

ENTERTAINMENT

(Main Entertainment Stage)

Saturday, August 2nd

4:00/*7:00 pm Square Dance Demo/ * Dance
7:30/9:00 pm Dean Crawford & The Dunn's River Band

Sunday, August 3rd

3:00 pm Billy Harrison & Haywire
7:30/9:00 pm Michael Christopher

Monday, August 4th

5:00/7:00 pm **Sheep Dog Herding Performances
7:30/9:00 pm New Censation Band

Tuesday, August 5th

7:30/9:00 pm Jay Henley & the Stonebroke Band

Wednesday, August 6th

7:30/9:00 pm Streamline Rocks

Thursday, August 7th

5:00/7:00 pm **Sheep Dog Herding Performances
7:00 pm Talent & Variety Show
7:00 pm *Browningsville Cornet Band

Friday, August 8th

7:30/9:00 pm Stone Ridge Boys

Saturday, August 9th

7:30/9:00 pm Cody Clayton Eagle

* These events held at 4-H Activities Hall

** These events held at Horse Ring

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Check our website at howardcountyfairmd.com

for Up-To-Date Info on Fair Events and
Nightly Entertainment.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Fresh Farm Produce • Dining Hall • Food Stands • Pie Eating Contest
Jr. Showmanship Contest • Pretty Animal Contest
Howard County Farm Bureau Ag. Ambassador Contest
Jr. Ag. Ambassador, Little Miss, & Future Farmer Contests
4-H Champion Baked Goods Sale
Best Blueberry Pie/Dessert Contests • "Farm to Fork Face Off"
Baby Contest Miniature Parade • Parade of Floats
Home Arts, 4-H, Honey, and Equine Demonstrations
4-H Day Activities • Ag For All Dairy Showmanship
Agricultural, Informational, & Commercial Exhibits

DAILY EVENTS

Exhibit Buildings Will Be Closed During
Entry and Judging on Saturday, August 2nd
Home Arts Building WILL OPEN at 1:00 pm. Annex opening TBD.

- **Amusement Rides & Games**
Both Saturdays and Sunday - 12 Noon til 11 pm
Monday thru Friday - 2 pm til 11 pm
- **Kids & Critters Barn (Barn 6)**
Daily 9:30 am - 2 pm & 5 - 8:30 pm
- **Little Farmer's Building** Daily 9 am - 6 pm
- **Poultry & Rabbit Exhibit Buildings** Daily 8 am - 9 pm
- **Agricultural Education Displays** (in Annex)
Saturday (8/2) TBD Opens after Judging - 9 pm
Sunday thru Saturday (8/9) 10 am - 9 pm
- **Antique Farm Machinery Display** - Daily
- **Equine Exhibit** (Horse Education Tent) - Daily 2 pm - 7 pm
- **Pony Rides** - Daily 10 am - 10 pm
- **Chainsaw Carving Demonstrations**
3 x Daily - Times TBD
- **Axe Throwing** - Daily - Times TBD
- **Peter Wood - Collector of the Impossible!** (Magic Shows)
Saturday (8/2), Monday, Wednesday,
& Friday: 11 am, 12:30 pm, & 2 pm
Saturday (8/9): 1, 2, & 3 pm
- **Beer & Wine Garden** (in Main Exhibition Hall)
Both Saturdays & Sunday: 12 Noon-10 pm
Monday thru Friday: 4 pm-10 pm
- **Home Arts Exhibit Building**
Saturday (8/2): Open 1 pm-10 pm
Sunday thru Saturday (8/9): Open 10 am-10 pm
- **Annex -**
(4-H, Farm & Garden Departments, & Ag. Education Exhibits)
Saturday (8/2): TBD (Opens after judging is completed)-9 pm
Sunday thru Saturday (8/9): Open 10 am-9 pm
- **Main Exhibition Hall - Vendors & Displays**
Both Saturdays, Sunday,
Thursday, & Friday: Open 10 am-10 pm
Monday thru Wednesday: Open Noon-10 pm

