

The 88th Annual Warren County Farmers' Fair Celebrating the American Farmer & Family Traditions since 1937

The roots of our Fair date back to four cold days in 1859, when 6,000 visitors traveled many miles and braved chilly October winds to view farm equipment, produce, animals, and very popular horse races at an event sponsored by the "Farmer's Mechanics & Manufacturers Association" of Warren County.

Over the years, the Fair was held under various names, on various sites, and never failed to be a great attraction. From 1876 when "Mr. Brugler's swines were especially fine," to the turn of the century when the crowds at the Belvidere Fair swelled to 18,000 fun-seekers, the Fair carried on its tradition of family entertainment.

In 1937 sponsorship of the Fair was assumed by the Warren County Board of Agriculture, Pomona Grange and the United Milk Producers.

Today the Warren County Farmers' Fair

Association is not only celebrating 88 years but 26 years of the Balloon Festival!

After all these years, the event is one of the most affordable around. The Fair provides eight days of educational & affordable family fun for all tastes – including the balloon festival – for one low price. Admission is still as family-friendly as it has ever been.

The Fair offers a wonderful look at agriculture with 4-H and FFA involvement, animal shows and contests, farm exhibits and more. Over the years additional attractions have been added. This year the Main Arena shows include a Rodeo on opening day Saturday, two Demolition Derbies, Truck and Tractor Pulls and the new Action Sports Show, featuring BMX, FMX and MC skilled riders. Advance tickets are available by mail order for the Rodeo, Demolition Derbies and Truck Pull. All event tickets may also be purchased beginning Friday before the Fair opening day, and during the Fair, as supplies last.

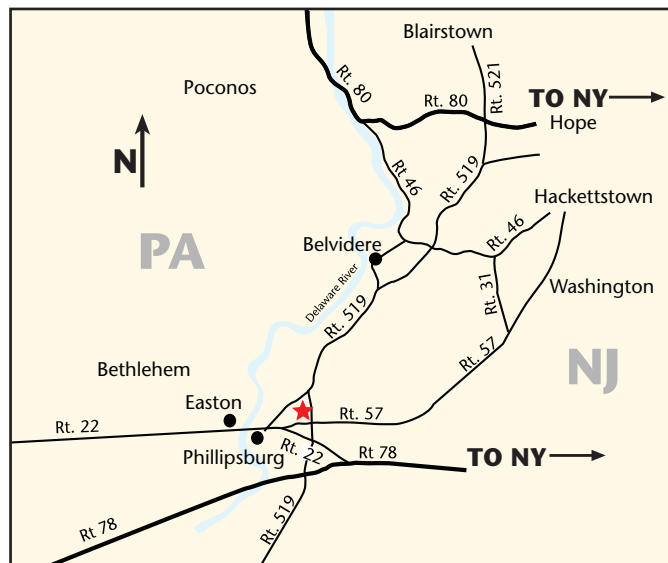
Free concerts and musical entertainment, car and truck shows, thrill and kiddie rides and the ever-popular, and free, Kids' Corral round out the Fair, making it attractive for all.

Be sure to visit the website for the full schedule:

www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org



Directionsto the Fair



Follow the **GREEN TENT SIGNS** as you approach the Fair, located 3 miles north of Phillipsburg, on County Rt. 519.

From Morristown: Rt. 80 W. to exit 12 (Blairtown/Hope). Turn left onto Rt. 521 S. to light in Hope. Go straight 16 miles on Rt. 519 S.

From Trenton: Take Rt. 31 N. to Rt. 78 W., then take exit #3 off Rt. 78 to Rt. 22 W. Go past ShopRite to next light, turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

From Allentown/Easton: Take Rt. 22 E. through Phillipsburg. Turn left at Phillipsburg-Easton Honda, onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

From the Poconos: Follow Rt. 80 to exit 4B (Buttville, Portland). Then Rt. 46 E. for approx. 8 1/2 miles to second light. Turn right at light onto Rt. 519 So., continue for 10 miles. Fairgrounds on right.

From New York/North Jersey: Follow Rt. 78 to Exit 3 (last exit in NJ). Take exit 3, continue to 4th light at Rt. 519. Turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Cross Rt. 57 at the light, and continue 3 more miles on Rt. 519. Fairgrounds on left.

From Philadelphia: Take the NE Extension to Allentown and exit for I-78 heading E. to Phillipsburg, first exit in NJ. Take exit 3, continue to 4th light at Rt. 519. Turn right onto Rt. 519 N. Cross Rt. 57 at the light, and continue 3 more miles on Rt. 519. Fairgrounds on left.

