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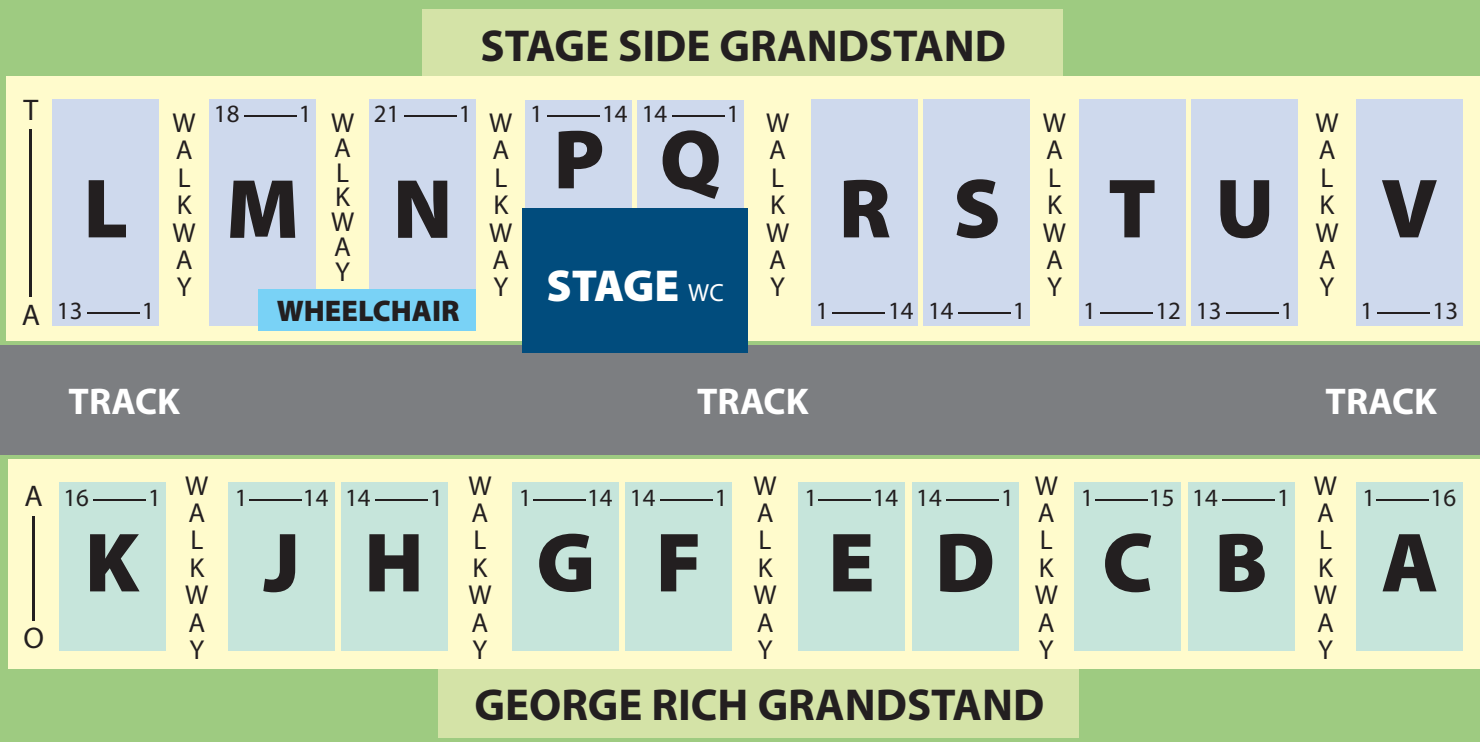
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DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR GRANDSTAND SEATING





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THE NEW AND IMPROVED DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR



One of the biggest changes at the fairgrounds is that there will now be one entrance and exit gate. This area has also been expanded into the parking lot to accommodate entertainment acts.

WALTON - The fairgrounds have been upgraded and expended in preparation of the 137th Delaware County Fair, to be held Aug. 12 - 17. The expanded grounds will make for a more spacious fair to accommodate several new entertainment acts.

Fair Board President Ed Rossley said the board decided to expand the grounds into the parking area to make room for some new acts that require a lot of space, like Dock Dogs' 27,000-gallon diving pool and Rock-N-Circus' 65-foot high-dive show.

Rossley said the other major reason for the expansion was to reduce crowding of vendors. He said this will improve the safety of the grounds as emergency services will be able to navigate the fair more easily.

"So, it's gonna be open, but it's gonna be full too," Rossley said. "We have a lot of different things that are coming in."

Other new entertainment focuses on agriculture education including the Wheels of Agriculture trivia game show and the educational

Agri-Puppets show. Also new is Areli Equine Entertainment which will replace team penning Tuesday and Wednesday nights. This show features trick riding including classic Western trick riding and a rosin back routine.

Returning favorites include Chee Chee the Clown, the oxen, Mr. Scribbles and the sand sculpture.

