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**Marion County Fair draws to close  
with flurry of events, activities, fun!**

**INDIANAPOLIS** -- The final two days of the 80th anniversary Marion County Fair are here, and they are *jam-packed with action!* Dock Dogs® takes center stage, as these fantastic canine athletes make their Central Indiana summer debut at the Marion County Fair with Big Air WAVE, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve competitions scheduled for both Friday and Saturday.

Two nights of Demolition Derby mayhem are scheduled for the grandstand, and on Saturday, the Cheerleading Contest, Battle of the Bands finale and Kids' Day activities will vie with Dock Dogs® for fairgoers' attention.

All of the concessionaires will be on hand, serving up their delicious county fair menu – from gigantic elephant ears to ears of butter-drenched sweet corn, from mouth-watering tenderloins to delicious (and healthy!) chicken taco salads – and everything in between. Ice cream, smoothies, lemon shake-ups, sodas – all the favorites are available at the 80<sup>th</sup> Marion County Fair.

Midway specials will be offered both Friday and Saturday, too:

- **Friday** – Moonlight Madness with unlimited rides from 10 pm to 1 am with \$20 bracelet.
- **Saturday** – Unlimited rides from 1 to 5 pm with \$15 bracelet; unlimited rides from 6 to 10 pm with \$25 bracelet.

The Marion County Fair's midway is recognized as one of the biggest and best in the state, featuring more rides than can be found at some national amusement parks! Brand new this year is the thrilling "Enterprise," while an old favorite – the Seattle Wheel – makes a return visit. The Seattle Wheel is famous for its appearance in the Elvis Presley film, "It Happened at the World's Fair." In fact, the car in which the iconic rocker sat during the making of the movie is on display in front of the ferris wheel.

Following are the fair's featured line-ups for this year's final two days.

**Fri, July 30: Midway Moonlight Madness**

- Dock Dogs® registration & practice, 5 pm (all Dock Dogs® events are presented by Animal Medical Center)
- American Folk musicians D. Mark & Jules in concert, 5:30 pm
- Dock Dogs® Big Air WAVE Competition #1, 5:30 pm
- Demolition Derby, 7 pm (admission \$5; kids 5 & under free)
- Dock Dogs® Extreme Vertical Competition, 7 pm
- Friends of Indiana Wind Symphony in concert, 7 pm
- 4H Livestock Auction, 7 pm
- Whitney Erin in concert, 8:30 pm

**Sat, July 31: Kids' Day presented by PNC Bank**

- Dock Dogs® registration & practice, 9 am (all Dock Dogs® events are presented by Animal Medical Center)
- Dock Dogs® Speed Retrieve Competition #1, 9:30 am
- 4H Dog Show presented by Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 10 am
- Dock Dogs® Big Air WAVE Competition #2, 11 am
- Cheerleading Contest presented by Gentle Dentists, 11 am
- Kids' Day Activities on Park Stage & Admin Plaza, 12 noon-4 pm (prize drawings at 2 pm)
- Silly Safari Show, 12 noon
- Dock Dogs® Big Air WAVE Competition #3, 1 pm
- Open Class Swine Show, 3 pm
- Dock Dogs® Big Air WAVE Competition #4, 3 pm
- Pedal Pull Competition - all ages, 4 pm
- Scott Greeson in concert, 4 pm
- Battle of the Bands finals, 5-8 pm
- Dock Dogs® Speed Retrieve Finals, 5:30 pm
- Demolition Derby, 6 pm (admission \$5; kids 5 & under free)
- Dock Dogs® Big Air Finals, 6 pm
- Young Hoosier Singers in concert, 6 pm
- 10 pm - gates close - 80th Marion County Fair ends - see you next year!

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***The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary Marion County Fair is July 22-31 at the Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 East Troy Avenue (just east of the I-465 & Southeastern Avenue interchange). One of Central Indiana's most outstanding entertainment bargains, fair admission is just \$5 per person; children 5 and under are FREE; US military, active or retired, are FREE with ID, and parking is FREE. Make it YOUR fair! – the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary Marion County Fair. For more information and discount offers, log on at [www.marioncountyfair.org](http://www.marioncountyfair.org).***