjack Show, 3 p.m., The North Woods
Looking Inside the Hive, 4:30 p.m., Agriculture Horticulture Building

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 $3.50 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 Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BARGAIN BOOK & STATE FAIR POSTER CARTS
2021 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. 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 exterior south wall of the Grandstand between the two entrance doors.

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. 20 to Sept. 9. For more information, visit mnstatefair.org/general-info/campground.

CARE & ASSISTANCE
8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. Labor Day), 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. ID wristbands and 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. (10 p.m. on Labor Day) or email guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

DAILY SCHEDULES

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. (9 p.m. on Labor Day)

Injuries and ailments can be treated at either first aid station. All staff and visitors to the first aid stations must wear face coverings. In the event of serious illness or injury, contact 911. For non-emergencies, contact 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 called the 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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Visitors Plaza
State FairWear Gift Shops - lower Grandstand and West End Gate 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 8 p.m.
*Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close ½ hour before rides and games close.

ID WRISTBANDS
Identification wristbands to help reunite found children or vulnerable adults with their lost families or caregivers are available free of charge at all information booths and in Care & Assistance.

INFORMATION BOOTH
_Sponsored by DISH_
Free daily schedules, hand sanitizer, maps (sponsored by Star Tribune), specialty brochures and more are available at all information booths. Booth locations and hours of operation are:

- Chambers Street: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Agriculture Horticulture Building (Judson Avenue): 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Baldwin Park (Randall Avenue): 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- DNR Park (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 (10 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 9 p.m.
- West End Gate (#16): 7:30 a.m. to 9 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 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 Arthur R. Blakey Jr. Police Station next door to the Lost & Found office. After the fair, anyone looking for lost items can call 651-288-4555, email lostandfound@mnstatefair.org or stop by the Lost & Found office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Thursday, Sept. 9, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 10. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14, through Friday, Sept. 24, 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. (excluding Saturdays and Sundays).

LOST PEOPLE
From 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 a deputy will initiate a search. If a child is not quickly reunited with their party, the deputy will escort the child to Care & Assistance.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIRWEAR GIFT SHOPS
Lower Grandstand – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day)
Visitors Plaza – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
West End Gate – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day)
State FairWear Gift Shops feature Minnesota State Fair merchandise, as well as Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and Official 2021 State Fair Commemorative Art merchandise featuring the work of Minnesota artist Kevin Cannon. 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. 24 & 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES
Religious services are offered on Sunday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Sept. 5. 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.

TROLLEYS
*Sponsored by Kwik Trip*
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. Monday through Saturday in Visitors Plaza. The store will be closed Sundays and Labor Day. 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 affiliated with 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.
History
MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HISTORY

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 six exceptions: in 1861 and 1862 due to the Civil War and U.S. – Dakota War of 1862; in 1893 due to scheduling conflicts with the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago; in 1945 due to federal government travel restrictions during World War II; in 1946 due to a polio epidemic; and in 2020 due to the covid pandemic.

2021 ANNIVERSARIES

160 Years • 1861
• The State Fair was canceled due to the Civil War

120 Years • 1901
• Vice President Theodore Roosevelt spoke to the Grandstand audience and uttered the famous phrase, “Speak softly and carry a big stick”

115 Years • 1906
• James J. Hill dedicated the original Livestock Amphitheatre (Hippodrome)
• Dan Patch sets the world pacing record of 1:55 on closing day, Sept. 8

110 Years • 1911
• A world record 6,000-pound cheese round from Pine Island was exhibited in the Dairy Building
• First statewide Boy Scout Encampment, 500 boys camped at the fairgrounds, and one troop from Granite Falls hiked to and from the Fair, a distance of 296 miles

105 Years • 1916
• First greenhouse built on the fairgrounds
• Officer’s Cottage (now the J.V. Bailey House) became a year-round residence for the State Fair’s gardener

100 Years • 1921
• Cattle Barn is completed (partial use of the barn was available in 1920)

90 Years • 1931
• Hottest day on record during the fair: 104 degrees on Sept. 10

85 Years • 1936
• Swine Barn is constructed
• WPA straightened Commonwealth Avenue (now known as Dan Patch Avenue)
• Logging camp was built on Machinery Hill (it moved and is now the Territorial Pioneers Cabin)

75 Years • 1946
• No fair due to the polio epidemic

70 Years • 1951
• The new Hippodrome (Coliseum) was completed
• Seifert Quadruplets of Sleepy Eye stayed in the Administration Building during the fair and were greeted by thousands of visitors
• Original Administration Building (the alms house of the Ramsey County Poor Farm) was razed after damaging windstorms
• Last year of stunt flying at the State Fair

65 Years • 1956
• FFA Children's Barnyard began

55 Years • 1966
• Happy Birthday! Fairchild makes his debut as the State Fair's official mascot

45 Years • 1976
• Century Farm Homestead recognition project began
• The "Gateway to Progress" arches were painted red, white and blue to celebrate the United States bicentennial
• State Fair History Museum debuts at Heritage Square

30 Years • 1991
• Visitors Plaza opens
• Pet Center opens
• New, recyclable beverage cups were used for concessionaires
• Moo Booth educational exhibit opens in the Cattle Barn

25 Years • 1996
• Vice President Al Gore visits the State Fair and gives a speech to thousands on Machinery Hill
• A naturalization ceremony was held at the Bandshell for 653 new U.S. citizens

20 Years • 2001
• Miracle of Birth Center joins the FFA Children's Barnyard
• SkyGlider added to the north end of the fairgrounds
• Adopt-A-Garden program debuts
• Deep Fried Candy Bars made its popular debut

15 Years • 2006
• CHS Miracle of Birth and FFA Chapter House & Leadership Center move from the FFA Children's Barnyard to a new, larger facility (its current location)
• Eco Experience held in the Progress Center debuted and focused on renewable energy and environmental issues

10 Years • 2011
• State Fair debuts its new smartphone app, which featured Food and Fun Finders, Merch Search and mapping tools
• First Military Appreciation Day
• State Fair History Walking Tour debuts, a project between the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and Minnesota Historical Society

5 Years • 2016
• Hen House exhibit added to the CHS Miracle of Birth Center
• Recipe Card Roundup (prize-winning recipes) given out in the Creative Activities Building
• Garden Kaleidoscopes (metal sculptures featuring spinning flower bowls) debuted in the Agriculture Horticulture Building
• New Family Fair Stage constructed at Baldwin Park

FAIRCHILD AND FAIRBORNE MASCOTS
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

• **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° 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 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

• 1976
  - The Century Farm program started, honoring Minnesota families who have owned farms for 100 years

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

• 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 food and beverage concession, 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 & 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 at 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
  - Math On-A-Stick debuted at Baldwin Park
• 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
• 2019
  - The State Fair breaks the cumulative attendance record with 2,126,551 attendees
  - The educational exhibit Goat Booth debuted in the Sheep & Poultry Barn
  - The North End neighborhood expanded to include the North End Event Center, Minnesota Corn Fairstalk, Minnesota Marquees, art photo ops and more

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
• 2020
  - Covid pandemic

EVOLUTION OF GRANDSTAND SHOWS
• 1885
  - Horses raced around the one-mile track
• 1889
  - 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 “Thill 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. Fair guests are invited to view non-livestock exhibits on the main floor, from aquatic robotics to 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 – Celebrating 100 Years  
*Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Stevens and Liggett streets*

The Livestock Pavilion, now known as the Cattle Barn, was partially opened in 1920 and completed in 1921. 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 100 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. On March 12, 2019, a section of the Cattle Barn sustained damage when a portion of the roof collapsed due to sliding snow load. Repair work began immediately, and the barn was ready for the 2019 fair.

