



THE GREAT MINNESOTA GET-TOGETHER
TWELVE DAYS OF **FUN** ENDING LABOR DAY

Dear Fair Friends and Media,

The State Fair is one of Minnesota's most treasured traditions. Its rich history began more than 150 years ago, which is why this place is bursting with stories. You can cover almost any beat imaginable at the State Fair: food, entertainment, small business, music, innovation, agriculture, art, culture, shopping, agribusiness, education, home and garden, environment, or children and families. You name it. There's a story here for you.

The fair is for Minnesotans. They take great pride and ownership in their fair, which means there are hundreds of human interest stories on the fairgrounds, too. Everybody has a State Fair story.

The fair is everything that is Minnesota. It's all here. It's 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. We hope you enjoy your coverage as much as we enjoy being part of the Great Minnesota Get-Together's magic.

It's our pleasure to assist you in covering news at the 2010 Minnesota State Fair. Please use this press kit as a reference for new foods and attractions, contact information, fair facts, historical information and story ideas.

Enjoy the fair!

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On the cover: See page 83 in the "What's New?!" section for more information on the 2010 commemorative art by Minnesota artist Deborah Voyda Rogers.



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Open 24-Hours

For additional emergency services, dial **9-911** from any State Fair phone.

INTERVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

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MEDIA PHOTO GALLERY

High-resolution State Fair photographs are available for download and journalists' use. Please visit the media photo gallery at http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/media_galleries.html. Click on a thumbnail to enlarge a photo then right click to save or drag the enlarged photo onto your desktop. After the JPG appears on your desktop, the photo will be suitable for print. 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, 2010) whenever possible.

ON-LINE MEDIA ROOM

Our on-line media room is available to all media through the State Fair web site. To download State Fair news releases, fact sheets, State Fair photos and copies of this media kit please visit http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/media.html or click on the "media" link at the bottom of our home page. State Fair Foundation information can be found online at <http://www.msffoundation.org> under the "About Us" tab.

PHOTOGRAPHY ACCESS • GRANDSTAND

Photographers and videographers may access the Grandstand to photograph or film a brief portion of the evening's concert. Please note that access may be restricted depending on the artist. To photograph or film a Grandstand event, please contact Brooke Dillon the afternoon of the show at (651) 288-4381. We will meet your photography staff outside the Grandstand prior to the show's start to escort them in and out of the venue.

ATTENDANCE HISTORY 1988-2009

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
	Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Aug. 22-Sept. 2	Aug. 27-Sept. 7
Thursday	87,414	70,933	72,998	71,242	104,461
Friday	109,426	101,498	101,472	96,665	118,135
Saturday	181,385	153,106	161,036	165,372	164,029
Sunday	175,622	172,225	142,531	147,805	167,001
Monday	127,208	115,017	104,980	105,494	116,458
Tuesday	109,731	105,033	92,234	87,982	87,139
Wednesday	99,836	96,666	117,904	97,569	95,995
Thursday	130,315	111,360	134,130	112,279	131,099
Friday	134,065	153,070	124,491	128,513	119,960
Saturday	179,329	207,259	200,665	196,658	158,761
Sunday	177,312	170,854	179,654	175,689	199,951
Monday	109,636	94,610	96,593	103,542	87,614
TOTALS	1,621,279	1,551,631	1,528,688	1,488,810	1,550,603

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Aug. 26-Sept. 6	Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 22-Sept. 2	Aug. 21-Sept. 1
Thursday	76,410	63,646	64,865	80,124	107,225
Friday	118,916	107,596	110,090	113,631	115,078
Saturday	171,963	146,450	158,045	169,353	171,032
Sunday	157,163	209,969	183,698	173,537	181,627
Monday	95,619	143,998	107,915	124,966	122,956
Tuesday	118,036	87,705	90,148	103,200	99,190
Wednesday	114,256	103,050	97,327	107,873	103,758
Thursday	112,207	116,611	155,183	135,537	140,246
Friday	142,843	108,075	159,106	150,748	140,852
Saturday	198,124	193,650	225,249*	203,293	202,259
Sunday	179,616	137,556	196,219	189,630	183,386
Monday	116,172	143,624	125,467	122,084	115,845
TOTALS	1,601,325	1,561,930	1,673,312	1,673,976	1,683,454

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	Aug. 27-Sept. 7	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Aug. 24-Sept. 4	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Aug. 22-Sept. 2
Thursday	97,621	109,643*	99,436	103,099	92,134
Friday	123,225	116,426	116,370	110,994	107,874
Saturday	202,126	185,704	178,395	173,419	170,825
Sunday	193,518	199,754	179,573	174,275	173,722
Monday	136,400	121,749	129,749	134,922	131,067
Tuesday	94,776	103,521	104,574	110,376	102,011
Wednesday	90,150	83,758	101,780	90,405	97,864
Thursday	104,259	91,827	107,751	137,588	126,082
Friday	131,405	114,024	143,757	164,166	172,367
Saturday	202,787	187,851	207,787	221,637	213,476
Sunday	176,321	215,761*	179,943	205,853	182,678
Monday	136,446	144,432*	133,510	136,242	136,386
TOTALS	1,689,034	1,674,450	1,682,625	1,762,976*	1,706,486

ATTENDANCE HISTORY 1988-2009 cont.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Aug. 21–Sept. 1	Aug. 26–Sept. 6	Aug. 25–Sept. 5	Aug. 24–Sept. 4	Aug. 23–Sept. 3
Thursday	107,884	101,915	101,632	75,910	79,192
Friday	121,743	129,827*	103,919	112,065	122,632
Saturday	177,325	175,115	171,503	167,634	182,277
Sunday	159,165	164,672	174,925	166,849	175,195
Monday	108,188	126,518	121,951	117,826	108,732
Tuesday	100,114	103,336	108,551	106,192	87,205
Wednesday	109,897	92,697	93,549	128,966*	114,355
Thursday	120,743	99,953	116,142	137,894	127,898
Friday	179,052*	137,101	140,017	170,053	161,807
Saturday	214,276	204,934	174,544	194,032	200,813
Sunday	211,573	158,733	189,745	142,949	190,531
Monday	131,865	137,139	136,398	160,209*	131,041
TOTALS	1,741,825	1,631,940	1,632,876	1,680,579	1,681,678

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Aug. 21–Sept. 1	Aug. 27–Sept. 7	Aug. 26–Sept. 6	Aug. 25–Sept. 5	Aug. 23–Sept. 3
Thursday	103,974	114,439*			
Friday	96,993	124,991			
Saturday	171,663	189,077			
Sunday	183,258	191,071			
Monday	130,767	131,705			
Tuesday	117,196	129,423*			
Wednesday	88,228	110,931			
Thursday	116,143	122,732			
Friday	165,194	155,805			
Saturday	209,399	207,075			
Sunday	189,228	186,324			
Monday	121,220	126,924			
TOTALS	1,693,263	1,790,497*			

* all-time attendance record

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

DAILY RECORDS

Day	Attendance	Year Established
Thursday	114,439	2009
Friday	129,827	2004
Saturday	202,126	1998
Sunday	209,969	1994
Monday	143,998	1994
Tuesday	129,423	2009
Wednesday	128,966	2006
Thursday	155,183	1995
Friday	179,052	2003
Saturday	225,249	1995
Sunday	215,761	1999
Monday	160,209	2006

CUMULATIVE RECORDS

Rank	Attendance	Year Established
1	1,790,497	2009
2	1,762,976	2001
3	1,741,825	2003
4	1,706,486	2002
5	1,693,263	2008
6	1,689,034	1998
7	1,683,454	1997
8	1,682,625	2000
9	1,681,678	2007
10	1,680,579	2006
11	1,674,450	1999
12	1,673,976	1996
13	1,673,312	1995
14	1,632,876	2005
15	1,631,139	2004

ATTENDANCE WORKSHEET 2010

DAY	RECORDS	2009	2010
Thursday	114,439 ('09)	114,439	_____
Friday	129,827 ('04)	124,991	_____
Saturday	202,126 ('98)	189,077	_____
Sunday	209,969 ('94)	191,071	_____
Monday	143,998 ('94)	131,705	_____
Tuesday	129,423 ('09)	129,423	_____
Wednesday	128,966 ('06)	110,931	_____
Thursday	155,183 ('95)	122,732	_____
Friday	179,052 ('03)	155,805	_____
Saturday	225,249 ('95)	207,075	_____
Sunday	215,761 ('99)	186,324	_____
Monday	160,209 ('06)	126,924	_____
RECORD TOTAL	1,790,497 ('09)	1,790,497	_____

AGRICULTURAL 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 State Fair 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, individuals continue the tradition of showcasing Minnesota's agriculture. People come from all over the state to show the very best in livestock, horses and crops. Far from a frozen wasteland, Minnesota is a national leader in agricultural exports.

Agrilympics

Brought to you by Land O'Lakes

Celebrities compete in agricultural contests. All contests are held on the LAND O LAKES® Stage, which is located outside the northwest end of the Cattle Barn. Schedule of competition for 2010 includes:

- **Friday, Aug. 27**

2:30 p.m.: Celebrity Milking Contest - Celebrities vie for the title of "Expert Cowhand" by hand milking a cow.

- **Tuesday, Aug. 31**

12:20 p.m.: Celebrity Farm Animal Calling Contest - Celebrities vie for the title of Champion Animal Caller.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1**

1 p.m.: Wool Pack-O-Rama–Celebrity Division - Celebrities vie to be the champion wool packer.

- **Thursday, Sept. 2**

12:20 p.m.: Celebrity Butter Carving Contest - Celebrities will compete to see who is the best butter sculptor.

- **Friday, Sept. 3**

2:30 p.m.: Agrilympics Medal Ceremony - Gold, silver and bronze medals are given out at the conclusion of the week-long Agrilympics competition.

Aisle of Breeds

Located in the center aisle of the Horse Barn

A myriad of horse breeds are showcased throughout the 12 days of the State Fair. Breeds may include: Peruvian, Norwegian Fjord, Paso Fino, Cleveland Bay, Pintabian, Pinto, Appaloosa, Percheron, Quarter Horse, American Bashkir Curly, Clydesdale, Paint, Rocky Mountain Saddlehorse, Standardbred and many more. See the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure included with this media kit for additional information.

CHS Miracle of Birth Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (3 p.m. on Labor Day), *Judson Avenue at Clough Street*

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Miracle of Birth Center, which debuted at the fair in 2000, and moved to its current location in 2006. This agricultural education exhibit is the birthplace of nearly 200 animals including calves, lambs and piglets during the fair's 12-day run.

CHRISTENSEN FARMS STAGE SCHEDULE

Located just outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

- **Thursday, Aug. 26**

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

2:30 p.m.: FFA Awards Ceremony

- **Friday, Aug. 27**

A-Maize-ing Corn Day, (Minnesota Corn Growers Association)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Minnesota corn production presentations and educational games

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

- **Saturday, Aug. 28**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Beef Day (Minnesota Beef Council)

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

5, 7 p.m.: FFA Talent Showcase

- **Sunday, Aug. 29**

noon: 10th Anniversary Recognition of the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

- **Monday, Aug. 30**

Minnesota Soybean Growers Day (MN Soybean Research & Promotion Council)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Minnesota Soybean Growers presentations

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

- **Tuesday, Aug. 31**

U of M Ag-tivities (University of Minnesota)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Discover a world of changing ideas and opportunities from the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1**

Minnesota Oink Day, (Minnesota Pork Board)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Programming will include trivia contests, children's book reading, appearances by Farmer Nelson, Perfect the Pig and more

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

- **Thursday, Sept. 2**

Minnesota Gobble Gobble Day (Minnesota Turkey Council)

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Programming includes trivia, appearances by Tom

and Tosh Turkey and an opportunity to join in the “Turkey Dance”
noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

• **Friday, Sept. 3**

Minnesota Dairy Day (Midwest Dairy Association)
noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show

• **Saturday, Sept. 4**

10 a.m. to noon: Beef Day (Minnesota Beef Council)
noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show
3 p.m.: Princess Kay of the Milky Way appearance

• **Sunday, Sept. 5**

noon, 4, 6 p.m.: Ag Magic Show
1, 5 p.m.: FFA Talent Showcase

• **Monday, Sept. 6**

12:30 p.m.: FFA Awards Program

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
Gestation period: 275 days

• **Sheep**

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

Demonstration Booths

BAA BOOTH

Aug. 26–Sept. 2, weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(closed during changeover), *Located near the south entrance of the Sheep Barn*
The Baa Booth is an educational exhibit where visitors judge wool, see unusual breeds of sheep and try their hand at shearing.

MOO BOOTH– MILKING PARLOR

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (closed during changeover) *Cattle Barn, Judson Avenue*

LAND O LAKES® Stage Activities Schedule:

Located at the Moo Booth

- **Milking Demonstrations**

Daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2, 4, and 6 p.m.

(No demonstrations at 2 p.m. on Sept. 2 or 6 p.m. on Labor Day.)

- **Hand Milking Demonstrations**

Daily at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

- **Talk to the Animals**

Aug. 27, 28, 29 and Sept. 3, 4, 5 at 12:20 p.m.

This show features “Dr. Doolittle” giving fair guests the inside scoop on a variety of animals featured at each show. Prizes will be awarded for audience participation during the show.

- **Milk Moo-stache Contest**

Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Prizes are awarded to the person in each of three age categories for the best milk mustache.

- **Butter Carve-O-Rama**

Friday, Sept. 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Butter carving contest that awards prizes to the best carving in each of three age categories.

- **Milk Chug-A-Lug Contest**

Saturday, Sept. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Prizes are awarded to the top milk drinkers in each of three age categories.

- **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.

OINK BOOTH

Weekdays 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (closed during changeover) *Located at the east end of the Swine Barn*

An educational exhibit where visitors can judge a hog, pet a baby pig and test their knowledge of the swine industry. Pig Tales stories will be presented every day at 11 a.m.

The DIRT - Demonstration Area

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Master gardeners, florists, Christmas tree growers and other experts team up to offer informative demonstrations and question and answer sessions every day of the fair. For a complete presentation schedule, search the Fun Finder for “The DIRT” or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

Little Farm Hands

Sponsored by Kemps, Cub Foods, Crystal Sugar, Butter Kernel, John Deere Company, Cargill and Minnesota Corn Growers Association

8 a.m. to 7 p.m., *Lee Avenue across from The North Woods*

Little Farm Hands is a free, hands-on, agricultural education exhibit that walks children through the agricultural process from field 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. Interview contacts: Michelle Butler at (651) 288-4480 or Brooke Dillon at (651) 288-4381.

Old Iron Show

Daily, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., *Lee Avenue, north of Little Farm Hands*

Rare, valuable and fully operational antique farm equipment is displayed and demonstrated.

HORSE SHOWS AND WARNER COLISEUM EVENTS

Charro Jerry Diaz will perform at select English and Western Horse Shows and Minnesota High School Rodeos. Diaz is a fourth generation charro, continuing the traditions that originated with his great grandfather over 150 years ago. He dresses in traditional Mexican costume and is skilled in horsemanship, bull riding, horse and steer roping, and trick roping.

English Horse Shows (Performance Classes): Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 8 a.m.; Thursday, Aug. 26 at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.*; Friday, Aug. 27 at 1* and 6:30 p.m.*; Saturday, Aug. 28 at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.*; Sunday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 a.m., noon* and 6:30 p.m.*; Monday, Aug. 30 at 12:30* and 6 p.m.*; and Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m.*

English Horse Shows (Halter Classes): Saturday, Aug. 28 at 8 a.m.; Sunday, Aug. 29 at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 30 at 8 a.m. and noon.

High School Rodeo: Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 2 at 11:30 a.m.* and 6:30 p.m.*; and Friday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m.*

Western Horse Shows (Performance Classes): Friday, Sept. 3 at noon*; Saturday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.*; Sunday, Sept. 5 at 8 a.m., 12:30* and 6:30 p.m.*; and Monday, Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*

Western Horse Shows (Halter Classes): Friday, Sept. 3 at 8 a.m.

(* indicates appearance by Charro Jerry Diaz)

LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS

Barn Hours

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., (3 p.m. on Labor Day)

Closed during changeover (see information on changeover below).

Changeover

Changeover occurs in all livestock areas (except the Horse Barn) on Sunday, Aug. 29, Thursday, Sept. 2 and Labor Day, Sept. 6. During changeover, barns and areas of the livestock facilities close early to prepare for different breeds

and classes to move into the barns. Facilities will close at 3 p.m. on Aug. 29 and Sept. 6, and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 2. The Horse Barn closes at midnight on Tuesday, Aug. 31 and reopens around 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Dates, times and locations of when animals are on display can be found in the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure, available at all information booths and included with this media kit.

4-H Purple Ribbon Auction

Saturday, Aug. 28, 6 p.m., *Judging Arena*

Youth participants in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction proudly showcase their award-winning animals. These animals and their owners have progressed to the State Fair from county fairs around the state where they placed among the top entrants. These promising young Minnesotans will receive proceeds from the sale of their animals at this auction. Visit www.mnpurpleribbonauction.org for more information.

