



Fair-goers fly high over the carnival at the Ravalli County Fair in Hamilton.
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The entrance to the fair in the morning sun. Enjoy the Ravalli County Fair this year with the theme "Fall into Fair" Aug. 30 through Sept. 3.

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Change is in the air at

THE RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR

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for the Ravalli Republic

With autumn comes cooler temperatures, shorter days, and of course, the Ravalli County Fair this year on Aug. 30 through Sept. 3.

This year's fair theme is "Fall into Fair" to reflect the culmination of harvest, all those finished fair entries and the changing of the seasons.

Fair Director Melissa Saville said that along with all the traditional and cherished aspects of the fair, new things have been added.

One such update is the remodeled 4-H building that will include a seating

area on the south end.

Sue Anne Iman said she, her family, some 4-H'ers

and their families helped make the changes.

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Fair-goers
take in the rides
at the Ravalli County
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“So now, you can come in there and sit and we have a big fan in there so there’s some air movement, but at least you’re out of the sun.”

nothing was in there, it was just kind of storage and junk,” she said. “Well, we took those dividers out and painted that room, and that room is now seating for anybody who wants to come and sit a spell at a table, eat from any booth because there are more booths than there is seating. So now, you can come in there and sit and we have a big fan in there so there’s some air movement, but at least you’re out of the sun.”

Other fair changes include two new rules.

First, the entire fairgrounds complex is designated as no smoking, which aligns with most

other county facilities.

The second change deals with animals. No animals, except for entered livestock and certified service dogs, will be allowed on site. The rule applies to the entire fairgrounds. For sanitation and safety, people will need to leave their dogs and cats (and other pets) at home.

Another facility change is the addition of extra bleachers for the tractor pull, which is a favorite draw at the fair.

“Last year the bleachers were full, and a lot of people were standing,” Saville said. “So the new bleachers will be a welcome addition.”

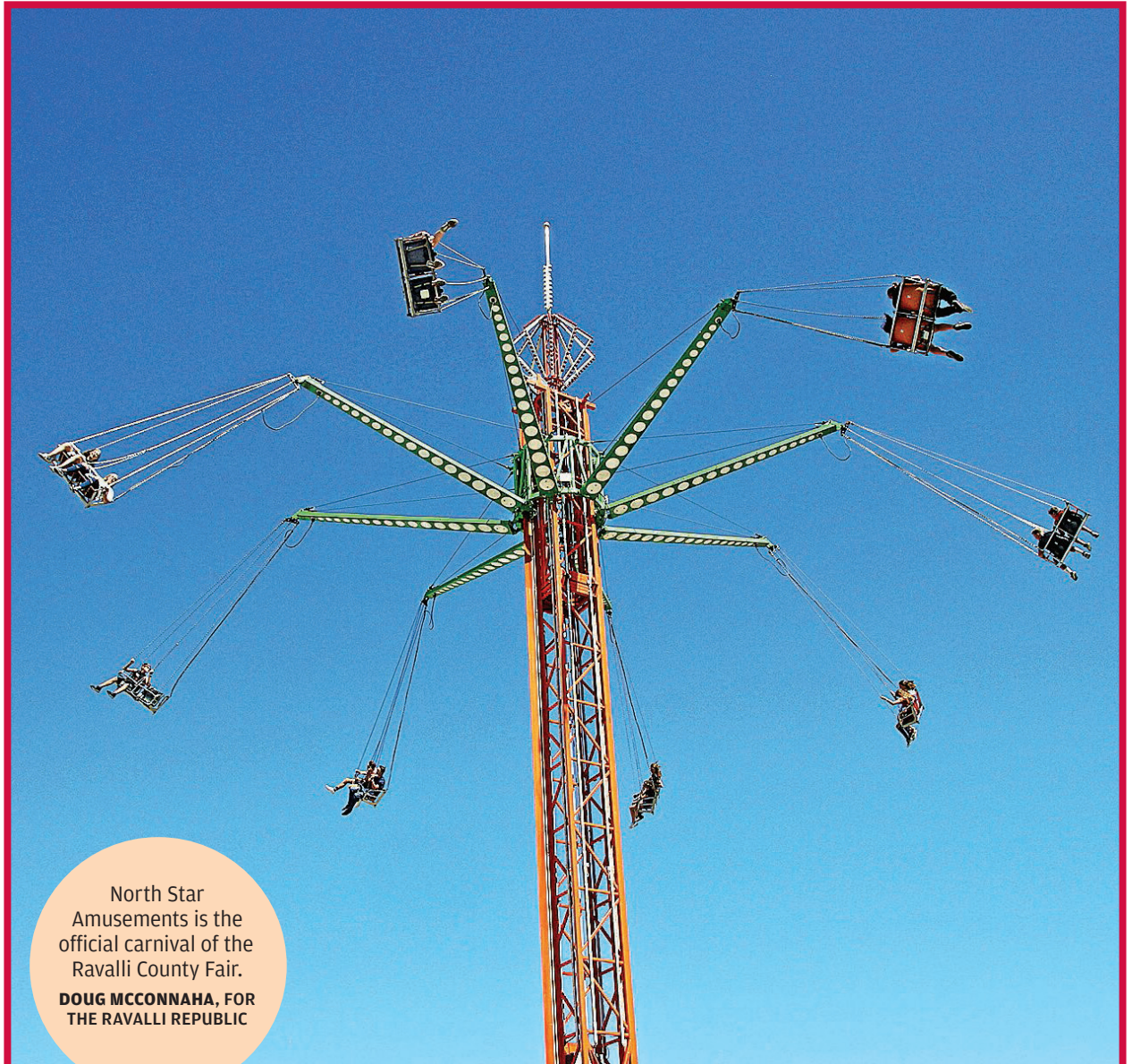
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GETTING READY FOR