A new, larger entrance and exit gate at the expanded portion of the grounds will replace the old gates, although they will stay in place and be used for seating. Moving to one gate will help with staffing issues, Rossley said, as fewer people will be needed to work the ticket lines.

"It's gonna be a challenge this year to get people trained to the new gate but it's plenty of room, we can get people in faster," Rossley said. "It's bigger than both of the other two combined and you'll be able to come in, see the new entertainment."

Another new feature of the fair can be found at the cow and horse barns as manure covers have been add-

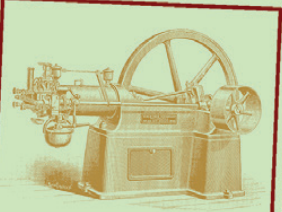


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ed to both. The covers will reduce runoff from the manure storage area and prevent water contamination. The horse and cow barns also received a fresh coat of paint on the roofs and all three horse rings have new fencing. Fencing was replaced last year for one of the practice rings, and this year the other practice

ring and the main show ring fencing is brand new. This year's fair will be more accommodating for young kids and people who become overwhelmed by the abundance of activity at the fair. Delaware County Public Health is setting up a noise-reduced sensory room in the former 4-H dormitories with sensory activi-

ties like fidget toys, wobble stools and a fiber optic waterfall among many other features. "They wanted an area that wasn't in an activity zone so it can be quiet - it can be a restful place for them," Rossley said. "They're going to make it a sensory-safe spot where parents and kids can get out of the noise and business of the fair; just a time to wind down if they need to." Tuesday, which is Children's Day, also offers two hours of midway rides without lights or music for kids who otherwise get overstimulated by the rides. Grandstand events this year include demolition derby on Monday, the firemen and heroes parade on Tuesday along with a cornhole tournament, the New York Tractor Pullers Association Wednesday, the truck and Memorial Sportsmanship Stock Farm Tractor Pull on Thursday, an FMX Mo-

tocross show Friday, and a second demolition derby on Saturday. There will be no grandstand concerts this year but

there will be live music every day at the entertainment court.



The fair board is dedicated to supporting agriculture, even in the off-season. The parking area is hayed by Mark MacGibbon Farms at no cost.

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GROWING DIVERSITY: DELAWARE COUNTY AG TRENDS

According to recent data from the U.S. Census of Agriculture and insights from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County farms reflect a microcosm of national trends while also showcasing unique local characteristics.

Delaware County boasts a rich variety of farms from small, family-run operations to larger commercial enterprises. The latest census data reveals that there are approximately 700 farms in the county. These farms range in size, with a

significant number being small-scale operations under 50 acres. Notably, the county has a strong presence of dairy farms, which are pivotal in producing the milk that supports New York's dairy industry. Alongside dairy, the region is also known for its beef, poultry, and diverse crop production, including vegetables, fruits, and maple syrup.*

SHIFTS IN DEMOGRAPHICS AND PRACTICES

Reflecting national trends, Delaware County

has seen a shift in farm ownership demographics. The rise of women farmers is particularly notable, aligning with the broader trend of increasing female representation in agriculture. Additionally, the county's farms are increasingly diverse in terms of ownership and operation, with an observable presence of multi-generational and multi-heritage farming families. These diverse backgrounds contribute to a rich variety of farming practices and traditions, from organic and regenerative agriculture to conventional farming methods.

LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE FOCUS

Cornell Cooperative Extension has been instrumental in supporting diverse agricultural ventures. Through education and resources, they help farmers adapt to new challenges and embrace sustainable practices. The county's em-

phasis on local food systems is evident in the growing number of farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, and farm-to-table initiatives. These efforts not only support local economies but also promote environmental stewardship and community health.

COMPARING NATIONAL AND LOCAL TRENDS

While Delaware County mirrors some national trends, such as the aging

population of farmers and the consolidation of smaller farms into larger operations, it also showcases unique local strengths. The county's commitment to sustainable agriculture highlights a regional dedication to maintaining the integrity of Delaware County's natural resources. The focus on local, sustainable food production positions Delaware County as a leader in New York state's agricultural landscape.

* source: CCE, Pure Catskills



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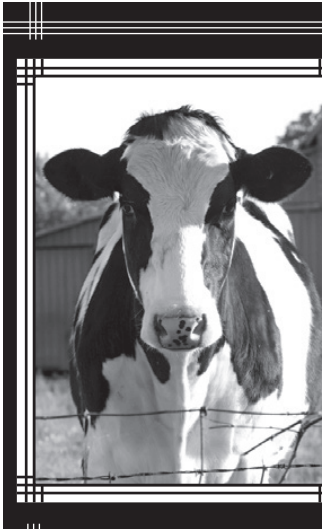
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PREPPING FOR THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

WALTON - As the 2024 Delaware County Fair approaches, anticipation and activity reach a fever pitch. At the heart of the preparation is the 4-H exhibits and Youth Building, a cornerstone of the fair, where children showcase their hard work and creativity. Overseeing that effort is Kaitlyn Conklin, 4-H educator, who spoke about the meticulous

planning that goes into the annual event.

