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25 Year Anniversary

Barry Adams celebrates twenty-fifth anniversary as Grounds Supervisor

Blackfoot, ID – Maintaining the fair grounds is a full-time year-round job. It takes dedication, organization, plus a lot of hard work to keep everything running efficiently. Barry Adams has been at the helm of the maintenance team at the Fair for the last 25 years. He's been a dependable force around the fairgrounds, with not one project going on without his input.

"I've enjoyed my 25 years here and I have no regrets," says Adams. "It's all because of the good people and the good crew that I work with."

In the summer of 1992, Barry came to the fairgrounds to work on a summer construction job while he figured out his next step in life. Someone mentioned that the ground maintenance supervisor job was coming open and he knew that sounded like the perfect fit for him. He's never looked backed, maintaining this position since that fateful summer.

Being the head of maintenance means much more than showing up during fair week. He oversees the grounds during all other events that happen year round and works on building and grounds improvements during the off time. But, during fair week, that's when his job really shines with over 230,000 people walking around and subconsciously observing his work.

"During fair week, I run on adrenaline," remarks Adams. "But actually the week before and the week after are the most stressful. That's when you see everything you've done all year really put to the test."

Besides overseeing projects, Barry is responsible for 1 full time employee, 4-6 seasonal summer help and the 25+ maintenance people it takes to work fair week. His time at the fair has been a testament to his great leadership of those people. They keep coming back because they trust their fearless leader to treat them well and manage with fairness, both things Barry has succeeded at over the years.

"There is no one more dependable than Barry," says EISF General Manager, Brandon Bird. "His contribution at the Eastern Idaho State Fair over the last 25 years is immeasurable and everything the crowds see is a reflection of his skill."

Next time you're at the fair, take a second to notice your surroundings and recognize everything the maintenance team does to keep the fairgrounds safe and functional. It's not an easy task, but Barry makes it look good. Here's to another 25!

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The Eastern Idaho State Fair is a 16 County Fair District. Over 230,000 people visit the annual event, making it Eastern Idaho's longest running and largest community event. The mission of the EISF is to provide

*wholesome, affordable family education and entertainment in a clean and safe agricultural environment. In 2017, the Fair will open one day early on Friday, September 1 - making 9 days of fun and happiness!
See you September 1 - 9, 2017!*