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Traditions Abound at the Fair

After 142 years, The Great Frederick Fair knows how to draw a crowd. From harness races to concert performances to 4-H livestock exhibits, The Great Frederick Fair has become a tradition in Frederick County that attracts more than 250,000 visitors every year.

“Our fair is steeped in tradition and history, and each year it gets better and better,” said fair board President J.R. Ramsburg, Jr. “From the livestock exhibits to the carnival attractions to the educational exhibits, we offer something for nearly every fairgoer.”

Billed as one of the oldest county fairs in the country, The Great Frederick Fair offers top notch livestock shows featuring beef and dairy cattle, sheep, alpacas, dairy goats and pigs.

The Great Frederick Fair is also known for its “Machinery Row,” a display provided by the Central Maryland Equipment Dealers Association. This exhibit is one of the largest east of the Mississippi, and this year’s display will feature more than \$3 million worth of virtually every type of farm and lawn and garden equipment available on the market today.

Another fair tradition is harness racing, featured at 1 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday.

“Harness racing is just one of the many traditional exhibits still offered at the fair,” Ramsburg said. “The Great Frederick Fair takes pride in having this event at our fair because it is such a part of not only our fair’s heritage, but Maryland’s heritage as well.”

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Governor visits the Fair

Governor Robert Ehrlich made an extended visit to the Great Frederick Fair on Tuesday, taking time to visit with fairgoers and students. This group of students from New Market and Thomas Johnson Middle Schools had the opportunity to interview the Governor as part of a school project with the Renzulli educational program. Gov. Ehrlich’s comment about the interview – “These kids asked better questions than the Washington Post.”

Meet the Managers



John E. Bare



John W. Bell



Charles Cramer

John E. Bare

As a local business owner and life-long fairgoer, John Bare is proud to help preserve the Frederick County heritage that The Great Frederick Fair represents. Mr. Bare has been a member of the Frederick County Agricultural Society for more than 20 years, and joined the Board of Managers in 2001.

Mr. Bare currently serves as chairman of the Frederick County Agricultural Society’s Off-Season Rental Committee, and is a member of the Poultry and Machinery Row committees.

Through his business, Mr. Bare has been a major contributor and supporter of the fair’s programs and initiatives, including

the milking facility. As a member of the Central Maryland Farm Equipment Dealers Association, he has also been a consistent participant in the association’s Machinery Row exhibit.

Mr. Bare feels that The Great Frederick Fair is a viable part of the Frederick community and hopes to use his business experience to further help the fair attain its goals. He particularly enjoys the agriculture exhibits and the food during the fair.

Mr. Bare is also a member of the Maryland Motor Truck Association, a director on the Eastern Equipment Dealers Association, and is a director of Dutch’s Daughter restaurant.

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Charles Cramer

Charles Cramer is a life-long agricultural educator. He lives on a small farm with his wife, Bonnie, where they raise purebred 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 involve-

ment in the transition of The Great Frederick Fair to better "showcase the product and pride of Frederick County Agriculture" to fair guests and participants **John Bell**

Even though John Bell didn't grow up in Frederick County, he became very involved with The Great Frederick Fair as an adult through his children. All four of Mr. Bell's children exhibited cattle at the fair through the Frederick County 4-H program. He joined the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1975 and was nominated to the Board of Managers in 1983.

Mr. Bell served as president of the Frederick County Agricultural Society in 1990 and 1991. He currently serves as chairman of the livestock committee.

Although Mr. Bell enjoys all aspects of the fair, he is especially proud of the milking facility the fair added to promote the dairy industry. During the fair, hundreds of people stop to watch the cows being milked, which provides a good learning opportunity for young and old.

Mr. Bell has retired from dairy farming, but still keeps busy assisting his youngest son with his crop farming operation. He is president of the Frederick County Farm Bureau and is active in the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Key 103.1 sponsoring event

Carload Special will entice hundreds to fair

The Great Frederick Fair will again feature the "Carload Special" promotion today!

The "Carload Special," sponsored by Frederick's Key 103.1, WAFY, includes parking in Lot D, off of Monocacy Boulevard, admission to the fair and unlimited rides for all arriving in the same vehicle from 2 p.m. to close. This special offer is only available for those parking in Lot D and will not be honored in other parking areas.

The carload special is \$40 per vehicle, buses excluded.