Livestock Judging Locations

Livestock competition takes place in several barns, the Exercise Ring, Judging Arena and the Warner Coliseum. These areas, especially the livestock barns, become crowded and congested during the fair. The following descriptions will make judging areas easier to find. Consult the *Where and When to See the Animals* brochure enclosed with this kit for the complete livestock judging schedule.

EXERCISE RING: Located south of the Warner Coliseum.

JUDGING ARENA: Located on the west end of Judson Avenue, just west of the Horse Barn Annex.

POULTRY BARN: Judging takes place on the east side of the Sheep and Poultry Barn. Rows of cages are often closed for judging.

SHEEP BARN: Judging takes place on the west side of the Sheep and Poultry Barn. This barn is labeled "Goat" during the last four days of the fair.

SWINE BARN: There are two rings in the Swine Barn, located roughly in the center of the building.

WARNER COLISEUM: Main entrance on Judson Avenue, directly across from the Sheep and Poultry Barn.

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 bodies with high fat content.

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, 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 legs, 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.

NEW COMPETITIONS

For new competitions and their display/judging locations, please see the listing on pages 77 in the “What’s New?” section of this media kit.

NON-LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS & EXHIBITS

Bee & Honey

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Experienced and amateur producers of honey and beeswax are invited to display their products in the honey show.

Demonstrations:

Looking in the Beehive: Daily at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Cooking with Honey: Daily at 11, 11:30 a.m. and noon

Honey Harvesting: Daily at 1, 2, 4, & 5 p.m.

Rendering and Using Beeswax: Daily at 3 & 3:30 p.m.

Beer Competition

Saturday, Aug. 28, 1 p.m., *Education Stage*

2010 Minnesota State Fair Home Brew Competition

Any Minnesota brewer of legal age may enter this competition with their home-brewed beer. First and second round judging will take place at the State Fairgrounds Creative Activities Annex from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. These judging rounds are not open to the general public. The final judging and Best-of-Show awards ceremony will be on Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. For more information, please visit www.mnbrewers.com/events/mnfair.

Christmas Tree Division Events

Located on the west end of the Agriculture Horticulture Building

For a complete schedule, search the Fun Finder or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

Creative Activities

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in the Creative Activities Building*

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 2009, over 2,100 participants exhibited over 7,303 items (over 2,800 in baking and special contests alone).

For complete schedules of the Creative Activities Demonstration Kitchen, search the Fun Finder or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

Crop & Farm Art

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Crop art is made from seeds, stems and other plant parts in natural colors on supporting backgrounds without the use of paints and dyes. Linda Paulson, the daughter of State Fair Hall of Fame crop artist Lillian Colton, will demonstrate crop art creations.

Fine Arts Competition, Invited Show and Demonstrations

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

The Fine Arts department presents an annual art 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. Only those works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the State Fair. In 2009, a total of 2,566 pieces were submitted. Only 382 works were accepted. The Minnesota State Fair's Fine Arts Competition is the state's largest juried art show. Winning pieces will be displayed every day of the fair in the Fine Arts Center.

Each year the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show features an invited artist, collection, genre or group. "Art Dolls as Art Form" is the 2010 Fine Arts Show's special exposition. This exhibition showcases the art of prominent Minnesota art doll artists. These doll artists are passionate about the human form as a way of expressing their thoughts, beliefs, feelings and soul. The doll art displayed covers a wide range of styles including cutting edge figurative art.

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

Fine Arts Kids Day Activities - Aug. 30 & Sept. 6

Located in front of the Fine Arts Center

Children who visit the Fine Arts Center have the opportunity to participate in special art activities.

Robot Demonstrations

Daily 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., *Located in the Education Building*

Each day of the fair two or three high schools will demonstrate how their constructed robots work. Watch as the schools compete against each other for faster times and quicker robots. Robot Demonstration finals will be held on Labor Day.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

2009–2010 Awards

- 2009 IAFE (*International Association of Fairs and Expositions*) *Communication Award: Outstanding Radio Advertisement*
- 2009 IAFE *Communication Award: Best Use of Social Media*
- 2009 Roseville Visitors Association “*Attraction of the Year*”

CORPORATE INFORMATION

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

The fair is governed by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, which is charged exclusively with governance of the State Fair. The society serves no other purpose. Society delegates represent all 87 county fairs in Minnesota, along with a few dozen statewide agricultural groups. At its annual meeting each January, this group of delegates elects a 10-member board of managers to set policy and provide oversight for the fair. Nine members represent the Agricultural Society’s nine regional districts and the tenth member (the president) serves at large.

The society has undergone some changes since its inception in 1854, but it has remained largely unchanged since 1901.

In addition to financing the annual production of the fair, the State Agricultural Society is responsible for all capital work and maintenance of the 320-acre fairgrounds, which is classified as state property. Fairgrounds facilities and infrastructure are conservatively valued at \$180 million. In a typical year, the Agricultural Society will invest between \$5 million and \$6 million in improvements and maintenance. The state invests nothing.

The fair has more than 70 year-round full-time staff members. During the summer, about 150 seasonal staff are added to complete preparations. There are close to 2,700 fair-time staff members.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

Despite the State Fair’s long and successful history, there is a need for new funds to improve aging facilities and provide educational programming while retaining traditions. This is why, in 2002, community leaders formed the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) as the non-profit fundraising entity in support of this mission: *To preserve and improve the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, and support State Fair agricultural, scientific and educational experiences.*

Over the last several years, more than \$4 million has been granted to the State Fair from contributions for these capital improvements: construction of the CHS Miracle of Birth Center; improvements at the Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum; historic restoration and naming for the J.V. Bailey House; structural preservation of towers on the Agriculture Horticulture and 4-H Buildings; improvements to the Grandstand Marquee; development of the State Fair Archives; renovation of the Moo Booth; and the addition of gardens, trees, recognition benches and tables.

The foundation strives to provide the State Fair experience for the next generation. In support of the State Fair’s educational purpose, the Foundation

champions these State Fair program areas: agricultural education, cultural and artistic expressions, history and heritage and environmental applications. More information about the State Fair Foundation is available online at www.msffoundation.org. Please contact Lindsay Dickson for more information at (651) 632-2659 or lindsay.dickson@msffoundation.org.

RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION

The Minnesota State Fair has been recycling since the mid-1980s. Currently, the fair recycles paper, glass, metal, fluorescent bulbs, vehicle and appliance batteries, antifreeze, beverage containers, automotive oil, tires, grease, meat scraps, manure compost, construction material, plastic shrink wrap, wood waste, paint, food waste, cardboard, concrete, oil filters, plastic bottles, laser toner cartridges and more.

Fair Recycling Facts:

- Grease from the fair is recycled and turned into biodiesel.
- The fair's recycled meat scraps go through a rendering process that separates the protein and fat. The protein is then used as an ingredient in animal feed. Fat later goes into cosmetics and soap.
- 70 tons of food waste was collected during the 2009 fair and recycled.
- 400 bottle recycling receptacles were placed around the fairgrounds in 2009.
- Over 300,000 plastic bottles were collected and recycled during last year's fair.

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Sponsored by Select Comfort

Fireworks follow each evening's Grandstand show (weather permitting).
Times vary, but fireworks shows generally start between 10 and 11 p.m.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

For complete genre and biographical information on entertainers, visit the State Fair web site at

http://www.mnstatefair.org/entertainment/free_entertainment/all_stages.html

For interview and appearance arrangements with free stage artists, please contact Laura Allen at (651) 288-4455 or laura.allen@mnstatefair.org.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell

Sponsored by Leinenkugel's and City Pages

• Aug. 26 & 27

Gwen Sebastian and Breakaway (modern country): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Geno Delafosse (cajun/zydeco): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Jeff Allen (modern country): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

• Aug. 28 & 29

Tonic Sol-fa (a capella): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Cherryholmes (bluegrass): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Jason D. Williams (rock/boogie piano): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

• Aug. 30 & 31

The Bellagala Big Band (swing/oldies/big band): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

The Quebe Sisters Band (traditional country): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

David Ball (traditional country): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

• Sept. 1 & 2

Steve Meisner (polka): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. (No 10:30 a.m. show on 9/2)

Monroe Crossing (bluegrass/pop): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

The Haygoods (pop/rock): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

• Sept 3 & 4

InPulse (a cappella): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Jim Lauderdale (bluegrass/country): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Caitlin Crosby (pop/rock/country): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

• Sept. 5 & 6

Marcoux Corner (a capella): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Abalone Dots (bluegrass): 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones (polka): 3:30 and 4:45 p.m.

Crazy Keys (dueling pianos): 6 p.m.

Leinie Lodge Bandshell Tonight!

Sponsored by Leinenkugel's and City Pages

All shows begin at 8:30 p.m.

• Aug. 26 & 27

Boyz II Men (R&B/pop)

• Aug. 28 & 29

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (country/pop)

- **Aug. 30 & 31**
Rosanne Cash (country/pop)
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
Trampled By Turtles (acoustic folk/bluegrass)
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
The Family Stone (R&B/rock)
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
The Lost Trailers (modern country)

Education Stage

Sponsored by Hazelden

Located on Cosgrove Street outside the Education Building, the Education Stage hosts a variety of performances and competitions every day.

- **Thursday, Aug. 26**
Mary Taylor Allen's Fiddlers: 9 and 10:45 a.m.
Hazelden Recovery Speaker: 11:45 a.m.
KVSC Radio: broadcasting between noon and 7 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Aug. 27**
SPAM Contest: 9 a.m.
MN West Coast Swing Dancers: 4:30 p.m.
Square Dance ABC: 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 28**
Royal Sil-O-Et Cloggers: 9:30 a.m.
Minnesota Home Brewers Association Beer Competition: 1 p.m.
Square Dance ABC: 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Aug. 29**
Square Dance ABC: 9, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 30**
MN West Coast Swing Dancers: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Square Dance ABC: 3:15, 5:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 31**
The Weavers - Kumihimo Braiding: 9 a.m.
Square Dance ABC: 1 and 3:30 p.m.
Hazelden Recovery Speaker: 2 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 1**
MN West Coast Swing Dancers: 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Square Dance ABC: 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Hazelden Recovery Speaker: 2 p.m.
Royal Sil-O-Ets Cloggers: 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 2**
The Weavers - Drop Spinning: 9 a.m.
Square Dance ABC: 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 7 p.m.

- **Friday, Sept. 3**
MN West Coast Swing Dancers: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hazelden Recovery Speaker: 2 p.m.
St. Cloud State University Dixieland Band: 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 4**
The Weavers - Kumihimo Braiding: 9 a.m.
Square Dance ABC: 1 and 3:30 p.m.
Wild Rose Cloggers: 5 p.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 5**
American Sewing Guild: 9 a.m.
River City Cloggers: 12:30, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 6**
Granite City Cloggers: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
MN West Coast Swing Dancers: 11:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park

Sponsored by Green Mill Restaurant

- **Aug. 26 & 27**
Eric Buss - Comic Imaginator (magician): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.
 - All 12:30 p.m. performances will be ASL interpreted.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
- **Aug. 28 & 29**
Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade (children's music): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
- **Aug. 30 & 31**
The Bubble Show (bubbles & music): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
James Wedgwood (comic ventriloquist): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
The Okee Dokee Brothers (children's folk music): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.
Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4 and 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
Kidsdance (interactive music & dance): 10:30, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sean Emery (comedy & juggling): 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters (music & dance with costumed characters): 1:30, 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Festival of Nations Stage

Demonstrations and shows are at noon, 1:30, 3 and 4:30 p.m. daily

- **Lebanese Belly Dancers**

Aug. 26, Sept. 2 & 6

- **Hybar Dancers**

Aug. 28

- **Italian Organ Grinders**

Aug. 29

- **Thai Vegetable Carver**

Aug. 30 & Sept. 5

- **Armenian Dancers**

Aug. 31

The Garden

Sponsored by Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Karaoke throughout the day all 12 days of the fair.

Heritage Square Stage

Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.

- **Aug. 26 & 27**

The Wild Goose Chase Cloggers (bluegrass): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Kerry Christensen Master Yodeler (polka/yodeler): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Aug. 28 & 29**

Sourdough Slim (traditional country/western): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

The Minnesota State Fiddle Contest: 2–5 p.m.

- **Aug. 30 & 31**

The Alzen Family Bluegrass Band (folk/bluegrass): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

New North String Band (folk/bluegrass): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Sept. 1 & 2**

The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra (country/jazz): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Dale Dahmen & The Polka Beats (polka): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

- **Sept. 3 & 4**

Dan Israel and the Cultivators (country/pop/rock): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

The Minnesota Flatpicking Guitar and Duet Championships: 2–5 p.m.

- **Aug. 5 & 6**

Richie Yurkovich & Polkarioty (polka/variety): 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Brian Wicklund and Ten Penny Nail (folk/jazz/pop): 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

Heritage at Sundown

Sponsored by August Schell Brewing Co.

Performances are at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.

- **Aug. 26 & 27**
The Pines (country/folk)
- **Aug. 28 & 29**
Romantica (folk/country)
- **Aug. 30 & 31**
Billy McLaughlin & His Eclectic String Quartet (jazz/folk)
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
Martin Zellar and the Hardways (rock)
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
Tommy Jennings (country)
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
Roma di Luna (country/rock/folk)

Heritage Square Demonstrations

- **Blacksmith:** daily from 9–11 a.m., noon–2 p.m., 3–5 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
- **Woodturner:** daily from 9 a.m.–noon, 1–3 p.m., 4–6 p.m. and 8–9 p.m.
- **Log Cabin:** daily from 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

International Bazaar Stage

Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.

- **Aug. 26 & 27**
Lehto & Wright (world rock): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Sisters of Swing in Concert (swing/pop/Andrews sister tribute): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.
- **Aug. 28 & 29**
Hayor Bibimma African Dance (African/reggae/dance): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Stevie Ray's Comedy Troupe (improv comedy): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.
- **Aug. 30 & 31**
Atahualpa (world/folk): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Cafe Accordion Orchestra (swing/jazz/french): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
Jack Brass Band (New Orleans jazz): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Native Pride Dancers (Native American Dance): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
Ticket to Brasil (latin/jazz): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Innocent (reggae/world music): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
Flor Y Canto (Latin/Mexican/folk): 10:45 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m.
Charanga Tropical (Cuban/latin/jazz/tropical): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Bazaar After Dark

Sponsored by Summit Brewing Co.

Shows are at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

- **Aug. 26 & 27**
Neil Dynamite (rock/pop)
- **Aug. 28 & 29**
Maria Isa (R&B/hip hop)
- **Aug. 30 & 31**
The Belfast Cowboys (rock/pop)
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
Power of 10 (R&B/pop)
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
Dosh (electronic/experimental rock)
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
Alison Scott (pop/rock)

Ramberg Senior Center Stage

- **Aug. 26 & 27**
Bingham & Thorne (folk/country blues): 10:30, 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Aug. 26; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 27
Singleton Street (bluegrass/country/pop): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 26; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 27
- **Aug. 28 & 29**
Sloughgrass (bluegrass): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 28; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 29
Pigs Eye Jass Band (traditional jazz): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 28; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 29
- **Aug. 30 & 31**
The Rod Cerar Orchestra (variety): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 30; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 31
The Gallivanter (Irish & old-time): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 30; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Aug. 31
- **Sept. 1 & 2**
Jim Berner (nostalgic pop): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 1; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 2
The Whistlepigs (bluegrass/pop): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 1; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 2
- **Sept. 3 & 4**
Glen Hanson & Friends (traditional country): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sept. 3; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 4
Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers (polka): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 3; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 4
- **Sept. 5 & 6**
Jim Shannon (piano): 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 5; 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 6
Bill Koncar (traditional polka): 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 5; 10:30 and 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m. on Sept. 6

Roving Entertainment

- Aug. 26–Sept. 6

ROCK-it THE ROBOT (9 ft. tall body puppet): roving performances daily at 3:30, 7 and 9 p.m.

ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show

Sponsored by American Express, Inc.

Located east of Heritage Square and north of the Skyride

Daily at noon, 3 and 6 p.m.

Law and disorder prevail when a Texas town comes to life in this family-friendly, live-action comedy show. ShenaniGuns! features professional comic actors, period costuming, a life-sized set and special audio and visual effects. With three free shows daily, ShenaniGuns! provides entertainment for the whole family.

The North Woods

Located east of Little Farm Hands on Cooper Street

- **IRONJACK Timber Team:** Daily at 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 and 7 p.m.
 - All 11 a.m. performances are ASL interpreted.
- **Ron Schara's Minnesota Bound:** Daily at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 - All 10 a.m. performances are ASL interpreted.

