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FAIR FACT SHEET

Calling all Science guys and gals: The Clark County Fair is coming up!
Summer's Best Party is about to get blinded by science!

(2016) RIDGEFIELD, Wash. – The 148th Clark County Fair is set for **Aug. 5 through 14**, and the Clark County Fair Association has created a marvelous lineup of thrilling features including DockDogs, the Pig Racing Show, Cowboy BootCamp and FairCon! Become a *Glad Scientist* with amazing interactive displays in the all-new Fun Science Experience, plus get all the rides, food, fun and adorable animals you can handle! Go to the Clark County Fair website for details and schedules: www.clarkcofair.com.

You can also purchase Fair discount tickets online at clarkcofair.com, or find the list of consignment ticket locations including participating SW Washington Fred Meyer stores, People's Community Federal Credit Union branches, and Wilco Farm Stores. To buy reserved VIP seats for the Your Party & Event Center Concert Series go to any Ticketmaster retail location, or online at Ticketmaster.com or clarkcofair.com.

Don't miss the motorsports action at the Excavator Rental Service (ERS) FREE Grandstand, and as always, the Comcast Kids Park will be filled with plenty of fun activities and contests galore, plus The Columbian Community Stage will feature free round-the-clock entertainment. The Clark County Fair is proud to welcome back Butler Amusements and Summer's Best Carnival presented by Portland's CW32 TV. And let's not forget ALL the cows, horses, goats, pigs, llamas, sheep, chickens and so much more! Go to the clarkcofair.com website for all the details, including schedules, entertainment, exhibits and grandstand events.

[MEDIA NOTE: all press releases and photos are available at clarkcofair.com inside the press room – click [HERE](#) to have immediate access to schedules, photos and press releases]

2016 CLARK COUNTY FAIR - HOURS:

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| Friday, Aug. 5 | 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. | (Fred Meyer Free Pancake Breakfast – Friday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast stops promptly at 11 a.m. (free entry ends at noon, no exceptions). Valid only with <u>Free Entry Voucher</u> available at SW Washington Fred Meyer locations for a limited time <u>and</u> while supplies last.) |
| Saturday, Aug. 6 | 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. | |
| Sun. – Thurs., Aug. 7 thru 11 | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. | |
| Friday, Aug. 12 | 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. | |
| Saturday, Aug. 13 | 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. | |
| Sunday, Aug. 14 | 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. | |

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ADMISSION & DISCOUNTS

Buy early and save! Advance discount tickets and packages available online or visit our website to find the list of consignment ticket locations including participating Fred Meyer stores (in Clark County), People's Community Federal Credit Union branches, and Wilco Farm Stores. ALL DISCOUNT PRICING ENDS AT 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4. To purchase advance sales tickets to the Fair and rides – go to www.clarkcofair.com

- \$11.25 Adults (\$9 in advance)
- \$9.25 Seniors 62+ (\$7 in advance)
- \$8.25 Children 7-12 (\$6 in advance), Children 6 and under are free!
- \$6 Parking

MORE SAVINGS

- Carnival All-Day Ride Wristband - \$25 if purchased in advance before Aug. 4. Regular price - \$30.
- Summer Sizzle Pack - \$74 - Two Adult Admissions, Two Child Admissions (7-12), Two All-Day Ride Wristbands (Save \$25) – available till Aug. 4.

CONCERT SERIES - PRESENTED BY YOUR PARTY & EVENT CENTER

The Clark County Fair has the musical artists you want with the sounds of classic rock and boot-scooting country - all live at the ERS FREE Grandstand! We are offering FIVE incredible concerts for five great nights of music all part of the Your Party & Event Center Concert Series! Grandstand concerts are free with your paid Fair admission and VIP reserved seating is available for \$25 - \$35 (includes Fair admission, no lines and reserved seats) at Ticketmaster.com or www.clarkcofair.com.

Concerts at the ERS FREE Grandstand include:

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| Friday, Aug. 5 | Queensryche – 7 p.m. (Free seating in grandstand w/paid admission), \$25 - \$35 Reserved VIP. |
| Saturday, Aug. 6 | Trace Adkins – 7 p.m. (Free seating in grandstand w/paid admission), \$25 - \$35 Reserved VIP. |
| Sunday, Aug. 7 | Los Lonely Boys – 5 p.m. (Free seating w/paid admission), \$25 - \$35 Reserved VIP. See local artist - Edna Vazquez - opening for Los Lonely Boys at 3:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 8 | Chris Janson – 7 p.m. (Free seating in grandstand w/paid admission), \$25 - \$30 Reserved VIP. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 9 | Foghat – 7 p.m. (Free seating in grandstand w/paid admission), \$25 Reserved VIP. |