FUN at the FAIR

The rides,
entertainment...
and all that
delicious food

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One of the biggest draws to the Ravalli County Fair is the food.

Food Row at the fairgrounds features local non-profits and commercial food vendors who prepare some of the traditional meals and treats that keep bringing people back.

According to Fair Director Melissa Saville, 4-H has been the longest-running food booth. Kiwanis is in the number two spot, with Moose Creek BBQ at number three, Bitterroot Swim Team at number four, the Bitterroot Health Foundation, previously Marcus Daly, at number five and the Bitterroot Celtic Society at number six.

Over time, commercial vendors have also been added to the spots on the Food Row.

"We've got a very long-standing practice of partnering with nonprofits," Saville said. "But then I think what a lot of people don't understand is nonprofits age out and they don't have people coming up and joining."

She said it is generational as most people her age are working full-time jobs and volunteer less.

"So, we have had to, and it started well before me, but they had to bring in commercial vendors," Saville said. "One of the things that we do that I have not seen another fair ever do, and we



A couple
play games at the
Ravalli County Fair
carnival.

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Kids smile and wave from a float at the 2022 Ravalli County Fair Parade.

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Fun

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do a lot of fair tours throughout the year, I don't see that any one of them makes their commercial vendors' partner with a local nonprofit. But here, if you are a commercial business, you have to partner with a local nonprofit to be eligible to come to the fair."

Another big draw to the fair is the annual bike giveaway. The bike giveaway occurs every night at 5:30 p.m. Saville asks for bike donations every year and is aiming for 50 bikes this year.

"Public Health donates a helmet to go with every single bike which is very cool because we're all about safety for the kids," Saville said. "They're completely free, so every day 10 to 15 kids

are going to be walking away with a free bike courtesy of local sponsors. It's such a small way for this sponsor to be able to participate and get some branding. There's a lot of people that think it's so expensive to participate in fair and I'm trying to think of ways to show them it's not." Many fairgoers appreci-

ate the entertainment options. For traditional fair entertainment, the Tractor Club will be doing threshing in their area at 2 p.m. on Thursday and tractor pulling at 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Big draws in the main arena of the fair include mutton bustin', Ravalli

County Royalty crowning, a free kiddie rodeo and the Rockin' RC Rodeo nightly at 7 p.m. In addition, chariot and wagon driving featuring horses, mules and donkeys will be featured from 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

On that same note, the 4-H and FFA livestock

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Another big draw to the fair is the annual bike giveaway. The bike giveaway occurs every night at 5:30 p.m.

shows and auctions are on the schedule. A Small Animal Auction featuring rabbits, ducks, chickens, geese and will be held on Saturday.

