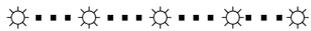


# RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR IS KEEN ON POETRY AND ART!



## *Blue Jeans and Rodeo Scenes*

Labor Day's in September  
so you know what that means?  
It's a late RC Fair  
but still break out those blue jeans!

Buster wears his grass-stained pair  
after a good nights sleep.  
He loves the petting zoo  
and watching the kids ride sheep.

Lily's were clean  
until she ate an elephant ear.  
She wiped honey on them,  
watching the men wrestle steer.

Harley's are new for school.  
After Tilt 'A Whirl,  
he takes his girlfriend  
to watch the lariats hurl.

Cleo's her name. Her's have birds  
that are orange and teal.  
She too enjoys the ropers  
as they "head and heel".

Rory's are boot cut  
like the guys in his roving pack.  
They watch out for girls,  
but never miss watching bare back.

Missi's have sequins, like her friends,  
all young man chasin'.  
They all take a break from that  
to watch barrel racin'.

Toby wears his work pair  
and plays a little bingo.  
Then watches saddle bronc.  
He won't miss that, by jingo!

Victoria's flared pair  
get muddy at the dunk tank.  
She "drowns" the mayor  
then watches the breakaway yank.

Bud holds his up with suspenders  
at the poem contest.  
He watches the rodeo  
but likes the clown the best.

Penny's are designer.  
Quite fancy for a gramma.  
She views the flowers  
then watches the bull-a-rama.

So loop a belt and buckle  
'round your favorite blue jeans,  
and come for all things fair...  
topped off with rodeo scenes!

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

### Ravalli County Fair Poetry is now a Department!

**All poets and aspiring poets are invited to submit original poems on any topic and in any form, including Haiku, to the Ravalli County Fair Poetry Department.**

Entries must be submitted to [bperkins@rc.mt.gov](mailto:bperkins@rc.mt.gov) or by direct mail to: Ravalli County Fairgrounds, 100 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840, or delivered in person to the Fairgrounds Office with a still exhibit entry form.

**Entries will be judged in the following categories:**

- ▶ K-6 grade
- ▶ 7-12 grade
- ▶ 18 years and over

**Prizes will be awarded in all age groups.**

- ▶ K-6 and 7-12: **All-Day Carnival Ride Passes**
- ▶ 18 and over: **Chapter One Book Store Gift Certificates**



- ▶ **Please submit a cover sheet with your name, phone number, email address, mailing address, age category and poem title along with the poem. Name and dedication should not appear on poem.**
- ▶ **Please submit no more than two (2) poems.**
- ▶ **Eight (8) Finalists in each age group will be invited to read their poem on the Free Stage on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 3 pm. Prizes awarded immediately following.**

- ▶ **Contest MC will be Dominic "Flominic" Farrenkopf**
- ▶ **THANK YOU to our community judges!**

### Deadline for Entry is Friday, August 14, 2020

**DISCLAIMER: Poetry Entry does NOT include free gate admission**

## \*Coloring for Adults Contest\*

In Partnership with the Bitterroot Public Library

Coloring for Adults is a popular and growing trend. The Ravalli County Fair and the Bitterroot Public Library invite participants to submit their creatively colored pages!

- Who:** Adults  
**What:** Enter an 8 1/2" x 11" matted picture OR a Postcard along with a Still Exhibit entry form located in the back of this book.  
**When:** All entries must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 7 pm in the Event Center by the south entrance. (Please do NOT bring entry to the Adult Art Department)  
**How:** Pieces will be displayed at the Fair and judged accordingly.

**Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:**

- Use of Color
- Variety of Media (colored pencil, pens, crayons, etc.)
- Creativity



**Premiums are awarded for all Blue, Red and White ribbons!**