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 more than 150 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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-H’ers returned for competition. Currently, the Horse Barn houses horses in State Fair competitions, along with the popular Aisle of Breeds exhibit.

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, this house 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)**  
*Sponsored by Xcel Energy*  
*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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day). Free with fair admission.
YE OLD MILL
Located on the corner of Carnes Avenue and Liggett Street
Ye Old Mill is the oldest attraction on the fairgrounds. Constructed in 1915, this ride has been coined as the “original tunnel of love.”

STATE FAIR DIGITAL ARCHIVES
With a 167-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/.
Special Days & Events
CALANDER/DAY DESIGNATIONS

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

Thursday, Aug. 26 • Opening Day

Today's Deals: Reduced admission – Adults (13-64) $14; Seniors (65+) $11; Kids (5-12) $11. Special ride & game promotions are offered at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special bargains for all fair guests.

STEM Day at Dan Patch Park (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.): SciMathMN brings together kids of all ages to celebrate and explore the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through hands-on learning, interactive STEM experiences, and connections to nonprofit STEM education providers, student groups and local businesses. Visit Dan Patch Park for a celebration of STEM, including a performance stage and more than 30 exhibitors providing hands-on and interactive opportunities to explore, discover, create and be inspired. See how everyday objects, systems and buildings are driven by science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Visitors will be able to drive robots, try their hand at computer coding, explore electricity with simple circuits, make straw rockets, simulate ecological restoration, build model State Fair buildings and more. #mnstemday2021

Opening Ceremony: At 10:15 a.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell, State Fair Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Ron Oleheiser declare the State Fair officially open at the Opening Ceremony with the national anthem and a flag raising by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.

Friday, Aug. 27

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

Governor's Fire Prevention Day at Dan Patch Park (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.): The 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 prevention focus at the DNR Building and Park (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): 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.

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. 28 • 4-H Day

Today: Visit the Livestock area and the 4-H Building for a variety of programs and judging events. Refer to the daily schedules in print or at mnstatefair.org for a complete schedule.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Minnesota Cooks™ Day at Dan Patch Park (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.): Minnesota Cooks™ is a unique one-day local foods celebration that showcases foods grown and raised right here in Minnesota, and highlights the chefs, bakers, brewers and other businesses and organizations that work directly with farmers to source Minnesota ingredients. Through cooking demonstrations and lively discussions with farmers, chefs, cooks, and local political, media, and arts personalities, Minnesota Cooks™ explores the critical role family farmers and agriculture play in building a resilient local food system in Minnesota.

Today Only: The 36th Annual 5K Milk Run, sponsored by Great River Energy, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Farmers Union and Giggle's 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. 30 • Seniors Day

Today's Deals: Reduced Admission – Seniors (65+) $11. Special ride & game promotions are offered at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special bargains for all fair guests.

Minnesota State Patrol Day at the North End (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.): Stop by the North End for experiences and learning galore as part of Minnesota State Patrol Day at the Minnesota State Fair. Guests can see what the amazing K-9s can do. New and vintage squad vehicles will be on display, and troopers from various specialty assignments will highlight some of the unique services offered by the Minnesota State Patrol. This is also a time for guests to interact with state troopers and get their questions answered.

Mental Health Awareness at Dan Patch Park (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.): This is a day filled with interactive, engaging, educational and fun activities for fair guests of all ages to explore mental health resources and information. Event organizers will host more than 50 organizations from throughout Minnesota to bring the most cutting-edge information on mental health and mental wellness to all. In addition, there will be a full lineup of diverse stage performances for a wide variety of audiences, including children's programming, cultural performances, youth performances musicians, therapy animals, and more. There will also be a collaborative art project anyone can help with as they walk through the event. Minnesotans of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to enjoy the day. Presented by NAMI Minnesota & Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health.
**Tuesday, Aug. 31 • 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): $11. Early Bird specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games until 1 p.m. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special 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 educational booths and organizations that support the military in celebration of Military Appreciation Day. On stage, guests can find entertainment, presentations and special musical guests, including performances by Sailor Jerri, Red Bull Rock Band, Johnny Holliday and more.

**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. A flyover takes place at 10:25 a.m. with two C130s from the 934th Airlift Wing. 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.

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**Wednesday, Sept. 1 • Kids Day**

**Today’s Deals:** Reduced admission – Kids (5-12) $11. Special ride & game promotions are offered for everyone at Mighty Midway and Kidway all day.

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**Thursday, Sept. 2 • Seniors Day**

**Today’s Deals:** Reduced admission – Seniors (65+) $11. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special bargains for all fair guests.

**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.

**Seniors Day at Dan Patch Park:** UCare kicks off an all-day program on the Dan Patch Park Stage at 9 a.m. with live ‘60s-’80s music from The Pearl Brothers that will continue throughout the afternoon. At 10 a.m., UCare hosts Stretch & Stroll to get seniors energized for a day at the fair. Guests can stop by for free giveaways and fun fitness programs throughout the day.

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**Friday, Sept. 3**

**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 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.

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**Saturday, Sept. 4 • 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.

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**Sunday, Sept. 5 • Friends of the Fair Day**

**Today:** Fair guests can stop by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation tent outside the J.V. Bailey House to pick up a free paper crown. (While supplies last.)

**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. Chef Sean Sherman and other members of his team will present cooking demonstrations and discuss the foundations of Indigenous food systems. Indigenous music and learning activities for both children and adults will also take place.

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**Monday, Sept. 6 • Kids Day**

**Today’s Deals:** Reduced admission – Kids (5-12) $11. 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 sixth year, Hmong Minnesota Day will feature a collaboration of Hmong artists and organizations from throughout Minnesota— including singers, dancers, martial artists, community leaders and more—for all to enjoy. The day will conclude with big-name Hmong American artists on stage for a grand finale. Stage performers consist of traditional and contemporary performances. The theme this year is about hope, healing and a celebration of life. The Asian American community has had to navigate the pandemic in unique ways, including the higher-than-average loss of lives due to COVID-19, an anti-Asian hate wave across the country, and having to balance cultural practices around COVID-19 compliances. This day will feature a tribute to honor the legacy of Hmong Americans who lost their lives to COVID-19 and will spread hope and healing to all.

Partners include: Hmong American Partnership; Hmong Education and Resource Fair; Hmong Minnesota Chamber of
SPECIAL EVENTS & CEREMONIES

50 Year Awards
Monday, Aug. 30, 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. 26 and 27, flag raising ceremonies occur at 10:25 a.m. daily. On Aug. 26, the flag raising is at 10:15 a.m. during the Opening Ceremony. On Aug. 27, the flag raising is at 10:10 a.m. as part of Governor's Fire Prevention Day at Dan Patch Park.

