

2026 EVENT GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 2-7

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH

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PEGGY BESCH
SD STATE FAIR MANAGER

WELCOME TO THE 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR!

We're thrilled to welcome you to another year of traditions, celebration, and community. The South Dakota State Fair has always been a place where families, neighbors, exhibitors, and visitors from across the state and region come together to showcase the very best of our state—its agriculture, creativity, innovation, and unmistakable spirit.

This year's fair brings new attractions, exciting entertainment, outstanding exhibits, and the timeless favorites that make this event such a special part of South Dakota's story. From the livestock barns and exhibit halls to the food stands, carnival rides, and grandstand shows, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for being part of this cherished tradition. Whether you're a long-time fairgoer or experiencing the South Dakota State Fair for the first time, we're glad you're here. Enjoy your time exploring, tasting, cheering, learning, and making memories.

**HERE'S TO A FANTASTIC 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR—
WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS "SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!"**

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AMERICA250 EVENTS

SHUCK YEAH! GREAT AMERICAN CORN EATING CONTEST

- Wednesday, Sept. 2 – 3:30 PM
- NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage

AMERICA250: COME DECLARE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

- Thursday, Sept. 3 – 12:45 PM
- NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION

- Thursday, Sept. 3 – 1 PM
- Horizons Hall Auditorium

GREAT PATRIOTIC ANIMAL CALLING CONTEST

- Thursday, Sept. 3 – 3:30 PM
- NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage

GREAT AMERICAN HOT DOG EATING CONTEST

- Friday, Sept. 4 – 3:30 PM
- NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage

GREAT AMERICAN KIDS STICK HORSE RACE

- Saturday, Sept. 5 – 5 PM
- Hippodrome

THE GREAT AMERICAN PIE EATING CONTEST

- Sunday, Sept. 6 – 3:30 PM
- NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage

RED, WHITE & YOU DAY

- Monday, Sept. 7
- Wear your boldest red, white and blue and enter for special prizes!

Find the complete list of special America250 events and more information on the Celebrating America250 page on sdstatefair.com.

***Events are subject to change and location.**



WELCOME TO THE 2026 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR!

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GATE ADMISSION PRICES

Daily Adult, Advanced	\$8
Daily Youth (6-15), Advanced	\$4
Daily Adult	\$10
Daily Youth (6-15)	\$5
Weekly Adult	\$50
Weekly Youth	\$25
Daily Family Pass (2 adults and 4 youth)	\$35

**FREE GATE ADMISSION AFTER 8 PM ALL
WEEK & AFTER 3 PM ON MONDAY!**

**FREE WIRELESS INTERNET AVAILABLE
COURTESY OF MIDCO**

FREE COURTESY

CART RIDES

sponsored by VFW,
American Legion and
Auxiliaries, Jack's
Campers, SD Wheat
Commission and Huron
Regional Medical Center



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

12:30p-4p State 4-H Leaders Assoc. 4-H Bake Sale - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Lobby
7pm OC Sheep Show - Fleece Show and Judging - The SHED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**CHANNEL SEEDS OPENING DAY
ALL CARNIVAL RIDES \$2 FROM 3P-10P**



The Channel Seed Brand welcomes you to the opening day of the fair! We're thrilled to have you join us for a day filled with carnival rides, livestock shows, exhibits, delicious food, fantastic entertainment, and so much more. As you enjoy the festivities, we also want to highlight our enhanced Channel Seed Brand. Our commitment to our customers to bring Leading-Edge Solutions that are Connected to You and your communities through a Next-Level Experience is what sets Channel apart from other seed brands. With a dedicated, local Channel SeedPro by your side assessing your conditions, diagnosing your challenges, then recommending the best solutions specific to your needs, Channel delivers on our commitment to help farmers maximize their profitability throughout the season. Discover how the new and enhanced Channel Seed brand is rising to the challenges in your fields by visiting Channel.com. Enjoy Opening Day!

8am	OC Sheep Show - Targhee - The SHED
9a-10p	Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
9a-8p	4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
9a-8p	All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
9a-8p	Tegan's Light LEGO Building Contest - Arts & Education Building
9a-8p	American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
9a-8p	FFA Ag Adventure Center Open
9a-7p	OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays - Wool Breeds Display - The SHED Education Center
9a-5p	Animal Olympics - GFP Area
9a-5p	Dakotaland Museum Open
9a-12p	Critter Crates and Fish Splash - GFP Area
9:45am	National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
10a-4p	Delta Dental Educational Activity - Arts & Education Building
10a-4p	4-H Innovation Station - Nordby Exhibit Hall
10a-2p	Sensory Friendly Experience Activities
10a-2p	Youth Activity-Hand Painted US Flag - Horticulture Building
10a-2p	SD Dept. of Education Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
10am	Food Preservation - Horizons Hall Kitchen
10am	OC Sheep Show - Corriedale - The SHED
10am	Needle-Felting w/ Wool - Shepherd's Pride - The SHED Education Center
10am	Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center

10am	SD Stock Dog Assoc. Stock Dog Clinic - Hippodrome
10am	SD State Fair Cutting Horse Competition - North Arena
10:30am	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
10:30am	What's New in This Year's Horticulture Show - Propagation Station - Michael Bishop, PhD, Horticulture Building Superintendent - Horticulture Building
10:45am	Jan Sandbakken, Popular Classic Country Singer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
11a-11p	Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
11a-9p	Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
11a-5p	Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
11am	Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
11am	Pampered Chef Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
11am	Genealogy: Digitize, Preserve, Share, FOREVER - Horizons Hall Auditorium
11am	Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
12pm	Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
12pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
12pm	Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
1pm	FFA Beef Show - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
1pm	OC Sheep Show - Polpay - The SHED
1pm	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
1pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
1pm	Bonkers for Boxcars: The Inside Scoop - Forty & Eight Merc Train
1pm	OC Sheep Youth Craft - Make & Take - Felted Soap - The SHED Education Center
1:30pm	Tilden Edgar, Teen Country Singer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
1:30pm	All-Natural Fertilizer and Water Retention for Garden Plant Growth - Woolly Naturals Pellet Co. - Horticulture Building
1:45pm	Jan Sandbakken, Popular Classic Country Singer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
2pm	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum

2pm	Genie Break: Pros and Cons of Internet Genealogy
2pm	- Arts & Education Building
2pm	Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
2pm	Potter Johns Trio - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
2pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
3p-10p	GoldStar Amusements Carnival (All rides \$2) - Carnival Midway
3pm	SD Pork Producers Cooking Demonstration: Finger Licking Pork - Horizons Hall Kitchen
3pm	OC Sheep Show - Olde English Babydoll - The SHED
3pm	Peg Loom Weaving - Friesz Family Farms - The SHED Education Center
3pm	Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
3pm	Story Time w/ PaperPie Books - Arts & Education Building
3pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
3pm	Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
3:30pm	Jan Schiferl, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
3:30pm	Shuck Yeah! Great American Corn Eating Contest - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
3:45pm	Tilden Edgar, Teen Country Singer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
4pm	SD State Fair Breakaway Roping - North Arena
4pm	Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
4pm	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
4pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
4:30pm	Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
5pm	Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
5pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
6pm	Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
6pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
6pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
6:30pm	Potter Johns Trio - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
8pm	Red Wilk Construction Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash - Grandstand
10pm	Union Cattle Band - Beer Garden



SCHEDULE FOR ★ ★ ★ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 VALUE ADDED AG CENTER DAY



Military Appreciation: Veterans and active military men and women receive FREE admission sponsored by Midwest Bath. 4-H kids get in FREE with 4-H card. (4-H cards can be obtained in advance at county offices.)

It's Value Added Ag Center Day at the South Dakota State Fair! We're happy to partner with the State Fair to be the day sponsor, and we invite you to stop by to see us at the Day Sponsor Tent. Come meet the farmers, ranchers and specialty producers who turn our crops and livestock into the products you use every day. You can also connect with agency reps and associations that help our ag community grow. Throughout the day, we'll have spotlight talks, local food demos and our annual ice cream social.

