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## **Evergreen State Fair Takes Home WA Fair Association Photography Awards**

*The Evergreen State Fair collected eleven ribbons for photography at the annual WSFA Convention*

**Monroe, Wash., Nov. 15, 2016** – The Washington State Fairs Association annual convention came to a close October 29, 2016 in Vancouver, WA with The Evergreen State Fair taking home 11 ribbons from the photography contest, including the top B&W photograph. The Evergreen State Fair entered 43 photos from six photographers: Chantal Waltman, Molly Ottele, Cheri Moss, Joshua Von Jentzen, Amanda Gauthier, and Brielle Dodge. Molly Ottele’s photo of Ed Miller holding a piglet at the sow and litter display (attached) was the B&W champion of the entire competition.

During the WSFA convention, each member fair is encouraged to enter some of their best photography from that year’s fair. This year WSFA received 291 photo entries from 11 fairs. A total of 50 ribbons were awarded in 16 categories on a variety of fair related themes.

Each year many photographs are taken on behalf of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds for promotion, public use, and historical documentation. Following the 2016 Evergreen State Fair, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds compiled thousands of photos and picked the photos that best represented the values and mission of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

### **About Snohomish County Parks and Recreation / Evergreen State Fairgrounds**

Located in Monroe, Washington Since 1949, the 193-acre Evergreen State Fairgrounds is home to the Evergreen State Fair which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The Fairgrounds includes several permanent facilities which are used year-round for Northwest horse shows, trade shows, swap meets, auto races and more. The Gary D. Weikel Events Center (a 36,000 square foot multi-purpose building); the Evergreen Speedway with its paved oval track, is the only NASCAR venue in Washington and has a 7,000-seat covered grandstand; a clear-span sporting arena that can seat 4,000, two RV areas with dump stations, and a variety of other permanent exhibition facilities.

Mark your calendars for next year’s fair, August 24 – September 4, 2017. The 2017 Fair Theme will be, “Harvest the Memories.” For more information on the fairgrounds, fair and to see the entire photo gallery please visit [www.EvergreenFair.org](http://www.EvergreenFair.org).

### Mission and Values of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds

The mission of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, as a multi-purpose event facility, is to enrich the area's quality of life by providing educational, entertainment, recreational, agricultural, commercial and social activities for the benefit of the residents and businesses of Snohomish County and surrounding communities.

Integral to our mission, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds is committed to:

- Providing a first-class venue for community celebrations and events
- Showcasing and promoting the area's agriculture, commerce, technology and culture
- Supporting the visitor and tourism industry
- Offering a safe, clean and accessible environment for everyone
- Providing outstanding customer service
- Operating in a fiscally-responsible manner

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