36th Annual Milk Run
Sponsored by Great River Energy, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Farmers Union and Giggles’ Campfire Grill
Sunday, Aug. 29, 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. 26, 10:15 a.m., Located at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell
Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Ron Oleheiser declare the State Fair officially open. The ceremony features a welcome to guests from around the world and a flag raising by the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office.

Outstanding Senior Citizens Award Ceremony
Sponsored by Humana
Seniors Day, Thursday, Sept. 2, 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. Presented by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs.

2021 Best Awards Ceremony
Thursday, Sept. 2, 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.

68th Princess Kay of the Milky Way Coronation
Wednesday, Aug. 25, 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 68th 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 612-423-0335.

Veterans Garden Ceremony
Tuesday, Aug. 31, 9:15 a.m., Located at the Veterans Garden on the south side of the Agriculture Horticulture Building
Minnesota’s military veterans of every era will be celebrated during a special ceremony at the State Fair’s Veterans Garden. The garden was established in 2005 on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, and honors all Minnesotans who served in the U.S. armed forces from territorial days through today. The garden features memorials to Minnesota veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Also featured is a Gold Star Families memorial honoring families of those who died while in military service to our nation, and a Blue Star Memorial honoring all American military veterans.
Special Exhibits
**BUTTER SCULPTURES**
*9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26–Sunday, Sept. 5, 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. 26, and Friday, Aug. 27, with one of the nine finalists’ likenesses carved each day of the fair through Sunday, Sept. 5. The princess being sculpted and the sculptor rotate in a 40-degree display cooler and periodically answer questions from the audience. This year, longtime butter sculptor Linda Christensen is scheduled to participate in her 50th and final year of butter sculpting, and is set to carve Princess Kay’s sculpture before “passing the job” to her successor, artist and Minnesota native Gerry Kulzer, who will sculpt the remaining finalists. Linda’s retirement ceremony will take place on Friday, Aug. 27, at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Dairy Building. For more information, please contact Megan Anderson with Bellmont Partners at megan@bellmontpartners.com or 612-423-0335.

**CAMBRIA KITCHEN**
*9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 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. (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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 Raptor Displays and Flying Demonstrations daily at 11 a.m., 2 & 4 p.m. except Sept. 1. (The 11 a.m. program is ASL interpreted.) 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 to learn about firefighting equipment and the impact of fires from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (8 p.m. on Labor Day). 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 teledentistry, the connection between thinking and talking, exercise as medicine, face scanning & mask fit, 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**
*Sponsored by Xcel Energy
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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**
*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 magician Jared Sherlock, The Flyin’ Hawaiian Show, 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
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 Minnesota Women's Soccer.

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. 30: 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.

• 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. 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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. Refer to the daily schedules for a complete schedule.

• Education Building
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the east side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
  - Minnesota Department of Health
  - Minnesota Lions Eye Bank & Hearing
  - Minnesota State Council on Disability
  - Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
  - North Bridge Corp.
  - Project Turnabout

• University of Minnesota
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 8 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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, then stop by the History & Heritage Center at the West End Market, the Minnesota Historical Society's booth in the Education Building until 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), or the tent outside the J.V. Bailey House until 8 p.m. (while supplies last). Tour brochures are available at each of the tour stops.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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. For a complete listing of entertainment on the International Bazaar Stage, see the “Entertainment” section in this media kit.

MINNESOTA CORN FAIRSTALK

The 24-foot-tall Minnesota Corn Fairstalk features giant LED screens displaying fun facts about corn and farming, as well as news from the fair. The eye-catching structure will also feature video of Minnesota’s corn farmers as they work to become the most sustainable and environmentally friendly corn farmers in the nation.

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association and Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council partnered with the Minnesota State Fair to bring the Fairstalk to the North End in 2019. 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.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR GARDENS

The Minnesota State Fairgrounds are home to spectacular gardens and green spaces and an Adopt-a-Garden program. Use the Finder on mnstatefair.org or in the Minnesota State Fair app to learn more about the plants and features in each garden.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTER

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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 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, free hot-off-the-press merchandise and more. Large colorful signs explore the impact newspapers have had on their communities and highlight the importance of defending freedom of the press.

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 and sommeliers 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. 26, through Saturday, Sept. 4, and at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5. Guests can sip along with live music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each night. For more information, search “Minnesota Wine Country” on Facebook or contact Briana Gruenewald with Bellmont Partners at briana@bellmontpartners.com or 651-366-1545.

OLD IRON SHOW

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

Reminiscient 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 a.m., noon, 2 & 4 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. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Grandstand, upper level, west end
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 Mighty Midway, West End Market and more fairgrounds sites.

WEST END MARKET
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), 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. 30-Sept. 2, 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. 30-Sept. 2 to win a prize.

August Schell Brewing Co.
Schell’s Stage Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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 Moondrift Hazy IPA, a tide-shifting tropical ale, or the brand-new Schell's LoCal Twist, a light citrus wheat beer with orange and grapefruit. A Schell's Schandy is also hitting the lineup this year along with a Cherry-Go-Round sour and the OAKtoberfest, an oak-aged take on their traditional Oktoberfest.

Bremer Bank
Agriculture Horticulture Building Sponsor and FFA Awards Ceremony Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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. 26-Sept. 6, Located south of Ramberg Music Cafe at Underwood Street and Judson Avenue*

This celebrated hot tub maker is world renowned as the No. 1 Global Manufacturer of Home Resort Products. Cal Spas produces premium collections of lifestyle products from its headquarters in Pomona, Calif., and distributes worldwide through a network of specialty dealers. Visit their booth south of the Ramberg Music Cafe for 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*

Cargill is working to nourish the world. They're bringing together people, ideas and resources to deliver products, technology and ways of operating that build successful businesses and communities.

**Cub**  
**Little Farm Hands Grocery Store Sponsor**  
*Located at the Little Farm Hands Grocery Store*

Cub is your local grocery store, committed to offering the best produce, period, a full selection of meat and seafood, deli and bakery favorites, natural & organic options, pet food, gift cards and flowers. Cub has been delivering great value and supporting the community for more than 50 years. With new ways to shop and new services, Cub looks forward to the next 50. Visit the Little Farm Hands Grocery Store for 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.

Device Pitstop is your one-stop tech shop. Visit any of their six phone charging stations around the fairgrounds to charge your phone and register to win a MacBook Pro. Get answers to your tech-related questions at their booth located under the Grandstand Ramp Sept. 4-6.

**DISH**  
**Information Booth Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on Randall Ave, between Cosgrove and Cooper streets*

Over the years, DISH transformed how generations embrace television. From satellite delivery in rural America to people who stream in urban America. They continue to strive to innovate our core business and are advancing upon our greatest challenge: They are going to disrupt the wireless industry and change the way the world communicates. Stop by their location on Randall Avenue, next to the information booth, for details about DISH Satellite TV, Google/Nest Smart Home Products, HughesNet, AirTV, SlingTV, OTA Antennas and Portable Satellite Antennas.

