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### **MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR OFFERS FAMILY FUN**



*See animals in the 4-H tent during the Monmouth County Fair.*

FREEHOLD --- From blue ribbons to racing pigs, the ***Monmouth County Fair*** offers all the excitement of an old-fashioned county fair with a modern flair. This annual event, held Wednesday-Sunday, July 23-27 at East Freehold Showgrounds, Kozloski Road, Freehold, will be celebrating its 40th year of providing wholesome family fun.

Organized and presented by the Monmouth County Park System in cooperation with the Monmouth County 4-H, the Fair maintains the agricultural nature of a traditional county fair with its Home and Garden Competition and 4-H animal shows and exhibits. Those looking for excitement should be sure to catch ***Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean, ShenaniGuns! Comedy Wild West Show,*** and ***Hilby the Skinny German Boy*** acts. Once again, the Fair will

feature the firefighter's competition, ***Robinson's Racing Pigs***, and ***Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show***.

At the heart of the Fair is the Home & Garden tent. See the county's finest baked goods, vegetables, flowers and arts and craft pieces as residents compete for the honor of calling theirs the best. Inside the Home & Garden tent, fairgoers will also enjoy ongoing beekeeping, gardening and craft demonstrations. There will be a children's cake and cupcake decorating contest on Friday and a pie-eating contest on Sunday.

Once again, the Future Farmers of American (FFA) chapters in Monmouth County will run a farm stand. Fairgoers can purchase Monmouth County grown fresh fruits, vegetables and cut flowers. Proceeds will be used for FFA student activities. Those looking to learn more about the county's agricultural heritage should stop by the Living History Tent. Staff from the Park System's Historic Walnford in Upper Freehold and Historic Longstreet Farm in Holmdel will bring livestock, hold demonstrations and offer hands-on activities.

Entertainment is a big part of the Fair and this year's performers promise to deliver. Wednesday night brings ***Motor City*** to the main stage while ***The Amish Outlaws*** perform on Thursday. ***The Nerds*** take the stage on Friday while ***Johnny Drama*** performs on Saturday. The last act to take the main stage is ***Soul Cruisers*** on Sunday.

The Fair just won't be the fair without its rides! Fairgoers will once again enjoy the thrill of the ferris wheel, ***Scrambler***, ***Zipper*** and more. Little ones will be overjoyed with the assortment of kiddie rides. (Please note that rides are weather permitting.) On Wednesday, July 23, Thursday, July 24 and Sunday, July 27, fairgoers may purchase ride wristbands for \$20 per person.

Become a fan of the Monmouth County Park System's Facebook page and enter into its weekly contests to win Fair tickets. Starting June 23, the Park System will give away two Fair tickets each week. During the week of July 14-20, the prize increases to four Fair tickets, a 4-H food voucher, four climbing wall vouchers, and more.

Fair hours are 5-11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, July 23-26 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 27. Admission is \$8 per person; children 12 and under are free. For more information about the Fair, visit [www.monmouthcountyfair.com](http://www.monmouthcountyfair.com), or call 732-842-4000.

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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