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**42nd ANNUAL MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR
DATES ARE JULY 27-31**



FREEHOLD - Summer is around the corner and so is its best tradition - the *Monmouth County Fair!* Held at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold, the Monmouth County Fair runs Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-31. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 27-29; 3-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 30; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 31.

This year's Fair promises to be fun and exciting. Fair Chair Bill O'Shaughnessy says, "This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come together and create memories. Parents of younger children are sure to love the *Kids' Zone Rides* in our Outdoor Entertainment Area. Fairgoers of all ages will be thrilled by the trapeze act *High Flying Pages* as it joins returning favorites *Bwana Jim* and *Robinsons Racing Pigs*. We're also adding food trucks to our traditional fair food offerings."

Other highlights include acts such as *Mutts Gone Nuts*, *Scott's Crazy Comedy Magic Show*, and *Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy*. Fairgoers will also enjoy opening night fireworks, pie-eating contests, home and garden competitions, a produce stand from the FFA, and 4-H displays and performances.

Main stage entertainment includes live music from the *Amish Outlaws* on Wednesday night; *Dr. Cheeko* on Thursday night; *Rockit Count Basie Live* on Friday night; *Jet Weston and His Atomic Ranch Hands* on Saturday night; and *The Chuck Lambert Band* on Sunday.

This year's premium Fair rides are once again provided by Reithoffer Shows with a separate *Kids Zone Ride Area* perfect for younger children. Ride wristbands will be available on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday for \$25 per person. These wristbands allow fairgoers to enjoy unlimited rides during their session. Tickets for the rides will be available daily.

General admission is \$8 per person. Children 12 and under are admitted free at all times. For the most current information about the *Monmouth County Fair*, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711.

The *Monmouth County Fair* is organized and presented by the Monmouth County Park System in cooperation with the Monmouth County 4-H Association. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.

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