

We're Off to See the Fair! August 3-10

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In just a few short days the Macon County Fairgrounds will come to life with the familiar bright lights of the midway, the shrill screams of ride goers and the heavenly scents of funnel cake, fried Oreos and anything-on-a-stick for the 31st annual Macon County Fair, August 3-10.

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.

Kicking off the pre-fair schedule of events is the Rabbit Show on Saturday, August 3, at 6 p.m., followed by the Macon County Fairest of the Fair Pageant at 6:30, and the highly anticipated Demolition Derby at 7 p.m. Admission to the Derby is \$5 and the contestant registration fee is \$20. The first of many cash giveaways will take place Saturday between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

On Sunday, August 4, all floral exhibits will be judged at 5 p.m.

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

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p.m., followed by the sheep show and Macon County Fair Sweetheart pageant at 6 p.m., the Macon County Fair Princess pageant and ATV Rodeo at 7 p.m., and five \$100 cash giveaways between 9 and 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 \$100 cash giveaways will also take place between 9 and 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. The Petite Miss Macon County Fair Pageant will take place at 7 p.m. as well as the Truck Pull. Admission to the truck pull is \$5 with children 12 and under free. Classes include 6200 Pro-Street 4WD, 5200 Modified Stock, 8500 Alternate Farm, 5500 Pro-Street 2WD, 4200 Mini Trucks and 8000 Pro-Stock Diesel. Entry free for participants is \$20. One \$500 cash giveaway and one \$100 cash giveaway 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 \$100 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. A horseshoe pitching tournament at 6 p.m. will also draw a crowd to the fairgrounds on Friday. Carnival armbands will cost \$18 and one \$500 cash giveaway and one \$100 cash giveaway will take place.

A new addition to this year's fair events, the 4-H Poultry Show & Sale will kick-off Saturday's events at 9 a.m. The event includes 31 Macon County youth who will submit three poultry entries that will be up for auction to the highest bidders. Auctioneer Ben Bray will auction off the poultry. The 31 youth raised their entries from chicks and will receive all of the money raised from their auctioned-off poultry. Business owners and community members are invited to come out and make a bid! The Youth Pet Show (new categories added: costume and trick) will also

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take place Saturday at 2 p.m., with the Marble Tournament scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Martha Wilburn Building and a cornhole tournament slated for 5 p.m. Test out your skills on the grill at the Backyard Cook-Off also at 5 p.m. The 31st 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. Classes include Prostock 4WD, 2.6 Diesel Trucks, Pro Stock 2WD, 4000 Mini Truck and Super Modified 2WD Truck. A live country music concert and dancing, featuring Skahl's Band, will close out the 2013 fair events at 8 p.m. at the Martha Wilburn Building. Carnival armbands can be purchased on Saturday for \$18.

During fair hours, a petting barn will be open, the Farm Toy Show will be on display and the Macon County 'School Days' exhibit will take place in the Little Red School House. News Channel 4's Snow Bird will also be making an appearance at the fair on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The theme for this year's fair is 'We're Off to See the Fair,' which will be portrayed throughout the week in the themes of various booths set up in the Sally Wells Building.

Commercial and educational exhibits will be open for viewing each day, August 5-10, from 5-10 p.m. and the Women's Building will be open for exhibit viewing Monday through Saturday from 5 – 10 p.m.

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. A new category has been included in this year's adult and youth vegetable competitions. The category, 'Vegetable Critter,' includes odd shaped vegetables grown naturally and can be decorated to enhance the visual interpretation.

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.

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

“For the past 31 years the success of the Macon County Fair has belonged to many people – the volunteers, dedicated directors, exhibitors, many loyal supporters and most of all the fairgoers,” said Fair Board Treasurer Sally Wells. “A very special thank you to everyone involved!”

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