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The “Swifty Swine” pig race is just one of the activities visitors can experience on Oct. 11 during the Wiregrass Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with admission to the Museum.

Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza October 11 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture

TIFTON — An old-fashioned country fair comes to town on Oct. 11 when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College presents its Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Museum, Gallery and Historic Village will be open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on that day. The steam train will also be running.

The Country Fair features events and activities from an original fair as well as popular activities and demonstrations from Fall Frolics Critter Saturday. Guests can interact with animals
from Chehaw Wild Animal Park. The always popular Poultry Palace will be on site with its talented chickens ready to show off for the crowd.

Guests are also encouraged to visit the Museum’s Langdale Nature Center. Current live residents of the Langdale Nature Center include a central rat snake, a corn snake, an eastern king snake, turtles, frogs and a variety of fish. Visitors will explore the natural world through the tanks and displays in the Center.

A variety of exhibits will be available to visitors during the fair. These exhibits will showcase creative mediums such as needlework, Bottles and Brushes artwork, “Inspired Georgia: 28 works from Georgia’s State Art Collection,” quilts, and the Artists’ Cooperative. Visitors can also look at antique farm equipment and tractors or stop by the Antique Car Club or Tractor Show. The Gallery’s own veterinary infirmary exhibit and its new permanent exhibit on the egg industry featuring the Egg Hall of Fame will also be open to the public. Demonstrations and activities also include square dancing and the “Swifty Swine” pig race.

There will be plenty of activities for the little ones including children’s games, face painting, and cookie decorating. Kids young and old can also take a ride on the Museum’s 1917 Vulcan steam train while at the fair.

For those with a competitive streak, visitors can earn a blue ribbon in the pie eating contest, greased pole climb, or a game of checkers. Blue ribbons will also be awarded to the best entries in home canning and home-grown fruits and vegetables. Submissions must be dropped off at the Country Store no later than 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. There is no charge to enter a submission.
The fair will offer plenty of delicious food available for purchase. Barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, and root beer floats are just a few items that will be available. Guests can also partake of the jams, jellies, grits, and corn meal provided by the GMA’s Country Store. The Wiregrass Farmers Market will also be open each Saturday in October to offer fresh fruits and vegetables, along with handmade soaps and other goodies from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Museum, Gallery, and Historic Village are open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission to the Museum Tuesday through Friday is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors (age 55 and over), $4 for children five-16 years old and free for children four and under. Admission on Saturday is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors (age 55 and over), $5 for children five-16 years old and free for children four and under.

For additional information about the GMA Country Fair Ag-Stravaganza, interested persons can call 229-391-5205 or visit www.abac.edu/museum/events.

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