

Wrestling event to debut at this year's FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

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MALONE — The Franklin County Fair will feature a new event this year, with wrestling making its fair week debut in front of the grandstand when the event starts in August.

On Monday, Aug. 5, East Coast Pro Wrestling will come to the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Malone.

"It's a 7 p.m. bell and gates will open at 5:30 p.m.," Dave Gokey, of the Franklin County Fair Board, told the Telegram, "We are going to have ringside standing so people will be able to stand right around the ring or they can go into the grandstand.

The event itself will take place between the main stage and the grandstand, on the track, according to Gokey.

"So that people can sit in the grandstand and look down onto the ring or they can stand on the track and see the ring at eye-level," he said, "There will be room on all four sides of it for people to stand around."

According to Gokey, this will be the fair's first wrestling event.

"We have never done it here, we met these guys at our convention and they had a pretty good presentation and we think it is going to be a decent show," he said, "We have some interest in it already with Facebook hits, and a few phone calls where people were looking to buy tickets.'

Gokey said the best place to purchase ticket for wrestling, concerts, and other fair events is online, at frcofair. com.

"The best and easiest way is to buy them online," he said, "Starting Friday some of the tickets will be available, concert series tickets are available now. There will be more tickets added as we solidify some of our events."

Gokey said people can come to the fair office and buy tickets in person as well.

"We urge people to go to frcofair.com, that's the only secure site for buying our tickets," he said, "We haven't sold any to resellers and when you buy them off a reseller site you can't guarantee it's a good ticket.'

Gokey said this year the fair is trying to focus on family-type of events as well as the fair's concerts.

"That's why we have the wrestling, we think kids will

enjoy that as well as their parents. The beauty pageant, talent show, along with cornhole and the Monster Trucks again for the kids," he said, "Something else we have done different this year is we are setting up a small stage on the midway, by the fair office, and we have booked a couple of comedians, we have a couple of dance stu-

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An East Coast **Professional** Wrestling match, seen here featuring **Tommy** Dreamer, will be hosted Aug. 5 at the Franklin **County Fair** in Malone. PHOTO COURTESY OF



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dios that are going to have their classes show off their talents."

Gokey said the state police will also be at the fairgrounds to show some of their exhibits.

"We are going to have bleachers set up, just something if people want to come down and walk around, it's free stuff," he said, "It's going to start on Sunday afternoon and run right through

Friday."

Gokey said he is working on a Trivial Pursuit contest for fair week too.

According to Gokey, this year's fair starts on Friday, Aug. 2, when entry to the fairgrounds will be free of charge.

"It's a free day, all the rides will be running and the concession stands will be open," he said, "We are going to have the River Valley Antique Tractor Pull that day."

Gokey said on Saturday, Aug. 3, will feature a day-long demolition derby.

"We have condensed our demolition from two days to

one, it will be an all day dem-

olition," he said. Sunday, Aug. 4, will feature the Franklin County Agriculture Society Truck and Tractor Pull, along with New York Hot Farm Pulling Series.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, will feature the small town famous show put on by the Performing Arts League of Malone, and there will also be a beauty pageant and the fair's

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Professional wrestler Tommy Dreamer, pictured here in action, will be featured at the Franklin County Fair. Photo provided





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cornhole tournament.

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, there will be a monster truck show courtesy of Versus Monster Trucks.

"That's going to be kind of a neat day, we are going to have grandstand seating only, obviously," he said, "The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and people will be able to go in, meet the drivers, see the trucks and walk around for an hour-and-a-half before."

Gokey said there will be five monster trucks this year, and there will also be quad racing at the event.

"Between running the monster trucks they are going to do quad racing on the track," Gokey said, "It's going to be a really good show."

The first concert of fair week will take place on Thursday, Aug. 8, with Jackson Dean, according to Gokey, who said an opener will perform prior to Dean's show and the opening act is to be determined.

Fair week's second con-

cert, Friday, Aug. 9, is Diamond Rio and Lonestar and the final concert of the fair, Saturday, Aug. 10, is 38 special.

"We usually do two concerts and we had the opportunity to book a third one this year by rearranging the schedule a little bit," Gokey said, "Ticket sales look pretty good right now, it's early, I think these bands are older country and older rock so I think they will come along as we go. We have a good showing right now."

The final day of the fair, Sunday, Aug. 11, the New York Tractor Pullers Association tractor pull will take place in addition to a Northern New York Truck and Tractor Pullers Association, according to Gokey.

Gokey said though the fair is still months away work continues at the fairgrounds.