One of the stage acts will be Misty and the Sandman. This duo does a combined standup comedy and hypnosis performance. According to their website, the act has been seen at such various venues as county fairs and large corporate events. It all comes complete with a steampunk-decorated Model T Ford and matching trailer.

Adam the Great, a magician and showman with 25 years of experience, will be performing on another stage.

His website states, "His act is described as a mixture of improvisation, skits and, of course, some magic. The show is driven by the reaction of audience members and a connection with people to elicit a positive reaction. His performances consist of stage shows as well as times he will roam and perform tricks on the spot."

In addition to these acts, Pippi the Clown will be performing magical tricks, balloon sculptures, face painting and, of course, clowning around.

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The carnival is a highlight of the Ravalli County Fair. Certain rides will operate without lights or music for sensory-affected individuals, 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday Aug. 31.

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Special event for sensory-affected individuals

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Once again, the Ravalli County Fair in conjunction with North Star Amusements will be hosting a special event for individuals who are affected by sensory input.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 31, certain carnival rides will operate without lights or music. There are 150 custom armbands available on first come basis. The fairgrounds requests that non-sensory affected chaperones participate to facilitate the event. The fairgrounds will

be offering free gate admission to sensory-affected individuals and a companion during the event, courtesy of the Ravalli County Commissioners.

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Attending the fair on a budget

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Fair Director Melissa Saville said that she hopes that people who are new to the area or have never been to the fair will understand what makes the Ravalli County Fair different from other nearby fairs.

She said one question that always comes up is why the fair charges admission, called a "gate fee."

Saville explained that in other counties, even though there is no gate fee, there are parking fees, exhibitor entry fees, fees to attend the concerts, rodeos and other fees.

For the Ravalli County Fair there are no fees for exhibitors to enter their projects and no charge to enter an exhibit building to view the entries.

"We are one of the last country fairs that you don't have to pay to enter an exhibit, so we really focus on being an exhibitor fair, and we have so many people that don't realize that their friends and neighbors are so talented," Saville said. "We may be a gated entry, but it's one and done so once you pay the

fee, it's free parking, free rodeo, free entertainment. All the entertainment on site is free."

The entertainment includes the nightly rodeos, all the concerts and all the live stage performances.

"If you don't want to eat when you're here or tour a barn or look at exhibits and you're just here for the rodeo, get here early to save your seat because it's definitely first-come, first-get," Saville said.

The gate fee also includes access to the vendors, both commercial and nonprofit organizations.

"We've got a lot of non-profit vendors that are here, and we've got commercial businesses teaming up with nonprofits," Saville said.

She encouraged people to save money on the carnival by purchasing presale tickets, available until Aug. 30 at the Ravalli County Fair Office, Murdoch's in Hamilton, Stevensville and Hamilton Super One Foods, Hamilton Market Place and Peo-

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Fair Family Sue Anne and JR Iman with their grandchildren Isaac Svee, Vivian Svee and Aspen Iman have been selected by the Ravalli Fair Commission as the Fair Family for 2023.

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JR and Sue Anne Iman have been selected by the Ravalli Fair Commission as the Fair Family for 2023.

JR's grandfather, Russell Iman, started working at the fair during the 1920s. His primary role was superintendent of the hog barn, but, as Sue Anne said, "In those days he probably did a lot more."

Years later, JR's father Jack shared the load and the two men worked together for a while. Jack took over when JR's grandfather died. JR was a high school freshman. JR said he remembers

IMANS SELECTED AS 2023 FAIR FAMILY

helping his dad and grandfather at the fair from the start.

"I've missed three fairs in my life," he said. "One when I was fighting a fire in 1986 when I was on the fire crew. One was due to the fire in 2000 when they shut down and didn't have a fair, and then Covid. We lived at the fair."

JR said that starting when he was three, his mom

would pin an envelope on the back of his T-shirt, and in the envelope was a note that said, "If I'm lost, take me to hog building or the Grange booth."

"We ran around the fair like we owned it," JR said.

