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Experience the Miracle of Birth at the Birthing Center

First it was Jack and Jill – and then Ivan landed at the fairgrounds. There has been a baby boom at the fair’s livestock Birthing Center!

Introduced at the 2003 fair as part of the national-award-winning “City Streets, Country Roads” exhibit, the Birthing Center has been packed with lively crowds as the miracle of birth takes place.



“The Birthing Center has been a huge attraction,” said Becky Brashear, executive assistant for the Great Frederick Fair. “It is a true living agricultural experience. People relate so well to small animals and when they watch a calf wobble and get up within 30 minutes of being born and begin nursing from its momma, it’s just amazing.”

Located next to Building 32 and sponsored by MD Life Magazine, the large tented exhibit includes Holstein dairy cattle from Charles and Mary Brandenburg of Jefferson, Polled Hereford beef cattle from Joe and Eleanor Free of Frederick and a pregnant sow from Phil Wivell of Emmitsburg. Bleachers line the main birthing pen for the public’s viewing convenience.

This year’s first miracle was a double blessing on Saturday evening. Holstein twins were born shortly after 5 p.m. – one boy and one girl. The emotional crowd enthusiastically named them Jack and Jill. Just a little over 24

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Meet the Managers

Maurice A. Gladhill has been involved in various facets of agriculture his entire life. He joined the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1969, and was elected to the Board of Managers in 1989. He currently serves as Treasurer and chairman of the Planning and Finance Committee.



*Maurice A. Gladhill
Treasurer*

Mr. Gladhill has been a businessman since he was a child. He remembers as a child riding around the Frederick Fairgrounds on a small tractor with a pole digger attachment offering to dig holes for a dollar a piece. Today, he is a consistent participant in the

Central Maryland Farm Equipment Dealers Association’s Machinery Row exhibit at the fair.

Mr. Gladhill has served as a Director of F&M Bancorp since 1985 and has been a member on several committees. He was a Director of the Frederick YMCA from 1988-1994, and now serves on the Frederick YMCA Board of Trustees. Mr. Gladhill is a past director of the Mid-Atlantic Farm Equipment Dealers Association.

Other interests that occupy Mr. Gladhill’s time include collecting and preserving antique farm equipment.

Stroll into City Streets, Country Roads at the fair

The national-award-winning City Streets, Country Roads exhibit at The Great Frederick not only offers a variety of live animal displays, but also features “ag-citing” hands-on activities and workshops for the entire family to enjoy.

“Educational exhibits have the best effect when they are hands on,” said fair board President J.R. Ramsburg, Jr. “The live animals and interactive exhibits in City Streets, Country Roads are always crowd pleasers, but the hands-on activities really make learning fun for the kids as they learn about the many facets of the agriculture industry.”

Activities began this past weekend with the decorated wagon parade and potato sack races. More events will kick in on Friday Kids’ Day as young fair visitors can expect to be kept busy. The day will feature non-traditional 4-H demonstrations and the annual Ag Careers Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This popular event gives young agriculture enthusiasts a chance to explore the vast career opportunities in the agriculture industry. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and guide visitors through the career event.

Saturday, Sept. 25, is full of fun activities for kids. The morning begins at 10 a.m. with the stick horse workshop and

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hours later, another bull calf was delivered from a Holstein cow. He was appropriately named Ivan, after last weekend's storm.

"I am hopeful that those that visit the Birthing Center gain a new appreciation for agriculture," said Dr. Cindy Burnsteel, president of the Western Maryland Veterinary Medical Association, who is heading up the exhibit. "We are able to give an experience that the majority of people have never had before.

"I think the birthing center is a great way to educate the public," said Dr. Burnsteel. "Frederick is growing so quickly and many of its residents have never had the opportunity to get a taste of the farm. The birthing center gives them that opportunity. Baby animals always make a great impression."

Dr. Burnsteel and 10 veterinarians in her association will be on hand throughout the fair to assist the animals as needed through the birthing process and answer questions from the public. "All of the veterinarians that I asked to help again this year were quick to sign up for this year," she said. "They really love doing it and sharing the experience with a group."

Head herdsman Bill Routzahn of Myersville said the birth of the twins to kick off the fair has been the highlight for him. "Just watching the faces of the people that were jammed into the tent was great to see," he said. "Their eyes were big and their mouths were open."