The X-Zone

Located at the northwest corner of Murphy Avenue and Underwood Street

- **3rd Lair SkatePark** (skateboards, in-line and BMX): daily at 11 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- **Music Mayhem** (showcase of high school battle of the bands winners): daily at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

GRANDSTAND CONCERT SERIES

Grandstand Artist Information

BODEANS AND BIG HEAD TODD & THE MONSTERS

Thursday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. • \$28

BoDeans: Duo Kurt Neumann and Sam Llanas first formed the BoDeans in 1983 in Milwaukee, Wis. Eventually adding two more members, the rock 'n' roll and roots rock group released their first album, *Love & Hope & Sex & Dreams*, in 1986. The group is perhaps most well-known for their 1993 single, "Closer to Free," which was used as the theme song for the TV series "Party of Five." Other hit singles include "Only Love," "You Don't Get Me Much" and "Black, White and Blood Red." The BoDeans released their ninth studio album entitled *Mr. Sad Clown* this past April.

www.bodeans.com

Big Head Todd & The Monsters: Big Head Todd & The Monsters, whose music is described as a "rootsy, emotional direct variety of rock 'n roll," was formed in Denver in 1986. The group, composed of front-man Todd Park Mohr along with Brian Nevin, Rob Squires and Jeremy Lawton, amassed a strong and loyal following as they traveled around the country in the late '80s, showcasing their early songs. The group debuted their first independent

album in 1989. Since then, the group has released 11 albums, the latest being *All the Love You Need*, in 2007. Successful singles include “Broken Hearted Savior,” “Resignation Superman” and “Boom Boom.” The group’s new album *Rocksteady*, featuring single “Beautiful,” was released in July.

www.bigheadtodd.com

An Evening with RUSH

Friday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. • **\$70, \$60, \$40**

Rush: Canadian rock band Rush formed in 1968, and produced their debut, self-titled album in 1974. Throughout their career, the group has produced well over a dozen albums and penned such legendary rock hits as “Tom Sawyer,” “Closer to the Heart,” “Limelight” and “The Spirit of Radio.” In the summer of 2010, the group embarked on their “Time Machine Tour,” which features the album *Moving Pictures* played in its entirety, as well as unreleased material from the band’s upcoming studio album. On March 28, 2010, Rush was inducted into the Canadian Songwriter’s Hall of Fame.

www.rush.com

TIM MCGRAW with special guest Julianne Hough

Saturday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. • **\$67, \$52, \$37**

Tim McGraw: Three-time Grammy Award-winning country artist Tim McGraw is back on tour promoting his tenth studio album *Southern Voice*. The singer is returning to his singing career after appearing alongside Sandra Bullock in the extremely successful 2009 motion picture, “The Blind Side.” In his latest album, McGraw reveals a new depth in his music, telling stories of lives lived and lessons learned. The album’s single, “It’s A Pleasure Doing Business With You,” was released in June of 2009. Past chart-topping singles include well-known hits such as “Live Like You Were Dying,” “It’s Your Love,” featuring wife Faith Hill, and “She’s My Kind of Rain.”

www.timmcgraw.com

Julianne Hough: Best known as a two-time champion on ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars,” Julianne Hough changed directions and embarked on her country music career in 2008. She released her self-titled, debut album in October of 2008 and found success with her popular single “That Song in My Head.” In 2009, Hough was named “Top New Female Vocalist” and “Top New Artist” by the Academy of Country Music.

www.juliannehough.com

BRANDI CARLILE with special guests Amos Lee and The Watson Twins

Sunday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. • **\$31**

Brandi Carlile: Brandi Carlile entered the indie/pop music scene after releasing her debut, self-titled album in 2005. Her sophomore album, *The Story* proved a smash hit, containing fan favorite singles “The Story” and “Turpentine.” Carlile wrapped up her European tour last summer and is currently on the road promoting her third album, *Give Up The Ghost*, which

features collaborations with artists such as Elton John and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

www.brandicarlile.com

Amos Lee: A Philadelphia native, singer and songwriter Amos Lee's music encompasses folk, soul and jazz styles. Lee produced his debut, self-titled album in 2005. His sophomore album, *Supply and Demand*, followed quickly thereafter, and his latest album, *Last Days at the Lodge* was released in 2008. Lee's songs have been featured on television shows such as "House," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Brothers & Sisters."

www.amoslee.com

The Watson Twins: Identical twin sisters Chandra and Leigh Watson hail from Louisville, Kentucky, and form this alternative country and indie folk group. Since 2006, the girls have released four albums, with their latest, *Talking To You, Talking To Me*, debuting earlier this past year.

www.thewatsontwins.com

SEETHER with special guests Hinder and Black Stone Cherry

Monday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. • **\$34 & \$30**

Seether: Heavy rock group Seether hails from Pretoria, South Africa where it formed in 1999. The group released their first album, *Fragile*, in 2000. Thanks to *Fragile's* success, the band was formally signed with Wind-Up records and went on to produce four more albums. The latest album entitled *Finding Beauty in the Negative Spaces*, was released in 2007 and includes popular singles "Fake It" and "Rise Above This." The group's latest album is expected to be released sometime this summer or fall.

www.seether.com

Hinder: Post-grunge rockers Hinder got their start in the early 2000s in Oklahoma City. The group's widely successful singles "Lips of An Angel" and "Better Than Me" made the band universally recognized. The five-member group continues their success with the release of their album *Take It To The Limit* (2008) and new singles "Loaded and Alone" and "Up All Night."

www.hindermusic.com

Black Stone Cherry: The four members of Black Stone Cherry draw from their small-town, Kentucky roots to redefine southern rock music for a modern audience. The group officially formed in 2001, and produced their debut, self-titled album in 2006. Their single, "Lonely Train," gained great success on the U.S. rock charts. In 2008, they released their second album, *Folklore and Superstition*, which includes singles "Things My Father Said" and "Soulcreek."

www.blackstonecherry.com

CARRIE UNDERWOOD with special guest Sons of Sylvia

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. • **\$59, \$49, \$39**

Carrie Underwood: Carrie Underwood began her amazingly successful country career after winning FOX's fourth season of "American Idol." After the show, Underwood's debut album, *Some Hearts*, was certified platinum seven times. Both of her subsequent albums, *Carnival Ride* and *Play On*,

proved equally successful. Some of her biggest hit singles include “Jesus, Take the Wheel,” “Before He Cheats” and, most recently, “Cowboy Casanova.” Underwood has won many awards, including multiple Grammys and was recently named “Entertainer of the Year” by the American Academy of Country Music.

www.carrieunderwoodofficial.com

Sons of Sylvia: This American country music trio is composed of Adam, Ashley and Austin Clark, three brothers from Virginia. Their debut album, *Revelation*, released in April of this year, includes the group’s first single, “Love Left to Use.” Currently, Sons of Sylvia is touring with Carrie Underwood and appear on the song “What Can I Say” from Underwood’s third album, *Play On*.

www.sonsofsylvia.com

“WEIRD AL” YANKOVIC LIVE IN CONCERT

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 8 p.m. • **\$22**

“Weird Al” Yankovic: “Weird Al” Yankovic is best known for his original accordion-assisted popular song parodies. Yankovic recorded his first song in high school, and, as a disc jockey for his college radio station, found more opportunities to explore his interest of novelty music. In 1979, Yankovic released his first single, “My Bologna,” a parody of The Knack’s “My Sharona.” Since then, he has recorded over 150 parodies and sold more than 12 million albums. Other hit singles include “White & Nerdy” and “Smells Like Nirvana.”

www.weirdal.com

MERCYME with special guests Jeremy Camp and Joel Hanson

Thursday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. • **\$34 & \$24**

MercyMe: American contemporary Christian band MercyMe was founded in 1994 in Greenville, Texas. The five-man group has produced music since its formation, but it wasn’t until the release of hit single, “I Can Only Imagine” in 2001 that the group gained mainstream recognition. The single elevated their debut album, *Almost There* to certified double platinum. Since then, the group has released five additional studio albums, the most recent being *The Generous Mr. Lovewell*. MercyMe has won many awards and received multiple Grammy award nominations. In 2009, Billboard Magazine named MercyMe the Christian songs artist of the decade.

www.mercyme.org

Jeremy Camp: Based out of Nashville, 30-year-old ordained minister Jeremy Camp’s thoughtful lyrics and booming voice are trademarks of his contemporary Christian music. Camp released his first album in 2002, and since then, has released seven additional studio albums. Some of Camp’s hit singles include, “Understand,” “Walk By Faith,” “Take You Back,” “There Will Be A Day” and “Healing Hand of God.”

www.jeremycamp.com

Joel Hanson: Joel Hanson, local vocalist, guitarist and songwriter began his career as a member of the Christian rock band PFR. Since the band’s retirement, Hanson has released three albums entitled *Captured*, *Broken* and

the latest, *What If It Is*. Along with writing and recording, Hanson has been actively involved in leading worship at Church of the Open Door and Elements of Westwood Community Church in the Twin Cities.

www.joelhansonmusic.com

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION with Garrison Keillor

Friday, Sept. 3, 7:45 p.m. • **\$28 & \$23**

A Prairie Home Companion: A Prairie Home Companion is a radio variety show starring humorist and Minnesota native, Garrison Keillor. The program features tales from Lake Wobegon, “where the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.” Keillor first broadcast A Prairie Home Companion in 1969. It has existed in its current format since 1974. Today, over four million listeners hear his unique brand of satire each week on over 590 public radio stations and abroad on America One and the Armed Forces Networks in Europe and the Far East.

www.prairiehome.publicradio.org

An Evening with KISS

Saturday, Sept. 4, 8 p.m. • **\$70, \$60, \$40**

KISS: Formed in 1973, KISS is regarded as one of the most influential rock ‘n’ roll bands of all time. The group holds honors as being one of America’s top gold record champions, recording 37 albums over 36 years and selling over 100 million albums worldwide. The current lineup includes Paul Stanley (The Starchild), Gene Simmons (The Demon), Tommy Thayer (The Spaceman) and Eric Singer (The Catman). Some of KISS’s biggest hits include “Rock and Roll All Night,” “Detroit Rock City,” “I Was Made for Lovin’ You” and “Calling Dr. Love.”

www.kissonline.com

2010 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST FINALS Featuring 2009 winner Sedra Bistodeau

Sunday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. • **FREE—No Grandstand ticket required**

Amateur Talent Contest Finals: The Amateur Talent Contest is a Minnesota State Fair tradition. Approximately 400 talented performers audition in one of three divisions (open, teen and preteen) for a chance to move on to the semifinal round held during the fair. One hundred and twenty semifinalists compete for a place among the performers in the finals round. The final round of competition at the Grandstand will feature the 26 remaining contestants vying for cash prizes and the distinction of the most talented amateur of this year’s State Fair. 2009 Open Division Winner, Sedra Bistodeau will return to the Grandstand stage for a performance with the Minnesota State Fair Orchestra.

DUKES OF SEPTEMBER RHYTHM REVUE Featuring Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs

Monday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m. • **\$45**

Donald Fagen: Donald Fagen is a musician and songwriter best known as the co-founder and lead singer of Steely Dan. Fagen uses jazz harmonies and attention to detail to create elaborate musical arrangements. He launched his

successful solo career in 1982 and has released three albums to date. In 2001, Fagen and Steely Dan were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

www.donaldfagen.com

Michael McDonald: Michael McDonald is a gold and platinum-selling American R&B/soul singer and songwriter. He was a member of both the Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan before leaving to embark on a solo career. During his solo career, McDonald has collaborated with such artists as Ray Charles, Kenny Loggins, Carly Simon and Patti Labelle. Popular singles include "I Keep Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)," "Sweet Freedom" and "Matter of the Heart."

www.michaelmcdonald.com

Boz Scaggs: Born in Canton, Ohio in 1944, singer and songwriter Boz Scaggs learned to play the guitar at age 12. Producing and performing music since that age, he released his solo debut album, *Boz*, in 1965. He gained fame in the 1970s with several Top 20 Hits within the United States music scene including singles "Lowdown" and "Lido Shuffle." Since his first release, Scaggs has recorded over 20 albums.

www.bozscaggs.com

Grandstand Information

GRANDSTAND ARTISTS BY YEAR

For a complete list of past Grandstand artists by performance year, download the "Grandstand Artist by Year" PDF at http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/media.html.

GRANDSTAND ARTISTS BY NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES

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GRANDSTAND TICKETS

Tickets are available at Midwest Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000. Mail order service is available and requests should be addressed to: Tickets, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108.

The State Fair Box Office on the fairgrounds also sells all tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 10 through Aug. 25, the State Fair Box Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., except: Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 23 & 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Aug. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During the fair, Grandstand tickets may be purchased at the box office location east of the Grandstand. Tickets for upcoming performances may also be purchased at this location. The box office opens at 10 a.m. daily. Will-call tickets may be picked up on the day of the show 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

Grandstand shows are never cancelled without official notification. Guests who have questions regarding the cancellation of a Grandstand event should be directed to the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza. Media questions should be directed to Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452.

GRANDSTAND GUIDELINES

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 end or enter via the ramp on 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 before 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. Smoking is not permitted in seating areas.

For current ticket availability, please call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000, the State Fair Box Office at (651) 288-4427 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. During the fair, check at the ticket booths located on the east side of the Grandstand.

Video and audio recording equipment are not allowed at any Grandstand show, with the exception of the Amateur Talent Contest Finals on Sunday, Sept. 5. Still photography cameras are not allowed at some concerts. If still photography is allowed, pictures may be taken from the ticket holder's seat only. For information concerning still photography at specific shows, contact the box office at (651) 288-4427.

DAILY MALL PARADE

Sponsored by Ford

The State Fair Mall Parade begins at 2 p.m. daily. The parade features the high school marching band competition, floats, animals 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 and the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park.

Marching Band Competition

Sponsored by McDonald's

High school marching bands compete during the State Fair Mall Parade at 2 p.m. The following is a list of participating high school bands and their performance dates. Dates and bands are subject to change:

- **Thursday, Aug. 26**
Becker, Onalaska (WI), Rosemount, North Lakes Academy and Eden Prairie
- **Friday, Aug. 27**
Kingsland, South Washington County, Robbinsdale Cooper and Burnsville
- **Saturday, Aug. 28**
Edina, Irondale, Coon Rapids, Hastings and Pacelli (WI)
- **Sunday, Aug. 29**
Waseca, Spring Valley (WI), Glenwood City (WI) and Amery (WI)

- **Monday, Aug. 30**
Thomas Jefferson, Blaine, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva, Stewartville and Chequamegon School District (WI)
- **Tuesday, Aug. 31**
Hudson (WI), Simley, St. Croix Falls (WI), Somerset (WI) and Fridley
- **Wednesday, Sept. 1**
Winona Senior High, Fergus Falls, Champlin Park, New Prague, Worthington and St. Peter
- **Thursday, Sept. 2**
Robbinsdale Armstrong, Bloomington Kennedy, Cretin-Derham Hall and Minneapolis Southwest and East Central & Willow River
- **Friday, Sept. 3**
Anoka and Minnetonka
- **Saturday, Sept. 4**
New Ulm and Altoona (WI)
- **Sunday, Sept. 5**
Special Guest: U of M Marching Band and Cashton (WI)
- **Monday, Sept. 6**
No Marching Band Competition

MASCOT APPEARANCES

Free photo opportunities and autograph sessions with State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne occur daily at Visitors Plaza at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The mascots also appear in the daily parade.

TALENT CONTESTS

State Fair Amateur Talent Contest

For more than 35 years, this contest has been a fair favorite. Up to 10,000 fans will attend the finals at 8 p.m. in the Grandstand on Sept. 5. Semi-finals are held nightly at 6 p.m., Aug. 26 through Sept. 4, on the Leinie Lodge Bandshell Stage. Semi-finalists were selected from more than 400 acts that auditioned in late July. Contestants compete in one of three age divisions. All Amateur Talent Contest events are free with the purchase of a fair admission ticket. For more information, please contact the Entertainment Department at (651) 288-4395.

For a complete list of past Amateur Talent Competition winners, download the "Amateur Talent Competition Winners" PDF at http://www.mnstatefair.org/general_info/media.html.

MSF County Fair Talent Contest

The MSF County Fair Talent Contest features winners from county fair talent contests around the state. Semi-finals are held at 7 p.m. nightly, Aug. 26 through Sept. 3 on the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park. Finals are held at the Family Fair Stage on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Participants who finish first and second in each division in the Sept. 4 finals advance to the State Fair Amateur Talent Contest Finals at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5 in the Grandstand.

ALL FOODS

For a list of all foods available at the State Fair, visit the Food Finder database at www.mnstatefair.org. (See description below for additional details.)

CONCESSIONS & EXHIBITS

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

FAIRBORNE'S FABULOUS FAIR FOOD FINDER

Use this database at www.mnstatefair.org to find all available foods and their booth locations. "Food Finder" also includes information on vendors participating in special day deals and discounts. All Blue Ribbon Bargain Book participants including those offering attractions and merchandise are included along with a photo and map to their locations.

NEW FOODS

For new foods and their locations, please see the listing on page 81 under the "What's New?" section of this media kit.

FOODS ON-A-STICK

Alligator Sausage on-a-stick

- Bayou Bob's Gator Shack - Dan Patch Ave.

Baby Potatoes on-a-stick

- French Fried Mushroom Stand - Heritage Square

Bacon (fried) on-a-stick

- Big Fat Bacon - Carnes Ave. near Nelson St.

