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Seven-Day Fair Opens Monday

Next week is Fair Week. For tens of thousands of Albany, Schenectady and Greene county residents that can only mean the Altamont Fair.

The 91st fair — a seven-day event — will run daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Until Saturday, Aug. 14, pre-sale adult tickets at \$2 each (\$1 off the gate price) will be sold at Albany Public Markets outlets as well as the tri-county fair office at the Fairgrounds administration building. Tickets will also be available until 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) at The Altamont Enterprise office at 123 Maple Ave., Altamont.

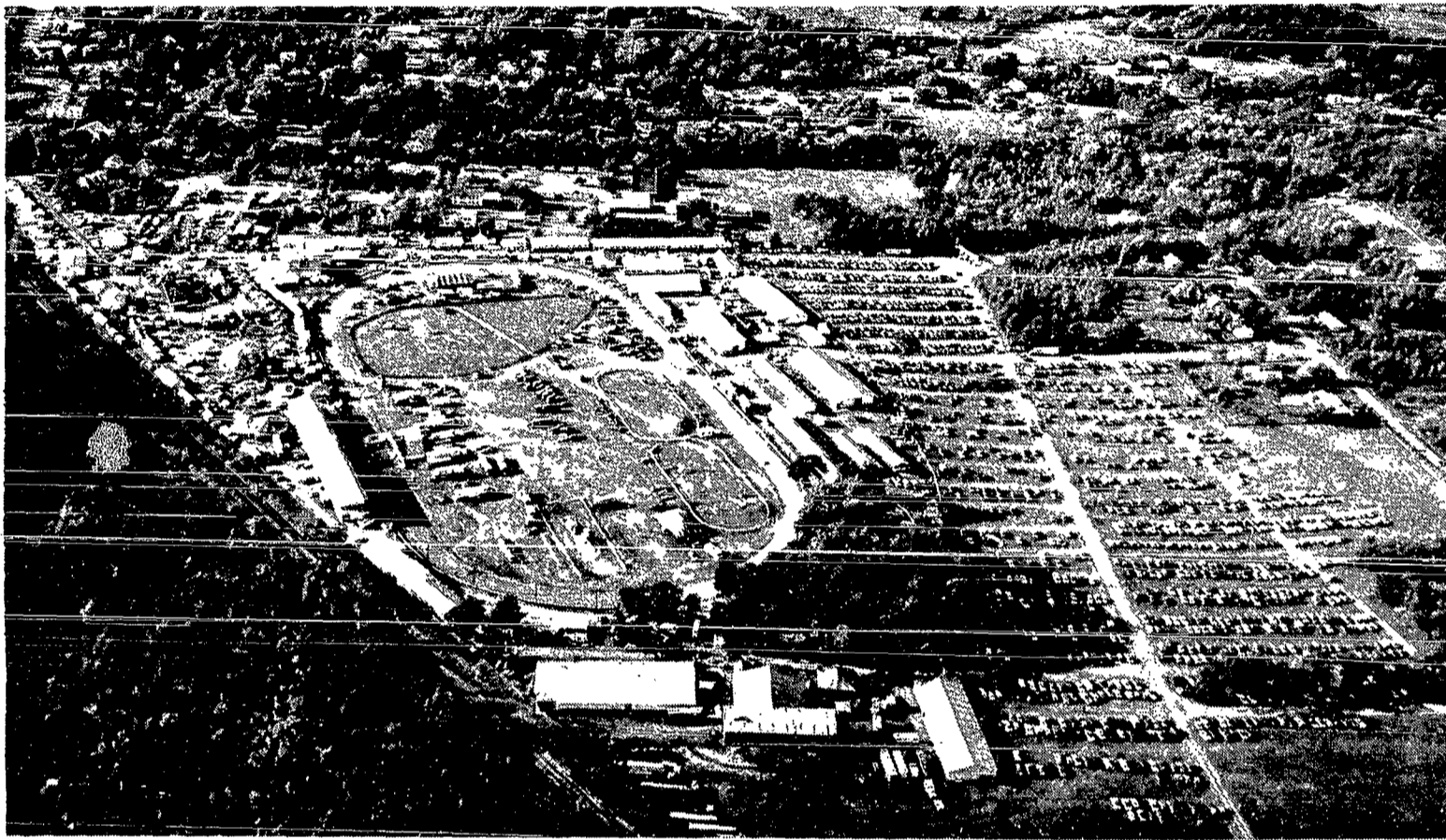
For the first time, pre-sale midway ride ticket books are also being sold. A 24-ride book costs \$5 if bought in advance, a \$3.40 saving. They're available at the same three locations offering advance admission tickets.

At the gate, tickets are \$3 per adult, \$2 per senior citizen, \$1 per child ages 6-12, and free for children under 6. Parking at the grounds costs \$1 per car.

Next week's edition of the fair continues a tradition of oldtime county fairs at Altamont stretching back to 1893. Each year, new features are added to the list of favorite attractions that draw youngsters and the not-so-young to Altamont on the third week of August, year after year.

Among this year's new features:

—An extra day (Sunday) to make this the first seven-day Altamont Fair ever. Last year, 28,315 paid to enter the Fairgrounds the last day (Saturday), a single-day record here. Two days of rain earlier that week prevented the fair from easily breaking its



Fair Week record of over 115,000, set the previous year.

—More parking space at the fairgrounds.

—For the kids, two new rides imported from Germany from Reithoffer Midway Shows.

—An all-day draft horse and draft mule show on Sunday.

—An Entertainment Center in the grove next to Gate 3. The new

permanent stage was tried out by performers at the June 24-26 Old Songs Festival; we'll vouch that it's a vast improvement over the gazebo on the Fairgrounds. A separate article lists the country-western entertainment scheduled for next week.

