

# Maryland State Fair

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## Youth Safety Program

The KRIS (Kids Recovery Identification Systems) Project, created to assist parents, law enforcement officials, and the community in locating missing children will showcase its child safety programs, Friday, Aug. 22 through Monday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., in the Exhibition Hall at the Maryland State Fair.

KRIS has incorporated state of the art technology and proven methods of emergency safety procedures into its programs. Its Video Identification Program, a one-minute video CD-Rom of the child for parents to keep on hand, has been a leading technology in the child recovery field. Other services such as Child Fingerprinting, Digital Photo Identification Cards, and the Photographic ID Database (that allows flyers to be created and distributed to law enforcement agencies, the media and community volunteers) have become indispensable tools for police and forensic detectives in emergency situations.

According to a study released by the National Incident Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Throwaway Children, nearly 800,000 children were reported missing in 2002. "We all must do everything possible to assist in the recovery of a missing child, they are counting on us," said KRIS president Sha Stafford Brown.

Fairgoers will receive free child safety materials and information on how parents can promptly relay pertinent information on missing children to the proper

authorities. Fairgoers will also have the opportunity to ask questions and for nominal fees register their children for specific programs.

The KRIS Project, founded by Maryland State Police Officer Sha S. Brown, incorporates expert information that his mother, former Maryland State Police Officer Karen Fortune, utilized in her years facilitating child fingerprinting programs, "Project Kid Care" for The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and other child protection programs.

## Maryland Agriculture Ambassador

Twenty-three women between the ages of 16 and 19, who have earned their place in the 2003 Maryland Agriculture Ambassador Contest (formerly known as the Maryland Farm Bureau Queen Contest) by winning their county Farm Bureau-sponsored contests will compete for the Maryland Agriculture Ambassador title, scholarship and cash awards valued up to \$6,500.

The reigning Maryland Farm Bureau Queen, Miss Hannah Amoss of Harford County, will have the honor of passing the new title on to her successor, the 2003 Maryland Agriculture Ambassador at the Maryland Agriculture Ambassador Contest, Friday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m., in the Horse Sales Pavilion.

"I feel honored to have been a part of the proud tradition of representing agriculture throughout the state," said 2002 Maryland State Farm Bureau Queen Hannah Amoss. "As we step forward to the future with our new Agriculture Ambassador program, I am encouraged that the legacy of

promoting our State's number one industry will continue to expand. This program will increase the potential for other young people to gain first-hand knowledge and experience about the many opportunities made possible through agriculture. I particularly appreciated the time I spent learning from educating Maryland's diverse farming community, legislators and the general public."

The 23 Maryland County Farm Bureau Ambassadors vying for the 2003 Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador title will be critiqued during a two-day competition, primarily on their farm/agricultural experience, speaking ability, Farm Bureau knowledge, personality, friendliness and personal presentation.

The 2003 Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador will be present throughout the run of the State Fair to award prizes, and mingle with fairgoers, dignitaries, and media representatives. Her responsibilities will continue throughout the year, as she will participate in a number of activities representing Maryland agriculture and the Maryland Farm Bureau. The runners-up will assist the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador with award presentations and serve as hostesses for dignitaries.

## Stuntmen Return To Tumble, Flip, and Fly

Five extreme stuntmen, including some who have performed in "Austin Powers," "Batman Forever," "Hook" and other movies, will perform a variety of high-flying and thrilling stunts during the Xtreme Air Ultimate Stunt Show, Friday, Aug. 22 through Monday, Sept. 1 at the Maryland State Fair. Performances will be conducted several times each day during the Fair.



At last year's Maryland State Fair Beef Stand were, from left, Peggy Soper, Beth Turner, and Cindy Dickson, of Convenience Catering.

The Xtreme Air stunt team will attempt world record triple and quad somersaults from more than 40 feet in the air, will be catapulted over 50 feet from a high performance Russian Swing, and will fall from an 85-foot high platform. And, this year, Xtreme Air will add their Rail Soaping and Grinding Show, a stunt show invented by them.

"It takes the best stuntmen in the world to perform from our high tech stunt equipment," said Xtreme Air founder, lead flyer, trainer, and producer Shawn Goodner. "The audience will witness the same type of stunts that they see in the movies. In fact, they will see more stunts in this 30-minute show than in a two-hour action movie."

The 122nd Maryland State Fair, which offers a variety of livestock and horse shows, midway rides, thoroughbred horse racing, arts and crafts, and home arts exhibits, runs from Friday, Aug. 22 through Monday, Sept. 1.

The Toyota Concert Series will present three concerts by national artists. The concerts are free with admission to the Fair.

Thoroughbred Horse Racing begins Saturday, Aug. 23 and runs throughout the fair with live and/or simulcast races from a variety of other tracks around the country. Admission to the race-track is included in the admission price of the fair. Parking on the fairgrounds for a minimal fee and free parking at the Park and Ride location on Deereco Road are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The fairgrounds encourages use of the Light Rail with an easily accessible Light Rail stop at the Fairgrounds' Cow Palace Gate. For fairgoers' convenience, ATM Machines will be located in front of the 4-H Building and the Exhibition Hall.

For general information, call (410) 252-0200, ext. 227 or visit the Maryland State Fair Website at [marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com).



The famous Cow Palace is a familiar site for 4-H'ers and fairgoer families each year at the Maryland State Fair.

## Celebration Of Agriculture At Maryland State Fair, Aug. 28

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Bring family and friends to Agriculture Day at the State Fair on Thursday, Aug. 28. Celebrate the importance of agriculture and learn how the Maryland Department of Agriculture has touched every day lives of Marylanders for 30 years.

The Agriculture Day celebration will begin with a private luncheon at the Administration Building. During the private luncheon, the secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley will give an historical perspective of the Maryland Department of Agriculture and honor those employees with 30 years or more of service.

Following the luncheon, Secretary Riley and Deputy Secretary John R. Brooks will tour the fairgrounds and greet fair participants and visitors, ultimately joining the celebration at the Farm and Garden Building.

Entertainment will begin at 2:30 p.m. featuring Maynard Huddleston and his strolling band, a watermelon seed-spitting contest at 3 p.m. sponsored by the Mar-Del Watermelon Association, and various agriculture-related demonstrations and hands-on activities for all ages.

For the entire duration of the

State Fair, the north end of the Farm and Garden Building is transformed into a Town Center where visitors can learn how agriculture touches their lives every day in many ways.

Many people don't know that the Department of Agriculture does much more than farming activities. The agency also ensures the accuracy of gas pumps and deli scales, grades eggs, meat and fruit, controls mosquitoes, certifies and licenses pesticide applicators, licenses horse stables, preserves farmland, markets food and agriculture products overseas, and much more.

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