From Philadelphia (Alternate directions): 611 through Doylestown. About 20 miles in the town of Harrow, bear right (not 412), continue until you reach 32 in Kintnersville. Follow N. up the river to Easton. Take Rt. 22 East through Phillipsburg. Just past the Phillipsburg Mall, turn left onto Rt. 519 N. Fairgrounds on left.

Address For GPS: 1350 Strykers Road, Phillipsburg NJ 08865

Less than 1.5 hours from New York City and Philadelphia. Spend the day out in the beautiful countryside of Warren County, New Jersey. Visit ExploreWarren.org for more things to see and do.



88TH ANNUAL Warren County Farmers' Fair featuring the Hot Air Balloon Festival Celebrating the American Farmer & Family Traditions since 1937



County Route 519, Harmony Twp., NJ
WarrenCountyFarmersFair.org





2026 Highlights – Shows, Exhibits and Activities



DAILY/MULTI-DAY ACTIVITIES

KIDS' CORRAL CHILDRENS' TENT

12–8 pm Sats., Sun. • 3–8 pm Mon.–Fri.

HOME & GARDEN, TRADITIONAL ARTS,
“WARREN COUNTY & YOU” EXHIBIT BLDGS.

12–9 pm Sats., Sun. • 3–9 pm Mon.–Fri.

4-H BUTTERFLY PAVILION Open until 7 pm
VENDORS/ EXHIBIT BLDGS.

12–10 pm Sats., Sun. • 3–10 pm Mon.–Fri.

BALLOON ACTIVITY – weather permitting
Mass Balloon Launch 6:30 pm daily

Tethered Balloon Rides Exact tether time TBD

Fred G. Monster Sun.–Tues., Thurs. 7:30 pm

CARNIVAL RIDES & SPECIALS

Wristband Special Everyday \$35

Single Tickets \$2 ea. (rides require diff. # of tix)

Family Pack 20 tix \$30

Super Saver 45 tix \$60

BEER GARDEN Fair Hours – last call 9:30 pm

Entertainment select nights 6–9 pm

Saturday (opening day) Jimmy Pink

Thursday Jesse Bardwell & Noble Brother Trio

Friday The Adventures of Matte Black

STROLLING Sat-Sun, Thurs, Sat Circus workshop
with Grins & Grins 3–6 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 25

WARREN HILLS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

8:30 am–5 pm

FARMERS' FAIR FIGHT FEST COMBAT ROBOTS

8:30 am–8:30 pm

NO STRINGS ATTACHED BARREL RACING

9:30 am–4 pm

4-H/FFA/OPEN GOAT & SHEEP SHOW 10:30 am

BAKING CONTEST 9–11 am drop off

BELVIDERE FFA CAR, TRUCK, TRACTOR &

BIKE SHOW 12–4 pm

LEHIGH VALLEY CLOGGERS 1 pm

DRONE DEMOS with WarrenUAS 3:30–4:30 pm

FRY PAN THROWING 3 pm

HARMONY GARAGE BAND 5–8 pm

BULLRIDE MANIA RODEO* 6 pm

PURPLE DRAGON K-9 SHOW 7–8 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 26

VETERAN'S DAY – Free admission w/ID Card

OPEN HORSE SHOW 8 am

GARDEN TRACTOR PULL 11 am (Reg. 9 am)

4-H/FFA REPTILES & POCKET PETS SHOW 12 pm

OPEN QUOIT TOURNAMENT 12 pm

BIG WHEEL RACE 2 pm

NAVESINK RIVER HUNTING RETRIEVER

CLUB DOG DEMO 2–3 pm

CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS 2:30 pm

DEMOLITION DERBY* 5 pm

WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN BAND 5–8 pm

4-H LIVESTOCK COSTUME CLASS 6 pm

FIREWORKS AT DUSK (Rain Date Monday)

MONDAY, JULY 27

Senior Citizens & Disability Awareness Day —

Free Admission for Senior Citizens all day by

showing your Medicare Card.

