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Ed and Ginny Coates

Your Fall River County Fair 2026 Parade Marshals

By Charity Maness

Fall River County Herald-Star

HOT SPRINGS – It came as a surprise and an honor to both Ed and Ginny Coates of Hot Springs that they were chosen as the 2026 Grand Marshal's for the Fall River County Fair Parade.

"Brett Nachtigall of the Fair Board called, and I answered the phone and I wasn't real sure what he was saying," said Ed, "I mean I knew, but in all my longings or desires or aspirations Marshal of the County Fair parade was never one of them."

"My first thought was 'Homeboy gets recognized'," said Ginny when she found out.

Ed was born and raised on a ranch 20 miles outside of Edgemont.

"We raised cattle and sheep and chickens and horses," he said, "the memories are quite favorable, I enjoyed it."

He graduated from Edgemont High School and attended the School of Mines with the goal of becoming a mechanical engineer.

"While I was in school, I was asked to serve at a couple little churches," he said of his beginnings of his service to God and community, "and when I finished 5 years at the School of Mines, I went to seminary school, I decided I wanted to be a preacher instead of a mechanical engineer."

His and Ginny's paths crossed because of this career choice.

"He was my pastor," laughed Ginny, "you can't do that anymore."

But how they met is its own story.

"It's a delightful story," said Ed.

Ginny was raised on a farm outside of Stockland, Illinois.

"It was good times on the farm," she said, "I belonged to 4H though



I was more in the domestic part, no animals, I even went on to be a 4H leader and a judge at the SD State Fair."

After high school and one year of college with plans to be a home economics teacher, Ginny got a job at JM Jones, a grocery warehouse in Champagne Illinois.

Ed was the new preacher at Stockland Methodist Church when his car decided it was on its last leg.

"I tried to get it to the next town to see if the bank would give me a loan for a newer car, or if I could get it repaired," he recalled, "but just as I road into town smoke rolled from the car and under the hood, it was done, it couldn't be fixed."

"Well, Ginny's brother saw me on the side of the road and told Ginny, 'You know who that is? It's the new preacher, we should help him'," said Ed, "so her brother stopped to help and even lent me a car. Well, I

told him that I would drive his sister home."

"I took her home to her parents and she asked me out," said Ed.

"I did not," exclaimed Ginny, "You asked me out."

"You rescued me," said Ed.

Whichever way it happened Ed began stopping by Ginny's work on his way to seminary school in Charleston, Illinois and again on the way back.

"We had been dating for 6 months before anyone even knew," said Ginny.

The couple were outed at a community banquet where Ginny asked for a plus one, and Ed was asked to give the invocation and asked if he could bring a plus one.

"No one knew who each of us we were bringing and when we walked in together you could hear a pin drop and then they just applauded," said Ginny. "Then they knew."

"I remember when we were first dating, I knew I wanted to be with Ed Coates, but I asked myself if I could handle all that went with that; being a preacher's wife and moving to South Dakota," said Ginny," but love won."

But Ed knew she was exactly what he, the church and the community needed; they needed Ginny.

"Ginny has been extremely active in the women's work for the last 47 years," said Ed, "she has held officer positions at many levels, including at the National level. She has a very high reputation in the women's work of the church."

Working within the United Women of Faith organization has brought Ginny much joy.

"I didn't get a college degree, but I got my education from the United Women of Faith," she said, "I am always learning."

Together now 64 years, married 62 on July 12th, 2026, the couple is still going strong and giving to the community they love so much.

While Ed has held many positions as a preacher throughout his five plus decades of spreading God's word, he still guest preaches at various churches including Pringle, Prairie View, Edgemont and more.

Drawing on the various skills learned from his three degrees; Bachelor of Science - History and Sociology; Bachelor of Theology and Doctor of Divinity Ed tries every angle to reach people to let them know one thing, God loves you.

"Most of those 50 years I was preaching two sermons a Sunday, either two churches or one with two sermons and I think I wanted people to know that every person is loved by God, every person has inherent value and that influences my feelings about racial prejudice, sexual prejudice, even sometimes about governmental policies that are unfavorable towards certain segments of our population."

Retirement has not slowed them down, but when asked what they will do after they become famous

as the Fall River County Fair parade marshal's Ed said, "well, I'm going to finish hanging out the cloths to dry and Ginny will make some more quilts."