He said that later, when he was older, he got to do mutton busting. At that time the sport consisted of a chalk line 12 feet out from the chute gate. If you rode

the sheep across the chalk line, they would grab you by the shoulder to get you off the sheep, give you a buck and you went to the carnival.

"At that time, rides were 10 cents or a quarter, and for a buck, you'd get an hour and a half or two hours at the fairgrounds, three days in a row," JR said.

Sue Anne is originally from Broadus, Montana. After she and JR were married, she said she immediately was involved in the fair.

"I helped with whatever the rest of the family was doing, and that included

both Grange food booths," she said. "The Rocky Mountain Grange and the Corvallis Grange both had booths and served full meals, fresh pies — 50 pies a day. So, I helped with that kind of thing and eventually, I became a co-superintendent in what was called home arts or domestic something and that's the building where floral is now. We watched over the quilts and the sewing and the cooking and canning — everything was in there."

Sue Anne said that she continued with that for several years until her own children got older and started participating in 4-H. Eventually, Sue Anne, Lori Dunbar and Lois Gardner took over the 4-H building for the still exhibits and were in charge of that for about the next 15 years.

"Then I finally wised up and retired," Sue Anne said, "but now I'm back doing it again with [daughter] Gretchen. She and I are the co-superintendents of that 4-H still-exhibits building."

JR and Sue Anne pointed out that three animal show buildings, the Horning Arena, the Iman Arena, and the Applebury Arena are named in honor of families who have been a long part of the legacy of livestock at the Ravalli County Fair.

"Those different names were dedicated to years and years and years and years of service," JR said.

JR and Sue Anne talked about the importance of the fair for the agricultural community.

"I think the operation of farming or agriculture, in general is, you're by yourself 90% of the time," JR said.

He said that farm organizations such as the Grange



Additional people movers, like this train, help out at the Ravalli County Fair.

MICHELLE MCCONNAHA,
RAVALLI REPUBLIC

and the Farm Bureau and others provided community.

"Everything is event-based — it's not work for eight hours and go home," he said. The idea was, "I want to live until fair. I want to live until something. I didn't know what day it was. It was summer or it was winter. What year it was, I have no idea, but I remember what happened, and so different kinds of family and different kinds of groups tend to be social organizations."

JR said that at one point, Woodside had a social club and Granges that lasted for 50 years, and they were 100% volunteer.

"It was it was done for camaraderie and for community and for socialization," he said. "Now we have individual events and people have a multitude of choices in the valley. Fifty years ago, when I was graduating high school, everybody went to basketball games. In the old gym, they put a row of chairs in front of the three bleachers and the people in front, their feet were on the line. That's why that little

stand behind the line."

JR went on to say that events like the fair are seasonal celebrations.

"Basically, a fall celebration, if you will, because you know you're about out of water," he said. "You know all the other kind of things that come with fall. And of course, our fair was always on Labor Day, so it was a big holiday too.

"You went to the fair because you know you got all your crops in, you got your second crop of hay up, you ran water," JR said. "You did what you had to do, but you took four days off and you went to the fair. Everybody came in the entire valley.

"We were always there. It was better than Christmas."



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Recognizing fair supporters, volunteers

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The Ravalli County Fair is made possible by local support and numerous volunteers.

The Ravalli County Fair Commission, the Fair staff, and the Ravalli County Commissioners all work to provide the primary framework of the fair and all of the logistics required to make it successful.

Fairgrounds Manager Melissa Saville said a whole host of volunteer groups and individuals provide the boots on the ground.

Volunteers maintain, staff, operate, and monitor barns, buildings, and grounds; safety and se-

curity are handled by the Ravalli County Sheriff's Department, the City of Hamilton Police Department and the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Security Team.

Saville said community partners step up to provide necessary services.

The Bitterroot Back Country Horseman work the entry gates, the Hamilton Wrestling Club does trash pickup, the Assembly of God Church provides cleaning crews, Bubba Riley is the fairgrounds sound man, DJ's Electric monitors power and Grace Lutheran Church provides carnival workers breakfast. Bitterroot Health and Bitterroot



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Valley First Responders run the First Aid Booth and EMT Service, Ravalli County 4-H and FFA programs head up the livestock events and details.

