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EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY AT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR



FREEHOLD --- Pick a day, any day! They all promise to be amazing at this year's **Monmouth County Fair**. Presented by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners in cooperation with the Monmouth County Park System and the Monmouth County 4-H Association, this annual tradition runs Wednesday-Sunday, July 26-30. Held at East Freehold Showgrounds, 1500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, the **Monmouth County Fair** boasts five days of live entertainment, thrilling rides, tasty food, 4-H shows and exhibits, Home & Garden competitions and demonstrations, touch-a-truck, a NJ Fire Museum exhibit, and so much more!

"The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners invites everyone to come to the **Monmouth County Fair** from Wednesday, July 26 to Sunday, July 30, to see all it has to offer," said Commissioner

Director Thomas A. Arnone. "From live entertainment to rides and exhibits, there is so much to see and do at the County Fair."

Each day of the Fair also brings something new and fun for fairgoers to enjoy. Opening night on Wednesday, July 26 features the opening ceremony; performances by the **Amish Outlaws** at 8:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; and fireworks at 9:15 p.m. (weather-permitting). Root for volunteer firefighters as they race to replace a section of hose and shoot at a target during the **Firefighters' Competition** at 7 p.m.

Then on Thursday, July 27, the Ranch Sorting Team Penning Association is hosting a **Team Penning Qualifying Event** from 6-11 p.m. Watch horses and their riders compete against other teams and the clock to pen specific cows in the herd. Music lovers should be sure to catch the brass band **Ocean Avenue Stompers** marching through the fairgrounds throughout the evening as well as a performance by **The Nerds** at 8:30 p.m. on the main stage.

On Friday, July 28, the Fair welcomes the **Tommie Turvey's Stunt Horses & Dogs** through the weekend. Then the **Back to the Eighties Show with Jessie's Girl** takes the main stage at 8:30 p.m. with unforgettable songs and costumes from the decade.

Saturday, July 29 is packed with action! Fairgoers can catch the **ALL FOR WON Game Show** at 1 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. This lighthearted competition combines games and trivia into interactive challenges that will get the audience up and moving. Things really get rocking when **Coast 2 Coast Philly** brings their electrifying performance to the main stage at 8:30 p.m.

The Fair ends on a sweet note on Sunday, July 30 with the **Pie-Eating Contest!** Children ages 12 years and under will compete at 12:30 p.m. and ages 13 and up at 12:45 p.m. Registration opens at 11 a.m. at the main stage for both contests. All registrants will get a t-shirt and winners will receive a trophy. Pies for this delicious tradition are donated by Wemrock Orchards of Freehold. Other highlights for the day include performances by the **Sensational Soul Cruisers** at 1:30 p.m., the **Funny Factory Clown Band** at 4 p.m., and students from **Rockit Academy** at 4:15 p.m.

There are also plenty of acts that will be at the fair for all five days including **Robinson's Racing Pigs, Bwana Jim Wildlife Show, The Raptor Project, Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy, Mutts Gone Nuts, Flying Fools High Diving Show** and **Aaron Bonk's Fire, Whips & Danger Tricks.**

Those looking to go on rides, provided by Campy's Blue Star Amusements, will be happy to hear that ride wristbands will be available daily. Wristbands allow fairgoers the chance to enjoy unlimited rides during their visit. The cost per day for a wristband is \$25 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; and \$30 on Friday and Saturday. Please note that rides are weather permitting.

"The **Monmouth County Fair** is a tradition during the summer in Monmouth County and I am so proud of the Monmouth County Park System for planning such an exciting event that everyone looks forward to," said Commissioner Ross F. Licitra, liaison to the Monmouth County Park System. "Thank you to the dedicated workers of the Monmouth County Park System for their efforts to make this the best County Fair yet."

The **Monmouth County Fair** is open 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday-Friday, July 26-28; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 29; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30. Admission is \$8 per person; children 12 and under are free. Veterans and active military with ID also enter for free. On Sunday, seniors 65 and older and students with ID are free.

Be sure to follow the Monmouth County Park System on social media. Upcoming Fair contests will be announced on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, offering an opportunity to win admission tickets and more.

For the most current information about the **Monmouth County Fair**, visit www.MonmouthCountyFair.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711.

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