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The most fun you'll have all year is back! 2023 is the 161st anniversary of the Wayne County Fair. The annual fair spans 9 days every August and celebrates the rich agricultural history of the region. This year's fair dates are Friday, August 4th through Saturday, August 12.

The 9-day fair packs each and everyday with shows, thrills, rides, games, food and of course, farm.

There's so much fun for kids of all ages on the large and impressive midway, including 26 thrill rides and an awesome and expanding kiddie land. More than just rides, the Fair's packed daily entertainment schedule includes a mix of thrill shows, harness racing, fireworks, the ever popular demolition derby, a huge monster truck show and free musical grandstand shows with some national cover bands.

Farm meets fun at the Wayne County Fair with daily agricultural events like horse, tractor, and truck pulls, kids pedal pulls and even a pony pull plus 4-H


animal shows and judging. And if you like farm animals, head to the north end of the midway for horses, cows, pigs, rabbits and more raised by local 4-H kids.

And the Wayne County Fair boasts an affordable pay one price model of only \$12 per day, per person, that includes rides, parking, exhibits and most entertainment.

Half price admission is offered on Friday August 4th and Wednesday August 9th to seniors 62 and over and for our active military personnel and veterans.

Nothing beats the food you'll find at the Wayne County Fair! If your passion is sausage and peppers, homemade ice cream, corn on the cob, funnel cakes or artisan grilled cheese, you'll be sure to find something delicious to eat.

The 161st Wayne County Fair, a family tradition where farm meets food and fun! For more information on entertainment and the full schedule of events, visit waynecountyfair.com.



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A magnificent view of the entire midway of the fair can be seen from atop the Ferris wheel.





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The agricultural roots of the fair as it goes into its 161st year continue to grow. Check out the schedule of agriculture events involving horses and other livestock on Page 12W.

Agricultural roots grow deep

BY ALEX KIELAR

One of the key aspects to the Wayne County Fair over its long existence has been the continued growth of its agricultural roots. While there are many rides and entertainment to enjoy over the nine-day fair, several 4H competitions, livestock shows, and end-of-fair livestock sale will also be returning. All the livestock shows and 4H competitions take place in the livestock arena in the front of the fair.

“One of the most important facets of the fair is that it is an agricultural fair,” event coordinator Emily Grillo said. “The 4H program and the sale at the end of the fair are huge deals every year.”

The 4H events occurring over opening weekend include the open beef show on Friday, August 4, as well as the FFA dairy show and sheep breeding shows.

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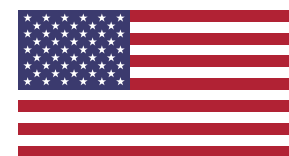
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AGRICULTURAL: Roots

FROM PAGE 6W

Chelsea Hardler, who handles the sale at the end of the fair, spoke to the **Democrat** about the importance of the 4H program and the key skills its members learn.

"I love seeing the kids enjoy themselves while networking and learning hard life skills," Hardler said. "They learn that these animals are raised for a source of food. I like to call them little entrepreneurs because they learn about costs, how many products they sold, and what to do if any of their animals get sick. I have full confidence that everyone [in the program] can survive on their own."

Hardler mentioned how her favorite show to watch as a livestock educator her-

self is the dairy goats. The livestock sale is always a keypoint to the 4H program and she said it is her favorite event during the entire fair.

She also said that the kids don't just take part in livestock events in the program. There are an indefinite amount of skills that they learn, and Hardler said they partake in over 100 different projects.

"You can definitely pick out the kids who were in the 4H program," Hardler said. "They include it in their resumes and it is a great first step to being responsible young adults."

The livestock sale begins at 10 a.m. on the final day of the fair, Saturday August 12, and all livestock will be released between 8 and 10 p.m.



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4H kids take part in agriculture events all fair long, including sheep breeding shows and the FFA dairy show. The entire schedule of livestock shows, including the livestock sale on the fair's final day, can be seen on Page 12W.