The Value Added Ag Development Center (VAADC) is your go-to for guidance on creating and growing value added ventures. Our work is made possible by the support of East River Electric Cooperative, Farm Credit Services of America, SD Association of Cooperatives, SD Bankers Association, SD Farmers Union, SD Rural Electric Association, SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council, SD Wheat Commission, and Agtegra Cooperative.

We look forward to seeing you at the Day Sponsor Tent!

8a-5p	4-H Information Center Open - Nordby Exhibit Hall
8a-5p	Youth in Action Communications Project Judging (option 1/4) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Classrooms
8am	OC Sheep Show - Rambouillet - The SHED
8am	OC Swine Show - Duroc; followed by Yorkshire; followed by Spotted Swine; followed by Chester White; followed by Hampshire; followed by Poland China; followed by Hereford; followed by Berkshire; followed by Crossbred - OC Swine Complex
8:30am	4-H Breeding Meat Goat Shows; followed by Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship; followed by Wether Doe/Market Wether Meat Goat Shows; followed by Wether Doe/Market Wether Meat Goat Showmanship - 4-H Livestock Complex
8:30am	4-H Dairy Goat Show; followed by Dairy Goat Showmanship - 4-H Livestock Complex
9a-10p	Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
9a-8p	4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
9a-8p	All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
9a-8p	FFA Ag Adventure Center Open
9a-8p	Tegan's Light LEGO Building Contest - Arts & Education Building
9a-8p	American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
9a-7p	OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays - Wool Breeds Display - The SHED Education Center
9a-5p	Dakotaland Museum Open
9a-5p	Animal Olympics - GFP Area
9a-3:30p	Value Added Ag Center Day Activities - Day Sponsor Area
9am	OC Beef Show - Charolais; followed by Shorthorn/Shorthorn Plus; followed by Simmental/Low %; followed by All Other Breeds - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena - South Ring
9am	OC Beef Show - Limousin; followed by Chianina; followed by Gelbvieh; followed by Maine Anjou/Maine Tainer/Maine Angus; followed by Red Angus - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena- North Ring
9am	Garden Bingo - Sydney Paulsen, SDSU Extension Horticulture Assistant and Education Coordinator at McCrory Gardens - Horticulture Building
9:30am	SD Farm Bureau Health Plans Information Session - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
9:30am	Stampin' Up-Sue Lammers - Horizons Hall Auditorium
9:45am	National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
10a-4p	4-H Innovation Station - Nordby Exhibit Hall
10a-4p	Delta Dental Educational Activity - Arts & Education Building
10a-2p	Youth Activity-Hand Painted US Flag - Horticulture Building
10a-2p	SD Dept. of Education Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
10am	Genie Break: Genealogy 101 - Arts & Education Building
10am	It's All the Buzz: Introduction to Beekeeping - Pasque Flower Beekeeping - Day Sponsor Tent
10am	Sorghum Flour Breakfast: Making Waffle and Pancake Premixes in Home and Institutional Kitchens - Redstone Flour Mill - Horizons Hall Kitchen
10am	Fall Weed Control in Lawns and Gardens - Graig Reicks, SDSU Extension Weed Ecology Field Specialist - Horticulture Building

10am	OC Sheep Show - Natural Colored - The SHED
10am	Locker Hook Weaving w/ Wool 101- Shepherd's Pride - The SHED Education Center
10am	Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
10am	SD Stock Dog Assoc. Open, Nursery, and Intermediate/Novice/Ranch Classes - Hippodrome
10am	South Dakota Farm and Ranch Recognition Program - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
10am	SD State Fair Cutting Horse Competition - North Arena
10:30a-4p	4-H Special Foods Contest (option 1/3) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Kitchen
10:30am	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
10:30am	Trapping 101 and Drawing for Live Trap - GFP Area
10:30am	Salute to Veterans - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
11a-12a	Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
11a-9p	Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
11a-5p	Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
11am	Growing Agritourism in South Dakota - SDSU & SD Department of Tourism - Day Sponsor Tent
11am	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
11am	Edible Landscaping and Community Food Forests - Robin Buterbaugh, SDSU Extension Horticulture Field Specialist - Horticulture Building
11am	OC Sheep Show - All Other Wool Breeds - The SHED
11:30am	After the Growing Season: A Dried Flower Wreath Presentation - The Freckled Farmstead - Horizons Hall Kitchen
12p-11p	GoldStar Amusements Carnival - Carnival Midway
12pm	Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
12pm	Danielle Nowell, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
12pm	OC Sheep Show - Wool Breeds Champion Drive - The SHED
12pm	Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
12pm	How Farms Utilize USDA Resources to Build Successful Vegetable Operations - USDA - Day Sponsor Tent
12pm	Gardening for Insects - Amanda Bachmann, PhD, Urban Entomology Field Specialist for SDSU - Horticulture Building
12pm	Kaye Haug, Singer/Song Writer - Horizons Hall Auditorium
12pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
12pm	Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
12:45pm	Pollinator Party: Fun for All Ages - SD Association of Conservation District Employees - Day Sponsor Tent
12:45pm	America250: Come Declare Your Independence - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
1pm	Bonkers for Boxcars: The Inside Scoop - Forty & Eight Merci Train
1pm	Quilts of Valor - Horizons Hall Auditorium
1pm	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
1pm	Power Up Your Day: Build a Smart Snack - SDSU Extension - Horizons Hall Kitchen
1pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
1pm	OC Sheep Youth Craft - Make a Sheep Ornament for the Capitol Christmas Tree - The SHED Education Center
1:30pm	Captain Diane Diekman, US Navy Veteran and Country Music Biographer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives



Step into South Dakota's Touchstone Energy interactive tent at the State Fair and experience fun, learning, and excitement for all ages! Watch as skilled linemen demonstrate pole climbing techniques. Explore a variety of electric scooters and electric bikes and discover the latest in EV lawn mower and garden tools. Kids will love Safety Town, digging for treasures at the 811 booth, and testing their luck at our Plinko game for a chance to win prizes and an exclusive East River Electric Cooperative cookbook. Dive into the world of empowering efficiency and spark young imaginations with leading safety and kids' education along with our two mascots Willie Wirehand and our Lineman. There's something for everyone under our tent — don't miss it!

- Located in Horticulture Park

- Thursday, September 3

THURSDAY CONTINUED



- 1:45pm Protein on a Budget: Stretch Your Grocery Dollar Without Sacrificing Nutrition - SDSU Extension - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 1:45pm Beckett Moffitt, Teen Country/Rockabilly Guitarist - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 2pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- 2pm - North of Dakotaland Museum
- 2pm Genie Break: Orphan Train Children In South Dakota - Arts & Education Building
- 2pm Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 2pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 2pm The 1270s - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 2pm From Coop to Crop: Full Circle Chicken Production - Vegetable Garden Symbiosis on the Certified Organic Farm - SDSPA Transition to Organic - Day Sponsor Tent
- 2:30pm SD Pork Producers Cooking Demonstration: Family Meals - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 2:30pm Danielle Nowell, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 3pm OC Poultry Show - Waterfowl; followed by Turkeys; followed by Large Fowl; followed by Guineas; followed by Bantams as Specified Shows - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- 3pm Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 3pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 3pm Value Added Ag Center Day Ice Cream Social hosted by VAADC & Your SD Dairy Farmers with Berrybrook Nook Ice Cream - Day Sponsor Tent
- 3pm Wool Pellets and other Wool Products - Friesz Family Farms - The SHED Education Center
- 3pm Live Judging - Tomatoes sponsored by SD Corn - Horticulture Building
- 3pm How to Improve Soil Health in Gardens - Horticulture Building
- 3pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 3pm Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 3pm Story Time w/ PaperPie Books - Arts & Education Building
- 3:30pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 3:30pm Great Patriotic Animal Calling Contest - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 3:30pm Captain Diane Diekman, US Navy Veteran and Country Music Biographer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 3:45pm Beckett Moffitt, Teen Country/Rockabilly Guitarist - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 4pm Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 4pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- 4pm - North of Dakotaland Museum
- 4pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 4pm SD State Fair Breakaway Roping - North Arena
- 4pm Jr. Wool Classic Show - The SHED
- 4:30pm Propagation Station and Giant Pumpkin Society - Michael Bishop & Rita Hilgedick, Horticulture Building Superintendents - Horticulture Building
- 4:30pm Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 5pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 5pm SD State Fair Karaoke Rendezvous Preliminary Competition - Midway Roadhouse
- 5pm Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 5pm SD Stock Dog Assoc. Open and Intermediate Finals - Hippodrome
- 5pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 5:30p-7p 4-H Dairy Skill-A-Thon Contest - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 6pm South Dakota Born & Bred Market Lamb Show - 4-H Livestock Complex
- 6pm Arty the Circus Drummer - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 6pm Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 6pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 7pm Danielle Nowell, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 7pm The 1270s - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 8pm Red Wilk Construction Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash - Grandstand
- 10pm Lizzy Hofer Band - Beer Garden

SALUTE TO VETERANS

JOIN US AS WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS AT THE SD STATE FAIR!

