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2023 Northumberland County Fair

Tall Cedars Grove, Sunbury

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 22nd (Tractor Tuesday)

FAIR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3-9 PM

6:30 pm Garden Tractor Pulls (8th year!)

7:00 pm Sale of Baked Goods begins

Wednesday, August 23rd (Media Day)

FAIR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3-9 PM

3:00-9:00 pm Farm Animal Educational Exhibit open

4:00-6:00 pm Van Wagner ... Entertainment-Main Stage

5:00-7:00 pm Dr Lenny Gessner (magician)... Entertainment-Pavilion ... *NEW for 2023*

7:00-9:00 pm Jim McClincy & Special Delivery ... Entertainment-Main Stage

Thursday, August 24th (Farmers Day)

FAIR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3-9 PM

3:00-9:00 pm Farm Animal Educational Exhibit open

3:00-7:00 pm Frank & Kathy Deluca (wandering minstrels) ... Entertainment

4:00-6:00 pm Pony Rides-in the Animal Show Ring

4:00-6:00 pm Chris T Harp & All Star Players ... Entertainment-Main Stage

5:00-9:00 pm Reptile Exhibit

6:00 pm 'Mutton Busting' Event-in the Animal Show Ring

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7:00 pm Pony Rides-in the Animal Show Ring

7:00 pm PA Poisonous Snakes...Talk in the Pavilion

7:00-9:00 pm Frank Wicher Band ... Entertainment-Main Stage

Friday, August 25th (Family Friday)

FAIR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3-10 PM

3:00-10:00 pm Farm Animal Educational Exhibit open

3:00-7:00 pm Frank & Kathy Deluca (wandering minstrels) ... Entertainment

3:00-9:00 pm Farrier Demonstration

4:00-5:00 pm Pony Rides-in the Animal Show Ring

5:00-7:00 pm h2 Church Singers... Entertainment-Pavilion ... *NEW for 2023*

5:00-9:00 pm Reptile Exhibit

5:30 pm Rabbit Show

6:00 pm Beef Cattle Show

6:30 pm Pet Parade Registration

7:00 pm Pet Costume Contest & Parade

7:30 pm Pony Rides-in the Animal Show Ring

7:00 pm -- Pedal Tractor Pull (Part of Farmer's Triathlon)

Until Dark Bale Throwing & Bale Stacking Contest (Part of Farmer's Triathlon)

7:00-9:00 pm Allan Combs' Soul Medicine ... Entertainment-Main Stage

2023 Northumberland County Fair

Tall Cedars Grove, Sunbury

EVENTS SCHEDULE

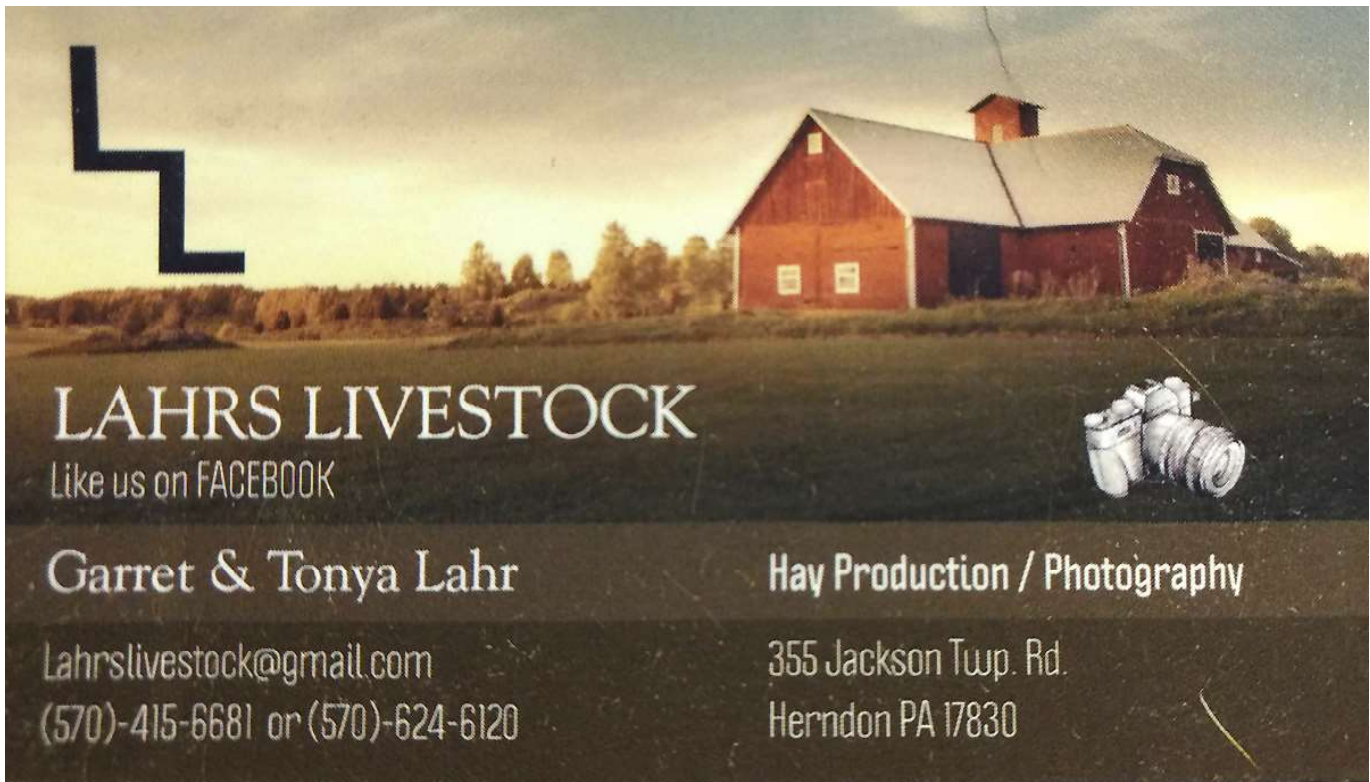
Saturday, August 26th (Veterans Day)

