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**HOW NOW TO MILK A COW? BALTIMORE COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS TO TEACH FAIRGOERS
HOW TO HAND MILK A COW AT THE 136th unFAIRgettable MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR**

TIMONIUM, MD - While milking cows has gone high tech for most dairy farm operations, traditional hand-milking is the mother of invention. Fairgoers will have the opportunity to learn the traditional way of milking a cow, when Baltimore County Farm Bureau Young Farmers host the *Milk It* fundraiser in the MY Maryland State Fair Cow Palace, Saturday, August 26 - Sunday, August 27 from 11 AM – 3 PM; Monday, August 28 - Friday, September 1 from 5 PM– 7 PM; and Saturday, Sept. 2 through Monday, September 4 from 11 AM – 3 PM.

Milk It will provide educational information about Maryland's dairy industry. And, for a small fee, interested fairgoers may take a lesson and try their hand at milking a cow. Participants will learn a new skill and will receive a special treat.

"When the general consumer picks up a gallon of milk from the store, they rarely stop to think about how it got there. *Milk It* offers firsthand knowledge of dairy cows, how to properly hand milk a cow, and the importance of milk in our diet." said Baltimore County Farm Bureau President and *Milk It* Chairperson Jo-Ann Chason. "Over the years we have had great feedback about how special this experience is for participants. From parents reporting that their children waited the entire year for the fair to come around so they can milk a cow again to adults wanting to check it off their bucket list. We enjoy the interreaction with the public and many of the expressions when they touch a cow for the first time are simply priceless."

All proceeds from *Milk It* will be used to benefit Baltimore County Farm Bureau Young Farmers program.

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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 Saturdays, Sundays, 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. Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 8 PM and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – 8 PM. Main Midway and Kiddie Land rides, games and food stands area hours: Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – Close and Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10AM – 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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