

Sisters Make Agriculture Education Possible Through New Community Foundation Fund



(Seated, left to right) Community Foundation Trustee Karlys Kline congratulates Kaitlyn and Ashley Fuss on the establishment of The AG-C.I.T.E Fund with parents Christy and David Fuss, uncle Robert Fogle, Jr., grandmother Susie Fogle, and (standing, left to right) four of the five gentlemen who purchased Kaitlyn's winning lamb: Dale Bidle, Ken Jordan, Jimmy Summers, Jamie Remsburg (representing Jimmy Remsburg), with James S. Grimes and Executive Assistant Becky Brashear, CFE, representing The Great Frederick Fair, Inc. Fifth buyer Tommy Kline was unavailable for the photo.

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AG-C.I.T.E.

There once were some girls
who raised their sheep
for show and for market
not for counting, when trying to sleep

They had a big dream
of helping the community to learn
about agriculture and farm life
and were not sure which way it would turn

With help from some others
friends, family and businessmen
their dream of AG-Awareness
was soon to begin

The AG-CITE fund was started
so everyone could share
that awesome agricultural experience
at The Great Frederick Fair

It would not have been possible
without each and everyone of you
to make this a reality
and a dream come true

Thank you
Family, Friends, The Community Foundation and
especially Dale Bidle, Ken Jordan, Jimmy Summers,
Tommy Kline, Jimmy Remsburg and the Anonymous Donor

Fairground's name takes on new name



With so many new and varied activities taking place at our facility, a name change seems in order... and we are now known as the as the "E-ventplex at The Frederick Fairgrounds." For several months, the Board of Managers reviewed various naming and logo concepts before deciding on the chosen one.

"We really are more than a fairgrounds in today's day and age," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., fair board President, "when you think of all of the events that are held at our 797 East Patrick Street complex."

Ramsburg explained that the new reference to the facilities broadens the scope of what activities take place on a week to week, month to month and year to year basis. "We have everything from antique auctions to livestock events, to business trade shows to

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2006 Great Frederick Fair's Entertainment Lineup Released

When you add all the things up that The Great Frederick Fair has to offer you get a "Whole Lotta Fair"! and this year's 144th event is no exception, especially when it comes to entertainment. The 144th Great Frederick Fair will be held September 15-23.

Ticket prices include gate admission to the fair. Mail order

ticket sales are under way. Order forms can be printed from the fair's website at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com, or call 301-695-3928 to be placed on the ticket order form mailing list.

Grandstand events get under way Friday, Sept. 15, with the 4-H Royalty Contest, followed at 7:30 p.m. with the horse

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Monday through Friday.

Our phone numbers are 301-663-5895 or 301-663-6319.

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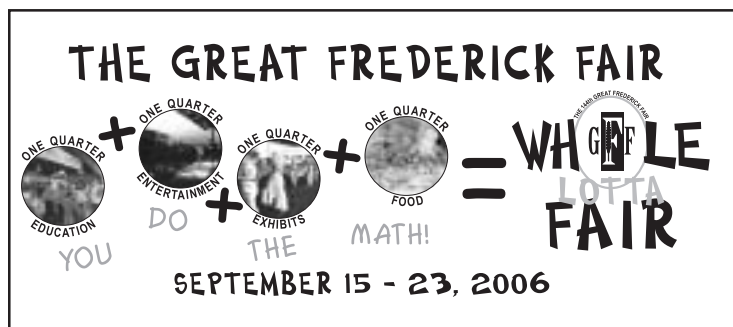
2006 will be a Whole Lotta Fair!

No matter how you add it up, The Great Frederick Fair has a whole lot to offer and this year's 144th event will be no different. From the entertainment to the fun to the education and the food, the September 15-23 fair has something for everyone!

Even if you only take in **one-fourth** of the fair's grandstand attractions, it still will add up to a whole lotta entertainment... ranging from top country music artists to

popular motorsports including one night of tractor pull and two nights of demolition derbies.

Even if you only sample **one-fourth** of the food that the fair has to offer, it still will add up to



a whole lotta good eating at the nine-day event. From crab cakes to funnel cakes ... you won't go away hungry! And don't forget to visit with our many commercial exhibitors and vendors throughout the fairgrounds.

Even if you only take in **one-fourth** of the fair's many and varied agriculture-related educational programs, it will add up to a whole lotta learning about agriculture...more than you ever imagined!

Even if you only take in **one-fourth** of the fair's fun, it still will add up to a whole lotta thrills and spills on the midway from the rides to the games of chance!

