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TRADITIONS FLOURISH AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

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Rhinebeck, NY - The Dutchess County Fair still knows how to draw a crowd after 174 years. From tractor pulls to concert performances to livestock exhibits, the Dutchess County Fair is a tradition in Dutchess County that attracts more than 350,000 visitors every year. The Fair will open at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on August 20.

As usual, the stars of the Dutchess County Fair, are the farm animals. Over 2300 goats, sheep, hogs, cows, horses, poultry, llamas, alpacas, rabbits & cavies will be presented for first, second and third prize ribbons and cash awards. Conformation and showmanship classes will be held Tuesday, August 20 and the Grand Champion Showman of this year's fair will be announced Sunday, August 25, the final day of the event. The fair's Salute to Agriculture & Dairy Birthing Tent along with the AgriVenture and "Hands on Horses" - an interactive equine tent, have added a few new exhibits explaining to both adults and children where their food comes from and the different horse breeds.



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Headliners at the fairground's Grandstand include: Lanco on Tues., Aug. 20; Dylan Scott with special guest The Cadillac Three on Wed. Aug. 21; LOCASH with special guest Ross Ellis on Thurs. Aug. 22; Daughtry on Fri. Aug. 23; The Northeast Lumberjack Competition will take place on Saturday and Sunday at the grandstand.

"Walkaround" entertainment includes the hilarious antics of Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy, "Oscar" the sophisticated and witty robot, Fluffy the "T-Rex" and the blue grass band, The LongShots.

Powers Great American Midways will be offering rides and carnival games for children and their grown-up counterparts. Children and adult rides are in separate areas for fairgoers' optimum safety and enjoyment. Ride all Day wristbands can be purchased on both Wednesday and Thursday in the midway's Guest Relations booths.

A full range of tempting food will be offered and over three hundred commercial exhibitors will display and sell a wide variety of products. Don't miss the SporkRun featuring scrumptious "You-DeSide!" sides. These creative dishes will be judged on Tuesday at 11am in front of the Administration Building.

A horticulture & landscape show, Pawstar's canine show, the Butterfly Encounter and petting zoo are included with your paid



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admission to the fair along with 4-H exhibits, pig racing, comedians and musical acts.

For a day filled with smiles and family fun plan to visit New York's classic agricultural fair...the Dutchess County Fair, Aug. 20 thru Aug. 25.

Admission: \$15.00 for adults. Children 11 and under are admitted free; seniors 65+ and veterans with ID are \$8 for the entire week of the fair. Parking is always free. Advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults and are available at Dutchessfair.com. For a information, a complete schedule, directions or to purchase tickets go to our website at www.dutchessfair.com.

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