

Entries accepted on-line

4-H, Farm and Garden Entry Times Change in 2003

The Great Frederick Fair has announced that exhibit entry times in the 4-H and Farm and Garden Buildings will be drastically different for the 2003 fair, "A Country Tradition in the Heart of the City," Sept. 12-20, 2003.

In an effort to allow the public greater access to the best Frederick County has to offer, The Great Frederick Fair's Farm and Garden Department will be accepting exhibits early this year. "We wanted all of the building exhibits to be open to the public by Saturday afternoon," explained Clyde Crum, chairman of the Farm and Garden Committee. "This meant entries in the Farm and Garden Building had to be in earlier to allow time for judging before the building opened. The entries times for the Household building did not change."

Exhibits will be accepted in the Farm and Garden Building (Building 14A) from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and from 4-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Judging in that building will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, with the building opening to the public at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Beer and wine entries will be accepted on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 1-5 p.m.

Exhibitors planning to enter items in the Household Department at Building 9 can do so by the following schedule: entries (all but baked goods) will be accepted from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 and 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Baked goods entries will

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THERE'S A NEW KIND OF MUSIC IN THIS YEAR'S LINEUP

All nine days/nights of the 141st Great Frederick Fair will feature entertainment in front of the grandstand come this September, and the fair is again offering one of the best lineups of country music and contemporary Christian performers available. The fair's dates are September 12-20.

The 2003 fair will kickoff on the first night, Friday, Sept. 12, with the crowning of the 2003-04 4-H Royalty, the announcement of the county's new Farm Family of the Year, and the recognition of some of the county's top students in the Character Counts Program. It all begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

"We are very pleased to be able to again crown the new 4-H royalty and recognize

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MD HORSE INDUSTRY COUNCIL GRANT

The Great Frederick Fair has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Maryland Horse Industry Board to build a handicapped accessible ramp for equine participants at the fair.

The new portable ramp will be a significant addition to the fair's new outdoor equine arena and will benefit those with handicapped needs.

"This is a way for the fair to really open up our equine program and make it more accessible to participants with special needs," said Nancy Hendricks, fair board member and chairman of the fair's Equine Committee." The construction of the new outdoor equine arena has already benefitted our equine program, and the handicapped accessible ramp is yet another boost.

"The fair is very grateful to the Maryland Horse Industry Board for this \$3,000 grant," she continued.

NEW FAIR BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

The Great Frederick Fair's Board of Managers has taken a proactive approach to meet the challenges of increased duties and responsibilities associated with the detailed tasks of putting on the fair.

In that effort, Joseph Devilbiss and Charles Cramer have been elected by the Board to serve on the fair's Board of Managers. Their new roles took effect in April, and both are only members of The Great Frederick Fair



Charles Cramer

Board of Managers and not The Frederick County Agricultural Society Inc.



Joseph Devilbiss

Both new members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board that will enable it to expand and broaden its horizons as future possibilities associated with the fair are evaluated. The

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HERE'S HOW TO REACH US

The Administration Office at The Great Frederick Fair is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

Our phone numbers are 301-663-5895
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or to reach us by mail, address materials to
P.O. Box 604, Frederick, MD 21705.

Our website address is
www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

Registration packets to be mailed in June

2003 MAAFS CONVENTION PLANS WELL UNDER WAY FOR NOVEMBER EVENT

Tax-free outlet shopping, ice skating and slot machines will all be added features as the staff and directors of the Delaware State Fair in Harrington, DE, prepare to host this year's Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows Convention November 13-15. A spouse shopping trip is planned for the outlets in Rehoboth Beach, ice skating will be available at the fair's own rink, and attendees will have plenty of opportunity to play the slots at Midway Slots!

Hosting the convention at an actual fairgrounds represents a unique approach, but one that Dennis Hazzard, CFE, General Manager of the Delaware State Fair and MAAFS director, says his team is prepared to handle. Logistical issues have been resolved, enabling all convention activities to be conducted in three buildings within short walking distance of each other. The annual meeting starts with the Judges School on Thursday, Nov. 13, while the convention opens Friday, Nov. 14, and lasts through Saturday, Nov. 15..

