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## **All-day entertainment and education guarantee best in value!**

***Super Science, Masters of the Chainsaw, Meet the Animals are new must-see's!!***

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BLACKFOOT, ID (August 9, 2011) – Solve your way through a maze of optical illusions! Watch a chainsaw turn a tree trunk into a beautiful sculpture! Milk a cow! Kick back to hours of laughter from comedians, musicians and entertainers!

All this and more can be found in one place: the 2011 Eastern Idaho State Fair, which returns to Blackfoot Saturday, September 3 through Saturday, September 10. Fair admission is less than the cost of a movie ticket – and with hours of animals, agriculture, education and entertainment waiting to be discovered, the Eastern Idaho State Fair is the best value in town!

**Super Science: Fun with Physics** is a new traveling science exhibit that promises hands-on family entertainment. The exhibit offers over 30 activities with on-site instruction, including *Mind Bogglers*; a *Kids construction area*; *Optical Illusions*; *Magnetic walls*; *Newton's Laws of Motion*; *Carnival Mirrors* and much more!

Hearing the grinding whir of a chainsaw, visitors won't miss the new **Masters of the Chainsaw** show. Here, some of the world's finest chainsaw sculptors combine both speed and artistic ability to carve up logs into collectible works of art – in 45 minutes or less. Tree trunks are transformed into bears, eagles, fish -- whatever the carver's creativity desires.

New this year and presented by Idaho Farm Bureau, **Meet the Animals** (Sept. 8-10) will offer young fairgoers a unique hands-on learning experience to get up close to farm animals – cows, sheep, goats, chickens and more -- which children can pet and feed. They can learn how to milk a cow, watch baby chicks peck their way out of their shell, get close to a mother pig and her brood of piglets, bottle feed a newborn calf – all the while learning about these animals from knowledgeable farm staff.

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While taking in all the animals, science games and chainsaw art, Fairgoers can relax and laugh to a hit line-up of entertainment on the Fair's two free stages. On the Big Dog Satellite Community Free Stage, **Marcus the Funny Man** (Sept. 4-6) will keep audiences laughing and cheering as Marcus delivers funny, original jokes while juggling balls, yo-yo tricks, manipulating boxes and a death defying knife juggling act. Comedy magician **Dan Sperry** (Sept. 7-10) will delight Fair audiences with his passion for art and magic. Appearing on the television series "Masters of Illusion" 13 times, Dan has earned the recognition of being original, comical, and entertaining to watch. Also, Fair audiences will delight in the **Cowboy Max Show** (Sept 8-10), a Wild West extravaganza offering down-home entertainment. Shelby Bond, a.k.a. Cowboy Max, has been touring the world for the past decade, reminding audiences "how the West was fun."

On the West Events Free Stage – presented by East Idaho Credit Union – professional hypnotist **Michael Swenson** returns to entertain audiences with an outstanding comedy hypnosis show all week. The stage also will bring FREE concerts from upcoming artists, beginning with **Cary Judd** (Sept. 3-7), a popular singer-songwriter whose music takes inspiration from the travels and nature he experiences. "Nashville Star" 2008 finalist **Charley Jenkins** (Sept. 8-10) also will take the stage, with songs from hit albums *Hold On* and *Ridin*.

In addition, NASCAR fans will enjoy seeing **Tony Stewart's Team Chevy racecar**, on display (Sept. 3-4) in the West Events area. Southeast Idaho Chevy Dealers will be on hand to take digital pictures of fans posing next to the car; the pictures will be emailed to the recipients.

Eastern Idaho State Fair thanks its partners and sponsors who make much of the week-long free entertainment possible, including Grand Champion Title Sponsors Bingham Memorial Hospital and Southeast Idaho Chevy Dealers. In addition, Portneuf Medical Center has made several daytime Grandstand events now FREE with Fair admission, including Team Penning, Branding and Sorting (9/6) along with Horse Pulling (9/7). Fair visitors also can see other FREE daytime events in the Grandstand, including Horse Hitches (9/5-9/9), Barrel Racing (9/7), the Idaho Jr. Rodeo Association 2011 Top 10 Championship Showdown (9/9), and Indian Relays (free on 9/8 only).

Fairgoers can enjoy all this entertainment and more – with Fair admission (\$6 adults; \$4 adults 65+; \$2 kids ages 6-11; and FREE for kids 5 and under). Complete schedules and 2011 Fair information can be found at [www.funatthefair.com](http://www.funatthefair.com) or by calling (208) 785-2480.

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*An annual tradition for 109 years, the Eastern Idaho State Fair is a favorite destination to over 200,000 visitors, creating fond memories and unforgettable experiences to all ages. This year's theme, **It's Udderly Fantastic**, is a celebration of Idaho's agricultural heritage – a vital part of the Fair throughout its history. From entertainment to agricultural heritage, every aspect of the Eastern Idaho State Fair is udderly fantastic!*