PREMIUM PAYOUT

Saturday, August 9th: 8 pm-9 pm.....Show Ring
Sunday, August 10th: 10 am-2 pm.....Fair Office

CONTEST ARENA EVENTS

(Included with price of admission)

Saturday, August 2nd

3:00 pm 14th Annual Mule Jump
6:00 pm 47th Annual Horse Pull

Sunday, August 3rd

11:00 am Garden Tractor Pull
6:00 pm "Farmer Wars"

Monday, August 4th

3:00 & 7:00 pm "Outlaws & Peacemakers"
(Wild West Re-enactment)
Parade of Horse Breeds

Tuesday, August 5th

6:00 pm 20th Annual Mule Pulling Contest

Wednesday, August 6th

6:30 pm Lawn Mower Contest

Thursday, August 7th

6:00 pm Skid Loader Contest

Saturday, August 9th

11:00 am Antique Tractor Pull

RIDE SPECIALS

- **Saturday: Armband** (Both Saturdays)
Purchased between 12 Noon and 4 pm - \$30
Purchased after 4 pm - \$35
Both Armbands valid all day
- **Sunday: Armband** - \$30
- **Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Armband** - \$25
- **Tuesday: "Buddy Night"** (Good All Day)
2 Armbands - \$40
1 Armband - \$25
- **Thursday: "\$2.00 Day"**
All Rides \$2 (per ride)
\$10 Minimum purchase per transaction
- **Credits (no longer paper tickets)**
100 Credits - \$10
200 Credits - \$20
550 Credits - \$50
- **All cards and armbands will have a one time \$2 activation fee.**
- **Fast Lane ... VIP (Everyday):**
\$15.00 per person in addition to daily armband price
Fast lane privileges
- **Advance Sale online through CertifiKID - \$24**

GATE SPECIALS

- **"Armed Forces Day"** – First Saturday (8/2)
Valid Military ID gets you in FREE ALL DAY
(Includes spouse and children under 18)
- **"Senior Day"** – Tuesday (8/5)
62 Yrs. & Over get in FREE ALL DAY

79th Annual Howard County Fair

West Friendship, MD



August 2-9, 2025 Admission

13 Years and Over: \$10 per person

Seniors: (62 Years & Over) \$5 per person

Children 12 Years and Under: FREE

Season Pass: (all ages) \$40

FREE PARKING

2210 Fairgrounds Rd.
West Friendship, MD 21794
Easy Access from Exit 80 on I-70
Information: 410-442-1022
howardcountyfairmd.com

ADMISSION TO THE FAIR
IS OPEN FROM 8AM TIL 10PM

ATMs on PREMISES

4-H Livestock Sale
Friday, August 8th, 5:45 pm

2025 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Check website at howardcountyfairmd.com for latest listing of fair events, times and locations.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Exhibit Buildings will be closed during entry and judging on Saturday, August 2nd. The Home Arts Building will open at 1 pm on Saturday, August 2nd. Annex Opening TBD.

PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES	
Wednesday, July 23rd - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable	
5:00-8:00 pm	Open Home Arts Entering: Arts & Crafts - Children/Teens/ Adults; Clothing; Fine Arts – Children/Teens/ Adults; Hand Spinning; Hand Weaving; Needle Arts & Quilts; Photography; & Woodworking.....Home Arts Building
Thursday, July 24th - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable	
5:00-8:00 pm	Open Home Arts Entering - See July 23.....Home Arts Building
Friday, July 25th - Home Arts Entry - Non-perishable	
3:00-8:00 pm	Open Home Arts Entering - See July 23 Home Arts Building
Saturday, July 26th - Entry and Judging	
9:00 am -	Home Arts Judging - (all sections above)Home Arts Building
1:30-4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Indoor Non-perishable entry/judging Annex
Sunday, July 27th - 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK ORIENTATION	
5:00/6:00 pm.....	Dining Hall
Monday, July 28th - BICYCLE CONTEST	
5:00 pm.....	Show Ring
Thursday, July 31st - EXHIBIT ENTERING	
3:00 pm	Open Dairy Goat Showmanship..... Sheep & Goat Barn
5:00-8:00 pm	Open Home Arts Entering (Perishable Entries): Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, 1st Flower Show, & Jr. Flower ShowHome Arts Building
5:00 pm	Open Goat Show (Junior Doe Show)Sheep & Goat Barn
Friday, August 1st - EXHIBIT ENTERING	
8:30 am	Open Goat Show (Senior Doe Show).....Sheep & Goat Barn
3:00-8:00 pm	Open Home Arts Judging (Perishable Entries) – See July 31Home Arts Building
6:00-8:00 pm	Open Farm & Garden Depts. Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax, and Wool Fleece Annex
6:00-8:00 pm	Open Christmas Trees Entering: (Judging 8/2 @ 1 pm).... Annex

