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Gates to 180th Erie County Fair Open Wednesday, August 7th At Noon (DAY ONE)

- WHAT:** Opening Ceremony of the 180th Erie County Fair
- WHO:** Erie County Fair Representatives; 2019 Ultimate Fairgoer; National Anthem performed by the Erie County Fair Marching Band, Fireworks, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 7th
- TIME:** 11:15p – Game Inspection
11:40a – Opening Ceremony; Fireworks at Noon
Noon – Gates Open
12:30p – Opening of the I-Hub exhibit. Photo Op
- WHERE:** Historic McKinley Gate, McKinley Parkway, Hamburg Fairgrounds.

HAMBURG, NY – The 180th Erie County Fair will officially open to the general public at noon. There will be a short ceremony beginning at 11:40am at the Fair’s historic McKinley Parkway gate. The program will also include remarks by Fair Officials, introduction of the 2019 Ultimate Fairgoer and a flurry of fireworks at Noon. The national anthem will be performed by the Erie County Fair Marching Band. Here is what you need to know for Day 1 of the Erie County Fair:

Deals and Discounts

- **Channel 2 Opening Day.** \$5 adult admission OR free admission with the donation of TWO canned food items to benefit FeedMore of WNY.
- **One Price Ride Day.** Unlimited ride wristbands are available for just \$30 on the Strates Midway. Guests who pre-purchased their ride vouchers at Tops may redeem them at the Strates Ticket Booth at the top of the Avenue of Flags.

Special Events

- **Midway Game Inspection.** The Erie County Sheriff will be inspecting the midway games to ensure they are fair for our guests. Inspection will begin around 11:15.
- **I-Hub Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.** The 180th Erie County Fair will celebrate the return and expansion of the I-Hub Exhibit. The I-Hub Exhibit will showcase STEM throughout Western New York companies through demonstrations and informational sessions. The ribbon cutting ceremony will also welcome the Innovation Station to the I-Hub Exhibit.
- **Ceremonial Keg Tapping.** To celebrate the new Erie County Fair Beer and the Erie County Fair Cider, a ceremonial keg tapping will take place at 5:00pm at Cork & Brew on the Avenue. Live German Music. The Erie County Fair Beer was brewed by Flying Bison using the recipe of the Fair's Homebrew Competition winner.
- **Skylighters Fireworks presented by Channel 2 On Your Side.** Opening Day will end with an actual bang when Skylighters Fireworks light the night sky. The show is scheduled to begin at 9:30pm.
- **Daily Flag Retreat Ceremony.** During the ceremony the American flag, which was flown during that day at the Fair, will be lowered and presented to a veteran and/or active military member of the military who will be the "Flag Retreat Honoree of the Day." This ceremony is beginning August 8th at 6:30pm in Slade Park and happening every day of the Fair.

Live in the GUSTO Grandstand

- **Darci Lynne & Friends: Fresh Out of the Box.** Winning NBCs "Americas Got Talent" at just 12-years old by the most votes for a final performance in the history of the show, singer/ventriloquist Darci Lynne impresses audiences across the country with her sweetheart disposition and undeniable, show-stopping talent beyond her years.
- The show is part of the GUSTO Grandstand Concert Series and will begin at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$38 Preferred Track, \$30 Track Reserved, and \$20 General Admission.

About the Erie County Fair

The Erie County Agricultural Society is a private not-for-profit membership organization. Established in 1819, the Society is the oldest civic organization in Western New York. The mission of the Erie County Agricultural Society (ECAS), sponsors of the Erie County Fair, is to preserve and enhance, by educational endeavors, the agricultural and historical legacy of New York State. The Fair strives to fulfill appropriate aspects of the agricultural, educational, entertainment and recreational needs of Western New York. The 2019 Erie County Fair will be held August 7th – 18th (www.ECFair.org)