

AG AveNEWS

Saturday

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Fair spins off to super start

The Tornado is a popular ride on the carnival midway, but during Friday's opening of the 142nd Great Frederick Fair, tornados were spotted all around Frederick County, delaying opening ceremonies and bonding fairgoers as they took shelter.

Just as Hurricane Isabel ushered out the 2003 fair, Ivan's tornado spin-offs welcomed in this year's fair. And just like last year, the fair's exhibitors, vendors and visitors took the weather emergency in stride.

"The evening's storm could have had a greater impact on the fair but thankfully no one was hurt," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., fair president. "We are looking forward to a great rest of the week."

Because of the storm, fair officials extended the entry deadline for baked goods until 9:30 a.m. Saturday and 4-H and open class livestock will be accepted until noon today. "We understand the dilemma our exhibitors were in Friday night and we want to make sure that they have the opportu-



nity to participate in the Great Frederick Fair," Mr. Ramsburg said.

Today's activities are expected to go on as scheduled, barring any unforeseen weather circumstances.

The rain did not dampen the enthusiasm at the Frederick County 4-H Royalty Contest which was moved to the Beef Show Ring to provide better protection from the weather.

Corey Roberson of Myersville and Daniel Holter of New Market became the 2004-2005 Frederick County 4-H King and Queen respectively during the 40th anniversary of the 4-H Queen contest and the 27th King contest.

Taking the runner up titles were Brian Hoover and Mary Krc. Both the new queen and king received \$1,000 scholarships provided by the Great Frederick Fair Board of Managers. The first runner-up to both the king and queen each received a \$250 scholarship sponsored by the Royalty Advisory Committee as the result of business and individual contributions.

Sashed as 4-H Princesses were Caroline Shedd, Micheala

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Meet the Managers

Born and raised across the street from the fair grounds, J.R. Ramsburg Jr. has the fair in his blood. In 1973, Mr. Ramsburg followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents by becoming a member of the Frederick County Agricultural Society. He has been a member of the Board of Managers since 1986.



*Jacob R. Ramsburg
President*

Mr. Ramsburg served as President of the Frederick County Agricultural Society and The Great Frederick Fair, Inc. in 1994 and 1995, and is currently serving a second term in 2002.

Mr. Ramsburg and his family visited the fair every year that he can remember. As a horse owner, he particularly enjoys watching the harness racing. The midway attractions are also a favorite fair offering.

Although Mr. Ramsburg is a Frederick businessman, his heart has always been on the farm. As a child he spent much of his time helping his grandfather on the family farm in the Thurmont area. Today, that farm has become a productive crop operation of which Mr. Ramsburg is very proud

Great Frederick Fair is all about ag-sensuating your senses

Welcome to the 142nd Great Frederick Fair – where your eyes, ears, nose, mouth and hands will come alive and be "Ag-Sensuated" with all that the fair has to offer. This year's theme is Ag-Sensuate Your Senses...See IT! Taste It! Hear IT! Touch IT Smell IT!

This is the inaugural year for a daily newsletter – AG AveNEWS will be published each day of the fair for exhibitors, vendors and fairgoers. We hope you enjoy its updates, stories and photos.

No other event allows attendees to test their senses quite like a county fair, and The Great Frederick Fair is no exception! All during the nine-day event, September 17-25, special programs, events and displays will "sensuate" your senses, whether you're SEEING a calf being born at Birthing Center; you're TASTING the smorgasbord of fair food; you're HEARING a concert in front of the grandstand; you're TOUCHING a lamb for the first time; or you're SMELLING all of the aromas of the fair.

The fairgrounds has come alive with the color schematics of purple and orange decorating showrings, buildings, signage and

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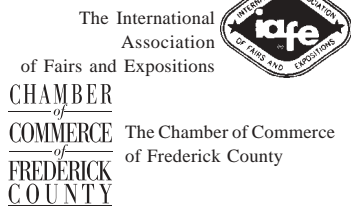
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Farm Family of the Year Named

The Jesse Burall family was in the spotlight during the Friday, Sept. 17th opening ceremonies of The Great Frederick Fair as they were named the Frederick County Farm Family of the Year. The family owns and operates Hickory Plains Farm in Monrovia.

Jesse and Catherine, along with their son Ashley and grandsons Wayne, Mitchell and Justin, operate the dairy and grain farm. They own 210 acres and rent an additional 240 acres, raising corn, soybeans, hay and wheat.

Jesse began farming in 1948, renting the farm from his father and later purchasing it. All four of their children worked on the farm growing up. Challenges faced the family operation during two devastating accidents. In 1966, the free stall barn collapsed under heavy snow, killing 60 dairy cows. Another setback hit in 1998 when a fire took the bank barn, milking parlor, two tractors and hay equipment. The operation has successfully come back from both incidents.

Conservation practices were put into place on the farm in 1940 and remain today. The business also uses DHIA to handle milking records and focuses on good management with sire selection, soil testing and artificial insemination for their dairy herd.

