

No Agricultural Event Compares To Farm Show

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their own pace, beginning Monday in the second floor of the Northeast Building, in the Family Living and Agricultural Learning Area, there are scheduled demonstrations of the skills and techniques in weaving, cooking, lace making, branch carving, and the making of old-fashioned children's toys and games, and floral designing.

There are two stages set up in the Family Living, Ag Learning Area, and educational and entertainment presentations are scheduled from Monday through Thursday, with each day devoted to different interests. (See the schedule of Family Living and Ag Learning Area events in Section B.)

Monday is Chef's Day, and is to feature cooking and meal presentation demonstrations.

Tuesday is Pennsylvania Floral Industry Day and along with a full day of presentations by floral design and care experts, there are to be presentations of spinning fine hairs, ornaments, folk music, and a presentation on the world-renowned Martin Guitar Company.

Wednesday is Youth Day and is to feature the state's top 4-H public speaking contest winners, state winners in a special "Products for the Planet" contest; school agricultural education demonstrations; and at 6 p.m., the state championship bid calling contest, held by the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association.

Thursday doesn't have a special theme, but will feature folk and bluegrass music and a flower presentation, as well as the third annual micro-pong table tennis

tournament.

Education is a key element in the presentations are the Farm Show, and it has become more and more emphasized each year, for good reason.

"We are now probably looking at the third generation removed from our agrarian society, and there are not many places you can go to, to get the same background (in agriculture) as we have here. They show people how they derive their food and fiber," Grumbine

said.

Such types of changes have occurred with some of the competitive departments, such as in vegetable competitions.

While the number of entries isn't known until exhibitors bring them to Harrisburg and register them, the competition was changed somewhat last year to include educational displays that also get judged.

According to Delbert Voight, Lebanon County Extension agent

who is vice chairman of the department, the whole format of the vegetable show has been changed.

"It basically used to be that ... people would bring the entries in and we would display and class them for judging," Voight said.

"But now we have displays with educational intent so that the average farmer and non-farmer person can learn about what can be grown in Pennsylvania."

According to Voight, the difference

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Farm Show Information

•HOURS are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except Thursday, when the show closes at 4 p.m.

•Admission is FREE for all events during Farm Show Week.

•The Farm Show Complex is located along Cameron and Maclay Streets in Harrisburg, just off exit 23 of Interstate 81.

•Parking is available on the 60-acre site for \$5 per vehicle. Overflow parking is offered at the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) with shuttle bus service to the Main Exhibit Building for a fee. Handicapped parking and access areas have been expanded and can now be found along the South Entrance, the North Entrance and in front of the Large Arena.

•Lost children and parents should report to the State Police Command Center along the north wall of the Main Building. Lost & Found items are kept in the Farm Show Security Office, located in the corridor between the Main and North Buildings.

•The famous commodity food booths are located in the East Building, snack bars are located around the facility, and a cafeteria on the second floor of the Main Building offers complete meals and ala carte items.

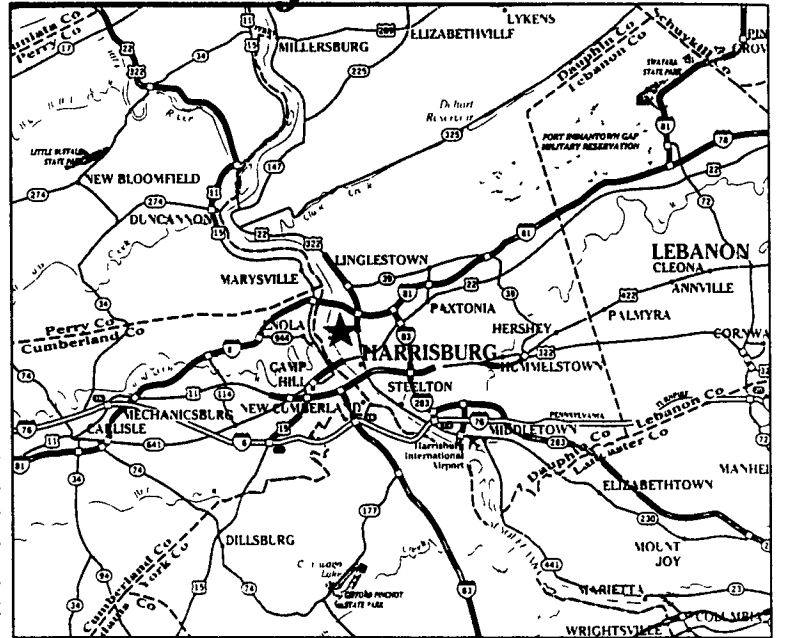
•The Emergency Medical Services Room with doctors, nurses and ambulance attendants is located on the Lower Concourse of the Large Arena.

•Restrooms are located throughout the Farm Show Complex and most of them have diaper changing tables. Nursing mothers can find a quiet spot in the EMS room by the Large Arena.

•Coat checks are located in the South Lobby and Large Arena. The fee is 50 cents per item.

•Information booths and public pay telephones are located throughout the Complex.

•The Director's Office and Press Room are located on the second floor over the Main Lobby. The Radio Room is off the Lower Concourse of the Large Arena.



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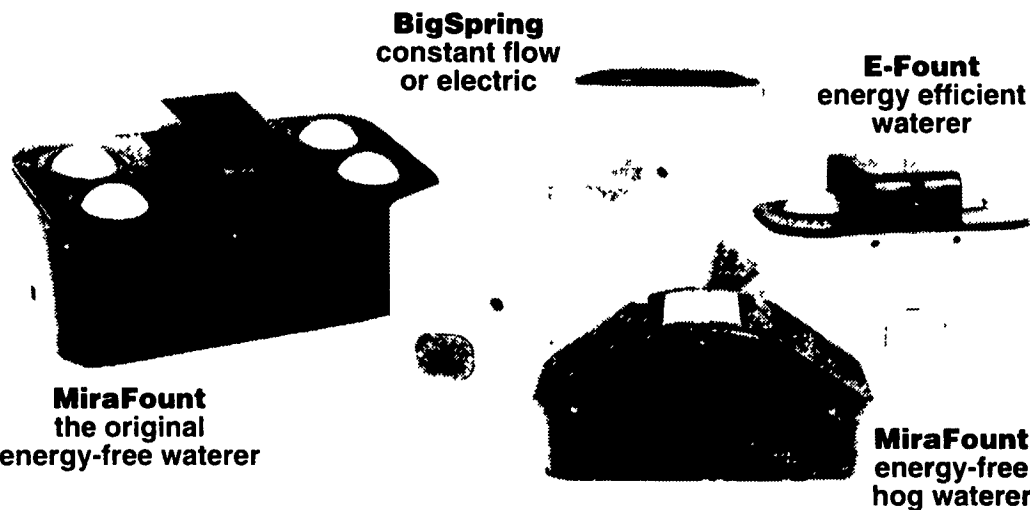
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