

# News Release



City of Columbus

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## **TEST YOUR PEDALING SKILLS AT GRANGE INSURANCE FAMILY FUN FEST**

**(Columbus, OH):** Get ready for “Dune Buggy” the Clown and his Peanut Pedal Powered Tractor Pulls at the 2005 Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest. Join the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department for the Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest, which runs Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5 p.m. at Genoa Park in downtown Columbus.

“Dune Buggy” will hold his Peanut Power Pedal Tractor Pull Competitions on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 4:30 and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 3:30. Children, ages 3-12, can compete to see who can pedal these specially geared tractors the farthest. Those who win their age class receive prizes provided by the Georgia Peanut Commission and Funny Farm Clowns & Associates.

“Dune Buggy” has been a clown for over 42 years. He is a master children’s entertainer and was named the 2004 World Clown Association “Clown of The Year.” “Dune Buggy” has made television appearances on National Canadian TV, and spent five years as MC on Jerry Lewis Telethon Fish Bowl on WRBL-TV in Columbus, Georgia. His articles on clowning, make-up, magic, entertaining children and balloon sculpturing have appeared regularly in *3-Ring News* and *Clowning Around* magazines. He was the Dean of his own Clown School from 1991-1998 held at Samford University, Georgia Southern University, and Milledgeville, Georgia.

“Dune Buggy” performs over 500 Peanut Circus Shows annually throughout the U.S. and Canada. His shows include magic, comedy, music, balloon sculpturing, and audience participation. Every child who attends a Peanut Circus show will receive an application to join the “Peanut Circus” and a color picture of “Dune Buggy.”

### **Calendar Listing:**

#### **Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest**

**Dates:** September 17<sup>th</sup> noon to 9 p.m.  
September 18<sup>th</sup> noon to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Riverfront Amphitheater & Genoa Park

**Contact:** 614-645-1654, [www.musicintheair.org](http://www.musicintheair.org)

**Description:** Fall into fun at the Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest. The festival features extreme entertainment, river rides, artistic adventures, and fireworks. Bring the whole family and enjoy the final days of summer!

*Grange Insurance Family Fun Fest is produced by the Office of Special Events in conjunction with Music in the Air, programs of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Sponsors include Grange Insurance, The Grange Bank, WBNS 10-TV, 97.1 WBNS FM, UPN Columbus, Time Warner Cable, This Week Community Newspaper, Target, Giant Eagle, Verizon Wireless, Children’s Hospital-Education Partner, AEP Ohio, CMAGE/CWA, Lowe’s, Bob Evans Farms, United Steel Workers AFL-CIO, and Columbus Parent.*

**Information: (614) 645-1654**

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