Mr. Routzahn lived on a farm until he was 9 years old and said he has enjoyed working with the animals. "I never had a chance to be around the animals like I wanted to and when my son, Matt, got involved in 4-H we got involved again. Matt worked in the Birthing Center last year but with his full-time job this year, he wasn't able to be here the whole time. So here I am!"

Mr. Routzahn has taken vacation time from his regular job as Frederick County's superintendent of highway operations to "be a farm boy again." Other than a few hour-long breaks to get home for a shower and change of clothes, the herdsman has been living at the exhibit to provide the best care.

"This is such a great experience for people and I haven't heard one bad comment," he said. "Most people just want to see more – they want it bigger."

This is the second year for the Brandenburgs to supply Holstein cattle for the exhibit. Mr. Brandenburg hauls the mothers-to-be to the fairgrounds when-

ever the call comes.

"This is a unique opportunity and something we just can't do anywhere else," he said. "It has such a positive impact on people and that's great for us," he said. "We like cows – it's our thing – and people need the education.

"Last night (Sunday night) we were in here when Ivan was born and I was



surprised by the reaction of people," Mr. Brandenburg said. "I can't believe that not many people have seen a calf be born."

Dr. Burnsteel said it is not uncommon for visitors to come and spend hours in the Birthing Center. "They just sit and watch for up to four hours, waiting for the next animal to be born!" she said.

Veterinarians are hopeful that two beef calves will be born this week along with a litter of piglets. "And of course we have an endless supply of Holstein cows from Mr. Brandenburg," Dr. Burnsteel said.

"It's just so easy to get caught up in the excitement of those watching," Dr. Burnsteel said. "What I view as an everyday job becomes a great attraction this week and that's wonderful."



Gone to the Dogs

Claire Calvert, 13, of Adamstown took many top honors during the 4-H Dog Show on Monday. Her four-year-old black Miniature

Poodle "Suzy" helped her capture four rosettes. She was the winner of the Best of Non-Sporting Group, Overall Champion in Obedience, High in Trial and High Intermediate in Obedience. Claire said "Suzy" is her best friend and that she "loves everyone and eats everything."



Champions were selected in several departments at the Great Frederick Fair on Sunday. Below is a listing of top honorees in their respective departments.

4-H Building

Plan and Plant - Lindsey Murphy, Becky Ridgeway, Joey Blank, Maria Stevens, Corinne Ransom, Susan Summers, Ryan Eaves, Katie Seiss, Patrick Ransom and Adam Holter

Posters - Carrie Holter, Ashley Stevens, Adam Holter, Margaret Buckmeier, Susan Summers and Ashley Nonemaker

Club Books & Displays - Valley Urbanites and Rocky Ridge

Photography - Ashley Casper, Kayla Baer, Michael McCusker-Kinna, Carrie Hightman, Jennifer Huth, Kristen Blumenuaer, Brian Zecher, Ryan Eaves, Susan Summers, Karen Crum, Erin Thomas, Megan Thomas and Kate Veza.

Garden and Field Products - Jonathan Stevens, Katie Seiss, Kayla Neff, Ashley Stevens, Jeffrey Hubbard Jr., Konnar Miller, Susan Summers, Carrie

Holter, Andrew Driver, Rachelle Wisner, Shelby Hahn, James Riggs, Caitlin Riggs, Andrew Taverner, Elisabeth Driver, Adam Holter, Emilie Meade, Tiffany German, Taylor Bevard, Dalton Clabaugh, Ryan Eaves, Ethan Schroyer, Brian Zecher, Kayla Baer, Michael McCusker-Kinna, Becky Ridgeway, Kristen Blumenuaer, Carrie Hightman, Richard Ridgeway Jr., Joey Blank, Anna Nicodemus and Curtis Sturm

Project Display - Adam Holter, Susan Summers, Ana Himes, Rachelle Wisner, Elizabeth Driver, Ethan Schroyer, Dalton McKenzie, Andrew Driver, Frederick Casper, Konnar Miller, Kristan Nonemaker, Joey Blank, Brian Zecher, Matthew Carter, Michael Stevens, Matt Ryan and Derek Kreh.