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Most fairgrounds are only open seasonally but the Ravalli County Fairgrounds are open year-round. This means that not only do the fairgrounds have to have a successful year of renting the premier Event Center, and other features at the fairgrounds but they also must have a highly successful fair.

The fairgrounds have their own nonprofit called the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Foundation, Inc., which was founded “to provide a facility and pro-

gram venue that encourages agricultural, social, educational and cultural opportunities, at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, for the enrichment of our community.”

The group takes donations, writes grants, creates partnerships and raises funds to preserve, enhance, improve and maintain the fairgrounds. Recently completed projects include the North Gate Shade Shelter Project, patron seating in the food row, memorial garden tree plantings, rock

benches, grandstand handicap accessibility seating and lighting from the south to the north along the food row.

“There are things that we’re not able to get through the county commissioners,” Saville said. “They’re trying to make sure that we fiscally spend the money responsibly and there are things that we ask for that we may want but we don’t necessarily need. So, then the job of our foundation is to help us get to the next step.”

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2023 Ravalli County Fair

schedule of events

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: All Open Division Still Exhibits due except floral

Noon: Goats arrive in afternoon

1 p.m.: 4-H Interview Judging (perishable) under the grandstands

MONDAY, AUG. 28

9 a.m.: Open Division Dairy Goat Show in Applebury Arena "Show and Go"

9 a.m.: Judging begins in Event Center and Agriculture Barn for Open Division Exhibits

1 p.m.: Open Division Meat Goat Show in Applebury Arena "Show and Go"

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA and Open Division Rabbit check-in at Rabbit Barn

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Open Division Floral Exhibits due in Floral Barn

4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Market Goat and Market Lamb weigh-in and Breeding Sheep check-in

6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Horse Barn Area

6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Poultry Barn

6:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Beef Barn

6:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Goat Barn

7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Rabbit Barn

7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting in Dairy

Barn

7:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting for Swine in Hornung Arena

8:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Meeting for Sheep in Hornung Arena

TUESDAY, AUG. 29

All Day: Main Arena is CLOSED to any public use or practice (Events Only)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA

Dairy Cow check-in

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.: LAST CHANCE to purchase pre-sale carnival tickets and livestock passes in Fairgrounds Office before 5 p.m.

9 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show and Showmanship in Applebury Arena

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Swine weigh-in

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.: 4-H

Market Beef weigh-in and Beef animals checked-in
8 p.m.: ALL livestock exhibits must be in barns

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

All Day: Main Arena is CLOSED to any public use or practice (events only)

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ple's Market in Darby.

"A lot of people again think it's so expensive to come to the fair, but we know that fair is coming every year at the same time, so getting those presale tickets can save a lot of money," Saville said. "So, we really advertise that those presale tickets are available at multiple locations so that you can run out and get them if you're not able to come here to the fair office."

Saville emphasized that the fair has offerings that are inexpensive.

"You can stay all day and do so much stuff for \$10," she said. "We don't care if you bring a PBJ and a bottle of water and then just hang out here all day for the \$10. That's what it's about. I know a lot of people don't allow outside food and drink and that's not something we're worried about."

The Ravalli County Fair offers a unique lunch opportunity called "Lunch at the Fair" on Wednesday,



Enjoy the Ravalli County Fair exhibits in multiple buildings around the fairgrounds complex at no extra charge.

DOUG MCCONNAHA,
FOR THE RAVALLI
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Thursday and Friday, which is especially helpful for people on a limited income. Anyone can enter the south ticket booth between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., buy a special gate ticket, and as long as they leave by 2 p.m. the gate ticket is refunded.

"You can come every single day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on the same \$10 and just keep getting it back," Saville said. "We have a lot of


businesses that their employees car-pool over here, get dropped off and just swarm in the gate."

She said eating is not a requirement but that patrons could tour a barn, check to see if they won a ribbon, or visit one of the market booths and buy something shiny.

"Go for it," Saville said. "I think it's a huge opportunity for people that are on a limited budget."



