

# At the Fair

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Donate blood and get free same day admission at Bloodmobile located outside gate 2.

## AGRICULTURAL PAVILION

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Holstein Open Dairy Show  
All day  
Melody Farm Follies  
Singing vegetables  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Animal Story Time - Rabbits  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Animal Story Time - Swine  
3 to 4 p.m.  
Animal Story Time - Goats  
4:30 to 6 p.m.  
4-H Goat Costume Contest  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Rabbit Costume Contest  
6 to 7 p.m.  
4-H Dog Show Demonstration  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
4-H Dog Agility Demonstration

## GREENHOUSE

Judging of Jr. & Adult Artistic Classes of Flower & Garden Expo

## HORSE SHOW

All day  
\$2,500 M & S Adult Am Jumper Classic, \$2500 Low Jr. Am/Owner Jumper  
Field Hunting Exhibitions, Field Hunter Classes  
Ladies Sidesaddle Classes M & S/NAL Classic, \$250 TB Jumper Classic, Schooling Hunter, Hunter Breeding

## MILLER LITE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT AREA

All day  
Monster Truck Rides  
\$7 per rider  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Green Valley Farms Present Extreme Bulls, Broncos & Barrels — Hardway Finals  
Gates open at 5:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$12/\$10 on sale onsite.

## PERFORMING ARTS TENT

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Peters Valley Day  
Demos and activities  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Legend of the Fall  
7 to 8 p.m.  
Kindred Spirit  
8:30 to 10 p.m.  
Woodfish

## RICHARDS BUILDING

All day  
Craft Annex  
Open all week during the fair.  
All day  
Craft Contest, Canning Contest, Pottery, Wood Turning and Wood Carving  
Exhibited all week.  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Fleischmann's "Sensational Bread" Contest  
5 to 6 p.m.  
New Jersey's 8th Annual Best Cheesecake Contest  
Entries sold after judging

## RONETCO SHOPRITE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AREA

All day  
Artistry in Wood - Chainsaw Artist  
All day  
Bounce & OooLaLa  
Juggling, acrobatics and more  
All day  
Elephant, pony and camel Rides  
All day  
K-9s in Flight  
Show times posted  
All day  
Robinson's Paddling Porkers  
Show times posted  
All day  
Coconut Climbing Trees  
Show times posted  
All day  
Commerford Petting Zoo  
All day  
Oscar the Robot  
Show times posted

## SHOTWELL BUILDING

5 to 6 p.m.  
Geography Bowl  
Open to the public.  
Registration at 4:30 p.m. For ages 8 and up.

## SNOOK MUSEUM

All day  
Weaving and woodworking demos daily

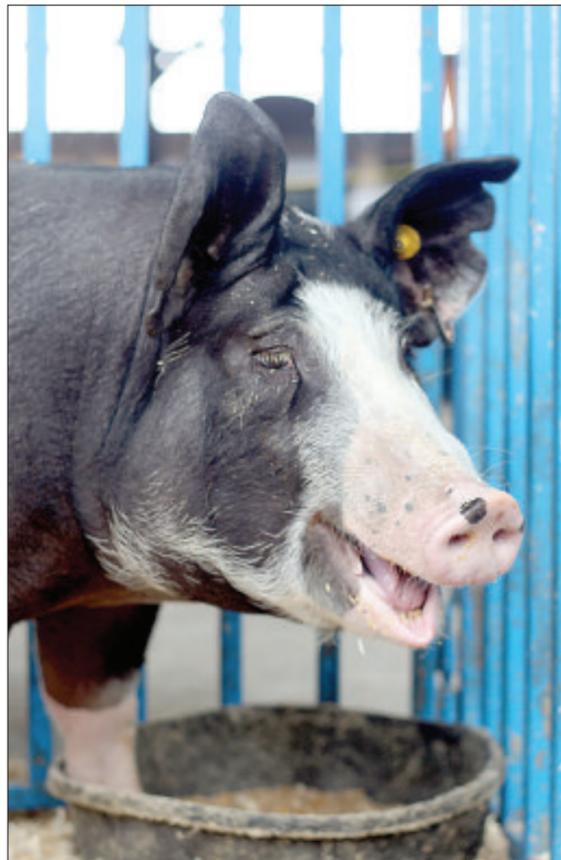


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A pig eats in its pen at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show in Frankford Thursday. Barn 4 at the fair features nearly 30 pigs in all, according to Sussex Squealers 4-H Club Leader Allie Simeone. These pigs don't draw a big crowd because they are usually found sleeping in their pens at all hours of the day.