HONEY SHOW JUDGING 1 pm

SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABILITIES EXPO

1:30–4 pm

4-H MINI HORSE SHOW 2 pm

CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS Seniors 65+ 2:45 pm

4-H/FFA & OPEN GOAT SHOW 3–8 pm

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW New Location 3:30–5 pm

FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS SHOW 5–9:30 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG MEET & GREET 6–7 pm

FAIR QUEEN, JUNIOR PRINCESS & MINI

PRINCESS CONTEST 7 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 28

4-H/FFA & OPEN BEEF & MARKET ANIMAL

SHOW 4 pm

STOCK TRACTOR PULL 5–9:30 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG MEET & GREET 6 pm

4-H/FFA & OPEN COSTUME CLASS 7–8:30 pm

LINE DANCING WITH DJ TRAPPER JOSH

8–10:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

4-H/FFA GAMES ON HORSEBACK 1 pm

STOCK/HOT STOCK TRACTOR PULL* 5 pm

THE CELLAR DWELLERS BAND 5–7 pm

OPEN TALENT SHOW 7 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 30

4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW 3 pm

CUTEST BABY CONTEST 3:30 pm

CIRCLE ROUND THE SUN BAND 4–6 pm

BABY CRAWLING CONTEST 5 pm

OPEN PET SHOW New Day/Time 6:30 pm

4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK PULL* 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 31

OPEN & WC 4-H/FFA DAIRY SHOW 3 pm

REEL TO REAL COUNTRY BAND 5–8 pm

4-H SEEING EYE DOG MEET & GREET 6–7 pm

SQUARE DANCING SHOW 7–9 pm

DEMOLITION DERBY* 8 PM

with Rossi “Crash for a Cause” at intermission

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

CASEY'S EQUESTRIAN SHOW 8 am

KIDDIE PEDAL PULL 1:30 pm

WEST JERSEY YOUTH BALLET 12:30–2 pm

DRONE DEMOS with WarrenUAS 3:30–4:30 pm

D2W PRO WRESTLING 5 pm

ACTION SPORTS SHOW* 6 pm

TIMEWYHS BAND 6–9 pm

*Add'l fees apply for some Main Arena events.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

Balloon Activity weather dependant.

FAIR HOURS

12–10 PM Saturdays, Sunday

3–10 PM Monday through Friday

Note: Gates may be open for earlier activities during the week.

Please keep in mind Exhibit Buildings, Commercial Buildings
and other Fair activities may not be open until 12 noon on
weekends and 3 pm on weekdays.

ADMISSION

Adult: \$10 • Ages 6–12: \$5 • Ages 5 & Under: Free

Season Pass: \$45 • FREE PARKING

Sunday: Veterans Day – free admission w/ proper ID

Monday: Senior Citizens Day – free admission w/medicare card

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, DIRECTIONS, CONTEST RULES & REGS

VISIT WEB: www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org

CALL: 908-859-6563 • fax: 908-475-6514

EMAIL: farmersfairwc@gmail.com

EVENT LOCATION: 1350 Strykers Road, Harmony NJ 08865

BALLOONFEST INFO ~ BOOK A RIDE

VISIT WEB: www.balloonfestnj.com

CALL: 908-283-0721 EMAIL: info@balloonfestnj.com

VENDOR INFO

EMAIL: wcff37@gmail.com

ADVANCE EVENT TICKET / SEASON PASSES

Advance Tickets available for Bullride Mania Rodeo, Truck Pull
and Demolition Derbies, by Mail Order Only through July 15.

Season Passes also available for \$45.

Download Mail Order Form Online at:

www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org/ticket_order_form.pdf



Fairgrounds Handicap Accessible

Thanks to the following major sponsors & supporters of the 2026 Fair & Balloon Festival

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Home & Garden Building

Be sure to stop in the **Home & Garden Building** on your visit to the Fair. Enjoy the labor of participants, young and old. Better yet, why not enter yourself. Enter one of many contests: baking, arts and crafts, handwork, scarecrow, gardening, and more. Many have added additional categories and classes! With over a dozen contests to pick from, you're sure to find something you can display. Visit the website and look for the **Contest Rules & Regs** page.



The Kids' Corral

Don't miss the Kids' Corral children's activity area, where all activities and shows are **FREE** to fairgoers! Kids can have fun with a variety of contests, craft making and entertainment.

Kids can enjoy interactive activities including mini golf, bowling, a mini gravel pit, an escape room, gathering eggs, milking a "cow" or riding a "horse".

Be entertained by clowns, magicians, and a ventriloquist. Be amazed by Rizzo's Reptiles and Eyes of the Wild shows. Get moving by chasing bubbles, walking through the hay maze or playing at the Foam Party (Saturday, July 25th, 7 pm - Must bring towel to participate.)

Explore the educational programs bees and pollination, and Clean Communities programs.

