

The 86th Annual  
**Warren County Farmers' Fair**  
**Family Tradition**

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 proud to be celebrating 86 years! The Fair continues to provide eight days of educational & affordable family fun and entertainment for all tastes. And let's not forget the Hot Air Balloon Festival!

One thing everyone appreciates is the price! Admission is still as family friendly as it has ever been. So come on out and give us a try, if you have never been before.

The Fair offers a wonderful look at agriculture with 4-H & FFA involvement, animal shows and contests, farm exhibits and more. Over the years additional attractions have been added. This year the Black Cat Hell Driver Stunt Car show is on opening day Saturday, in the Main Arena. Advance tickets are available by mail order, for this show as well as both Demolition Derbies. Tickets for other Main Arena events may be purchased beginning Friday before the Fair opening day, and during the Fair, as supplies last.

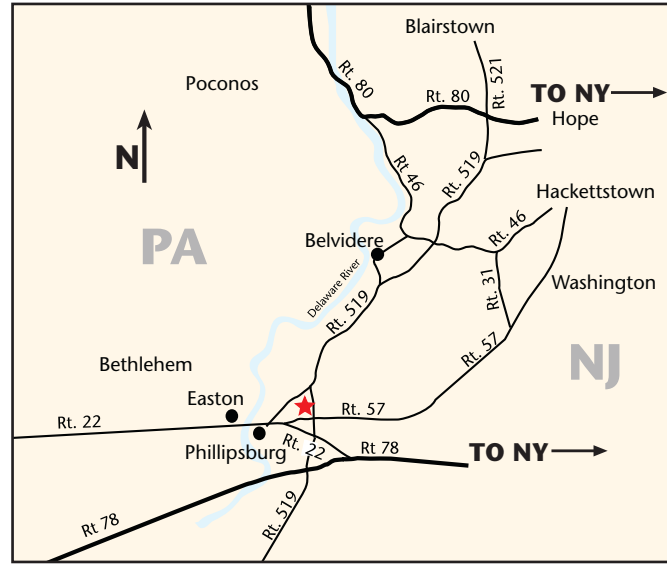
Free concerts and musical entertainment, car and truck shows, thrill and kiddie rides and the ever popular Kids' Corral round out the Fair, making it attractive for all.

Be sure to visit the website for the full schedule of activities:

[www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org](http://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org)



**Directions to 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 (Blairstown/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. [ExploreWarren.org](http://ExploreWarren.org)

*Family Tradition*

86th ANNUAL

*Warren County  
Farmers' Fair*

July 27 – Aug. 3



featuring the

*Hot Air  
Balloon Festival*

*A family friendly, wallet friendly annual event  
celebrating agriculture, 4-H & FFA youth,  
local flavors, music, traditional arts & thrill seekers.  
All that, and a hot air balloon festival!*



Harmony Twp., Warren County NJ  
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# 2024 Highlights – Shows, Exhibits and Activities

\* Additional Fees Apply To Some Main Arena Events • Schedule Subject To Change.

## 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.

**VENDORS/ EXHIBIT BLDGS.**

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

**SCENIC CARRIAGE RIDES Sat./Sun. 12-7,**

Mon.-Fri. 3-7:30 pm

**BALLOON ACTIVITY** – weather permitting

Mass Balloon Launch 6:30 pm daily

Tethered Balloon Rides **Exact tether time TBD**

(Generally starting between 5:30-6:30 pm)

**FRED G. MONSTER** (Mon, Wed, Sat) 7:30 pm

**CARNIVAL RIDES** Specials TBA

Rides to run continuously during Fair hours.

**BEER GARDEN**

12-10 pm, Saturdays/Sunday (last call at 9 pm)

3-10 pm Monday - Friday (last call at 9 pm)

**DRONE DEMOS** 1-2 pm Saturdays

**STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT** Barbershop

Quartet, Sats. Accordionist, Mon. & Wed.