Bananas (chocolate-covered) on-a-stick

- Granny's Cheesecake - Dan Patch Ave.

Beef Kabobs on-a-stick

- Beef Kabobs Booth - Underwood St.

Bologna (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Netterfield's Food Court - Cooper St. north of Dan Patch Ave.

Bomb Pops on-a-stick

- Rainbow Ice Cream - Dan Patch Ave., Lower Grandstand, Liggett St.,

Underwood St. (2), Upper Grandstand, Ag. Hort. Building

Butterscotch Cake on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs - Liggett St.

Camel on-a-stick

- Safari Express - International Bazaar

Candy Apples on-a-stick

- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.
- Netterfield's - Cooper St. across from Kidway, Cooper St. behind Bandshell

Candy Bars (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Deep Fried Candy Bars Stand - Carnes Ave.

Caramel Apples on-a-stick

- Candy Factory - Cooper St.
- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.
- Root Beer Hut - Carnes Ave.
- Sugar Shack - Mighty Midway

Caramel Apple Puppies on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Catfish on-a-stick

- Walleye On-A-Stick Booth - Food Building

Cheese on-a-stick

- Cheese On-A-Stick Booth - Judson Ave., Liggett St.
- Giant Slide/Lemonade Booth - Nelson St.
- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

Cheesecake (chocolate-covered) on-a-stick

- Apple Lil's - Heritage Square
- Granny's Cheesecake - Dan Patch Ave.

Chicken on-a-stick

- Chinatown Minn. - Food Building
- Spaghetti Eddie's - Cooper St.
- Chicken-n-Chops - Judson Ave.

Chicken Bites on-a-stick

- Axel's - outside southeast corner of Food Building

Chocolate Tornado on-a-stick

- Sonny's Spiral Spud - Food Building

Coffee (frozen) on-a-stick

- Minnesota Farmer's Union Coffee Shop - Dan Patch Ave.

Corndogs on-a-stick

- BigDog Corn Dogs - Underwood St.
- Hansen's - Judson Ave.
- Smoothies/Jurassic Corn Dogs Booth - Murphy Ave.
- Wild Bill's Curly Fries - Nelson St.
- Corndogs-Lemonade Booth - Liggett St.
- Super Dogs Booths - Dan Patch Ave. (2)
- Midway Cookhouse - Mighty Midway
- Midway Grill - Mighty Midway
- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

Cotton Candy on-a-stick

- Clown Popper - Murphy Ave.
- Cotton Candy Booth - Dan Patch Ave., Carnes Ave. (2), Underwood St., International Bazaar and Judson Ave.
- Kathie's Cotton Candy - Carousel Park, Liggett St.

- Sugar Shack - Mighty Midway

Dessert Pizza on-a-stick

- Green Mill - Baldwin Park

Dixie Wings on-a-stick

- Green Mill - Baldwin Park

Espresso (frozen) on-a-stick

- Minnesota Farmer's Union Coffee Shop - Dan Patch Ave.

Fruit (fresh) on-a-stick

- Andres Watermelon - Underwood St.
- Vegie Pie - Food Building
- Caribbean Fruit Smoothie - Liggett St.

Fruit (fried) on-a-stick

- Fried Fruit On-A-Stick Booth - Carousel Park

Fry Dog on-a-stick

- Blue Moon Dine In Theater - corner of Carnes Ave. and Chambers St.

Fudge Puppies on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Hot Dago on-a-stick

- Luigi Fries - Carnes Ave.

Hot Dish on-a-stick

- Ole & Lena's - Liggett St.

Hot Dogs (wrap) on-a-stick

- Mike's Hamburgers - Nelson St.

Jerk Chicken on-a-stick

- Harry Singh's - Food Building

Key Lime Pie Dipped in Chocolate (frozen) on-a-stick

- Key Lime Pie Bar Booth - Food Building Park

Kufta Kabob on-a-stick

- Holy Land Deli - International Bazaar

Lamb (leg of) on-a-stick

- Lamb Shoppe - Food Building

Macaroni & Cheese on-a-stick

- Axel's - Food Building

Marshmallows**(chocolate-dipped) on-a-stick**

- Ultimate Confections - Lower Grandstand

Mashed Potatoes (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Potato Man and Sweetie - Liggett St. south of Carnes Ave.

Meatballs (porcupine-wild rice and ground pork) on-a-stick

- Giggie's Campfire Grill - The North Woods

Meatballs (Scotch) on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs Booth - Liggett St.

Meat Kabobs on-a-stick

- Beef Kabobs Booth - Underwood St.
- Demetri's Greek Food - Nelson St.

- MinneKabobs Booth - Food Building, Dan Patch Ave.
- Netterfield's - Cooper St.

Nut Roll (chocolate-dipped) on-a-stick

- Colonial Nut Roll - Dan Patch Ave.

Pickles on-a-stick

- Pickle Dog - Carnes Ave.
- Preferred Pickle - Liggett St.
- Sabino's - Warner Coliseum

Pizza on-a-stick

- Calzone Pizza Booth - Carnes Ave.

Poncho Dogs on-a-stick

- Poncho Dogs Booths - Dan Patch Ave., Liggett St., Clough St., Underwood St., Judson Ave.

Pork Chops on-a-stick

- Chicken-n-Chops - Judson Ave.
- Pork Chops & Turkey Legs Booth - Adventure Park

Pronto Pups on-a-stick

- Pronto Pups Booths - Cosgrove St., Underwood St., Kidway, Nelson St., Carnes Ave. (2), Cooper St.

Sausage on-a-stick

- Peters Hot Dogs - Kidway, Heritage Square

Sausage and cheese stuffed jalapeno poppers on-a-stick

- Sausage Sisters & Me - Food Building

Scotch Eggs on-a-stick

- Scotch Eggs Booth - Liggett Street

Shrimp on-a-stick

- Old English Fish & Chips - Food Building, Liggett St.

Shrimp (grilled) on-a-stick

- Grilled Shrimp Booth - Underwood Street

S'mores on-a-stick

- Ultimate Confections - Lower Grandstand

S'mores (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Oodles of Noodles - Food Building

Spaghetti & Meatballs on-a-stick

- Oodles of Noodles - Food Building

Spudsters on-a-stick

- Potato Skins Booth - Food Building

Steak on-a-stick

- Ragin Cajun - The Garden

Taffy Pops on-a-stick

- Isabelle Burke's Olde Time Taffy - Food Building Park

Tator tots (deep-fried) on-a-stick

- Axel's - outside southeast corner of Food Building

Texas Steak Dinner on-a-stick

- Texas Steak Out - Underwood St.

Texas Tater Dog on-a-stick

- Texas Steak Out - Underwood St.

Tornado Potato on-a-stick

- Sunny's Spiral Spud - Food Building

Turkey Tenderloin

(bacon-wrapped) on-a-stick

- "Shanghaied" Henri's - International Bazaar

Turtle Puppies on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Veggie Fries on-a-stick

- Veggie Fries Booth - Dan Patch Ave.

Vegetable Kabobs on-a-stick

- Veggie Fries Booth - Dan Patch Ave.

Waffle (Belgian) on-a-stick

- Granny's Kitchen Fudge Puppies - Underwood St.

Walleye on-a-stick

- Walleye On-A-Stick Booth - Food Building

Wild Rice Corndog on-a-stick

- Wild Rice Specialties - Food Building

Wonder Bar (chocolate-dipped ice cream) on-a-stick

- Wells Concessions - Mighty Midway

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

A parking lot for people with disabilities, with wheelchair-accessible transportation to and from the fair, is located at 1039 De Courcy Circle (Oscar Johnson Arena), east of Snelling Avenue off Energy Park Drive. The bus stop for the wheelchair-accessible Park & Ride bus is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Service is provided from 8 a.m. to midnight.

BICYCLE PARKING

Three free secured bike parking areas are available on the fairgrounds: 1) near the Como-Snelling Gate (#6); 2) by the Hoyt-Snelling Gate (#2); and 3) near the West Dan Patch Transitway Gate (#15). The lots are open from 6 a.m. to midnight and are the only locations where bicycles may be parked. Except for authorized public safety personnel, no bicycles or motorcycles may be operated on the fairgrounds proper or in the campgrounds during the fair.

BIKE & RIDE

Bike & Ride allows riders to park and lock their bicycles at select Park & Ride lots and take a free bus to and from the fair. See the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure provided with this media kit for more information and a list of select lots.

EXPRESS SERVICE

State Fair Express bus service is offered by Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority and SouthWest Transit at a number of sites located throughout the Twin Cities area. Buses stop at the west pedestrian gate south of Como Avenue (#20). Round-trip bus fare is \$5 for persons five years and older; children (under 5) ride free with a paid fare. For site locations and service contact a Metro Transit representative at (612) 373-3333 or (612) 341-0140 (tty). For 24-hour automated information call (612) 341-4BUS. Metro Mobility picks up and drops off at the Como Loop Gate (#9). For complete information see the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure included with this media kit.

METRO TRANSIT BUS STOPS

Bus stops are on Como Avenue across from the Loop Gate (#9), and at the intersection of Midway Parkway and Snelling Avenue opposite the East Dan Patch Gate (#5). Route #3 travels on Como Avenue between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. Route #84 travels on Snelling Avenue and serves Rosedale, Falcon Heights, St. Paul and the Hiawatha Line-46th Street Station. During fair-time only, Route #960 serves Minneapolis along Nicollet Mall and 4th Street and picks up and drops off at the Como Transit Center south of Como Ave. across from the Loop Gate (#9). Metro Transit representatives are available at (612) 373-3333 or (612) 341-0140 (tty).

MOTORCYCLE PARKING

Motorcycle parking is available 6 a.m. to midnight for \$5 in a secured lot on the south side of Como Avenue, across from Gate #7. Motorcycles parked in other State Fair lots will be charged the regular \$11 parking fee or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$9). Motorcycles are not permitted on the fairgrounds.

PARK & RIDE

Free parking with free bus service to and from the fair is available at a variety of locations within a short distance from the fairgrounds. Park & Ride bus service operates from 8 a.m. to midnight daily. Bus stops are across the street from the East Dan Patch Gate (#5), south side of Como Avenue Gate (#24) and across from the Como Loop Gate (#9). See the *Getting to the Get-Together* brochure included with this media kit for specific lot locations, or visit www.mnstatefair.org to download the information.

PARKING ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

The State Fair has approximately 9,000 parking spaces. Parking lots are open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. Overnight parking is not permitted on the fairgrounds. Parking is \$11 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$9). Vehicles with trailers will be charged \$22 (\$11 for vehicle and \$11 for the trailer or two pre-fair discount admission tickets). Parking for vehicles displaying a valid disabled persons parking identification placard is also available for \$11 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket. All parking is limited and filled on a first-come basis.

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

Accommodations for guests with disabilities include restrooms, assistive listening devices, sign language interpreters, wheelchair rental, transportation, wheelchair battery recharging, curb cuts, parking and more. For a complete list of services, refer to the *Accessibility Guide* included with this media kit.

BANKING SERVICES

Bremer Bank offers a variety of banking services including new accounts, deposit processing, loan applications, vendor coin and currency orders, and check cashing (for Bremer clients) at Visitors Plaza from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

BATTERIES

A selection of regular batteries are available for purchase at Steichen's Grocery & Deli in the Commissary Building. An area for recharging wheelchair batteries is located at the Care & Assistance Center across from Heritage Square.

CAMPGROUNDS

State Fair Campground space is limited. A reservation form must be completed, submitted and confirmed prior to arrival. For reservation information call (651) 642-2379. The campgrounds open at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and remain open until 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10. The fee is \$20 per night for standard-size sites; \$22 per night for Class A units wider than eight feet; \$30 per night for over-sized units; and \$11 per night for extra vehicles.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING

Overnight RV parking is available in the lot on Stella Street (1/2 -mile west of Snelling Avenue), south of Como Avenue. This area opens at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25th. The charge is \$15 per single, standard-size unit for a 24-hour period. Oversized unit parking is \$20 per unit for a 24-hour period. No autos are allowed in the Stella-Como Lot unless towed behind another unit. There is an additional \$11 charge per 24-hour period for a towed vehicle. This lot is not a campground and there are no water, electrical, sewer, or sanitary dump facilities. Only self-contained units are permitted. No tents or pets are allowed. Generator use is allowed only in designated areas.

CARE & ASSISTANCE CENTER

Located at 1838 Dan Patch Ave., across from Heritage Square

The Care & Assistance Center is headquarters for people of any age who become lost or separated from their group. Infant care, nursing facilities, free ID bracelets and wheelchair battery recharging are also available at the center, which is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

CASH MACHINES

Sponsored by TCF Bank

Cash machines are available at numerous locations throughout the fairgrounds. Please consult the State Fair map included with this media kit for exact locations.

COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Feedback is welcome at the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza. Hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or e-mail guestservices@mnstatefair.org.

COPY & FAX SERVICE

Copy and fax services are available for a nominal fee from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Guest Services Office in Visitors Plaza.

DAILY SCHEDULES

Sponsored by the Minnesota State Lottery

Free schedules of each day's events and a map of the fairgrounds are available to guests at all information booths. Daily schedules are also available on the web beginning on or about Aug. 15 at www.mnstatefair.org.

FILM

Single-use cameras are available for sale at the Little Farm Hands Gift Shop and Steichen's Grocery & Deli in the Commissary Building. Steichen's also sells film and camera batteries.

FIRST AID

Medical Aid West is located across from Heritage Square on Dan Patch Ave.

Medical Aid East is located adjacent to the 4-H Building on Cosgrove Street

Injuries and ailments can be treated at Medical Aid West, located across from Heritage Square next to the Police Station at 1834 Dan Patch Avenue, and Medical Aid East located at 1424 Cosgrove Street on the north side of the 4-H Building. In the event of serious illness or injury, contact the police at (651) 642-2280; (651) 642-2402 (tty).

HANDWASH STATIONS

Handwash stations are available at several entrances to buildings in the livestock complex including the Cattle, Swine and Sheep Barns and CHS Miracle of Birth Center.

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.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Aug. 26–Sept. 6, Labor Day

Agriculture Horticulture Building	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 8 p.m.
Barns	See <i>Where and When to See the Animals</i> brochure
Care & Assistance Center	9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m.
Exhibit Buildings	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
Fairgrounds	6 a.m. to midnight, 10 p.m.
Outside Gates	6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 9 p.m.
Food Building	8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m.
Heritage Square	9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
International Bazaar	9 a.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m.
Kidway	9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

Little Farm Hands	8 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 p.m.
Lost & Found	9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 11 p.m.
Medical Aid West	8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., 12:30 a.m.
Medical Aid East	8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
Mighty Midway	10 a.m. to midnight, 11 p.m.
Pet Center	8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 8 p.m.
Police Headquarters	Open 24 hours
Ramberg Senior Center	8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 8 p.m.
State Fair Foundation	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
State Fair Gift Shop	8 a.m. to 9 p.m., 9 p.m.
State Fair Foundation Kiosks	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Sponsored by Qwest

Free daily schedules, maps and specialty brochures including the *Deals, Drawings & Giveaways* and *Attraction Access* guides, *Tree Sculpture* and *Adopt-A-Garden* Tours, *Find Your Fabulous Fair Alphabet* game card, the *Historical Walking Tour* brochure and *Where and When to See the Animals* judging schedule are available at all booths. Booth locations and hours of operation are as follows:

- DNR (Judson Avenue), 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Gate 5 (Dan Patch Avenue), 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Visitors Plaza, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Agriculture Horticulture (Judson Avenue), 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Carousel Park (west of Grandstand Ramp), 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Baldwin Park (Randall Avenue), 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Gate 2 (Cooper Street), 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Mighty Midway, 10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day)

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Found articles should be turned in immediately to the Lost & Found Station located on West Dan Patch Avenue, next to the Care & Assistance Center. Anyone looking for lost articles should check at this location between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Items found between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. should be turned in at the Police Station next door. Beginning on Friday, Sept. 10, unclaimed items may be claimed for a limited time (14 days) between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays at the Administration Building or by calling (651) 288-4400.

LOST PEOPLE

From 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., the Care & Assistance Center located across from Heritage Square is headquarters for people of any age who are lost or separated from their group. If the lost person is a child, contact the Police Station at (651) 642-2280, (651) 642-2402 (tty) and an officer will bring the child to the center.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIRWEAR GIFT SHOPS

Visitors Plaza – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lower Grandstand – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Warner Coliseum North Entrance – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

State FairWear Gift Shops feature Minnesota State Fair merchandise as well as official 2010 State Fair commemorative merchandise featuring the art of Minnesota artist Deborah Voyda Rogers. Purchases made at State FairWear gift shops support the mission of the State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3). The State FairWear Gift Shop in Visitors Plaza is also open various times on Aug. 24 and 25.