Check out the Kids Corral on Facebook or pick up a schedule so you can plan your visit.



ALL activities are FREE to fairgoers!

WARREN COUNTY FARMERS' FAIR

2026 BALLOON FESTIVAL

This year marks the 26th year of the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Warren County, NJ. The balloon festival at the Fair was a vision of local pilot, Fred Grotenhuis. He grew up in Harmony Township and went to the Fair every year. It was a family tradition, as it still is for many locals. He also knew people love balloons and would flock from all over to come see them!

Today the festival not only brings spectators, but customers for many local businesses, including restaurants, gas stations, farm markets and other agritourism destinations. Many, especially if they have never experienced our beautiful countryside, plan return visits to wineries, breweries, pumpkin picking and to cut a real Christmas tree. They are creating new agricultural experiences and family traditions of their own!

Book a Full Flight Balloon Ride:

Balloon Rides: \$350 per person
Private Rides: \$825 for couple
All Major Credit Cards Accepted.

Call/Text 908-283-0721 to schedule a ride.

Email fly@njballoonrides.com

For more information visit

www.balloonfestnj.com



Mass Balloon Launches

Watch the mass hot air balloon launch in the evenings, around 6:30 pm (weather permitting). For those that are attending a Balloon Festival for the first time, balloon activity is subject to wind. This means that the balloons inflate when the air is most stable. During the day, when the sun is heating things up, thermals begin to form. As the sun starts to go down, the thermals settle down. At the Festival, the balloons prepare to inflate several hours before sunset. When planning your visit, please keep in mind most balloon activity starts around 6:30 pm, and **plan your visit accordingly.**

Tethered Balloon Rides

Every evening, as weather permits, tethered rides will be offered for \$30 per adult, \$20 for children ages 4-12. Ages 3 and under are free with paying adult, but up to the discretion of the pilot. Exact times are based on the weather/wind on the field each day.

Please note tethered rides are weather sensitive and may require calmer winds than a free-flying balloon. Keeping safety in mind, we will begin as close to launch time as possible, and appreciate your patience. Generally they will begin shortly before or after the mass balloon launch. Tickets will go on sale at the Balloon Ride Tent, approximately one hour before estimated start time.

Proceeds from the tethered rides goes to the Fred Grotenhuis Scholarships and Fred T. Grotenhuis Veterans Community Center non profit organizations. Proceeds to the Veterans project helped install an outdoor gym at the recreational fields in Harmony Township in the summer of 2024 for all to enjoy.

Enjoy special appearances by special shape Fred G. Monster on select days.

**ALL BALLOON ACTIVITY
WEATHER PERMITTING**



Join us for a Fireworks celebration on Sunday night at dusk (rain date Monday) at the Farmers' Fair



The fireworks show in celebration of our nation's
250 years of freedom is provided courtesy of
the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.



Lori Ciesla, Director | James R. Kern III, Deputy Director | Jason J. Sarnoski, Commissioner



CARNIVAL RIDES & SPECIALS

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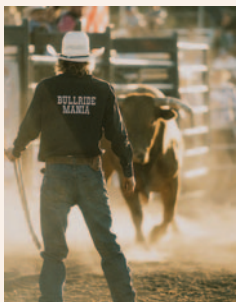
- Single Tickets \$2 ea. (rides require different # of tickets)
- Family Pack 20 tix \$30
- Super Saver 45 tix \$60

MAIN ARENA EVENTS

Bullride Mania Rodeo, Truck Pull & Demo Derby tickets available by mail order thru July 15. All event tickets, available day before and week of Fair at the fairground office.

Download the order form from website.

RS- Reserved Seating OB - Open Bleacher



BULLRIDE MANIA RODEO

Saturday, 7/25, 6 PM RS/OB \$12

Qualification & Championship Round Bull Riding • Girl's Barrel Racing & Girl's Breakaway Roping
Little Buckaroos Pre-Show Activities (Ticketholders Only) 5:30 pm: Calf Scramble, Kids Stick Horse Races, Sheep Riding (space limited, for ages 4-6 only)

DEMOLITION DERBY Sunday, 7/26, 5 PM

Compact Class & Mini Vans RS \$15/OB \$12

TRACTOR PULL Tuesday, 7/28, 5 PM FREE

TRACTOR PULL Wednesday, 7/29, 5 PM RS/OB \$5

4WD TRUCK PULL Thursday, 7/30, 6:30 PM RS/OB \$10

DEMOLITION DERBY Friday, 7/31, 8 PM

Limited Weld Class RS \$15/OB \$12

Featuring Rossi "Crash for a Cause" at intermission

ACTION SPORTS SHOW Saturday, 8/1, 6 PM

All Open Seating \$5 A thrilling experience showcasing the talents of some of the most skilled riders in the world! Featuring BMX, FMX & MC



Equestrian Events Weeklong!