**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 18 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.

**Explore Minnesota**  
**Photo Op Sponsor**  
#OnlyinMN **Monument located at the West End Plaza**

New sights, new flavors and new adventures are calling, and they’re all easy to reach from right here in Minnesota. Get on the water to float, paddle or fish. Follow hiking or biking trails for great views, or beer trails for great brews. Or chart your own course with a road trip stringing together family attractions, museums and small-town gems. Visit ExploreMinnesota.com to find fun ways to close out summer and activate autumn in every part of the state.

**Giggles’ Campfire Grill**  
**The Milk Run Breakfast & Awards Ceremony Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on the southeast corner of Cooper Street and Lee Avenue*

Giggles’ Campfire Grill specializes in authentic, fresh and made-from-scratch Minnesota fish and game menu selections complemented by homemade sauces and toppings. Stop by for some North Woods-inspired fare, including the new Bison Bites with sweet bourbon sauce.
**Good Health Saunas**  
**The North Woods Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on the northeast corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, south of The North Woods**

Good Health Saunas provides top-of-the-line infrared saunas, valid technology certifications and conclusive information to customers to ensure safety, confidence and trust. Visit their booth for promotion and sales of Good Health Saunas, including revolutionary Far Infrared Saunas.

**Great River Energy**  
**Milk Run Sponsor**  
**Aug. 29, 7:45 a.m., Find Great River Energy at the Milk Run**

Great River Energy, proud sponsor of the Minnesota State Fair Milk Run, is the second largest electric power supplier in Minnesota and one of the largest generation and transmission cooperatives in the country.

**Green Mill Restaurant**  
**Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on the east side of Cooper Street at Baldwin Park, west of the Family Fair Stage**

Pizza. Pasta. Beer & Wings. At Green Mill locations across the Midwest, they do all those and more. They have a menu ready to cater to any of your cravings in an atmosphere that is uniquely comfortable and family-friendly. Here at the fair, visit their location at Baldwin Park for promotion and sales of Green Mill Restaurant food, including the official new food Pizza Lucy.

**Humana**  
**Outstanding Senior Citizens Program Sponsor; Ramberg Music Cafe Relax & Recharge Station Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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.

**Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Co.**  
**Leinie Lodge Bandshell Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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 new and beloved beers from 4-6 p.m. daily. Sales all day.

**Kemps**  
**Kemps Little Farm Hands and Little Farm Hands Dairy Barn Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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 celebrating more than 100 years of Kemps, plus promotion of Kemps products with sampling and interactive activities.

**Kwik Trip**  
**Trolley Sponsor**  
**Located at Machinery Hill, refer to mnstatefair.org for route information**

Two free trolleys serve the Machinery Hill area daily. No service 2-3 p.m. due to the daily parade. From the start, Kwik Trip focused on doing right by their customers and community. They've stocked the freshest foods and kept prices low by making things themselves and keeping a close eye on costs. Then they've passed those savings on to you.

**LeafFilter**  
**Home Improvement Building Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues**

LeafFilter protects your entire home from roof to foundation. Damage caused by clogged gutters can be devastating for your home but with LeafFilter, you are protected forever. Visit their booth for promotion and display of LeafFilter Gutter Protection.

**Mazda**  
**Nightly Fireworks Spectacular Sponsor**  
**Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located at the west Grandstand Plaza**

Promotion and display of Mazda’s crossover lineup, including the Mazda CX-30, Mazda CX-5 and Mazda CX-9. Visitors can stop by for a custom tote bag printed on a live printing press and to get additional product insights.
**Midwest Dairy**  
**Milk Run Co-Sponsor**  
*Aug. 29, 7:45 a.m., Find Midwest Dairy at the Milk Run*

Midwest Dairy works with others to give consumers an excellent dairy experience. They focus their efforts on sharing insights and developing programs and resources for retail, health and wellness, school food service and industry partners.

**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.

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

Minnesota Farm Bureau exists to serve their members because they share the values we all hold dear – hard work, love of community, passion for the land, and belief rooted in faith and family.

**Minnesota Farmers Union**  
**Milk Run and 4-H/FFA Animal Judging Cards Sponsor**  
*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*

Organized in 1896, the Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association is dedicated to the promotion of the long-term best interests of livestock breeders and producers and to represent them in the resolution of their common problems.

**Minnesota Lottery**  
**Blue Ribbon Bargain Book Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on the northwest corner of Judson Avenue and Nelson Street*

Educational content on how lottery proceeds impact the way Minnesotans play and live. Sales of lottery tickets, free gift with purchase, and second chance drawings for (30) $300 prize packs. Promoting Winnesota Summer and MN Vikings scratch games.

**Minnesota Rusco**  
**Deals, Drawings and Giveaways Guide Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, east side*

Minnesota Rusco is dedicated to providing your home with the most durable and attractive products available. They guarantee superior quality of each product with a lifetime limited transferrable manufacturer warranty. Visit their booth for 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.

**Paddle North**  
**Dairy Building Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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 2021 paddle board and kayak lineup, as well as offer fair-exclusive discounts and promotions.

**Sleep Number**  
**Grandstand Exhibit Building and Concert Series Sponsor**  
**FAIREst Date Night Sweepstakes Sponsor**  
*Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located in the Grandstand, lower level, southeast corner*

Individuality is the foundation at Sleep Number. Their purpose-driven company is comprised of more than 4,800 passionate team members who are dedicated to their mission of improving lives by individualizing sleep experiences. Their 360° smart beds provide each sleeper with adjustable, personalized comfort for proven quality sleep. They have improved more than 13 million lives as we strive to advance society’s wellbeing through higher-quality sleep. For life-changing sleep, visit Sleep Number in the Grandstand. Promotion and sales of the Sleep Number 360° smart bed, bedding & adjustable bases available on-site.
Star Tribune
Minnesota State Fair Maps Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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. 26-Sept. 6, 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 Berry Bazaar, brewed exclusively for the Minnesota State Fair. Berry Bazaar is a mildly tart Kölsch-style ale brewed with black currant and cranberry purees. Lightly hopped, slightly hazy and low in carbonation, it's a highly refreshing brew and the perfect accompaniment to all things Minnesota State Fair. It will be sold on its own or on-a-stick as part of a flight of select Summit beers at this booth. Skål!

T-Mobile
Selfie Spots Sponsor
Located on the west side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues

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. D.J. nightly from 5:30-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30–11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 5:15-9 p.m. Labor Day.

Xcel Energy
Eco Experience Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located at Eco Experience on the corner of Randall Avenue and Cosgrove Street
Xcel Energy is proud to sponsor Eco Experience at the Great Minnesota Get-Together. Visit their exhibit inside Eco Experience or check out the EV Garage located just outside the south entrance to learn more about their plans of getting to a carbon-free 2050 and how you can help them get there.

Xfinity
FAN Central Sponsor
Exhibiting Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 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. Free fun photo op. 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.)

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located in the North End Events Center, north of Murphy Avenue
Collection of blood donations and raising awareness of the importance of blood donation. Volunteer blood donors welcome. All presenting donors will receive a free gift while supplies last. Advance appointments are strongly encouraged.

