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## Media Advisory

### Get your tail to the Arapahoe County Fair, July 21-26

Whether you're single or have a family of five, there's something for everyone at the 2006 Arapahoe County Fair, presented by Wells Fargo. This year is the County's 100<sup>th</sup> Fair Anniversary, and it's the first event to be hosted at the County's new permanent Fairgrounds located at 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80016—just one mile east of E-470, the official road to the County Fair.

Free activities and entertainment include live bands, fireworks, Mutton Bustin', interactive video games, a Back Seat Driver contest, a Toddler Driving School, a heavy equipment rodeo, catch and release fishing, a Hole-in-One competition, and several contests—plus, traditional Fair activities, including 4-H completion events and livestock auction, a petting zoo, alpacas, animal shows, and agricultural and educational displays. The Fair also includes a full carnival, face painter, balloon artist, pony rides, and various food and drink vendors including Gator Dun, specializing in gator burgers, gator on a stick, rocky mountain oysters, rattlesnake and catfish.

Entry to the Fair is just \$5 for adults; \$3 for children age 4 to 11 years, and children under age 3 are free. Parking is just \$2 per car.

“This Fair is a landmark event for our County as the first fair to be held in a single location in more than 20 years” said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, District 3, and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. “Our vision is for our Fairgrounds to become the center of this community and host future Fairs and community events while preserving our local culture and history for generations to come.”

There are several photography / video opportunities for the media during the Fair. All events are being hosted at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora. Please contact Katrina Seymour at 303-636-1945 for more information:

**When:** Daily, all day – Events Center  
**What:** **IGX Interactive video games.** Watch local gamers duke it out on 17 of the latest games as part of the IGX Adrenaline Jam Tour, including Guitar Hero, Eye Toy, Hot Seat, and other games from PlayStation®2, Xbox 360™, and Nintendo Gamecube. It's all day, all free, on individual gaming consoles. Sponsored by Be Tobacco Free: Colorado Quitline.

**When:** Daily, all day - Grounds  
**What:** **Catch and release fishing.** This 6,000 gallon fish tank boasts trout ripe for the fishing—but not for eating: These slippery customers are being donated to the Aurora Reservoir after the Fair at which time you'll need a permit to catch and keep them.

**When:** Saturday, July 22, and Sunday, July 23, 9 p.m. - Grounds  
**What:** **Fireworks.** Join us for these professionally operated visual displays, sponsored by the South Metro Chamber of Commerce and the City of Aurora, respectively.

**When:** Friday, July 21, 5 p.m.; Saturday, July 22, 4 p.m.; Sunday, July 23, 4:30 p.m. – Horse Arena  
**What:** **Back seat driver contest.** For every passenger who thinks they know better (and isn't afraid to say so), this contest involves blindfolding your driver and verbally instructing them around an obstacle course on a four-wheeler.

**When:** Friday, July 21 -Tuesday, July 25, 2:30/4:30/6:30 p.m. – Grounds  
**What:** **Mutton Bustin'.** Sponsored by the City of Littleton, this action-packed, fun event is for wee thrill seekers to see if they have the chops for rodeo. Riders should be aged under 6 and 60lbs, and can register 30 minutes before the event.

**When:** Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m. – Horse Arena  
**What:** **Wagner heavy equipment rodeo.** Watch the experts maneuver 35,000lb machines around challenging obstacles with such agility that you'll rethink the meaning of the word.

**When:** Sunday, July 23, 1 p.m. – Horse Arena  
**What:** **Youth livestock auction.** Get your bid on and buy quality meat for your freezer, block party, reunion, fundraiser, etc., from local 4-H members who have raised a market animal specifically for your eating enjoyment. For more information, contact Larry Hooker at 303-730-1920.

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