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THE COWBOYS VS. THE BULLS

**BATTLE OF THE BEAST BULL RIDING AND COWGIRL BARREL RACING
RETURNS TO THE 138TH 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 26, 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 22nd 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 138th 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 **Ridemia Preview Night, on Thursday, August 22** from 5 PM to close. **Exhibit Halls, Barns, Midway Rides, Food, Games, and more open Friday, August 23 through Monday, September 2, 2019. General Fair hours are** Monday – Friday, 12 PM - Close, Saturdays and Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM – Close. See below for detailed Midway and Building Hours.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the **M&T Bank Presents *LIVE! ON TRACK Concert Series***, featuring: American Pop band **HANSON** on August 23; and, Rock legends **The Marshall Tucker Band** on August 24; Country duo **LOCASH** on Aug 30; and, Arena Rock band **Night Ranger** on August 31. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the Racetrack Infield. For ticket prices, go to Go to www.marylandstatefair.com.

Enjoy **Midway thrills & chills** and **tame rides in Kiddie Land**, play fun, **Fair games**, and taste a **feast of Fair and farm foods**, Monday - Friday, 12 Noon to close and Saturdays, Sundays & Labor Day Monday, 10 AM to 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 – 9 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM – 9 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 23 – Sunday, August 25 and Friday, August 30 – Monday, September 2. Post Time: 1 PM. Also enjoy Simulcast Horse Racing daily in the Grandstand and OTB.

Participate in **agriculture education activities at the U-Learn Agriculture Education Zone, The Birthing Center, Horseland, Nature Play Space, UME Master Gardener Learning Garden** 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. Free Admission to Grandstand for Thoroughbred Races and OTB Only at Timonium Road Gate. Limited parking on the Fairgrounds is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$10. Taking the **Light Rail** is recommended. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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