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Fair arena and carnival at dark.
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All Day: Misty and the Sandman – Tarot and Fortune Telling by the Goat Barn
 8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship in Iman Arena
 8 a.m.: Poultry Breeding Project Interviews in Poultry Barn
 8:30 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Breeding Interviews in Sheep Barn
 9 a.m.: Kiddie Poultry Show in Poultry Barn
 10 a.m.: Kiddie Swine Show in Iman Arena
 10 a.m.: Fair Parade on Main Street in Hamilton
 10 a.m.: Exhibit buildings and barns open
 10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Poultry Show in Poultry Barn
 10 a.m.–2 p.m.: TBA demonstrations/discussions/workshops in Floral Barn
 10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Enjoy Tim the Juggler as our strolling entertainment throughout the grounds
 11 a.m.: Kiddie Goat in Applebury

Events

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All Day: Spinning demonstrations in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day: Honey demonstrations and tasting in the Agriculture Barn
 All Day: Aspen Hot Glass demonstrations throughout the day at their booth behind the Grandstands
 All Day: BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

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11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Come in for lunch between the hours of 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and get a refund of your gate fee. Available at the Main Gate only.

11 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Curly's Fantastic KidZone in Goat Barn area

Noon - 6 p.m.: Pictures available for purchase with Tired Iron Tractors and Antique Tractors in Antique Machinery area

Noon: Misty and the Sandman - Sara Twister - Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

12:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Pippi the Clown strolling act

1 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by

Grand Champion Taylor Weigle of Stevensville with her steer at the 2022 Ravalli County Fair.

JESSICA ABELL,
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the Goat Barn
1:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Beef Showmanship, followed by Breeding Beef in

Hornung Arena
2 p.m.: Carnival opens

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Events

From 22

3 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Magic Show by the Goat Barn

3:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

4 p.m.: Open Division Poultry Cage judging in Poultry Barn

4 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

4:30 p.m.: Poetry Contest reading and awards at the Free Stage

5 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

5 p.m.: Little People's Stick Horse Rodeo at the Rodeo Pavilion

5:30 p.m.: Bike giveaway at the Bitterroot Health booth

6 p.m.: Mutton Busting in Main Arena

6 p.m.: FFA Cake, Cookie and Pie Auction at Goat Barn

6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Dairy Cow Show in Hornung Arena

6:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the

Free Stage

6:35 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:45 p.m.: Grand entry, prayer, national anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

7 p.m.: Rockin' RC Ranch Rodeo in Main Arena

10 p.m.: Exhibit buildings and barns close

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

All Day: Spinning demonstrations in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day: Honey demonstrations and tasting in the Agriculture Barn

All Day: Aspen Hot Glass demonstrations throughout the day at their booth behind the grandstands

All Day: BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

All Day: Main Arena is CLOSED to any public use or practice (Events Only)

All Day: Misty and the Sandman

– Tarot and Fortune Telling by the Goat Barn

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show in Iman Arena

8:30 a.m.: Ravalli County Rodeo Royalty Pageant Horsemanship in Main Arena

9:30 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

10 a.m.: Exhibit buildings and barns open

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Market Lamb and Feeder Lamb in Hornung Arena

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: TBA demonstrations/discussions/workshops in Floral Barn

10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Enjoy Tim the Juggler as our strolling entertainment throughout the grounds

10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Pictures available for purchase with Tired Iron Tractors and Antique Tractors in Antique Machinery area

11 a.m.: Cheese Making Demonstration in Agriculture Barn

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Events

From 24

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Dunk Tank - supports SAFE located front of the Beef Barn

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Come in for lunch between the hours of 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and get a refund of your gate fee. Available at the Main Gate Only

11 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Curly's Funtastic KidZone in Goat Barn area

11:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Horse, Mule and Donkey Competition in Main Arena

Noon: Misty and the Sandman - Sara Twister - Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

12:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

12:30 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from the north parking lot to the north gate until 3:30 p.m.