"The Great Frederick Fair is a family

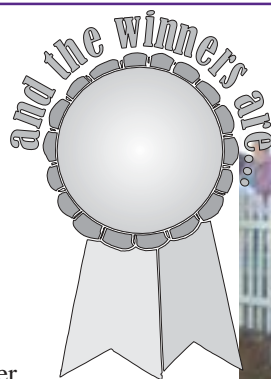


event and we want to encourage families to attend as a unit," said fair board President J.R. Ramsburg, Jr. "The carload special is designed to make the fair even more accessible to those with larger families.

"We're also very proud to again be partnering with Key 103.1 on this special promotion," he continued. "Key 103.1 is a very community and family oriented station and they attract the same type of family audiences that our fair is all about.

"Every day is a great day to attend the fair," Ramsburg add, "but with a great promotion like this, Wednesday is an even better day!"

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



4-H Dairy Cattle Show

Holstein

Junior Champion - Ashley Mayer
Reserve Junior Champion - Casey Doody
Senior and Grand Champion - Stephanie Kepler
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Curtis Rhoderick

Ayrshire

Junior Champion - Allison Eader
Reserve Junior Champion - Kandice Lenhart
Senior and Grand Champion - Kandice Lenhart
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Samantha Valentine

Brown Swiss

Junior Champion - Tyler Nowell
Reserve Junior Champion - Stephanie Kepler
Senior and Grand Champion - Stephanie Kepler
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Justin Wivell

Guernsey

Junior Champion - Owen C. Smith
Reserve Junior Champion - Owen C. Smith
Senior and Grand Champion - Lisa Garst
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Lisa Garst

Jersey

Junior Champion - Stephanie Kepler
Reserve Junior Champion - Heather Molesworth
Senior and Grand Champion - Stephanie Kepler
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Heather Molesworth

Milking Shorthorn

Junior Champion - Malorie Rhoderick
Reserve Junior Champion - Charlotte Thompson
Senior and Grand Champion - Phillip Thompson
Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion - Rikky Burrier
Shirley Eader Memorial Award - Theresa Takatsch
Friend of 4-H Award - Cindy Hines

Open Class Senior Doe Dairy Goat Show

Alpine - Diane Kirsch
Lamancha - Kathleen Anders-Musser
Nubian - Ed and Norina Dulin
Oberhasli - Bill and Donna Worden
Recorded Grade - Alice Orzechoski
Saanen - Bill and Donna Worden
Toggenburg - DRK Inc.

Open Class Junior Doe Dairy Goat Show

Saanen - Alice Orzechowski
Toggenburg - DRK Inc.
Alpine - Diane Kirsch
LaMancha - Kathleen Anders-Musser
Nubian - Kathleen Anders-Musser
Oberhasli - Kathleen Anders-Musser
Recorded Grade - Kathleen Anders-Musser

4-H Alpaca Show

High Point Senior - Emily Gowin
High Point Intermediate - Francesca Singleton
High Point Junior - Kirsten Bucker

Open Beef Cattle Breeding Show

Angus

Grand Champion Female - Jessica Willis
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Jessica Clarke
Grand Champion Bull - Chad Hahn

Hereford

Grand Champion Female - Kayla Baer
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Ron and Thelma Mills
Grand Champion Bull - Robert Bowman
Reserve Grand Champion Bull - Ron and Thelma Mills

Shorthorn

Grand Champion Female - Tyler Tessier
Reserve Grand Champion Female - Maria Stevens
Grand Champion Bull - Eric and Nancy Fleming
Reserve Grand Champion Bull - Eric and Nancy Fleming

4-H Market Hog Show

Grand Champion - Konnar Miller
Reserve Grand Champion - Brandon Buffington
Wolfe Industrial Hog - Curtis Moxley
Champion Pairs

Lightweight - Steven Little
Middleweight - Ethan Hood
Middle Heavyweight and Overall Champion -
Brandon Buffington
Heavyweight - Kelli Inskeep

Bred and Owned Champion - Ryan Eaves
Reserve Bred and Owned Champion - Kelli Inskeep
Gilt Champions

