



Media Release

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Western Montana Fair to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

To welcome the community to the 2017 Western Montana Fair, staff will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 10:45 a.m. near the front gates of the Missoula County Fairgrounds. Event speakers will include Director of Fairgrounds Development, Emily Bentley; Fair sponsor Tom Severson of First Interstate Bank; artist Josh Quick; and Commissioner Jean Curtiss. The public and the media are welcomed and encouraged to attend the event.

“This is a time to recognize all of the work that has been done over the years to bring us to this point,” Commissioner Curtiss said. “By providing free admission to the Fair, we can welcome everyone in the community to enjoy the investments we have made together.”

Several events will follow the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first full day of the Fair, including the Hellgate band leading a parade through the grounds at noon. Staff will then lead a tour of the Fairgrounds, including stopping at the carnival, the 4-H arena, concession row, and a look at the arena where royalty contestants will be doing horsemanship tests. The tour will end in the Commercial Building, with an opportunity to speak with Bentley as she hosts a development booth throughout Fair week.

All of the Fair week events are listed on the Fairgrounds’ [website](#).

As a reminder, Missoula County’s Communications Coordinator, Katie Kliez, will be working on-site throughout Fair week to answer media inquiry and to schedule interviews. Her work station will be located in the Fair Office and she will be available on her cell phone at (406) 546-2424.

Media and parking passes will be available in the Fairgrounds Office beginning on Monday, Aug. 7.

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