1 p.m.: Carnival opens

1 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship followed by Sheep Breeding

in Hornung Arena

1 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Dunk Tank - Supports Emma's House located front of the Beef Barn

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Pippi the Clown strolling act

2 p.m.: Grain Threshing and Hay Baling Demonstration in the Antique Machinery area

3 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Magic Show by the Goat Barn

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Dunk Tank - Supports Sapphire Lutheran Homes located front of the Beef Barn

3:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

4 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from the north parking lot to the north gate until

7 p.m. 4 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman - Sara Twister - Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Horse, Mule and Donkey in Harness Docking

demonstration in the Main Arena

4:30 p.m.: Parade of Wagons - Antique/Unique in Main Arena

5 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway at the Bitterroot Health Fair Booth

5:30 p.m.: Mutton Busting in Main Arena

6 p.m.: Kiddie Calf Division in Hornung Arena

6 p.m.: Ravalli County Rodeo Royalty Pageant Introductions in Main Arena

6:15 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

6:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Market Beef Show in Hornung Arena

6:30 p.m.: Grand Entry, Prayer, National Anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: BullsNBroncs in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman - Sara Twister - Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

9:30 p.m.: Mountain Broadcasting

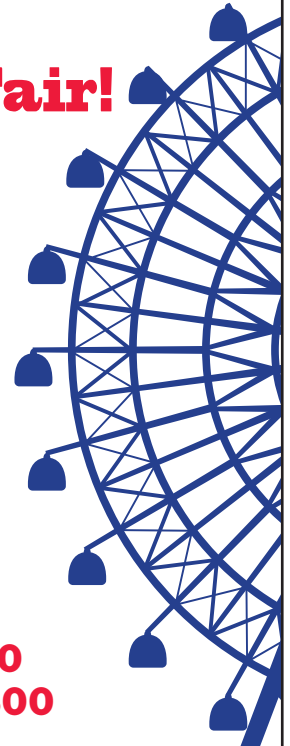


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 10 p.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns Close

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

All Day: Spinning demonstrations in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day: Honey demonstrations and tasting in the Agriculture Barn

All Day: Aspen Hot Glass demonstrations throughout the day at their booth behind the grandstands

All Day: BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

All Day: Main Arena is CLOSED to any public use or practice (Events Only)

All Day: Misty and the Sandman – Tarot and Fortune Telling by the Goat Barn

9 a.m.: Kiddie Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

9:15 a.m.: Open Division Rabbit Show in Rabbit Barn

10 a.m.: Exhibit Buildings and Barns Open

10 a.m.: Kiddie Lamb Show followed by Open Jackpot Lamb in Hornung Arena

10 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Mandatory Market Beef and Breeding Interviews in Beef Barn

10 a.m.: Ravalli County Rodeo Royalty Pageant Speeches, Interviews and Fashion at the Free Stage

10:30 a.m.: Open Division Sheep Show in Hornung Arena “Show and Go” – Walk in and walk out – No trailers

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: TBA demonstrations/discussions/workshops in Floral



Eddie, a Hampshire/Yorkshire pig entered by Sawyer Morton of Florence at the 2022 Ravalli County Fair swine barn.

**JESSICA ABELL,
 RAVALLI
 REPUBLIC**

Barn

10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Enjoy Tim the Juggler as our strolling entertainment

throughout the grounds

10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Pictures available for purchase with Tired Iron Tractors and Antique Tractors in Antique Machinery area

11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Come in for lunch between the hours of 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and get a refund of your gate fee. Available at the Main Gate Only

11 a.m.–8 p.m.: Curly’s Funtastic KidZone in Goat Barn area

11 a.m.–3 p.m.: Dunk Tank – Supports Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department located front of the Beef Barn

11:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Horse, Mule and Donkey Competition in Main Arena

Noon: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

12:30 p.m.: Adam the

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Events

From 27

Great at the Free Stage

12:30 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from the north parking lot to the north gate until 3:30 p.m.

1 p.m.: Carnival opens

1 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Practice in Poultry Barn

1 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

1 p.m.: "How to Prepare Backing for Long Arm Work" demonstration in Quilting Department

1 p.m.-5p.m.: Pippi the Clown strolling act

2 p.m.: Tractor Pull Contest in Antique Machinery area

3 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Magic Show by the Goat Barn

3 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest



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MICHELLE MCCONNAHA,
RAVALLI REPUBLIC

in Hornung Arena

3 p.m.-5 p.m.: Dunk Tank - Supports Bitter Root Humane Association located front of the Beef Barn

3:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

4 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest in Hornung Arena

4 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from

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Events

From 28

the north parking lot to the north gate until 7 p.m.