But don't forget to take in all the other parts of the fair that add up to a whole lotta experience like the:

- Farm and Garden, the Household and the 4-H Buildings to see the thousands of beautiful and creative exhibits that have either been handmade or homegrown by many of our county residents;

- daily scheduled 1/4, 1/2 or one-mile walks around the fairgrounds. Meet the other walkers at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday at the Guest Relations Center in front of Building 2 to get a healthy start to your day;

- livestock barns to see them filled with prized beef, sheep, swine, goats, horses, alpacas, poultry and rabbits on exhibit;

Check out the fair's schedule of events and select your half day or your full day of activities that are of particular interest to you and your family...whatever your time spent at The Great Frederick Fair, it will add up to a Whole Lotta Fair!



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company picnics to wedding receptions to craft shows ... you name it, and more than likely it's been held at the E-ventplex at the Frederick Fairgrounds," he said.

Ramsburg added that keeping the reference of the Frederick Fairgrounds in the name structure was and is important. "After all most people who have been in our community know us as the 'fairgrounds.' Having us know as the E-ventplex at the Frederick Fairgrounds has a nice sound to it and again it broadens the scope of who and what our facility is about."

"Our name might be updated but that doesn't mean we're losing or that we've lost our focus," Ramsburg said. "Our mission and strategies that are our guiding force are still about agriculture and education. We just need to keep current with the times and update how we are referred to in our community."

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Grant appointed new maintenance supervisor

When Donnie Grant was 19 years old he was battling the dust, rain and heat as a parking attendant in Lot A at the Great Frederick Fair. Now, 27 years later, he has made a career at the fair and was recently named supervisor of the Maintenance Division in light of Herman Claggett's retirement.

Donnie is one of five full-time employees at the Great Frederick Fair and left his job in construction five years ago to work at the fair. "When I started we got paid in cash the night that we worked," he recalled. "I did that for five years and then moved to the grandstand and worked as an usher for 10 years. I would just come and work fair week like a lot of the guys still do today."

When Donnie made the move to the stage crew, he found his home. "When I got my foot on the stage I knew that was what I wanted," he said. "That was a big jump- it's more than just a job. I love it and like the people I work with. We enjoy catching up each year while we're getting ready for the fair and during the fair week."

The supervisor considers himself the "class clown of the fairgrounds" and uses that humor to work with his fellow employees.

"I like to do things to make people laugh and keep them going," Donnie said.

When Donnie served as the fair's stage manager, he met and worked with many entertainers. "When I was working on the stage crew it was my responsibility to get them (the entertainers) picked up at the airport or wherever," he said.

Donnie said in his first year as stage manager he received a phone call from Daryl Worley three days after he had performed at The Great Frederick Fair. "He called me and thanked me for the great job we did in handling him and his band. It was great and really shows how good the crew is."

Donnie's most memorable experience in his career at the fair didn't involve big-name entertainment. "My favorite memory was the day I met Kris (Rice) - my girlfriend," he said. "We were on the stage setting up for the Randy Travis concert and I looked over and saw her sitting in the grandstand. The guys and I were teasing and I finally went up and introduced myself and told her she was 'the most beautiful woman I've ever seen.' That was on Sept. 14th and we're still happy today."

Born and raised in Frederick, Donnie spent his first five years on a farm in Buckeystown. "My dad was a farm hand at the Earl Page farm and I had a calf and liked to ride the hay elevator in the barn - those are great memories."

After six years living in Florida, Donnie's family moved back to Frederick and he's been here ever since. "I graduated from TJ High School and began working in cabinet making and construction right out of high school," he said.

In his new role as maintenance supervisor, Donnie and his staff work to maintain the buildings and grounds. "Last past year we put the aluminum siding at the dairy show ring, remodeled the office and built the new grandstand steps," he said. "A lot of people have talked about the upgrades and how nice it all looks."

"I feel like the whole staff works together really well," Donnie added.

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Frederick, Maryland: January 26, 2006: Kaitlyn Fuss, 12, and her sister Ashley Fuss, 10, have been attending the Great Frederick Fair before they could even walk. "When they were newborn babies, we'd bring them to the fair," share parents Christy and David Fuss of Frederick. They were always thrilled to visit the farm animals. Their excitement translates now into their involvement with the Frederick County 4-H Club, which promotes youth development in various disciplines including farming and agriculture, and their passion for raising and showing sheep. "Our Uncle Bob built a barn on my Grandmother Susie's land where we go to raise, feed, exercise, and groom our sheep. We learn a lot about what goes into raising sheep," explains Kaitlyn, "including working within a budget." In September 2005, she entered *Geter Done*, one of her lambs, into the livestock competition at the Great Frederick Fair. Then, she had an idea, one that leads today to the creation of The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund at The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

"I wanted even more kids and non-farm people to learn about farming and farm animals. They should be able to experience some of the great times my sister and I have had being on the farm. So, I told my parents that if my lamb won, I would donate 80 percent of what it sells for. The money could then be used to help others better understand life on farms and all that comes from farms. I want to give something back," says Kaitlyn, who attends Walkersville Middle School.

