



APPALACHIAN FAIR FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**2023 theme:
'Homegrown Traditions'**

GRAY Community – When the 2023 Appalachian Fair opens this year for the week of August 21-26, the theme will be 'Homegrown Traditions'!

While many people go to the fair to enjoy the midway and the entertainment, many others also want to view the various exhibits in the Farm & Home Building and the Youth Buildings.

If you plan to admit entries into this year's fair, you will need to get prepared now!

Have some pies or casseroles you feel are special? Have you made an afghan or quilt that you think is a blue-ribbon winner? Are some of your flowers or vegetables in your garden of championship caliber? Then go to our website and fill out an entry form for this year's fair.

The adult entry deadline is August 5 while the Youth Departments entry deadline is July 31.

For non-perishable Farm & Home entries, the items should be taken to the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 12. Non-perishable entries include Fine Arts, Photography, Hobbies, Canned Goods, Crafts & Collectibles, and Textiles & Needlework items. Perishable items should be delivered to the fairgrounds on the day that judging for that department takes place. Refer to the catalog for specific dates and times. Perishable entries include Animal Products, Bees & Honey, Field Crops, Horticulture, Flowers & Houseplants, and Culinary Arts. For most items, non-registered entries will be accepted on the day the items are due.

Non-perishable entries in the Youth Departments will vary according to the group requirements. The CTE Department will accept non-perishable entries August 11-13 in the CTE Building, while Perishable Culinary entries will be accepted on Friday, August 18. 4-H will accept non-perishable entries on Saturday, August 12 and perishable items on Sunday, August 20th. FCCLA will accept non-perishable entries on Sunday, August 13 in their building. FCCLA will host their perishable culinary competitions on Monday, August 21 in the FCCLA Building. All FFA entries will be accepted on Sunday, August 20th in the FFA building.

Catalogs for all departments and their respective entry forms are all available on our website: www.appalachianfair.com

For a complete schedule of events and to enter contests, please go to www.appalachianfair.com

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GRAY Community – The opening night of the Appalachian Fair is always exciting, and it is particularly exciting for the young women who are vying for the title of “Fairest of the Fair” for 2023.

The fair will open on Monday, August 21 and continue through Saturday, August 26. The Fairest of the Fair Pageant will take place on Monday, August 21 – opening day, at 7pm on the Museum Stage.

The winner will preside over this year’s fair; she will also receive a \$2500 scholarship and represent the Appalachian Fair in January 2024 at the state Tennessee Association of Fair’s (TAF) Convention in Murfreesboro.

The deadline for entry is Thursday, August 10. Entry forms are available in the fair office and on our website at www.appalachianfair.com. When completed, the forms should be returned notarized to the fair office with a non-refundable entry fee of \$50. All contestants will be sponsored by a civic organization, business, or family.

The age requirement is that a contestant must have reached her 16th but not her 21st birthday on or before December 31, 2023. She must be a resident of Tennessee. All contestants will be judged on beauty, poise, and personality. Practice for the competition will begin on Thursday, August 10.

Mattie Roark is the reigning 2022 Fairest of the Fair and will crown the new queen on Monday, August 21, 2023.

GRAY Community – “The Fair has a full schedule of entertainment on the Museum Stage this year,” Richard Storey, president of the Appalachian Fair said.

The Fair opens on Monday, August 21 and continues through Saturday, August 26.

The annual Fairest of the Fair Pageant will be staged on opening day at 7pm on the Museum Stage. The winner will represent the fair during fair week and at the Tennessee Association of Fair’s annual convention in January 2024 in Murfreesboro where she will compete for the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair title.

The Little Miss Pageants will begin at 6pm on Tuesday, August 22. Deadline for entry is Thursday, August 10.

The ‘So You Think You Can Dance?’ Competition will be held at 7pm on the Museum Stage on Wednesday, August 23. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 11.

The Youth Talent Contest is set for 7pm on Thursday, August 24. The winner will go on to compete in the Youth Talent show at the Tennessee Valley A&I Fair in Knoxville in September. Deadline for entry is Monday, August 7th.

The debut of the Appalachian Fair Family Face-off Night will be held on Friday, August 25 on the Museum Stage at 7pm. This competitive game night will consist of family teams of 5 members that will compete in a series of questions with a chance to win cash prizes.

Appalachian Fair’s Got Talent is always a crowd pleaser and will be held at 7pm on Saturday, August 26. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 11.

The annual Baby Show will be held on Saturday, August 26 beginning at 9am. Visit our website for more information regarding times for judging based on age. No pre-registration is required.

Entry forms for all events are available at www.appalachianfair.com or in the fair office.