

Tri-State Fair will return to Pownal in August

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POWNAL — The third annual Tri-State Fair will be held this August at the former Green Mountain Race Track, despite the financial troubles of the track's owners.

Progress Partners, the track's owners, recently had a foreclosure complaint filed against them by Bayview Loan Servicing.

Steven Sonnenblick, an officer of Progress Partners, said the matter had been dealt with, but Karen Burrington, the town clerk, said she had not received official notification that the foreclosure matter had been resolved.

The track was also scheduled to go to tax sale in April, but Bayview paid the town \$16,000 that Progress Partners owed in delinquent taxes. The company is also being sued by Sonnenblick's father, Arthur Sonnenblick, who is seeking to recoup a loan he gave for the track's purchase.

Tri-State Fair Chairman Joe DiFusco said Monday the event, scheduled for Aug. 19 to Aug. 23, is still in need of local farmers. He said he would like the theme of the fair to be agricultural and to do that, livestock and other farming exhibits are needed, as well as a farmers market.

Other exhibitors are needed as well, DiFusco said. He would like to have people exhibiting home improvement items such as windows and pools, as well as vehicles like ATVs, boats, and RVs.

Dreamland Amusements will be providing rides, as they did last year. He said admission will be \$5 per person. For \$20, fairgoers can get in with a bracelet that will allow them access to all rides. There will be coupons available that will drop the bracelet price to \$15. He said on opening night, admission will be \$30 per car load, which includes buses and other large vehicles.

Participants are needed for the demolition derby, he said. Those interested should contact Jim Day at 379-1058.

DiFusco said he is working on booking a model airplane show, a Native American Pow-Wow, a lion taming act, as well as some musical acts. DiFusco said he has also booked the largest pig in the Northeast, which weighs 1,250 pounds.

He said he would like to open the grandstand up for cash bingo events, available to clubs and other local organizations. DiFusco said there are also plans for a cruise-in on Aug. 22, where

people drive their classic cars before judges, and a car show on Aug. 23. DiFusco said those interested in being involved in either event should speak with Peter Coons at 518-696-7121.

DiFusco said all other inquiries should be directed to him at 518-658-3530.

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