MORE ERS FREE GRANDSTAND ACTION AT THE FAIR

Here comes more pulse-pounding and heart-thumping action! The Clark County Fair has all your fun at the *Excavator Rental Services FREE Grandstand*. We have great entertainment, thrills and spills – all free with your paid Fair admission. Take a look:

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| Wednesday, Aug. 10 | Mutton Bustin' at 2 p.m. and Bull Riding at 7 p.m. (Mutton Bustin' finals occur during the 7 p.m. event) |
| Thursday, Aug. 11 | Moto X Thrills at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 12 | Demo Derby at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 13 | Tuff Trucks at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, Aug. 14 | Monster Trucks at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. |

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MAIN FEATURES FOR THE 2016 CLARK COUNTY FAIR!

Fun Science Experience is coming to the Clark County Fair with interactive displays, spectacular **Science Stage** shows, amazing science experiments, robotics teams and so much more. The Clark County Fair wants to support STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives for young adults, and what better way than with the ultimate mad scientist lab ever created?! We are going to put engineering and math to the test, physics through the paces and gravity through the wringer. Learn about *Newton's Laws* through hands-on displays. Discover the power of waves, motion and potential energy in the Physics Lab. Twist your brain with optical illusions, force yourself to understand magnetism and get into color absorption experimentation.. Jason Greeley-Roberts, the builder of the displays, grew up at OMSI, where his father built the actual displays at the museum and his mother taught classes. Now Jason brings his love of science full circle to the Clark County Fair. "All the grand experiments I grew up with will now be available once again for people to enjoy," he said. And yes parents, we have even have the Xfinity Charging Lounge available to fuel up your device while the kids explore! Clark College will also be onsite with programs, class info and their STEM outreach. The Clark College area will include: Demonstrations by science and technology faculty and students, hands on displays from their automotive and other career technical programs, they will be waving the admissions fee (\$25.00) for anyone who applies for admission to Clark College at the fair! Plus the college will have special giveaways for current students and alumni that come by. Fun Science Experience is sponsored by KATU and K103fm.

DockDogs returns! Hold on to your dog's leash! DockDogs[®] - The World's Premier Canine Aquatics Competition - is set to return to the Clark County Fair! It's been a few years since Dock Dogs was at the Fair, and if you've never seen a "Big Air" competition this is your chance to see one of the most popular pooch/human sports in the world today. Anyone can enter! To register, go to www.DockDogs.com. This SW Washington-sanctioned event is part of the National Sportsmen's Series. DockDogs[®] was established in 2000, to promote a nationally recognized competitive aquatic-based sport with the rules of track-and-field long jump ... but for dogs. The Clark County Fair has been chosen to host a qualifier for DockDogs[®] and dozens are expected to enter this year. Be sure to check out this sport that is now a worldwide interest! **Here's how it works:** You must register your dog through www.DockDogs.com, and pay the entrance fee. There are three events you can enter: Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve. Each registered dog is assigned a time slot on a specific day, and you must enter through the **BLUE GATE** only at the Clark County Fair. At competition time, the dog must run down a 40-foot long dock and leap (long jump) into the pool or compete in the Vertical or Retrieve events. The judges measure the distance or height and the top finishers receive prizes, a national ranking and even a possible invitation to the DockDogs[®] National Championship Series! Catch some great pics on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/officialdockdogs>. DockDogs is sponsored by KGW-TV and The United States Marine Corps.

Pig Racing Show. Watch these lightning-fast porkers tear up the track for their reward of a sweet treat at the finish line. Place your free bet and cheer on your favorite color. If your piggy wins, you win a "my pig won" ribbon! The Racing Pigs have been a Fair favorite for years, and they are back and ready to race to victory!

Cowboy BootCamp is a completely self-contained educational kid's area attraction dressed up like a small town, with hands-on activity stations. Once inside you can pan for gold, try out a game of horseshoes, learn to lasso and do steer roping and so much more. Want to dress up like a cowboy or cowgirl? We've got you covered! Plus there will be face painting, crafts and even a cowboy campout. Get over to this brand new feature and whoop it up!

FairCon is an exciting pop culture experience with video game tournaments, cosplay contests and Magic: the Gathering card game. At the Fair Gaming Expo, put your gaming skills to the test with great tournaments that will push you to your limits, and also enjoy a wide assortment of family games to play. Don that awesome costume and join in to become your favorite comic book hero or movie legend. Share in this great cosplay experience and enjoy the wonderful creativity as people of all ages embody the characters they love. Lastly, Magic: the Gathering is a chance to test your skills in this expansive card game. Summon powerful creatures, cast deadly spells and grapple for dominance against formidable foes. Don't miss out as there is something for everyone! FairCon is presented by Conerly Photography.

STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE FEATURES TO SEE

The Clark County Fair is known for its fun midway, strolling acts and crazy antics and this year will be no different! See **Adam the Great** (our resident magician and funnyman) as he wows and amazes from stage to midway daily. **Jerry Harris Master Hypnotist** will be on stage nightly getting you to cluck like a chicken, dance like a goof and recite funny lines - all to the delight of onlookers. Meet **Vikki Gasko Green – a ventriloquist** based out of Washington. She has been entertaining live audiences with singing, dancing and acting since the age of five. An award-winning ventriloquist, Vikki will delight Fairgoers during her first appearance at the Fair with her unique blend of drama, magic, education and audience participation, exciting young and old alike. **Karen Quest** and her funny Cowgirl Tricks will be roaming the grounds, performing on stage and posing for pictures and selfies. Don't miss **Topper Todd and Li Li Zucchini** performing their sensational juggling, unicycle and stilt-walking performances throughout the day – plus visit the *Family Fun Stage* inside the Comcast Kids Park! And of course the **Pony Rides** and **Walk on the Wild Side** exhibits are a must do and must see as well!

MAIN HALL MARKETPLACE – PRESENTED BY SLEEP TRAIN

The Clark County Exhibition Hall Marketplace will be open, air-conditioned and filled with great exhibits, vendors, bargains galore and shopping for the whole family to enjoy:

- Commercial Vendors Marketplace – featuring the latest in kitchen gadgets, clothing, home and garden implements & improvement, and just about any product and service you can imagine.
- Community & Still Exhibits – hobbies, crafts, foods, floral and photography displays, quilting, food preservation, baking and 4-H exhibits.
- See the latest in equipment, implements and high-tech gadgets!

FUN AT THE BEE BARN!

Be sure to stop by the Bee Barn to learn about our important pollinators and makers of honey. You can also meet the 2016 American Honey Queen - Kim Kester. Miss Kester is from Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where she double-majored in dairy science and poultry science. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in Agricultural Education at Iowa State University. She began beekeeping in 2014, and now owns six hives of bees. In her spare time, she enjoys photography and riding horses. Buzz on over and say hello!

ROYALTY REIGNS FOR 2016

Our 2016 Riverview Community Bank Clark County Equestrian Fair Court will be on-site during the run of the Clark County Fair – be sure to say hello to our official ambassadors! Also, on Sunday, Aug. 14, we name our 2017 court – if you've ever been interested in this process, be sure to watch!

Queen Serenity

Queen Serenity is the 16-year-old daughter of Shawna Eppers of Woodland. She is a member of 4-H and the Washington High School Equestrian Teams. Serenity is also an honor roll student and Student of the Month recipient at her school and she lettered in cheerleading and WAHSET. Her hobbies include cheerleading, band, riding horses, soccer and basketball. Serenity's future plans are to pursue a doctorate and certification in hippotherapy, ultimately helping people with neurological or other disabilities through horse riding. Serenity's partner is Missy, a 19-year-old Appaloosa mare.

Princess Mikaela

Princess Mikaela is the 17-year-old daughter of Duane Schuman of Ridgefield and Marla Anderson of St. Helens, Oregon. She is a member of the LaCenter Lucky Riders 4-H club and Ridgefield High School Equestrian team. She is a proud multi-year honor roll student and scholar athlete. Her hobbies include fishing, camping, hiking, spending time outdoors, friends, family and riding horses. Her future plans include majoring in English and teaching. Mikaela's partner is Poco's Gone Rockstar, a 7-year-old Quarter Horse gelding.

Princess Shaylee

Princess Shaylee is the 17-year-old daughter of Todd and Sheridan Coleman of Brush Prairie. She is a member of the American Paint Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, 4-H and Washington High School Equestrian Teams. At her school she is an honor roll student and lettered in Hockinson WAHSET. Shaylee is the President of the Hockinson High School Equestrian team. Her hobbies include riding horses, volleyball, wakeboarding and wakesurfing and her future plans are to become a high school math teacher. Shaylee's partner is Blue, a 12-year-old Quarter Horse gelding.

FUN IN THE COUNTRY

What's a County Fair without hundreds of animals, blue ribbons and apple pies?