STATE FAIR FOUNDATION KIOSKS

State Fair Foundation Kiosks sell Blue Ribbon Bargain Books and 2010 State Fair commemorative posters. The kiosks are located at the following four locations: inside the Main Gate (Gate 5), inside the Loop Gate (Gate 10), near the Loop Gate by the CHS Miracle of Birth Center (Gate 9) and at the north end of the fairgrounds near the Pet Center Information Booth. They are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Proceeds support the mission of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3).

POST OFFICE

A branch of the U.S. Postal Service operates every day of the fair from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Visitors Plaza.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

On Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 5, religious services are offered.

Ecumenical services are held at 9:15 a.m. at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell and at 7:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the Crossroads Chapel on Underwood Street. A Catholic mass is held at 9:15 a.m. on the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park.

TROLLEYS

Sponsored by Gold'n Plump

Four free trolleys will service the area from East Dan Patch Avenue to Underwood Street to Murphy Avenue to Cooper Street to Randall Avenue to Cosgrove Street and back to East Dan Patch Avenue from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. No service from 2 to 3 p.m. due to the daily parade. Two ADA accessible trolleys are available. See a State Fair map included with this media kit for exact route information.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HISTORY

The Minnesota Agricultural Society was founded in 1854 with a mission to promote Minnesota's agriculture by presenting an annual fair. Statehood was granted in 1858, and the Society held its first State Fair in 1859 near what became downtown 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 relentlessly to provide a permanent home for the fair in their respective cities. The Minnesota State Fair finally found a permanent home at its present location, midway between Minneapolis and St. Paul, when Ramsey County donated its 210-acre poor farm to the state for use by the Agricultural Society, the governing body of the State Fair.

Secure in its new surroundings, the Minnesota State Fair began to grow. Physically, the fairgrounds blossomed to 320 acres. Architecturally, it is home to many historically-significant structures including the Fine Arts Center, Progress Center, Grandstand and Warner Coliseum.

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

Since its inception, the fair has been held every year with only five exceptions: in 1861 and 1862 due to the Civil War and Dakota Indian Conflict, in 1893 because of scheduling conflicts with the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1945 due to war-time fuel shortages, and in 1946 due to a polio epidemic.

2010 ANNIVERSARIES

100 Years • 1910

- First corn competition held

15 Years • 1995

- State Fair launches its first web site
- Carousel is placed in Carousel Park

10 Years • 2000

- The Miracle of Birth Center debuts in what is now the KARE 11 Barn
- 3rd Lair SkatePark has first presence at the fair
- Health Fair 11 debuts at the fair

FAIRBORNE AND FAIRCHILD 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 state-wide naming contest. It's also a tribute to Henry S. Fairchild, the man who suggested the Ramsey County Poor Farm become the permanent site of the State Fair.

HISTORICAL DATES

FIRSTS

- **1854**
Territorial Agricultural Society founded (governing body of the fair)
- **1855**
First territorial fair
- **1858**
Minnesota admitted to the Union
- **1859**
First State Fair
- **1860**
Territorial Society becomes State Agricultural Society
- **1885**
First year at present fairgrounds
- **1899**
First evening Grandstand show “Burning of Manilla” fireworks presentation
- **1903**
First appearance of race horse Dan Patch
- **1904**
First Midway
- **1907**
First year of auto races
- **1910**
First airplane flight in Minnesota was held at the fairgrounds
- **1933**
First Thrill Day
- **1933**
First year “everyone pays” gate
- **1953**
First state-wide Princess Kay of the Milky Way contest
- **1955**
First year attendance topped 1 million
- **1962**
First year of “big name” evening Grandstand entertainment
- **1975**
First 12-day fair
- **1988**
First State Fair Llama Show

- **1995**
First year of State Fair independently operated Mighty Midway and Kidway

LASTS

- **1938**
Last year the fair started on the Saturday before Labor Day
- **1949**
Last year of horse races
- **1949**
Last legislative appropriation
- **2002**
Last year of auto racing at the Grandstand

GENERAL

- **1907**
Arts Center and Progress Center built
- **1909**
Grandstand built
- **1913**
Ye Old Mill constructed
- **1944**
Wooden-domed Agriculture Building burned down
- **1958**
Pioneer Woman statue erected
- **1964**
Skyride built
- **1965**
Space Tower built
- **1966**
Fairchild debuts as State Fair Mascot
- **1975**
Heritage Square opens
- **1975**
Hippodrome renamed Coliseum
- **1980**
Fine arts competition moved to new home in Arts Center
- **1983**
Fairborne debuts as second State Fair mascot
- **1984**
International Bazaar opens

- **1991**
Visitors Plaza constructed
- **1991**
Pet Center opened
- **1994**
Progress Center's renovation completed
- **1995**
Carousel Park constructed
- **1998**
Care & Assistance Center constructed
- **2001**
Skyglider constructed
- **2001**
Miracle of Birth Center added to the Children's Barnyard
- **2001**
Adopt-A-Garden Program began
- **2002**
Minnesota State Fair Foundation established
- **2002**
Food Building renovation
- **2002**
Grandstand bleachers razed and renovation begins
- **2003**
Little Farm Hands takes over Agri-land
- **2006**
CHS Miracle of Birth Center built
- **2006**
Coliseum re-named for Lee and Rose Warner
- **2006**
Historic greenhouse residence restored and named J.V. Bailey House
- **2006**
Eco Experience takes over Progress Center
- **2007**
Food and agricultural waste composting program started
- **2008**
New International Bazaar opens
- **2009**
New Moo Booth opens

NO FAIR

- **1861**
Civil War
- **1862**
Civil War, Dakota Indian Conflict
- **1893**
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago
- **1945**
World War II fuel rationing
- **1946**
Polio epidemic

MOMENTOUS OCCASIONS

- **1887**
A mock battle brought 80,000 spectators to the Grandstand on Grand Army Day.
- **1901**
Teddy Roosevelt delivers his famous "big stick" speech at the fair.
- **1906**
Legendary pacer horse, Dan Patch, set the world record for one-mile at the Grandstand; the record stood for more than 30 years.
- **1927**
John Phillip Sousa composes the "Minnesota March" and performs it at the fair.
- **1928**
F. Scott Fitzgerald waxes poetic about the fair in his book *A Night at the Fair*.
- **1936**
More than 73,000 fans gathered at the Grandstand to watch the 10-mile U.S. Championship dirt-car race.
- **1995**
Commonwealth Avenue changed to Dan Patch Avenue.
- **2006**
All-time Labor Day record attendance of 160,209
- **2009**
All-time cumulative record attendance of 1,790,497

EVOLUTION OF GRANDSTAND SHOWS

• 1909

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

• 1927

John Phillip Sousa was the fair's first "name" entertainer. He performed in the Plaza Park outside the Grandstand.

• 1935

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

• 1941

State Fair Revue promised 57 "headline" acts, but the show was stolen on opening night by Edgar Bergen and his wooden sidekick, Charlie McCarthy.

• 1957

Ricky Nelson starred in Children's Day shows shortly after "I'm Walking," his first release, made him a teen heartthrob.

• 1962

First "big-name" night shows were staged, starring Dennis Day, Jane Russell and Jimmie Dean.

• 2003

New Grandstand Plaza seating area, and exit and entrance ramps built in place of bleachers that were razed in 2002

CURIOSITIES

• 1887, 1888, 1889, 1898

Battle reenactments of "Minnesota at Gettysburg" among others

• 1906

St. Paul Growers Association builds a model of the new State Capitol out of onions

• 1915

Baby contest pitted city babies vs. country babies and Minneapolis babies vs. St. Paul babies

• 1920

50¢ all-you-can-eat buffet, served on a conveyor belt and introduced as the future of dining

• 1920 & 1921; 1933 & 1934

Staged locomotive collisions in Grandstand

• 1922

Vice President Coolidge heckled into shortening his speech to make way for the auto races

• 1965

Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Mary Ann Titrud, wore royal robes made from butter labels

• 1986, 1987, 1989

Jay Cochran walked a tight rope from the top of the 4-H Building to the top of the Space Tower

• 2007

Robotic Milker introduced at Cattle Barn's Milking Parlor

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

4-H Building

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located at the intersection of Cosgrove Street and Wright Avenue*

Built during 1939 and 1940, the 4-H Building was dedicated in a ceremony on Aug. 29, 1940. Home to thousands of youth during the fair's 12-day run, the first-level kitchen serves over 40,000 meals throughout the fair.

Agriculture Horticulture Building

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located between Judson Avenue and Carnes Avenue on Underwood Street*

This octagon shaped building hosts competitions, demonstrations, exhibits

and concessions related to agriculture and horticulture. In 1885 a wooden-domed building was constructed as the “main building,” but was also used as the Agriculture Building for a time. In 1901, a new Agriculture Building was built, and with an addition to this building in 1912, Minnesota could boast the largest permanent building devoted to the exhibition of agricultural products in the world. The modern Agriculture Horticulture Building opened in 1947, its architecture mirroring the nearby 4-H Building with the same lit tower, vertical thrust and streamlined shapes.

Cattle Barn

Located on Judson Avenue

The Livestock Pavilion, or Cattle Barn, was built in 1920. The massive brick structure covers 117,450 square feet with sufficient housing for 1,000 cattle. The structure has changed several times in its 86 years, most notably serving in WWII as a home for the A.O. Smith Corporation that manufactured military aircraft propellers. The 21,000-square-foot corrugated steel Beef Barn afforded more exhibit space in 1970.

Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum

Located on Judson Avenue

The first Coliseum, named the Hippodrome, was built in 1906 and was used for horse shows and livestock judging. From 1909 to 1942, the building was used as the Hippodrome Ice Rink during the winter months and was considered, at the time, to be the largest in the world. In 1942, the Hippodrome was razed after government use during World War II had rendered it unsafe. In 1950 and 1951 the present Hippodrome was erected. There had been no building since WWII in which horse shows could be held. Thus, when the Hippodrome was completed in 1951, horse shows were reinstated. In 1975 the name was again changed back to the Coliseum when winter activities in this building started. In 2006, it was named in honor of Lee and Rose Warner.

Commissary Building

North of the Sheep & Poultry Barn

Erected by the WPA in 1938, this building’s purpose is to give a central location to concession services and supply houses. From June 1943 until May 1946, this building was used as a war plant, housing the cafeteria and plant protection section of the A.O. Smith propeller plant. In 1946, the building was reconverted to 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.

Creative Activities and Annex

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the corner of Cosgrove Street and Dan Patch Avenue

The original building on this site was erected in 1904 to serve as a manufacturer’s building. After only a few years it was changed to the Women’s Building. In 1913, an annex was built onto the Women’s Building to form a link with the art exhibit. Its purpose was to provide commercial exhibits to women. In 1970, the Women’s Building was razed and the present-day Creative Activities Building was built.

Fine Arts Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located on the corner of Cosgrove Street and Randall Avenue*

Built in 1907, the Fine Arts Center served as the original Dairy Building, and eventually became Machinery Hall. In 1980, it became home to the fair's Fine Arts Competition, Minnesota's largest juried art show. Before finding a permanent home in the old Dairy Building, the Fine Arts Exhibition had been held on the third floor of the Grandstand.

Food Building

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *between Cooper Street and Underwood Street north of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The Food Building, which houses numerous food concessions, was first built and used during the 1948 State Fair, and was completely finished in 1949. Prior to this, the first Dairy Building on the fairgrounds occupied the southern portion of this block from 1887 until 1948, when plans were made to construct a building strictly for food vendors. Over the years, the Food Building has become one of the most visited buildings on the fairgrounds.

Grandstand

Located on Dan Patch Avenue

The Minnesota State Fair Grandstand is known as the historic heart of the fairgrounds. The original two-decked wooden Grandstand, built in 1885, was razed after the 1908 State Fair. The current Grandstand, much larger than the original, 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. The State Agricultural Society has committed substantial resources to the renovation of this historic building to preserve it for future generations of fair visitors.

The area underneath the Grandstand currently houses nearly 200 product vendors. In the past, it has also been utilized as an art gallery and automobile show space.

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 president Teddy Roosevelt's "Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick" speech.

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

Horse Barn

Located on Judson Avenue and Liggett Street

The Horse Barn was originally built in 1940 by the WPA. From June 1943 until May 1946 the Horse Barn served the war effort by housing the machine shop of the A.O. Smith Co. military aircraft propeller plant. Some modifications were made after WWII, and in 1948, horses, sheep and 4-Hers returned for competition.

J.V. Bailey House

Located on Cosgrove Street, south of the Space Tower

This residence was home to greenhouse superintendents and groundskeepers from the 1920s to 2004. It was also the fair-time home for State Agricultural Society board members from the 1920s through 1969. 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 (1912–1932), member of the Agricultural Society board and president of the board (1933–1934). Restored with gifts to the Minnesota State Fair Foundation from Bailey Nursery Foundation and the Gordon and Margaret Bailey Foundation, the property now provides community meeting space and offices for the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Guided tours are offered daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Progress Center

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Located on the east end of Randall Avenue

Built in 1907, the Progress Center is one of the oldest buildings on the fairgrounds. Originally constructed as the Poultry Building, it has also been home to State Exhibits, Wonders of Technology, and most recently, the Eco Experience.

Sheep & Poultry Barn

Located on Judson Avenue and Clough Street

The current Sheep & Poultry Barn was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s. As with many fair buildings in the livestock area, the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over from 1943 to 1945 for WWII airplane manufacturing. In 1945, when the war effort ended, sheep and poultry were combined in the current building.

Swine Barn

Located on Judson Avenue and Stevens Street

Swine Barn construction began under the ERA program and was completed by the WPA in 1936. From 1938 to 1943, swine shared their building with sheep. Like many other fair buildings, it served the war effort in WWII, when the A.O. Smith Corporation took it over for the grinding and shipping operations of its propeller plant.

CALENDAR/DAY DESIGNATIONS

Thursday, Aug. 26 • Thrifty Thursday

Today's Deals: Reduced admission—Adults (13 & over) \$9; Kids (5–12) \$6. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions. Many merchandise and food vendors offer special Thrifty Thursday bargains.

In Carousel Park: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Minnesota Center for Engineering & Manufacturing presents STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Day at the fair where guests can experience science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on projects and demonstrations. Activities include the opportunity to construct a bridge, experience the power of an earthquake, engineer an instrument or make concrete float. Fairgoers can also learn about the connection between STEM and everything at the fair, from animal barns to midway rides.

Friday, Aug. 27 • Governor's Fire Prevention Day

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

In Carousel Park: Fire Explorer Challenge: youth firefighters compete in safety challenges; CPR and AED demonstrations; fire extinguisher training and more.

On West Dan Patch: The Hot Zone: demonstration car fires, fire trucks and safety equipment, mock extrications, sprinkler trailer, International Fire Safety Village, kitchen fire demonstrations and “fire safety hopper.”

Saturday, Aug. 28 • 4-H Day

In Carousel Park: 1500 ESPN Twin Cities' annual SuperTalk™ Saturday broadcasts live with All-Stars Joe Southery, Patrick Reusse and The Rookie from 10 a.m. until noon. Included in this live broadcast is the annual BabyWalk™. At 2 p.m., myTalk107.1 broadcasts live for the annual Gab-O-Rama where hosts are mis-matched for special 10-15 minute broadcast segments. Staffers will also perform “Glee” and “Real Housewives”-inspired dancing and singing numbers.

Today Only: The 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction takes place at 6 p.m. in the Judging Arena.

Sunday, Aug. 29 • FAN Central Day

In Carousel Park: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. fairgoers can share their community pride with participants and winners of the annual Minnesota Community Pride Contest at the awards showcase. Additional activities include musical entertainment provided by singer-songwriter Charlie Maguire and other Minnesota musicians, a Minnesota community trivia contest, issues forum and showcase tent featuring displays from the Community Pride contestants. The contest recognizes the goodwill and good actions that communities, neighborhoods and organizations across our state are doing right now to help one another. Partners: Minnesota Rural Partners, Inc., MinnPost.com and the Minnesota State Fair.

Today Only: Today's celebration features FAN Central. Guests can see many of Minnesota's professional sports teams all under the same roof, win prizes,

see team mascots and maybe get an autograph from their favorite player. The 26th Annual Milk Run kicks off at 7:45 a.m. Awards are presented to the top three finishers in each of 12 age categories. Sponsored by Great River Energy.

Monday, Aug. 30 • Seniors, Kids & MN State Patrol Day

Today's Deals: Reduced admission—Seniors (65 & over) and Kids (5–12) \$6. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: The Radio Disney Road Crew will host activities and events throughout the day.

On West Dan Patch: Visitors can see a vast array of specialty vehicles offered by the MN State Patrol as well as drug sniffing K9 dogs, rollover simulations and airbag deployments. State Troopers will be on hand to discuss their work and how to remain safe on the road.

Tuesday, Aug. 31 • Ticket Deal Tuesday

Today's Deals: Adults (13 & over) admitted for \$9. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: The Minnesota Farmers Union and Food Alliance Midwest co-present the eighth-annual Minnesota Cooks event. This event brings together local farmers, chefs, celebrities, and the community for cooking demonstrations and discussions about sustainable food production practices and the farmer-to-consumer connection.