FAIR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 9 AM-9 PM

8:30 am	Sheep & Market Goat Show
8:30 am-3:00 pm	Farrier Demonstration
9:00 am-9:00 pm	Farm Animal Educational Exhibit open
9:00 am	Horse Show-in the Animal Show Ring
After horse show	Miniature Horse Experience-in the Animal Show Ring
Until 7:00 pm	Pony Rides-in the Animal Show Ring
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Leon Broskey ... Entertainment- Pavilion
10:00 am-2:00 pm	Livestock Skill-a-thon
12:00-2:00 pm	Adam and the Armadillos ... Entertainment-Main Stage ... <i>NEW for 2023</i>
12:30 pm	ADGA Sanctioned Dairy Goat Show
2:00-6:00 pm	Reptile Exhibit
3:30-5:30 pm	Ann Kerstetter Band ... Entertainment- Main Stage
5:00-7:00 pm	John Derk ... Entertainment- Pavilion
5:00 pm	Bale Throwing & Bale Stacking Contest (Part of Farmer's Triathlon)
6:00 pm	Pedal Tractor Pull (Part of Farmer's Triathlon)
7:00-9:00 pm	After Hours Big Band ... Entertainment- Main Stage ... <i>NEW for 2023</i>
9:00 pm (approx.)	Fantastic Fireworks Display Sponsored by Country Turf & Trail

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TUESDAY EVENTS

GARDEN TRACTOR PULLS

**Tuesday August 22nd 6:30 pm
at the Fairground Track**

For the 8th year the Mid Penn Tractor Pullers return to the Northumberland County Fair. Classes range from youth to super stock. Local pullers will be competing for prize money and bragging rights.

Registration before event open to all. \$10 per pull. Prize money paid for top 5 in each class.



COME SEE THEM AT THE FAIR!

WEDNESDAY EVENTS



Van Wagner

Wednesday August 23rd 4:00 pm

on the Main Stage

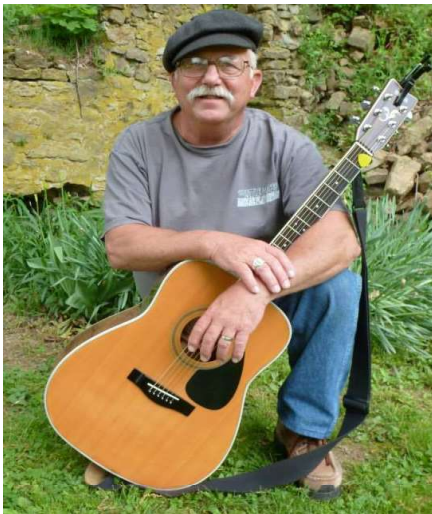
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Jim McClincy and Special Delivery

Wednesday August 23rd 7:00 pm

on the Main Stage

Wednesday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm Jim McClincy will be rocking the stage with a mix of bluegrass, classic country, folk, gospel, and soft rock. Jim is known locally as the Singing Mailman, since he is a retired letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office who would sing as he delivered the mail. Jim also served in the United States Air Force. Jim has been entertaining audiences since the 1970's with his guitar, banjo and harmonica. Come join us and sing along, tap your feet and clap your hands to some great music.



