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THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR HAS SOMETHING FOR ALL FAIRGOERS

Rhinebeck, NY – July 9, 2015 – The Dutchess County Fairgrounds is the site of the 170th Dutchess County Fair from August 25 – 30th. Gates will open at 10 a.m. daily. The fair is continuing the great tradition of quality entertainment with many returning favorites and a load of new additions. The Dutchess County Fair is heralded for its agricultural tradition. There will be sheep, goat, dairy & beef and livestock judging happening daily. Costume contests are always a sight to see when kids design costumes for both themselves and their animals, from rabbits to cows. The Dairy Birthing Tent allows spectators to witness the live birth of a calf. Family fun contests included the ever-popular Stick Pony Rodeo and the Chicken Clucking and Rooster Crowing contest.

A visit to the Horticultural building will give fairgoers the feeling of being in an entirely different world. This year the building has a “Lights, Camera, Action!” theme and all of the exhibits and experiences will feed off the theme in their displays.

With a host of Grandstand Performances, the Dutchess County Fair doesn't want people to forget the talents they have within themselves and throughout the Hudson Valley. The entertainment tent has a Search for Talent everyday (except Sunday) at the fair. Wildman Jack and Vocal Trash take the stage throughout the week. On Sunday, the NYS Fiddle Contest will take place at 3:30pm.

Fair food is always a reason to come out to the fairgrounds. Bite into a Bacon, Macaroni & Cheese Corn Dog, a Garlic Mozzarella Steak Sub, an Italian Meatball Sub or a Prime Rib Sandwich for dinner. After dinner - or before- enjoy the taste of Churros, Taffy, homemade Ice Cream and chocolate flavored Kettlecorn!

The rides at the fair always provide great entertainment to people of all ages. This year's ride lineup includes the classic rides, but new rides such as Khaos, Sizzler and Charlie Chopper are part of additions will add new flavor to the thrills. The Fair provides many shows that are included with admission. These shows include KidBuck\$ game show, Dock Diving Dogs, and Agricadbra! magic show. So much more to see and loads of family fun.

Other great attractions include an antique museum village, agriculture, dairy and horticulture displays, Hilby the Skinny German Juggler, Rosaire's Racing Pigs, Two by Two Petting Zoo and Commerford's Pony Hitch, and much more.

The Harvest Demonstration Kitchen has many instructors, demonstrators and lecturers throughout the week on the culinary arts. The fair invites people to bring in their Best Pasta Salad recipe to be judged on presentation and taste, in the kitchen on Wednesday, August 26th at 6pm. An “Iron Chef” cooking battle between the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department and the Rhinebeck Fire Department will take place High Noon on Saturday, August 29th.

The fair is offering discounted advance tickets. Advance ticket deals includes \$20 track seating for grandstand shows and \$12 admission to the fair. Other pre-fair sales include a ten rides for \$20 deal and Seniors (65+) and veterans are admitted for \$10 every day during the week of the Fair. On Tuesday and Thursday admission is \$7 after 5pm. A six day pass is available at the Fair Office for \$50. Children 11 years and under are free at all times. Parking is free.

Fair tickets can be purchased online at dutchessfair.com, picked up at the fair office (Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), or at various local outlets throughout the Hudson Valley. For more information on the fair and its entertainment please visit the website www.dutchessfair.com.

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