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## Fair makes improvements to Grandstand and grounds

BLACKFOOT, ID (July 28, 2011) – With the 2011 Eastern Idaho State Fair just over five weeks away, crews are feverously working to complete all of the many improvements on the grounds. Under direction of the EISF Board of Directors, money was budgeted to paint both the interior and exterior of the Grandstand. Ed's Painting is the contractor doing the work which began in June and is expected to finish in a couple of weeks.

This is the first time that the interior rafters may have been painted since the Grandstand was first built in 1939. “It is looking incredible,” says Manager Brandon Bird.

When the Fair opens on September 3, Fair visitors will enjoy a stellar line-up of entertainment in the freshly painted Grandstand. Music legend **Ronnie Dunn**, one of the most decorated singers in country music history, will return to the Grandstand on Friday, September 9, in a solo performance 18 years after he first appeared here with Brooks & Dunn. On other nights, teen sensations **Allstar Weekend** (Sept. 8) and the Rock group **Hinder** (Sept. 7) will perform. Throughout the week, other Fair favorites return, including Bull Riding, the Tractor Pull, the Rodeo, and the Demolition Derby.

Information and tickets to these nighttime events in the Fair's newly renovated Grandstand are on sale now. Visitors can plan ahead by purchasing tickets online at [www.funatthefair.com](http://www.funatthefair.com).

In addition to the Grandstand, Fair visitors will notice other improvements made to the grounds this year, including:

- Fresh paint in the Dairy section of the Pavilion
- New Saloon (Beer Barn) on the North Side of grounds
- New paint on the interior and exterior of the Hobbies and Crafts building
- New trees planted in the West Events area

For more than 70 years, Fairgoers have enjoyed many great entertainers and action packed events in the Grandstand. Recent country and rock legends to have appeared at the EISF Grandstands include:

George Strait  
Charlie Pride  
Ray Stevens  
Waylon Jennings  
Mel Tillis  
Loretta Lynn  
Glen Campbell  
Reba McEntyre  
Vince Gil  
Crystal Gayle  
Tim McGraw  
Brooks and Dunn Rascal Flatts  
Kenny Chesney  
Martina McBride  
Kenny Rogers  
Oak Ridge Boys  
Marie Osmond  
Sara Evans  
Credence Clearwater Revisited  
ZZ Top  
Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Doobie Brothers  
Steve Miller Band  
Def Leppard  
Nickelback  
Chicago  
Huey Lewis  
Toto  
Styx  
Poison  
Foreigner

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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!*