Mr. Burall has received numerous awards for his work in the agricultural field, including the Master Farmer Award and the Honorary American Farmer Degree. He has been a leader in the Dairy Council, Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Frederick County and Maryland Farm Bureau and the Grange. The honoree has also been a 4-H and Boy Scout leader, a baseball coach and an active member of the Lions Club.

The Farm Family of the Year award is sponsored by the The Great Frederick Fair and the Agriculture Business Council of Frederick County. The program recognizes outstanding agricultural achievement in proficiency of production agriculture, agricultural/civic organizational involvement, conservation and preservation of soil, water and energy.



Character Counts at the Fair

Twenty-three outstanding Frederick County youth were honored with Character Counts medals during the opening ceremonies of the 142nd Great Frederick Fair in the beef show ring. Nine high school honorees and 14 4-H club nominees were presented certificates and sashed with medals for exemplifying the six pillars of character – caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

Sharon Boettinger of Frederick County Public Schools announced the school representatives – Nadine Migilio of the Brunswick FFA Chapter, Megan Fleming of the Career and Technology Center FFA Chapter, Jason Green of the Catoctin FFA Chapter, Erin Spurrier of the Frederick FFA Chapter, Laura Gaver of the Linganore FFA Chapter, Kara Stine of the Middletown FFA Chapter, Patricia Davis of the Tuscarora FFA Chapter, Amy Anderson of the Urbana FFA Chapter and Kelsey Dertzbaugh of the Walkersville FFA Chapter.

The 4-H representatives were Rikky Burrier of Cow Gals and Guys, Brittany Cole of Lewistown Mt. View, Jami Cornell of Walkersville Trailblazers, Grace Garst of Walkersville Clovers, Laura Gaver of Green Valley, Carrie Hightman of Valley Urbanites, April Inskeep of Unionville, Shaniqua Jackson of Grace Super Sew-ers, Aaron Keller of 4-H Exchange, Dalton Mackenzie and Konnar Miller, both of Johnsville, Tim Nicodemus of Walkersville, Emily Snyder of Thundering Hooves and Carrie Wivell of Monocacy Achievers.



Best of Show winners were selected in the Household Building during judging last weekend and again Friday. Below is a listing of top honorees in their respective departments.

Children's – Richard Heflin and Julianne Bates

Needle Arts – Kimberly Bates, Jo Lazzari, Irene Goley, Diana Moxley, Kathleen Anderson, Helen Knight-Griffin and Patricia Huse

Clothing – Gail Furford, Sarah Drenning and Darlene Morris

Photography – Sarah Hurdel and Brian Clouse

Art – Joann Franklin

Arts and Crafts – Darren Rice, Gary Stenger, Martha Pierce, Caroline Tierney, Jack Swearma and Gregory Shedd

Home Furnishings – Melody Eicholtz, Yvonne Eicholtz, Elaine Marshall, Mary Strong and Elaine Junker

Food Preservation – Marilyn Burt, Ruby Eckenrode, Tommy Deater, Linga Franklin, Linda Saylor, Karen Brust, Blythe Barnes, Gail Whitbread, Roberta Baumgardner and Rose Nagle

Landscape Contest Enters Ninth Year

“Sense”sational Landscapes will bring your senses alive at the 142nd Great Frederick Fair. Local schools, businesses and individuals are participating in the ninth annual Autumn Classic Landscapers Educational Contest.

The Autumn Classic Landscapers Educational Contest was initiated at the 1996 Great Frederick Fair as a way to create an opportunity for another agricultural industry to participate in the fair. It was so successful that the contest is being sponsored again by Classic Landscaping Inc. of Woodsboro. Last year, entrants displayed nearly \$100,000 worth of landscaping materials and supplies.

“Agriculture isn’t just cows and pigs, and this contest emphasizes that point,” said J.R. Ramsburg, Jr., fair board president. “This contest not only beautifies the grounds, but gives prominence to an aspect of the agriculture industry that otherwise would not be exhibited at the fair. The fair attracts over 250,000 visitors during its nine days, which is a very large audience for this program. The contest benefits the public by providing ideas for their own gardens and landscaping projects, and it benefits those participating in the contest by encouraging them to raise the bar in landscaping.”

This year’s contest theme is “Sense” sational Landscapes. Twelve sites around the fairgrounds are designated to be temporarily beautified with landscape designs by both students and professional landscapers.

Each of the designated sites will be judged throughout the week by a knowledgeable panel. Cash awards in both divisions will be given in the amounts of \$350 for first place, \$250 for second and \$150 for third.

In addition to the contest, Shade Trees and Evergreens, Harold Martz and Son and Treeland Nursery provides landscaping around many of the buildings and directional maps for enhancement.

“The landscaping contest is just one more thing that makes The Great Frederick Fair so special,” Ramsburg

explained. “We are very lucky to have the support of Classic Landscaping which enables us to provide this exceptional educational, and entertaining, program.”