Wednesday, Sept. 1 • Read & Ride Wednesday

Today's Deals: Public Library cardholders receive a discount off regular gate admission when they purchase a ticket at the gate. Only one discount per card is allowed. Reduced admission—Adults (13 & over) \$9; Seniors (65 & over) \$6; Kids (5–12) \$6. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: Join Minnesota's public libraries in celebrating summer readers at the "Great Minnesota Read-Together." Events include a children's CD release party at 10 and 11 a.m., a reading of "A Fabulous Fair Alphabet" by author and illustrator Debra Fraiser at 10:30 a.m., presentations by Minnesota mystery writers and games and activities for kids throughout the day.

Thursday, Sept. 2 • Seniors Day

Today's Deals: Seniors (65 & over) admitted for \$6. Early Bird Specials are offered until 1 p.m. on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

In Carousel Park: "The State's Largest Senior Stretch & Stroll" kicks off with registration at 9:30 a.m. and a program at 10 a.m. Co-sponsors UCare and Volunteers of America are teaming up to teach seniors how to stretch their muscles and mind while adding steps to their day. The first 1,000 participants receive free door prizes, including a t-shirt and fitness tools. All participants who complete the walk will receive a reward and be entered into the Schuler

Shoes gift card drawing. The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band will provide musical entertainment in the park.

Friday, Sept. 3 • MPR Day

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

In Carousel Park: At 11 a.m. MPR News Midday host Gary Eichten welcomes the candidates for governor to the Carousel Park stage for a debate and the chance to answer questions from the audience. At noon, Garrison Keillor stops by for a chat all the way from Lake Wobegon. Keillor will also preview tonight's "A Prairie Home Companion" which will be performed on the Grandstand stage. In addition, Classical MPR and 89.3 The Current will feature live musical performances.

Saturday, Sept. 4 • FFA Day

Today: A myriad of FFA judging events take place including dairy cattle judging in the Judging Arena and swine, sheep and market goats in the Swine Barn.

In Carousel Park: AARP presents musical entertainment, free health screenings, presentations by the Better Business Bureau and information on the new health care law.

Sunday, Sept. 5 • Minnesota History Day

Today only: Anyone who completes the State Fair Historical Walking Tour can stop by the State Fair Foundation booth outside the J.V. Bailey House between 8 a.m and 8 p.m. and receive a free 2010 State Fair Commemorative Art poster, created by Minnesota artist Deborah Voyda Rogers (while supplies last).

In Carousel Park: The Minnesota State Fair Foundation and Minnesota Historical Society invite guests to celebrate Minnesota history from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can learn about our state's past, participate in educational activities and win prizes. Minnesota Historical Society will present history-themed entertainment throughout the day that will include a fashion show, trivia, theater performances and a variety of music.

Monday, Sept. 6 • Kids & Last Chance Day

Today's Deals: Kids (5–12) admitted for \$6. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions. Merchandise and food vendors offer Last Chance bargains all day. Pick up a *Last Chance* flyer available at all information booths.

In Carousel Park: Cub Foods sponsors activities and events throughout the day.

FAIRCHILD'S FANTASTIC FAIR FUN FINDER

Use this search engine on the State Fair web site for entertainment dates and times, special demonstrations, attraction dates and times, events in Carousel Park and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS & CEREMONIES

50 Year Award

Monday, Aug. 30, 5 p.m., *Located in Heritage Square*

This award honors individuals with 50 years of fair participation.

Flag Raising

Flag raising ceremonies occur daily before the 10:30 a.m. Leinie Lodge Bandshell show.

26th Annual Milk Run

Sponsored by Great River Energy

Sunday, Aug. 29, 7:45 a.m., *Blue Ribbon Picnic Area on Randall Avenue*

The five-kilometer certified race begins in the Blue Ribbon Picnic Area, moves off the fairgrounds through the U of M campus and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, and finishes back at the Blue Ribbon Picnic Area. Each participant receives a Milk Run T-shirt, admission to the fair, a malt coupon and the opportunity to win door prizes.

Minnesota Community Pride Awards Showcase

Partners: MinnPost.com, Minnesota Rural Partners, Inc., Minnesota State Fair

Sunday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., *Carousel Park*

This awards showcase highlights the winners of the Minnesota Community Pride Competition. The competition lifts up and publicly recognizes the energy and ingenuity of Minnesota's communities in both overall community and economic development achievement, and innovations in specific disciplines, such as education, broadband deployment and application, health care, entrepreneurship support, arts & culture, public finance and more.

Opening Ceremony

Thursday, Aug. 26, 10:15 a.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Executive Vice President Jerry Hammer and President Denny Baker declare the State Fair officially open at 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 26. The ceremony features the national anthem sung by Gwen Sebastian and Breakaway and a flag raising by members of the National Guard.

Outstanding Senior Citizens Award

Seniors Day, Thursday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Two Minnesota seniors are selected and honored as Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. Out of a pool of nominees from each county in the state, winners are chosen for their outstanding commitment to community service since reaching the age of 65. Sponsored by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Princess Kay of the Milky Way Coronation

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 8:30 p.m., *Leinie Lodge Bandshell*

Since 1953, the Princess Kay competition has recognized young women whose families are involved in Minnesota's dairy industry. Regional dairy princesses will compete for this year's title. The princess will serve as a dairy industry spokesperson throughout the year and the entire court will have their

likenesses carved out of butter during the fair. The competition is organized by Midwest Dairy Association. For more information, please contact Brian Belmont at brian@bellmontpartners.com, (952) 233-0428 (office) or (612) 386-0891 (cell).

Veterans Ceremony

Thursday, Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m., *south side of Agriculture Horticulture Building*

This summer the State Fair Veterans Garden was redesigned and will be rededicated during this year's ceremony. The State Fair Veterans Garden was established in 2005 to honor all Minnesotans who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The Veterans Garden currently includes plaques honoring veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, as well as a Blue Star Memorial honoring all American military veterans.

BUTTER SCULPTURES

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, *Dairy Building*

Princess Kay and her court will each have their likeness carved into an 85-90 pound block of butter. For more information please contact Brian Belmont at brian@bellmontpartners.com, (952) 233-0428 (office) or (612) 386-0891 (cell).

CHRISTMAS TREE DIVISION

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, *Agriculture Horticulture Building*

The Christmas Tree exhibit and competition features Minnesota-grown Christmas tree judging and Christmas tree displays. The exhibit also includes a video featuring a forestry expert explaining the environmental benefits of the Christmas tree industry as well as various Christmas tree competitions.

ECO EXPERIENCE

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Progress Center on Randall Avenue*

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. The Eco Experience showcases renewable energy and exhibits on air, water, land, green buildings, organic agriculture and local foods. In 2010, the exhibit won a Minnesota Renewable Energy Society award for its efforts to promote sustainable energy. The first-ever Eco Experience in 2006 was the largest environmental event of its kind in the country. Visit www.ecoexperience.org. For more information, please contact Pamela McCurdy at pamela.mccurdy@state.mn.us or (651) 757-2559 (cell).

For more information and a description of the new elements at the Eco Experience this year, see page 81 of this press kit.

For a complete Sustainability Stage schedule, search the Fun Finder or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

FAMILY FAIR

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

Located in Baldwin Park

Family Fair features attractions, concessions and entertainment including: Fair-Do's; Sean Emery, a comedic juggler; The Wax Hands; Monster Shop Bump'n with the BC Characters music and dance performances that include breakdancing and costumed characters; Yarn Buddies Marionettes; Friday Dog Cartoons; entertainment by Will Hale and The Tadpole Parade; Debra Frasier's *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet* and more. See pages 23-24 for a listing of entertainment on the Family Fair Stage.

HEALTH-RELATED EXHIBITS

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

• Carousel Park • Seniors Day, Thursday, Sept. 2

"The State's Largest Senior Stretch & Stroll," registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; the event starts at 10 a.m.

• **Crossroads Building–East Auditorium • Health Fair 11 at the Fair**
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Health Fair 11 at the Fair celebrates its 10th anniversary. New this year, families can learn if they have good handwashing skills by taking a trip through Germ City. ‘Leadie Eddie,’ a blood testing vehicle, will warn guests about the danger of lead poisoning. Fairgoers will also find several free or low-cost screenings. Since 2001, nearly 370,000 screenings have been documented at Health Fair 11. This year’s screenings include:

- Balance and flexibility
- Blood pressure
- Blood typing
- Body mass
- Bone density
- Diabetes
- Hearing
- Vision

• **Education Building**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Alzheimer’s Association of Minnesota and North Dakota
American Diabetes Association–Minnesota Affiliate, Inc.
Arthritis Foundation–Minnesota Chapter
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Lions Eye Bank & Hearing Foundation
Minnesota State Council on Disabilities
National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Minnesota
State Services for the Blind
Veterans Affairs Medical Center

• **Lower Grandstand**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
Pro Choice Resources
South Minnesota Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

• **Touring Promotional Health Exhibits**

Various times, dates and locations. See pages 63-64 for details.

AARP The Magazine Road Show
DRIVE4COPD
Susan G. Komen On the Go

• **Upper Grandstand**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

New Life Family Services

HISTORY MUSEUM

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in Heritage Square*

The State Fair History Museum showcases memorabilia and artifacts from the fair’s past. Admission is free. See the *State Fair History Museum* brochure included with this media kit for more information.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR

9 a.m. to 10 p.m., *Located on Judson Avenue*

After more than 35 years, the temporary structure built in 1970 as the Mexican Village (most recently the International Bazaar) was razed after the

2007 State Fair. With over 14,000 additional square feet, a new International Bazaar opened for the 2008 State Fair and features a free entertainment stage, food concessions, a demonstration stage presented by the International Institute and a patio area complete with colorful cabana umbrellas. Food concessions in the Bazaar include: West Indies Soul; Holy Land Deli, which specializes in Middle Eastern fare; The Panda Palace, which serves up traditional Chinese cuisine; and Island Noodles, which offers varieties of wok-fried soba noodle dishes; the Midtown Global Market Kitchen, which will feature three different vendors and food types throughout the 12 days of the fair; “Shanghaied” Henri’s Foods and Brews from Around the World and Bavarian Roasted Nuts. The Bazaar features two entertainment stages. Dance, instrument and craft demonstrations are showcased daily on the Festival of Nations Stage. The free entertainment stage, sponsored by Summit Brewing Co., features performances by Native Pride Dancers, Ticket to Brasil, Neil Dynamite and Maria Isa among others. See pages 25-26 of this Press Kit for a complete listing of entertainment on the International Bazaar Stage.

MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS CABIN

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located on Underwood Street north of Judson Avenue*

The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc., an organization whose membership is limited to persons who were citizens of Minnesota on May 11, 1858 and their descendants, was established in the year 1897. The first cabin on the fairgrounds was completed in the late 1890s. In 1958, the cabin was razed and a new log cabin was built by the W.P.A. The current building has pioneer- inspired gifts for purchase.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

Located in the J.V. Bailey House

- **J.V. Bailey House Tours**

New this year, the State Fair Foundation is offering guided tours of the J.V. Bailey House, the fair’s historic greenhouse residence (now home to Foundation offices). Guests will have the chance to learn about the history of the home and the Foundation. Tours offered daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- **“A Mirror of Minnesota Greatness...”**

 - **The History of the Minnesota State Fair**

 - The Minnesota State Fair Foundation presents the history of the Minnesota State Fair through the eyes of fair participants, fans and friends. The exhibit features State Fair photos and artifacts.

- **A Fabulous Fair Alphabet Exhibition**

 - Celebrated Minnesota author and illustrator, Debra Frasier, has created the book *A Fabulous State Fair Alphabet*. From the thousands of signs and letters she has photographed at the State Fair, Frasier designed 26 alphabet collages that follow the arc of a day at the fair. An exhibition of the original art from the book is displayed at the J.V. Bailey House. Every day from noon to 2 p.m., guests are invited to meet the author and purchase a book for \$15, with proceeds benefiting the State Fair Foundation.

- **Historical Walking Tour**

Brought to you by the State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota State Fair Historical Walking Tour, presented by the State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society, is a fun and interesting way to see the fair. Guests will learn about State Fair favorites and explore all corners of the grounds on this self-guided tour. To celebrate the fifth anniversary of this family favorite, special prizes will be offered at the State Fair Foundation booth in front of the J.V. Bailey House and on the first floor of the Grandstand at the Minnesota Historical Society booth. Walking Tour brochures are available at State Fair Information Booths and at each of the ten walking tour stops.

- **Share Your State Fair Story**

The Minnesota State Fair Foundation, in partnership with the Minnesota State Historical Society, invites fair guests to share their State Fair stories and memories. The Foundation is looking for personal narratives, observations and comments about State Fair experiences to create an interactive on-line library of State Fair stories.. Stories will be collected at the J.V. Bailey House between noon and 2 p.m. daily and online anytime at www.msffoundation.org.

- **Friends of the Fair - State Fair Survival Kits**

During the fair, the State Fair Foundation is offering a State Fair Survival Kit to help prepare fair guests for their fair experience. From rain ponchos to bandages, these kits will include items essential for a great day at the fair. New and renewing *Friends of the Fair* will receive this kit as a thank you for their contribution to the Foundation during the State Fair (while supplies last). *Friends of the Fair* is an annual membership program, offering exclusive benefits including gate tickets, pre-sale access to Grandstand show tickets, bricks, benches and more. Contributions support the Foundation's mission to support State Fair agriculture, scientific and educational experiences. Visit www.msffoundation.org for more information.

MINNESOTA WINE COUNTRY

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., *Located in the north hall of the Agriculture Horticulture Building*

Minnesota wineries will be featured throughout the 12 days of the fair. This exhibit will educate fairgoers about wine produced in Minnesota. Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase samples from a wide variety of Minnesota-made wines.

Meet the Minnesota Wine Makers

Daily seminars featuring Minnesota Wineries and the University of Minnesota will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Wine Stage in the Minnesota Wine Country Exhibit. Different local winemakers and experts will be on-hand each day of the fair to give information on the Minnesota wine industry.

NEW EXHIBITS

For new exhibits and their locations, see the listing on page 80 under the "What's New?" section of this press kit.

PET CENTER

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., *Located at the north end of the fairgrounds on Murphy Avenue*

The Pet Center features Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association exhibits and demonstrations, the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association surgery suite and other pet-oriented commercial exhibits and concessions. Admission is free. Pet surgeries are presented in the Surgery Suite daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. All demonstrations are presented outside of the Pet Center. For a complete schedule of Pet Center events, search the Fun Finder or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

TOURING PROMOTIONAL EXHIBITS

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

AARP The Magazine Road Show

Sept. 4–6, *see daily schedule for location*

AARP The Magazine Road Show features an activity area bringing the pages of the magazine to life with health screenings, drawings and free product samples.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile

Aug. 28–29 & Sept. 3–5, *see daily schedule for location*

The American Red Cross will be collecting blood donations, displaying first-aid kits and distributing information about blood transfusions.

Best Buy Live Tour

Aug. 26–29, *see daily schedule for location*

Guests will experience first hand interaction with tomorrow's technology and have the opportunity to discover new ways to integrate this technology into a daily home living environment.

Bicycle Playing Cards

Aug. 26–29, *see daily schedule for location*

Guest can learn about classic and new card games from a trained dealer and create their own custom playing cards.

DRIVE4COPD

Aug. 27–29, *see daily schedule for location*

The exhibit will feature screenings for COPD through the DRIVE4COPD campaign.

Gold Peak Tea Sampling

Aug. 27-29, *see daily schedule for location*

Gold Peak Tea will offer sampling of products and photo opportunities.

Harlequin Enterprises

Aug. 26- Sept. 6, *see daily schedule for location*

Full-length mystery and suspense novels published by Harlequin from their Intrigue Series will be on display.

Mott's

Aug. 27–31, *see daily schedule for location*

Guests can sample Mott's apple juice and apple sauce.

Ocean Spray

Aug. 26– Sept. 6, *see daily schedule for location*

Guests can sample Ocean Spray Juice Drink Blends, Craisins and "On-the-Go" powdered drink mixes.

Sensodyne

Aug. 26–Sept. 6, *see daily schedule for location*

The exhibit will feature displays and samples of Sensodyne products.

Susan G. Komen On the Go

Aug. 26–Sept. 6, *see daily schedule for location*

This exhibit will educate and engage people in the breast cancer awareness movement. It includes an interactive learning center, a graffiti wall, local breast cancer survivors, health care professionals and Komen Race for the Cure details.

WAHL "Let it Grow" Tour

Sept. 4–6, *see daily schedule for location*

The WAHL "Let It Grow" touring exhibit features a mobile barbershop with two professional stylists trimming and detailing men's facial hair and a contest for the best beard, mustache and goatee.

Xbox 360 Kinect Experience Tour

Aug. 26–30, *see daily schedule for location*

This exhibit will allow guests to demo the new version of the Xbox called Kinect.

ADVENTURE PARK

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

9 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day), *Located east of the Mighty Midway*

Adventure Park features extreme thrill attractions including:

- **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. \$25 per rider.

