MORE FREE FAMILY SHOWS AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Rhinebeck, NY.... With over 2300 livestock expected at the 2014 Dutchess County Fair, a sure bet for hours of free entertainment is a trip to Livestock Hill. Cows, sheep, goats, chickens, llamas, horses and other beautiful animals are all on display and vying for ribbons in the ongoing Livestock shows. Check the schedule in the fairgrounds brochure or at <u>www.dutchessfair.com</u> and head to the barns and show arenas for an educational and heartwarming series of events. The Dutchess County Fair open for its six-day run on August 19.

Hundreds of Arts and Crafts exhibits are on display in Building E. Each department has chosen their own theme this year including "Harvest of the Hudson Valley" and "Backyard Paradise". The ever popular Mad Science shows, Oscar the Robot and the Frogs, Bugs and Animals show have multiple performances daily. There are also childrens' hands on activities and demonstrations of woodcarving, quilting and rug hooking. The schedule for shows in Bldg. E is posted each day at the buildings entrance.

Hilby, the Skinny German Juggle Boy, is located at map #24 and has scheduled showtimes of 2, 4 and 6:30pm daily. The Penn Dixie Band will be on parade at 11am, 1, 3, 4:30 and 6pm and Rosaires (not to be missed) Racing pigs (map # 49) race at 10:15am and 2, 4, 6:30 and 9:15pm.

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For more free entertainment head over to the ' Great Lakes Timber Show' (map #56). This lumberjack show features chainsaw carving, axe throwing, horizontal wood chopping, two-man crosscut sawing, log rolling and loads of laughter!

More Fair favorites include the adventurous Dock Diving Dogs (map #44). Right next to the diving superstars is the Canine Tent (map #45) with performances by the Frisbee dogs and Agility classes each day. Commerford's Petting Zoo (map #48 & #49) and Six Pony Hitch (map #52) and the Two by Two Petting Zoo (map #58) are three not to be missed stops on a day at the Fair!

Hours of free entertainment for the little ones with the Mitchell Marionettes is located in the Childrens Fun Zone (map #3).

Jay Taylor will be performing a selection of country music at the Grandstand Side Bar (map #53) on Tuesday (8/19) through Friday (8/22) at 3, 6 and 9pm. His Saturday (8/23) shows are at 7:30 and 10pm and Sundays (8/24) final performances are at 4, 7 and 9pm.

Visit the Salute to Agriculture and Dairy Birthing Tent at map #47 and head further into the oval for the spectacular horse shows (map #59 & #60). Right outside the oval visit the One Room Schoolhouse (map #43) and continue on your turn back in time to the Century Museum Antique Village at map (#40).

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For more information be sure to check the brochure available at the gate. It also includes a QR code the Fair's Free App for your smartphone.

Fair hours are 10am to 10pm daily. Admission is \$15 for adults, children under 12 are free and Seniors and Military with ID are admitted for \$10 daily. New this year is a special \$7 admission for adults on Tuesday and Thursday only after 5pm.

For more information call 845-876-4000 or visit <u>www.dutchessfair.com</u>.

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