Part of getting ready is maintaining the Past Presidents' Memorial Garden adjacent to the art exhibit building, that Conklin and former 4-H staffer Emily Roach took responsibility for in 2023. The garden is a tribute to former fair board presidents George Rich, Don Tweedie, John Jackson,

Gary Tweedie, Dan Hodges, as well as current Fair Board President Ed Rossley, who plans to step down at the end of his current term.

The garden, this year is lush and abundant. Conklin worked diligently to prune and trim the perennial space filled with hosta, boxwood, hibiscus [Rose of Sharon], honeysuckle, day lilies and ornamental grasses.

It's important to keep the garden thriving and beautiful, Conklin said. She does that by doing an annual "clean-up" of the garden and cycling in more perennials.



FAVORITE FAIR FOOD

Strawberry Lemonade (*with chunks of sugar at the bottom!*)
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A honeysuckle-covered archway welcomes visitors to the Past Presidents' Memorial Garden at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

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Kaitlyn Conklin, 4-H educator, readies the memorial garden in advance of the 2024 Delaware County Fair by cutting back overgrown perennials.

Throughout the fairgrounds, fairgoers and exhibitors will see the prep work and beautification efforts of 4-Hers, including flowers planted along the horse barns and a flower garden near the judge's booth in the livestock ring, Conklin said. This year flags will be re-erected on the grounds, Conklin said - an American flag, a 4-H flag and the New York state flag. There will also be flowering hanging baskets throughout the livestock barns "to spruce it up and make it look inviting," Conklin said.

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Voting is available online, which will give distant friends and relatives the opportunity to cast votes for their favorite little ones. By submitting your child's photo, you automatically give permission to put the photos online.

Each in-person vote at the fair will be \$1. There will be an online minimum of \$5 (five votes). Donations benefit the Enhance DVH Fund, which is used for projects that will improve and enhance patient experiences at DVH. Online voting will be avail-



able until Aug. 11. In-person voting will continue throughout fair week.

Prizes: first place: \$100 savings account; second place: \$50 savings account; third place: \$25 savings account. Accounts may be opened at any Wayne Bank office in Delaware and Sullivan counties. Branch offices are located in Walton, Franklin, Andes, Roxbury and Stamford in Delaware County and Roscoe, Callicoon, Liberty, Monticello, and Wurtsboro in Sullivan County.



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A LEGACY OF STRENGTH: TOM NEWMAN MEMORIAL HORSE PULL RETURNS TO DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

WALTON - The echoes of past celebrations will blend with the anticipation of future events, and a tradition, started last year, is set

to continue. On Aug. 16 at 6 p.m., the 137th Delaware County Fair in Walton will host the second annual Tom Newman Memorial Horse

Pull. The event not only showcases the immense power and grace of draft horses but also honors the memory of a man who was



Winners of 2023 Tom Newman Memorial Pull lightweight division - the Howard team.



Tom Newman, driving, was passionate about horse pulling competition.

a cornerstone in the horse pulling community.

Tom Newman was more than a competitor; he was a beloved figure whose passion for Belgian draft horses and exceptional horsemanship left an indelible mark on all who knew him. His untimely passing in December 2022 sent ripples through the communities of

Walton, Hancock, and beyond. Now, his legacy continues through the efforts of his twin daughters, Olivia and Elizabeth, and youngest daughter, Emily.

The horse pull is a tribute to Newman's lifelong dedication to the sport. He is credited with reviving the horse pulling competition at the Delaware County Fair after a multi-year absence, a testament to his love for the sport and the community. The event will feature two classes: a lightweight division for teams weighing 3,425 pounds or less, and a heavyweight division for teams above that threshold. A truck pull dynamometer will be used to measure the strength of the horses, with weights set on a vertical track to challenge each team's capacity.

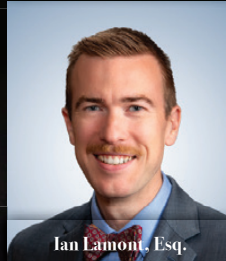
The competition promises to be fierce, with a significant prize pool and the added incentive of \$3,700 in extra prize money. First place winners in each class can take home over \$1,000, a substantial reward for the skill and dedication required to compete at this level. The prize money reflects the event's commit-



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Tom Newman with his twin daughters, Olivia and Elizabeth.

ment to attracting top-tier competitors, making it a highlight for both participants and spectators.

Last year's inaugural event broke attendance records, drawing 23 total teams, with a large presence in the light-

weight division - 15 teams. A notable achievement was when Jerry Voorhis of Chenango Forks crossed the 4,500-pound mark on the dynamometer, setting a new record for a Walton pull, with his horses Frank

and Ernie.

The accomplishment is a testament to the high-quality horses and the strong community support the event attracts.

In addition to the thrill of the competition, the event offers a chance to remember and honor Newman's contributions. Teamster Awards will be presented to competitors who demonstrate exceptional horsemanship, a nod to Newman's own skills and values. Last year, Bob Howard of Acme, Pa., and Casey Harriman of Unityville, Pa., were recognized in the lightweight and heavyweight divisions, respectively.

