

Schnecksville Community Fair Going To Pay One Price

The 13th Annual Schnecksville Community Fair will be held on the Schnecksville Fire Company Grounds, Schnecksville, on June 25-June 29.

Fair hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday 5 p.m. to midnight; and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The theme this year is "E-I - E-I - GO", focusing on the farm community. After you park your car, and walk toward the fair entrance gates, look for the fair's newly built ticket booths that are constructed in the shape of a barn.

Another major change this year will be the newly constructed outdoor stage. It too will have the appearance of a barn.

This year you will find Schnecksville Community Fair fenced in. Schnecksville Community Fair is going to pay one price, which is a new concept for entertainment events, here in the Lehigh Valley. Only \$5 per person (over 30 inches tall) admits you to Schnecksville Community Fair. This includes free parking, free exhibits, free entertainment, and best of all — ride all day at no further cost. This price does not include food, beverages, and games. Admission rates are for

everyone over 30 inches tall.

This year's fair will include special children's events. On Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be a safety program w/robot. And on Saturday is a Kid's Day with a kids tractor pull contest starting at 2 p.m., child I.D. program from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. by the Pennsylvania State Police, and Magic Stage Show by Ronald McDonald.

The \$5 admission fee will include to ride all 15 rides at no further cost. Schnecksville Community Fair will also include more than 20 food concessions, games, plus so much more!

For additional information on the 13th Annual Schnecksville Community Fair, call the fair office at (610) 799-9467, leave a message with your telephone number, and we will return your call as soon as possible.

SULLIVAN COUNTY RODEO, DEMOLITION DERBY

Tickets are now on sale for the Sullivan County Rodeo & Demolition Derby scheduled for July 6-7 at the Sullivan County Fairgrounds in Forksville. Admission is free.

The Rodeo will be held July 6 at 8 p.m. and will feature cowboys and cowgirls competing in six In-

ternational Pro Rodeo Association sanctioned contests. The rodeo animals will be on the grounds all day on Saturday, July 6 for you to observe. Starting at 11 a.m. there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, craft show and sale, and plenty of good food.

The Demolition Derby will be held on July 7 at 1 p.m. The gates will open at 11 a.m. and there will be food available all day.

The rodeo and Demolition Derby are sponsored by the Sullivan County Agricultural Society.

Wool/Sheep Breeders Association Of New Jersey

The New Jersey Sheep/Wool Breeders Association of New Jersey announce the 5th Annual Harvest Sheep and Wool Festival to be held Sept. 28-29 at Salem County Fairgrounds in Woodstown, N.J.

Prefestival workshops will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 (wool grading and judging) and on Friday, Sept. 27 on judging wool sheep. Glen Eidman, professional sheep judge, will be the instructor.

Contact Wayne and Edie Van-Valkenberg (609) 769-1526 for registration.

The 3rd Star Fiber Guild of Woodstown will be doing a sheep to shawl demonstration. Other fiber guilds are invited to come and spin.

Other events include skein and garment competition, shepherd's lead, educational seminars, sheep show (200 sheep and 15 breeds represented), sheep shearing demonstration, sheep dog demonstration, quality hand-crafted fiber and wool products for sale (40 venders), fleece auction, and others.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (609) 478-2933.

Lancaster FSA Sets Farm Bill Meeting

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)

— County Executive Director
Kathy Baxter announced that the
Farm Service Agency (FSA) will
hold a meeting to discuss provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill May
23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm and
Home Center.

"The new farm law offers a one-shot opportunity to sign up for the new seven-year program," Baxter said. "Once the May 20 through July 12 sign-up period closes, only farmers with land coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program will be eligible to enroll."

"It is critical that all affected people understand the changes that the new farm law will bring to farm operations," County Committee Chairman Luke Brubaker said. "The Farm Bill places a lot of responsibility squarely on the shoulders of farmers and there is little time left to get all of the information needed to make some important, long-term decisions."

At the meeting, participants will have an opportunity to view a videotape presentation by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and senior Washington, D.C. staff on the general provisions of the new farm law. Local FSA staff will brief local participants on the technical provisions of the farm programs.

"Included with the new planting flexibility are some options, and some risks, farmers haven't had to face before," Brubaker said. "Crop insurance has been 'delinked' from the programs, but disaster assistance is gone. This means that with few exceptions,

farmers are out of luck if weather ruins their crops.

"Planting flexibility means the marketplace will decide what and how much, not the government. Farmers will need to learn how to make the most of the markets," Brubaker said. "The marketing assistance loans will be a big help, but the decisions are not going to be made for producers — they're going to have to learn the details of these programs and make all the decisions."

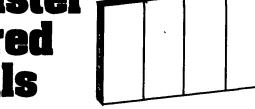
Also at the producer meeting, Farm Service Agency personnel will discuss landlord-tenant issues, transition payments, payment limitations, loan rates, formulas for payments, and other technical details of the new farm law.

"This is the biggest change in production agriculture since the Great Depression of the 1930s," Brubaker said. "Yet all of the changes have to be implemented in the shortest time the Department of Agriculture has ever had to implement a few Farm Bill.

"We have a big job ahead of us, precious little time to do the work, a lot of information to share, and we're going to provide people with all the information we can to help them make the best decisions," Brubaker said. "Implementing farm legislation in the best of conditions is difficult. This year it will be a big challenge.

"The Farm Service Agency's people will get the job done," Brubaker said. "We're going to get it done quickly, and we're going to get it done right."

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