- **Sling Shot**

Hurls two riders at a time 140 feet straight into the air. \$25 per rider.

- **Turbo Bungy**

Riders are harnessed in and perform acrobatic acts. \$5 per rider.

- **Rock Climbing Wall**

Simulated 25-foot tall mountain-side climbing for beginners to experts. \$5 per person.

KIDWAY

9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (10 p.m. Labor Day), *Located north of Visitors Plaza in the block between Underwood Street and Cooper Street south of Wright Avenue*

Media MUST check in with Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452 and the Kidway Office at (651) 643-6494 before entering Kidway for interviews. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN KIDWAY.

Kidway features rides, attractions and concessions for children and families. Pre-fair discount ride and game tickets are available through Aug. 25 (\$10 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride and game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway (75 cents single, \$20 per sheet of 30 or \$30 per sheet of 50). Discounts and specials are offered all day on Thrifty Thursday, Aug. 26, Kids Days, Monday, Aug. 30 and Monday, Sept. 6 and Read & Ride Day, Wednesday, Sept. 1. Early Bird Specials are offered Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2 and Friday Sept. 3 until 1 p.m. Ticket booths close 1/2-hour before rides and concessions close.

The following is a list of this year's rides and attractions at Kidway:

- Anchors Away
 - Baja Buggy
 - Beetle Bobs*
 - Bumble Bee
 - Cars
 - Daytona*
 - Dive Bomber
 - Dragon Wagon
 - Dino-Go-Round
 - Expo Gondola Wheel*
 - Flying Tigers
 - Ghost Pirate Dark Ride
 - Jumping Star
 - Kiddie Bumper Boats
 - Kiddie Ferris Wheel
 - Kite Flyer
 - Lady Bug
 - Merry-Go-Round
 - Mini Swing
 - Monkey/Bear-Go-Round
 - Monkey Maze Glass House
 - Motorcycle Jump
 - Quad Runner
 - Raiders
 - Safari Train
 - Samba Balloon
 - Slide
 - Speedway
 - Tea Time
 - Tilt-A-Whirl
 - Wave Swinger
 - Winky the Whale
- (*new attractions)

MIGHTY MIDWAY

10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. Labor Day), west end of fairgrounds. Entrance at the intersection of Carnes Avenue and Liggett Street.

Media MUST check in with Brienna Schuette at (651) 288-4452 and the Midway Operations Office at (651) 643-6494 before entering the Mighty Midway for interviews. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE MIGHTY MIDWAY.

The Mighty Midway features rides, games of skill and concessions. Pre-fair discount ride and game tickets are available through Aug. 25 (\$10 for 20 tickets). During the fair, ride and game tickets are available at Mighty Midway and Kidway (75 cents single, \$20 per sheet of 30 or \$30 per sheet of 50). Discounts and specials are offered all day on Thrifty Thursday, Aug. 26, Kids Days, Monday, Aug. 30 and Monday, Sept. 6 and Read & Ride Day, Wednesday, Sept. 1. Early Bird Specials are offered Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2 and Friday, Sept. 3 until 1 p.m. Ticket booths close 1/2-hour before rides and concessions close.

The following is a list of this year's rides and attractions at the Mighty Midway:

- 1001 Nachts
- Adult Bumper Boats
- Alpine Bobs
- Arabian Daze Fun House
- Avalanche*
- Big Ben Launch/Drop Tower
- Cliff Hanger
- Crazy Mouse Spinning Roller Coaster
- Cuckoo Haus Fun House
- Gondola Ferris Wheel
- Hard Rock*
- Haunted House Dark Ride
- Jukebox Music Video Funhouse
- Kamikaze
- Magic Maze Glass House*
- Magnum*
- Orbiter
- Rock-It*
- Scooter
- Scrambler
- Sky Flyer
- Sky Wheel
- Space Roller
- Spider
- Starship 3000
- Storm
- Techno Power
- Tilt-A-Whirl
- Tornado
- Viper
- Windstorm Roller Coaster*
- Zipper

(*new attractions)

NEW ATTRACTIONS

For new attractions and their locations, please see the listing on page 77 under the "What's New?" section of this press kit.

OTHER TICKETED ATTRACTIONS

• Butterfly House

Located across from Visitors Plaza, on the northwest corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street. Admission is \$3.

- **Carousel**

Located in Carousel Park. \$2 per rider.

- **Choo Choo Bob's Train Store and Show**

Located on Underwood Street, north of Visitors Plaza. Admission is free for infants; \$2 for all other ages with half-price admission on Seniors and Kids Days. For more information, see page 77 of this Press Kit.

- **Giant Slide**

Located on Nelson Street. \$2 per rider.

- **Haunted House**

Located at the corner of Judson Avenue and Underwood Street. \$4 per visitor.

- **Pirate Tag**

Located at the River Raft Ride. \$3 per person.

- **River Raft Ride**

Located across from the DNR Park on Judson Avenue. \$4 per rider.

- **SkyGlider**

A 10-minute chairlift-type ride takes passengers approximately 40 feet in the air from the east end of the Grandstand to Murphy Avenue near the Pet Center and back. One-way ticket: \$3. Round-trip ticket: \$5.

- **Skyride**

Gondolas take passengers from Cooper Street near the Agriculture Horticulture Building to Liggett Street near Heritage Square. Ride for \$3 one-way or \$5 round-trip.

- **Space Tower**

Located near the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. This rotating ride provides passengers a 360° panoramic view of the Twin Cities from nearly 300 feet in the air. \$3 per rider.

- **Go Carts**

Located in the Amphitheater. \$6 for drivers and \$4 for passengers.

- **Ye Old Mill**

Located at the southwest corner of Carnes Avenue and Underwood Street.

Touted as the “original tunnel of love,” Ye Old Mill is the oldest ride on the fairgrounds and is owned by the same family who first operated it in 1913. Ye Old Mill is operated by a 40-horse power engine that turns the mill wheel and keeps water running through the 1300-foot channel. Boats float along at a leisurely speed, carrying riders through almost complete darkness. \$3 per rider; \$2.50 from opening until noon on Aug. 26 & 30 and Sept. 2 & 6.

TICKETING

Pre-Fair Discount Ticket Pricing *Pre-Fair through Aug. 25*

- All pre-fair discount admission tickets - \$9
- Pre-fair Mighty Midway & Kidway ride and game tickets - \$10 for a sheet of 20
- Pre-fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Books - \$4

Pre-fair discount admission tickets, Mighty Midway and Kidway ride and game tickets and Blue Ribbon Bargain Books are available at the State Fair Box Office, participating Cub Foods stores and numerous locations in greater Minnesota and Western Wisconsin through Aug. 25. For a complete list of pre-fair discount ticket sales outlets, call (651) 288-4400 or visit www.mnstatefair.org. All pre-fair discount tickets and coupon books may be purchased on-line through 5 p.m. on Aug. 17.

Grandstand tickets have been on sale since April. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000. Mail order service is available and requests should be addressed to Tickets, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue. N., St. Paul, MN 55108. The State Fair Box Office on the fairgrounds also sells all show tickets prior to and during the fair.

Aug. 10 through Aug. 25, the State Fair Box Office is located at the Como Loop Gate (#9). Box office hours are Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., except: Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Aug. 23 & 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Aug. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fair-Time Admission Ticket Pricing *Aug. 26 through Labor Day, Sept. 6*

- Adults (13–64): \$11
- Seniors (65 & over): \$9
- Kids (5–12): \$8
- Children (under 5): Free
- Auto Parking: \$11 or one additional pre-fair discount admission ticket (\$9)

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

- Sheet of 50: \$30
- Sheet of 30: \$20
- Singles: 75 cents

Grandstand Tickets

Day-of-show concert tickets are available at the ticket booths on the east end of the Grandstand, which open at 10 a.m. daily. Will-call tickets may be picked up on the day of the show 90 minutes prior to show time. Tickets for upcoming shows are also available at these ticket booths. Gate admission is required in addition to a Grandstand ticket. 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.

Re-Admission

Everyone entering the fairgrounds must present a valid ticket of admission. Guests may depart the fairgrounds through any gate and be readmitted the same day without additional charge by requesting a hand stamp when leaving. Readmittance must occur before 10 p.m. on the day the stamp is issued. Readmission does not apply to vehicles parked in State Fair parking lots.

Refunds

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

SAVINGS

Special Discount Days

THRIFTY THURSDAY • THURSDAY, AUG. 26

Admission prices are reduced all day and many concessionaires offer Thrifty Thursday savings. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Discounted Gate Admission on Thrifty Thursday:

Adults (13 & over): \$9

Kids (5–12): \$6

Children (under 5): free

SENIORS & KIDS DAY • MONDAY, AUG. 30

Admission prices are reduced all day for seniors (65 & over) and kids (5–12). All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Discounted Gate Admission on Seniors & Kids Day:

Seniors (65 & over): \$6

Kids (5–12): \$6

TICKET DEAL TUESDAY • TUESDAY, AUG. 31

Adults (13 & over) admitted for just \$9. Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions until 1 p.m.

READ & RIDE DAY • WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions. Public Library cardholders receive a discount off regular admission when they buy a ticket at the gate. (One discount per card.)

Discounted Gate Admission on Read & Ride Day:

Adults (13 & over): \$9

Seniors (65 & over): \$6

Kids (5–12): \$6

SENIORS DAY • THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

Seniors (65 & over) are admitted for \$6. Early Bird Specials are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions until 1 p.m.

KIDS & LAST CHANCE DAY • MONDAY, SEPT. 6

Kids (5–12) are admitted for \$6. Many concessionaires offer Last Chance Day savings. All-day discounts are offered on Mighty Midway and Kidway rides, games and concessions.

Blue Ribbon Bargain Book

The State Fair Blue Ribbon Bargain Book offers 100 coupons with over \$500 worth of savings on food, merchandise and attractions. Coupons are valid every day of the fair. Books are available through Aug. 25 for \$4 wherever pre-fair discount admission tickets are sold. During the fair, books may be purchased at State FairWear Gift Shops and at State Fair Foundation Kiosks on the fairgrounds for \$5. Books purchased during the fair support the mission of the State Fair Foundation.

Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide

Sponsored by Comcast

This free guide lists discount days, best values, free stuff, items for under \$1 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 on-line at the Minnesota State Fair web site.

Midway and Kidway Specials

ALL-DAY SPECIALS

All-day specials on Mighty Midway rides, games and concessions are offered 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 the Mighty Midway and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kidway. Early Bird Specials are offered on Friday, Aug. 27; Tuesday, Aug. 31; Thursday, Sept. 2; and Friday, Sept. 3.

Sunset Sunday Savings

This Sunday evening promotion will feature a minimum of 20% off at participating vendors from 8 p.m. until close on Aug. 29 and Sept. 5. See a *Deals, Drawings & Giveaways Guide* for a list of participating vendors.

TRIVIA

1. At the first Minnesota State Fair, held in 1859, what was the premium for “best horse”? (\$4)
2. What two State Fair buildings turned 100 years old in 2007? (The Fine Arts and Progress Centers, both built in 1907.)
3. What unusual attraction debuted at the 1898 State Fair? (“Daylight Fireworks”)
4. 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 that there was “more to be learned in a single day at the fair than in double the time at school or college.”)
5. What year did legendary pacer horse Dan Patch make his Minnesota State Fair debut? (1903)
6. What machine revolutionized the animal agriculture process and was first exhibited at the 1908 fair? (A dairy cattle milking machine.)
7. The first 12-day State Fair was held in what year? (1975)
8. How many acres of corn were sold at the Corn Roast booth in 2009? (25 acres)
9. Why did the State Fair’s Hippodrome (now the Warner Coliseum) need to be rebuilt? (At the beginning of World War II, the A.O. Smith Company of Milwaukee took over the building, making it a propeller factory for four years. After the propeller factory was demolished, the Hippodrome was deemed “economically unfit for restoration” and was torn down.)
10. What attraction, created in Pine Island, Minn., was the Dairy Building’s feature at the 1911 State Fair? (A 6,000 pound block of cheese)
11. In 1912, who became the first female delegate at the Minnesota State Agricultural Society annual meeting? (Miss Jessie Walkup, secretary of the Pipestone County Fair.)
12. 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.)
13. What animals shown at the State Fair are unlike other livestock because they have no proper breed names? (llamas)
14. Breed names including Cinnamon, Hotot, Crème D’Argent and Mini Rex belong to what State Fair livestock? (rabbits)
15. What permanent State Fair amusement was built of wood in 1914 and torn down in 1935 to make way for extended Grandstand bleachers? (Cannon Ball Roller Coaster)
16. In 1920, this was introduced to fairgoers as the future of dining. What was it? (Reverend J.M. Batinger’s Automatic Eater, an all-you-can-eat buffet served on a rotating conveyor belt. Price: 50¢)
17. How many baby animals were born at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center during the 2009 State Fair? (A combined 170 calves, lambs and piglets, not to mention dozens of ducks, chicks and bunnies.)

18. What is the length of the wind turbine blade outside the Eco Experience? (Standing 123 feet tall, the wind blade is one of three that make up a wind turbine. This permanent piece of sculpture is the only blade to ever be installed vertically.)
19. How are State Fair mascots Fairchild and Fairborne related? (Fairchild is Fairborne's uncle.)
20. 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.)
21. At the 1906 State Fair, the St. Paul Growers Association built a model of the new State Capitol out of what vegetable? (onions)
22. How did most of the streets on the fairgrounds get their names? (Most streets on the fairgrounds are named in recognition of past State Agricultural Society leaders and individuals who shaped the State Fair for the future.)
23. 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? (3-4 years)
24. How many fair visitors took the bus to and from the fair in 2009? (1,523,997)
25. When was the all-time Labor Day attendance record set? (2006; 160,209 guests attended the fair on Labor Day 2006, beating the old record set in 1999.)
26. How fast does the Space Needle carry passengers into the skies above the State Fairgrounds? (The Space Needle rises at a rate of 295 feet per minute.)
27. What year was the St. Paul Winter Carnival Medallion found underneath eight inches of ice on the State Fairgrounds? (1967-The only time it's been hidden on the fairgrounds in its 55-year history.)
28. At peak times, where on the fairgrounds are as many as 400 cows milked daily? (The State Fair Milking Parlor in the Cattle Barn)
29. What new food did fair guests devour 30,000 servings of at the 2006 State Fair? (Hot Dish On-A-Stick at Ole and Lena's)
30. How many food concessions are located throughout the fairgrounds? (About 300 food concessions dish up more than 450 different delectable delights.)
31. Before the former Ramsey County Poor Farm in St. Paul became the State Fair's permanent home, what other Minnesota cities hosted the time-honored event? (Minneapolis, Rochester, Red Wing, Winona and Owatonna.)
32. How many acres is the State Fairgrounds? (320 acres)
33. What year was the first Minnesota State Fair held? (1859)
34. What year was the Minnesota State Fair first held on the current fairgrounds? (1885)
35. Which United States President gave one of his most famous speeches at

- the State Fair? (Teddy Roosevelt gave his “Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick” speech in 1901 when he was serving as vice-president.)
36. Where can you find 100 State Fair coupons offering more than \$500 in savings on food, merchandise and attractions? (In the Blue Ribbon Bargain Book available at Minnesota State FairWear Gift Shops and at State Fair Foundation Kiosks.)
 37. What special on-line feature lets you search for any band, stage, event or attraction? (Fairchild’s Fantastic Fair Fun Finder at www.mnstatefair.org)
 38. Where can you find a listing of this year’s State Fair foods at your fingertips? (Fairborne’s Fabulous Fair Food Finder, an on-line food search engine at www.mnstatefair.org)
 39. When was the Pronto Pup introduced at the State Fair? (1947)
 40. During a typical year, how many gallons of milk are served at the American Dairy Association’s All-You-Can-Drink Milk concession? (about 25,000 gallons)
 41. On average, what’s the total number of corndogs typically consumed by fair guests each year? (500,000)
 42. What is the most popular flavor of pies entered in the Creative Activities baked goods category? (apple)
 43. On average, how many individual cheese curds are battered, deep-fried and gobbled up by fair guests? (over 2.6 million)
 44. How many dozens of mini donuts are eaten each year? (nearly 338,000)
 45. What were the fairgrounds before they were the Minnesota State Fairgrounds? (Ramsey County Poor Farm)
 46. What special event took place at the fairgrounds on June 20, 1910? (The first flight in Minnesota history.)
 47. When did the State Fair attendance first top the one million mark? (Over 50 years ago on September 5, 1955. Robert Karklin received a wristwatch and silver trophy for being the fair’s millionth guest.)
 48. What is the Minnesota State Fair’s all-time attendance record and when was it set? (1,790,497 people attended the fair in 2009.)
 49. Who broke the all-time record for the most tickets sold to a single Grandstand show? (Christina Aguilera in 2000)
 50. What famous composer appeared at the fair in 1927? (John Phillip Sousa)
 51. How much did famous racehorse, Dan Patch, sell for in 1902? (\$60,000)
 52. What year was the first nighttime Grandstand show? (1899; It consisted of an hour of harness racing followed by a massive fireworks show.)
 53. When was the Minnesota State Fair Foundation founded? (2002)
 54. Approximately how many rolls of toilet paper are used during the fair? (22,000 rolls)
 55. When did the first carousel appear at the fair? (1892)
 56. Why wasn’t there a fair in 1946? (Polio epidemic)
 57. How much butter is used to sculpt the likeness of Princess Kay of the Milky Way? (85-90 lbs.)