The Newman family's dedication to keeping their father's spirit alive extends beyond the pull. They organized a successful fundraiser at Daisy Queens Ice Cream in Walton. The

community's response was overwhelming, with donations from local businesses and residents magnifying the wide-

The Tom Newman Memorial Horse Pull is not just a competition; it's a celebration of a man whose life revolved around his love for draft horses.

As Olivia Newman reflects, "My dad would

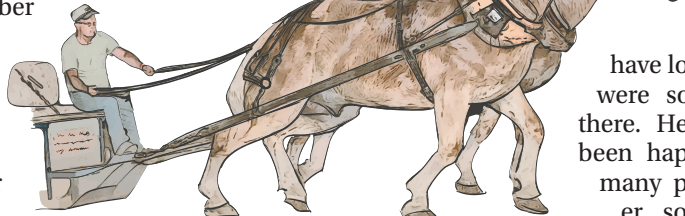
have loved that there were so many pairs there. He would have been happy to see so many people together, so many families and so many friends, enjoying something that he

loved."

The event is an enduring legacy of the values he cherished — hard work, com-

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As the fairgrounds pre-

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Tom Newman's passion for horse pulling continues to inspire future generations.

Premiums: 1st through 10th place - \$280, \$260, \$240, \$220, \$200, \$180, \$170, \$160, \$145, \$125, in a point system pull.

Added prize money: 1st - 5th place - \$800, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$150. The winner can take home over \$1,000.

Event Details

Date: Friday, August 16

Time: 6 p.m. (Lightweight class starts, heavyweight class follows after a short intermission)

Fee: No entry fee

Weigh In: 1 - 5 p.m.

Additional Information: The event is sponsored by the New York State Horse Pullers Association (NYSHPA). Prizes and trophies will be awarded, with special recogni-

tion for the Teamster Award recipients in both divisions.

Second annual Tom Newman Memorial Horse Pull

Event sponsors include Daisy Queens Ice Cream, TA's Place, Tailwaters Land Surveying, D&D Napa of Walton, Marino's Outdoor World of Hancock, Jeff Babcock, Lori Lamica Nelson, and Gary Mileski Horseshoeing. Orders for Tom Newman Memorial Horse Pull merchandise is available through Decker Advertising at dckr.shop/tom-newman/shop/home



The winning heavyweight team in 2023 - the Jerry Voorhis team, pictured with the Newman girls.



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Wednesday, August 14
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Thursday, August 15
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The rules are simple but essential for a safe and fun experience: no modifications for extra power or strength, no sharp edges, and all doors must be securely strapped. With balloons attached to their cars,



the last three racers with inflated balloons will earn trophies for first, second, and third place. Safety is a top

priority, with helmets and seat belts required.

Parents, remember: this event is all about fun! Let the kids enjoy the thrill of the derby, and be sure to pre-register to secure a spot. The entry fee is just \$5, and the event promises to start promptly at 11 a.m. Join us for a morning of excitement and cheer on the little racers as they bump, crash, and race their way to glory!



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- 12 pm to 4 pm** Youth (4-H) Exhibits Judged (Youth Building)
5 pm All 4-H Beef Cattle must be in place (Livestock Barn)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- 12 pm to 4 pm** Youth (4-H) Exhibits Judged (Youth Building)
1 pm Weigh-In of 4-H Auction Animals (Livestock Barn)
3 to 5 pm 4-H Auction Animal Project Records Due (Livestock Barn – no late Project Record will be accepted per the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee)
3 pm 4-H Sheep BCS Clinic (Sheep Area) Followed by Non-Auction Sheep Weigh-In Clinic
4 pm All Youth (4-H) Building Exhibits must be in place
5 pm 4-H Animal Exhibits must be in place
5:30 pm 4-H Table Setting Set Up (Youth Building)
6 pm 4-H Table Setting Judging (Youth Building)
7 pm Dairy Exhibitor Meeting (Dairy Show Ring)
7:30 pm Livestock Exhibitor Meeting (Livestock Show Ring)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
8:30 am 4-H Dairy and Meat Goat Show (Livestock Show Ring)
9 am 4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana) (Horse Arena)
9:30 am 4-H Cavy Showmanship (Rabbit Show Ring)
9:30 am 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship (Dairy Cattle Show Ring)
10 am 4-H Rabbit Showmanship (Rabbit Show Ring)
1 pm 4-H Sheep (Livestock Show Ring)
2 pm 4-H Goat BCS Clinic (Goat Area)
6 pm Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship (Youth Building)
6:30 pm 4-H Parade (Track – Grandstands)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
9 am 4-H Horse (Western; Gymkhana) (Horse Arena)
9 am 4-H Beef Cattle (Livestock Show Ring)
9:30 am 4-H Cavy Breeds (Rabbit Show Ring)

