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**BATTLE OF THE BEAST BULL RIDING
AND COWGIRL BARREL RACING**

RETURNS TO THE 136th unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA

TIMONIUM, MD - The cowboys will once again face the bulls, for one of America's fastest growing extreme spectator sports when the J Bar W Ranch hosts the ever popular ***Battle of the Beast Bull Riding and Cowgirl Barrel Racing Competition*** on **Monday, August 28, 7 PM**, in the Maryland State Fair **Horse Show Ring**.

The *Battle of the Beast Bull Riding* at the Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota will consist of 25 professional International Bull Rider Association (IBR) riders competing to ride some of the toughest bulls in the world of rodeo, Cowgirls Barrel Racing and more.

The J Bar W Ranch, in its 20th year of producing and hosting pro-bull riding events at its home-base in Frederick, Maryland and throughout the country has drawn many of the nation's top 45 professional bull riders to its rodeos and has entertained hundreds of thousands of fans.

The cowboys must stay on the bucking bull for eight seconds with one arm in the air and only then be judged on how they ride and how well the bull bucks. The Cowgirls Barrel Racing will feature women from around the state in a timed run in a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels.

"Most of the livestock used at the J Bar W Ranch were either born or raised at the ranch," said J Bar W Ranch co-owner Sonny Williams. "In the late 80's we established our very own "Born to Buck Program," breeding our cattle to bulls with outstanding athletic ability." Several of the J Bar W Ranch bulls have been seen at Professional Bull Rider (PBR) and Pro Rodeo Cowboy (PRCA) events around the country including the Professional Bull Rider (PBR) Finals and National Finals Rodeo (NFR), both in Las Vegas. For more information on bull riding and J Bar W Ranch, go to www.jbarwrench.com.

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The 136th unFAIRgettable MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment that are sure to captivate visitors of all ages. No other event provides so much food, fun, family entertainment and education for so little. The Maryland State Fair, located in Timonium in Baltimore County, opens **Thursday, August 24 with a Ridemania Preview night and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017. General Fair hours are Noon to 10 PM, Monday through Friday and 12 Noon to 10 PM on Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday. See below for detailed Fair Hours.**

Hear **Live National and Local Entertainment** featuring **Halestorm** with opening act **Fatally Yours**; and, **Sabrina Carpenter** with opening artist **Alex Aiono**. Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway or Kiddie Land tame rides**. Taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**. Experience **Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing**; Explore the **4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden, Exhibition Hall and the Mosner/Miller Museum/DNR Buildings** for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits. See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Participate in **U-Learn Farm agriculture education activities, Nature Play Space** and more.

The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden and Exhibition Hall hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays – Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. Kiddie Land rides area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM - 10 PM. Main Midway rides, games and food stands hours: Monday – Friday, 2PM - close and Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM - close. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for schedule.

Admission to the Fair is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (62 and older) and \$3 for children (6-11). Children five-years-old and younger are admitted free. Rides are individually priced. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5. Taking the Light Rail is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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