

Here Comes the Fair! August 2-9

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In just a few short days the Macon County Fairgrounds will come to life once again with the flashing, neon lights of the midway, the whiz of rides blaring past, and the heavenly scent of funnel cake, fried Oreos and anything-on-a-stick for the 32nd annual Macon County Fair, August 2-9.

Continuing to honor the Macon County Fair tradition of offering a variety of contests, pageants, exhibits and shows, this year's schedule is jam-packed with entertainment appealing to the entire family and some new and exciting events for fair-goers.

Some new events to this year's fair include a Lego Building Contest, the Bullwhip Rodeo, and a Car Show. Also, \$1,000 or more in cash will be given away each night of the fair - totaling over \$8,000 for the week!

Kicking off the pre-fair schedule of events is the Rabbit Show on Saturday, August 2, at 8 a.m., followed by the Macon County Fair Princess Pageant at 6 p.m. and the Fairest of the Fair Pageant at 7 p.m., and the highly anticipated Demolition Derby at 7 p.m. Admission to the Derby is \$5 and the contestant registration fee is \$30. The first of many cash giveaways will take place Saturday at 9:30 p.m, when one \$100 prize and five \$200 prizes will be given away.

On Sunday, August 3, a car show will be held from 2-5 p.m. The car show will include rat rods, trucks, tractors, motorcycles and cars. Those interested in entering a vehicle, can register at 1 p.m.

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Along with the opening of rides, a long list of other events are also scheduled to take place on Monday, with fair exhibits being judged at 8 a.m. The Opening Ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the sheep show and Macon County Fair Petite Miss pageant at 6 p.m., the Macon County Fair Sweetheart pageant and ATV Rodeo at 7 p.m., and five \$200 cash giveaways at 9:30 p.m. Carnival armbands can be purchased Monday for \$18.

Tuesday's events will begin at 6 p.m., and include the Pedal Pull, Goat Show and Mule Show at 6 p.m. and the Mrs. Macon County Pageant and battery powered vehicles event at 7 p.m. The Mrs. Senior Macon County Pageant will immediately follow the Mrs. Macon Pageant. Five more \$200 cash giveaways will also take place around 9:30 p.m. On Tuesday, carnival armbands can also be purchased for \$18 and all students, K-12, will be admitted free of charge.

On Wednesday, fair guests will be invited to attend the Little Miss Macon County Fair Pageant, and the Young Cattleman's Show all at 6 p.m., the Commercial Beef Heifer Show at 6:15 p.m. and the Macon County Fair Beef Show at 6:30 p.m. New to the fair this year, the Bullwhip Rodeo will take place at 7 p.m. Five \$200 cash giveaways are scheduled for Wednesday night. Wednesday is also 'Church Night Armband Special' night, costing \$15 from 5 p.m. to closing.

Thursday events include Senior Citizens Day lunch and Bingo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Baby Show at 5:30 p.m., and the Antique Tractor Pull at 7 p.m. On Thursday, all Macon County Veterans will be admitted free and carnival armbands can be purchased for \$18 per person. Five \$200 cash giveaways are scheduled for Thursday night.

Two popular events, the Tractor Pull and Talent Show, will take place on Friday night at 7 p.m. Carnival armbands will cost \$18 and five \$200 cash giveaways will take place around 10 p.m.

The 4-H Poultry Show & Sale will kick-off Saturday's events at 9 a.m. The new Lego Building Contest is scheduled for 12:15 in the Martha Wilburn Pavilion. Children in each age category will have 45 minutes to build a Lego masterpiece! This contest is open to children ages 3 - 15 and up. The Marble Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. and a Youth Pet Show will follow at 2 p.m. A cornhole tournament is slated for 5 p.m. Test out your skills on the grill at the Backyard Cook-Off, also at 5 p.m. The 32nd annual Truck Pull, sponsored by KTPA Pulling Series, will be held at 7 p.m. Admission to the Truck Pull will cost \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. The entry fee for contestants will be \$20. A live country music concert and dancing, featuring Skahl's Band, will close out the 2014 fair events at 8 p.m. at the Martha Wilburn Building. Carnival armbands can be purchased on Saturday for \$18. Five \$200 giveaways and

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two \$500 giveaways will be given away Saturday night.

Commercial and educational exhibits and the Women's Building will be open for viewing each day, August 4-9, from 5-10 p.m.

During fair hours the Farm Toy Show will be on display and be sure to stop by the Little Red School House, where different Macon County schools and school organizations will be featured each day.

The theme for this year's fair is 'Family, Fun & Farming: A Tribute to Agriculture' and will be portrayed throughout the week in the themes of various booths set up in the Sally Wells Building.

Fair exhibits will include submissions in the following adult categories: canning, clothing, creative table setting, field crops, fine art, floral, gardening, home cookery, needlework & crafts and photography. Youth exhibits will include sewing, needlework, canning, project/club exhibits, arts and crafts, posters, home cookery, floral, photography, creative table setting and gardening.

To enter for your chance to win the nightly cash giveaways, sign the tickets given to you at the gate, and put them in the orange buckets located around the fairgrounds, Monday night – Sunday night.

Fair parking entrances will be located on Airport Road and Learly Road.

With such a wide variety of events, games, rides and foods, the Macon County Fair is sure to satisfy your family's need for fun and excitement. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make some memories of your own this year!

Exhibit entry information: All youth exhibits/entries can begin set-up at 10 a.m. until noon on

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Saturday, August 2. All adult entries are to be set-up between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 3. Exhibit pick-up of all entries is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 10.