- 9:30 am** 4-H Dairy Cattle Breeds (Dairy Cattle Show Ring)
10 am 4-H Rabbit Breeds (Rabbit Show Ring)
3 pm 4-H Dairy or Non-Auction Beef Weigh-In Clinic
4 pm 4-H Dairy Challenge (Dairy Show Ring)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
9 am 4-H Swine (Livestock Show Ring)
2 pm 4-H Poultry (Poultry Barn)
6:30 pm 4-H Sheep Olympics followed by 4-H Animal Dress Up Contest (Livestock Show Ring)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
10 am Final Weigh-In for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals (Livestock Barn)
Noon 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest (Poultry Barn)
1 pm Fashion/Textile Showcase, Mannequin Modeling, Presentation of the Elinor Kellett Memorial Award (Youth Building)
2 pm 4-H Beef BCS Clinic (Beef Area)
7 pm 4-H Goat Olympics (Livestock Show Ring)
 Sheep Exhibitor Dinner following the Open Sheep Show (Livestock Barn)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17



Teen Council Quilt Tickets For Sale;
 Baby Chicks Hatching;
 4-H Photo Opportunity (*Youth Building*)

- As Scheduled** Youth Activities (Youth Building)
9 am 4-H Master Livestock Showman (Livestock Show Ring)
11 am Livestock Herdsmanship Awards (Livestock Show Ring)
Noon Dairy Exhibitor Dinner (Dairy Cattle Barn)
2 pm 4-H Livestock Auction (Meat Goats, Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine) (Livestock Show Ring)

EXHIBIT RELEASE TIMES

- 1st Release:** 4-H AUCTION animals may be released FOLLOWING completion of the 4-H Livestock Auction.
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3rd Release: ALL OTHER ANIMALS and YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS must stay in place until 8 pm.

4-H SHOWCASED AT THE FAIR

The 4-H and Youth Building will contain an abundance of non-animal exhibits and public presentations, said 4-H Educator Kaitlyn Conklin.

"We're hosting STEM-centered activities every day, including 'screaming balloons' and UV beads that teach sun protection," Conklin announced. "We have a young gentleman presenting on drones and a whole category dedicated to 3D printing, which has become incredibly popular."

This year's fair also boasts one of the largest meat auctions in

recent memory, featuring beef cattle, swine, meat goats, and sheep.

"Interest in meat goats, in particular, has surged," Conklin said. "It reflects kids' evolving interests, which can shift yearly."

The horticulture program also continues to grow, she announced.

"We've seen an increase in interest since COVID, as people have become more engaged with gardening and self-sufficiency," Conklin explained.

This year the 4-H office



provided youth with seeds to grow their own food - like colored corn for popcorn and decoration, giant pumpkins and flowers.

The 4-H program blends tradition with innovation.

"The community can expect the fair they know and love, with a few exciting additions," Conklin said.

From the stationary exhibits to the animal exhibits there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Interest in meat goats, like Riot, a two-year old Boer buck, belonging to 4-Her Preston "PJ" Gardepe of Delhi, has surged in 2024.



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STAYING SAFE AND SOUND AT THE FAIR: TIPS FROM THE SHERIFF

As the Delaware County Fair approaches, excitement is building for a week of fun, festivities, and community spirit. But amidst the joy, safety remains a top priority. Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond shares essential tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all fairgoers.

WEATHER-WISE AND READY

Before heading to the fair, check the weather forecast for Walton. Dress appropriately and be prepared for the conditions, whether sunny or rainy.

HEALTH FIRST

Feeling under the weather? It's best to stay home and rest. Your health and the wellbeing of others come first.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

For those requiring handicap parking, make sure your official placard is clearly visible upon arrival. This will help parking attendants guide you to the appropriate spot without delay.

SECURE YOUR BELONGINGS

Keep your valuables out of sight and ensure your vehicle is locked. Remember, neither the fair nor the Sheriff's Office can be held responsible for lost or stolen items. If you don't need it, consider leaving it at home.

LEAVE PETS AT HOME

As much as we love our furry friends, pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds, except service animals. En-

sure you have arrangements for your pets before arriving at the fair.

BAG AND COOLER CHECKS

To comply with Homeland Security regulations, all bags and coolers are subject to search. Only sealed, non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Alcohol is strictly prohibited and will be confiscated if found.

LOST AND FOUND

If you lose something or find lost items, head to the secretary's office or the Sheriff's Office Command Post near the EMS building at the Fair Street entrance.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR GROUP

Attending the fair with children or individuals



prone to wandering? Take a daily photo of them. The photos can be crucial for providing accurate descriptions if someone becomes lost.

MIND YOUR MANNERS

Unruly behavior will not be tolerated. Anyone causing disturbances may be escorted off the premises and potentially banned for the entire fair week. Reentry after being banned can result in arrest for trespassing, as the fairgrounds are privately owned.

MEET THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Visit the Sheriff's Office Community Relations Exhibit in the commercial tent near the "elbow." Engage with officers, learn about law enforcement careers, and pick up educational materials and promotional items.

