

Allen County FAIR PREVIEW



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Allen County Fair: How to go

LOCATION

The Allen County Fairgrounds is located at 2750 Harding Highway, Lima. Gates are at state routes 309, 117 and Bowman Road.

ADMISSION

Daily gate admission is \$7 for ages 7 and older. Ages 6 and younger are free.

Discounts are available Monday and Wednesday with a coupon clipped from the fairbook or printed from the fair's website. Coupons are also available on the fair's website for vendor discounts. From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, get \$2 off with a can of

food at walk-in gates only. This benefits the West Ohio Food Bank.

PARKING

Parking is free. Follow signs and heed the direction of parking attendants. Some parking areas are reserved, and cars will be towed.

Handicapped parking is at Gates 1-4 and Gate W.

PARADE

The parade was held Aug. 11 to give every exhibitor a chance to participate.



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A view from the Ferris wheel at a past Allen County Fair.

New acts highlight free entertainment

Check out The Fearless Flores Thrill Show and The Birdman

By Sam Shriver

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LIMA — This year's Allen County Fair is full of free entertainment.

New to the fair this year are The Fearless Flores Thrill Show and The Birdman.

"We are going to be doing what's called the aerial breakaway sway pole and it will be a pole that stands 65 feet high and I'll be climbing all of the way up to the top and doing a bunch of aerial acrobatics. We also have the motorcycles in the cage and here will be my 75-year-old grandfather riding

along with me," said Cyndel Flores.

Yes, what they do can be dangerous, but they're prepared.

"Before we got to learn any of the cool tricks or the fun parts in there (her father) taught us how to crash. So there's not anything that can't happen in there that we're not prepared for," said Flores.

The act has received nationwide attention, performing for the judges on "America's Got Talent."

The other new free entertainment is The Birdman. Joe Krathwohl is bringing his trained birds to the fair.

"We usually use about seven or eight birds in a show," said Krathwohl. "It's a nice variety over a 25-minute period and they fly and sometimes talk and interact with the audience and in some cases, the condors come out and show off their big 10-foot wingspan. We have a very unique blend of storytelling with natural history and important facts about the status or conservation efforts of each species and audiences really seem to like it. The most common comment we get after shows is the people feel like they were a part of the show."

Reach Sam Shriver at 567-242-0409.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

- The Fearless Flores, North Midway, 2:30, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. daily
- The Birdman, Roschman Park, 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily



Courtesy of Fearless Flores

Ricardo Flores, left, looks across the "sphere of death" at wife Arcelia, right, as they ride motorcycles in circles around one another in front of a large crowd.

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Kane Brown plus Seaforth to entertain fair crowds

By Tara Jones

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LIMA — Kane Brown's success has only continued to climb since being announced as the fair headliner in May. Since then, he has released two additional singles.

Brown released "One Thing Right" with Marshmello in June and "Like A Rodeo" in July. Meanwhile, hits "Homesick" and "Short Skirt Weather" from his 2018 album "Experiment" have been making rounds as well.

"It took us a little while to get to this point where we're at, but now that we've got it, we're just rolling," Brown said in a phone interview. "We're super excited to be in this position. We don't take any of it for granted."

Despite playing gigs like the CMT Music Awards and soon in a sold-out Staples Center, Brown said he loves performing in towns that bring him back to his roots.

"I grew up in a small town, so to be able to get to visit other people's small towns is cool," he said. "(Ohio) has been one of my favorite places to play, and I know that sounds crazy, but it's always fun going there and just seeing



Courtesy of Freed Marketing

Kane Brown will perform at the Allen County Fair.

the dedicated fan base."

Opening for Brown will be the Nashville-based and Australian-born band Seaforth. Band members and childhood friends Tom Jordan and Mitch Thompson released their debut EP "Love That" in April, which includes four songs. Seaforth has toured with Brown a few times and was named by Brown's team to open

the show.

"We were lucky enough to have our first show in New York ever together as Seaforth supporting him at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden (last November)," Thompson said. "It was just Tom and I on our acoustic guitars in front of 6,000 people. Kane's fans are serious fans. It was very loud and we walked off stage



Courtesy of Seaforth

Seaforth will perform at the Allen County Fair, opening for Kane Brown.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Kane Brown

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: Grandstand

TICKETS: \$45 grandstand and bleachers at www.allencofair.com or box office (Fair admission not included). VIP and Party pits sold out.

with like 800 new followers. That was a serious moment for us."

