



**Benton County Fair Foundation
Summer Newsletter**

In this newsletter:



Benton County Fair Foundation BBQ is coming!
You'll love these dishes plus much more!



Thank you, **Benton County Fair & Rodeo Queen Naomi Bailey!**



Master Gardeners and their gorgeous Gardens at the Fairgrounds

FAIR FOUNDATION BBQ DINNER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

You are cordially invited to join the Benton County Fair Foundation at our annual County Fair BBQ dinner Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Benton County Fair. Pig Out BBQ Catering will be serving beef brisket and BBQ chicken, sweet corn, baked beans and much more from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Hull Oakes Covered Picnic Table next the Carriage House. The 85' picnic table has just been refinished and looks beautiful.

Your tickets help the Fair Foundation support the Benton County Fairgrounds and all the young people who use the facilities. Last year Fair Foundation helped fund ventilation fans and artwork in the auditorium and installation of roofing on the 4-H barn.

There are 4 levels of participation that can include not only dinner but Fair tickets and parking passes. Get your tickets now! BBQ ticket orders must be received by July 24th. [Click here for tickets](#)

Blue Ribbon Friends of the Fair. \$100.00 Each [Tickets](#)

- One Season Admission to the Fair
- One Season Parking
- Catered BBQ Dinner by Pig Out Catering on Thursday Night
- VIP Area Access -Thursday Main Stage concerts
- VIP Area Access -Saturday Main Stage concerts
- Reserved seating at all NPRA Rodeos, Thursday and Friday - 7 pm

Friend of the Fair. \$60 [Tickets](#)

- One Admission Pass to the Fair- Thursday only
- One Pre-paid Parking for Thursday
- Catered BBQ Dinner by Pig Out Catering on Thursday Night
- VIP Area seating -Thursday Main Stage concert
- VIP seating at the Thursday NPRA Rodeo. - 7 pm

Family friend of the fair. A family (up to 4) \$200 [Tickets](#)

(Friend of the Fair package for a family (up to 4) (parents and dependent children) Additional Children \$50.00)

- Four Admission Passes to the Fair- Thursday only
- One Pre-paid Parking for Thursday
- Four Tickets for Catered BBQ Dinner by Pig Out Catering on Thursday Night
- VIP Area seating for four-Thursday Main Stage concert
- VIP seating for four at the Thursday NPRA Rodeo. - 7 pm

4-H, Staff, and volunteers Friends of the Fair. \$50.00 [Online Dinner Tickets](#)

- One ticket for Catered BBQ Dinner by Pig Out Catering on Thursday Night

Menu:

Beef Brisket, BBQ Chicken Thighs, BBQ Baked Beans, Seasoned Red Potatoes, Buttered Sweet Corn, Ceaser Salad, Red Potato Salad, Mac Salad, Potato Rolls, and Strawberry Shortcake.

Meet Naomi Bailey, Your 2024 Benton County Fair & Rodeo Queen!

Welcome Queen Naomi is a wonderful ambassador for Fair, Rodeo and Benton County! [Click here for Welcome Video](#). She has participated in dozens of events around the state and the county since she was crowned. Check out all the places on her Facebook page from Sisters to Myrtle Creek that she and usually her horse Ochocho, too, have been: [Click to visit her Facebook page](#). Come meet Queen Naomi at the Benton County Fair July 31- August 3!



Benton County Fair and Rodeo Queen Naomi Bailey checking out all the plants for sale at the Benton County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale in the Solar Building in May. And of course, that's Queen Naomi with her horse Ochocho.

If you or anyone you know is interested in vying for 2025 Benton County Fair and Rodeo Queen, please contact Kristi Schrock at kschrock10@gmail.com for information and an application. Applications are due 5:00 PM, Monday, July 29th. The competition will begin July 31st at 9:00 AM.

You can see the Seven Dream Gardens now in bloom at the Benton County Fairgrounds!



The Benton County Master Gardeners Associations provides education and training in a wide variety of sustainable gardening skills, plant and insect identification, local food, and native species.

At the Benton County Fairgrounds' main south entrance, Benton County Master Gardeners have created seven display gardens, each with its own theme. The *Deer Resistant* and *Drought Resistant* gardens show ways to address those common problems. The *Bird Support and Pollinator* gardens contain plants that help our local wildlife. Side-by-side on the east side of the Floral Courtyard are two contrasting gardens, one full of our local *Native Plants Garden* and the other a charming traditional *English Cottage Garden*, each showcasing

its own style of beauty. Finally, on the west side of the Floral Courtyard is the *Children's Garden*. It explodes with a rainbow of color on one end and a sensory garden on the other, encouraging children to touch and smell. Small teams of Master Gardeners design and maintain each of these gardens to help local gardeners make their own dream gardens.

You can see the gardens every day! For more information about Benton County Master Gardener Association, what they do and how to participate, please click here: <https://www.bentonmg.org/>



Master Gardeners Nellie Oehler and Jamie Brown selling plants at the 2024 Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale this past spring.



Join us in making a difference! Whether you want to donate, volunteer, or simply learn more, there are many ways to get involved and support our work. To donate to the Benton County Fair Foundation [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions about our organization, please contact Robyn Rice at 541-760-1656 or drop us an email on our website: <https://bentoncountyfairfoundation.com/> .

Thank you for reading this far in our newsletter! See you at the BBQ August 1st!

Sincerely Yours,

The Benton County Fairgrounds Foundation

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Benton County Fairgrounds Foundation:

Our History

The Benton County Fairgrounds Foundation was established in April of 1999 for the purpose of preserving the proud agrarian heritage of Benton County.

Our Focus

With a focus on our youth, the Fair Foundation provides a means for funding improvements to the Benton County Event Center & Fairgrounds

Our Goals

Our goal is to create an inviting atmosphere as a gathering place for the urban and rural citizens of Benton County.