79th ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY FAIR	
Saturday, August 2nd - OPENING DAY - ARMED FORCES DAY	
8:00 am	GATE OPENS
8:00 am	4-H & FFA Canine Show Show Pavilion
8:30 am	Open Home Arts Judging – Baked Goods & Candies, Food Preservation, First Flower Show, & Jr. Flower Show.....Home Arts Building
8:30-10:00 am	4-H & FFA Indoor Entering & Judging: Baked Goods, Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs, Honey, Candies, & Food Pres..... Annex
9:00-12 Noon	Open Farm & Garden Depts.: Entering: Farm Crops, Fruits & Vegetables, Honey & Beeswax and Wool Fleece Annex
10:00 am	Open Jumper Schooling Show..... Horse Rings
10:00 am	Commercial Indoor Exhibits Open Main Exhibition Hall
12 Noon	MIDWAY OPENS
12 Noon	Junior Showmanship Show (Howard Co. Farm Bureau)..... Show Pavilion
***Home Arts Building Will Open to the Public on Saturday, August 2nd -1:00 pm ***	
1:00 pm	Farm & Garden Departments Exhibit Judging Annex
1:00-2:00 pm	Best Blueberry Pie/Dessert Contests Entering (Judging @ 2:30pm).....Home Arts Building
2:00-7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	14th Annual Mule Jump.....Contest Arena
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Open Jersey Cattle Show..... Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	Square Dance Demonstration.....Entertainment Stage
6:00 pm	47th Annual Horse PullContest Arena
7:00 pm	Square Dance (Sponsored by Tom Thumb Dance Club).....4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00 pm	Dean Crawford & The Dunn’s River Band ...Entertainment Stage

Sunday, August 3rd	
8:30 am	Draft Horse and Mule Show..... Horse Rings
9:00 am	All Breeds ARBA Open Rabbit ShowPoultry Barn
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bred By Exhibitor ContestRabbit Pavilion
11:00 am	Garden Tractor Pull (Registration begins @ 8:00 am).....Contest Arena
	Pretty Animal Contest Show Pavilion
11:00 am	MIDWAY OPENS
12 Noon	MD Farriers Association Demo “Building Horse Shoes”.....Horse Education Tent
12:00-5:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest..... Show Pavilion
12:30 pm	Tour a Live Honey Bee Colony w/ a Beekeeper4-H Activities Hall
1:00 & 3:00 pm	Howard County Farm Bureau Ag. Ambassador Contest Show Pavilion
1:30 pm	Jr. Ag. Ambassador/Future Farmer/Little Miss Contests..... Show Pavilion
	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:00-7:00 pm	Billy Harrison & Haywire.....Entertainment Stage
3:00 pm	4-H Champion Baked Goods Auction Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat Show..... Show Pavilion
5:30 pm	“Farmer Wars”Contest Arena
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Goat & Showmanship Show Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	4-H Horsemanship Contest 4-H Activities Hall
7:30/9:00pm	Michael ChristopherEntertainment Stage