Fire Ball ride to return with other fair favorites

By Tara Jones

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LIMA — Though no new rides are expected at this year's fair, Fire Ball will be making a reappearance.

Gary Bohlander of Poor Jack Amusements said they may have been a little ambitious in years past. Last year, three new rides were introduced.

"Honestly I don't think we

have anything that's new to the fair this year," he said. "We went a little overboard with new equipment in years past so we're still getting caught up."

He did say that their Fire Ball ride was fully refurbished over winter and will return for the first time in a couple years. Fire Ball is a large round roller-coaster-like track where riders can go 'round and 'round and

eventually upside down.

"This is definitely for those thrill seekers," Bohlander said.

Fan favorites Freak Out and Wipe Out will return, as well as the classic Ferris wheel and larger Expo Wheel.

"Freak Out is one of the most popular ... people always ask me all the time, how do you describe it. I've heard it called a pendulum,"

HOURS

- 4 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, and Aug. 23
- Noon to 11 p.m. every other day — Saturday, Aug. 17, Sunday, Aug. 18, Monday, Aug. 19, Tuesday, Aug. 20, Wednesday, Aug. 21, Saturday, Aug. 24

COST

- Individual ride tickets \$1.25 each or 20 for \$20

Bohlander said. "The seats sort of spin around and the arm swings back and forth. It doesn't up upside down, but it goes past 90 degrees."

In terms of safety, Poor Jack Amusement will be continuing what it usually

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Harness racing moves to Thursday, Friday

By Josh Ellerbrock

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LIMA — Unlike other grandstand entertainment at the Allen County Fair, harness racing can be an interactive one.

“When you put two dollars down on a horse, it makes you a part of the race,” Ohio Colt Racing Association Vice President Denny Fricke said.

Harness racing has been a longstanding event at the fair, but this year, the schedule has shifted due to a change-up in the harness racing association that helps organize the event. Under the new schedule, the two harness races are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 22, and Friday, Aug. 23.

HARNESS RACING

Thursday, Aug. 22: Dunlap-Renner Memorial Pace
Friday, Aug. 23: Allen County Supertrot and Ohio Ladies Pace
Post time 7 p.m. Preshow with instructions on how to read the program and bet at 6 p.m.
Grandstand admission: Free

For those unfamiliar with harness racing, Fricke said many people enjoy watching the horses thunder down the track in both pace and trot styles, but betting creates stakes that can heighten the tension for those in the grandstands. Pace denotes the way the horse runs (two legs on the same side move forward together) compared to trot (diagonal legs move together).

To get more fairgoers involved in the race, Fricke

said pre-shows scheduled for 6 p.m. have been instituted to teach those in the grandstand how to place their bets, which can involve specialized lingo.

The informational sessions will also teach the audience how to better understand the data presented in the program to guide where to place their bets.

While the number of races and horses involved will be known three days prior to the weekend's races,



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Wishin Iwas Fishin, driven by Scott Cisco, competes in a past Allen County Super Trot at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Fricke is looking forward to another exciting year.

“It should be a busy night. I’m not sure how many races there will be,” Fricke said.

“The bigger the the field, the better the betting is. The odds are a lot better.”

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Fire Ball

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does despite an injury at last year's fair.

“All the rides have a daily check

list that the guys go through before opening every day,” he said. “We do a walk around inspection and make sure all the important parts are working and that's really it on our part.”

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All smiles on the Wipeout during a past Allen County Fair.

Triumphant Quartet performing at Gospel Singing Tent

By Jennifer Peryam
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LIMA — Nationally known award-winning Southern Gospel group Triumphant Quartet will be the main performer for this year's Gospel Singing Tent during the Allen County Fair.

They are one of nine acts who will perform at 7 p.m. daily. Admission to the tent is free, but fairgoers must pay admission at the main fair gates. The quartet will perform at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Allen County Fairgrounds at the first tent on the right from the front walk-in gate off of 309.

