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The insiders' guide to the happenings at The Show Place Arena and Prince George's Equestrian Center



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Maryland Music Festival

Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 6, 5:00 p.m.

Admission

Time to "Shake Your Groove Thing," get on the "Love Roller Coaster" and hit the "Dance Floor"! The Annual Maryland Music Festival comes to The Show Place Arena August 4-6. A legendary line-up of musical all-stars will present an exciting weekend of great music. Enjoy more than a dozen bands performing with a new sound system.

On Friday night, the Brothers Johnson Revue, New Birth, the Mary Jane Girls, Switch, and Slave will rock you into the weekend. Jimmie "JJ" Walker of "Good Times" fame emcees Saturday's show, featuring the Stylistics, the Dramatics, the Chi-Lites, the Intruders, and Peaches & Herb. Dance the day away on Sunday with War, Zapp, the Ohio Players, and Lakeside.

Tickets for the Maryland Music Festival are on sale now at The Show Place Arena box office or at www.ticketmaster.com. Purchase tickets for individual

days, or get a special package price when you buy a three-day pass. For more information, including performance schedules, visit www.poetryinmotion1.com

... and Crab Feast

Saturday, August 5, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 6, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Admission

Dine on a spectacular crab feast that includes crabs, fried fish, hamburgers, barbecued chicken, and corn on the cob – plus soft drinks and a top-shelf open bar, prior to enjoying your favorite bands play at the Maryland Music Festival. There's even a special "kids' crab feast" for 6-12 year olds, so bring the whole family.

Tickets for the crab feast are sold separately from tickets for the Maryland Music Festival. Contact Poetry in Motion Entertainment at 301-265-1222 for more information and to buy tickets for the crab feast.

Arena Notes

for more exhibitions and events,
refer to the back of this newsletter

YMCA Thingamajig

Thursday, August 3, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Inspiration comes to life at the YMCA Thingamajig Invention Convention. Thousands of area children will gather to show off their unique designs and inventions at this friendly competition for kids ages 5-14. Kids compete individually or in groups to create amazing exhibits, using recycled materials and lots of imagination. This unique event, now in its twelfth year, challenges kids to think outside the box when it comes to science, technology, and the arts. Projects are judged on creativity, effective use of materials, attention to detail, and accuracy. Concoctions, contraptions, contrivances – it's an exciting day of design, development, and discovery. Family and friends are invited to join in the fun!

Festival Eritrea

Saturday, August 12, 12:00 p.m.

Admission

One of the newest and most promising nations in Africa, Eritrea boasts a rich heritage. Named for the "Red Sea," its coastal location has long been valuable in both history and culture. Come celebrate this beautiful country and its people at the Festival Eritrea. Open to the public, this event features arts, artifacts, fashions, and native music and dance. Learn more about Eritrea's important role in history and current events – while having fun at the same time!

Gospel Spreading Church Religious Service

Sunday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.

Free

Imagine more than 150 voices lifted in song as they form the sign of the cross. You'll be mesmerized by this inspirational and unusual service. Join congregations from all ten branches of the Gospel Spreading Church – from Rhode Island to North Carolina – for a free, non-denominational event. You do not have to be a member of any church to participate in this special baptismal service; all are welcome. For more information, please call 202-387-1471.

Prince George's County Fair

Thursday, September 7, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday, September 8, 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 10, 11:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission

Prince George's County hosts Maryland's oldest fair – established back in 1842. 164 years later, it still thrills and excites visitors of all ages. You'll enjoy puppet shows, duck and pig races, miniature NASCAR racing, free concerts, barrel races, and fireworks, as well as a petting farm, sheep show, archery contest, egg toss, and lawn mower pull – plus all the great food, rides, agricultural, and horticultural exhibits you'd expect from a world-class fair like this one. For more information including a complete calendar of events, log onto to www.countyfair.org.

Bill Pickett Rodeo

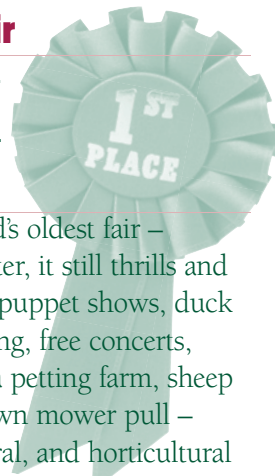
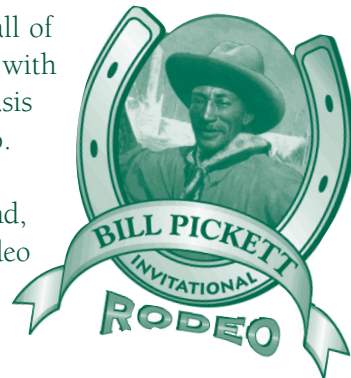
Saturday, September 23, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets required

The first African-American inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Bill Pickett is credited with creating bulldogging – the basis for today's modern-day rodeo.

Named for this American legend, the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo brings together some of the top rodeo performers from across the United States. You'll see amazing feats of courage and strength with bulldogging, calf roping, and barrel racing.

Never a dull moment, this event truly honors its namesake as a symbol of American spirit and a source of well deserved African-American pride. Tickets available through TicketMaster and at The Show Place Arena.



Mark your Calendars

more info, next edition

October 2006

1-8 Capital Challenge

20-22 Washington International Horse Show Local Days

27-29 Suburban Maryland Fall Home and Garden Expo

November 2006

2 Meyers Seed Show

4-5 Silverado Arms and Militaria Show

11-12 Market Pro Computer Show

18 Anne Arundel Youth Cheerleading Association

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We're Horsin' Around!

There's an old expression that says, "There's no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse." This August and September at The Show Place Arena, you'll have many opportunities to witness this special bond.

See every kind of horse – from Appaloosas to Arabians – in dozens of thrilling competitions, all free to spectators. It's the best time of year for horse lovers of all ages – and The Show Place Arena is the only place to be!

August

5-6, 19-20 Maryland Saddle Association

12-13 Free State Appaloosa Horse Show

26-27 Southern Maryland Horse Show Association

September

14-17 Maryland Horse and Pony Show

30 Capital Challenge Horse Show

SHOW PLACE SHORTS

1. There was a lot of pomp and circumstance as 28 high schools and Prince George's Community College held their graduations at The Show Place Arena. The high schools were from Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert, and Anne Arundel counties.
2. Arena Football is coming to The Show Place Arena! On June 21, Chesapeake Tide announced that they will be playing their six home games at The Show Place Arena, April-June 2007. The Chesapeake Tide is an expansion team of the Great Lakes Indoor Football League, which plays 7-on-7 arena football.

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Schedule of Events

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Directions

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All events are subject to change and are correct at time of printing. Receive updated information by calling our **Events Hotline at 301-952-7999** or visit us on the web: www.showplacearena.com

From Washington

Take I-95 (Washington Capital Beltway) to exit 11A Pennsylvania Avenue South/East (Route 4). Follow for seven miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at stop sign.

From Baltimore

Take I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Route 97 to Route 3. Route 3 turns into Route 301. Continue to exit at Route 4 North/West (toward Washington). Take first exit to stop sign. Turn left and follow to the infield at the Prince George's Equestrian Center.

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