

Elizabethtown Fair

Lancaster County's farm fair season officially kicks off on August 23, with the opening of the 15th Annual Elizabethtown Fair.

A pre-Labor Day treat, the fair runs until August 27, at the East High Street fairgrounds, located just past the Elizabethtown Area High School. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Exhibitors may pre-register their entries at this fair Office, on the grounds, Saturday, August 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All domestic entries will be received at the Brethren in Christ fellowship hall on Monday, August 22. Doors open for registration for 9:00 a.m.

Animal exhibits will be received for competition on Tuesday, August 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday is also the opening day of the fair. The official fair opening will be at 6:30 p.m. on the main stage. Domestic exhibit areas open to the public at 5:00 p.m. The rabbit show is held at 4:30 p.m. and the swine show at 6:00 p.m. George Grickis will entertain fairgoers with his organ music at 7:15 p.m.

The prize-winning baked goods auction will highlight the evening, beginning at 9:00 p.m. on the center stage. Lively bidding is again expected in the annual event, which is a crowd favorite. High honors will go to both the Best of Show in the decorated cake division and the winning bidder.

The winner in the baked apple pie division also will have the opportunity to compete in a state-wide competition at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Each local and county fair will be sending a representative to the state-level bake off.

Senior Citizens Day on Wednesday will feature Soony Miller and the Happy Valley Boys on the main stage starting at 8:00 p.m. The Youth Sheep Show will be held on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. The Lancaster County FFA Tractor Driving contest is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., to be followed by the beef show at 6:00 p.m. in the main arena. Dairy goats will be judged at 8:00 p.m., also in the main arena.

The two events which give Farmers' Day its meaning are sche-

duled for Thursday evening. The Supreme Champion event, when the best of show, dairy, beef, youth sheep, swine, and goat winners compete for top honors, will be followed by the Sale of Champions. Both events will be held in the show tent beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Groff Meat's, Elizabethtown, will again sponsor the trophy for the Best of Show.

The dairy show will be held earlier in the day, at 11:00 a.m. George Grickis will perform on the main stage at 6:30 p.m., followed by a favorite local group, Al Bethel's Creole Kings Dixieland Jazz Band, at 8:00 p.m.

Excitement mounts on Friday, August 26, Merchant's Day, with the open sheep show at 4:00 p.m. A new event to the fair, a sheep dog demonstration will be held in the horse arena at 6:00 p.m.

The Area Artist Art & Craft Auction, including this year's cover painting for the fair premium

book, will be held in the show tent at 7:00 p.m. The cover painting, contributed by Pat Drybred, noted local artist, depicts the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Country and Western music fans will enjoy the return of the Jay Earle Band, performing at 8:00 p.m. on the main stage.

Family Day on Saturday, August 27, wraps up the fair in high style with the annual 4-H Horse show at 11:00 p.m.

Events scheduled for the youngsters during the day include a big wheel race at 10:00 a.m., a puppet show, at 11:00 a.m., and the Pet Show, at 12:30 p.m.

The EARC sponsored arm wrestling Contest will be held on the main stage at 2:00 p.m. The third annual Sheep-to-Shawl Contest will be held in the show tent at 3:00 p.m.

Highlighting the evening will be the Garden Tractor Pull, on the fairgrounds track, at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 50 drivers from Pennsylvania and Maryland will compete for trophies and prize money in five different classes.

The fair will close in an explosion of color with a fireworks display sponsored by the Elizabethtown Jaycees and the Elizabethtown Fair. Approximate time for the fireworks is 10:30 p.m.

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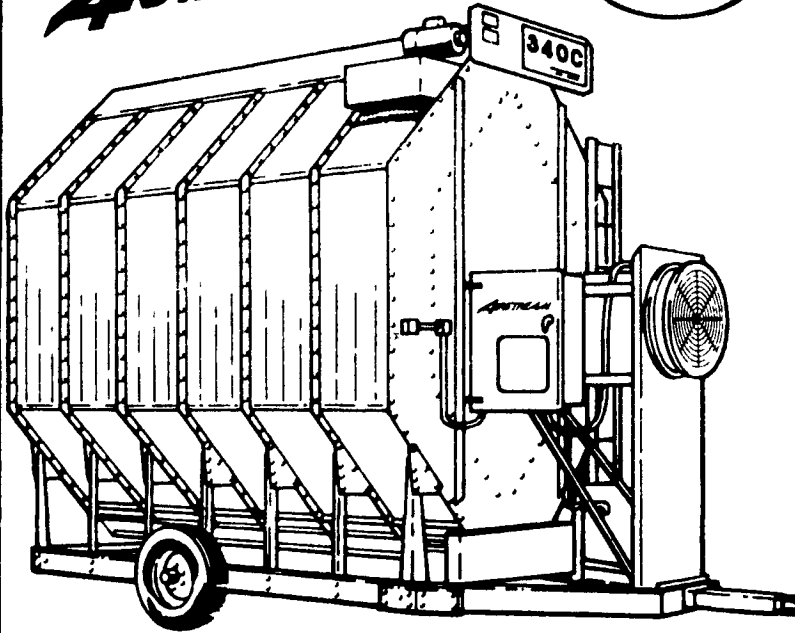
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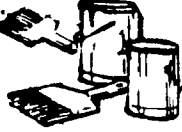
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