It is the 39th year for the Gospel Singing Tent and the third year Triumphant Quartet will perform during the fair, according to Gene

IF YOU GO

The Gospel Singing Tent is the location of events throughout each day of the fair, but featured performers begin at 7 p.m. daily. It's the first tent on the right from the front walk-in gate off state Route 309.

Friday, Aug. 16: Jim and Melissa Brady
Saturday, Aug. 17: Ernie Haase and Signature Sound
Sunday, Aug. 18: 10:30 a.m. non-denominational church service and at 7 p.m. Kingsmen Quartet
Monday, Aug. 19: Brian Free & Assurance

Derringer, Gospel Singing Tent treasurer and secretary.

The concerts are made possible from financial donations from individuals, organizations, churches and businesses.

"They are one of the best Southern Gospel quartets in the United States," Derringer said. "The purpose and mission is to spread the saving knowledge and understanding of the gospel

of Jesus Christ to those saved and unsaved through the playing and singing of gospel music."

He said the goal is to provide a little comfort for those who are hurting, some entertainment for those who want to sit down and rest and for someone walking by.

According to the group's website, the group began in 2003 when the four friends first walked on to the stage of



Submitted photo

Triumphant Quartet will perform Aug. 23.

the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, as a headlining talent. Their smooth harmonies and rich quartet sound quickly gained them national attention, recognition and concert demand.

The group has had multiple number one songs and

several others have climbed the Top 40 music charts and were voted fan-favorite artist of the year for 2018.

Singers include David Sutton, tenor singer, Eric Bennett, bass singer, Clayton Inman, lead singer, and Scotty Inman, baritone singer.

Junior Fair teaches life skills

A trip through the barn can be educational

By Sam Shriver
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LIMA — The Junior Fair is one of the most important parts of the Allen County Fair, involving youth and their various projects.

"The Junior Fair consists of the Allen County 4-H members, the schools that participate in FFA, and then the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Allen County," said Kelly Coble, 4-H educator for Allen County.

Not everyone in the

Junior Fair shows animals, but you can learn a lot by going through the barns.

"You're going to notice how the animals are treated, the cleanliness of them, how they interact with the exhibitors — because those animals are like pets to them — and then you're also going to realize those animals are eventually going into the food chain," said Coble.

As part of the learning experience, people who go through the barns should

ask the youngsters about their projects.

"I think they should ask them, like what things they've done with their livestock, what they've had to do to get to the fair. You should also ask them what are some of the things they do to get ready to show because they do get their chance to display their projects out into a ring to a judge to see who has the best market animal or breeding animal for those species," she said.

Raising an animal can teach youngsters valuable life skills.

"It's teaching them how to take care of an animal. It's teaching them how to give that animal proper nutrition so that they can grow. It's also very important because it's teaching them time management. It's enriching because they get that experience with those animals and the ability to see that animal grow and see that animal eventually go off to the market," Coble added.

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Dressed as a caveman with his triceratops pig, Quincy Swartz, of Spencerville, participates in the dressed pig contest at the Allen County Fair last year. Swartz won first place in the competition.

Allen County Fair 2019 schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

The Ohio State University at Lima Day

7 am - 6 pm Check-in time for Jr. Fair Market Hog Exhibits only. - enter Gate 5 - State Route 117

7 am - 7 pm Weigh-in Market Hogs

8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open - Administration Office Open

9 am - 9 pm Antique Tractor Exhibits Due - Roschman Park Area

9:00 am Open Class Table Scapes Judging (Classes 1-5Y) - Ag & Fine Arts Bldg.

10:00 am Open Class Canned Goods Judging - Ag & Fine Arts Bldg.

10 am - 7:30 pm Check-in time for Jr. Fair Poultry Exhibits only

12 pm - 9 pm Horse Check-in

1:00 pm Open Class First Flower Show - Youth Activities Building

2 pm - 7 pm Llama/Alpaca Check-in

2 pm - 9 pm Check-in time for All Other Jr. Fair LIVESTOCK Exhibits - enter Gate 5 - St. Rt. 117 only.

