

Ephrata Fair Marks 75th Anniversary



Gotta. Or does he? The pig chase provides plenty of thrills for those adventurous enough to enter.

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Sure, Pennsylvania's largest street fair is famous for its parade, its cheese steak sandwiches, and its Ferris wheel. But those who stick to Main Street concessions, carnival rides, and parade gawking are missing the best part of the Ephrata Fair.

This year, its 75th anniversary, make sure you walk or take the shuttle bus a few blocks south to Tent City, the place where country

and city meet. It's where the bleating of sheep mingles with pig squealing and bawling steers.

During other times of the year, these sounds are foreign to Ephrata Park, where Tent City is located, but the last full week of every September, these sounds attract crowds of fairgoers eager to see real farm animals.

Tent City isn't just a place for town folks to gape. It's really the place where country folks congregate to show off their tractor driving skills, where 4-H'ers and FFA'ers compete in ewe-to-ewe combat, and where hog buyers open their hearts and pocketbooks to claim the highest bid.

From September 21 to 25, Tent City carries a full agenda of ag-related activities. Some is serious stuff such as farm equipment displays but other things are just plain ridiculous fun such as the pig chase and the calf dressing contest.

For 25 years, Charles Ackley, former advisor for the Young Adult Farmer Program for Ephrata School District, has been in charge of Tent City activities. During his tenure, Tent City has grown to include farm machinery displays, tractor driving contests, garden tractor pulls, a community tug-of-war rope pull, a milking contest, family fun night on Friday, and a pumpkin contest.

"Large animal shows have diminished but sheep and hog shows have grown in size," Ackley said.

He said that the success of Tent City is due to the involvement of FFA and adult farmers, who take charge of most of the activities.

This year, Ackley has turned the reins of leadership over to Rep. Terry Scheetz and Clark Stauffer. Antique tractor judging on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. is a new activity this year.

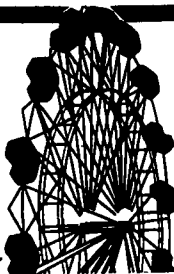
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75th ANNIVERSARY EPHRATA FAIR



Sept. 21 - 25

EXHIBITS CONTESTS LIVESTOCK SHOWS FOOD
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Tuesday

Bake Sale - 10:00 a.m.
Ephrata Review, Main Street
Place Farm Machinery Exhibits -
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Farm Machinery Exhibits Open - 4:00 p.m.
Pork Chop Barbeque (YF Food Tent) - 5:00 p.m.
Adult Tractor Driving Contest - 5:00 p.m.
Junior Market Hog Judging (UBD)
5:00 p.m.
Antique Tractor Judging 6:30 p.m.
Pig Chase (UBD) - 8:00 p.m.

Friday

Cow Milking Contest - 6:30 p.m.
Family Fun Contests
Following Cow Milking Contest

Wednesday

Dairy Cattle Judging - 10:00 a.m.
Cloister FFA Tractor Driving Contest
(LBD) 1:00 p.m.
Carcass Lamb On Foot Judging - 3:30 p.m.
Junior Market Lamb Judging (UBD)
4:00 p.m.
Street Fair Parade - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Exhibits Close (Ephrata Community Park) -
10:00 a.m.
Remove Exhibits - 10:00-11:00 a.m.
(Ephrata Community Park)
Clean Up Park - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Baby Parade - 2:00 p.m.
Entertainment (Midway) - 8:00 p.m.
Miss Lancaster County Scholarship Pageant
8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Kiddies Day - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Sale of Lambs - Starting At 6:30 p.m.
Hog Sale (Ephrata Park - UBD)
Following Lamb Sale
Community Tug-Of-War (UBB)
Garden Tractor Pulling Contest -
(LBD) 7:00 p.m.

SHUTTLE BUS

For the convenience of the public, a shuttle bus will be provided, free of charge, to Tent City on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, week of the Fair.

The bus will leave from the corner of South State Street and Franklin Street beginning at 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

FAIR OFFICE TELEPHONE
(717) 733-4451

Handicap Parking

All agriculture Activities and exhibits including farm machinery, livestock, and crops will be in "Tent City" at the Ephrata Community Park.

Visit the EAYFA Refreshment Stand. Crop, livestock and farm machinery on display all day with special emphasis from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Community Park. This schedule applies only to the Tent City portion of the Ephrata Fair.

SPECIAL NOTE: If Parade is rained out on Wednesday evening, sales of lambs and hogs will be held Friday at 5:00 p.m.

* UBD - Upper Ball Diamond

* LBD - Lower Ball Diamond

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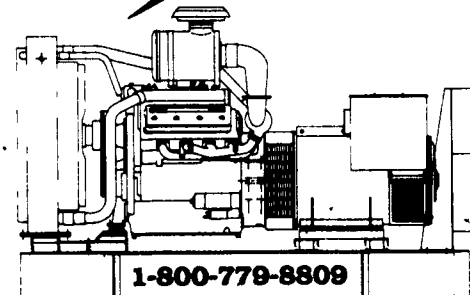
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