Monday, August 4th	
8:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Beef Cattle Show Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Cleveland Bay Hunter Horse Show Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA & Open Poultry ShowPoultry Barn
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show then 4-H & FFA Pygmy Goat Show Sheep & Goat Barn
	Demonstrations Throughout the DayHome Arts Building
10:00 am	4-H Day! Activities (Closed Noon to 1:00 pm)Annex & 4-H Activities Hall
10:00am-4:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS
2:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:00-7:00 pm	“Outlaws & Peacemakers” (Wild West Re-enactment)Contest Arena
3:00 & 7:00 pm	Parade of Horse Breeds.....Contest Arena
5:00 pm	Sheep Dog Herding PerformanceHorse Ring
5:00 pm	4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship & Steer Show Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	New Censation BandEntertainment Stage

Tuesday, August 5th - SENIOR DAY (Seniors 62 & Older Admitted FREE – ALL DAY)	
9:00 am	BRAHA Arabian, Part-bred Arabian & Open Show... Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit ShowRabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Swine Showmanship..... Show Pavilion
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the DayHome Arts Building
10:00 am-Noon	Maryland Accordion Club Performance.....Entertainment Stage
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS
2:00-7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Swine Breeding Show Show Pavilion
4:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Swine Show Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	20th Annual Mule Pulling ContestContest Arena
6:00 pm	“Farm to Fork Face Off”4-H Activities Hall
7:00 pm	4-H Dog Bowl, Food & Nutrition Bowl, & Poultry Bowl..... Annex
7:30-9:30 pm	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11)Home Arts Building
7:30/9:00 pm	Jay Henley & the Stonebroke BandEntertainment Stage

Wednesday, August 6th	
8:00-10:00 am	Open Mid-Week Flower Entry (Classes R07 – R11)Home Arts Building
8:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Hand Spinners Sheep Show Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit Agility Contest.....Rabbit Pavilion

10:00 am	English/Western Play Day Horse Show..... Horse Rings
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Rabbit ShowmanshipRabbit Pavilion
10:00 am	Open Class Mid-Week Flower Show Judging.....Home Arts Building
	Demonstrations Throughout the Day.....Home Arts Building
10:00 am	Ag Leaders Luncheon - BY INVITATION ONLY4-H Activities Hall
11:30 am	MIDWAY OPENS
2:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:00-7:00 pm	4-H/FFA Sheep Showmanship Contest & Market Lamb Show Show Pavilion
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Rabbit Bowl Contest.....Rabbit Pavilion
4:00 pm	King Arthur Flour Baking Contest Entering - Judging @ 7:00 pm..... Home Arts Building
5:30-6:45 pm	Lawn Mower ContestContest Arena
6:30 pm	4-H Small Pet & Wildlife Judging - Entering by 6:30 pm..... Annex
7:00 pm	Streamline RocksEntertainment Stage
7:30/9:00 pm	