- Head, Heart, Hands and Health are the four H's in 4-H, and they are the four values on display during the run of the Clark County Fair through fun and engaging programs and activities. Look for science displays, breeding programs, kitchen activities, animal judging contests and plenty of great activities.
- The National FFA Organization shows their stuff with a variety of animal programs and projects.

TAKE A RIDE

- Visit the Clark County Fair Carnival sponsored by Portland's CW32 TV and presented by Star Rentals – it's truly *Summer's Best Carnival!* As always, there will be dozens of exhilarating rides throughout the fairgrounds and of course no trip to the Fair is complete without a ride on the Giant Ferris Wheel. Go to www.clarkcofair.com for a complete listing of rides and ride requirements. **NEW for 2016: Spin Out** is one of the most exciting rides on the midway. Made in England, it stands 45 feet high and has six 4-passenger seats. Passengers sit in one of four seats on the outside edge of the ride. As the Spin Out begins to rise, six sets of seats begin to spin. Up, down and around, passengers thrill to the sight and feel of Spin Out. There are only eight Spin Outs on traveling carnivals in the United States.
- **People's Community Federal Credit Union** wants you to feel free to drop your shopping treasure or carnival winnings by their package-handling booth located inside the Marketplace Lobby. Our friends at People's also ask you to consider taking public transportation this year to the Fair and to be eco-responsible.
- Save money when you take C-TRAN! The round-trip fare is free from the (5) main transfer stations, and get a \$1 discount off full-price Fair Gate Admission when you present your bus transfer at the Fair ticket booth. Beginning Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 14, C-TRAN provides shuttle service to the Clark County Fair from the following locations:

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| ✓ Westfield Vancouver Mall Transit Center | Service begins at noon each day |
| ✓ 99th Street Transit Center at Stockford Village | Service begins at noon each day |
| ✓ Fisher's Landing Transit Center | Service begins at 12:30 p.m. each day |
| ✓ Battle Ground-north of Community Center | Service begins at 12:30 p.m. each day |
| ✓ La Center Park & Ride | Service begins at 12:30 p.m. each day |

The last bus departs the Fairgrounds at 11:00 p.m., each evening. Be sure to visit the C-TRAN website at www.c-tran.com for Fair shuttle schedules or go to the Fair website for details.

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS and SPONSORS

- Friday, Aug. 5 **Opening Day** – It’s Fred Meyer Day. Free Fred Meyer Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come early! Breakfast service will absolutely STOP at 11 a.m. regardless of line. **Free Entry Voucher (available at SW Washington Fred Meyer locations for a limited time). Free admission until noon with voucher – no exceptions.**
- Monday, Aug. 8 **Family Day** – with C-TRAN and Lamar. Admission \$6.25 for kids ages 7 to 12 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.); kids 6 and under are free.
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 **Military Appreciation Day** – Gate admission price \$7.25 per person for current and past military. MUST show identification. Uniformed Service Members are admitted FREE!
- Wed., Aug. 10 **Prime of Your Life Day** – KPAM-AM860, Sunny 1550AM and Humana will feature special entertainment and pricing – let’s celebrate fun over 50! Senior admission is \$7.25
- Thursday, Aug. 11 **Kids’ Day** – sponsored by Vancouver Mall! Admission \$6.25 for kids ages 7 to 12 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.); kids 6 and under are free!

FAMILY FUN AT THE FAIR!

There’s plenty to do for kids of all ages – so be sure to bring everyone! Bring the kids to the **Comcast Kids Park** and the **Family Fun Stage** presented by **Fred Meyer** and **Vancouver Mall** or the **Columbian Community Stage** for activities and contests. Stage schedules are available at www.clarkcofair.com.

Here are some **Fun Contests & Competitions** to consider: Pretty Baby, Diaper Derby, Toddler Trot, and Jump Rope. Be sure to go to the Fair website for dates, times and entry rules [HERE!](#)

CONTESTS ON THE COLUMBIAN COMMUNITY STAGE

Watermelon Eating – The object of this contest is to eat a-half-a watermelon without using your hands. The contestant to clear the “pink” of the watermelon down to the rind wins!

Hot Dog Eating – Come with an empty stomach and see who will win the title of Hot Dog Eating Champ!

Cheeseburger Eating Contest – Ready, set and go! The team of four that eats 10 cheeseburgers is the winner!

Shari’s Pie Eating Contest – The object of this contest is to eat a single pie as fast as possible without using your hands. The contestant who finishes their pie first, within the allotted time, will be the winner.

What can you win? Winners get bragging rights (of course), and gift packages worth over \$300!

Anyone interested in our fabulous Fair contests can sign up [HERE!](#)

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