3:30 pm OSU ALUMNI BAND - Sponsored by Kewpee Hamburgers - Grandstand Plaza

4:00 pm 169th ALLEN COUNTY FAIR OPENS - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

4:00 pm Jr. Fair Silent Auction Opens - Youth Exhibits Building

4 pm - 10 pm Glass Blowing - Roschman Park

4 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park

4 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)

4 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE

WRISTBAND Special-\$25(Weather Permitting)

4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities - Merchants Bldg.

6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

6 pm - 7 pm Market Goat Weigh-in

6:30 pm OSU ALUMNI BAND followed by

7:00 pm KEWPEE SHOWCASE OF BANDS - GRANDSTAND Sponsored by Kewpee Hamburgers

(\$5.00 - 7 & over, 6 & under Free)

7:00 pm Jim Brady Trio - Gospel Tent

7:00 pm Pony Measurements taken at Announcer's Stand - Schmidthorst Pavilion

7pm - 9 pm Weigh-in for ALL Market Lambs

7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

9:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Lima Memorial Health System and Your Hometown Lima Stations Day

7 am - 8 am Weigh-in for ALL Jr. Fair Market Steers

8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open Administration Office Open

9 am - 3 pm Antique Tractor Exhibits Due - Roschman Park Area

10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open

10:00 am Open Class Bees, Honey, Seeds, Grains, Hay, Vegetables, Fruits - Ag & Fine Arts Building

10:00 am 4-H Dog Obedience Judging -

Show Arena

10:00 am Jr. Fair Poultry Market Pen Judging - Rabbit Show Arena

10:30 am - 1:30 pm Children Choosing Christ - Gospel Tent

12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park

12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)

12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)

1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times - Merchants Bldg.

2:00 pm Allen County Horse Council IBRA/OGBRA/OMBRA Speed Show - Schmidthorst Pavilion

2:00 pm Jr. Fair Poultry Showmanship - Rabbit Show Arena

2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

3 pm - 9 pm Glass Blowing - Roschman Park

3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities - Merchants Bldg.

4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

7:00 pm Ernie Haase and Signature

Sound - Gospel Tent

7:00 pm KANE BROWN in CONCERT - GRANDSTAND (VIP/PARTY PIT

- SOLD OUT/Track - \$55/Bleacher & Grandstand - \$45)

7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

8 pm - 10 pm Jr. Fair Exhibitor Dance

*Must have Fair ID to enter - Show Arena

8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Woof Boom Radio and Superior Credit Union Day

8 am - 8 pm Administration Office Open

9:00 am Open Class Rabbit Show, Commercial Meat & Fryers Show and Showmanship - Show Arena

9:00 am Allen County Horse Council 4-H Youth Horse Show - Schmidthorst Pavilion

10:30 am Non-Denominational Worship Service sponsored by Jr. Fairboard - Gospel Tent

12 pm - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open

12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park

12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)

12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)

12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

12:30 pm Jr. Fair Poultry Breed Show - Rabbit Barn followed by Open Class Poultry Show - Poultry Barn

12:30 pm Llamas/Alpacas Showmanship Contest - Sheep Show Arena

12:30 pm Llamas/Alpacas Fiber Judging - Sheep Show Arena

12:30 - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open

1 pm - 4:30 pm Safety Day - Grandstand Infield

1 pm - 5 pm Dream Day - Grandstand Infield

1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times - Merchants Bldg.

2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA

Grandstand Plaza Stage

3 pm - 9 pm Glass Blowing - Roschman Park

4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities - Merchants Bldg.

5:00 pm Open Class Guys & Gals Lead - Show Arena

5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

5:45 pm Jr. Fair Rabbit King & Queen Crowning followed by Jr. Fair Fur,

Fryers, & Market Rabbit Judging - Rabbit Barn

6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

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7:00 pm Kingsmen Quartet - Gospel Tent
7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
8:00 pm ALL JR. FAIR PHOTO ID'S MUST BE PICKED UP
8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
9:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

