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**JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN TO DEFEND TITLE  
AT DEVON HORSE SHOW AND COUNTRY FAIR**

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**DEVON, Pa.**—Jessica Springsteen returns to the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair, May 21-30, to defend her Best Child Rider on a Horse title.

Devon, May 21 - 30, benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital, to which it has donated more than \$13 million over its decades of association.

Springsteen is bringing an impressive array of horses with her, including both last year's Small Junior Hunter Champion, 16 & 17, Sublime, and Large Junior Hunter Champion, Tiziano.

"Being Best Child Rider at Devon is one of my most treasured moments," said Springsteen of Colts Neck, N.J. "Devon is one of my favorite shows, so it was really cool to be Best Child Rider there."

"I love the carnival next door," she said. "There's only two rings, so there's not as much rush as at other shows. I've always had a lot of fun at Devon.

Springsteen will ride her Maclay winning mount, Papillion 136 in three equitation classes, the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, the WIHS Equitation Classic and the Medal on Thursday, May 21.

She will compete two horses in the Junior Jumper section, Iscariote and Gornado.

Springsteen is 17, but she shows as 16. According to U.S. Equestrian Federation rules, juniors compete throughout the entire year at their age as of Jan. 1. Juniors begin competing in equitation classes in the Dixon Oval on Thursday, May 21, while ponies compete in breeding classes in the Gold Ring.

**SHOW DATES: MAY 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30**

On Friday and Saturday, juniors on horses compete in the Dixon Oval in equitation, hunter and jumper classes while juniors on ponies compete in the Gold Ring.

The Best Child Rider on a Horse, decided by the judges, is presented as the last event in the Dixon Oval on Saturday afternoon, and the Best Child Rider on a Pony honors are awarded in the late afternoon in the Gold Ring Saturday afternoon.

The final class in the Gold Ring on Saturday is the Pony Hunt Teams, in which teams of three riders appear in costume to compete in single file over a course of jumps.

Saturday evening in the Dixon Oval, the final class of the Junior Jumper section, the Junior Jumper Classic, is the featured event, followed by the presentation of the Junior Jumper Championship and Leading Open Jumper Rider.

Then Horse Hunt Teams, Parent and Child and the Family Class complete the schedule.

Pony Jumpers compete as the last class on Sunday afternoon, following the Carriage Pleasure Drive, and the first class on the evening schedule.

From Sunday on, adult competition in hunters, jumpers, coaching, Saddlebred, Friesian and Roadster is featured.

The Country Fair features a variety of shopping for all ages, both equestrian and non-equestrian, as well as foods for every taste and midway games and rides.

Boutiques sell the latest in fashion, sporting clothes, often appliquéd with a horse or dog motif, silver and gold jewelry and beautiful hats, and the Art Gallery features paintings and prints by many local talented artists.

Vendors sell classical pieces ranging from paintings, prints and sculptures to hand-painted furniture with horses and dogs, leather goods, antiques and more.

Visit the Souvenir Shop for Devon Horse Show apparel, collectibles and the cookbook, Appetizers at Devon.

Food is available for every taste, including hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, pizza, ice cream, pitas, tea sandwiches, specialty coffee drinks, gourmet dining in the Garden Cafe, and of course, the traditional Devon Fudge and lemon sticks.

Special events occur throughout the 10 days; Thursday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 26 are Family Days, with discounts on food and midway ride or game tickets, and Back Barn Tours; Saturday, May 23 is Children's Day, with a variety of fun craft activities; and on Wednesday, May 27, the annual Hat Contest is part of Ladies Day. Please check the website for further details.

General admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for seniors. Reserved seating is available. Call for ticket prices.

The ticket office at the show grounds will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, until May 15. The ticket office at the main gate opens May 20.

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