Careers in Welding
Aug. 26-29, 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.

Catch Co.’s Bassmobile
Sept. 5-6, Located on the south side of Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets
In its outfitted RV featuring family-friendly games, activities, giveaways and innovative fishing gear products for sale, Catch Co. will share the joy of fishing and inspire beginning anglers.

Covid Community Vaccination Clinic at the Fair
Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located in the North End Events Center, north of Murphy Avenue
The Minnesota Department of Health, Ramsey County and Homeland Health are offering all eligible fair guests the chance to roll up their sleeves and get their free covid vaccine. Minnesotans can walk into the community vaccination clinic in the North End Event Center to receive their Pfizer-BioNTech or J&J/Janssen vaccine (based on availability), and after a short waiting period, return to the fun of the Great Minnesota Get-Together. No appointment, identification or insurance necessary.
Destination Healthy Skin  
*Aug. 28, Located on Underwood Street, north of Murphy Avenue east of the Pet Pavilions*

The Skin Cancer Foundation’s mobile skin cancer education and screening program will offer free full-body skin exams by licensed dermatologists in a specially equipped RV. Screenings are done on a first-come basis and subject to physician availability. No appointment necessary.

GEICO  
*Aug. 26-29, Located on Wright Avenue between Underwood and Cooper streets*

Promotion of GEICO auto insurance plus interactive games and prizes.

Human Touch  
*Aug. 26-Sept. 6, Located on Underwood Street between Carnes and Judson avenues*

Sale of Human Touch massage chairs and zero gravity chairs.
Ticketed Attractions
**ADVENTURE PARK**
9 a.m. to 11 p.m. (10 p.m. on Labor Day). Daily closing times may vary. Ticket booths close 1/2 hour before attractions close. NEW location on the south side of Judson Avenue between the CHS Miracle of Birth Center and the Dairy Building.

Adventure Park features extreme thrill attractions, including:

- **ROCK CLIMBING WALL**
  Simulated 25-foot-tall mountainside climbing for beginners to experts.
  $7 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.
  $35 per rider; Early Bird discounted cost of $28 per rider from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays

- **SLING SHOT**
  Hurls two riders at a time 140 feet straight into the air. $35 per rider; Early Bird discounted cost of $28 per rider from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays

- **TURBO BUNGY**
  Riders are harnessed in and perform trampoline stunts. $7 per person

**KIDWAY**
9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. on 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. 25 ($15 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride & game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway ticket booths ($1 for an individual ticket, $25 for a 28-ticket sheet and $50 for a 60-ticket sheet). Discounts and promotions are offered all day on Thursday, Aug. 26; Monday, Aug. 30; Wednesday, Sept. 1; and Monday, Sept. 6. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2; and Friday, Sept. 3. The following is a list of this year's rides and attractions at Kidway:

- Apple-Go-Round
- Beetle Bobs
- Big Bamboo Fun House
- Bumble Bees*
- Cars, Motorcycles & Dune Buggies
- Charlie Chopper
- Clown Around
- Combination Carousel
- Dive Bomber
- Dragon Wagon
- Ghost Pirate Dark Ride
- Hog Rally
- Kiddie Bumper Boats
- Kiddie Ferris Wheel
- Kite Flyer
- Lady Bug
- Merry-Go-Round
- Mini Swings
- Monkey Maze Glass House
- Monster Truck
- Puppy Express
- Raiders
- Safari Train
- Samba Balloon
- Sky Race*
- Slide
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Tractor Ride
- Wave Swinger
- Winky the Whale

(*new rides for 2021)

**MIGHTY MIDWAY**
10 a.m. to midnight (10:30 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. 25 ($15 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride & game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway ticket booths
($1 for an individual ticket, $25 for a 28-ticket sheet and $50 for a 60-ticket sheet). Discounts and promotions are offered all day on Thursday, Aug. 26; Monday, Aug. 30; Wednesday, Sept. 1; and Monday, Sept. 6. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2, and Friday, Sept. 3. 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
- Kamikaze
- Magic Maze Glass House
- New York New York Fun House
- Orbiter
- Riptide roller coaster*
- Rock Star
- Scooter
- Sea Ray
- Sizzler
- Sky Flyer
- Starship 3000
- Storm
- Techno Power
- Zero Gravity
- Zipper

(*new ride for 2021)

OTHER TICKETED ATTRACTIONS

- **Butterfly House**
  8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the northwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. $3.50 per visitor

- **Carousel**
  9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the west side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues. $3 per rider

- **Giant Slide**
  8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the east side of Nelson Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues. $3 per rider

- **Great Big Wheel**
  10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (9:30 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the southwest corner of Randall Avenue and Cooper Street, across from Family Fair at Baldwin Park. $6 per rider

- **Haunted House**
  9 a.m. to 11 p.m. (9 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the southeast corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street. $5 per visitor

- **Krazy Maze**
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the north side of Randall Avenue, south of the North Woods
  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

- **SkyGlider**
  9 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: $5, round-trip ticket: $8

- **Skyride**
  8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. Labor Day), Located on the west 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: $5; round-trip ticket: $8
• **Space Tower**  
  *9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. Labor Day) Located on the east side of Cooper Street south of the Leinie Lodge Bandshell*  
  This rotating ride provides passengers a 360 degree panoramic view of the Twin Cities from nearly 300 feet in the air. $5 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.
Ticketing & Savings
**TICKETS**

**Pre-Fair Tickets**
*Through Aug. 25*

- Pre-fair discount admission tickets: $13 (valid for any age, any day of the fair)
- Pre-fair Mighty Midway and Kidway discount ride & game tickets: $15 for a 20-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 mnstatefair.org, the State Fair Ticket Office, participating Cub locations and numerous locations in greater Minnesota and Hudson, Wis., through Aug. 25 (while supplies last). For a complete list of pre-fair discount ticket sales outlets, visit mnstatefair.org/tickets/admission-tickets.

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. 2 through Aug. 25, the State Fair Ticket Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Ticket office hours are:
- Aug. 2-20 Monday through Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Aug. 7 & 14 (Saturday): 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 21 (Saturday): 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug. 22 (Sunday): 9 a.m. to noon
- Aug. 23-25 (Monday-Wednesday): 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

**Fair-Time/Regular Admission Tickets**
*Aug. 26 through Labor Day, Sept. 6*

- Adults (13-64): $16
- Seniors (65+): $14
- Kids (5-12): $14
- 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. (6 a.m. to 8 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.

**NOTE:** Gate admission tickets purchased for the canceled 2020 fair are valid for this year's fair.

**Fair-Time Mighty Midway & Kidway Tickets**
*Aug. 26 through Labor Day, Sept. 6*

- $1 for an individual ticket
- $25 for a 28-ticket sheet
- $50 for a 60-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. (8 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. (10 p.m. on Labor Day). Guest Relations may also be reached at guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

SAVINGS

Special Discount Days

OPENING DAY • THURSDAY, AUG. 26
Admission prices are reduced all day when tickets are purchased at the gate, and many merchandise and food vendors offer special Opening Day bargains for all fair guests. All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

Gate Admission on Opening Day:
• Adults (13-64): $14
• Seniors (65+): $11
• Kids (5-12): $11
• Children (4 and under): free

SENIORS DAY • MONDAY, AUG. 30
Admission prices are reduced all day for seniors (65+) 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 bargains for all fair guests.