Monday, AUGUST 19 - YOUTH DAY

Chief Supermarket Day

(\$2.00 Off Gate Admission with Coupon - Walk in Gates Only - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open
Administration Office Open
8:00 am Jr. Fair Market Hog Show - Show Arena
9:00 am Jr. Fair Meat Goat Showmanship followed by Meat Breeding and Jr. Fair Market Goat Show - Sheep Show Arena
9:00 am Jr. Fair Rabbit Showmanship Demonstrations - Rabbit Barn
9:00 am YOUTH FISHING DERBY - Roschman Park Pond
10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open
10 am - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park
10:30 am - 3:30 pm Children Choosing Christ - Gospel Tent
11:30 am Open Class Wine Challenge Judging - Ag & Fine Arts Building
12:00 pm Open Class Favorite Chili Judging - Ag & Fine Arts Building
12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
12:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
12 pm - 5 pm Wristband Ride Special-\$15 (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)
1:00 pm Jr. Fair Rabbit Quiz Bowl - Rabbit Barn
1:00 pm Open Class Second Flower Show - Youth

Activities Building
1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times - Merchants Bldg.
2:00 pm Open Class Table Scapes Judging (Classes 6-10Y)- Ag & Fine Arts Bldg.
2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House
2:00 pm YOUTH DAY ACTIVITIES - Picnic Tent in Roschman Park
2:00 pm Bred & Fed Sheep Show - Sheep Show Arena
2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
3:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
3:00 pm Jr. Fair Breeding Sheep Show - Sheep Show Arena
3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
4:00 pm Cloverbud Sheep Showmanship - Sheep Show Arena
4:00 pm Best Dressed Bovine Contest - Show Arena
4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities - Merchants Bldg.
5:00 pm 'Creepy' Critters - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
5:30 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
6:00 pm Jr. Fair Born & Raised in Allen County Market Lamb Show - Sheep Show Arena
6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
6:30 pm Open Class Dairy Breeding Show and Dairy Pee Wee Showmanship - Show Arena
7:00 pm DEMOLITION DERBY featuring Kids Power Wheels - GRANDSTAND - Sponsored by Elwer Fence and 107.5 WZRZ (\$8.00 - 7 & over, 6 & under Free, Infield Pass (All Ages) - \$15.00)
7:00 pm Jr. Fair Dairy Showmanship followed by Jr. Fair Dairy Show - Show Arena
7:00 pm Jr. Fair Equestrian Achievement Test - Schmidthorst Pavilion
7:00 pm Brian Free & Assurance - Gospel Tent
7:00 pm 'Creepy' Critters - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Jason Gilbert Karaoke - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Pepsi Day

(\$2.00 Off Gate Admission with Can of Food - Walk in Gates Only 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Food donated to West Ohio Food Bank)

8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open
Administration Office Open
8:00 am Farrow to Finish followed by Jr. Fair Swine Showmanship, FOLLOWING LUNCH BREAK
Open Class Best Dressed Pig Contest, Pee Wee Showmanship, Women's Showmanship, Men's Showmanship, Champ of Champions Showmanship and Open Class Market Hog Show - Show Arena
8:00 am Jr. Fair Born & Raised Market Rabbit Pen Judging followed by Born & Raised Single Fryer Rabbit Showmanship - Rabbit Barn
9:00 am Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Show - Schmidthorst Pavilion
9:00 am Jr. Fair Dairy Goat Showmanship followed by Dairy Breeding and All Other Breeds - Sheep Show Arena
10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open
12:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
12 pm - 8 pm TASTE OF THE FAIR (Select Food Vendors) - Midway
12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park
12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)
1:00 pm Jr. Fair Born & Raised Market Goat Show - Sheep Show Arena
1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times - Merchants Bldg.
2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House
2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
3:00 pm Jr. Fair Market Lamb Showmanship - Sheep Show Arena

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3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
3:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities – Merchants Bldg.
5:00 pm Pond Study - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
5:30 pm Jr. Fair Market Lamb Show - Show Arena
5:30 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
7:00 pm Seams Sew Fine Style Show - Youth Activities Building
7:00 pm Down East Boys - Gospel Tent
7:00 pm KOI DRAGS – GRANDSTAND (Gates open at 5 p.m.) \$5.00 Ages 7 & over, 6 & under FREE, Infield Passes - (All Ages) - \$5.00
7:00 pm Pond Study - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Jr. Fair Born & Raised Market Steer Show - Show Arena
8:00 pm Shifferly Road – AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
8:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
9:00 pm Jr. Fair Movie Night - Sheep Show Arena