Salute to Veterans program

– 10:30 AM – NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
Thursday, Sept. 3

Red Wilk Construction American Hero Award Ceremony – **Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 3** at the Red Wilk Construction Tuff Hedeman Bull Bash

Free daily gate admission for Veterans and active military men and women sponsored by Midwest Bath – **Thursday, Sept. 3**

EXPLORE THE EXHIBITS



Arts & Education Building



Horizons Hall



Horticulture Building

Nordby Exhibit Hall

EXPERIENCE THE CREATIVITY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP THAT FILL OUR EXHIBIT BUILDINGS!

SHOP THE FAIR



Ag Plaza



Dakota Marketplace

Expo Building

Horizons Hall



Midway Corner

Midway Mercantile

BROWSE, SHOP, AND DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW AROUND EVERY CORNER!

RED WILK CONSTRUCTION TUFF HEDEMAN BULL BASH



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3
8 PM



BUY TICKETS NOW AT SDSTATEFAIR.COM





SCHEDULE FOR ★ ★ ★ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 OLYMPIC MOTORS DAY



Olympic Motors Day is Friday, September 4. Before heading to the fair, stop by Olympic Motors on E Hwy 14 to pick up a \$2 off daily gate admission coupon for the day!

At the fair, stop by Olympic Motors Building (formerly Prostrullo Motors Building) to see the newest vehicles from Chevrolet, Buick, and GMC including a great selection of 2026 and 2027 Chevy and GMC pickups with model year-end discounts. And we always try to throw in something different for you to view each year if you like older and interesting vehicles. In addition, there will be special door prize drawings from Olympic Motors during the Fair as well as free ice water on Friday, Olympic Motors Day.

Also, sign up for a chance to win the "Best Seats in the House" at the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday shows in the Grandstand. Don't miss it!

- 8a-5p 4-H Information Center Open - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 8a-5p Youth in Action Communications Project Judging (option 2/4)
- Nordby Exhibit Hall - Classrooms
- 8am OC Poultry & Pigeon Show - Bantam Chickens - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- 8:30a 4-H Rabbit Skill-A-Thon - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
- 10:30a
- 8:30a-4p 4-H Special Foods Contest (option 2/3) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Kitchen
- 8:30a 4-H Breeding Sheep Showmanship; followed by Breeding Sheep Show
- 4-H Livestock Complex
- 9a-10p Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
- 9a-8p 4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 9a-8p All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9a-8p FFA Ag Adventure Center Open
- 9a-8p Tegan's Light LEGO Building Contest - Arts & Education Building
- 9a-8p American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
- 9a-7p OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays
- The SHED Education Center
- 9a-5p Animal Olympics - GFP Area
- 9a-5p Dakotaland Museum Open
- 9a-4p Student Collaboration for the Advancement and Promotion of Pharmacy (SCAPP)
- Health Screenings - Day Sponsor Tent
- 9a-4p Unique Sheep Breed Displays & Antique Sheep Equipment Display - The SHED
- 9a-11:30a 4-H Poultry Skill-A-Thon Contest - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
- 9am OC Dairy Show - Milking Shorthorn; followed by Brown Swiss; followed by Holstein
- OC Dairy Barn
- 9am OC Beef Show - Hereford - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena - South Ring
- 9am OC Beef Show - Angus - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena - North Ring
- 9am OC Poultry & Pigeon Show - Pigeons - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- 9:30a DAV Bingo - DAV Veterans Building
- 7:30p
- 9:30am Sourdough Bread Baking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 9:30am Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 9:45am National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 10a-4p 4-H Innovation Station - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 10a-4p Stephanie Logue, Guest Author - Arts & Education Building
- 10a-2p SD Dept. of Education Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
- 10am Genie Break: Finding Your Story in Historic Newspapers - Arts & Education Building
- 10am Lamb & Wool Products - Friesz Family Farms - The SHED Education Center
- 10am Shearing Demonstration - The SHED
- 10am Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 10am Team Roping - North Arena
- 10:30am Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 10:30am 2026 Growing Season Weather and Climate - Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist - Horticulture Building
- 10:30am Jill Pulkrebek, Contemporary Gospel - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 10:45am Lizzy Hofer, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 11a-12a Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
- 11a-9p Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
- 11a-5p Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum

- 11am Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 11am Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 11am Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 11am Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings w/ special guest Danielle Nowell
- Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 11:30a-4p 4-H Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Contest - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 12p-12a GoldStar Amusements Carnival - Carnival Midway
- 12pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 12pm SD CattleWomen Cooking Demonstration: Cooking Tasty Beef
- Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 12pm Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 12pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 12pm Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 12pm Chad Madsen, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 12:30pm SD CattleWomen Cooking Demonstration: Cooking Tasty Beef
- Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 1p-3p Rodney Yost Horsemanship Demonstration - Hippodrome
- 1pm Bonkers for Boxcars: The Inside Scoop - Forty & Eight Merc Train
- 1pm Hunt Safe 101 - GFP Area
- 1pm 4-H Poultry Show - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
- 1pm OC Sheep Youth Craft - Make & Take, Sheep Charm Jewelry
- The SHED Education Center
- 1pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 1pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 1pm Vegetable Diseases Observed in SD in 2026 - Cody Molnar, SDSU Extension
- Horticulture Plant Pathology Field Specialist - Horticulture Building
- 1:30pm Edin Judith, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 1:30pm SD CattleWomen Cooking Demonstration: Cooking Tasty Beef
- Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 1:30pm Smoking & Cooking Lamb Cuts Demonstrations - The SHED Education Center
- 1:45pm John Grosz, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 2p-3:30p 4-H STEM Challenge Team Judging - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 2pm SD CattleWomen Cooking Demonstration: Cooking Tasty Beef
- Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 2pm Genie Break: Collection Care-Preserving Your Paper, Photos, and Digital Materials
- Arts & Education Building
- 2pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 2pm Joseph Hosey - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 2pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling



To celebrate fair going families, each day one lucky family will be chosen as the Prairie Farms Fair Family of the Day and will receive an amazing prize pack filled with Prairie Farms Dairy and State Fair goodies. Keep your eyes peeled – you could be the lucky family!



FRIDAY CONTINUED

- 2pm Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings, w/ special guest Lizzy Hofer - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 2pm Trees Presentation - Tally Helkenn, sponsored by SD State Horticulture Society - Horticulture Building
- 2:30pm Chad Madsen, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 3pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 3pm Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 3pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 3pm Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 3pm Story Time w/ PaperPie Books - Arts & Education Building
- 3pm Shearing Demonstration - The SHED
- 3pm Loom Weaving w/ Wool - Friesz Family Farms - The SHED Education Center
- 3:30pm SD Pork Producers Cooking Demonstration - All About Ground Pork - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 3:30pm Sew Your Own Style Show - Horizons Hall Auditorium
- 3:30pm Great American Hot Dog Eating Contest - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 3:30pm Edin Judith, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 3:45pm John Grosz, Musician - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- aprx 4pm OC Beef Show - Supreme Row - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
- 4pm Sherwin & Pam Linton and the Cotton Kings, w/ special guest Danielle Nowell - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 4pm Largest Plant Specimens and Giant Vegetables Live Judging - Horticulture Building
- 4pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
- 4pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 4:30pm Pied Piper of Percussion - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 5pm Jr. Suffolk Show - The SHED
- 5pm Mogen's Heroes - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 5pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 5pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 5pm Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 5pm SD State Fair Karaoke Rendezvous Preliminary Competition - Midway Roadhouse
- 5:30pm State 4-H Leaders Association Meeting (Public Welcome) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Classrooms
- 6pm Arty the Circus Drummer - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 6pm SD Junior Beef Breeds Team Fitting Contest - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
- 6pm Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 6pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 7pm Chad Madsen, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 7pm Joseph Hosey - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 7:30pm The Fray w/ X Ambassadors - Grandstand
- 10pm Whiskey Rich - Midway Roadhouse
- 10:30pm Dirty Word - Beer Garden

THE FRAY

WITH X AMBASSADORS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - 7:30PM
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR GRANDSTAND



#BEEFSTRONG

Follow the #BEEFSTRONG hashtag during the South Dakota State Fair for your chance to win BEEF prizes!