Gate Admission on Seniors Day:
• Adults (13-64): $16
• Seniors (65+): $11
• Kids (5-12): $14
• Children (4 and under): free

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY • TUESDAY, AUG. 31
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: $11
• Retired military and their spouses: $11
• Military veterans and their spouses: $11

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.

KIDS DAY • WEDNESDAY, SEPT 1
Kids (5-12) are admitted for $11 all day when tickets are purchased at the gate. Many merchandise and food vendors offer Kids Day bargains for all fair guests. All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.

Gate Admission on Kids Day
• Adults (13-64): $16
• Seniors (65+): $14
• Kids (5-12): $11
• Children (4 and under): free

SENIORS DAY • THURSDAY, SEPT. 2
Admission prices are reduced all day for seniors (65+) 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 bargains for all fair guests.

Gate Admission on Seniors Day:
• Adults (13-64): $16
• Seniors (65+): $11
• Kids (5-12): $14
• Children (4 and under): free

KIDS DAY • MONDAY, SEPT. 6
Kids (5-12) are admitted for $11 all day when tickets are purchased at the gate. Many merchandise and food vendors offer bargains for all fair guests. All-day specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides & games.
Gate Admission on Kids Day

- Adults (13-64): $16
- Seniors (65+): $14
- Kids (5-12): $11
- Children (4 and under): free

Blue Ribbon Bargain Book

*Sponsored by Minnesota Lottery*

The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book offers 100 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 mnstatefair.org, the State Fair Ticket Office, and at participating Cub locations and many locations in greater Minnesota and Hudson, Wis., through Aug. 25 (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, 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 Deals

Special food and merchandise bargains are offered on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, at many locations throughout the fairgrounds. These deals can be found on Sept. 6 in the Last Chance Day Deals flier at all information booths and at mnstatefair.org/deals-and-discounts/.

Mighty Midway and Kidway Specials

**ALL-DAY SPECIALS**

Special ride & game promotions are offered all day at Mighty Midway and Kidway Thursday, Aug. 26; Monday, Aug. 30; Wednesday, Sept. 1; and Monday, Sept. 6.

**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS**

Early Bird hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mighty Midway and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kidway. Early Bird ride and game promotions are offered on Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2 and Friday, Sept. 3.
Trivia
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’s corn comes from 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 in 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.)
• 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)
• Breed names of Buttercup, Dorking, and Maltese belong to what State Fair animal? (Chickens)
• Breed names of Giant Runt, Racing Homer, and Roller belong to what State Fair animal? (Pigeons)
• In what year was the current 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 types of animals compete in a costume contest at the State Fair? (Llamas, aplacas and sheep)

• 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 do 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)

• In 1955, Robert Karklin received a wristwatch and silver trophy for being the fair's millionth guest. (State Fair attendance first topped the 1 million mark on Sept. 5, 1955.)

• 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)
• On what day did a section of the Cattle Barn roof collapse due to sliding snow? (March 12, 2019)
• What song did John Philip Sousa first perform at the State Fair in 1927? (Minnesota March, composed for the University of Minnesota)
• The Ferris wheel was invented in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. What year was the first time it was at the State Fair? (1896)

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)
• How many square feet is the North End Event Center? (12,000 square feet)
• How tall is the Minnesota Corn Fairstalk? (24 feet)
• How many gallons of milk did the cows in the Milking Parlor at the Moo Booth produce in 2019? (Almost 11,000 gallons)

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? (2,126,551 guests attended the fair in 2019.)
• What is the oldest standing daily attendance record? (The oldest standing daily attendance record is the first Sunday of the State Fair in 1994. That day, 209,969 guests attended the fair.)
• 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)
• Mascots Fairchild and Fairborne are what type of animals? (gophers)
• 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 2019? (About 46%)
• How many acres make up the State Fairgrounds? (322 acres)
• What was the 2019 State Fair's average daily attendance? (177,213 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 2019? (80 tons)
• How many tons of glass, plastic and aluminum were collected and recycled during the 2019 fair? (50 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 many steps does it take to get to the top of the five story Giant Slide? (100 stairs)
• How much government funding or what sum of taxpayer dollars does the State Fair receive? (The State Fair does not receive state 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)
• What are the two oldest buildings on the fairgrounds? (The Progress Center and Fine Arts Center. Both buildings were built in 1907.)
• 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 was the longest-running entertainer at the State Fair? (Sean Emery, who performed each day of the fair since 1991, and retired after the 2019 State Fair.) We’ll miss his zany antics at the Family Fair Stage at Baldwin Park!
• The daily parade always ends with which float? (A Black Angus steer advertising the Minnesota Beef Expo)
What’s New!
**ATTRACTIONS**

- **MIGHTY MIDWAY RIDE**
  10 a.m. to midnight (10:30 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.

  Mighty Midway features one new ride:
  - **Riptide**: This spectacular roller coaster, reaching 55’ high, has all the ups and down and twists and turns for that end-of-summer adrenaline rush.

- **NEW LOCATIONS FOR THREE ATTRACTIONS**
  - 4-H Llama-Alpaca Costume Competition is the kitschy contest unique to Minnesota, where 4-H’ers and their llamas and alpacas dress in complementary costumes. For a better fan experience this year, the contest moves to the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum. It will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Following the contest, the fun continues with 4-H’ers and their llamas and alpacas competing in novelty games.
  - Adventure Park, the fair’s biggest thrill attractions, including Skyscraper, Sling Shot, Turbo Bungy and Rock Climbing Wall, moves southeast to the south side of Judson Avenue between the CHS Miracle of Birth Center and the Dairy Building.
  - FFA Agriculture Technology Exhibits are now showcased in the Agriculture Horticulture Building. Formerly housed in the Education Building, this group of competitions features the work of talented FFA youth who are exhibiting restored tractors; large construction agricultural and home equipment; introductory projects such as bird houses and tool boxes; educational material and displays; and much more.

**COMPETITION**

- **NORTH AMERICAN SIX-HORSE HITCH CLASSIC CART CENTRAL REGIONAL FINALS**
  Thursday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m., Located in the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum, south of Judson Avenue between Liggett & Clough streets.

  Bringing together premier draft horse hitches from a region encompassing 12 states and central Canada, the Minnesota State Fair Horse Show is proud to host the prestigious Central Regional Finals exhibition. At stake is a coveted spot in the North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series World Finals Championship to be held later this year. This event is free with fair admission.

- **CROP ART TO GO COMPETITION**
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building, on the west side of Cooper Street north of Judson Avenue.

  In 2020, fair fans made the most of a year without a get-together and purchased the first-ever Crop Art To Go kits to try their hand at a State Fair tradition unlike any other. Now in 2021, there will be a new competition category open to those who made creations using the patterns and materials included in their at-home kits. Unique to the Minnesota State Fair, crop art is made from Minnesota-grown seeds, stems and other plant parts, and the talent, humor and creativity of Minnesotans is on full display in the Agriculture Horticulture Building. The deadline to register is Aug. 13 for those who have a summer or holiday edition of the kit and would like to enter. (Sorry, the kits are sold out and no longer available.)