Emphasis this year will be placed on securing high caliber speakers with messages that are relevant to convention attendees. The resources of local and regional experts in and out of the fair sector will be tapped as speakers as much as possible to enhance relevancy.

Accommodations for the convention will be available at three motels within one or two miles of the fairgrounds. The rates for these motels range from \$55 (tax included) per night to \$69 per night, plus tax. In addition, the fairgrounds will have camping spaces available at \$17 per night that will include electric and water hook-ups. Boxes will have to be used for water waste and a dumping station will be available for other waste materials.

Attendees will be afforded more time at the trade show than ever before. One afternoon will be set aside to visit the trade show, tour facilities at the fairgrounds or take the spouse bus trip to the shopping outlets.

WHAT FAIR CONTRIBUTES TO LOCAL ECONOMY

Have you ever thought of the financial contributions the nine-day Great Frederick Fair means to the local economy?

Think about the:

- \$110,000 the fair pays out annually in premiums to exhibitors
- \$37,000 the fair pays out annually for fair trash services
- \$7,000 the fair pays out in ribbons
- \$15,000 the fair pays out for fair electricity
- \$176,000 the fair pays out for fair week employees
- \$30,000 the fair pays out in advertising
- \$16,000 the fair pays out to print and mail the fair catalog
- \$3,745 the fair pays out for fair week water and sewer
- \$425,000 the fair pays out in grandstand entertainment, lights, sound
- \$12,000 the fair pays out in postage
- \$19,000 the fair pays out in tent rentals
- \$6000.00 the fair pays out in telephone utilities
- \$5300.00 the fair pays out in medical services
- \$71,000 the fair pays out in security/police services
- \$20,000 the fair pays for electrical contracting
- \$17,000 the fair pays out in equipment rental
- \$105,000 the fair pays out in overall upgrades
- \$20,000 the fair pays out in agriculture educational programs

This is a broad overview of fairweek expenses and by no means represents all of the expenses paid during the nine-day event. It doesn't begin to include mulch, stone, grease barrels, promotional items, printing, fencing, livestock panels, judges' fees, flowers and special decorations, signage, gasoline, food and beverage suppliers.

All said and done...just for fairweek alone, the fair pumps a minimum of \$600,000 into the local economy. On a year-round basis, it's even more.

So when you think about our Country Tradition in the Heart of the City, don't just think about it on a two-week basis. Think about us as a year-round business.

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be accepted from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Baked goods will be judged at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. The building opens to the public at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Be sure to read the rules and regulations in detail as there are some entering requirements for the Household Department.

Pre-registration in the Household and Farm and Garden Buildings is not required. However, exhibitors can enter on-line in both divisions at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com. Those who enter on-line will be able to enter their items through an express line when items are dropped off on entry days.

4-H'ers planning to enter items in the indoor 4-H Building (Building 12) should consult the fair catalog for specifics on entry times, dates, special rules, and regulations as many of the entry dates and times have changed for that building. It, too, will open to the public Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13.

A fee is charged for entries in the open class Household and Farm and Garden Departments with a fair pass given in exchange. Consult the fair catalog for specifics on the number of items allowed per ticket and entry fees.

Open class livestock exhibitors can enter on-line for The Great Frederick Fair, The Maryland State Fair and the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on one form. Open class livestock are the only entries that can take advantage of this feature. Livestock times and dates vary; consult the fair catalog for specifics. Entry forms for all open class livestock must be submitted to the fair office by August 15.



BEER WINNER

Don Sloat's, front row center, Pilsner recipe for homebrew was declared the Best in Show at the 2002 Great Frederick Fair. The entry was brewed with several imported malts which give a distinctive malt aroma without leaving too much residual sugar. The imported hops, Czech Saaz, used in the recipe, gave the entry a firm bitterness in the beginning of the taste, leaving a pleasant, lingering hop finish. Sloat's winning entry had a dark straw color with a white foam. For his Best of Show, Sloat's recipe was brewed at Brewer's Alley, the sponsors of the fair's Best of Show Division. Representing Brewer's Alley is Tom Flores, left back row, Brew Master at Brewer's Alley and Summit Station and Edgar Radonich, left front row, Brew Master at Brewer's Alley, Bob Frank, front row right, Fair Board of Managers and overseer of the fair's homemade wine and beer competitions, and Becky Brashear, Executive Assistant to the Fair Board, right back row.