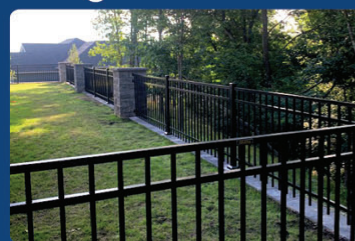


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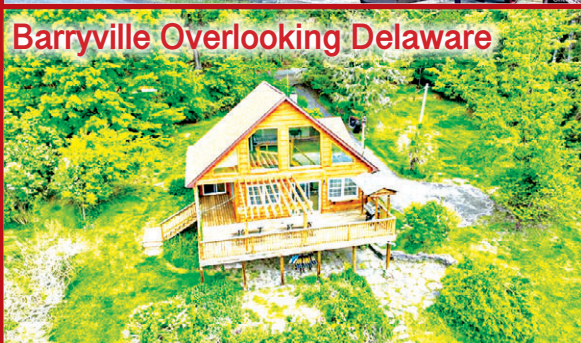


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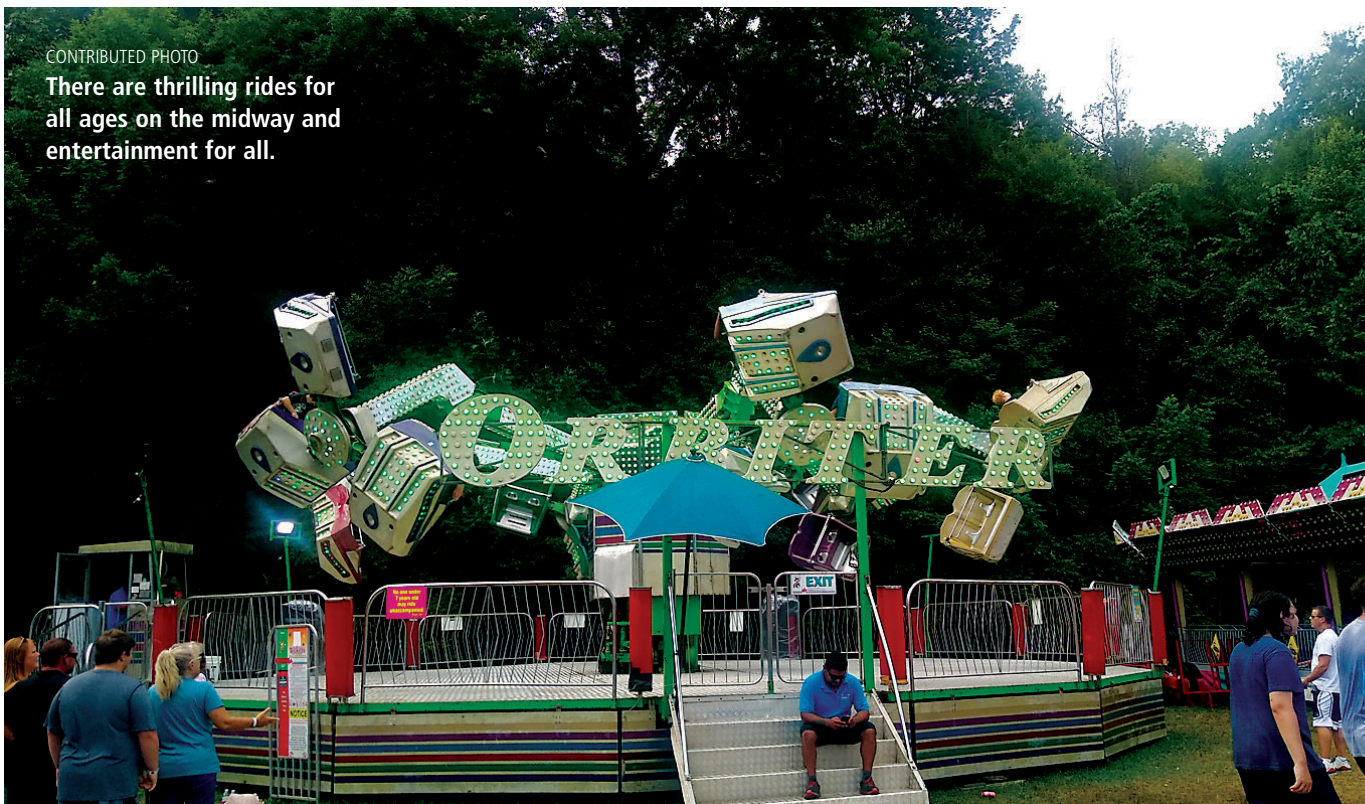
BY ALEX KIELAR

The entertainment at the Wayne County Fair has only grown over its 160 years of existence. As it heads into its 161st year - taking place August 4-12 in Honesdale, PA - there is no shortage of fun and exciting activities to enjoy. For just \$12, guests have access to all the rides and most entertainment. The fair's pay-one-price admission includes parking, small stage shows, most grandstand shows, and best of all, ride all day at no further cost.

The fairgrounds open at 9 a.m. while the midway and rides are open everyday from 12 p.m. till 11 p.m. The pay-one-price does not include food, beverages, midway games, side shows or grandstand admission to concert events, Monster Truck shows, or Demolition Derby shows.

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There are thrilling rides for all ages on the midway and entertainment for all.