"Kaitlyn really came to us with the idea and we fully supported her. Both she and her sister Ashley work so hard raising their lambs and talking to potential buyers throughout the year to purchase their animals during the fair. Kaitlyn's idea certainly sparked deeper interest in her particular sale," add Mr. and Mrs. Fuss. It is standard practice for those entering livestock for competition at the fair to also recruit potential buyers. After being judged, the animals are typically sold to the highest bidders during fair week.

"I was very surprised," confesses Kaitlyn when *Geter Done* won Reserve Champion Market Lamb, which equates to second best in the entire competition. Inspired by Kaitlyn's idea for using the sale proceeds, five staunch agriculture supporters—Dale Bidle of Bidle's Excavating and Hauling, Ken Jordan of Dewey Jordan, Inc., Jimmy Summers of James E. Summers, Ent., Tommy Kline of R.F. Kline, Inc., and Jimmy Remsburg of Remsburg Family Partnership—came together to purchase the award-winning lamb in one of the highest sale prices to date. Part of those proceeds as well as \$200 that Ashley donated when her lamb was sold after

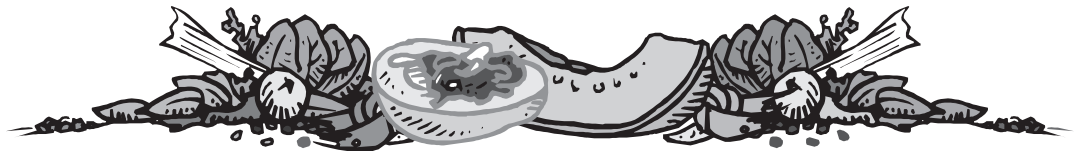
winning third place in its class were used to establish The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund at the Community Foundation. Other supporters of the idea contributed directly toward the establishment of The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund, some of whom gave anonymously.

The fund, whose name is an acronym for Agriculture Community Interactive Teaching Experience, aims to heighten awareness, promote agriculture and provide agriculture educational activities for residents of all ages throughout Frederick County. The Great Frederick Fair, Inc. will solicit and screen applications for grants from the fund, with final selections subject to the approval of the Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. Grants might go toward such activities as providing hands-on displays of farm animals, farm equipment, crops, and other agriculture-related items, implementing agriculture education programs for farm and non-farm families, creating interest in agricultural-based businesses in Frederick County, conducting agricultural preservation and conservation programs, promoting agricultural literacy, and purchasing equipment or technology for agriculture training. The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund will start awarding grants in these areas when it reaches the minimum \$10,000.

After 20 years of weaving the fabric of our community, the Community Foundation continues to offer fresh opportunities for donors to connect the dots between their charitable dreams and the positive difference they wish to make in Frederick County. For Kaitlyn Fuss and her family that dream is to make agriculture education a reality for all. "When I grow up, I want to be an agriculture teacher, an extension educator or a fair executive," says Kaitlyn. Her work in launching The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund already exhibits her commitment to agriculture education. The fund joins over 525 others at the Community Foundation, which has awarded more than \$13 million in community grants and scholarships since 1986. To learn more about working with the Community Foundation to open a charitable fund reflecting specific charitable dreams, visit the web site for information or call 301.695.7660.

Tax-deductible contributions to grow The AG-C.I.T.E. Fund are accepted at any time in any amount. Checks may be made payable to The Community Foundation of Frederick County and sent to 312 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, 21701. Insert "AG-C.I.T.E. Fund" in the check's memo line. Donations are also accepted online using Visa or MasterCard through the Community Foundation's web site by clicking on "Contribute" in the upper right-hand corner.

FARMERS MARKET OFFERS FRESH ITEMS



The Great Frederick Fair Farmers' Market is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a large offering of products such as fresh meats, baked goods, herbs, fresh vegetables, handmade items. Located on the fairgrounds at Gate 2, the corner of Monroe Avenue and East Patrick Street, and is serviced by Transit Services of Frederick County by the Blue Route and Flex Route. <http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/>

The Great Frederick Fair Farmers' Market is in its 35th year, and is still 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. Check the website for a list of vendors and updates and information on additional programs being offered in the market.