Featured Friends of the Fair!

Hi everyone! My name is Faith Mitchell, and I am a member of the Northumberland County Fair Board as well as a participant in the fair as I have been for the past two years. Being able to help behind the scenes at the fair is one of the best experiences I have had. I have always loved visiting the fair and enjoying all the great food, fun events, and fantastic people, but the most rewarding part is hands down being able to put in entries and help on the board. My entries include photography and floral arrangements in a variety of categories. Creating arrangements is one of my favorite things to do and an opportunity such as the fair is a great place to showcase hobbies of all kinds. If I could say anything to someone who is considering entering something into the fair it would be you are never too old! I didn't start putting entries in the fair until I was 19 years old, and I still enjoy participating in as many ways as I can. There is something for every age to enjoy and be a part of, which is another reason why I love the fair so much. I encourage everyone to visit the fair and support our agricultural community through events such as these! I can't wait to see everyone there!

- Faith Mitchell



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THURSDAY EVENTS



Chris T Harp & All Star Players

**Thursday August 24th 4:00 pm
on the Main Stage**

Get ready to enjoy outstanding music from a seasoned-pro trio. The players are Kimbo Reichley,- Tim Breon and Chris T Harp. Sit back and enjoy the musical conversations and see if you can stay still while the groove keeps you moving.

Mutton Bustin'

**Thursday August 24th 6:00 pm
in the Animal Ring**

Get ready for the 6th Annual Mutton Bustin' event at the Northumberland County Fair. This is like a rodeo for youth. Registration will be begin at 5:00 pm at the General Store and is limited to the first 20 kids. Sign your child up to ride a sheep and find out if they can stay on for "8 seconds".

Each child will be suited up and will do their best to stay on as long as they can. The kids will be rewarded with prizes for top scores of staying on the longest.

This event is fun for the spectators and the participants.



Frank Wicher Band

**Thursday August 24th 7:00 pm
on the Main Stage**

Frank's songwriting comes right from the heart of a man who has lived life on the edge and survived to sing about it. He has a philosophical outlook on life that he presents in his gutsy, driving, outlaw tinged songs. His stage presence is down-to-earth and humorous giving him a rapport with audiences only seasoned and genuine performers can acheive.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY



Frank & Kathi Delucca

**Thursday August 24th 3:00 pm and
Friday August 25th 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Wandering Minstrels

Frank & Kathi have been performing both as an accordion duo and keyboard/vocal duo since 1980. They are classically trained (but still fun!) People of all ages enjoy them. Their goal is to have fun and make people smile.

FRIDAY EVENTS



Beef Cattle Show

**Friday August 25th 6:00 pm
in the Animal Ring**

There will be a one day show of Beef Cattle on Friday evening. The show will include Dairy Beef, Beef Steers and Beef Heifers in various weight classes and showmanship competitions.

Watch as contestants compete for the blue ribbon.

Pedal Tractor Pulls

**Friday August 25th 7:00 pm
at the Fairground Track**

The pedal tractor pull is a favorite event for many people young and old, as it gives them a chance to test their strength and show-off their driving skills! Registration takes place on site before the competition. It is loads of fun for the kids and almost as much fun to watch and cheer! Climb onto a little tractor and pedal as hard and as fast as you can, pulling a weight behind you that gradually gets more and more difficult to pull! If you reach the end, you get a Full Pull!



Pet Costume Contest & Parade

**Friday August 25th 7:00 pm
in front of the Main Stage**

Put your best foot forward in our pet costume contest and parade. Pets and their owners dress up and parade in front of the main stage for our judges. Prizes are awarded to the best costumes. Costumes are judged on originality and audience reaction.

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FRIDAY EVENTS



Allan Combs' Soul Medicine

Friday August 25th 7:00 pm

on the Main Stage

Rock out to Soul Medicine on the Main Stage!

Soul Medicine is a group based out of Lewisburg, PA. They play originals as well as carefully crafted interpretations of some of your favorite tunes. The band covers an array of genres including R & B, Blues, Funk, Rock n' Roll, Rockabilly, and Soul.