Ginny has served as the chairman of the quilt show at the fair and assisted with displays since 2006 but due to health reasons had to give that part up in 2024.

When asked what gem of wisdom they might have for the youth of today they both put a lot of thought into their answers.

"I really value someone who is good at his job, be it a bronc rider, mechanic, preacher, whatever you do, do it as well as you are able, to benefit the world and the people you are supposed to be serving," said Ed.

"I would say, walking with God you can do anything you put your mind to, and remember your family and your roots., where you came from," said Ginny.

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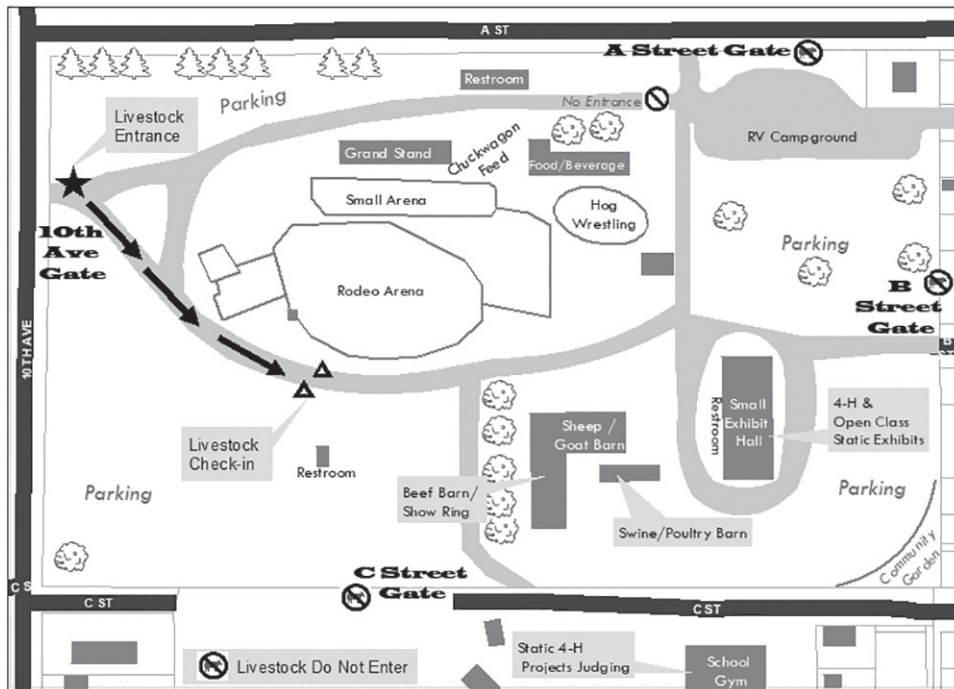
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The Fall River County Fair Association will use all diligence to insure the safety of all exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by or arising from any animal or article on exhibition, and the exhibitors shall indemnify the Fall

River County Fair Association against any and all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

The management of the Fall River County Fair is not responsible for minors unaccompanied by adults, accidents or damage or loss of property.

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Commission will be charged as follows - \$30/ head for market beef, \$15 for market hogs, lambs and goats. Four percent shrink will be figured for the market beef. Weights must be met to sell market animals. Swine 200 lbs; Sheep 95 lbs; Goats 40 lbs; Beef 950 lbs; miniature beef 740 lbs. To be in the 4-H Sale the animals must belong to the 4-Her selling the animals and have received a Purple, Blue or

Red placing.

No more than one market beef, two market swine, two market lambs, two market goats, two pens of poultry and two pens of rabbits, up to five total lots, per exhibitor to be sold at the 4-H Fall River County Fair Livestock Sale. In order to participate in the sale youth must be of 4-H age, 8 – 18 as of January 1 of current year.



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No animals shall be unloaded at the fairgrounds until health papers have been inspected by a representative of the Fall River County Fair Board or Cooperative Extension Service. If the Health Certificates are not with the animals, the vehicle may not be unloaded.

Any question regarding the health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented at entry to the fairgrounds. This determination is at the discretion of the attending veterinarian or official representative. See following species requirements:



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All swine originating from outside S.D. should contact the State Veterinarian at 605-773-3321, regarding their eligibility to exhibit. Swine from out-of-state determined eligible to exhibit by the State Veterinarian must have a Health Certificate listing individual animal identification telephone permit number and be negative at the 1-2 dilution SN Test or the Elisa PRV Test.