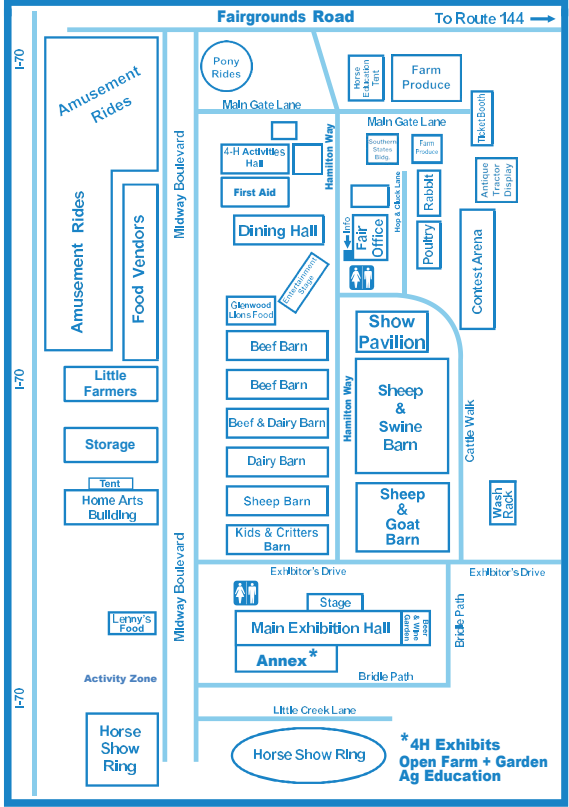
Thursday, August 7th	
8:00 am	4-H & FFA Horse and Pony Show Horse Rings
8:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show Show Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H/FFA Rabbit Judging Contest.....Rabbit Pavilion
9:00 am	4-H/ FFA Broiler Show.....Poultry Barn
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the DayHome Arts Building
2:00 pm	MIDWAY OPENS
2:00-7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:00 pm	4-H & FFA Dairy Showmanship Show Pavilion
2:30 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Agility Trial..... Horse Ring – Grass Area
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Dog Rally Obedience..... Horse Ring – Grass Area
4:00 pm	4-H/ FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Guernsey, Brown Swiss, and Milking Shorthorns)..... Show Pavilion
	4-H Turkey Calling Contest.....Entertainment Stage
4:00-5:00 pm	Sheep Dog Herding Performance..... Horse Ring
5:00 & 7:00 pm	4-H/FFA & Open Dairy Cattle Show (Ayrshire & Holstein)..... Show Pavilion
6:00 pm	Skid Loader ContestContest Arena
7:00 pm	Talent & Variety ShowEntertainment Stage
7:00 pm	The Browningsville Band.....4-H Activities Hall Patio

Friday, August 8th	
8:30 am	4-H/FFA & Open Meat Breeding Sheep Show immediately followed by 4-H/FFA & Open Commercial Breeding Sheep Show Show Pavilion
	4-H/FFA & Open Class Youth Model Horse Show Annex
10:00 am	My Lady’s Manor Driving Club Demonstration (Driving Horses)..... Horse Rings
10:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the DayHome Arts Building
10:30 am	4-H & FFA Market Turkey ShowPoultry Barn
12:00 Noon	4-H & FFA Market Turkey Showmanship Contest..... Show Pavilion
	MIDWAY OPENS
2:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:00-7:00 pm	4-H & FFA Livestock Sale..... Show Pavilion
5:45 pm	Stone Ridge BoysEntertainment Stage
7:30/9:00 pm	

Saturday, August 9th	
8:30 am	MWHA Horse Show Horse Rings
9:00 am	4-H Livestock Judging Contest Show Pavilion
9:00 am	Demonstrations Throughout the DayHome Arts Building
10:00 am	4-H Clover Livestock Skillathon..... 4-H Activities Hall
10:00 am	Baby Contest and Miniature Parade (Entries by 10:00 am)Entertainment Stage
10:30 am	Antique Tractor Pull (Registration @ 9:30 am)Contest Arena
	4-H Junior Livestock Skillathon..... 4-H Activities Hall
	4-H Intermediate Livestock Skillathon4-H Activities Hall
	MIDWAY OPENS
	*New Zoo Revue..... Show Pavilion

1:00 pm	Senior 4-H Livestock Skillathon4-H Activities Hall
1:30 pm	4-H Worm Race Show Pavilion
2:00-7:00 pm	Equine Exhibit.....Horse Education Tent
2:30 pm	4-H Sheep Lead Contest Show Pavilion
3:30 pm	Ag for All Dairy Showmanship Show Pavilion
5:00 pm	Parade of FloatsMidway Boulevard
6:15 pm	4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony Show Pavilion
6:45 pm	All Star Livestock Showmanship Contest Show Pavilion
7:30/9:00 pm	Cody Clayton Eagle.....Entertainment Stage

FAIRGROUNDS MAP



RULES & REGULATIONS

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited with the exception of those purchased and consumed at the Beer & Wine Garden.
- Controlled substances are prohibited.
- NO PETS** permitted on the grounds except Service Dogs with appropriate designation and animals being exhibited.
- For a complete list of all **Rules & Regulations**, please see our website.