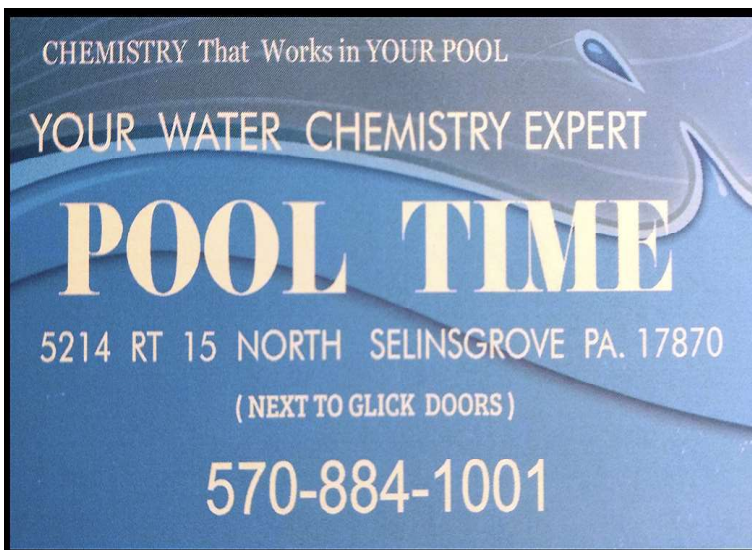
Featured Friends of the Fair!

Two is always better than one and the Johnston twins are here to prove it! Evelyn and Grace Johnston are a 13-year-old set of twins from Sunbury that have been competing in the fair for the past 4 years. Between the two of them, they have entered and placed in all the following categories: baking, flowers, herbs, vegetables, pottery, jewelry, poetry, basketry, sewing, mixed media drawing, sculpture, and photography. You also might recognize these two as the 1st place winners of the pet parade this past year along with their adorable corgi! They have been going to the fair since they were 2 years old and became interested in competing through their family and friends as well as 4-H. Grace says her favorite part of the fair is "seeing the exhibits and having fun with my friends." While Evelyn states her favorite part is "probably the pet parade and mutton busting." There is quite a variety of competitions and events going on at our fair and the twins have embraced them all. Evelyn recommends to anyone curious about entering the fair "If you're thinking about competing in the pet parade, make sure your pet is socialized and okay around people and other pets. It can become a problem when your pet starts having a 'conversation' with another pet while waiting in line for your name to be called." So, you heard it here first, bringing a socialized pet to the pet parade is a great way to enter the fair. In closing, Grace put it best "Going to the fair is a free and fun experience that is worth checking out!"

- Faith Mitchell



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SATURDAY EVENTS



Horse Show

**Saturday August 26th 9:00 am
in the Animal Ring**

The Horse Show at the Northumberland County Fair is a "Fun Show" for all ages and experience levels.

There are 20 classes to enter and show your horsemanship skills. Whether you are there to compete or watch the event, you'll see a day of equine adventures!

Pre-registration Entry Fee \$1 (\$2 day of event) per class entered. Registration one hour before show.

Minature Horse Experience

**Saturday August 26th after Horse Show
in the Animal Ring**

After the Horse Show, any child, who wants to, may try leading a minature horse over trail obstacles or jumps.

An experienced horse trainer will assist them.

Open to kids 6 to 18 years old.

Sign-up at the General Store.



American Dairy Goat Show

**Saturday August 26th 12:30 pm
in the Animal Pen Area**

There will be a one day show of American Dairy Goats on Saturday afternoon. Only American Dairy Goats Association, American Goat Society and Canadian Society registered, recorded or applied for animals may be shown in an official American Dairy Goats Association show.

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SATURDAY EVENTS



Leon Broskey

**Saturday August 26th 10:00 am
under the Pavilion**

Leon Broskey hails from the Shamokin area. Leon has been playing off and on for the past 30 years

Leon says variety is the name of the game. From oldies to contemporary, rock to country, and even Christian hits.

Adam & the Armadillos

**Saturday August 26th 12:00 pm
on the Main Stage**

Adam & the Armadillos is an All-American, honky tonk band from Central Pennsylvania. They have been touring across the nation promoting their new hit single "One of Those".

Don't miss these rising stars Saturday afternoon on the Main Stage!



Ann Kerstetter Band

**Saturday August 26th 3:00 pm
on the Main Stage**

Listen to the sultry sounds of the amazing Ann Kerstetter Band on the main stage!

John Derk

**Saturday August 26th 5:00 pm
under the Pavilion**

John grew up playing in popular local bands like Jesse, Jaysenn Grand, Full Circle and Topaz. He later began to perform as a solo artist. John plays piano as well as guitar and mandolin. His vast song list includes songs by the Beatles, Garth Brooks, Gordon Lightfoot, Keith Urban, Tom Petty, Todd Rundgren and 10cc.



