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FAIRGOERS URGED TO SEARCH FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AT MY MARYLAND STATE FAIR
LAST YEAR ONE FORTUNATE FAIRGOER FOUND MORE THAN \$14,000
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TIMONIUM, MD -Last year, one fortunate Maryland State Fair visitor walked up to the Comptroller of Maryland's Unclaimed Property Booth and walked away with the knowledge that \$14,204.00 was owed to them in unclaimed funds. This year, the Unclaimed Property Booth will return to MY Maryland State Fair, Friday, August 24 - Monday, September 3, 2018. The Exhibit Hall hours are Weekdays, Noon to 10 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Labor Day Monday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

State Comptroller Peter Franchot's representatives will be on hand with computer hookups that allow fairgoers to enter their names and find out if they are the owners of unclaimed funds being held by the State. In 2017 alone, more than 300 fairgoers discovered nearly \$307,645 in unclaimed funds.

"Financial institutions, insurance companies and corporations are required to report bank accounts, contents of safe deposit boxes, wages, insurance benefits, security deposits, stock dividends and other funds to our office if they remain unclaimed for three years or more," said Comptroller Peter Franchot. Since 2007, the Comptroller's Office has returned more than \$500 million in unclaimed property. "In Maryland, there is no statute of limitations, which means there is no time limit under which the property may be claimed," said Comptroller Franchot. "You or your legitimate heirs may claim the funds at any time."

The unclaimed property booth is just one of the many ways in which the Comptroller's Office attempts to locate rightful owners. The Comptroller's Office honored nearly 44,000 claims totaling more than \$68 million in Fiscal Year 2018. In total, the agency has more than 1 million accounts worth more than \$1.8 billion in its Unclaimed Property accounts.

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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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