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**40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR DATES ARE JULY 23-27**



**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 Fair runs Wednesday-Sunday, July 23-27. Hours are 5-11pm Wednesday-Saturday, July 23-26, and 11am-6pm on Sunday, July 27.

Helen Fiore, 2014 Fair Chair, promises a memorable event, “This is an especially exciting year as we celebrate the 40th Annual Monmouth County Fair. Every year we add something new so that the Fair is enjoyable for visitors who come back every year. It has become such a wonderful tradition for area families...something kids look forward to each summer. I look forward to visitors having a great time at the Fair this year...I know I will!”

Highlights include acts such *Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean*, *Hilby the Skinny German Boy*, and the *Shenanigans, Comedy Wild West Show*. Once again, fairgoers will enjoy fireworks, pie-eating contests, pig races, a home and garden competition, a produce stand from the Future Farmers of America, and 4-H displays and performances.

The Fair also features live music, rides and games. Main stage entertainment include performances by the *Motor City* on Wednesday night; *The Amish Outlaws* on Thursday night; *The Nerds* on Friday night; *Johnny Drama* on Saturday night; and the *Soul Cruisers* on Sunday.

This year's Fair will once again offer rides for all ages. Rides wristbands will be available, for \$20 per person, on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. 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](http://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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