Saturday, July 25, 9 AM No Strings Attached Barrel Racing

Sunday, July 26, 8 AM Open Horse Show (Rain or shine)

English, Western, Pleasure & Speed For information on competing please contact Ann Thomas at 201-874-2390 or Kyle Semanchik at 908-892-9278.

Monday, July 27 | 4-H Mini Horse Show 2 PM

Tuesday, July 28 | 4-H/FFA & Open Costume Class 7 PM

Wednesday, July 29 | 4-H/FFA Games on Horseback 1 PM

Thursday, July 30 | 4-H/FFA Horse Show 3 PM

Saturday, August 1 | Casey's Equestrian Center's Schooling

Show Series final of a 3 show series at the Fairgrounds 8 AM

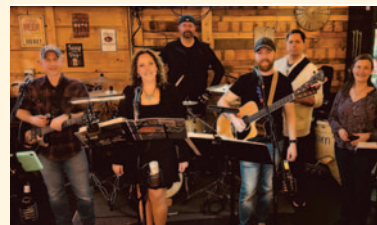


Free Local Band Concerts



ON STAGE, OFFICE LAWN

You can't get more local than the **Harmony Garage Band** playing on opening day Saturday of the Fair, from 5–8 pm. Covering new rock, classic rock, and country, playing a variety of fiddle infused hits with great vocal harmonies, dynamic drumming, rhythmic bass lines, and classic guitar riffs. On Sunday night, from 5–8 pm and back by popular demand is country band **Waitin' On Sundown**. New to the event is **Zaire Band**, playing great songs highlighting a strong 3-part harmonies Another favorite returns. **Circle Round the Sun** performs on Thursday, from 4–6 pm. Enjoy the variety of **Reel to Real Country Band** on Friday from 5–8 pm. A typical show takes listeners on a musical trip from today's country to smooth classic ballads to Oldies from the 50's thru the 80's and even Classic and Southern Rock! **TimeWhys** is back again on closing night Saturday, from 6–9 pm to turn on the 60s, 70s and beyond!



Harmony Garage Band

AT THE BEER GARDEN

At the Czig Meister beer garden on opening day Saturday **Jimmy Pink**, a prominent solo acoustic and full-band act, will perform from 6–9 pm. On Thursday night, from 6–9 pm, experience **Jesse Bardwell's** multi-instrumentalist and songwriting talent, featuring traditional country, rock, bluegrass and Americana sounds, joined by the **Noble Brother Trio**. On Friday night from 6–9 pm **The Adventures of Matte Black** performs. A hardworking and deep-thinking Factory Western, Gothic Americana, Steampunk, Folk Rock band.

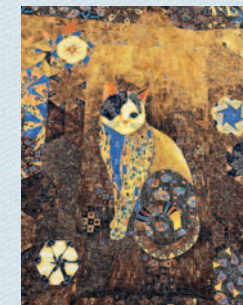
Traditional Arts Expo & Quilt Show

You are invited to explore several traditional arts as practiced today, in the Traditional Arts Building. Enjoy some programming for children, like embroidery, cross stitch, quilting, and coloring items on cloth with their names on it, to be made into a quilt to display in 2027.

The Expo features weaver, **Lynn Vanassen**. Lynn extends a personal invitation to families with children. She will have variety of weaver friendly looms for visitors to weave with and have fun!

The **Evening Star Quilter's Guild** will have works on display. The groups include members that have a family tradition of quilting, as well as new hobbyist with no quilting familiarity. The group will have works on display of items made for the community, including placemats, pillow cases, chemo hats, port pillows and more. On Sunday they will be presenting their "Quilts of Valor" to veterans. Be sure to cast your vote for the "Viewer's Choice" by filling out a ballot while viewing the quilts.

Check out the work of Amy McKeever of **Yarnfully Yours** —a small crochet business that specializes in amigurumi, whimsical novelty plushies for all ages. Amy will be doing live demos showing these items being made and answering questions.



Winner of the 2025 Viewer's Choice,
"Cindy's Problem Child"

Funding provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Warren Co. Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a Division of the Department of Land Preservation with support by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