NEW FAIR BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

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Board appreciates their willingness to take on this commitment.

Charles Cramer is a life-long agricultural educator. He lives on a small farm with his wife, Bonnie, where they raise pure-bred Polled Hereford cattle. During his 4-H and FFA experience he raised Angus, Shorthorns, market hogs, market lambs, poultry and participated in mechanics, construction and home improvement projects.

He has been involved in The Great Frederick Fair his entire professional career through the FFA and with his family's participation. He is actively involved with the fair's educational program, City Streets, Country Roads. He has worked in the Farm and Garden Building and is now the superintendent of the open class beef breeding department. Related activities are: director of the Maryland Hereford Association and chairperson and/or coach of the following FFA Career Development Events: Livestock, Meats and Carcass, Poultry, Agricultural Mechanics, Safe Tractor Operation, Land and Soil Management, Floriculture, Vegetable, Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

Charles considers his greatest accomplishment to be the success of the hundreds of students he has taught and coached over the years and his involvement in the transition of The Great Frederick Fair to better "showcase the product and pride of Frederick County agriculture" to fair guests and participants.

Joseph Devilbiss has always supported 4-H and believes that agricultural education and preservation are important for Frederick County and its citizens.

Joe worked many years for a local construction company until he started his own company, Joseph F. Devilbiss Construction, in 1993. He brings to the board expertise in construction and building maintenance and knowledge of business and finances and will be serving on the fair's 4-H, Property & Maintenance and Livestock committees. He has supported the 4-H through sponsorship of the Memorial Steer at the Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Sale and through donations and service to the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program.

Joe has a love of agriculture and farming that has led him to spend his spare time farming. He owns 140 head of beef cattle and owns and/or rents over 375 acres of farmland.

He is involved with his church serving on the Board of Trustees and on the board of the Mount Prospect Cemetery Association. He is also past president of the Professional Remodelers Association. He is a member of the Lewistown Fire Company, the Lewistown Ruritans and the Good Samaritan Program at FMH.

PURCHASE YOUR GFF SOUVENIR

With The Great Frederick Fair close at hand, the 2003 fair souvenirs are arriving daily. On hand are the 2003 fair T-shirts. Within the next few weeks, the 2003 fair souvenir trucks and decorative wooden plaques depicting the 4-H Building will be arriving. Other items available at the fair's Administration Office are souvenirs from past years, including pillows, hats, trucks and speciality shirts.

All of the items will also be on sale fairweek at the souvenir trailer in front of Building 2.

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the new Farm Family of the Year," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., fair board president. "And we are especially pleased that we will again be recognizing some students with the county school's Character Counts Program. The 4-H and FFA programs already signify the pillars of the Character Counts, and it's nice that students can be honored on those same merits.

"It's nice having the new royalty crowned early in the week so they can participate in the fair's activities at the beginning," Ramsburg said. "With the horse shows and other judging events starting on Saturday it's nice having the 4-H Royalty present to make ribbon and award presentations," he continued.

Musical entertainment starts in front of the grandstand at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, with Diamond Rio.

"The whole week from beginning to end is filled with great entertainment," said James McClellan, chairman of the fair's Entertainment Committee. "We are very fortunate to still be able to attract some of the biggest names in country music and for the first time to offer the top name in contemporary Christian music."

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the fair will feature Trick Pony. The popular tractor and truck pull returns to the fair on Monday, Sept. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed on Tuesday with the popular Demolition Derby at 7 p.m.

The Rockin Roadhouse, consisting of Tracy Lawrence, Mark Chestnut and Joe Diffie, is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17; this show promises to be a top-selling event. Contemporary Christian performer Jaci Velasquez takes to the center stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Darryl Worley and Rebecca Lynn Howard perform Friday, Sept. 19, and the week ends on Saturday, Sept. 20, with Sammy Kershaw and Lorrie Morgan. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Grandstand lineup and ticket prices are:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, 7:30 P.M.