The award winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Building 32, just prior to the LegenDAIRY Celebration, the selection of the 4-H and open class dairy supreme champion females.



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are
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in!**

Fair spins off

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Grabill, Sara Kreh, Jaime Wright, Brittany Ramsburg and Ashley Casper. Passing on their titles were the 2003-2004 Queen and King, Abigail Wiles and Jacob Flohr.

The new queen is an 18-year-old student at Frederick Community College. Daniell is the daughter of Teresa and Richard Reeder and is a member of the Middletown Valley Youth 4-H Club. The 11-year 4-H member is active in the market steer project and has served as president and treasurer of her club. She has also participated in Ag Week at the Mall and the demonstration contest.

Corey is the 16-year-old son of Keith and Julie Roberson of Myersville. The Middletown High School senior is an eight-year 4-H member active in the livestock and broiler projects. He has been a camp counselor, participated in state consumer and poultry judging and has assisted with the county fashion revue.

Assisting on the royalty team this year are a Junior Prince and Princess, Ryan Eaves and Ruth Krc.

Ryan is the 9-year-old son of Richard and Tammy Eaves of New Midway. He has been a 4-H member for two years and belongs to the Frederick County Fur and Feathers 4-H Club, Johnsville 4-H Club and the Frederick County Beef, Sheep and Swine Club. The New Midway Elementary School fifth grader has participated in the demonstration and public speaking contests, poultry judging and the county and state fair.

Twelve-year-old Ruth is the daughter of Glen and Elizabeth Krc of Frederick. She is a four-year 4-H'er and belongs to the Valley Urbanites 4-H Club. She was involved in the Clover program for three years. The home-schooled student has been active in 4-H mini college, demonstration contests and the county fair.



Today's Schedule

9 a.m.	4-H Horse & Pony Show, English - Equine Show Arena
	Open Class Dairy Goat Show - Bldg. 32
10 a.m.	Carnival Midway Opens
1 p.m.	4-H Alpaca Show - Bldg. 18
2 p.m.	Decorated Wagon Parade - City Streets, Country Roads
3 p.m.	All Buildings open to public
7:30 p.m.	Jo Dee Messina Concert
All Day	Bunny Burkett Race Car Displayed

Ag-Sensuating your senses

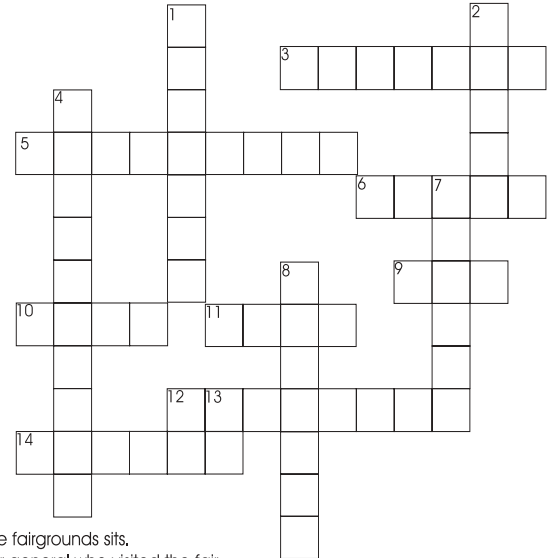
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special exhibits and displays.

"As our world has changed, we have tried to keep up with the changes, all the while preserving the agricultural tradition of the Frederick community," said Fair Board President J.R. Ramsburg, Jr. "We are pleased with the fair as it has evolved and hope the Frederick community enjoy their time with us." Highlighting this year's event will be many traditional favorites including the nationally recognized City Streets, Country Roads Agriculture Education Awareness exhibit and its outreach programs of the Ag-Venture Educational Passport, the Milky Way, It's Fiber-optics and the Birthing Center; live animal exhibits and judging shows; concert entertainment; a new Equine Expo and a midway full of carnival attractions.

For a complete schedule of events and promotions, visit the fair's website, www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

Use your knowledge of the history of The Great Frederick Fair to complete this crossword puzzle.



DOWN

- The street on which the fairgrounds sits.
- President and Civil War general who visited the fair.
- The company which provides the amusements.
- The day county students traditionally get out of school for the fair.
- The month in which the fair was originally held.
- A name you call yourself.
- The opposite of off.

ACROSS

- Animal that was originally housed in what is the 4-H Building today.
- Last name of the first woman elected to the Board of Managers of the fair.
- Number of years the Machinery Row exhibit has been at the fair.
- 9/15. The number of exhibit buildings on the grounds that don't house livestock during the fair.
- The flag pole in front of the Administration Building was originally in front of the Frederick _____ Office.
- These type of horses set the " _____ " during the harness races at the fair.
- George Creager's Tavern on the _____ River was the location of the first fair in 1822.
- New York Yankees baseball player who was an active 4-H member and showed dairy cattle at the fair.