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Convention & Visitors Bureau Day
(\$2.00 Off Gate Admission with Coupon - Walk in Gates Only - 8 a.m. 6 p.m.)
8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open Administration Office Open
8:00 am Jr. Fair Breeding Rabbit Show - Rabbit Barn
8:00 am Open Class Sheep Breeding Show, Market Lamb Show, Showmanship and Fleece Show - Sheep Show Arena
9:00 am Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Show - Schmidthorst Pavilion
9:00 am Jr. Fair Dairy Beef Steers Showmanship followed by Jr. Fair Dairy Feeders Show - Show Arena
10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open
12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
12:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park
12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)
1:00 pm Jr. Fair Beef Showmanship followed by Open Class Beef Pee Wee Showmanship, Jr. Fair Breeding Beef Show - Show Arena
1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times – Merchants Bldg.
2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House

2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
3:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
4:00 pm Llamas/Alpaca Costume Contest - Sheep Show Arena
4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities – Merchants Bldg.
5:00 pm Frogs & Toads - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
5:30 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
7:00 pm CHEERLEADING COMPETITION - GRANDSTAND Sponsored by Reineke Family Dealership & 92.1 The Frog (\$5.00 - 7 & over, 6 & under Free)
7:00 pm Jr. Fair Market Steer Show - Show Arena
7:00 pm Jr. Fair Goat Fun Show - Sheep Show Arena
7:00 pm Mark Trammell Quartet - Gospel Tent
7:00 pm Frogs & Toads - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
9:00 pm Jason Gilbert Karaoke – AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - SR. CITIZEN'S DAY

Kewpee Day
(Free Gate Admission for Seniors 60 and over until 6:00 p.m.)
8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open Administration Office Open
9:00 am ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL - GRANDSTAND INFIELD (Free Admission)
9:00 am Jr. Fair Rabbit Judging Contest - Rabbit Barn
9 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open
11:00 am Golden Age Day Party - Gospel Tent
11:00 am Jr. Fair Horse & Pony Costume Class - Schmidthorst Pavilion
12:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
12 pm - 5 pm Wristband Ride Special-\$15 (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park
12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)
12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)
1:00 pm Open Class Third Flower Show - Youth Activities Building
1:00 pm Open Class Table Scapes Judging (Classes 11-14Y) - Ag & Fine Arts Bldg.
1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times – Merchants Bldg.
2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House

2:00 pm Golden Age Day Party - Gospel Tent
2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
3:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
4:30 pm T102 JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Show Arena (Rabbits and Chickens)
4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities – Merchants Bldg.
5:00 pm Turtles - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
5:30 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
7:00 pm HARNES RACING - GRANDSTAND Dunlap-Renner Memorial Pace - (Free Admission) Sponsored by Mid-American Cleaning and 1150 WIMA
7:00 pm The Old Paths Quartet - Gospel Tent
7:00 pm Turtles - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House
7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
8:00 pm Deuces Wild – AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
8:00 pm Dodgeball Tournament - Sheep Show Arena - Jr. Fair Exhibitors Only
8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 - VETERAN'S DAY

The Union Bank Co. and Sign Pro Day
(FREE Gate Admission for Veterans until 6:00 p.m.)
8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open Administration Office Open
9:00 am T102 JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Show Arena (Beef & Dairy Beef Steers, Milk, Hogs, Goats, and Lambs)
10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open
12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
12:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
12:00 pm Veteran's Program - Tent behind Gospel Tent
12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park
12:30 pm Veteran's Ham & Bean Soup, Cornbread and Hot Dog Lunch - Tent behind Gospel Tent
1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times – Merchants Bldg.
2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House
2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway
3:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage
3:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park
4 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)
4 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)
4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park
4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities – Merchants Bldg.
5:00 pm Arthropods - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite

Roschman Park Shelter House

5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

5:30 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park

6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

7:00 pm Triumphant Quartet - Gospel Tent

7:00 pm HARNESS RACING – GRANDSTAND Allen County Supertrot, Ohio Ladies Pace (Free Admission)

Sponsored by Mid-American Cleaning and 1150 WIMA

7:00 pm Arthropods - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House

7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

8:00 pm Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park

8:00 pm Jason Gilbert Karaoke - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