## Pigs keep cool at fair

By ASHLEY SCHREYER  
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FRANKFORD — Pigs have always carried a reputation for being dirty, but it's not their fault.

If they had the choice, they would prefer to be clean according to Randy Ross, owner of Robinson's Paddling Porkers.

However, pigs don't have sweat glands, so when they get too hot, they have no choice but to roll in the mud to cool off.

"I don't know what people see in a bunch of pigs running around in circles, but everywhere we go there's always a crowd," Ross said before one of his pigs' races.

At the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show, Robinson's pigs bring a large audience to the RoNetco Supermarkets Family Entertainment Area, reaching speeds of 15 mph as they race around the track, trying to be the first to receive the Oreo cookie treat.

With such a crowd, it is no surprise the fifth and final Animal of the Day this year is pigs.

Racing pigs are not the only pigs featured at the fair, however. Barn 4 hosts a much larger breed of pigs, nearly 30 in all, according to Sussex Squealers 4-H Club Leader Allie Simeone. These pigs don't draw as big a crowd because they are usually found sleeping in their pens at



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One of the Squealers' newest members is Malcolm Sinclair, 13, of Branchville who joined a year ago.

"I like farming," Sinclair said. "I want to be a dairy farmer. With pigs!"

This year, Sinclair's pig was the mid-weight champion at the fair.

The pigs that competed at the fair are all about 6 months old, which means they are ready to go to market, Sinclair said.

Pork is a \$64 million industry in the United States and provides 600,000 jobs. Sussex County had 41 pig farms, down from 48 in 2002, according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture, done in 2007, and the total number of pigs in the county was at 290.

The Agricultural Area at the The New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show is featuring an Animal of the Day daily. Fair attendees can learn more about pigs today at the fair in the tent next to Barn 4 in the Agriculture Area.

all hours of the day.

"They can relax here," Simeone said.

This year is one of the coolest the fair has seen, Simeone said, which is better for the pigs. Without sweat glands, the Sussex Squealers usually have to hose off their animals when it gets too hot in the barn.

## Did you know?

- Hog byproducts are used in the manufacture of crayons, cement, chalk, anti-freeze, rubber, cosmetics.
- Pigs are the source of nearly 40 different drugs and medical products.
- Healthy sows give birth to 16-24 piglets each year.

## Horseshoes enthusiasts give a toss

By GREG WATRY  
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FRANKFORD — Greg Metzgar, of Andover, lined up his shot. His arm swung back and forth like a pendulum, and then he let go.

The horseshoe completed one rotation, and landed around the pole jutting from the sand. A ringer.

The second day of the second annual horseshoe tournament occurred on a cloudy afternoon in the Miller Lite Outdoor Entertainment Area at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show in Frankford.

Forty-four contestants played at Wednesday's event, where partners were drawn at random from a hat. At Tuesday's tournament, 80 participants played with their partner of choice. Admission to the event was free and bystanders watched the players on the 10 horseshoe courts.

According to Harry DeMott, organizer and participant, the event had all types of players, ranging from