**EXHIBITS**

- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the North End Event Center, on the north side of Murphy Avenue.

  The American Red Cross brings an expanded pop-up donation site to the North End Event Center at a time when the nation’s blood supply could use a big boost. They will have more donation beds, more staff and more space to create an enjoyable, comfortable donation experience at the fair. The center will also include Power Red machines, so eligible donors can give nearly twice the amount of red cells to help more patients. In addition, eligible donors can choose to receive free sickle cell trait screening. The summer’s severe blood shortage and ongoing disaster responses mean the need for blood donations is great. Advance appointments are strongly encouraged at redcross.org/mnstatefair. There will be donor giveaways and the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Red Cross.

- **COVID COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINIC AT THE FAIR**
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located in the North End Event Center, on the north side of Murphy Avenue.

  The Minnesota Department of Health, Ramsey County and Homeland Health are offering all eligible fair guests the chance to roll up their sleeves and get their free covid vaccine. Minnesotans can walk into the community vaccination clinic in the North End Event Center to receive a Pfizer-BioNTEch or J&J/Janssen covid vaccine (based on availability), and after a short waiting period, return to the fun of the Great Minnesota Get-Together. No appointment, identification or insurance necessary.

- **FRASER SENSORY BUILDING**
  9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (8 p.m. on Labor Day), Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street, south of the Home Improvement Building.

  This brand-new take-a-break sensory space in the Fraser Sensory Building will offer a calming atmosphere, support staff and
private side entrance for guests of all ages with sensory-processing challenges who may find the sights, sounds and smells of the fair overwhelming. Fraser-trained sensory support volunteers will help fair guests calm their sensory systems with tools and techniques, so they can rejoin the fun. Front-of-building activities include games, giveaways, special guests, employment information and educational resources. Fraser, a nonprofit that has served Minnesotans for more than 85 years, is the premier provider and expert on services that intersect the needs of autism, mental health and diverse intellectual, emotional and physical needs.

**FOOD**

For the list of official new foods and new food vendors and their locations, please see the “Food & Beverage” section of this media kit.

**MERCHANDISE**

Located throughout the fairgrounds

The Minnesota State Fair offers a shopping experience like no other! The following new vendors join nearly 900 merchants spread throughout the fairgrounds.

• **HANDCRAFTED HOME & GARDEN DÉCOR**
  - The Art Cave Company: Artistically restored exact replicas of official patent art images on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
  - Bailey Builds: Wood mosaic wall artwork made in Duluth with new and reclaimed wood
  - D-Lighted Designs: Custom-engraved acrylic designs with LED light stands and frames
  - Paul's Porch Pots: Maple syrup buckets repurposed as porch pots, plus other décor
  - Perfect Pleasures: Handmade copper and brass garden items
  - Reflections By Megan: Original black and white acrylic paintings by artist Megan Johnson printed on cards, paper, canvases, T-shirts, stickers and totes
  - Ricki and Sons: Custom and Minnesota-themed metal home décor, wall art, outdoor metal art, fire pit surrounds and lake signs
  - Wetrock Co.: Handcrafted artisanal furnishings pairing foundry hand-poured cast iron with natural wood

• **HOBBIES & FOODIE FUN**
  - Gentleman Forager: Specializing in wild-sourced or wildly unique products such as Lions Mane Mushroom-Infused Nut Butter and Wild Black Walnut Roll Premium Candy Bars. Other items include fresh wild mushrooms, urban farm-raised cricket snacks, grow-at-home mushroom kits, mushroom soap, foraging tools and more.
  - Götze: Professional-grade Swiss kitchen scissors and peelers
  - Here's the Deal Spice Co.: Unique spice blends, including 127 Blend, BBQ Rib Rub, Wing Blend, Togarashi and Bloody Mary Rim
  - Kracken Adventure Bikes: Folding electric bikes designed for those who like to travel
  - Line Cutterz: As seen on Shark Tank: Patented Line Cutterz ring and zipper pulls to cut fishing line. Plus lanyards, kayak nets, bug repellant, micro scissors, logoed hats and shirts, and more
  - Own Your Own Arcade Game: Brand-new classic arcade games
  - Stunt Puppy: Locally made gear for active dogs and their owners
  - Traeger Wood-Fired Grills: Wood pellet grills, wood pellets, grill accessories, sauces and rubs

• **UNIQUE GIFTS**
  - Carden Farms: Handmade wood and metal folk art designs featuring the Log Hog. Plus soaps, beard and shaving kits and more
  - Fantastic World of Art by Russian Souvenirs: Music boxes, ornaments, nesting dolls, figurines, Fabergé eggs, lacquer boxes, hand-painted jewelry and decorative trays
  - Faribault Woolen Mill: Ultra-fine wool blankets, throws, scarves, totes, coffee sleeves, wine bags and more
  - Green Bubble Gorgeous: Handcrafted soaps, body butters, sugar scrubs, lip balms, lotions, bath bombs, soaps and more
  - Native Spirit: Native crafts; dream catchers; leather, beaded, silver and bamboo jewelry; apparel; backpacks and handbags
  - Pink Zebra: Sprinkle fragrances, simmering lights, oil fragrances, hand sanitizer, car fresheners and more
  - Rock HQ: Officially licensed band and music apparel, wallets, bags, jewelry and more
  - Steller Handcrafted Goods: Nordic creations made from repurposed wool sweaters – mittens, purses, catnip mice and more. Plus a variety of Scandinavian gift items
  - StrauBerry Park: Children's books and plush toys by local author/illustrator Christopher Straub. Plus enamel pins, stickers, shirts and more
- **Worker B**: Beehive-derived skincare products, beeswax candles, raw and local honey, herbal tea, custom aromatherapy blends and other pollinator-friendly items
- **Your Ears Rock**: Raising awareness of noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus through the Loudest Drive Competition, which measures the impulse level of a driver hitting a golf ball, plus sales of NHL and NCAA officially licensed hearing protection

**THREADS & ACCESSORIES**
- **Batakali Fashion Design**: African clothing, hats and jewelry
- **Crystal Vision**: Sunglasses for men, women and children
- **Hippy Feet**: American-made eco-friendly socks and apparel by a Minneapolis corporation with a mission to support homeless youth
- **Just For Littles**: Children’s clothing, including dresses, socks, leggings and shorts
- **Korie’s Kloset**: Boutique children’s clothes, backpacks, headbands, sun hats and birthday crowns
- **Midsommar Clothing Company**: Nordic-inspired flag-forward T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and more
- **Minnesota Explorer**: Branded flannel wear, loungewear, athletic apparel, socks, backpacks, tote bags, blankets and more
- **Nobler Wild**: Handcrafted, vintage-inspired children’s clothing designs by Tiffany Fealty, children’s shoes and accessories and face coverings
- **Southern Glam Boutique**: Women’s jeans, shirts, scarves, dresses, boots and shoes
- **Switch Hoods**: Women’s denim jackets, cargo jackets and vests – all with interchangeable hoods
- **Three Wandering Gypsys**: Variety of women’s footwear brands