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SATURDAY EVENTS

Pedal Tractor Pulls

**Saturday August 26th 6:00 pm
at the Fairground Track**

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After Hours Big Band

**Saturday August 26th 7:00 pm
on the Main Stage**

We really do love playing the music of the past. The '30's right up through the '70's and even some newer. The After Hours Big Band formed in 1995 in Lykens, PA for the recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the End of WW II. The band adds variety to their Swing Dance song list when requested. Brian Setzer Orchestra, Maynard Ferguson, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, The Phil Collins Big Band and others. Over twenty seven years the band has grown in size and changed. Why not come out and see the band and listen, dance, smile and remember!



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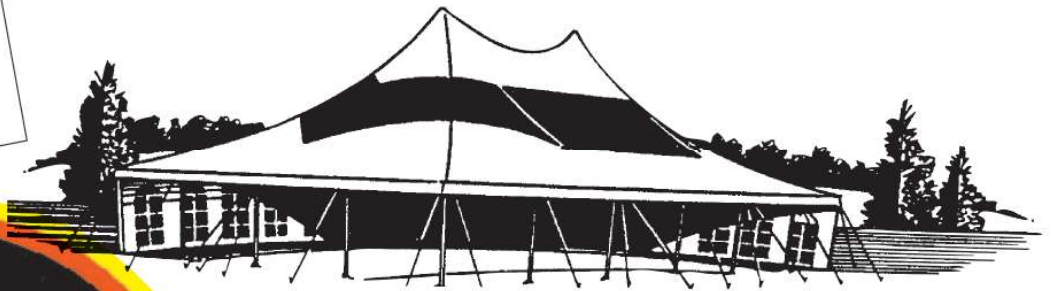


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SATURDAY EVENTS

Fantastic Fireworks Display

Saturday August 26th 9:00 pm (approx.)

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Our hats are off to all of you!

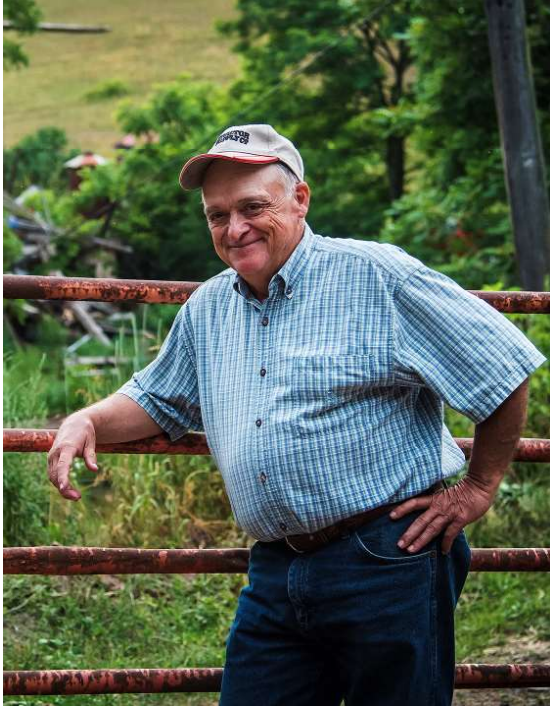


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IN LOVING MEMORY



Dick Byerly **Northumberland County Fair Founding Member**

Another old friend has passed away and I don't think I have really missed him until now.

Dick Byerly and I lived somewhat parallel lives in that we were both farm boys who went to Land Grant colleges (Penn State for him, Michigan State for me) and pursued careers in agriculture, He as a Teacher, I as a Veterinarian. We were within a year or so in age, had children at about the same time and did some farming for most of our lives.

While we would see each other at meetings and events, the times that we could really sit down and talk occurred at the fair, usually in the office, usually late afternoon or evening. To paraphrase the Walrus from Alice in Wonderland, that was the time to talk of many things; cows, crops, projects, history...

Colleague, peer, neighbor, friend. I will miss our talks and I will miss him.

- Dr. James Temple

Dick knew many people from his days as an Ag teacher at Tri-Valley High School. He also took pride in owning and operating Twindale Farm in Rebuck since 1971.

He greatly enjoyed spending his days working on the farm and, in recent years, tending his herd of Braunvieh cattle.

He was involved with the county fair since the early days. He was the judge for several exhibit categories including hay & grain, fruits & nuts, antique farm equipment, and eggs.

He also oversaw the 'Friend of the Fair' selection each year.

His presence at the fair will be greatly missed.



Photo of Dick with his grandson Josh in 2016.



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