4 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

4:15 p.m.: Ribbons presented to Horse, Mule and Donkey in Harness entrants in Main Arena

4:30 p.m.: Mutton Busting in Main Arena

5 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

5 p.m.: Parade of Champions in Main Arena

5:15 p.m.: Ravalli County Rodeo Royalty Pageant Coronation in Main Arena

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway at the Bitterroot Health booth

6:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

6:45 p.m.: Grand entry, prayer, national anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: NRA Rodeo in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

9:30 p.m.: NRA Rodeo Slack in Main Arena following NRA Rodeo

10 p.m.: Exhibit buildings and barns close

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

All Day: Spinning demonstrations in the Natural Fiber Arts Department in the Event Center

All Day: Honey demonstrations and tasting in the Agriculture Barn

All Day: Aspen Hot Glass demonstrations throughout the day at their booth behind the grandstands

All Day: BINGO! At the Lions Bingo Booth

All Day: Misty and the Sandman – Tarot and Fortune Telling by the Goat Barn

6:30 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Auction Breakfast in Hornung Arena

8 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction in Hornung Arena SALE ORDER: Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Beef and Dairy

10 a.m.: Exhibit buildings and

barns open

10 a.m.–2 p.m.: TBA demonstrations/discussions/workshops in Floral Barn

10 a.m.–7 p.m.: Pictures available for purchase with Tired Iron Tractors and Antique Tractors in Antique Machinery area

11 a.m.–8 p.m.: Curly's Funtastic KidZone in Goat Barn area

Noon: 4-H Horsemanship Demonstration in Main Arena

Noon–4 p.m.: Dunk Tank – Supports Ravalli County 4-H program, located front of the Beef Barn

Noon–6 p.m.: Premium Office is open for payout of premium winners – entrance at south end of Art Building

Noon–7 p.m.: Enjoy Tim the Juggler as our strolling entertainment throughout the grounds

12:30 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from the north parking lot to the north gate until 3:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

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1 p.m.: Carnival opens

1 p.m.: Rabbit Jumping in the Rabbit Barn

1 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

1 p.m.–5p.m.: Pippi the Clown strolling act

2 p.m.: Tractor Pull Contest in Antique Machinery area

3 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Small Animal Auction in Hornung Arena

3 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Magic Show by the Goat Barn

3:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

4 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage offers horse drawn carriage service from the north parking lot to the north gate until 7 p.m.

4 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

5 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman Hypnosis Show by the Goat Barn

5:30 p.m.: Bike Giveaway at the Bitterroot Health booth

5:30 p.m.: Mutton Busting in Main Arena

6 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Special Award Presentation in Hornung Arena

6 p.m.: Bitterroot Mountettes in Main Arena

6:15 p.m.: Pioneer Carriage escorts Fair Family around Main Arena

6:30 p.m.: Adam the Great at the Free Stage

6:45 p.m.: Grand entry, prayer, national anthem in Main Arena

7 p.m.: NRA Finals Rodeo in Main Arena

7 p.m.: Misty and the Sandman – Sara Twister – Contortionist and Marksman Show by the Goat Barn

7 p.m.: 4-H Livestock Raffle/Cow Pie Bingo in Hornung Arena

7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Market Beef release time

7 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Market Lamb release time

7 p.m.: Release of Auction Birds

8 p.m.–10 p.m.: Rabbits and Poultry released – WALK OUT ONLY

8:30 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Breeding Beef release time

10 p.m.: Exhibit buildings and barns close

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

7 a.m.–noon: Goat and Dairy Cows release

8 a.m.–noon: Small Animals (rabbits and poultry) released

9 a.m.–noon: 4-H/FFA and Open Division Sheep release

9 a.m.–2 p.m.: Swine released for take home/private sale – check with superintendent prior to release

Noon–4 p.m.: Release of Open Division and 4-H Still Exhibits *PLEASE NOTE: Baked goods will not be returning entries, just entry tags with ribbons awarded. Ravalli County Fairgrounds will hold entries for 30 days before disposing of them.

Noon–4 p.m.: Premium Office is open for payout of premium winners – Entrance at south end of Art Building. *PLEASE NOTE: Any remaining premiums will be held and available in the Main Office for collection until September 30. After which the monies will be returned to the County Finance office and entrant will forfeit any premiums won.

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