"We have got a lot of things in the works, as soon as the snow melts we are going to do some blacktopping and a lot of work around the stage area," he said, "We rebuilt our artists dressing rooms. We did that through the winter. We always have something to do. It doesn't matter

if there is snow on the ground or the sun is shining. This is a 12-month deal to put the fair on "



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News from the Franklin County Fair Vegetable Hall and Domestic Arts Buildings

By GAYLA LAPAGE

Editors note: The writer is the manager of the Vegetable Hall and Domestic Arts buildings at the Franklin County Fairgrounds

There are exciting things going on in the Vegetable Hall and Domestic Arts Building at the Franklin County Fair. New entries have been added in the domestic arts and the contests in the vegetable hall will continue.

Construction was done in both buildings, and these were all improvements and necessary. Wall space was added on the domestic arts building, and the building between it and the Fish and Game building will now be used for more display space.

Last year diamond art was

added as a category in domestic arts, and it was a huge hit. Be sure to enter yours this year, as there are two new categories. Use your talents to make a floral arrangement in either fresh or artificial flowers, and there is also a woodworking category. Information can be found on the fair website frcofair.com. Go to forms and entries.

The vegetable hall continues to get better and better, and in the last few years the building has been full with community entries. The staff is so excited with how it has grown with the changing times while still maintaining a community feel and staying with the agricultural fair history. This building used to be full with Grange and Home Bureau entries, but un-

fortunately in this area those two organizations have diminished or are gone completely.

Another great attraction is the decorated cakes, and fair attendees love these. Last year, there were so many youth entries that a youth section had to be added for the fan favorite decorated cake. Don't forget to stop in and vote for your favorite this year.

Once again, the vegetable

hall has three contests occurring. The first is Chopped Franklin County Fair Way - Culinary Upcycling, Fight Food Waste sponsored by Adirondack 1892, Inc. The chopped contest has been very popular over the last few years.

"Recycled Birdhouses or Bird Feeders," sponsored by Runnings is the second. Find those old items and convert them to a beautiful outdoor. useful item.

The King Arthur Contest, sponsored by King Arthur Flour, has also been a huge hit. This year the adults will be baking tarts, and the youth will be preparing bundt cakes. There will be great prizes for all of the winners.

For more information, visit frcofair.com or contact Gayla LePage by email at luer913@ hotmail.com.

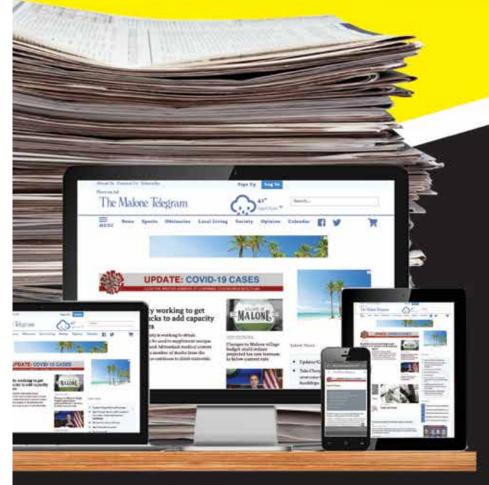


Some of the cakes in the cake decorating contest at last year's Franklin County Fair. Provided photo



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Franklin County Fair announces three nights of music

The Franklin County Fair will feature three nights of live music, including two country shows and one rock concert following an announcement from the fair board in December.

The 2024 fair will run from August 3 through August 11 with the concerts scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of fair week, according to a prepared statement from the Franklin County Fair.

Thursday's show will feature country singers Jackson Dean with special guest Josh Ross, followed by country bands Lonestar and Diamond Rio on Friday, before concluding with the rock band 38 special, Saturday night.

Tickets are available online at www.frcofair.com.

According to the press release from the Franklin County Agricultural Society, Jackson Dean, who will help kick off three nights of music at the fair, is known for his old school, gritty, outlaw country style of music.

Dean's songs include "Don't Come Lookin," "Fearless," and "Love you Anymore," and he will share the stage, Thursday night, with Josh Ross, who is know for his hits "Ain't Doin Jack," "First Taste of Gone," and "Red Flag," according to the press

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The band 38 Special will be the headline group playing this year at the Franklin County Fair. The show is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, August 10. Image from 38 Special website

release.

The following evening, Friday, Aug. 9, will see Lonestar and Diamond Rio take the main stage at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

This country combination brings decades of country music experience to the stage, with over 10 million albums sold each, according to the press release.

Lonestar has well known hits including "Amazed," "I'm already there," "What about Now," and they will be joined by the multi platinum country group Diamond Rio, according to the press release, which states Diamond Rio's hits include "Beautiful Mess," "One More Day," and "How Your Love Makes Me Feel."

The press release states 38 Special, a band that has spent over four decades together, will take the stage, Saturday Aug. 10, bringing a blast of southern rock to the fair's grandstands.

The band's hist include "Hold On Loosely," "Rockin into the Night," and "Caught up in You."

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