First Federal Bank Day

8 am - 8 pm Jr. Fair Office Open

Administration Office Open

8:00 am BATON & FLAG CORP COMPETITION – GRANDSTAND (Free Admission)

9:00 am Open Class Dairy Goat Showmanship followed by Open Class Dairy Goat Breeding Show - Sheep Show Arena

10 am - 9 pm Ag & Fine Arts Building Open

10:00 am Bear Hollow Wood Carvers - Roschman Park

10:00 am 5th Annual Equine “Country” Club Bud

Lauck Memorial “Retro” Horse Show - Schmidthorst Pavilion

10:00 am Jr. Fair Farm Friends - Show Arena

10:30 am - 1:30 pm Children Choosing Christ - Gospel Tent

12:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

12:00 pm Jr. Fair Champion of All Champions Showmanship Contest - Show Arena

12 pm - 8 pm FINAL DAY! - ALL JR. FAIR PREMIUM VOUCHERS MUST BE PICKED UP AND CASHED IN - Jr. Fair Photo ID required

12 pm - 10 pm Jungle Island Zoo - Roschman Park

12 pm - 11 pm RIDES OPEN ON MIDWAY (Weather Permitting)

12 pm - 11 pm ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBAND Special-\$25 (Weather Permitting)

1:30 pm Kewpee Classic Open Prospect Steer & Heifer Show - Show Arena

1:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

1:30 pm Ag-Venture Story Times – Merchants Bldg.

2:00 pm Allen Co. Water & Soil Program at Roschman Park Shelter House

2:00 pm Barn Olympics – Poultry Barn

2:30 pm Wood Carvings & Glass Blowing Auction - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

2:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

3:00 pm Jr. Fair Silent Auction Ends - Youth Exhibits Building

4:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

4:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

4:30 pm Ag-Venture Activities – Merchants Bldg.

5:00 pm Snakes - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House

5:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

6:00 pm Crazy Mike V - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

6:00 pm West Central Ohio Angus Association Show - Show Arena

7:00 pm Mark Bishop - Gospel Tent

7:00 pm LIVESTOCK SCRAMBLE – GRANDSTAND (Free Admission)

7:00 pm Snakes - B.E.E.T.L.E Van Opposite Roschman Park Shelter House

7:30 pm Birds N Beasts - Roschman Park

8:00 pm Haywired - AAA Grandstand Plaza Stage

8:30 pm Fearless Flores - North Midway

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Trucks and tractors form Sunday attraction

By Josh Ellerbrock

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LIMA — Trucks and tractors will take center stage for two new fair events meant to bridge the gap between the general public and the people who use them every day.

The first of the two events — Safety Day — showcases the vehicles used by first responders. Fair Board Vice President Dan Kimmert said he got the idea from attending another fair, and he decided to bring an enhanced version to Allen County.

Right now, he has involved multiple fire departments, police departments and the Allen County Emergency Management Agency to dedicate a few of their vehicles to a large demonstration located in the infield.

“It’s sort of a hands-on thing to make people feel that the fire department and police

department are their friends. That they are there to help them,” Kimmert said.

Highlights of the planned event include fly-ins from helicopters and multiple demonstrations of the “watermelon drop,” or a presentation illustrating the dangers of a car crash.

Not far away from safety day, fair organizers are also planning Dream Day, which gives fairgoers a chance to drive a large tractor around a predetermined route.

Like Kimmert, Allen County Farm Bureau Board President Jim Hefner said local county farm bureaus have already held similar events at other nearby fairs, and he figured he would bring the event to Allen County.

“When kids are out and about in the country, they see the tractors in the field. Maybe they want to know what’s it’s like to

be in one,” Hefner said.

Multiple tractors will be available for the event provided by dealers from across the county. No implements will be attached to the tractor while operated by fairgoers, and each ride will be attended by a co-pilot watching over the proceedings inside the cab.

“Sunday is a big family day,” Kimmert said. “We’re just trying to give them a little something extra.”

IF YOU GO

What: Dream Day/Safety Day

When: 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18

Where: Grandstand infield

Cost: Registration to drive a tractor is available at the event. Price is \$5 for one driver, \$10 for a family and free for farm bureau members.