## SATURDAY, JULY 27

**WARREN HILLS WRESTLING TOURN.** 9 am

**JACKPOT OPEN MARKET LAMB/GOAT/**

**BREEDING SHEEP SHOW** 9:30 am

**BAKING CONTEST** Youth/Tween/Adult 10 am

**NEW DAY/TIME KID'S RODEO ROUNDUP** 12 pm

**CAR, TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOW** 12-4 pm

**KUDOS BARBERSHOP QUARTET** 4:30-6:30 pm

**BLACK CAT HELL DRIVERS STUNT CARS\*** 7 pm

## SUNDAY, JULY 28

**VETERAN'S DAY** – Free admission w/ID Card

**OPEN HORSE SHOW** 8 am

**ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL** 8 am

**4-H/FFA SHEEP SHOW** 11:30 am

**OPEN QUOIT TOURNAMENT** 1-8 pm

**CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS** Youth & Adult 2 pm

**WEST JERSEY YOUTH BALLET** 4 pm

**LEHIGH VALLEY CLOGGERS** 6:30 pm

**PURPLE DRAGON K-9 SHOW** 6:30 pm

**DEMOLITION DERBY\*** 6 pm

## MONDAY, JULY 29

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**

1:30-4:30 pm

**CHICKEN IN THE PAN TOSS** Seniors 65+ 12:30 pm

**4-H MINI HORSE SHOW** 2 pm

**4-H/FFA & OPEN GOAT SHOW** 3 pm

**ACCORDIONIST, EARL BALL** 3-5 pm

**ANTIQUE CAR SHOW** 4:30-7 pm

**FIRE EQUIPMENT/APPARATUS SHOW** 5-9 pm

**4-H SEEING EYE DOG DEMO** 6 pm

## TUESDAY, JULY 30

**4-H/FFA & OPEN BEEF/STEER SHOW** 4 pm

**STOCK TRACTOR PULL** 5:30 pm

**4-H SEEING EYE DOG MEET & GREET** 6 pm

**4-H/FFA/OPEN HORSE COSTUME CLASS** 7 pm

**OPEN TALENT SHOW** 7 pm

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**4-H/FFA GAMES ON HORSEBACK** 1 pm

**NEW DAY/TIME BIG WHEEL RACE** 1:30 pm

**4-H LIVESTOCK TRAIL CLASS** 3 pm

**ACCORDIONIST, EARL BALL** 3-5 pm

**CUTEST BABY CONTEST** 4 pm

**STOCK/HOT STOCK TRACTOR PULL\*** 6:30 pm

**BABY CRAWL CONTEST** 6 pm

**OPEN PET SHOW** 7 pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

**4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW** 3 pm

**INVITATIONAL 4-H & YOUTH RABBIT SHOW**

4 pm

**WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN BAND** 4:30-7:30 pm

**4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK PULL\*** 7 pm

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

**OPEN DAIRY SHOW** 3 pm

**4-H SEEING EYE DOG DEMOS** 5:30 pm

**TIMEWHYS BAND, 6-9 pm**

**PINK LADIES DRILL TEAM SHOW** 7 pm

**DEMOLITION DERBY\*** 8 PM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**GARDEN TRACTOR PULL** 8 am

**CASEY'S EQUESTRIAN SHOW** 8 am

**KIDDIE PEDAL PULL** 12 pm

**AG OLYMPICS OBSTACLE COURSE** 1 pm

**KUDOS BARBERSHOP QUARTET** 1-3 pm

**FRY PAN THROWING** 1:30 pm

**D2W PRO WRESTLING** 3 pm

**CIRCLE ROUND THE SUN BAND** 3-5 pm

**JAKE'S ROCKIN' COUNTRY BAND** 6 pm

**SQUARE DANCING SHOW** 7-9 pm

## 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](http://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org)

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

EMAIL: [info@warrencountyfarmersfair.org](mailto:info@warrencountyfarmersfair.org)

MAILING ADDRESS: 165 Co. Rt. 519 S., Belvidere, NJ 07823

EVENT LOCATION: 1350 Strykers Road, Harmony NJ 08865

## BALLOONFEST INFO ~ BOOK A RIDE

VISIT WEB: [www.balloonfestnj.com](http://www.balloonfestnj.com)

CALL: 908-283-0721 EMAIL: [info@balloonfestnj.com](mailto:info@balloonfestnj.com)

## VENDOR INFO

EMAIL: [wcff37@gmail.com](mailto:wcff37@gmail.com)

## ADVANCE EVENT TICKET / SEASON PASSES

Advance Tickets are available for Black Cat Hell Driver Stunt Car show and Demolition Derbies, by Mail Order Only through July 15.

Download Mail Order Form Online at:

[www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org](http://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org)



Fairgrounds Handicap Accessible

## Thanks to the following major sponsors & supporters of the 2024 Fair & Balloon Festival

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## WARREN COUNTY FARMERS' FAIR

# 2024 BALLOON FESTIVAL

This year marks the 24th 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 growing up. It was a family tradition, as it still is for many locals.

The Fair is now one of three balloon festivals in Warren County. People love balloon festivals and flock from as far away as 2 to 3 hours! The festivals not only bring spectators, but customers for many local businesses, including restaurants, gas stations, farm markets and other agritourism destinations. While here be sure to visit some of our hidden gems, or plan a trip back!

*Check it off your  
Bucket List!*

### Book a Full Flight Balloon Ride:

Nothing compares to the thrill of watching a bevy of colorful hot air balloons majestically rise from green pasture to blue sky. If you're inclined to adventure, you can buy a ticket and hop on board for the adventure of a lifetime.

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.njballoonrides.com](http://www.njballoonrides.com)



### Mass Hot Air 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. 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.

A portion of tether ride revenue goes to the Fred Grotenhuis Scholarships and Fred T. Grotenhuis Veterans Community Center project. Proceeds from the Veterans project will help install an outdoor gym at the recreational field in Harmony this summer.

Special appearances by **Fred G. Monster** on select days.

