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What: Old Fashioned Country Fair
When: Saturday, July 5; 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Where: Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS**

Mississippi Ag Museum to Host Old Fashioned Country Fair

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum invites you to take a step back in time for the first annual Old Fashioned Country Fair on July 5, 2014. The festivities will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. as Small Town, Mississippi, comes to life with this spectacular, Independence Day themed celebration.

Discover traditional trades from live blacksmithing to quilting demonstrations. Learn what it took to make a meal without modern conveniences by viewing the corn shelling demonstration at the Fortenberry-Parkman Farmstead, while Farm Families of Mississippi will be on hand performing modern-day cooking demonstrations with delicious Mississippi products.

Enjoy activities for all ages including a mule pull by the Mississippi Mule Pullers Association, cupcake walk, and live music. There will be family-friendly competition in the air with the first ever Mississippi Grown Giant Produce Contest, guess the weight of Rudy the beef steer, and a watermelon seed spitting contest. Wagon rides pulled by Joe and Sally, the Museum's resident mules, as well as pony and carousel rides will be available for purchase.

As a proud member of the LeFleur Museum District, the Mississippi Ag Museum will be hosting the Old Fashioned Country Fair as part of the district wide *Summertime, Wonder Time* event. For more information on the district and to purchase your *Summertime, Wonder Time* ticket at a 25% discount, visit: lefleurmuseumdistrict.com.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is as follows: Adults: \$5, Senior Adults (ages 60 and over) and Military: \$4, and Children ages 3-18: \$4. For more information about the Museum, call (601) 432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687, visit www.msagmuseum.org, or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook. The Ag Museum is a division of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

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Blacksmith demonstrations will be one of the many highlights of the first annual Old Fashioned Country Fair. The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum's spectacular, Independence Day themed celebration will take place on July 5, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Small Town, Mississippi, will come to life with live demonstrations, activities and games for all ages, live music and much more.