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**THE YOUTH FAIR ANNOUNCES:
NEW FOODS AT THE FAIR!**

Expect Favorite Fair Foods + Plus New Delicious Dishes

MIAMI, FL – February 2013 – Now in its 62nd year, The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition is bigger and better than ever. This year, the Youth Fair is offering NEW food options to Fairgoers. With more than 170 food vendors, there is something to satisfy every palate. In addition to the favorite Youth Fair foods like popcorn, cotton candy, elephant ears, corn on the cob, pretzels and candy apples there are also new tasty treats.

NEW CONCESSIONS:

▪ **CARLY'S SEASIDE GRILLE-**

Carly's Seaside Grille Concession is bringing a little bit of the sea inside The Youth Fair. Stephen Ebers, better known as Lobster Steve, will be grilling up special seafood dishes for fair-goers to enjoy.

1. Lobster Roll Sandwich- Lobster meat from Maine stuffed inside a bread roll. The bun is toasty and buttery with the cool lobster inside.
2. Portobello Sandwich- One huge mushroom with romaine lettuce on a bun.
3. The Legend Sandwich- Three strips of filet mignon grilled to perfection and served inside a French bread roll.
4. Ahi Tuna- Sheer red tuna over brown rice with pickled ginger and wasabi soy sauce.

"You don't have to settle for a corn dog, have something really unique and different to eat at The Youth Fair and *then* go for the funnel cake," said owner Stephen Ebers.

- **PICKEL BARREL SIRLOIN TIPS-**

Owner Joseph Colglazier is cooking up fancy food at the Youth Fair. The dishes on his menu will sound more like a steakhouse restaurant than a concession stand.

1. Sirloin Tip Dinner- Sirloin steak served with mashed potatoes, grilled onion and peppers.

- **AMISH BAKING COMPANY-**

Pretzels and doughnuts with an Amish twist. The company uses a secret recipe that their grandmother gave them to create one-of-kind doughnuts and pretzels. They never count the calories; they just bake the goods with a lot of love.

NEW ITEMS ON THEIR MENU:

- **POLAR BEAR ICE CREAM-**

Polar Bear Homemade Ice cream offers 100% homemade ice cream, sundaes, shakes, floats to fairs and festivals. The popular ice cream stand is back at The Youth Fair with new ice cream flavors. Owner Griff Gillette is a 1990 FIU graduate in the hospitality industry and more than 300 flavors to choose from.

1. A Pig in Mud- Chocolate fudge ice cream with real hickory smoked bacon, salted caramel and sea salt.
2. Hog on a Log- Frozen banana dipped in chocolate and rolled in hickory-smoked bacon.
3. Buffalo Chicken Wing- This is his latest creation that will debut at The Youth Fair. Ice cream made of boneless chicken smothered in a buttered red-hot sauce with veins of ranch dressing and celery seed.

“I am very excited to introduce my new chicken wing flavored ice-cream at The Youth Fair. I can’t wait for fair goers to experience *all* of my outrageously delicious ice cream flavors,” said owner Griff Gillette.

- **THE BEST AROUND CONCESSION STAND-**

The Best Around Concession Stand is famous for it’s funnel cakes. Owner Kevin McGarth II enjoys creating unique funnel cakes for fairgoers. On his menu you will find red velvet, pumpkin spice and pineapple funnel cakes to name a few. This year he is debuting a new funnel cake at The Youth Fair.

1. Bacon Maple Funnel Cake- This funnel cake has real bacon in the batter. It is poured through a funnel, deep fried in a circle and topped with homemade maple butter cream icing and finished with real bacon sprinkled on top.

“Our biggest claim to fame was the red velvet funnel cake, but I think the new bacon maple one will be a big hit at The Youth Fair this year,” said owner Kevin McGarth II.

▪ **FRANGAKIS BBQ –**

Tony Frangakis brings true Texan style barbeque to his unique stand. He sells rib-eye steak sandwiches, BBQ chicken, pull-pork sandwiches, spare ribs, and beef briskets. Each dish is made with his special homemade BBQ sauce. Tony will be debuting a new item at The Youth Fair called, “The Big Beef Rib.”

1. The Big Beef rib- Take a big bite out of a 2-pound hunky and juicy, tender beef rib on a 17-inch rib bare-bone rib. It’s the ultimate food on a stick.

The Youth Fair is located on Coral Way (SW 24th St.) at 112th Ave. Gates open on weekdays at 3 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays at 12 p.m. and at 12 p.m. during Spring Break, which takes place March 22 – 29, 2013.

The Youth Fair also offers many amenities for families, including: stroller and wheelchair rental, lost & found, paved walkways, convenient sitting areas, lush landscape, diaper changing facilities/restrooms and more. Sponsors include KIA MOTORS, Pepsi and Sedano’s Supermarkets.

*The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, known for generations as The Youth Fair, is a private, **not-for-profit organization** that has donated well over \$10 million in scholarships, awards and cash premiums to Miami-Dade students and is dedicated to supporting education and South Florida agriculture. **The Youth Fair will take place next spring, March 14-31, 2013. For more information, please visit www.fairexpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.***