In Horizons Hall

Join the South Dakota CattleWomen for live BEEF cooking demonstrations on Friday, September 4th.

- 12pm
- 12:30pm
- 1pm
- 1:30pm



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AGVENTURES TRIVIA

Play Agventures Trivia during the fair for a chance to WIN FREE grandstand tickets and a daily carnival ride wristband. Go to the SD Farmers Union booth in the Expo Building to play daily. Sponsored by SD Farmers Union.



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SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 SD FARMERS UNION DAY



Join us for Farmers Union Day at the South Dakota State Fair Saturday, September 5. South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) will host events throughout the day celebrating the family farmers, ranchers and rural communities from across the great state of South Dakota that they so proudly represent.

Highlighting the day of activities will be the annual Farmer's Share Luncheon (limited number of meals available) located in the tent near the Freedom Stage from 11:30am to 12:30pm. In comparison to the retail price of the meal, \$16.00 attendees will pay just \$0.47 for a meal that showcases the farmer's share on retail food dollars.

Events at the Freedom Stage kick off at 1pm. Join us for an informative panel discussion on the current Farm Bill and the future of agricultural policy. This session will bring together local producers, agricultural leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to explore how the Farm Bill impacts rural communities, farming operations, and the broader food system.

Panelists will break down key components of the current legislation—including crop insurance, conservation programs, nutrition assistance, and rural development—and discuss what these mean for farmers and ranchers today. Just as importantly, the conversation will look ahead: What changes are needed to better support modern agriculture? Where are the gaps? And how can producers' voices help shape the next version of the Farm Bill?

At the 2pm Farm Safety FFA Quiz Bowl Championship, four FFA Quiz Bowl teams will compete for the championship title. The Farm Safety Quiz bowl is designed as a fun way to teach high school students about safety on the farm or ranch.

Farmers Union will also be displaying their interactive Farm Safety Trailer on Third Street in front of the Heritage Museum. The trailer will give visitors the opportunity to learn farm safety with power take offs, grain bins, down power lines and will host ATV simulator demonstrations 3 times a day at 11am, 2pm and 4pm.

We are excited for you to join in the fun of Farmers Union Day at the 2026 South Dakota State Fair!

8a-5p	4-H Information Center Open - Nordby Exhibit Hall
8a-5p	Youth in Action Communications Project Judging (option 3/4)
	- Nordby Exhibit Hall - Classrooms
8am	FFA Breeding, Wether Dam, and Market Meat Goat Show - 4-H Livestock Complex - South Ring
8am	FFA Breeding and Market Sheep Show - 4-H Livestock Complex - North Ring
8am	OC Dairy Goat Show - Jr. Does; followed by Sr. Does; followed by Lamancha; followed by Saanen; followed by Recorded Grade; followed by Oberhasli; followed by Toggenburg; followed by Alpine; followed by Nubian; followed by Nigerian; followed by All Other Purebred Shows - Dairy Goat Barn
8:30a-2p	4-H Special Foods Contest (option 3/3) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Kitchen
8:30a-12p	4-H Poultry Showmanship - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
8:30am	4-H Swine Show; followed by Swine Showmanship - OC Swine Complex
8:30am	4-H Market Beef Show - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
9a-10p	Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
9a-8p	4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
9a-8p	All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
9a-8p	FFA Ag Adventure Center Open
9a-8p	OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays
	- Meat Breeds Display - The SHED Education Center
9a-8p	Tegan's Light LEGO Building Contest - Arts & Education Building
9a-8p	American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
9a-5p	Dakotaland Museum Open
9a-4p	Brookings Fiber Guild - The SHED
9am	OC Dairy Show - Guernsey; followed by Jersey; followed by Jr. Supreme Champion; followed by Supreme Champion - OC Dairy Barn
9am	OC Rabbit Show - Premium Open Rabbit Show - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
9am	Heartland Hustle Barrel Race - Exhibitions - Hippodrome

9am	OC Sheep Show - Dorset - The SHED
9:30a-7:30p	DAV Bingo - DAV Veterans Building
9:30am	Sourdough Bread Baking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
9:30am	Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
9:45am	National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
10a-12a	GoldStar Amusements Carnival - Carnival Midway
10a-4p	Jodi Culliney-"Love, South Dakota Style", Guest Author - Arts & Education Building
10a-4p	PaperPie Books Coloring Contest - Arts & Education Building
10a-2p	4-H Innovation Station - Nordby Exhibit Hall
10a-2p	SD Dept. of Education Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
10a-12p	State Fair Camper Cuties - Ranchy Stems - Horticulture Building
10am	Genie Break: Organizing Your Genealogy - Arts & Education Building
10am	Fish Cleaning - GFP Area
10am	Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
10am	Diaper Derby Registration - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
10am	SD Timed Event Championship Rodeo sponsored by Double D Western Wear, Panhandle Slim, MackSteel Farm & Ranch Equipment, and Glacial Lakes Energy - North Arena
10:30am	Diaper Derby - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
10:30am	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
10:30am	Fleece to Yarn & Everything In-Between - Dakota Carding & Wool - The SHED Education Center
11a-12a	Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
11a-9p	Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
11a-5p	Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Heartland Hustle Barrel Race - Hippodrome
11am	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
11am	Kids' Pedal Pull sponsored by PGP - Registration - Gate 7
11am	Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
11am	OC Sheep Show - Montadale - The SHED
11am	Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
11am	Sunflower Strings, Music Group - Horizons Hall Auditorium
11am	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
11am	Story Time w/ PaperPie Books - Arts & Education Building
11:30a-12:30p	Farmer's Share Luncheon hosted by SD Farmers Union - Day Sponsor Tent
11:30am	SD Best Bagger Competition - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
12p-4p	14/27 Basketball Challenge - North of Nordby Exhibit Hall
12pm	Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
12pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
12pm	Nathan Bryce and the Loaded Dice - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
12pm	Link West, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
12pm	Kids' Pedal Pull sponsored by PGP - Gate 7
1pm	Current Farm Bill & the Future of Agricultural Policy Panel hosted by SD Farmers Union - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
1pm	Bert Stiner Award Presentation - Horizons Hall Kitchen
1pm	Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
1pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
1pm	OC Sheep Show - Southdown - The SHED
1pm	OC Sheep Youth Craft - Make & Take, Wool Wrapped Sheep Ornaments - The SHED Education Center
1pm	Homing Pigeon Release - South of Poultry/Rabbit Barn
1pm	Fish Cooking - GFP Area
1:30pm	Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
2pm	Genie Break: DNA, Finding My Cousin - Arts & Education Building
2pm	All-Natural Fertilizer - Woolly Naturals Pellet Co. - Horticulture Building
2pm	Miss SD State Fair Scholarship Pageant - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
2pm	OC Rabbit Show - Premium Open Rabbit Show - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
2pm	Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of Dakotaland Museum
2pm	Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
2pm	Team up for Safety FFA Quiz Bowl hosted by SD Farmers Union - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
2:30pm	Hand Dyeing Wool and Yarn - Dakota Carding & Wool - The SHED Education Center
2:30pm	Sunflower Strings, Music Group - Horizons Hall Auditorium
3pm	Link West, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
3pm	Nathan Bryce and the Loaded Dice - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
3pm	Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
3pm	State 4-H Leaders' Association Ice Cream Social (free and open to all; served until gone) - Nordby Exhibit Hall



FREE ENTERTAINMENT

BEER GARDEN ★ ★ ★

ALL BEER GARDEN ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS WHEN GRANDSTAND SHOWS ARE FINISHED.