SAFE CHILD ID PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Office offers Safe Child ID services, providing free, hard plastic ID cards for children (children must be present). These IDs can be invaluable in emergencies. The Safe Child ID

table will be available at the Community Relations Exhibit Aug. 13, 15, and 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOUNTED PATROL AND K-9 DIVISIONS

Keep an eye out for the Mounted Patrol Unit, who will be patrolling the fairgrounds on horseback. They're happy to pose for photos and answer questions. Also, meet the K-9 team - Sergeant Jeffrey Clark with K-9 Edge, and Deputy Justin Mohr with K-9 Dexter. Check the daily schedule at the exhibit for specific times to see these photogenic teams in action.

With these tips and a little preparation, you can enjoy all the Delaware County Fair has to offer while staying safe and secure. Sheriff DuMond and his team look forward to ensuring a fun and safe environment for everyone.

FRAUD INFORMATION

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Spark of Learning: Fire Prevention at DelCo Fair

At this year's Delaware County Fair, the Delaware County Firefighters Association is turning up the heat on safety education.

Their Fire Prevention exhibit, located on Tweedie Boulevard near the antique engine club, promises a week of engaging activities and essential learning for all ages.

Visitors can explore a display of photos showcasing emergency responses over the years, highlighting the bravery and dedication of local firefighters. The exhibit isn't just about looking back; it's also about

empowering fairgoers with practical knowledge. Children can dive into hands-on activities and interactive games designed to teach fire safety practices in a fun and memorable way. Special guests like Sparky the Fire Dog, Henry the Fire Hydrant, Edith the Fire Extinguisher, and Emsley the EMS Dog will be making appearances, adding an extra spark of excitement.

"You're never too old or too young to learn about fire safety for yourself, your family, or your community," says Dallis Wright of Delaware County Emergency Services. "If we can make a difference in one child's life by teaching and providing handouts, we've been successful."

The exhibit also offers educational handouts for adults and fun items for kids.

For those considering a future in emergency services, exhibit volunteers are on hand to provide guidance and information on how to join local fire departments or emergency service squads.

The Delaware County

Firefighters Association's fair, combining fun, nostalgia, and crucial safety information to protect and inspire the community.



VESPERS SERVICE SUNDAY, AUG. 11

The Walton Ministerial Association sponsors a Sunday evening vespers service at the Delaware County Fairgrounds for the convenience of those preparing exhibits and caring for animals or anyone visiting the grounds that evening that would like to attend.

This year's vespers ser-

vice is Sunday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the entertainment tent. Ron Galley will deliver the message, Ray Bartlett will lead the choir accompanied by Karen Ball. Anyone interested in singing with the choir is invited to rehearsal at 5:30 at the entertainment tent.

Fun fact: vespers means "a liturgy of evening prayer."



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WALTON TEEN PREPARES PIG FOR DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR



Kendyll McDonald will show five-month-old Barbara Jean in the swine market class at the Delaware County Fair.

WALTON - While the Delaware County Fair may only last a week each year, back home on the family farm - Dam Broke Farm - Kendyll McDonald, 13, spends nearly the entire year not only preparing her animals for show, but doing her part to ensure all other animals on the farm are taken care of.

Between school, sports, and a social life, Kendyll carves time before, sometimes during and after her other obligations to finish barn chores to work with her animals in order to prepare them for the Delaware County Fair, she said.

Kendyll has shown horses, pigs, and sheep in her

show career, she said; this year, she will show five-month-old Barbara Jean in the swine market classes.

To prepare Barbara Jean for show, Kendyll said she feeds her a slightly different mix of feed each day than the other pigs get. Additionally, Barbara Jean is a big fan of marshmallows, which Kendyll said she uses as a treat for motivation when teaching Barbara Jean how to properly walk in preparation for showing.

Of all the animals she has shown, Kendyll said she prefers pigs because of their bold personalities and how they engage with her. As Kendyll spoke about it, Barbara Jean displayed her headstrong personality by walking herself back to the barn and opening her pen door to rejoin her friends inside.

Kendyll said she most enjoys the competition when



Kendyll McDonald works with her young pig, Barbara Jean, on the family farm while Huck Kelly leads their donkey Chief.

showing animals, and the intensity of the moment when she steps into the show ring. Though showing animals is about more than winning, Kendyll said, as she looks forward to spending time with her friends who also show animals each year.

Kendra Taggart Wiggans, Kendyll's mom, agreed, and

said she appreciates the opportunity 4-H provides her kids to maintain generational friendships with the children of people she used to show animals with. Kendyll and her younger sister Korbryn are the fourth generation of the family to show animals at the Delaware County Fair, Taggart Wiggans said.



Kendyll McDonald has shown horses, pigs, and sheep at the Delaware County Fair, she said, but is hands-on with all types of animals on her family's farm - including their donkey, Chief.

