

# COUNTY FAIR HAPPENINGS

## Monticello hosts San Juan County Fair - August 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>



Each year, just before the summer starts to wind down and schools in southeast Utah start back up again, locals enjoy the last hurrah of summer- the San Juan County Fair in Monticello, UT! This year the fair will be held from Friday August 4th-12th, and the theme will be 'Home Grown, Handmade, Ranch Raised'. Many popular events will be back starting with the Pop up Archery Shoot put on by La Sal Mountain Outfitters Friday afternoon. (Adults 18 and older: \$20, Kids 13-17: \$10) The Blue Mountain Round-up Pro-Am Ranch Roping event will take place at 6:00pm, followed by free swing & line dance instruction from 8:00-9:00pm. After you've practiced up, stick around for a family-friendly dance from 9:00-11:30pm.

The Pop up Archery Shoot returns on Saturday August 5th morning from 7:00am-10:00am followed by the 4-H Horse Show at 10:00am. The Down 'N Dirty Mud Bog begins at 10:30 am in the Fairgrounds parking lot, (Free to the public, \$20 entry for participants) and closing out the evening is the Blue Mountain Round-Up Ranch Bronc & Brahma Bull Riding, Team & Breakaway Roping, and Barrel Racing. (Adults: \$6, Kids: \$4)

On Monday Evening, 6th, the Monticello High School Wrestlers will hold a Navajo Taco Dinner fundraiser from



5:00-7:00pm. (\$6 per plate, \$30 family) After dinner, head over to the 'Fair'ly Fun Game Show Night which will feature Minute to Win It games and CASH prizes! (Free to attend & participate) The evening wraps up with Family Movie Night at the Fair at 9:00pm. Bring your blankets & lawn chairs and enjoy a family-friendly movie shown outdoors on the grass.

The Mud Volleyball Tournament will take place at 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 8th. The tournament is free to attend and to participate. Teams must have 6 or more members, and prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

The Farm Bureau Talent Find begins at 6:00pm on Wednesday evening 9th, with the fair building exhibits opening to the public at 7:00pm. Don't miss everyone's favorite event of the fair, the 'Tasters Table' from 7:00-9:00pm, where the public can sample various food entries and cast a vote for the People's Choice award! Once your stomach is full from all the delicious baked goods, head over to the Jr. Livestock Pavilion to catch (or participate in!) the Goat Roping Event from 7:00-9:00pm. (\$10/person for 3 chances to rope, Breakaway Roping for 8 yrs & under, and Pick & Draw for ages 9 & up)

On Thursday, August 10th, fair building exhibits will be open to the public from 9:00am-9:00pm. Mini & Jr. Livestock Showmanship Classes will take place throughout the day, and various children's activities will take place from noon-4:00pm.

At 5:45 the fairgrounds are cleared and closed to non-ticketed patrons, and at 6:15 the gates will re-open for the Collin Raye Concert, which begins at 7:30pm. (Advance Tickets: \$18, Tickets at the gate: \$22. Advance tickets are available at the San Juan Record in Monticello & BCL Distributing in Blanding. Phone orders call: 435-587-2277.

Fair building exhibits are open to the public from 9:00am-9:00pm on Friday, August 11th. Market Livestock Shows begin at 9:00am at the Jr. Livestock Pavilion, and children's activities run from noon-3:00pm. Family Fun Games will be held from 2:30-5:00pm, (Free) and participants can earn tickets for a chance to participate in the Honey Money Roll for CASH! Jr. Livestock Awards will be held at 5:00pm, followed by Marcus, The Funny Man Who Does Tricks at 5:30pm. The evening wraps up with the Local Rodeo & Horse Games starting at 7:00pm.



Watch local cowboys and cowgirls participate in; Rescue Race, Branding Race, Hide Race, and more! (Free to watch & participate, teams of 4 or more w/cash prizes to winning teams)

The fair wraps up on Saturday, August 12th with fair building exhibits open to the public from 9:00am-5:00pm. A Kids' Money Dig will take place at 10:00am for children 12 and under, with children's activities running from 10:00am-noon. The Jr. Livestock Buyers BBQ will begin at 11:00am, and will be followed by the Jr. & Mini Livestock auctions which will begin at 1:00pm at the Jr. Livestock Pavilion. Entertainment continues through the day, with Marcus, The Funny Man Who Does Tricks performing again at 5:00pm. The fair wraps up with the Blue Mountain Youth Rodeo starting at 6:30pm. Events include; Calf Riding (7-10 yrs), Mutton Bustin (4-6



years), Pole Bending (5-18 yrs), Steer Riding (11-14 yrs), Breakaway Roping (9-18 yrs), Barrel Racing (5-18 yrs), and Team Roping (12-18 yrs). Entry fees range from \$10-20 per event and cash prizes will be awarded to winners of events with added money in each event.

For more information on individual events and for a detailed fair schedule, please visit: [www.sanjuancountyfair.com](http://www.sanjuancountyfair.com).



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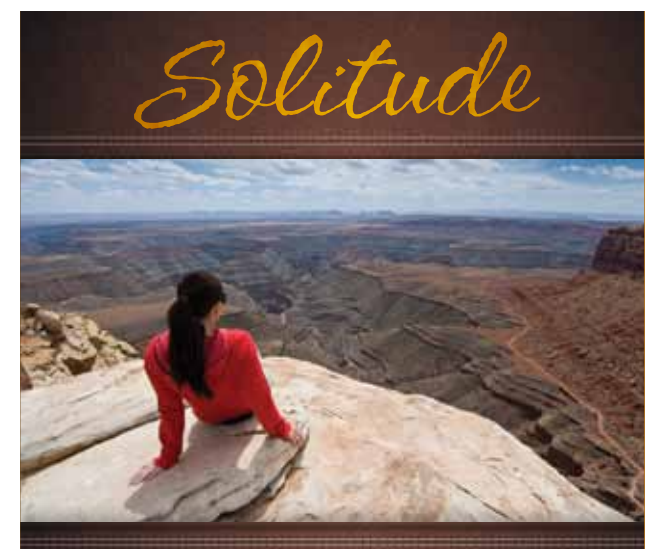
### There's so much going on

- AUG 4 BLUE MTN ENDURO SERIES MTN BIKE RACE**
- AUG 4-12 SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR** [Monticello]
- AUG 10 COLLIN RAYE CONCERT** [Monticello]
- AUG 12 PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER**
- AUG 18 MOVIES AT THE PARK** [Monticello]
- AUG 21 SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY**
- AUG 31 UTAH SYMPHONY - 'GREAT AMERICAN ROAD TRIP' TOUR** [Bluff]
- SEPT 8-9 INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL** [Monticello]
- SEPT 9 BLUE MOUNTAIN CHASE - MTN BIKE & ROAD RACE** [Monticello]
- SEPT 13 SAN JUAN ATV SAFARI**
- SEPT 23 YOUNG EAGLES FLY-IN** [Monticello]

**NIGHT SKY ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS** [Hovenweep & Natural Bridges Nat'l Monument. See website for dates thru the summer.

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