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**DOVER DAYS VENDOR, PARADE, PET PARADE, CAR SHOW
AND CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT DEADLINES ANNOUNCED**

DOVER, DE -- After a year of planning, the 78th Annual Dover Days Festival, set for May 6-8 in Dover's historic district, is now less than a month away and several registration deadlines are quickly approaching. They include:

- **Craft, Food, Information and Home & Trade Vendors** -- The deadline to apply for exhibit space is Friday, April 22 or until sold out.
- **Dover Days Car Show** -- Pre-registered vehicles signing up before May 5 are \$10 per vehicle and \$15 per vehicle on the day of the event. The car show will be judged by participants, and winners will receive 25 large trophies including best in show and 150 commemorative dash plaques to the first 150 vehicles registered. The car show is sponsored by Townsend Bros. Chevrolet.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** -- Teams of two that register in advance of the tournament on May 6 pay \$40 per team; day of registration is \$50 per team if not sold out. Up to \$400 in cash prizes will be awarded. The corn hole tournament is sponsored by Delaware Lottery.
- **Dover Days Parade** -- Applications are due no later than Monday, April 25. The Dover Days parade is sponsored by Wilmington Trust and the City of Dover.
- **Pet Parade** -- Those who register prior to April 29 can do so for \$2 per pet; April 29 through May 7 (day of), the fee is \$5 per pet. Cash awards ranging from \$10 to \$50 plus ribbons will be awarded. Categories include cutest pet, best group, best costume, best Dover Days theme and best in show. All pets will walk in the parade, which will lead the Dover Days parade. The pet parade is sponsored by TD Bank.
- **Hula-Hoop Contest** -- No pre-registration is needed for this competition with cash awards. A limit of 10 youth contestants will be chosen from among the crowd on Legislative Mall for the May 7 3 p.m. competition. The hula-hoop contest is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware.

A full schedule of events and all registration forms are available online on the official website, which is www.doverdaysfestival.com, or by calling Kent County Tourism at 302-734-4888.

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