THE UNION CATTLE BAND
WED. 9/2



LIZZY HOFER BAND
THUR. 9/3



DIRTY WORD
FRI. 9/4



URBANDALE LANE
SAT. 9/5



JOHNNY HOLM BAND
SUN. 9/6

MIDWAY ROADHOUSE ★ ★ ★



WHISKEY RICH
FRI. 9/4, 10PM



MATT GAUGER BAND
SAT. 9/5, 10PM



LENDON JAMES BAND
SUN. 9/6, 10PM

FARM BUREAU DAKOTALAND STAGE ★ ★ ★



SD FARM BUREAU HEALTH PLANS
INFORMATION SESSION
THUR. 9/3, 9:30AM



SHERWIN AND PAM LINTON AND
THE COTTON KINGS
WED. 9/2 & FRI. 9/4, 11AM, 2PM, 4PM
THUR. 9/3, 2PM & 4PM



BILL CHRASTIL - ELVIS
IMPERSONATOR AND
VARIETY SHOW
SAT. 9/5, 6PM



STINGRAY ANTHONY
JUKEBOX ROCK
SUN. 9/6, 6PM

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MOGEN'S HEROES
WED. 9/2 - FRI. 9/4



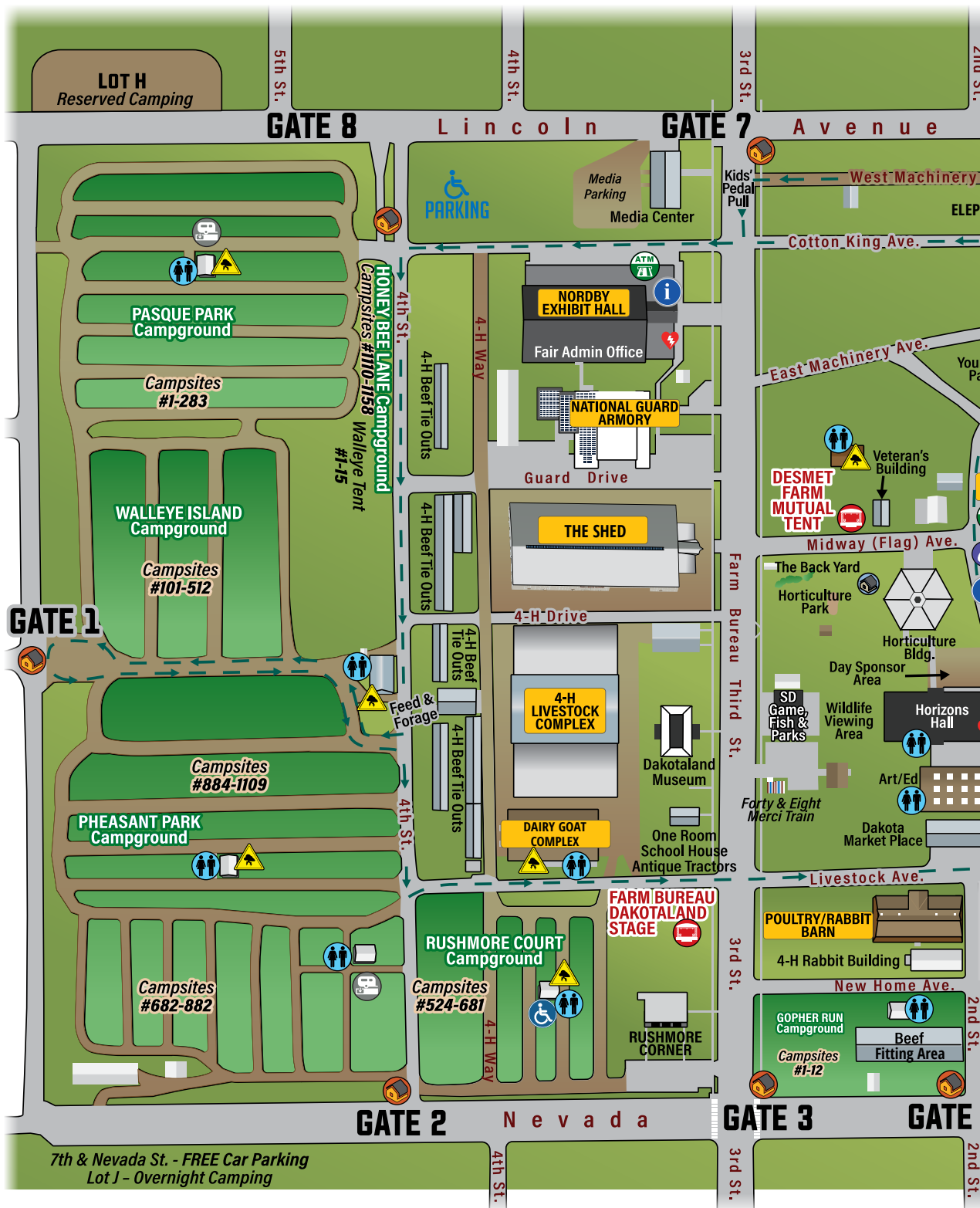
NATHAN BRYCE AND THE
LOADED DICE
SAT. 9/5



GORDY AND DEBBIE
SUN. 9/6 & MON. 9/7

ALL SHOWS ARE AT
12PM, 3PM & 5PM

MONDAY AT
11AM, 2PM & 4PM



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

FAIR OFFICE: (605) 353-7340 OR (800) 529-0900
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 SECURITY: (605) 353-6644 OR 911
 SECURITY OFFICE OPEN 24 HRS.

PARK AND RIDE FOR FREE!

Park at the Advanced Sunflower Parking Lot at the Huron Mall for free and ride the shuttle to Gate 3 at the fairgrounds.
 Thur. – Sun. 9AM to 11:15PM
 Shuttle bus runs every 30 minutes.

SCOOTER RENTALS AVAILABLE AT YOUNGER HALL, INSIDE OF GATE 6.

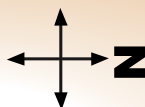
DIRECTIONS TO HRMC EMERGENCY ROOM:

- From Gate 3, go east on 3rd St.
- Turn right (south) on Dakota Ave.
- Turn left (east) onto 4th St.
- HRMC's emergency room is located at 172 4th St. SE, follow the signs to the east entrance of the main hospital building.

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| - Dump Station | - Restroom | - Handicapped Parking | - Fair Gate Entrance | - Breast Feeding |
| - Information | - Storm Shelter | - Trolley Route | - First Aid Station | - Security |
| - Handicapped Restroom | - ATM | - Stage | - AED | - Calming Cottage |



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WED. 9/2 - FRI. 9/4, 12PM & 4:30PM



POTTER JOHNS TRIO
WED. 9/2, 2PM & 6:30PM



THE 1270s
THUR. 9/3, 2PM & 7PM



JOSEPH HOSEY
FRI. 9/4, 2PM & 7PM

SOUTH DAKOTA
BEST BAGGER
COMPETITION

SD BEST BAGGER COMPETITION
SAT. 9/5, 11:30AM
HOSTED BY SD RETAILERS
JOIN US FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL SD BEST
BAGGER COMPETITION. WATCH QUICK
HANDS FROM THE STATEWIDE GROCERY
INDUSTRY COMPETE!


