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Minnesota State Fair Announces “2022 Best Awards”

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair presented awards to 13 of the very best of the State Fair’s nearly 1,000 commercial exhibitors, concessions, attractions and food and beverage vendors at the 2022 Great Minnesota Get-Together. In a ceremony held at 10 a.m. today on the International Bazaar Stage, State Fair General Manager Jerry Hammer presented Best Awards to the following:

Ball Park Cafe – Sells a wide selection of craft beers, gourmet burgers, garlic fries and more. (Located on the east side of Underwood Street between Dan Patch and Carnes avenues)

Break-A-Bottle Game by Thornberry Concessions - This game is located at Mighty Midway.

Fiore Trees - This garden features several hand-forged metal flower-basket trees inspired by Italian artistry. (Located at the West End Plaza)

Hansen’s Amusement Foods - Sells foot-long corn dogs, chicken strips, salads, a variety of breakfast items and assorted beverages and more. (Located on the north side of Judson Avenue between Stevens and Liggett streets, outside the Horse Barn)

KMOJ Radio - KMOJ’s vision is to provide communities of color with information and education through the vehicle of mass communication. (Located on Clough Street between Carnes and Judson avenues)

Minneapple Pie - Sells the Official New Food Minneapple Blueberry Pie as well as other deep-fried pies, plus assorted beverages including apple lemonade. (Located on the south side of Judson Avenue between Nelson and Underwood streets)

Puzzle Twist - Sells a variety of special-edition puzzles, including Minnesota-themed puzzles, plus a State Fair puzzle, puzzle accessories and more. (Located in the center aisle of the Merchandise Mart)

Rick’s Pizza by R&J Concessions – This new food vendor sells Pickle Pizza, an official new food this year, and other varieties of pizza and assorted beverages. (Located on the west side of Cosgrove Street between Wright and Dan Patch avenues)

Root’d - Sells accent furniture, home and garden décor, accessories and more. (Located in the Veranda on the upper level of the Grandstand)

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community - Showcases educational information on the Sioux community’s history, culture, language and values, as well as the many ways they give back to the community. (Located in the Education Building)

Soul Bowl - This new food vendor sells the Official New Food Soulsicle, plus the Donut Peach Cobbler and Queen B Lemonade. (Located in the Food Building, east wall)

Techno Power - This ride is located at Mighty Midway.

Tilt-A-Whirl - This ride is located at Kidway.

These recipients were selected because they exemplify these characteristics:

- 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.

For more information about the Best Awards visit mnstatefair.org/competitions/best-awards/.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. The 2022 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 25 - Labor Day, Sept. 5. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information.

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