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THE COWBOYS VS. THE BULLS

**BATTLE OF THE BEAST BULL RIDING AND COWGIRL BARREL RACING
RETURNS TO THE 137TH MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR PRESENTED BY TOYOTA
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TIMONIUM, MD – More Than A Fair, We're A Culture...ExcitementCULTURE! 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 27, 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 21st 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.jbarwranch.com.

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More Than A Fair, We’re A Culture! The 137th MY Maryland State Fair presented by Toyota is a fun and educational destination complete with daily exhibits, presentations and entertainment 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, starts with **M&T Bank presents Fox-45FAMFest Preview Night with Ridemania, on Thursday, August 23 from 5 PM – 9 PM in the State Fair Park. Midway rides, games and food areas open until 11 PM. Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, 2018.** General Fair hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 10 PM, Saturdays, Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 8 PM.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the M&T Bank Presents LIVE! OnTrack! Concert Series, featuring celebrated new Country artists **Chase Bryant** and **Chris Lane** on August 24; and, Rock band **Smash Mouth** on August 25; Legendary Classic Rockers **Jefferson Starship** on September 1; and, Country music sensation **Chris Janson** on September 2. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the **LIVE! OnTrack!** Infield.

Enjoy **thrills & chills on the Midway** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land** play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday-Thursday, 12 Noon-close and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day, Monday, 10 AM–close.

Explore The 4-H/Home Arts, Farm & Garden Buildings, and The Exhibition Hall for thousands of the best-of-the-best of Maryland creations and exhibits, Monday – Friday, 12 Noon – 10 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. The Mosner-Miller Museum/DNR Building closes daily at 8 PM.

See all kinds of **livestock and horses in the Cow Palace, Barns, Show Rings and Birthing Center**. Early risers are welcome to arrive early to attend the livestock and horse shows in the various livestock barns, buildings and show rings. Go to www.marylandstatefair.com for 4-H and Open Class Show schedules.

Experience Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing, Friday, August 24 – Sunday, August 26 and Friday, August 31 – Monday, September 3. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at U-Learn Farm, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center, the Innovation Station, Horseland, Nature Play Space**, and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Admission to the Fair is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62 and older) and \$5 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. **Uber and LYFT drop-off** and pick-up areas in the Deereco Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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