Cowboy Mounted Shooting will take place Thursday and Friday in Freedom Hall. Highly bred Quarter Horses, cowboys, cowgirls, fancy duds, and real shootin’ irons are in plain sight when the firin’ starts. Cowboy Mounted Shooting made its first appearance at the expo last year, attracting quite a crowd. Contestants shoot at strategically located balloons while riding a designated pattern in the arena. Riders are scored on time and accuracy. There is no admission, and the action is produced by the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. Shame on you if you miss the action!

Strap on the Pistols

Jeff Zinner and David Snider are shown creating the Jersey Jug in Freedom Hall on Sunday. The jug’s image has become a tradition during the National Jersey Jug Futurity and this year two of the expo’s leaders teamed up to do the art. Jeff Zinner is the current Assistant General Manager of the North American International, and David Snider was the first Assistant General Manager of the expo. When David retired, Jeff took the helm. These are the only two men to fill the post in the 41-year history of the North American International. By the way, David Snider currently lives on the family farm near Mt. Washington, KY with his wife, Kathleen. Needless to say, Jeff Zinner is currently a mighty busy fellow as he takes care of a zillion matters that make the North American International run smoothly.

Chiefs in Action

Quarter Horse competition continues today, marking their 6th day of activity. After all, it takes a long time for nearly 8,000 entries to finish their competition. Today’s Quarter Horse shows will continue in Broadbent Arena, starting at 9:00 a.m. Tomorrow, Quarter Horses will finish their competition by using two major arenas in the Exposition Center. They will continue in Broadbent Arena, and will also be featured in Freedom Hall. Tomorrow’s horse shows begin at 8:00 a.m. in both arenas, with entries and their talented owners heading for home after the final show.
Dairy Shows Dominate Today

Today is the last day for 2014 dairy shows. They have been running hard since Friday, and will conclude during mid-day today. This morning you’ll find Freedom Hall filled with Ayrshire and Brown Swiss Cattle. The Southeastern National Brown Swiss Open Show takes place at 8:00 a.m. The Southern National Ayrshire Show also takes place at 8:00 a.m. Both events will occur simultaneously in the East and West Rings of Freedom Hall. After the Brown Swiss and Ayrshire have completed their shows, attention will turn to the selection of the Open Dairy Show Supreme Champion. When that important Number 1 Dairy Cow has been chosen, all dairy cattle will be released and owners will start their trek homeward.

Time to Clean House

When all animals are off grounds today, cleanup of the West Barn and the South Wing will swiftly get underway. Old bedding is taken away, ready for new beds for sheep and beef. Water hoses, sweepers, and an army of workers will prepare for the second week of the North American International. Vendors in the Giant Country Store can expect business to be slow as the expo gears up for arrival of thousands of beef exhibitors, sheep exhibitors, and visitors from rural and urban areas. Then, as they say out West, “it will be hell-bent for leather” as the North American International moves into the final leg of the massive 2014 exposition.

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It’s time to think about the rodeo. It takes place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rodeo ticket prices are as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 13 - $25 adult, $5 children (under 12)
- Friday, Nov. 14 - $30 adult, $10 children (under 12)
- Saturday, Nov. 15 (final round) - $32 adult, $10 children (under 12)

Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-3000 or in person at the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Offices.

The North American International Rodeo is the invitational finals for the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Great Lakes Circuit. Top cowboys and cowgirls compete for over $85,000 in prizes and the title of Regional Champion. Contestants earn their way to the Ram National Circuit Finals by competing in a nine-state region, including Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.