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Preparing to show animals at the Delaware County Fair is a year-round job for the McDonald sisters Kendyll and Korbyn, they said, and is only possible by each family member doing their part. Pictures from left is Korbyn McDonald, Huck Kelly, Kendyll McDonald, and mom Kendra Taggart Wiggins.

On Dam Broke Farm, whether it's preparing for show season or just day-to-day barn chores, the operation only runs smoothly when each person is pitching in to do their part, Taggart Wiggins said.

The teamwork encouraged at home on the farm is translated in the ring, as each of Taggart Wiggins'

kids have earned the sportsmanship award for going above and beyond to help out others during shows, she said.

"It's like a sports team. It's family, it's teamwork. There's no way around it. There's so much that I couldn't do without them, and they couldn't do without me."



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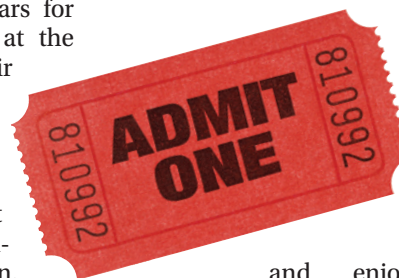
SENIOR CITIZEN DAY AT THE FAIR

Mark your calendars for Senior Citizen Day at the Delaware County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 15. Seniors can enjoy a day full of festivities at a special discounted rate of just \$5—half off the standard \$10 admission. This year's fair features increased handicapped parking availability, ensuring convenient access for everyone.

The day offers an affordable opportunity to reconnect with the community, experience local culture,

and enjoy a range of entertainment and activities.

The day's lineup includes horse, cattle and swine shows, a cowboy challenge, cooking demonstrations, sheep Olympics and a costume contest as well as plenty of live entertainment.



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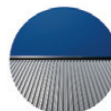
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TIMELESS TREASURES: VINTAGE TRACTORS AND ANTIQUE MACHINERY AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

In a world where technology races forward, there's a place where the engines of yesteryear are still celebrated. At the 137th Delaware County Fair, the Catskill Mountain Antique Engine and Machinery Club offers a nostalgic glimpse into the past with their impressive display of antique tractors and equipment. This dedicated group of about 115 members, established in 1991, has a mission to preserve and promote the

rich heritage of the Catskill Mountain region's agricultural machinery.

Positioned near the 4-H and art buildings, the antique tractor barn stands as a monument to bygone eras. Completed in 2014 with a silo added a few years later, the barn is more than just a showcase; it's a gathering place where history comes alive. The annual press luncheon finds its home here, surrounded by vintage marvels that once powered

farms and families.

This year's exhibit promises a fascinating array of machinery. Visitors can marvel at antique tractors and farm equipment, including a running sawmill, a corn sheller, a corn blower, and a buzz saw — all powered by hit-and-miss engines. The display also features stationary engines that once ran milker pumps, washing machines, and threshers, providing a tactile connection to the ingenuity of past genera-



tions. Hand tools, ranging from chisels and chains to scythes and old drill bits, tell stories of craftsmanship and hard work. Unique items, like an old-fashioned milker and a vintage hay loader, offer a peek into the evolution of farming practices.

Beyond the machinery, the exhibit is a hub of activity and education. Children can enjoy free activities at the barn, such as a barrel ride and a corn pit, making it a perfect family destination. The club also engages the community by raffling items from antique pedal tractors to miniature covered bridges and handmade tractor flower planters. This year, fairgoers can purchase raffle tickets — six for \$5 or \$1 each — with the draw taking place on Saturday night.

Proceeds from the raffle and other activities support the club's efforts to keep agricultural traditions alive. Each year, the club donates a jacket to local FFA chapters, including those in Sidney, Walton, Bainbridge, Windsor, Sullivan West, and Delhi, as a gesture of encouragement and support. The FFA members, who represent the next generation of agricultural enthusiasts, distribute refreshments during the annual press lun-

cheon. Their families are offered a complimentary one-year membership in the club. This initiative not only promotes agricultural preservation but also inspires young people to appreciate and uphold these timeless traditions.

The club's membership offers various levels — individual and family memberships are available for \$15 and \$20 annually, respectively. For those interested in joining or learning more, the antique tractor barn at the fair serves as an open invitation. Alternatively, potential members can call 607-865-7207 or send a private message to the Catskill Mountain Antique Engine and Machinery Club Inc. on Facebook.

The antique tractor barn reflects the enduring power and charm of the past. Here, history isn't just preserved; it's celebrated and shared, reminding us all of the simple, rugged beauty of agricultural life and the machinery that made it possible. Whether you're a history buff, a tractor enthusiast, or simply looking for a unique experience, this exhibit is a must-see, offering a tangible link to the storied agricultural roots of Delaware County.

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A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES

DELAWARE COUNTY'S HONORING PARADE

To honor and recognize active and retired military service members, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency services providers, there will be a Heroes Parade at the Delaware County Fair, Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Parade participants will line up at 5 p.m., entering the fairgrounds near the village's wastewater treatment plant. The event will be preceded by a memorial service at 6:45 p.m. on the main stage, commemorating the firefighters who have

individuals, groups, businesses, Boy and Girl Scouts, motorcycle clubs, dance groups, and others are welcome to march.