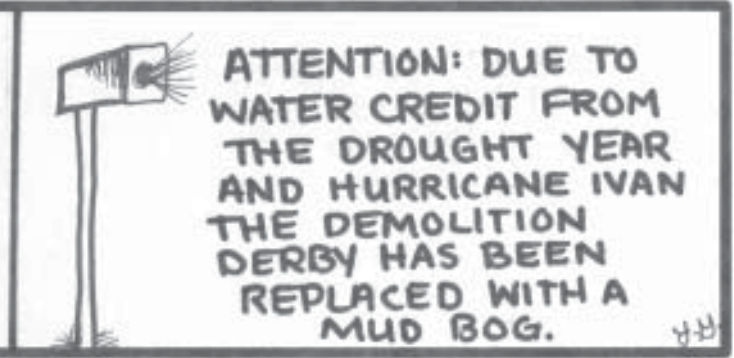
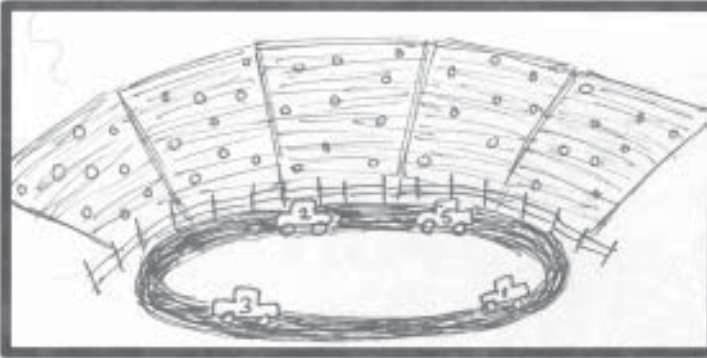
Lightweight - Katelyn Beachy
Middleweight, Middle Heavyweight and Overall
Champion - Konnar Miller
Heavyweight - Maria Stevens

Barrow Champions

Reserve Champion - Kelli Inskeep
Champion - Brandon Buffington

4-H Market Lambs

Grand Champion - Konnar Miller
Reserve Champion - Carrie Hightman
Chestnut Hill Lamb - Ricky Doub



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The afternoon grandstand event is free and open to the public. Come watch as these horses make their “stretch” around the half-mile track. You’ll also hear other harness racing lingo as the racing announcer keeps the spectators informed of who’s “boxed in,” which horse “breaks” and who’s running in the “garden spot.”

Harness racing as it is known today began in 1806 when records show that a gelding named “Yankee” trotted a mile in less than three minutes for the first time.

Trotters and pacers, called Standardbreds, received their biggest boost in 1788 when a grey Thoroughbred named “Messenger” arrived in America from England to become the patriarch of a family of quality trotting horses.



Today, the U.S. Trotting Association services some 350 fairs that offer harness racing, such as The Great Frederick Fair. Nearly three million fans watch harness racing at fairs across the country. About one in five fairs offer mutual wagering, however The Great Frederick Fair does not. The nation’s most prestigious Standardbred pacing race, the Little Brown Jug, is featured each year at the Delaware County Fair in Ohio.

Horses generally average speeds of 25 to 30 miles per hour for the mile distance races. Some other frequently asked questions about harness racing are:

- Does a driver’s weight make a difference in driving? No, except under muddy conditions. However, trends today have been going to smaller and lighter drivers.
- Is it better for a horse to race along the rail? Yes. Experts figure that a horse racing five feet from the rail will travel 62 feet farther than the horse at the rail at the mile distance over a half-mile track.
- Is driving dangerous? To a certain extent. Harness racing requires both speed and the ability to make quick decisions.
- Why do some horses have bandages on their legs? For many of the same reasons as human athletes...to help support their legs and provide protection from injury.
- What is the colored roll worn on the face of some horses? It’s called a shadow roll and it’s made of sheepskin. It cuts off the horses’s view of the track at his feet to keep him from shying or trying to jump over shadows and other objects.

The Great Frederick Fair maintains a year-round harness training facility at its fairgrounds.

Today’s Schedule Agriculture Day

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| 9 am | 4-H Beef Steer Show - Bldg. 18
4-H Dairy Goat Show - Bldg. 32
Open Class Sheep Judging - Bldg. 28 |
| 10 am | 4-H/Open Swine Breeding Judging - Bldg. 25 |
| 11 am | Kiddie Carnival Rides Open |
| 1 pm | Grandstand and Track Entertainment |
| 2 pm | Carnival Midway Opens |
| 2:30 pm | Old Fashioned Day Parade of Buggies and Carts - Grandstand |
| 6 pm | 4-H Decorated Lamb Contest and Lead Contest - Bldg. 28 |
| 7 pm | 4-H Market Goat Sale - Bldg. 32
Demolition Derby - Grandstand |

There are many great things to
TASTE at The Great Frederick Fair.

CANDY APPLE
FRENCH FRIES
FUNNEL CAKE

HOT DOG
ICE CREAM
POPCORN

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