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pull. Both events are free.

Musical entertainment starts in front of the grandstand at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, with the return of comedian Bill Engvall from the Blue Collar Group. Reserved track seats are \$35 each, and reserved grandstand tickets are \$30.

"The whole week from beginning to end is filled with great entertainment," said Jim Grimes, chairman of the fair's Entertainment Committee. "We are very fortunate to still be able to attract some of the biggest and best names in country music and specialty performers."

On Sunday, Sept. 17, Terry Clark takes center stage. The 7 p.m. performance will be kicked off with Billy Currington. Tickets for the duo show are \$45 for reserved track seats and \$40 for reserved grandstand.

The popular tractor and truck pull returns to the fair Monday, Sept. 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each for all seats. Returning to the fair is two nights of Demolition Derby. The derbies get started at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday, Sept. 20. Tickets for all seats are \$20 each.

Blake Shelton and Josh Gracin take center stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Tickets are \$35 for reserved track seats and \$30 for reserved grandstand.

The Friday, Sept. 22, grandstand performance showcases Trace Adkins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are SOLD OUT.

The week ends Saturday, Sept. 23, with legend George Jones taking center stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for reserved track seats and \$30 for reserved grandstand.

Claggett retires after 27+ years of service at GFF

You've see him everywhere on the Great Frederick Fairgrounds for 27+ years, and now Herman Claggett has taken on a new role ... Retirement! Six years ago he became supervisor of the Maintenance Division when his good friend and boss Butch Stitley passed away.

"For 20 years, while I was working for the City of Frederick in the fire department, I would work 24 hours on and 48 hours off so I worked part-time for 20 years," he said.

Herman has seen a lot of changes in almost three decades at the fairgrounds. "It was a lot harder in the earlier years," he said. "The set-up before the fair took a couple of weeks. We didn't rent the buildings and grounds much then so we had tables and things stored in the barns and it took a lot to clean up and get them in the buildings."

"I remember that the grass in the infield would be four feet high just a week before the fair and we would have someone come in and cut it for hay," Herman said. "We did most of the work manually - all we had was one tractor, an old truck and Cub Cadet."

Setting up the fairgrounds is much easier with the machinery on hand today, he said. "The whole fair operation is much better now - much more organized," Herman said. "The

changes have definitely benefited the fair. The old-time fair was OK and we had good times but it runs much better now."

Improving the fair was always on the mind of Herman. He used to spend time visiting other fairgrounds to get improvement ideas. "You can really learn a lot from others and I like seeing how others handle their operations."

Herman most cherished the personal side of his job. "I enjoyed working with the vendors and cattle people," he said. "They know me by name and like to visit and give us ideas to help make things better. They really appreciate when you do things to help. "I'm a people person B I like keeping people happy," he said.

Herman's strong and consistent work ethic comes from his agricultural background. Born and raised on a dairy farm in the Adamstown area, he learned how to get jobs done. "We first lived and worked on the Clyde Page farm down Route 85 and then moved to the O'Hara farm on New Design Road where Kingsbrook stands now."

When he turned 18 years old, Herman took a job with the State Highway Administration and then moved to a job with the city's fire department.



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?

Many various activities are held at the E-ventplex 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.

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON

JULY

4	Barbara Fritchie Motorcycle Race	301-662-8211
7-9	Northeast Texas Longhorn Cattle Show	540-337-3592
8	Central MD Dairy Goat Show	301-432-5591
8	MD Guernsey Field Day	
13	Frederick-Montgomery Holstein Field Day	
23	MD Brown Swiss/Ayrshire/Jersey Field Day	
24	4-H/FFA Tractor Operators Contest	

AUGUST

4-6	Country Peddler Show	717-656-4849
18-20	Frederick Sport Expo	301-668-1172
25-26	Kids Nearly New Sale	410-832-6039
26-27	African Handcraft Sale	336-379-8455

SEPTEMBER

15-23	THE 144th GREAT FREDERICK FAIR	301-663-5895
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All scheduled events are subject to change without notice. For rental information of the fairgrounds, call 301-663-5895 or www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

History books, fair ornaments, souvenirs for sale

Have a person who needs a unique gift? Why not them a history book detailing The Great Frederick Fair and the Frederick County Agricultural Society? Or how about a set of glass etched ornaments that can be used year round in any decorating scheme? The ornaments showcase various facets of the fair and buildings. The decorative wooden plaques also detailing various fair scenes are also available. And yes, there are still some prior year fair trucks. Contact the Administration Office for more details at 301-663-5895!



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