SOUTH DAKOTA
Farmers Union

SD FARMERS UNION PROGRAMS
SAT. 9/5
PANEL DISCUSSION: CURRENT
FARM BILL AND THE FUTURE OF
AGRICULTURAL POLICY - 1PM
TEAM UP FOR SAFETY FFA QUIZ
BOWL - 2PM



CITRISITY
SAT. 9/5, 4:30PM & 7PM



LAYTON LEE BAND
SUN. 9/6, 2PM & 7PM



**JERRY FRASIER, MAGIC
AND HYPNOFX**
SUN. 9/6
12PM - MAGIC, 5:30PM - HYPNOFX
MON. 9/7
11:30AM - MAGIC, 2:30PM - HYPNOFX



GUILTY PLEASURES ORCHESTRA
MON. 9/7, 1PM & 4PM

SATURDAY CONTINUED



3pm Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
 3pm 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
 3pm OC Dairy Show - Open Youth Dairy Showmanship - OC Dairy Barn
 3pm SD Pork Producers Cooking Demonstration - International Bacon Day
 - Horizons Hall Kitchen
 3:30pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
 4pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
 4pm OC Sheep Show - Katahdin - The SHED
 4pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union - North of
 Dakotaland Museum
 4pm PaperPie Books Coloring Contest Awards - Arts & Education Building
 4:30pm Citrisity - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
 4:30pm Stampin' Up - Sue Lammers - Horizons Hall Auditorium
 5pm Nathan Bryce and the Loaded Dice - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
 5pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
 5pm FFA Rabbit Showmanship - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
 5pm Great American Kids Stick Horse Competition - Hippodrome
 5pm SD State Fair Karaoke Rendezvous Finals - Midway Roadhouse
 5pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage

5pm First Dakota Football at the Fair Watch Party - SDSU @ NorthWestern
 and USD @ Northern Co. - Tap Haus
 5:30pm FFA Rabbit Show - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
 appx 6pm U-Fit-It Contest - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
 6pm Jr. Hampshire Show - The SHED
 6pm Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
 6pm 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
 6pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
 6pm Bill Chrastil, Variety and Elvis Show - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
 6pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
 6pm South Dakota 250th Trivia w/ Prizes - Platte Creek Brewing Company
 - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
 7pm Link West, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
 7pm Citrisity - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
 8pm Adult Dairy Showmanship and Costume Contest - OC Dairy Barn
 8pm Nate Smith w/ McCoy Moore welcomed by Pioneer - Grandstand
 8:30p-12a 4-H Leaders' Association Dance (8:30 pm - 10 pm: Ages 8 - Jr. High; 10 pm - 12 am:
 Jr. High - High School) - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Lawn
 10pm Matt Gauger Band - Midway Roadhouse
 10:30pm Urbandale Lane - Beer Garden

NATE SMITH

WITH MCCOY MOORE
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - 8PM
 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR GRANDSTAND



14/27 BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

- SATURDAY, SEPT. 5 AND SUNDAY, SEPT. 6
 - NORTH OF NORDBY EXHIBIT HALL
 - 12 PM - 4 PM

The idea behind the challenge is very simple - there's no defense, there's no tricks, and no gimmicks, just you, the ball, and the hoop. If you make the shots, you win!



DON'T MISS THESE PERFORMANCE EVENTS!

- Cutting Horse Competition | Wednesday, Sept. 2 & Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 10 AM | North Arena
- Breakaway Roping | Wednesday, Sept. 2 & Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 4 PM | North Arena
- SD Stock Dog Association Open, Nursery, Intermediate/Novice/Ranch Classes | Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 10 AM | Hippodrome
- Rodney Yost Horsemanship Demonstration | Friday, Sept. 4 @ 1-3 PM & Sunday, Sept. 6 (following Ranch Rodeo) | Hippodrome
- Team Roping | Friday, Sept. 4 @ 10 AM | North Arena
- Heartland Hustle Barrel Race | Saturday, Sept. 5 - Exhibitions @ 9 AM, Race @ 11 AM | Hippodrome
- SD Timed Event Championship Rodeo | Saturday, Sept. 5 & Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 10 AM | North Arena, Sponsored by Double D Western Wear, Panhandle Slim, MackSteel Farm & Ranch Equipment, and Glacial Lakes Energy
- Ranch Rodeo | Sunday, Sept. 6 @ 11 AM | Hippodrome
- Draft Horses | Monday, Sept. 7 @ 10 AM | Hippodrome



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SCHEDULE FOR ★ ★ ★ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 SD SOYBEAN DAY



**SOUTH DAKOTA
SOYBEAN
CHECKOFF**

Join South Dakota Soybean at the South Dakota State Fair on Sunday, September 6, as we proudly serve as the Day Sponsor for the first time! Stop by the Day Sponsor Tent from 9am to 4pm for a full day of learning, networking, and family-friendly fun. Hear from industry experts

during two engaging educational sessions focused on protecting your farm legacy and planning for future generations. At noon, meet South Dakota State University Men's and Women's Basketball players for autographs and photos.

Whether you're interested in estate planning, supporting the next generation of agriculture, or simply looking for a great way to spend the day at the fair, South Dakota Soybean has something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

- 8a-5p 4-H Information Center Open - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 8a-5p 4-H Youth in Action Communications Project Judging (option 4/4)
- Nordby Exhibit Hall - Classrooms
- 8a-1:30p 4-H Family and Consumer Science Skill-A-Thon (CDM)
- Nordby Exhibit Hall - Judging Area
- 8a-1:30p 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Judging Area
- 8a-12p 4-H Fashion Revue Judging - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Kitchen
- 8:00am OC Sheep Show - Hampshire - The SHED
- 8:30am 4-H Dairy Cattle Show; followed by Dairy Cattle Showmanship - OC Dairy Complex
- 8:30am 4-H Market Sheep Showmanship; followed by Market Sheep Show
- 4-H Livestock Complex
- 8:30am 4-H Breeding Heifer Show - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
- 9a-10p Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
- 9a-8p 4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 9a-8p All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
- 9a-8p FFA Ag Adventure Center Open
- 9a-8p OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays
- Meat Breeds Display - The SHED Education Center
- 9a-8p Tegan's Light LEGO Building Contest - Arts & Education Building
- 9a-8p American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
- 9a-5p Dakotaland Museum Open
- 9a-4p SD Soybean Day Activities - Day Sponsor Tent
- 9a-1p Dakota Carding & Wool - The SHED Education Center
- 9:00am Catholic Mass - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 9:00am OC Rabbit Show - Carrier Open Rabbit Show - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- 9:30a DAV Bingo - DAV Veterans Building
- 7:30p GoldStar Amusements Carnival - Carnival Midway
- 10a-12a

- 10a-4p PaperPie Books Coloring Contest - Arts & Education Building
- 10a-4p Made by Laci, Guest Artist - Arts & Education Building
- 10a-1:30p 4-H Innovation Station - Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 10am SD Soybean Day Educational Session: The Wealth of America is in Rural America
- Alan Hojer, Director & Legacy Consultant, Keep Farmers Farming - Day Sponsor Tent
- 10am National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 10am Church Service at the Puppet Place - Independent Midway
- 10am Lure Making - GFP Area
- 10am Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 10am Huron Public Library Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
- 10am Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 10am Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 10am South Dakota Timed Event Championship Rodeo sponsored by Double D Western
Wear, Panhandle Slim, MackSteel Farm & Ranch Equipment, and Glacial Lakes
Energy - North Arena
- 10:30am Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 10:30am Fleece to Yarn & Everything In Between - Dakota Carding & Wool
- The SHED Education Center
- 11a-12a Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
- 11a-9p Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
- 11a-5p Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum
- 11am Story Time w/ PaperPie Books - Arts & Education Building
- 11am OC Sheep Show - Suffolk - The SHED
- 11am Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 11am Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 11am Ranch Rodeo - Hippodrome
- 11am Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 11am Community Worship and Praise Service - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 11:30am Cecilia's Allergy Friendly Cooking - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 11:30am Cell Phone Photography-Just the Basics - Horizons Hall Auditorium
- 12p-5p 4-H Rabbit Showmanship - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
- 12p-4p 14/27 Basketball Challenge - North of Nordby Exhibit Hall
- 12pm OC Swine Show - South Dakota Purebred Special; starting with Special Youth
Showmanship - OC Swine Complex
- 12pm Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 12pm The Barn Flies - Midway Roadhouse
- 12pm South Dakota State University Athlete Meet & Greet hosted by SD Soybean
- Day Sponsor Tent
- 12pm Arty the Circus Drummer- Strolling
- 12pm Jerry Frasier, Comedy Magic - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 12pm The Most Important 10 Minutes in the Life of Your Tree: Planting it Right - John Ball,
PhD, Extension Forestry Specialist/Forest Health Specialist, SD Dept. of Ag & Natural
Resources and Hunter Pecard, Community Forester, SD Dept. of Ag & Natural
Resources - Horticulture Building
- 1pm OC Sheep Show - All Other Meat Breeds - The SHED
- 1pm OC Sheep Youth Craft - Loom Weaving w/ Wool - The SHED Education Center
- 1pm Huron Public Library Book Reading - Arts & Education Building
- 1pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 1pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.



