

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: 1st Annual Northeast NC Equine and Tractor Expo

The Chowan County Regional Fair, American Legion Post 40, antique tractor owners of northeast NC, several Chowan County farmers and the Currituck 4-H are joining forces to produce the 1st annual Northeast NC Equine and Tractor Expo to be held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton, NC. The purpose of the exposition is to raise funds to construct a regional agricultural museum on the American Legion Fairgrounds and to restore and maintain farm equipment from yesteryear.

The community service program is aimed to demonstrate the challenges our forefathers endured to provide food for their family and urban neighbors. There will be demonstrations of hay baling, draft horses plowing and planting and other early 1900's farming practices. The 4-H will conduct gymkhana games, fun games on horseback and horseback drill team demonstrations. Antique tractor owners will have their restored tractors on display, perform a drill team demonstration and have a parade. There is space available for farm related displays of equipment and supplies.

The museum will provide a learning experience for all, especially our young people who are far removed from the farm life. It will provide the opportunity for those who like to work with their hands to help restore and maintain the equipment, implements and tools acquired by the museum. Intentions are to also include items to tell the story of how farmers spent the winter and early spring fishing and hunting to feed their families. The museum will be open for tours for school outings and schedule tourist visits.

For the expo the gates will open at 9 AM. There will not be an admission charge, but donations will be appreciated. There will be food and soft drink concessions and pork BBQ plate sales (\$7.00/plate) will be from 11 AM until 7 PM (eat in or take out). Tickets are on sale now. There will be ongoing demonstrations and displays. The 4-H Drill Team will perform an opening ceremony at 12 noon. The antique tractor drill team and parade will be in the afternoon while the 4-H gymkhana games (fun on horseback) will begin at 4 PM. Details of the days activities and gymkhana entry forms can be found at www.chowanfair.com.

Donations to the museum fund and or antique equipment are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the Chowan County Regional Fair Agriculture Museum Fund or CCRF Agriculture Museum Fund. Any questions can be directed to info@chowanfair.com or call 252-482-4057.