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Van Halen Nation is the premier Van Halen tribute band to the David Lee Roth era and a ticket back to the 80s.

"The [Green River Band] show is very faithful to a live Creedence Clearwater Revival perfor-

mance," said event coordinator Emily Grillo. "Listeners enjoy a full 90 minute show of their favorite CCR classics - Bad Moon Rising, Proud Mary, Up Around the Bend to name a few - and songs that Creedence would turn into live jams such as Born on the Bayou and Susie Q."

Grillo also said that the band mixes in John Fogerty classics such as The Old Man Down the Road and Centerfield, which captures the energy of his current show. There is also a fireworks show following the Green River Band show on August 9, at approximately 9:15 p.m.



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Live entertainment can be enjoyed every day of the fair with shows on the small stage on the south end of the midway and bigger shows on the grandstand. The grandstand schedule can be seen on page 13W.

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6:00 PM OPEN SWINE-BREEDING FOLL. BY OPEN MARKET SWINE - ARENA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

8:00 AM JUDGING-4-H & OPEN RABBITS-POULTRY/RABBIT BARN

9:30 AM 4-H & FFA DAIRY SHOW- SHOWMANSHIP-PROTEIN BREEDS-ARENA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 4-H, FFA & OPEN TYPE SHOW (SHOW ORDER - GUERNSEY, JERSEY & MILKING SHORTHORN, BROWN SWISS & AYRSHIRE)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

6-8:00 AM RELEASE TIME - OPEN SWINE

11:00 AM OPEN MARKET MEAT GOAT SHOW - ARENA

1:00 PM OPEN, 4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP SHOW FOLLOWED BY MARKET LAMBS SHOW - ARENA

3:00 PM 4-H, FFA & OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW - 4-H & FFA SHOWMANSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE 4-H, FFA & OPEN DAIRY GOAT SHOW - ARENA

7:00 PM RELEASE TIME - OPEN DAIRY CATTLE

9:00 PM RELEASE TIME - OPEN SHEEP, 4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP, OPEN MARKET GOATS & DAIRY GOATS

9:30 PM RELEASE TIME - OPEN BEEF CATTLE

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

3-8:00 AM ARRIVAL TIME - 4-H & FFA MARKET SWINE

9:00 AM REMOVAL DEADLINE - ALL DAIRY GOATS, ALL OPEN, 4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP (EXCEPT THOSE BEING USED IN 4-H & FFA SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES), ALL OPEN BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM ARRIVAL TIME - ALL 4-H & FFA BEEF (BREEDING, FEEDERS AND MARKET)

3-7:00 PM ARRIVAL TIME - 4-H & FFA MARKET LAMBS AND 4-H & FFA MARKET GOATS

1-8:00 PM ARRIVAL TIME - 4-H & FFA AND OPEN DAIRY - RED & WHITE HOLSTEINS, AND BLACK AND WHITE HOLSTEINS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

9:00 AM 4-H & FFA SWINE MARKET AND SHOWMANSHIP COMBINED - ARENA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

9:00 AM 4-H & FFA HOMEBRED SHOW - ALL SPECIES - SHOW ORDER: HOGS, SHEEP, GOATS, BEEF

2:00 PM 4-H & FFA SHEEP SHOW (SHOWMANSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 4-H & FFA MARKET LAMBS) - ARENA

TBD FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF 4-H & FFA SHEEP SHOW 4-H & FFA GOAT SHOW (SHOWMANSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 4-H & FFA MARKET GOATS) - ARENA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

9:00 AM 4-H & FFA DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 4-H, FFA & OPEN TYPE HOLSTEIN SHOW (RED & WHITE, THEN BLACK & WHITE HOLSTEINS) - ARENA

3:00 PM 4-H & FFA BEEF SHOWMANSHIP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 4-H & FFA BEEF BREEDING, 4-H & FFA FEEDER CALVES, 4-H & FFA MARKET STEERS - ARENA

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7:00 PM RELEASE TIME - DAIRY HOLSTEIN CATTLE

8:00 PM RELEASE TIME - 4-H & FFA BREEDING CATTLE & BEEF FEEDER CALVES

8:45 PM RELEASE TIME - 4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP

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2024 Fair Dates: August 2-10

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7:00 PM DEMOLITION DERBY - Adult \$10 • Child \$5 (12 & Under)

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1:00 PM HARNESS RACING - Free Grandstand *Sponsored by Top Notch Distributors*

7:00 PM SOUTHERN STEEL BAND (Southern Rock Tribute) *Sponsored by Pioneer Const.*

8:30 PM VAN HALEN NATION *Sponsored by Pioneer Construction*

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3:00 PM PEDAL PULL *Sponsored by Geo. W. Kinsman*