4-H Royalty Contest/Farm Family of the Year Announcement; FREE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 7:30 P.M.

Diamond Rio; Tickets: \$25/\$23/\$18

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 7 P.M.

Trick Pony; Tickets: \$25/\$23/\$18

MONDAY, SEPT. 15, 6:30 P.M.

Tractor Pull; Tickets: \$12

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 7 P.M.

Demolition Derby; Tickets: \$12

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17, 7:30 P.M.

Rockin Roadhouse; Tickets: \$25/\$23/\$18

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 7:30 P.M.

Jaci Velasquez; Tickets \$22/\$20/\$16

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19, 7:30 P.M.

Darryl Worley, Rebecca Lynn Howard \$25/\$23/\$18

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 7:30 P.M.

Sammy Kershaw, Lorrie Morgan; Tickets: \$25/\$23/\$18



Diamond Rio



Trick Pony



Rockin Roadhouse



Lorrie Morgan



Sammy Kershaw



Jaci Velasquez



Rebecca Lynn Howard



Darryl Worley

LOCAL FAIRS CONTINUE, EXPAND ON-LINE ENTRIES

The on-line open class livestock exhibitor entry program is up and running for The Great Frederick Fair, and within the next several weeks, the 4-H/FFA, Household and Farm and Garden on-line entry capability will be available. The beauty of the on-line open class livestock entry program is that exhibitors can enter their animals at either The Great Frederick Fair, The Maryland State Fair or the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair with only the click of a mouse!

The on-line entry program continues to be improved for open class livestock classes between the three fairs, thus creating a standardized open class livestock entry form that enables exhibitors to only have to complete one entry form instead of multiple ones.

"It takes less entry time and it's much more convenient to enter on-line," said officials from the fairs. "People seem to like having the convenience of entering on-line, and especially the livestock folks of only having to complete one set of entry forms."

The Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows website at www.maafs.com, serves as the central location for exhibitors to complete and submit their entries. However, on-line users can also access the entry form capability from the individual fairs' websites at marylandstatefair.com, www.thegreatfrederickfair.com, or mcagfair.com. Entry payments on the secured site are required, and can be made via credit card. Entries are not confirmed until the complete payment is made.

"This continues to be an exciting time for fairs in Maryland," fair leaders said. "The program that we have set up is the topic of discussion at a lot of fair meetings across the country." The fairs participating in this service also run the Blue Ribbon Fair Premium Program which has made the task of standardizing the class offerings easier. Some minor modifications to classes have been made, although fairs can still continue with special class offerings.

For more information, contact The Great Frederick Fair at 301-663-5895.

On-line purchases also available

FAIR CARNIVAL RIDE PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

Reithoffer Shows, the carnival provider for The Great Frederick Fair, has announced its rides discount program for this year's event.

- 9/12 5 p.m.-Closing
POP \$13 w/o Coke product can; \$11 with Coke product can, or on-line purchase
- 9/13 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
POP \$13 w/o Coke product can; \$11 with Coke product can or on-line purchase (regular price after 5 p.m.)
- 9/14 Noon-Closing
Regular Price
- 9/15 2 p.m.-Closing
Regular price
- 9/16 2 p.m.-Closing
POP \$13 w/o Coke product can; \$11 with Coke product can or on-line purchase
- 9/17 2 p.m.-Closing
Regular Price
- 9/18 2 p.m.-Closing
POP \$13 w/o Coke product can; \$11 with Coke product can or on-line purchase
- 9/19 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
All rides reduced by 1 ticket (regular prices after 5 p.m.)
- 9/20 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
POP \$13 w/o Coke product can; \$11 with Coke product can or on-line purchase (regular price after 5 p.m.)