SCAVENGER HUNT FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Document your scavenger hunt journey
on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with
#SDFBfairhunt!

Anytime during the fair, pick-up a scavenger hunt worksheet at the South Dakota Farm Bureau Cares Trailer, on the west end of South Dakota Farm Bureau Avenue, or in the FFA Ag Adventure Center and embark on a fun journey to learn more about South Dakota farm animals.

Posters with answers to the worksheet questions will be hung on the outside of the animal exhibit buildings and within the FFA Ag Adventure Center. Once complete, return the worksheet to the FFA Ag Adventure Center or the South Dakota Farm Bureau Cares Trailer to win a prize!

SUNDAY CONTINUED



- 1pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 2pm C3 Compost The Natural Advantage - Horizons Hall Auditorium
- 2pm SD Auctioneer Association State Bid Calling Contest - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 2pm Genie Break: Immigrant Trails to Dakota Territory - Arts & Education Building
- 2pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 2pm SD Soybean Day Educational Session - Farm & Ranch Estate Planning: Top 10 Tips to Plan Now and Prevent Chaos Later - Travis Benson, Attorney, Bassford Remele
- Day Sponsor Tent
- 2pm OC Sheep Show - Meat Breeds Champion Drive - The SHED
- 2pm 4-H Fashion Revue Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
- 2pm Fish Cleaning - GFP Area
- 2pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 2pm Layton Lee Band - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 3pm Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 3pm The Barn Flies - Midway Roadhouse
- 3pm Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 3pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 3pm SD Pork Producers Cooking Demonstration: Grilling 101 - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 3:30pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 3:30pm 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
- 3:30pm The Great American Pie Eating Contest - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 4pm PaperPie Books Coloring Contest Awards - Arts & Education Building
- 4pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 4pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 4pm OC Sheep Show - Lead Line Shows - The SHED
- 4pm Rodney Yost Horsemanship Demonstration (or after the Ranch Rodeo)
- Hippodrome
- 4pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 4:30pm 4-H Recognition Event and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage

- 5pm FFA Dairy Goat Show - 4-H Livestock Complex - North Ring
- 5pm Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 5pm The Barn Flies - Midway Roadhouse
- 5pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 5:30pm Jerry Frasier, HypnoFX - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 5:30pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- appx 6pm SD Show Lamb Boosters (follows 4-H Market Sheep Show) - 4-H Livestock Complex
- appx 6pm Beef Booster Awards, SDJPS Awards Ceremony and Beef Breed Pizza Supper
- the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
- 6pm Stingray Anthony Jukebox Rock - Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 6pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 6pm 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
- 6pm Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 6pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 6:30pm Jr. Southdown Show - The SHED
- 7pm Layton Lee Band - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 8pm Jake Owen w/ Walker Montgomery welcomed by Legend Seeds - Grandstand
- 10pm Lendon James Band - Midway Roadhouse
- 10:30pm Johnny Holm Band - Beer Garden



- 11 AM – 11 PM, Wed.
- 11 AM – 12 AM, Thur. - Sun.
- 11 AM – 5 PM, Mon.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - 8PM
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR GRANDSTAND



FARM BUREAU FAIR MINUTE

Take a behind the scenes look at the fair and get to know fair talent with the South Dakota Farm Bureau. Each day a special guest will be featured during the "Farm Bureau Fair Minute". Watch for it daily on the South Dakota Farm Bureau and State Fair Facebook and Instagram pages.



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SCHEDULE FOR ★ ★ ★ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 RED, WHITE, & YOU DAY

Fairgoers are encouraged to wear red, white and blue and sign up for prizes at the Information Center or State Fair Administration Office in Nordby Exhibit Hall.

Celebrate America's 250th in Star-Spangled style! Join us on the final day of the fair for Red, White, & You Day at the South Dakota State Fair—where patriotic pride takes center stage!

Wear your boldest red, brightest white, and bluest blue to help us celebrate America250 and honor our nation's past, present, and future.

Show your spirit and get rewarded! Everyone who dresses for the theme will be entered into a special prize drawing—you could walk away with something great just for showing your patriotic pride!

On this final day of the fair, also check off all the items on your fair bucket list before it's over—indulge in your favorite fair food, buy that item on your wish list, take one last ride on the Ferris wheel, and take in our entertainment.

Bring the entire family out to catch the Thunder at the Fair Truck and Tractor Pull sponsored by American Bank & Trust in the Grandstand at 1pm!

Special offers include:

*** Fairgoers can help to 'stock the shelves'! Bring a non-perishable food item for the 'Stock the Shelves' food drive between the hours of 7am and 11am and receive \$2 off gate admission. (one food item per admission)**

*** We'll also Pay it Forward! Businesses have generously banded together to sponsor gate admission passes for those in need and to randomly hand out at the gate admission entrances! You could be the lucky recipient of a 'Pay it Forward' pass as you enter the gates on Monday!**

*** Enjoy the fair for FREE after 3pm!**

6a-7:30a 4-H Sunrise Photo at the Fair - Midway
7:30am FFA Swine Show - OC Swine Complex
8a-12p 4-H Information Center Open - Nordby Exhibit Hall
8am 4-H Rabbit Show - 4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent
8am Jr. Dorset Show - The SHED
8am 4-H Beef Showmanship - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
8:30am FFA Dairy Cattle Show - OC Dairy Barn
9a-5p Camping Games - GFP Area
9a-5p Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo and Pony Rides - MIP Building
9a-5p FFA Ag Adventure Center Open



9a-5p All SD State Fair Exhibit Buildings Open
9a-5p Dakotaland Museum Open
9a-5p 4-H Exhibits Open to the Public - Nordby Exhibit Hall
9a-4p American Eagle Add-A-Feather Art Project - Arts & Education Building
9a-4p OC Sheep Exhibit Building Open - Interactive Exhibits and Educational Displays - Meat Breeds Display - The SHED Education Center
9a-4p DAV Bingo - DAV Veterans Building
9:30a-5p Entry Cut Off for Lego Competition: 10-12 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
9:45am National Anthem - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
9:45am GoldStar Amusements Carnival - Carnival Midway
10a-7p Tegan's Light Lego Contest - Arts & Education Building
10a-12p Lego Competition: 10-12 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
10am Genie Break: Pros and Cons of Internet Genealogy - Arts & Education Building
10am Pampered Chef Cooking Demonstration - Horizons Hall Kitchen
10am 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Show - Nordby Exhibit Hall - Stage
10am Bottle Calf Feeding - FFA Ag Adventure Center
10am Draft Horse Show - Halter Classes - Hippodrome
10am Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
10am Entry Cut Off for Lego Competition: 8-9 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
10:15am Lego Competition: 8-9 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
10:30am Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
10:30am Entry Cut Off for Lego Competition: 6-7 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
10:45am Tap Haus (Craft Beer) Open
11a-5p Wine Pavilion: Toast of the SD State Fair Open
11a-5p Hoskins One-Room School House Open - East of Dakotaland Museum
11a-5p 4-H Showcase - the DEX, Agtegra & Butler Machinery Arena
11am Lego Competition: 6-7 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
11am Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
11am Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
11am - North of Dakotaland Museum
11am Jr. Katahdin Show - The SHED

STOCK THE SHELVES FOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 @ 7 AM – 11 AM

**Bring a canned food item to any gate and receive \$2 OFF DAILY GATE ADMISSION.
(One canned food item per admission.)
Donations will be taken to the food bank.**