**ALL BALLOON ACTIVITY WEATHER PERMITTING.**



## Traditional Arts Expo & Quilt Show

You are invited to explore several traditional arts as practiced today, in the Traditional Arts Building.

Whether a family tradition of "passing down the thimble" or a new hobby with no quilting familiarity, participants delight in showing off their art. The **Evening Star Quilter's Guild & Anderson Quilters** will have works on display, including the "Quilts of Valor". Visitors can talk shop with members about the art of quilting. Be sure to cast your vote for the "Viewer's Choice" by filling out a ballot while viewing the quilts.

The Expo features Rose Cottage, with handmade Raggedy Ann Dolls, as well as weaver, Lynn Vanassen. Lynn will be weaving on a table loom, have an assortment of looms & samples, and answer questions about weaving. 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.



Funding was 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.

## Equestrian Events

Sunday, July 28, 8 AM

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

Monday, July 29 | **4-H Mini Horse Show** 2 PM

Tuesday, July 30 | **4-H/FFA & Open Costume Class** 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 31 | **4-H/FFA Games on Horseback** 1 PM  
**Livestock Trail**, Livestock Show Building 3 PM

Thursday, August 1 | **4-H/FFA Horse Show** 3 PM

Friday, August 2 | **Pink Ladies Drill Team Show** 7 PM

Saturday, August 3 | **Casey's Equestrian Center's Schooling Show Series** final of a 3 show series at the Fairgrounds 8 AM



## MAIN ARENA EVENTS

**Black Cat Hell Drivers Stunt Car Show & Demo Derby**  
tickets available by mail order thru July 15.

Download the order form from website.

**BLACK CAT HELL DRIVERS STUNT CAR SHOW**

**Saturday, 7/27, 7 PM \$12**

**DEMOLITION DERBY Sunday, 7/28, 6 PM \$12**

**TRACTOR PULL Wednesday, 7/31, 6:30 PM \$5**

Free Tractor Pulls 7/28, 7/29, 8/1 & 8/3

**4WD TRUCK PULL Thursday 8/1, 7 PM \$7**

**DEMOLITION DERBY Friday, 8/2, 8 PM \$12**



Visit the Beer Garden,  
featuring Czig Meister  
Brewing Company, Alias  
Brew Works and  
Invertase Brewing  
Company.

Opened All Week During  
Fair Hours.  
Last call 9 pm.



This brochure highlights just several of  
the activities, exhibits & contests at the  
Warren County Farmers' Fair  
featuring the Hot Air Balloon Festival.



For all the details visit  
[WarrenCountyFarmersFair.org](http://WarrenCountyFarmersFair.org)



Don't miss the Kids' Corral  
where all activities and  
shows are FREE to  
fairgoers!

Kids can have fun with  
a variety of contests,

entertainment and hands-on activities. Make crafts, enjoy  
interactive activities including mini golf, bowling, playing  
in the mini gravel pit, gathering eggs and milking a  
"cow" or riding a "horse". Children may participate in a  
variety of daily contests. Be entertained by clowns, be  
amazed by Rizzo's Reptiles, enjoy magic shows, bubbles,  
and more! Check out  
educational programs on  
electricity, bees and  
pollination, and Clean  
Communities programs.

Don't miss the Foam  
Parties on both Saturday  
nights at 7pm! (Must bring  
towel to participate.)

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



**ALL activities are FREE to fairgoers!**

## Belvidere FFA Alumni & Supporters

### 3rd Annual Car, Truck, & Tractor Show



[ ALUMNI AND  
SUPPORTERS FFA

**Saturday, July 27th, 12-4pm**

Find details on this & dozens of other contests at  
[warrencountyfarmersfair.org/rules\\_regs.html](http://warrencountyfarmersfair.org/rules_regs.html)

## FREE MUSIC CONCERTS & SHOWS

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**  
**BBD RHYTHM & BLUES**  
**BAND | 1:30-3 pm**

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**  
**WEST JERSEY YOUTH**  
**BALLET | 4-6 pm**  
**LEHIGH VALLEY CLOGGERS | 6:30-9 pm**

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**  
**TALENT SHOW | 7-10 pm**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**  
**WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN BAND | 4:30-7:30 pm**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**  
**TIME WHYS BAND | 6-9 pm**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**CIRCLE ROUND THE SUN BAND | 1-3 pm**  
**JAKE'S COUNTRY BAND | 6-9 pm**  
**SQUARE DANCE SPECTACULAR | 6:30-8:30 pm**

**STROLLING PERFORMERS - Select Days**



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## Some Down-home Fun!

**Sunday** Chicken in the Pan Toss | Youth/ Adult  
Quoits Tournament  
**Monday** Chicken in the Pan Toss | Seniors  
**Saturday** Ag Olympics Obstacle Course | Tween/Adults  
Fry Pan Throwing Contest | Ladies Only

See schedule for registration & times at  
[www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org](http://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org)

