



Draft Horse, Mule Show Popular At Great Frederick Fair

The draft horse and mule show has long been a favorite among spectators and participants at The Great Frederick Fair, and this should be no different.

The one-day show gets under way at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 17, in the infield at the fairgrounds. The show is one of many shows and activities going on during the 138th version of The Great Frederick Fair. The nine-day fair runs Sept. 15-23 in Frederick, Md.

Sunday's show will be judged by Todd Biddle of Palmyra, Ohio and Jason Eberly of Monclova, Ohio. The daylong show will feature halter classes as well as the popular antique farm implement class, the hitch and cart classes. Halter classes are for exhibitors with registered Belgians, Clydesdales, Percherons or Shire, Suffolk and gelding and unregistered mares. Judging is based on the animal's conformation and animal condition.

"The draft horse and mule show continues to be a popular event at The Great Frederick Fair," said Nancy Hendricks, president of the fair board. "The halter classes are certainly educational because this is where

the public can learn how these animals are supposed to look and what they have been bred for."

The other classes are the entertaining portion of the show, both for the exhibitor and the spectators. "This is where the public can see how these exhibitors have trained these horses and mules to work together in team hitches and pull carts and antique farm equipment," Hendricks said.

Open Contests At Delaware County 4-H Fair

Delaware County 4-H invites the public to participate in several contests during the 4-H fair, Aug. 11-12 at the 4-H Farm and Center, Garrett Williamson Foundation, 395 Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square.

Details about classes, requirements, and awards are available in the fair booklet at the Cooperative Extension Office, Smedley Park, Springfield, PA 19064-2705, 610-690-2655.

• **Open Vegetable Show.** Entries accepted Thursday, Aug. 10, from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded. Growers are asked to submit vegetables according to one of four classes. Large vegetables — one of a kind; medium vegetables — three of one variety; small vegetables — six of one variety; and

Garden Basket — four to eight types of vegetables in one basket, grown by the same exhibitor. Vegetables will be judged on trueness to variety type, market quality and freedom from disease, insect damage or waste.

• **Stinky Shoe Contest.** Contestants of any age are invited to wear their most interesting, used, and stinky shoes into the show ring on Friday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded based on the decision of the judge. The judge's decisions are final and totally arbitrary. Come poke fun at your most interesting shoes!

• **Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest.** Test your skill at spitting watermelon seeds and try to beat last year's winner more

than 15-feet! This contest will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 12. Classes will be age: 8-12 years; 13-18 years; and adult. Contestants may enter more than once, with three tries per turn. Ribbons will be awarded.

• **Silent Auctions.** Items donated by members and area businesses will be on display and open for bids from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12. Final bids will be determined at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12.

• **Livestock Auction.** Market lambs and hogs will be auctioned at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. Arrangements can be made to cut the meat to the customer's order and packaged by an USDA licensed butcher. This

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In addition to these open contests, 4-H members will show lambs, poultry, pigs, and horses in grooming and showmanship classes. Exhibits will include vegetable and other projects completed by 4-H members.

Visitors can tour the 4-H Center and support the organization through the purchase of refreshments, hayrides, silent auction, or livestock auction items.

New this year will be a trained dog show and craft making. Information will be available on all 4-H programs for youth from ages 8-18. Come and experience 4-H in Delaware County!

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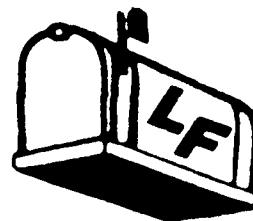
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