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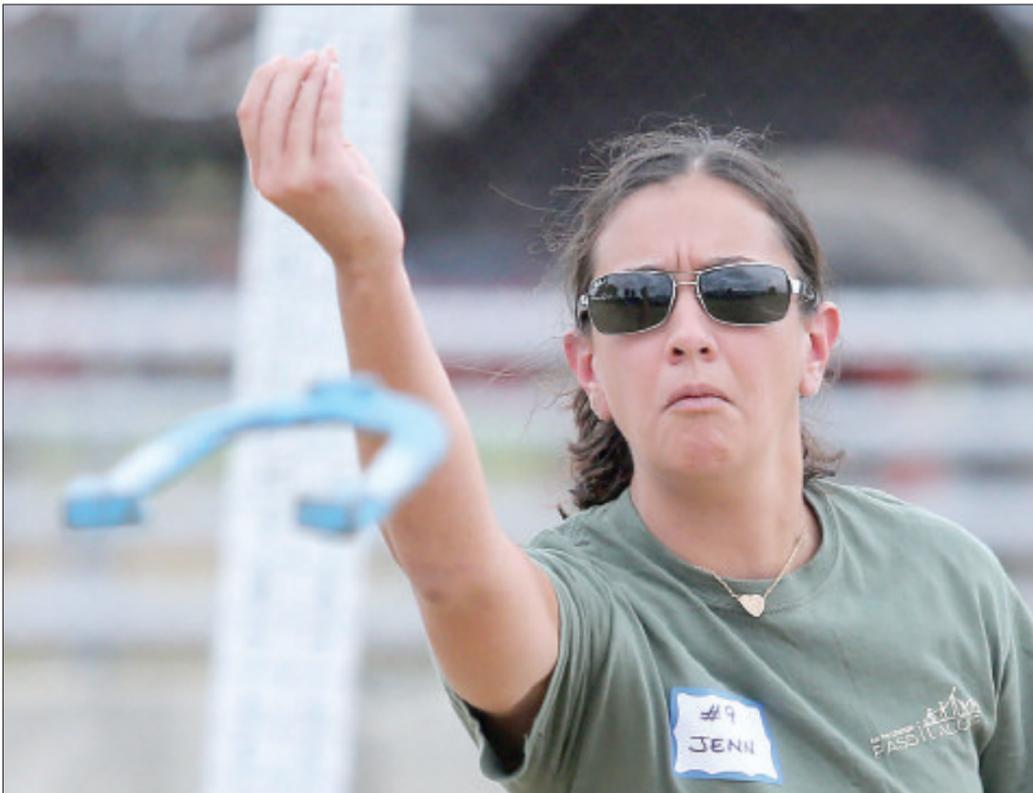


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Jennifer Lippencott, of Wantage, throws during the horseshoe tournament at the Miller Lite Outdoor Entertainment Area of the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show Wednesday.

## Fair food contest serves up diverse tasty treats

By GREG WATRY  
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FRANKFORD — It was a night of mouthwatering delights at the second annual vendor food contest in the performing arts tent at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. The four judges sat, waiting for the food being doled out on dishes behind them.

The contest is meant to be something to excite the concession owners, said Barbara Wortmann, the executive director of the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show. "I'm so impressed with the food at this fair," she said. She continued saying that the fair promotes ethnic diversity and creativity when it comes to the food being served. Though the contest was aimed at new foods and new food vendors, the fair did not have many new food vendors this year.

"We don't need new vendors," said Joyce Buerkle, the concessions manager. "But we need a twist. We're trying to get them to showcase something different."

The judges included Borasio, a morning show host at 103.7 WNNJ; Kate Hashway, owner of the restaurant, Krave in Newton; Michael Richards,

police chief of Newton; and Bruce Tomlinson, executive editor of the New Jersey Herald.

The Wednesday contest boasted four categories: food on a stick, dessert, sandwich/meal, and "healthier options." There were four entries for food on a stick, nine for dessert, eight for sandwich/meal, and three for "healthier options." The food was judged based on taste, creativity, and presentation.

"All I know is I didn't eat today in preparation," said Borasio.

And that was a good idea.

Among the many tasty treats, the entries included the inventive lobster parfait; the "tastefully British" fish and chips on a stick; a Thanksgiving special sandwich, composed of shredded roasted turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce on a potato role; a mozzarella burger with fried mozzarella sticks in marinara sauce; and waffles topped with strawberries and vanilla ice cream.

In the food on a stick category, first place was awarded to Seaside Grill for its surf and turf filet mignon cubes and seared sea scallops. In dessert, first went to Crazy 'Bout Crisps apple crisp with chocolate ice cream. In the sandwich/meal



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Newton Police Chief Mike Richards samples food from the "on a stick" category during the Fair Food Contest at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Frankford Wednesday.

category, Texas Smoke Barbecue won with their "Belly Buster," a sandwich filled with pork and bacon. And the "healthier options" category was awarded to Seaside Grill's

ahi tuna over gluten free rice.

In overall categories, which consisted of most creative and best taste, the winners were Seaside Grill's ahi tuna and Mosefund Farms' pork bacon

burger.

The winners in the individual categories received \$100 off their 2013 bill, and the overall categories received a \$250 credit on their 2014 statement.