MONDAY CONTINUED

- 11am OC Sheep Youth Craft - Make & Take, Surprise Project!
- The SHED Education Center
- 11am Poultry Auction - Poultry/Rabbit Barn
- 11am Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 11am Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 11am Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 11:15am Entry Cut Off for Lego Competition: 4-5 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
- 11:30am Jerry Frasier, Comedy Magic - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 11:30am Lego Competition: 4-5 yr olds - Arts & Education Building
- 12pm Billy Lurken, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 12:30pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 12:30pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 1pm Thunder at the Fair Truck and Tractor Pull welcomed by American Bank & Trust - Grandstand
- 1pm Draft Horse Show - Driving Classes - Hippodrome
- 1pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 1pm Elephant Encounters - North Cotton King Ave.
- 1pm Guilty Pleasures Orchestra - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 1:30pm Homemade Wine Open Judging Contest - Horizons Hall Kitchen
- 2pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 2pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 2pm Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent
- 2:30pm Billy Lurken, Musician - Midway Roadhouse
- 2:30pm Jerry Frasier, HypnoFX - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 3pm Antique Tractor Demonstration - West of Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage
- 3pm Puppet Place Puppet Magic Show - Independent Midway
- 3pm Youth Activity - FFA Ag Adventure Center
- 3:30pm Arty the Circus Drummer - Strolling
- 4pm Guilty Pleasures Orchestra - NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage
- 4pm Farm Safety ATV Simulator Demo hosted by SD Farmers Union
- North of Dakotaland Museum
- 4pm Gordy & Debbie - De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Tent

SPECIAL EVENTS

SALUTE TO VETERANS

- THUR. 9/3, 10:30 AM
- NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FREEDOM STAGE

SD STATE FAIR KARAOKE RENDEZVOUS

- THUR. 9/3 & FRI. 9/4, 5 PM - 7 PM - PRELIM COMPETITION

All prelim winners receive cash prizes.

- SAT. 9/5, 5 PM - 7 PM - FINALS
- MIDWAY ROADHOUSE

1st place - \$500
2nd place - \$300
3rd place - \$200

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS BINGO

- FRI. 9/4 - MON. 9/7, 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM
(Ends at 5pm on Mon. 9/7)
- VETERANS BUILDING

All proceeds and donations go to support our rural transportation of Veterans program.

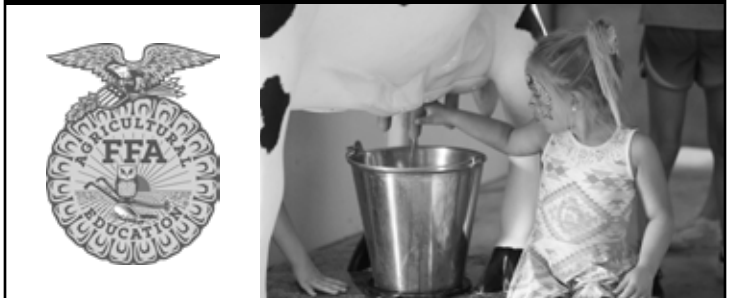
FFA AG ADVENTURE CENTER

Step onto the farm without leaving the fair with a trip to the FFA Ag Adventure Center. Kids will love all the activities this area has to offer. Take a virtual tour of the various rooms on a dairy farm and a pig farm. When you are done there, it's time to visit the science center filled with great learning material. Finally, take a trip to the grocery store and shop for all the items that you need for a fabulous meal. Don't forget to scan and purchase all your groceries before leaving.

Of course, the center will still have sows that are due to give birth during the fair, as well as baby chicks, hens, cows, and dairy bottle calves.

Learning doesn't have to stop, even at the fair, so make sure to add the FFA Ag Adventure Center to your list of can't miss stops.

The FFA Ag Adventure Center is dedicated to empowering today's consumers to value modern agriculture practices, making this a must-see at this year's fair.



SD TIMED EVENT CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO

- SAT. 9/5 & SUN. 9/6, 10 AM
- NORTH ARENA

Sponsored by Double D Western Wear, Panhandle Slim, MackSteel Farm & Ranch Equipment, and Glacial Lakes Energy.

MISS SD STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

- SAT. 9/5, 2 PM
- FARM BUREAU DAKOTALAND STAGE
- REIGNING MISS SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR NATALIE BIEGLER

SD AUCTIONEER ASSOCIATION STATE BID CALLING CHAMPIONSHIP

- SUN. 9/6, 2 PM
- FARM BUREAU DAKOTALAND STAGE

AMERICA250 SPECIAL EVENTS

Don't miss the America250 special events taking place on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage!



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KIDS ACTIVITIES & ★ ★ ★ ★ GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT



DIAPER DERBY

Sat. 9/5

Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage

Registration 10 AM

Race 10:30 AM

Test your baby's speed in the Diaper Derby at the SD State Fair! Babies will crawl from one side of the stage to the other, and the lucky three who do it the fastest will receive a special trophy! (All babies participating must be under 15 months of age)



PGP KIDS TRACTOR PULL

Sat. 9/5 @ 12 PM | Gate 7

Registration 11 AM



KIDS STICK HORSE COMPETITION

Sat. 9/5 @ 5 pm | Hippodrome



TEGAN'S LIGHT LEGO BUILDING CONTEST

Daily Contest

Arts & Ed Building

Anyone can participate. Each contestant can build any design with no time limit.

Mon. 9/7

10 AM – Lego Contest 10-12 year olds

10:30 AM – Lego Contest 8-9 year olds

11 AM – Lego Contest 6-7 year olds

11:30 AM – Lego Contest 4-5 year olds

Kids can sign up one time each day at the Arts & Ed Building for a chance to compete. Entry cut offs are 15 minutes before each competition. A drawing for competitors will be held immediately before competition time. Must be present at time of drawing to participate.



THE BACKYARD

Horticulture Park

Make music! Play in the sand! Take a butterfly selfie! Find the dragon! Color the Monster Mural!



ELEPHANT ENCOUNTERS

North Cotton King Ave.

10:30 AM and 1 PM – Wed., Fri. and Mon.

10:30 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM – Thur., Sat. and Sun.



NOAH'S WAY EXOTIC PETTING ZOO AND PONY RIDES

9 AM – 10 PM (5 PM on Mon.)

MIP Building

Daily



ARTY THE CIRCUS DRUMMER

Strolling

Wed., Sat. and Sun. – 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM

Thur. and Fri. – 12 PM, 2 PM and 4 PM
Mon. – 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 2 PM and 3:30 PM

EXPERIENCE THE FAIR

LET THE FUN BEGIN

CARNIVAL INFORMATION

HOURS:

- Wed. 9/2 (all rides \$2) - 3PM - 10PM
- Thur. 9/3 - Noon - 11PM
- Fri. 9/4 - Noon - Midnight
- Sat. 9/5 & Sun. 9/6 - 10AM - Midnight
- Mon. 9/7 - 10AM - 7PM

WEEKLY PASSPORT TO FUN PASS

ADVANCED - \$60

- Available at Olympic Motors in Huron through Wed. 9/2

REGULAR - \$70

- Available on grounds

\$3 OFF WEEKDAY CARNIVAL RIDE WRISTBAND COUPON

- Pick up your \$3 off weekday carnival ride wristband coupon at Taco John's in Huron through Mon. 9/7 or while supplies last.
- Coupon valid only on Thur. 9/3, Fri. 9/4 and Mon. 9/7.



WEDNESDAY 9/2, 10AM - 2PM

A calm and welcoming fair experience for children and adults with sensory sensitivities.

With thousands of things to experience at the South Dakota State Fair, it might seem a bit overstimulating to some, so we will be turning down the lights and sounds for a few hours. Special sensory programming is planned with some modifications.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- REDUCED NOISE & LIGHTS** — A toned down atmosphere
- PETTING ZOO** — Gentle animal interactions in a calm space
- CALMING COTTAGE** — A quiet retreat to rest, reset, and recharge
- SENSORY ACTIVITIES** — Hands-on and tactile stations for all ages
- SCAVENGER HUNT** — Designed for those with limited mobility
- MODIFIED CARNIVAL TIME** — Lower volume & fewer crowds





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