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EXPERIENCE THE SIMPLE LIFE AT THE FAIR

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Rhinebeck, NY - Many cities across the US have been experiencing days without electricity and you wonder how did people back in the pioneer days survive without it? With gas prices soaring, it makes you think maybe we should go back to the horse and buggy days. It may take you longer to get where you're going but it would be a whole lot cheaper. If you've had similar ideas go through your mind, then take a moment and meander through the Antique Museum Village, Bentley One Room Schoolhouse and the Pleasant Valley Train Station while visiting the Dutchess County Fair which opens August 20.

The Antique Museum Village at the Dutchess County Fair plays host to exhibits from the time period 1870 through the 1920's. These exhibits are meticulously displayed to show how our ancestors from this time period worked and played.

The Antique Museum Village was created and is managed by members of the Century Museum Village and hosted by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc. The building was built in 1992 and has since become one of the most popular exhibits during the Fair.



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Throughout fair week, knowledgeable volunteers staff the schoolhouse and train station and within the museum, demonstrations of various crafts such as broom making, wood working, shingle making, blacksmithing, printing; Windsor chair making, chair caning and needlework are being done throughout the day. Outside the Century Museum, you can hear the sounds of antique machinery that the members work so diligently to maintain and keep in good working order.

"It's very evident by the way the buildings are showcased that members and volunteers take great pride in presenting these buildings to the public. After careful thought and consideration DCAS, Century Museum Village members and volunteers of the Bentley Schoolhouse and the Train Station decided to be open during several other events that take place at the fairgrounds during the year" stated Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the agricultural society. "These buildings are too unique and beautiful to have it open just during the Dutchess County Fair".



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Many of the exhibits are stationary displays but knowledgeable volunteers are placed within the buildings to answer any questions you may have or just simply to chat about "remember when" days.

The Dutchess County Fair begins its six day run on Tuesday, August 20 through Sunday, August 25. For more information, call (845) 876-4000 or visit our website www.dutchessfair.com.

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