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*This year's Monmouth County Fair brings even more fun and excitement with new performances like **Paragon Jousting** on Thursday-Sunday, July 25-28.*

FREEHOLD – If you're looking for something different during your visit to the Monmouth County Fair, this year's event won't disappoint! With brand new rides, live jousting, exciting new entertainment, a farm stand, and a motorcycle stunt rider, there's something new for everyone to enjoy!

This year's Fair welcomes the Monmouth County chapter of the Future Farmers of America! Fresh fruits, vegetables and cut flowers will be available at their farm stand in the

Agriculture Tent. Children will have a chance to play “Guess the Vegetable”, a fun mini-golf game where children must identify three vegetables after playing a hole. Winners will receive a strawberry plant to take home. An array of antique tractors will also be on display.

On Wednesday, July 24 through Friday, July 26, head to the Adventure Zone! The returning *Hell on Wheels BMX Stunt Show* and *E3 Skateboarding Stunt Show* are joined this year by *Fere Motorcycle Thrill Show*. This unique addition to the Adventure Zone showcases the nation’s best motorcycle performing maneuvers, featuring riders moving through an array of obstacles that require balance and control. Visitors are sure to feel the excitement with these acts!

On Thursday, July 25 through Sunday, July 28, Show Ring 2 will host *Paragon Jousting*. Clad in armor, this theatrical joust troupe is sure to entertain all ages as knights charge one another with their lances leveled. *Paragon Jousting* is sure to impress as they demonstrate their power and skill.

Sunday at the Fair always brings fantastic cars with the *Antique Auto Show*, but this year’s Auto Zone offers even more excitement with the children’s *Pinewood Derby*. Available for children ages 6-11, this fun event races 7-inch wooden block derby cars down an official Pinewood Derby track in 15-minute heats from 3:30-5:45pm. Pinewood Derby kits are available at most hobby shops but can also be purchased during the Fair for \$5 at the Monmouth Council Boy Scouts Fair Booth.

If you're ready for some musical entertainment, this year's event offers both brand new acts and returning favorites:

- Wednesday, July 24 at 8:15pm & 9:30pm: ***The Benjamins***
- Thursday, July 25 at 8:30pm & 9:30pm: ***Brian Kirk & the Jirks***
- Friday, July 26 at 8:30pm & 9:30pm: ***Amish Outlaws***
- Saturday, July 27 at 8pm & 9pm: ***DaddyPop***
- Sunday, July 28 at 12:00pm & 1:30pm: ***1910 Fruit Gum Company***

And don't worry, many of your old favorites will be back again this year! Make sure to not to miss ***Opening Night Fireworks***, ***Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show***, ***Touch-A-Truck***, and many others! And of course let's not forget the 4-H exhibits, Home & Garden competitions, Park System interactive displays, exciting rides, games, and tasty food!

The Monmouth County Fair gates will be open on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, July 24 from 5-11pm
- Thursday, July 25 from 5-11pm
- Friday, July 26 from 5-11pm
- Saturday, July 27 from 5-11pm, and
- Sunday, July 28 from 11am to 6pm

Admission is \$7 per person; children 12 and under are free. Seniors and active military members admitted free on Sunday, July 28. For more information about the Fair, visit www.monmouthcountyfair.com, or call 732-842-4000.

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.