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**FAIRGOERS ENCOURAGED TO SEARCH FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AT THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR
ONE FORTUNATE FAIRGOER FOUND MORE THAN \$70,000**

TIMONIUM, MD - One fortunate Fairgoer, at a previous Maryland State Fair, walked up to the Comptroller of Maryland's Unclaimed Property Booth and walked away with the knowledge that \$71,516.88 was owed to them in unclaimed funds. This year, the Unclaimed Property Booth will return to Maryland State Fair, Friday, August 26 - Monday, September 6, 2021. The Exhibit Hall hours are Weekdays, Noon to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 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 2019 alone, more than 594 fairgoers discovered nearly \$398,590.51 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 \$868 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 33,746 claims totaling more than \$61,354,342 million in Fiscal Year 2021. In total, the agency has more than 1 million accounts worth more than \$2 billion in its Unclaimed Property accounts.

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Prepare for the Fair! The 140th 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 Thursday, August 26 and runs through Monday, September 6.

Hear live national and local entertainment during the M&T Bank Presents *LIVE! ON TRACK Concert Series*, featuring American singer, songwriter and actor **Jesse McCartney** on Friday, September 3 and Legendary Rock Band **Blue Öyster Cult** on Sunday, September 5. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM, in the Racetrack Infield. For ticket prices, and for the schedule of free **local band concerts** on the Maryland State Fair Park Stage, 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.

Watch several new shows Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, the K9s In-Flight Dog Show, the Strolling Piano and returning entertainment at various dates and times.

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 – 10 PM, and Labor Day Monday 10 AM – 8 PM. The Mosner-Miller Building featuring the **Maryland State Fair Museum** and the **Maryland Department of Natural Resources Exhibit Room** 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.

Learn how agriculture impacts our daily lives by participating in a variety of **agriculture educational exhibits and hands-on activities in the U-Learn AG Education Zone, U-Learn Food & Fiber, The Birthing Center, Horseland, Nature Play Space** and more at various times throughout the Fair.

Experience Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing, beginning on Friday, August 27 with a special evening of live twilight Thoroughbred horse racing starting at 3 PM. Post Time is set at 12:40 PM for the remainder of the meet on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, and Friday, September 3 through Labor Day Monday, September 6. Fairgoers may watch and wager on the races in the Grandstand seats as Thoroughbreds round the 5/8th mile track, or relax in the air conditioned OTB Center inside and watch on multiple TV's and enjoy a meal at Nick's Grandstand Grill & Crabhouse.

Get vaccinated at the Baltimore County Department of Health **COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination Clinic** while supplies last, Monday – Friday, 3 PM–7 PM. Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, 10 AM–7 PM in the Exhibition Hall. No appointment needed.

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 \$10. **Free parking** at the Park and Ride on Deereco Road is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Taking the **Light Rail** is encouraged with an easily accessible Light Rail stop at the fairground Cow Palace Gate. Visit www.marylandstatefair.com.

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