58. What special on-line feature lets you search for any type of merchandise sold on the fairgrounds? (Merch Search at www.mnstatefair.org)
59. Which fair food contains the most calories? (deep-fried candy bars)
60. What color are sweepstakes or grand champion best-of-show ribbons? (purple)
61. Does the State Fair receive government funding? (No, the Minnesota State Fair is financially self-supporting.)
62. How many employees make up the Great Minnesota Get-Together's fair-time staff? (About 2,500 - 3,000).
63. In the late 1980s world famous Jay Cochran walked a high-wire stretched between the tops of which two State Fair structures? (the 4-H Building and the Space Tower)
64. What architectural styles can be seen among the State Fair's historic buildings? (farm, exposition, Beaux Arts, WPA, art deco and modern styles)
65. How many church dining halls are on the fairgrounds? (four: Church of the Epiphany; Hamline United Methodist; Robbinsdale OES and Salem Lutheran Church)
66. What insect was credited with reducing attendance at the 1875 fair? (grasshoppers)
67. In 1939 all children who attended the fair on "Children's Day" received what beverage? (a carton of milk)
68. How much did a ride on the Space Tower cost in 1966? (50 cents)
69. In what year was the first state-wide Princess Kay of the Milky Way Contest held? (1953)
70. Fresh French Fries made their debut at the fair in what year? (1972)
71. How many calories does one corndog have? (310)
72. In what year was the current Bandshell constructed? (1971)
73. In what year did the Grandstand show feature a reenactment of the Battle of Santiago? (1898)
74. How many cattle can the historic Cattle Barn house? (about 1,000)
75. How high does the Sling Shot (Ejection Seat) in Adventure Park hurl riders into the air? (140 feet)
76. In what year was the Space Tower built? (1965)
77. Off of which famous tower was the Space Tower modeled after? (Seattle's Space Needle, which was constructed for Seattle's World Fair)
78. In what year did the Agriculture Horticulture Building open? (1947)
79. About how many calories are in an order of deep-fried cheese curds? (475)
80. What historic State Fair building celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2009? (Grandstand)

ATTRACTIONS

- **Ag Magic Show**

Located on the Christensen Farms Stage at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center

This educational and engaging show uses magic to teach kids about agriculture. Shows are held daily Aug. 26 through Sept. 5 at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. (no noon show on Aug. 29).

- **Choo Choo Bob's Train Store and Show**

Located on Underwood Street, north of Visitors Plaza

The Choo Choo Bob exhibit celebrates trains and offers live entertainment with shows running four times daily, operating trains, play areas for kids, photo opportunities, a train museum for adults, train and railroad items for sale, the opportunity for a fair guest to be "Engineer of the Hour" and more. Admission is free for infants; \$2 for all other ages with half-price admission on Seniors and Kids Days.

- **Charro Jerry Diaz**

Located in the Warner Coliseum

Charro Jerry Diaz will perform at selected English and Western Horse Shows and Minnesota High School Rodeos. Diaz is a fourth generation charro, continuing the traditions that originated with his great grandfather over 150 years ago. He dresses in traditional Mexican costume and is skilled in horsemanship, bull riding, horse and steer roping and trick roping. For a complete schedule, see "Horse Shows and Warner Coliseum Events" on page 15 of this press kit.

- **Mighty Midway rides:** Avalanche, Hard Rock, Magic Maze Glass House, Magnum, Rock-It, Windstorm

- **Kidway rides:** Beetle Bobs, Daytona, Expo Gondola Wheel

COMPETITIONS

- **Asian Chicken Class**

Asian chicken breeds will be added as a poultry judging category. Types include Shamo, Dwarf Ko Sham AOL, Thai and Vietnamese Ga Don.

- **Suri Class Llama Showcase**

The Suri Llama will be added to the Lama showcase.

- **Jewelry Class Fine Arts**

Jewelry has been added as an enterable class in the Fine Arts show.

- **FFA Supreme Breeding Animal**

This title is awarded to livestock considered the best of the best in each judging class.

CONCESSIONS & COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

- **Arrowhead Toboggan & Sled Co.**

Located in Heritage Square

Handmade toboggans made from white ash wood, handmade children's sleds, decorative sleds, mini toboggans, coffee tables and bookshelves made out of toboggans.

- **Awesome Rods**

Located in the Dairy Building

Emmrod brand compact casting fishing pole with a die-cast metal handle

- **Builders Association of the Twin Cities**

Located on Carnes Avenue

Parade of Homes and Remodelers Showcase information and guides

- **Cafe Finspang**

Located in Heritage Square

Scandinavian gifts, t-shirts, napkins, trolls, jams, Ole and Lena gifts, Dala horses, Vikings, elves, Scandinavian candies, candle holders, jewelry, flags and keychains

- **Callisters Christmas**

Located in the Merchandise Mart

Glass Christmas ornaments

- **Choo Choo Bob's Train Store and Show**

Located on Underwood Street, north of Visitors Plaza

Train-themed DVDs, t-shirts, whistles, engineer hats, books, puzzles, Thomas the Tank toys, wooden trains and information for train club enthusiasts. Admission is free for infants; \$2 for all other ages with half-price admission on Seniors and Kids Days.

- **Cities Matter.org**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Educational information and activities regarding the important services Minnesota's 856 cities provide

- **Cutco Cutlery**

Located in the Creative Activities Building

Cutco Cutlery brand tools, culinary gadgets, garden and BBQ tools and flatware

- **De Capper Inc.**

Located in the Upper Grandstand

Push down bottle cap openers in forty different designs including hunting, fishing, sports, racing and custom designs

- **Deer Dummie**

Located in the Dairy Building

Deer processing tools including cutting boards, knives, instructional books, t-shirts and hats

- **Fire Funnel**

Located in the Upper Grandstand

Custom outdoor fire grates for campground fires or grilling

- **Gusset Design Planters**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Handcrafted pots and planters fabricated from steel

- **I Like You**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Local handmade items by Minnesota artists and crafters including body care products, perfume, kitchen towels, stationary, note cards, postcards, photos and prints, designer coasters, magnets, trivets, t-shirts, baby clothing, hats and more

- **Icandylicious**
Located in Carousel Park near the Carousel
Retro and contemporary bulk candy including salt water taffy and chocolate
- **Leo Stans Art**
Located in the Lower Grandstand
Original artwork and reproductions of Minneapolis, St. Paul, historic streets and wildlife
- **Lovell Designs**
Located in Heritage Square
Handmade Ken Kantro Christmas Cove Collection jewelry including pendants, pins and earrings all designed by Lovell Designs
- **Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance**
Located in the Education Building
Information regarding awareness of ovarian cancer and recognizing the early warning symptoms
- **Mix It Up**
Located in the Lower Grandstand
Pre-packaged non-alcoholic drink mixes including flavors like appletini, daiquiri and mango champagne, wine stir sticks and hand-painted drink glasses
- **My Little Rodeo**
Located in the Warner Coliseum
Rodeo themed kids wear, childrens toys, tractors, stuffed animals, purses, guitars, hand puppets and more
- **Name Me Company**
Located in Heritage Square
Pressed flower framed picture art personalizing your name and origin
- **Northland Swings**
Located east of the Dairy Building on Underwood Street
Outdoor lounge chair swings for one or two people with attached umbrella, headrest and retractable footrest
- **NuWa Industries**
Located on Cooper Street and Randall Avenue
Fifth wheel RVs
- **Pheasants Forever**
Located in the Dairy Building
Information regarding membership for Pheasants Forever, logo caps and pins
- **Quiltladies J & J**
Located in the Lower Grandstand
King, queen and single quilts with shams to match, quilted jackets, Christmas tree skirts, stockings, throws and hand towels
- **Renewable Energy SD**
Located in the Upper Grandstand
Electric-producing wind turbines, education, consulting, sales and installations for farms, growers, municipalities and schools

- **Ripple Pottery**

Located in Heritage Square

Handcrafted pottery including mugs, bowls and garden decorations

- **Robo Store**

Located in the Upper Grandstand

LawnBott Robotic brand mowers that use no gas, or oil and produce no exhaust

- **Sarasota Stamps**

Located in the Merchandise Mart

Rubber stamps, inkpads, embossing powders, glitter glue, heat guns, paper, brass stencils, brushes, paints for scrapbooking and card making

- **Susan B. Designs**

Located in the Warner Coliseum

Equine-inspired apparel, home decor, serveware, pottery, pillows, artwork, lighting, rugs, jewelry, boots and more

- **Sweet and Sour USA**

Located in the Warner Coliseum

Sweet and sour fruit-flavored candy licorice and traditional licorices in 14 flavors

- **Tidy-Cup Corporation**

Located in the Creative Activities Annex

Quick and simple attachments that fit any brand of economy-sized liquid laundry detergent or fabric softener to catch leaking detergent

- **Veterinary Emergency Response**

Located west of the Pet Center on Underwood Street

Educational exhibit emphasizing the need to care for animals impacted by disasters and evacuation examples of first response shelters

- **Webkinz**

Located on Wright Avenue in Baldwin Park

Webkinz products, interactive games and prizes

- **X-Zone Arcade**

Located in the X-Zone

Pinball, air hockey, Dance Dance Revolution and other arcade games

- **ZooZats**

Located in the Lower Grandstand

Zoozats brand knitted headwear for the entire family in a variety of characters, animal cartoon and sport styles

EXHIBITS

- **The DIRT - Demonstration Area**

Located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building

Master gardeners, florists, Christmas tree growers and other experts team up to offer informative demonstrations and question and answer sessions from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day of the fair. For a complete presentation schedule, search the Fun Finder or download a daily schedule at www.mnstatefair.org.

- **Green Street**

Located at the Eco Experience in the Progress Center

Both familiar and futuristic, Green Street is a mini-version of a walkable neighborhood with community space, renewable energy and carbon footprint-reducing transportation options. The model street includes a community garden, play area, rain garden, public performance space and “distributed” energy sources including a carport and electric car charging station.

- **Eco Experience Demonstrations**

Located in the Progress Center

New Eco Experience presentations include: information on renewable energy, energy saving tips and the production of sustainable plastics.

- **Seed Survivor**

Located in The DIRT at the Agriculture Horticulture Building

This interactive and educational exhibit teaches youth about the elements needed for seeds to grow into plants. Seed Survivor features multi-media and virtual reality games, insect video scopes, sunflower planting stations, talking walls and more.

FOOD

New Food Items

- **Caramel Apple Puppies** (a Fudge Puppy with baked apple and covered with caramel)
Fudge Puppies, Located on the outside west wall of the Food Building
- **Cheese Pizza served with corn dogs** (a cheese pizza topped with corn dogs sliced the long way)
Pizza Shoppe, Located inside the Food Building
- **Chicken Fried Bacon** (thick-cut bacon battered, breaded and fried and served in a boat covered with gravy)
Giggles' Campfire Grill, Located on Cooper Street and Lee Avenue
- **Chocolate Tornado** (spiral-cut tornado potato dipped in chocolate)
Sonny's Spiral Spud, Located inside the Food Building
- **Cincinnati Chili** (spaghetti noodles smothered with chili and topped with shredded cheddar, beans and diced onions)
Sabino's, Located inside the Warner Coliseum
- **Danny Boy Burger** (burger made with corned beef and covered with kraut, Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing)
O'Gara's, Located on the corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street
- **Deep-fried avocado** (avocado pieces batter-dipped, deep-fried and served with ranch dressing)
Tejas, Located in The Garden
- **Deep-fried bacon cheddar mashed potatoes on-a-stick**
Potato Man and Sweetie, Located on Liggett Street, south of Carnes Avenue
- **Deep-fried bologna on-a-stick**
Netterfield's Food Court, Located on Cooper Street, north of Dan Patch Avenue

- **Deep-fried breakfast wrap** (scrambled eggs and bacon in a soft shell wrap deep-fried and smothered in cheese sauce)
Axel's, Located outside on the southeast corner of the Food Building
- **Deep-fried shortcake** (shortcake batter deep-fried and covered with strawberries and ice cream)
Granny's Cheesecake & More, Located on Dan Patch Avenue at Underwood Street
- **Fresh fruit salsa and chips** (salsa made on-site from fresh fruit and served with tortilla chips)
Fried Fruit, Located in Carousel Park on the east side of the Grandstand Ramp
- **Fried pig ears** (thinly sliced pigs ears dusted in seasoned flour, fried until crispy and served with lime chipotle glaze)
Famous Dave's, Located on the corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Liggett Street
- **Ghost Wings** (chicken wings covered in a habanero pepper sauce)
Wings and Things, Located inside the Warner Coliseum
- **Grilled marshmallow, chocolate and banana sandwich**
Moe & Joe's, Located on Judson Avenue by the CHS Miracle of Birth Center
- **Irish Breakfast** (scrambled eggs smothered in Irish Stew served in a bread bowl)
O'Gara's, Located on the corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street
- **Korean Moon BBQ Tacos** (Korean "street vendor" style tacos with beef short ribs, spicy/sweet pork or chicken)
Blue Moon Dine-In Theater, Located on the corner of Carnes Avenue and Chambers Street
- **Sausage and cheese-stuffed jalapeno poppers**
Sausage Sister & Me, Located inside the Food Building
- **Sloppy Joe served over spiral-cut potato chips**
Sunny's Spiral Spuds, Located inside the Food Building
- **Turtle Puppies** (Fudge Puppy covered in caramel and nuts)
Fudge Puppies, Located against the outside west wall of the Food Building

New Food Vendors

- **Hot Apple Dumplings**
Hot fresh-baked apple dumplings with ice cream. Also offering coffee, sweet tea, soda fountain-style floats, *Located in front of the Progress Center on Randall Avenue*
- **Manny's Tortas** - Cuban, chicken, vegetarian or Hawaiian-style gourmet Mexican tortas (sandwiches) served on a roll with cheese, tomato, lettuce, onion, avocado, jalapenos, refried beans and chipotle pepper mayo. Also serving non-alcoholic pina colodas served in a pineapple, *Located inside the Food Building*
- **Safari Express** - (Open Aug. 30 - Sept. 2) Serving traditional East African Somali fare which may include curried beef, chicken and camel on-a-stick, *Located in the International Bazaar's Midtown Global Market Kitchen*

OTHER NEW ELEMENTS

- **2010 Minnesota State Fair Art by Deborah Voyda Rogers**

The 2010 State Fair commemorative art is featured on the cover of this media kit.

White Bear Lake artist Deborah Voyda Rogers is best known for using brilliant pastel and rich color to create vivid renderings of landscapes, nature, architecture and animals.

The original pastel piece, created exclusively for the State Fair, boldly showcases some of the Great Minnesota Get-Together's most prominent and historically significant architecture. "The historic buildings of the fairgrounds are the inspiration for the 2010 Minnesota State Fair poster," Rogers says. "There have been changes in the buildings as well as the fair in its long history. For modern fairgoers, the buildings remain a solid connection to the past."

Commemorative merchandise featuring Rogers' art is available at State FairWear Gift Shops on the fairgrounds, which are located in Visitors Plaza, the Lower Grandstand and the Warner Coliseum (north entrance), as well as in the Fine Arts Center and at State Fair Foundation Kiosks. Proceeds support the Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) and its mission to preserve State Fair buildings, grounds and educational experiences.

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

- **Friends of the Fair State Fair Survival Kits**

During the fair, the State Fair Foundation is offering State Fair Survival Kits to new and renewing Friends of the Fair (while supplies last). The kits include rain ponchos, bandages and other essentials for "surviving" a day at the fair. For more information, turn to page 62 of this press kit.

- **A Fabulous Fair Alphabet**

This year the State Fair Foundation invites fairgoers to play the new *Find Your Fabulous Fair Alphabet* game. Designed by Minnesota 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 with words from the fair win a blue ribbon from the Fabulous Fair Alphabet Booth in Baldwin Park. Families can also take pictures with fair letters, purchase the book that inspired the game and participate in other alphabet activities in Baldwin Park. An exhibit of the book's original artwork will be displayed at the J.V. Bailey House between noon and 2 p.m. daily, where fair guests can meet the author and purchase a book.

Game cards are available at www.debrafrasier.com and information booths. Books can be purchased for \$15 at State FairWear Gift Shops, The Fabulous Fair Alphabet Booth in Baldwin Park and the J.V. Bailey House. A portion of the proceeds supports the State Fair Foundation's focus on educational experiences at the fair.

- **J.V. Bailey House Tours**

The State Fair Foundation is offering guided tours of the J.V. Bailey House, the fair's historic greenhouse residence, daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Guests will have the chance to learn about the history of the home and the Foundation.

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