***Wrist bands will NOT be sold after 3 p.m. on the days of POP; wristbands will honored until 5 p.m. on specified days.*

Several on-line carnival ride promotions are also available

Admission Information

Category Definitions

A— Admission

C— Carnival

Category	Item	Description	Cost
A	3-Day Package	Three one-day passes to be used at anytime during the week of the fair. These do not include parking.	12.00
A	Season Pass	Good for one single admission everyday of the fair. This does not include parking.	25.00
C	THE BANDIT TICKET Pay-One-Price	Pay one Price— unlimited rides during the specified times and dates. Save \$2 on POP promotion through on-line purchase. Regularly \$13 ; on-line \$11 . This ticket does not include fair admission or parking. Promotional Ride Dates for POP: Friday, Sept. 12, 2003 from 5 p.m. to close Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003 from 2 p.m. to close Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003 from 2 p.m. to close Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	11.00
C	THE POSSE TICKET Family Four Pack	Bring the whole family to the fair. Includes one single day admission plus unlimited rides for the whole family (four persons) during carnival hours. This package is valued at \$100 . and offered to your family for \$60 a savings of \$40 . This ticket does not include parking.	60.00
C	THE BONANZA TICKET Mega Pass	This pass is good for one single admission everyday as well as unlimited rides everyday during carnival hours. This ticket is non-transferable and can only be used by the purchaser. A promotional package valued at \$240.50 offered at the Fair-RIDE discount for \$100 . This ticket does not include parking.	100.00

There is a 50 cent transaction fee. All tickets purchased by Sept. 10 will be mailed. After that date, tickets purchased on-line will be held at the fair administration office.

Looking for something to do on a weekend in the next several months? Why not take in a craft show or antique auction or home show or computer sale or cattle show or sale?

Various activities are held at the Frederick Fairgrounds throughout the year. Schedule of events by month are available. To be added to the mailing list, please drop us a postcard with your name and address, and we'll send you the next issue. Or check out our website for a listing of monthly events at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

JUNE

28	Parzow's Auction	301-977-6741
	Curtis Auctions	301-748-3211
28-29	Northeast Texas Longhorn Show	301-293-3418
	Silverado Gun Show	301-874-5012

JULY

4	Barbara Fritchie Motorcycle Races	301-682-9876
5	MD Guernsey/Milking Shorthorn Field Days	
	Buzzard's Luck Auction	301-898-8881
	Central MD Dairy Goat Show	301-447-3781
12	MD Jersey Field Day	
	American Auctions	301-639-8871
	4-H Bicycle Rodeo	
15	4-H/FFA Tractor Contest	
19	MD Brown Swiss/MD Ayrshire Field Days	
	MarketPro Computer Show	301-984-0880
23	Frederick County Farm Bureau Picnic	
26	Frederick-Montgomery Holstein Field Day	

AUGUST

1-3	Country Peddler Show	717-656-4849
8-10	Frederick Sportsmens Show	301-865-3019
24	MarketPro Computer Show	301-984-0880
23-24	African Handcraft Sale	336-379-8455

SEPTEMBER

12-20	THE 141st GREAT FREDERICK FAIR	301-663-5895
27-28	Ocktoberfest	301-663-8811

All events subject to change without notice

**For rental information of the fairgrounds, call 301-663-5895 or www.thegreatfrederickfair.com

Open each Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET STILL OFFERS ARRAY OF PRODUCTS

The Great Frederick Fair Farmers' Market will be taking on a different twist in the next several weeks with the addition of the Small Farmers Co-op selling homegrown produce and goods. The market still offers an array of fresh foods, available for purchase each Saturday at the market from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Market vendors offer a variety of items from country cured hams and cheeses to baked goods and pastries, to fresh dairy products, including milk and ice cream.

The market, in its 28th year, remains the only year-round market in Frederick County. The market was started in 1974 by members of the Frederick County Agricultural Society as an outlet for producers to market and sell their products to consumers wanting to purchase fresh agriculture products.

The market is unique in that it has its regular customers and it also draws from the various other activities that occur on the fairgrounds throughout the year. With an average of two to three events on the grounds each Saturday, the exposure and customer base is tremendous.

For more information on the market, call 301-663-5895 or visit the fair's website at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.



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