**OUT & ABOUT AND IN THE COMMUNITY**
- **Action 4 Liberty**: Sign up to support the Action 4 Liberty mission and spin to win giveaways
- **Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota**: Support and information about available services for veterans
- **Lift Up**: Connecting donors who want to support life-changing impact locally and globally through certified, tangible projects such as clean water, housing, health care, education and hunger relief
- **Minnesota Propane Association**: Promoting propane safety and Minnesota propane companies
- **Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors**: Educational materials promoting the land surveyor profession
- **Minnesota Women’s Soccer**: Brand-new expansion franchise of the pre-professional United Soccer League W League, set to begin play in May 2022
- **NorthBridge Corp.**: Three companies – Rumi, a roommate matching platform connecting individuals with disabilities to caregiver-roommates; Bridges, which empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve goals and live their most independent lives; and Northstar Behavioral Health, specializing in stimulant and opioid addiction recovery
- **Northern Minnesota Arrowhead Region**: Showcasing the many beautiful sights and things to do in Minnesota’s Iron Range area
- **The People’s Party**: Information on a new progressive populist political party
- **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC)**: Interactive walk-thru display with information about the history, culture, language and values of the SMSC and Minnesota’s 10 other tribal nations. The first tribal government to have an exhibit booth at the State Fair, the SMSC also presents information on the Understand Native Minnesota campaign to improve education about and representation of Native Americans in Minnesota school curriculum.
- **United States Postal Service**: Employee recruiting and information on current job openings
- **Visit Bemidji**: Visitor guides and tourism information on arts & entertainment, outdoor experiences, shopping, dining and more

**HOME SOLUTIONS**
- **Clauson’s**: All-natural, non-toxic, biodegradable Clauson’s Green polish and multi-surface cleaner
- **Dirttrapper Mat**: Doormat fibers keep dirt, mud, leaves, grass and water off floors and carpet, with anti-skid backing
- **Eurosteam Iron**: Ultimate steam iron in compact designs with a powerful built-in boiler system
- **Hamernick’s Interior Solutions**: Twin Cities’ premier source for residential and commercial flooring
- **Nordness**: Patented NORL™ drill bit holder
- **Shelf Genie Twin Cities**: Design and implementation of custom home access solutions for cabinets and pantries
- **WaterFurnace International**: Geothermal and water source heat pumps
OTHER NEW ELEMENTS

• **JOYFUL WORLD MURAL PARK**
  *Select artists on-site 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, weather permitting. Murals and information about the artists will be on display all 12 days, Located on the west side of Chambers Street between West Dan Patch & Carnes avenues.*

Imagination and joy come to life as local artists paint 12 large-scale artworks that reflect the world they want to live in. Throughout the fair’s 12 days, artists will be on-site creating their murals. Stop by to watch the work in progress by these participating artists: Leslie Barlow, Jennifer Davis, Jose Dominguez, Hibaaq Ibrahim, Tom Jay, Maiya Lea, Geno Okok, Shade Pratt, Xee Reiter, Joy Spika, Kao Lee Thao and Thomasina Topbear. Joyful World Mural Park is produced in partnership with Forecast Public Art.

• **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE CATTLE BARN**
  *Located on the south side of Judson Avenue, between Stevens & Liggett streets*

One of the most iconic buildings on the State Fairgrounds, the Cattle Barn, was completed in 1921. Originally known as the Livestock Pavilion, it is a massive brick structure covering 117,450 square feet with sufficient housing for 1,000 head of cattle. It was designed by famed and prolific architect Clarence H. Johnston. Among his extensive list of work is the design of Williams Arena and Northrop Auditorium at the University of Minnesota, Glensheen Mansion in Duluth and dozens of stately homes in St. Paul, especially on Summit Avenue. Fair guests can stop by to view an educational timeline outlining the classic building's many milestones over the past century, plus participate in a photo opportunity to commemorate 100 years.

• **2021 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR COMMEMORATIVE ART BY KEVIN CANNON**
  *A portion of the 2021 State Fair commemorative art is featured on the cover of this media kit.*

The Minnesota State Fair's 2021 Commemorative Art was created by cartoonist and illustrator Kevin Cannon. Originally commissioned for the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, the piece was modified for 2021 after the previous year's fair was canceled due to the pandemic. Cannon's highly detailed watercolor rendition of a fairgrounds map was designed to represent a timeless view of the State Fair and required only slight modifications for use in 2021. In addition to revising the date, he added a streamer with the 2021 State Fair tagline “Great Minnesota Get-Back-Together.” “That banner is really the only nod to the crazy year we’ve had,” Cannon said. The painting provides a whimsical and jam-packed overview of the State Fair. “My hope is that people will get lost in my image, in the same way it’s fun to get lost at the fair itself, not exactly having a plan, just wandering, exploring and finding something new and exciting around every corner,” he said.

Cannon is best known for his detailed cartoon maps in the Star Tribune, as well as his humorous all-ages graphic novel, “The Cartoon Introduction to Philosophy.” Born and raised in St. Louis Park, his art career began at a very early age, drawing with Mr. Sketch markers on scraps of foam core from his uncle's photography studio. He went on to study studio art at Grinnell College in Iowa and resettled in Minneapolis after short stints living in London and Manhattan. The last decade has found him splitting his time between drawing children's books and creating illustrations for clients such as Apple, Harvard and the U.S. Naval Academy and publications such as The Village Voice, Minnesota Monthly and Mpls.St.Paul Magazine.

The commemorative poster and other merchandise featuring the art are available for purchase at mnstatefair.org and will also be available during the fair at State FairWear Gift Shops and Bargain Book and State Fair Poster Carts on the fairgrounds (limited-edition signed prints are sold out). Proceeds will support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) mission to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, fairgrounds and educational programs.

The original piece will be displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the fair.

• **SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS**
  *Located throughout the fairgrounds*

Seven touring exhibits make a stop at the fair this year. See a list of all touring promotional exhibits in the “Special Exhibits” section of this media kit. Highlights for 2021 include:

  - **Catch Co.'s Bassmobile**
    *9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 only, Located on the south side of Wright Avenue between Underwood & Cooper streets*

    In its outfitted RV featuring family-friendly games, activities, giveaways and innovative fishing gear products for sale, Catch Co. will share the joy of fishing and inspire beginning anglers.

  - **Destination Healthy Skin**
    *9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 only, Located on Underwood Street, north of Murphy Avenue east of the Pet Pavilions*

    The Skin Cancer Foundation's mobile skin cancer education and screening program offers free full-body skin exams by licensed dermatologists in a specially equipped RV. Screenings are done on a first-come basis and subject to physician availability. No appointment necessary.

• **UPDATES TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**
  *Located on our website at mnstatefair.org/updates/

The fair's website has a new section called “Updates to Know Before You Go” where fair guests can learn about what's new and changed and how to make the most of a visit to the Great Minnesota Get-Together in 2021. It will be updated throughout the summer.
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