—Permanent quarters for the Firefighting Museum, between the Auto Museum and 1890 Carriage

House.

—An expanded antique farm machinery exhibit.

—A revamped 1890 Carriage House exhibit. (One highlight that won't change will be the presence of George Hilton, amiable Altamont octogenarian and "proprietor" of the Carriage House's Harness Shop; he's exhibited at the Fair for over half a century now.)

—An Albany County historical exhibit commemorating the county's 300th anniversary this year.

Plus, features added to the fair in recent years will continue: sire stakes harness racing Monday afternoon (only); the state sheep-dog trials, to be held Sunday (not Saturday, as last year); the roving clowns, magicians and music groups who'll entertain throughout the grounds all seven days.

Altamont Fair Attractions This Year, From A To Z

ANTIQUE AUTO MUSEUM, a permanent display of antique autos from the beginning of the century through the last of the independent-make vehicles of the late '40s and '50s. Eleven of the autos are owned by the tri-county fair association; the bulk of the exhibit is supplied by members of the Mohawk Antique Auto Club.

ARTS AND CRAFTS demonstrations are scheduled through all seven days of Fair Week at the Arts and Crafts Building as noted elsewhere in this listing.

BAND CONCERTS will take place at 8 each evening in the bandstand.

BANDSTANDS south of the track is a full-scale model of a picturesque bandstand built in the 1800s which still stands in the square at Limerick, Me.

BELGIAN HORSE teams will be on the Fairgrounds daily. Feel free to take a closeup look at these giants and chat with the owner and trainer.

BLACKSMITH SHOP complete with fire and bellows will be in operation through the week. Horse-shoe nail rings will be sold daily.

BUS TRANSPORTATION from the City of Albany through Guilderland to the Fairgrounds and back will again be provided by the

Capital District Transportation Authority. Consult the timetable on Page 9.

CANDLEWICKING will be demonstrated by Mary Field of Albany from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the Arts and Crafts Building.

CARRIAGE HOUSE museum features a large display of restored 18th and 19th century buggies, carriages and sleighs of all styles.

chair caning demonstration by Charles Kibbon of Delmar, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Arts and Crafts Building.

CHAPEL evening services next to the bandstand daily at 7:30.

CHICKEN FOLLIES, a favorite live exhibit for youngsters, will be back as usual. Chicks ride Ferris wheels and merry-go-rounds; a few will be hatched at the site.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION demonstration by Sandy Tescho of Altamont, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Arts and Crafts Building.

CIDER PRESS one used commercially for years and still in working order, will make cider (for sale, to go with doughnuts).

CIRCUS MUSEUM, a display of circus memorabilia, will be featured at the Pepsi Building.

CLOTH DOLLMAKING demonstration by Janice Davis of Schenectady, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sa-

turday, Arts and Crafts Building.

CLOWNS will wander through the Fairgrounds to entertain the small fry.

CONSERVATION EXHIBIT AREA at the fair constitutes one of the largest and most wide-ranging of any fair in the state.

CONSUMER BOOTH sponsored by the State Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection. Members of the AG's staff will accept complaints, give advice, and distribute detailed information on consumer credit, the state's Truth in Lending Law, equal credit opportunity, freedom of information and open government meetings laws, leasing, air travel, credit reporting, the state's truth-in-savings law, door-to-door salesmanship, tenant rights, debt collection, shopping by mail, work at home, professional conduct, sales contracts, generic drugs, automotive repairs, inflation, charity fraud, health spas, money-back guarantees, the state's Plain Language Law governing various legal documents, price-gouging, vocational schools, securities fraud, automotive tire-grading, the state's Workmen's Compensation Law, and small claims court.

CREWEL PICTURE demonstration by Virginia Ucci of Altamont, 1

to 3 p.m. Saturday, Arts and Crafts Building.

CROCHETING demonstrated by Maxine Christman of Schenectady, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Arts and Crafts Building.

DAIRY EXHIBIT, including collections of old milk bottles and cans as well as other antiquities associated with dairies, such as milk separators and churns.

DAIRY GOAT milking demonstrations daily at the Sheep and Goat (Ogsbury) barn.

DAISY WONDER demonstration by Virginia Ucci of Altamont, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Arts and Crafts Building.

ELEPHANTS from the Hanneford Circus will again be a feature of this year's stage show.

ENGLISH HORSE SHOWS 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at the show ring.

FABRIC PICTURE FRAME making demonstration by Chris Martell of Schenectady, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Arts and Crafts Building.

FARM AND COUNTRY MUSEUM will include display of early and mid 20th century household and farm items.

FARM MUSEUM includes a complete collection of farm ma-

chinery from yesteryear, some of which will be operated. This exhibit area includes everything from a treadmill to a windmill.

FIDDLERS and their pet pigs will circulate around the Fairgrounds throughout the week. So will the Village Volunteers FIVE AND DRUM CORPS of Delmar.

FINE ARTS DISPLAYS in the Flower Building include a mixture of art and horticulture displays. The Flower Building, located near the midway (northwest corner) of the Fairgrounds, is itself an old Victorian-style fair building of a kind rarely found nowadays. Quality of the exhibits is outstanding. Each year most of the Capital District's finest artists enter their work.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY Saturday night beginning at 9:30.

4-H exhibits and events are a major part of each year's fair, including the cattle and vegetable shows and 4-H division of the horse shows later next week.

GATES at the Fairgrounds open at 8 a.m. Monday through Sunday.

GERMAN BAND atop a wagon pulled by a team of oxen will return.

GOAT SHOW daily.

GRANDSTAND: From it, watch

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