4-H Beef Fitting and Showing

First-Year – Konnar Miller

Junior – Jessica Clarke

Intermediate – Maggie Lanham

Senior and Overall – Kayla Baer

Master – Bradley Seiss

4-H Sheep Breeding

Supreme Champion Ram – Ashley Stevens, Suffolk

Supreme Champion Ewe – Corinne Ransom, Hampshire

Bred and Owned – Corinne Ransom, Hampshire

Cheviot Ram and Ewe – Ashley Lenhart

Dorset Ram – Jaime Wright

Dorset Ewe – Daniel Hobbs

Hampshire Ram and Ewe – Corinne Ransom

Montadale Ram and Ewe – Amanda Keshner

Natural Colored Ram and Ewe – Kelly Wright

Shropshire Ram – Jaime Wright

Shropshire Ewe – Kelly Wright

Southdown Ram and Ewe – Patrick Ransom

Suffolk Ram – Ashley Stevens

Suffolk Ewe – Kaitlyn Fuss

Other Breeds Ram and Ewe – Becky Ridgeway



Best of Show winners in the Household Building gathered to celebrate their achievements on Monday evening.



The Farm and Garden Building Best of Show winners were congratulated on Monday evening.



Below are some of the many things you can SEE at The Great Frederick Fair.

ANTIQUÉ CARS	DEMO DERBY
BIRTHING CENTER	HARNESS RACING
BUNNY BURKETT	TRACTORS

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Today's Schedule Governor's Day

9 am	4-H Swine Market Judging - Bldg. 25
	4-H Dairy Show - Bldg. 32
10 am	Agriscience Field Day
11am	Kiddie Carnival Rides Open
2 pm	All Carnival Rides Open
1 pm	Grandstand and Track Entertainment
2 pm	4-H and Open Beef Cattle Judging - Bldg. 18
	Jousting Exhibition - Grandstand
5 pm	4-H Market Lamb Show - Bldg. 28
7 pm	4-H Pretty Cow and Pretty Goat tests - Bldg. 32
Con-	Demolition Derby - Grandstand

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contest. Kids will have the chance to make their own stick horses and then enter them in the stick horse contest. There are four age divisions: 1-4 years old, 5-6 years old, 7-8 years old, and 9-10 years old. Entries will be judged on originality, best use of fair theme and overall presentation in each age group.

Back by popular demand, the Scarecrow making workshop begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. in Building 28, the sheep show ring. Straw and other scarecrow supplies are provided. Sponsored by Frederick Equipment Company and The Country Peddler Show, this event is free to the first 175 people.

Saturday's events wind down with the children's pedal pull. Registration for this entertaining event begins at noon. There are three age divisions: 5-6 years old, 7-8 years old, and 9-10 years old. The pedal pull contest begins at 3:30 p.m. in Machinery Row.

The City Streets, Country Roads exhibit will include live animal displays ranging from cattle to sheep and horses. Some diversified livestock will also be on display. All of the animals in the exhibit will be provided by area residents who have volunteered their time and animals. "The fair is very fortunate to have the support from the people who are willing

to bring in their livestock for the week," Mr. Ramsburg said.

In addition to the live animal exhibits at City Streets, Country Roads, educational displays will also be provided by the Frederick County Farm Museum, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, Frederick County Farm Museum, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, Frederick County Farm Bureau, Frederick County 4-H and local FFA Chapters and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Also available from the exhibit will be the distribution of 7,000 coloring/activity books sponsored by Frederick County Farm Bureau, Frederick County Farm Bureau Women, Frederick County Farm Bureau Dairy Bar, Frederick County Young Farmers, Frederick County Pomona Grange, Willard Agri-Services, Ideal Buick-GMC Truck-Hyundai, Shenandoah Motors, Shenandoah Ford, Middletown Chevrolet-Pontiac, Frederick County Farm Museum, Gardencraft Landscaping, The Red Barn Group LLC/ HDI Corp/ AgriVisions LLC, and MidAtlantic Farm Credit. Designing the book is HDI Corp. Books will be available in limited supplies.

It's Fiber-Optics, also an extension of the City Streets, Country Roads exhibit, will be returning to this year's fair. The display has been expanded to include a wider variety of fiber samples, including sheep and alpaca. It will feature spinning demonstrations throughout the week, as well as multi-media presentations.