Animals originating in S.D. do not need a Brucellosis Test. There will be no PRV Testing or other PROV requirements on S.D. origin swine.

Goats-

All goats originating from outside S.D. must have a telephone permit number. All goats must have official USDA premise of origin tag (scrapie tags) or registration tattoo in the animal's ear and listed on the Health Certificate. Copy of the Registration paper, if only a tattoo is used, must be presented.

All animals entered at the fair shall be “free from evidence of all contagious diseases such as ringworm, pink eye, lump jaw, and warts.” If warts have been removed surgically, the scars must be healed by the time of the exhibition. Goats must be free of external parasites, ringworm, warts, abscesses and must also show no evidence or exposure to Scrapie. Goats originating from Tuberculosis Accredited-Free States or Zones may enter the Fairgrounds without a Tuberculosis Test. All Dairy Goats must be dehorned.

Beef & Dairy Cattle –

All cattle from outside S.D. must have a telephone permit number. This must appear in the Health Certificate. All animals entered at the fair shall be “free from evidence of all contagious diseases such as ringworm, pink eye, lump jaw, and warts.” If warts have been removed surgically, the scars must be healed by the time of the exhibition.

Tuberculosis Requirements

Cattle originating in herds from Tuberculosis Accredited-Free states or zones may enter without a Tuberculin test. Cattle originating from a Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Advanced State or Zone or from a Tuberculosis Modified Accredited State or Zone need to have the veterinarian contact the S.D. Animal Industry Board at 605-773-33221 for current text requirements.

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Breeding cattle from Brucellosis Class A states must be individually identified and listed on the Health Certificate. A negative Brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the fair entry is required.

Cattle originating out-of-state may qualify by one of the following methods:

Have a negative Brucellosis test that was conducted by an official laboratory within 30 days prior to fair entry or have official vaccinations done under 12 months of age or steers must be accompanied by proper Health Certificates.

Sheep –

All sheep originating from outside S.D. must have a telephone permit number. This must appear on the permit.

All sheep, including markets, must have official USDA premise of origin tag (scrapie tags) in the animal's ear and listed on the Health Certificate.

All animals entered at the fair shall be "free from evidence of all contagious diseases such as ringworm,

pink eye, lump jaw, and warts." If warts have been removed surgically, the scars must be healed by the time of the exhibition.

Sheep must be free of external parasites, foot rot, abscesses, must show no evidence of, nor exposure to scrapie and be free from contagious or communicable diseases, including such diseases as Club Lamb Fungus.

Statements that must appear on the Health Certificate: "Sheep are free from contagious and communicable disease and there has been no foot rot in the flock in the past 12 months." Rams six-months of age and older must be individually identified and have a negative Elisa Blood Test within 60 days of fair.

Poultry –

Health Certificate is required. All exhibition poultry must show that poultry originated from a pullorum typhoid clean source or the equivalent (receipts, papers must be presented to veterinarian indicating originating source) or be officially tested and found free of pullorum typhoid within 90 days prior to exhibition.

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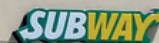
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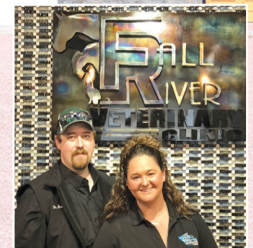
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4-H Members may "double" enter their fleeces as both 4-H and Open Class. The public may purchase available fleeces during the Fair on Saturday August 1, between 10:45 and noon for a price set by the exhibitor shepherds.

Raffle tickets for the shawl created during the MSACF event will be available to purchase at the Fair in the Exhibit hall for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00.

The Winner will be drawn following the Fleece Sale and Handspinners classes Aug. 1, 2026. Tickets may also be purchased ahead of time from the program sponsor Fall River Fibers, Where the shawl will be on display for the month prior to the Fair. Proceeds go toward fleece awards and growing the fiber arts awareness program.

New this year also is the Open Class general lots for other animal fibers, Please see Division IX Class C for more info. All fiber, fleece, should be clean and ready to display in clear bags.



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Casey Raskiewicz, Joni Martinson

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Family Fun Night: Brady Joseph

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Wyatt Van Eaton

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4-H/Livestock Sale: Erin McGlumphy

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Age Verification: Valerie Henry

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