## Celebration For Sheep, Wool To Be Held

WEST FRIENDSHIP, MD — The eighteenth annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival will be held May 4 and May 5, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Maryland. The Festival is a national celebration of the sheep and its contribution to man and commerce. Admission is free.

The festival features more than 250 craft and equipment booths,

sheep dog demonstrations, sheep shearing contests, a sheep to shawl competition, a fashion show, musical entertainment and many other activities.

The 250 craft and equipment booths will feature handmade craft items and specialty goods. Wool garments, yarns, sheepskins, pillows, jewelry, books, and original artwork are just some of the items available for sale.

An estimated 700 sheep will be at the fairgrounds for various competitions and demonstrations. There will be a display of many of the different breeds of sheep.

The Sheep to Shawl competition involves competing teams of five people who shear the sheep, comb and spin the raw wool into yarn, and then weave the wool into a

shawl.

The public is invited to taste lamb samples cooked in various ways. There will be lamb cooking demonstrations and recipes will be available.

The Festival hours are Saturday,

May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For further information call the Howard County Tourism Council at 301-750-8582 or Mary Streaker at 301-823-4037.

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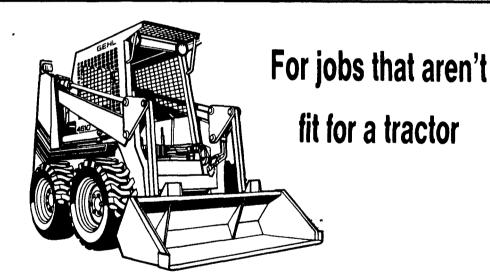
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