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**FARMING BOVINA PRESENTS EIGHTH ANNUAL "BOVINA FARM DAY," A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE WITH FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

***Sample the Products of Local Farmers, Enjoy a Haystack Slide, Corn Maze, Hayrides and a Dairy Farm Tour, and Meet Lots of Friendly Farm Animals!***

Bovina, NY (August 23, 2016) – Bovina Farm Day, a day-long celebration of local farmers, growers and other producers set among the hayfields, cornfields, and pastures of picturesque Crescent Valley, will take place on Sunday, September 4 from 10:00am until 5:00pm on Crescent Valley Road in Bovina. The eighth annual Bovina Farm Day is being presented by Farming Bovina, a grassroots organization working to support farmers and promote agriculture in Bovina and the surrounding communities.

Visitors will have a chance to meet and support local farmers, producers and artisans and sample and purchase their products—from fruits and vegetables to cheeses, meats, baked goods and crafts—under the marketplace tent. The whole family can enjoy a variety of fun, farm-themed activities all day long. Ongoing activities will include a corn maze, haystack slide and hayrides, as well as a farm-themed treasure hunt with a prize of a maple lollipop for everyone who can solve all the clues. Kids will love the tug-of-war, potato-sack races and other old-fashioned relays, as well as the round bale rolling competition, where teams work to push a big round bale of hay across the finish line. There will also be tours of the historic one-room Maynard schoolhouse and Bovina Town Historian, Ray LaFever, will have a display on the history of farming in the area. Farm Day will feature an expanded variety of foods from local purveyors including Jackie's Home Style Caterings Services, Brushland Eating House, Mountain Brook Inn, FosterBuilt Coffee and Greenane Farms.

As always, Farm Day will feature a variety of farm animals, from cows and calves to chickens and chicks. For the first time, among the animals on display will be Kunekune pasture pigs from New Zealand. Distinguished by a pair of tassels under their chin called Piri Piri, these small, gentle pigs are from Bovina's Glenanore Farm. At the end of the day (4pm), visitors will have the chance to watch cows being milked and visit the calf barn at Webcrest Farm, which hosts Bovina Farm Day. The Delaware County Dairy Princess will be at Farm Day distributing complimentary milk and yogurt donated by local creameries.

This year's Farm Day will have a strong culinary bent. Bovina chef and culinary arts instructor, Gerard Murphy, will present a cooking demonstration at 11:30am. Celebrating local flavors, he will incorporate under used cuts of meat and vegetables of the season into several dishes. Karen LaFever of Maplewood

Farm and Orchard in Bovina will let visitors try their hand at making their own maple candy at 1pm. And Bovina horticulturist and plant historian, Deirdre Larkin, will give a talk, "Good for You: A Vegetable History," at 10:30am.

"Bovina Farm Day is a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of our local farmers and producers and sample the incredible array of delicious foods and beautiful products that are being made right here in Delaware County," said Evelyn Stewart-Barnhart, president of the board of Farming Bovina. "Our goal is to remind people that we need to support the farmers, bakers, cheese makers, potters and others who are at the heart of this vibrant community."

Those in a competitive mood can also enter their finest homemade apple pie in the Best Apple Pie Contest. Entries must be delivered by 1pm, September 4 at Bovina Farm Day. Judging will take place at 1:15pm, and the winner(s) will be announced at 2pm. Or, take part in the Scarecrow Contest and build your own amazing scarecrow. A \$10 entry fee gives you a scarecrow skeleton and supplies (a stake with cross-arms, a bale of hay and feed bag for stuffing the head and body). Scarecrows must be completed by 2pm; the winners will be announced at 3pm.

Admission to Bovina Farm Day is \$6 per car. Visitors are asked not to bring dogs to the event in respect of the many farm animals that will be present. Proceeds support the work of Farming Bovina, a member of Pure Catskills, an economic initiative of the Watershed Agricultural Council with funding from NYC DEP. For more information about Bovina Farm Day and Farming Bovina, please visit

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