7:30 PM THE LUONGO BROS. (aka The Poets) *Sponsored by Grimm & Pioneer Const.*

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2:00 PM PONY PULL - Free Grandstand *Sponsored by Marshall Machinery*

7:00 PM SEMI-TRUCKS & 4WD TRUCK - GAS PULL - Free Grandstand

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12:00 PM HORSE PULL - Free Grandstand *Sponsored by Marshall Machinery*

7:00 PM DIESEL TRUCK PULL - Free Grandstand

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

4:00 PM HARNESS RACING - Free Grandstand *Sponsored by Dave's Super Duper*

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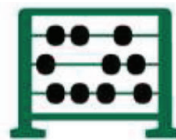
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Showtime is 7:00pm. The show is an additional cost outside of the pay-one-price of \$12. It costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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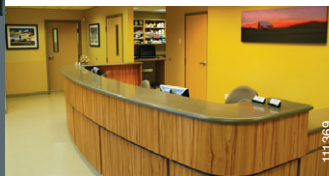
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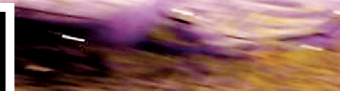
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Trucks, Plane
Crazy.

Above:
One of the five
Monster Trucks,
Krazy Train.

Above:
One of the five Monster
Trucks, Toxic.

