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Dear Friends,

I am excited to invite you to join in the "Farm Fresh Fun" Sept. 9-18 at the N.C. Mountain State Fair, when the Western N.C. Agricultural Center will come alive with activities, exhibits, rides, music, competitions and entertainment for the whole family.

This marks the 18th year of the Mountain State Fair, a tradition that celebrates the "best of the best" of Western North Carolina. From heritage crafts, high-energy cloggers, traditional mountain music, competitive livestock shows and delicious foods, fairgoers can expect to find plenty to see and do at the Mountain State Fair.

You will find hundreds of competitions to enter in this Premium Book, from quilts, needlepoint and livestock shows to canned goods, cut flowers and cooking contests. There are competitions for all ages and interests. We are fortunate to have such talent in this area, and it is a thrill to showcase their work for fairgoers to enjoy.

If you are planning to enter a competition, please take note of the entry deadlines and rules in the book. If you have never entered a competition, I encourage you to do so. It is a great way to be part of the N.C. Mountain State Fair, and you might just win a blue ribbon.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for Sept. 9-18 and make your plans to be part of the "Farm Fresh Fun"!

Sincerely,

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