

## Cheese festival this weekend at Erie Canal Village

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Rome is the home of cheese. It earned this distinction by being the site of the first cheese factory, built in 1851. In honor of this fact, the American Dairy Association, in conjunction with the Rome Department of Tourism, is sponsoring the 4th Annual Cheese Festival at Erie Canal Village today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A number of attractions will be available for adults as well as children. Today, June 9, adults will

enjoy cooking demonstrations, dairy antique displays and cheese making demonstrations. New York State county princesses will be available to entertain the children with games and schoolhouse presentations. Free samples of New York's cheeses will be distributed, and door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. At 4 p.m., a grand prize block of cheese will be awarded.

A special ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, to highlight

the day's events. Making guest appearances will be Major Carl J. Eilenberg of Rome and New York State Dairy Princess Patricia Patterson.

The event will continue through tomorrow, June 10, with free cheese, door prizes and children's games. The admission price for adults is \$5.50, Children \$3.50 (7-14), under 7, - free. This will enable visitors to tour the Village's historical exhibits, buildings and museums. It also includes a 2½

mile ride on the Erie Canal packet-boat and a 4-mile train ride on the "Rome and Fort Bull Railroad."

Take yourself and the family

back in time this weekend and enjoy a bit of history at the Erie Canal Village Cheese Festival. For further information, contact Michele Martens at 315-472-9143 or Ann Peach at 315-336-6000.

### Fiddlers to hold convention

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The Deer Creek Fiddlers Conventions open their thirteenth season of bluegrass and old time string band competitions tomorrow at the

Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, Maryland. The traditional musical show, co-sponsored by the Farm Museum, begins at 11 a.m. and continues until 10 p.m. In addition to the contests on stage, there will be dancing, picnicking, games, food, and crafts.

Musicians are invited to register in the competitions for bands, fiddlers, guitars, banjos, mandolins, bass fiddles and vocals. Over \$3,000 in prizes will be awarded at the close of the evening show.

The admission is \$5 per person. Children under eighteen, accompanied by parents are admitted free.

The Footloose Cloggers of Washington, DC will be on hand to present several exhibitions of clog dancing.

Families should prepare for a warm afternoon and perhaps a cool evening. The stage and arena are shaded by big maple trees. There will be a new dance floor under the trees.

The Carroll County Farm Museum is located on Center Street, on the south side of Westminster. It's about one hour drive from Baltimore or Washington.

For further information, contact promoters Dave Greene at (301) 435-0967 or Megan Shook at (301) 366-5092 in Baltimore.

The next Deer Creek Fiddlers Convention will be held on Sunday, August 19 at the same location.

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