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155th Monroe County Fair – July 27 – 31, 2011

The Monroe County Fair will begin on Wednesday, July 27th. An annual gathering of agriculture and education projects from youth and adults throughout the county. Fairs were began in the 1800's as a way of showcasing agricultural products, livestock & produce, raised by farmers and ranchers. Over the years fairs have expanded to include the arts and entertainment.

This years' fair begins on Wednesday with a Free Gate and Free Parking. Exhibitors will start checking in their projects throughout the day and into Thursday. The Carnival will begin at 6:00 p.m. with wristband times from 6-10 p.m. The Monroe County Business after 5 will be in the Magnum Communications.com Tent. This is open to all businesses in Monroe County and their employees. Following Business after 5 will be the Kids Big Wheel Races and the Hug-A-Pig Competition. Kids can sign up at the fair for the Big Wheel Races and entrants in the Hug-A-Pig Competition can contact the Fair Office.

Thursday is Senior Citizen Day. Parking is Free and Senior Citizens will have a Free Gate until 6:00 p.m. Bingo in the Magnum Broadcasting.com Tent will be held at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Carnival Wristbands will be available from 12-4 pm and 6-10 pm. The Grandstand Show is new this year featuring a Combine Demolition Derby. These aren't your average combines. No longer used for harvesting (we hope), these combines have been modified for safety and to remove unneeded parts. Driver's wearing helmets happily smash their huge machines. Many of these machines compete in several different fairs. A total of \$2,500.00 in prize money is being paid out at the Monroe County Fair, with the winner taking home a check for \$1,000.00.

On Friday, grab your hat and dust off your boots. It's time for the 8th Annual Championship Rodeo at the Monroe County Fair. You don't have to be able to ride a horse to compete at the rodeo, but you might have to be able to ride a sheep. Children under 50 lbs. can sign up for the mutton bustin' by calling the fairgrounds office at 608-372-2081. This is limited to the first 20 buckaroos. For the little ones, the Mutton Bustin' starts at 5:30 pm. Then it's onto the Monroe County Championship Rodeo starting at 6:30 p.m. The rodeo features the traditional events such as bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, roping and ladies barrel racing. "The rodeo has been one of the more popular grandstand shows we have had at the fair in the last several years" stated Christopher Schreier, president of the Fair Board. "It is a good family show at a reasonable cost". As a special intermission show this year, the Group "Cowgirl Up Drill Team" will be performing. This is a Non-Profit Group of young women ages 11 to 24 years old that have a choreographed drill riding routine to music. They raise awareness for the Horse Sense for Special Riders, a North American Riding for the Handicapped affiliate. Following the Rodeo, there will be live music in the Veterans Beer Tent. Carnival Wristbands will be available 12-4 pm and 6-10 pm.

Supercross Racing returns on Saturday night, brought to you by Motokazie, Inc.!! High-flying, fast paced dirt bike and ATV racing will be featured at the Grandstand. This show has been voted one of the best grandstand shows. You will see racers jump seventy foot triples, navigate bermed corners and pound through the whoops. Local racers are invited to sign up – as young as 4 years old and as old as 50. The racing will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be live music following the race in the Veterans Beer Tent. The Jr. Livestock Auction will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Livestock Barn. Carnival Wristbands will be available 12-4 pm and 6-10 pm. Bingo will be at 1:00 p.m.

The original kind of horse power will be featured on Sunday in front of the Grandstand. The time honored Horse Pull has been a tradition at the Monroe County Fair. Beginning at 12:30, it will feature light and heavy weight pull classes. This has been a favorite for many years. Carnival Wristbands will be available 12-4 pm and 6-10 pm. Bingo will be at 1:00 p.m. The 2nd Annual Bean Bag tournament will be held at the Veterans Beer Tent starting at 1:00 p.m. On Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Dairy Barn, you can try your hand at such events as the Cow Pie Toss, Corn Pool Pie, Milk Chug or Corn Shelling during the 1st Annual Farmer Olympics. This is open to ages 5 – 105.

The Free Family Area will feature the Small Animal Learning Center where you can get an upclose look at young animals. This is always a hit among the young and the young at heart and is open everyday. The Caboodlestoppers free stage will also be in this area. They are an original and fun show for the entire family! Their professional traveling stage show is performed by real family members on an extremely appealing set. They combine the best in comedy, song and dance, unique skits, choreographed dancing and audience participation. Fairgoers will be in for some history, with humor, when they see “Farmer Bob along with Johnny, the World’s Funniest Tractor. Farmer Bob will have folks rolling in the walkways with laughter when he starts up his 1949 John Deere MT. Johnny the tractor, always puts smiles on everyone’s faces with that familiar “pup-put” sound. They will perform 3 shows daily beginning on Thursday, July 28th at the Monroe County Fair. In the Free Family Area on Saturday, kids can have a chance to participate in the Kids Pedal Pull which begins at 1:00 p.m.

All throughout the week fairgoers can walk through the barns and exhibits to view the projects, business displays, group booths along with sampling that one of a kind Fair Food. Parking is Free all Week. Wednesday is a FREE GATE day. Youth can enter the grounds FREE each day until 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m. Admission for Youth (ages 6 – 12) is \$2.00/day or \$6.00/season pass. Admission for adults is \$5.00/day or \$15.00 for a season pass. Senior Citizen will have FREE Admission until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. The Gate Admission is included in all Grandstand Show tickets if you purchase your ticket at the Entrance Gates. For additional information on the fair and a complete listing of shows, call 608-372-2081 or visit www.monroecountyfairwi.com.