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State Fair Offers ‘MOre Fun Than Ever’

The 107th Missouri State Fair runs from Aug. 13-23 at the state fairgrounds in Sedalia and promises to be another fun-filled event with an incredible amount of fun and entertainment planned for the whole family. This year’s theme is “*MOre Fun than Ever!*” and, as usual, fair organizers have done a great job in organizing one of our state’s best summertime traditions.

The 11-day event features, among other things, a circus under the big top, a Wild West Show, a unique rainforest act, and concert headliners — including Brooks and Dunn. The fair also includes hundreds of free demonstrations and exhibits highlighting agriculture innovation, green initiatives and timely consumer topics. And, of course, what is a state fair without a giant carnival midway, 4-H judging, livestock barns, and more delicious fair food that you can possibly eat.

This year, fair organizers have added something new called the “*Rural Lifestyles Showcase*,” which is designed to put the spotlight on a wide variety of country living experiences in an effort to broaden appeal of the fair beyond its traditional audience of farm families. According to fair officials, this new feature will offer many opportunities for fairgoers who are interested in incorporating rural lifestyle activities that encourage a relaxed, traditional and family-oriented lifestyle — an increasingly popular trend in America.

Once again, the fair will also host the Missouri State Fair Idol — a competition that brings out some of our state’s best amateur singers.

Families will find admission to the State Fair is always very affordable, and parking is free. Children 12 and under are free every day. On opening day, adult admission is \$1, and on the second Thursday is \$2. A regular daily adult admission ticket is \$8, with senior admission at \$6.

A trip to the State Fair can create some great family memories, and I hope many of you will take advantage of this wonderful summertime event, which was recently named one of Missouri’s best family destinations.

For more information on the state fair, you can visit their web site at www.mostatefair.com.

As always, if you have comments or questions about this week’s column or any other matter involving state government, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my office by phone at 1-877-291-5584.

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