Metro photo

A new event where fairgoers may step up into the cab of a tractor and drive it will be Sunday, Aug. 18 at the Allen County Fair.

Street-style tacos, deep-fried desserts headline midway treats

By Mackenzi Klemann

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LIMA — It wouldn’t be the Allen County Fair without deep-fried Twinkies, funnel cakes, tenderloins and corndogs. Fairgoers may be adding some new favorite foods to their list, too, when the Allen County Fair opens.

“We have a really, really good assortment,” said Darlene Hollar, director of concessions for the Allen County Fair. “If you keep looking, you’ll find what you’re looking for.”

New this year are Mexican-style street tacos, nachos and freshly made tortilla chips. Deep-fried perogies will make their return this year too, Hollar confirmed.

Taste of the Fair, another fair favorite, returns Tuesday, Aug. 20, from noon to 8 p.m., during which fairgoers can sample a variety of the year’s hottest fair foods for \$2 per sample at participating vendors.

“Sometimes you want to try that tenderloin but they’re huge and you can’t try something else,” Hollar explained. “This gives you a chance to sample a variety of things, and it’s only \$2 apiece.”

Passersby can sample pulled pork, grilled chicken, tenderloin or sausage sliders, ice cream samplers, pulled pork nachos, roasted cinnamon almonds, cinnamon rolls, kettle corn and more.

Participating vendors will display balloons to alert passersby during

TASTE OF THE FAIR

Sample concessions for \$2 apiece at participating vendors from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20 on the midway. Vendor maps available at allencofair.com or at the fair office.

Taste of the Fair hours. Vendor maps will also available online at allencofair.com or at the fair office.

Vendors will again be accepting FairBucks, presale tickets redeemable for any food or drink item sold at the fair.

“It’s a great way to send kids to the fair (if you) don’t want to give them a bunch of money,” Hollar said.

FairBucks are available in \$5



The Lima News file

Danielle Fustaino, of Florida, prepares ribbon fries from Famous Gabby’s Kitchen during a past Allen County Fair.

increments and are accepted by all vendors, Hollar said, but vendors cannot make change with FairBucks.

Some vendors will be accepting credit cards, and ATMs will also be available on the fairgrounds.

Fair officials have lofty goals on tight budget

Beer to be sold during Kane Brown show; a first for the fair

By J Swygart

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LIMA — With the largest crowd ever to see an entertainer at the Allen County fair virtually assured, country music fans who come to the fair on the evening of Aug. 17 to see artist Kane Brown will for the first time in the fair's history be able to enjoy the concert with a cold brew in their hands.

Bob Fricke, fair general manager, said members of the fair board voted to allow the sale of beer within a fenced area on the grandstand infield during Brown's performance. The board consented, he said, with the stipulation that all proceeds from the beer sales be used for future capital improvements on the fairgrounds.

"This is strictly a one-time

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thing for this single event," Fricke said. "After the fair we'll evaluate and see how things went. But concert attendees have been asking us for years to allow beer sales, so we thought we'd give it a try."

Finding alternative sources of revenue is crucial for the future of the fair. The fair board formed a capital campaign committee to explore fundraising options in the absence of supplemental funding by the Allen County commissioners.

"We (the fair board) don't have a line item in the county budget," Fricke

said. "In previous years the commissioners have given us some money, but this year there was no funding available."

Since last year's event the fairgrounds have seen \$100,00 in improvements, ranging from a new roof on the dairy barn to new fencing in front of the grandstand and other aesthetic improvements.

Fricke said the fair board is turning to fundraisers to help generate money needed for future projects.

One fundraiser currently available allows individuals or businesses to "purchase" a metal bench for \$500 with



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The Allen County Fair wants to update all its white wooden benches that have been in use for years with metal benches, like this one on display in the administration office. The board is offering this new style for \$500, which is a lifetime sponsorship and includes space on the bench for an advertisement or a way to recognize a loved one.

a plaque in memory of a loved one or featuring a small advertisement.

Fricke said several capital improvements are being

considered at the fairgrounds. High atop that list is a "\$3 (million) or \$4 million expo hall or multi-purpose building."



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