At right:
Aftershock will be the head-
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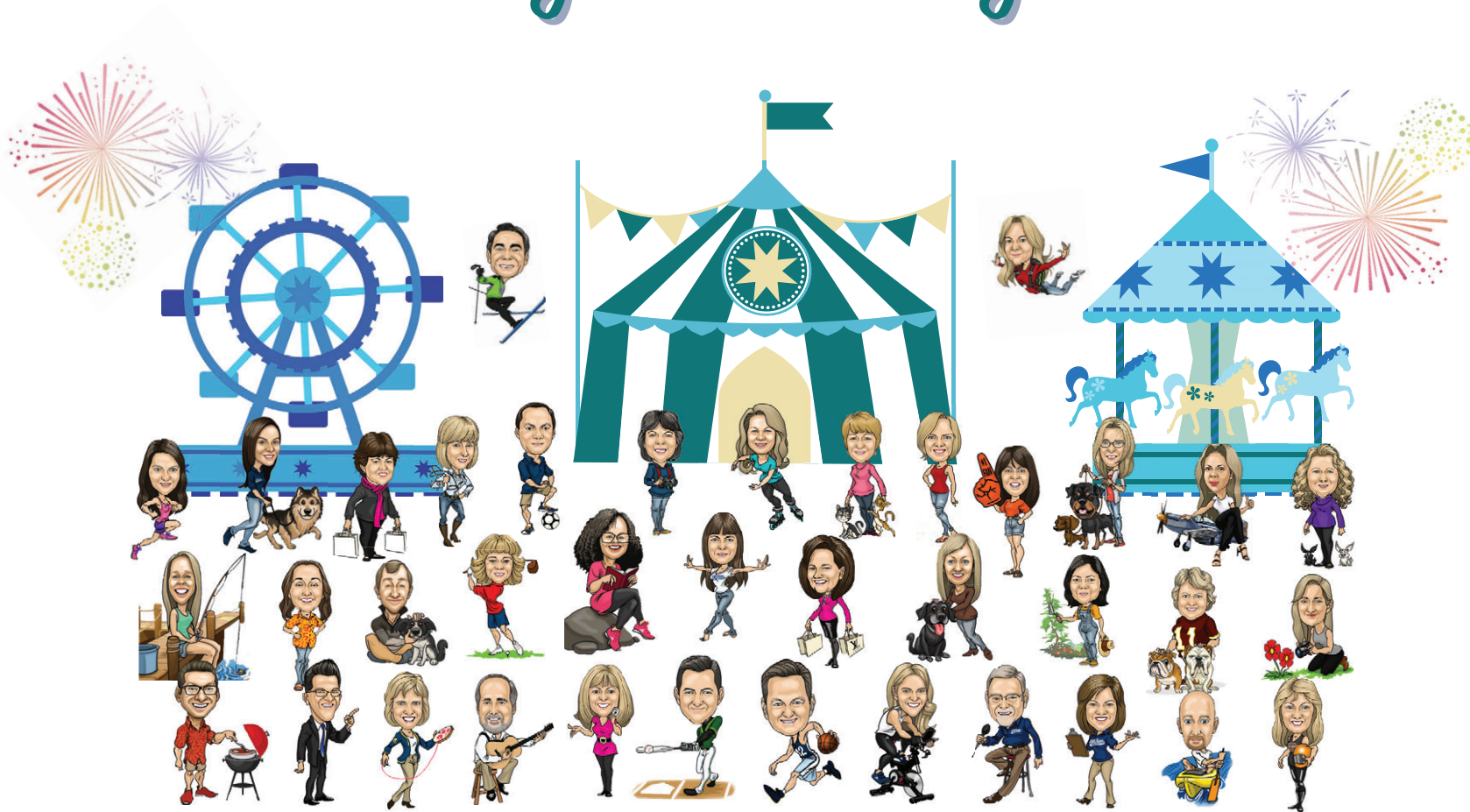
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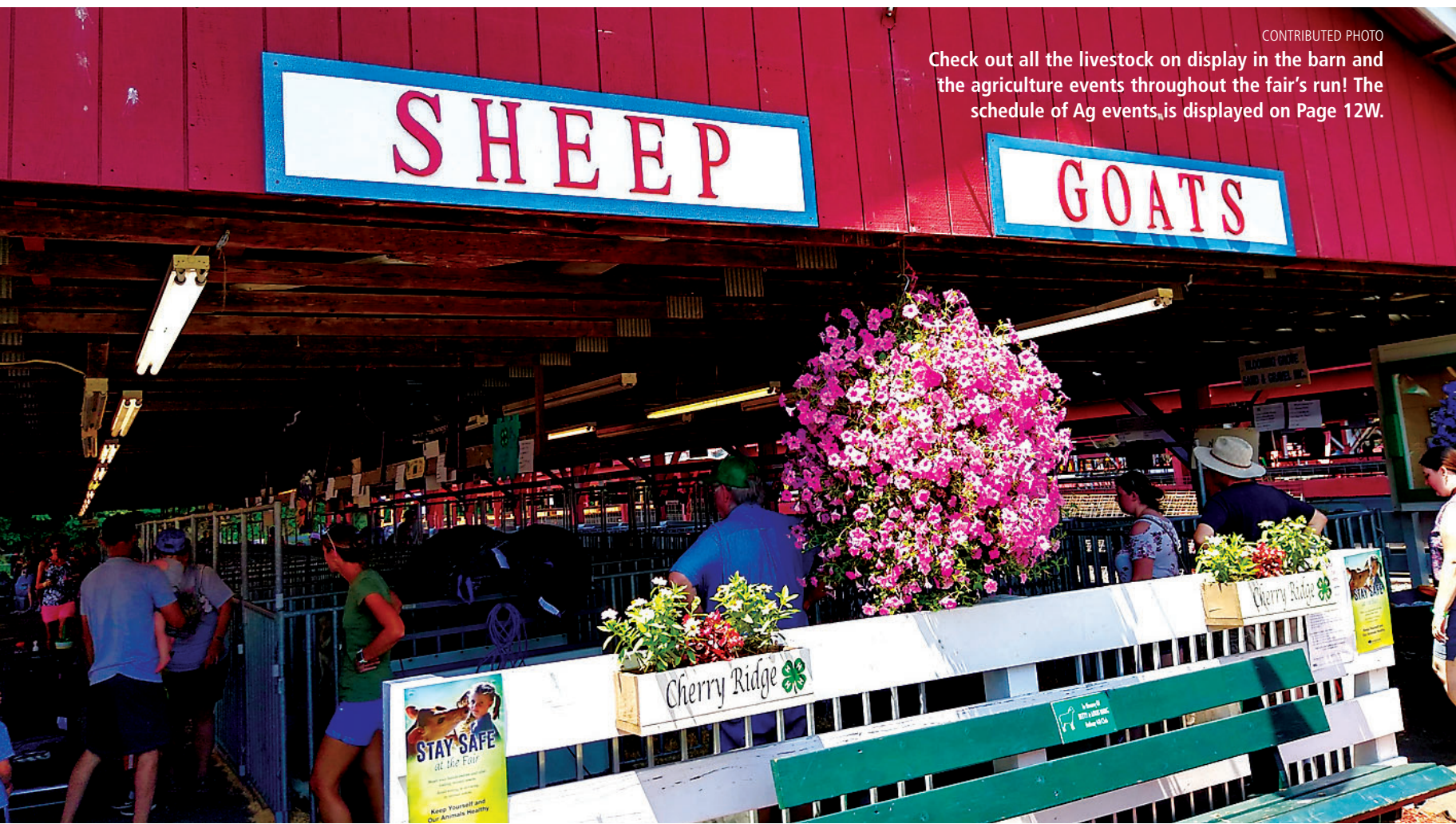
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