

New Pond Farm's Founders' May Fair

HOE is among the special entertainers

HOE, a Connecticut based bluegrass band, will perform at New Pond Farm's Founders' May Fair on Saturday, May 19, from 11 to 4. The rain date is Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4.

HOE features Dick Neal (banjo/vocals), Chris Teskey (guitar/vocals), Bob Csugie (upright bass/vocals), Stephen K. Miller (mandolin), Dan Carlucci (guitar) and Datie Scharf (fiddle).

The special guest vocalist will be Lisa Furman, a Redding-based musician performing Americana and bluegrass music who appears at local venues in the Fairfield County and New York City area.

The group's performance is from 2:15 to 4 on May 19.

The band regularly appears as featured artists at the Norwalk Oyster Festival, the Sono Arts Festival, the Cooperstown and Lyrics Coffeehouse Concert Series, among others.

For the last four years, it has hosted the monthly Bluegrass & Beer jam at the Acoustic Cafe in Bridgeport.

Other special events at the



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May Fair are: • Maypole Dancing with students from the Wooster School, noon to 12:30.

- The toe-tapping tunes of Fiddlers Two, 12:30 to 1:15.
- Morris Dancing with New

Haven Morris and Sword, 1:30 to 2:15.

- The bluegrass sounds of the ever-popular Hoe 2:15 to 4.
- High school actors present exciting scenes from Shakespeare,

2:30 to 3.

- Horse-drawn hay rides with Bob Ellis and his award-winning team of Percherons, to 3.
- Ongoing events at the fair include:
 - Sheep shearing, spinning, knitting and weaving, bee keeping.
 - Meeting live goats, sheep, calves, Randall cows and chickens.
 - Creating many fun crafts.
 - Food from The Station House Café.

There is a \$4 per person admission fee for farm members (maximum \$12 per family) and \$5 per person for nonmembers (\$15 maximum per family).

There will be small fees at the craft tables to cover the cost of supplies. The organizers ask that dogs be left at home.

The farm is located on the corner of Marchant and Umpawaug roads in West Redding (Umpawaug is off Rte. 53). For more information, go www.newpondfarm.org or call 203-938-2117.