In 2023, around 40 groups participated, and the parade committee, led by organizer Dallis Wright, hopes



This celebration, set to kick off at 7 p.m., will travel along the fairgrounds track, from the horse arena to the EMS building.

passed away over the past year. The Heroes Parade is not just a tribute to uniformed service members; it's an inclusive event where

to exceed that number this year. Wright, who has a long history with the event, started as a fire queen and has been a dedicated participant for over three decades. Her father, the late Mike Harrington Sr., once



oversaw the parade, passing the torch to Wright. Now, the Delaware County Firefighters Association coordinates every detail, from the parade lineup to providing announcers, judges, and awarding trophies, plaques, and prizes.

For those eager to join this heartfelt homage to lo-

cal heroes, contact Dallis Wright at 607-372-1526 or Delaware County Emergency Services at 607-832-5600. With free grandstand entry, it's an event where the community can come together, reflect, and celebrate the courage and commitment of those who safeguard their lives.



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LITTLE GOATS, BIG DREAMS

ROB AND WALTER, THE BOER GOATS

FRANKLIN - At the Delaware County Fair, the excitement isn't just in the rides or the cotton candy; it's also in the livestock barns, where young exhibitors like Ryan Groff, 8, of Franklin, are preparing to showcase market animals they have raised for the fair's annual 4-H



Walter, an 8-month old Boer goat, likes to climb, his owner Ryan Groff said.

livestock auction. This year, Groff is entering the meat goat classes with her two Boer goats, Rob and Walter, who she says are more like dogs than goats.

Groff is no stranger to farm animals. She spends time on her grandparents' farm where her brothers, Tyler and Carter, are readying their steers for the fair; and she is an accomplished horseback rider - for an 8-year old.

Raising goats is a new venture for the Groff family where the size of the animal is more manageable and a little less daunting than beef steers, said Ryan's mother Amanda. "They can help build confidence," she said. Ryan is new to 4-H and is a member of the This-n-That Country Crew 4-H club.

This is her first year showing animals in 4-H, though she has previously exhibited in open cattle classes.

PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY

Ryan has been preparing Rob and Walter, wethers - or neutered goats - who were born in January, for their moment in the spotlight - or show ring. Each day begins with Ryan providing fresh water and a healthy mix of grain and hay. She's also discovered that goats, like many farm animals, have a penchant for variety.

"They have a salt block in there, too. But they love Froot Loops; it's the only thing we've gotten them to eat as a treat," Ryan said.

As the fair approaches, Ryan practices setting up her goats, a crucial skill in showing.

"You pick their front hooves up, set them down square, and make sure they're standing just right," she explains.



Ryan Groff will show her Boer goats, Walter and Rob, in market classes at the 137th Delaware County Fair.



FAVORITE FAIR FOOD

Bloomin' Onion (and I don't like onions!) - Kaci Anderson

A NEW VENTURE IN LIVESTOCK

This preparation isn't just about training the goats; it's about building a bond of trust. Ryan even tries to simulate the fair environment at home, where someone acts as a judge, directing her on how to present her goats.

For the Groff family, goats are a new venture. Despite being a novice, Ryan and her goats have already tasted some success, competing in the Cooperstown Junior Livestock Show. It's

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Walter the goat follows Ryan Groff similar to a dog walking on a leash.

also important to have fun, learn and enjoy the process, Amanda said.

THE PERSONALITY OF GOATS

Goats are known for their quirky personalities, and Rob and Walter are no exception. Rob, the brown

one, has a penchant for mischief.

"He just lays down when we try to walk him with a collar, but with a rope halter, he's great," Amanda said.

Goats, as it turns out, have quite the knack for getting into things — Amanda re-

calls a time when the goats managed to lock themselves inside the house, meeting the family at the door alongside their dog.

FUN FACTS ABOUT BOER GOATS

Boer goats, the breed of Rob and Walter, are known for their robust build and rapid growth, making them a popular choice for meat production. Originating from South Africa, these goats have distinctively white bodies with red or brown heads. They are ruminants, meaning they have a specialized digestive system similar to sheep, allowing them to efficiently process a variety of plant materials.

Boer goats are also known for their calm disposition and strong maternal instincts. Their horns, made of keratin—the same material as human fingernails—grow throughout their lives and are an indicator of the goat's health and vigor.

The goats' bodies are shaved for show ring competition, Ryan said, but they keep a little puff of hair at the tip of their tails.

Aside from raising live-



Ryan Groff, 8, of Franklin, with her Boer goat, Rob.

stock, Ryan participates in a variety of sports including soccer, basketball and softball. In the fall, Ryan will enter fourth grade.

Ryan has sent out invitations to would-be bidders for the 4-H livestock auction. Before that they will compete in goat and sheep Olympics and the 4-H costume contest on Thursday

evening at 6:30 p.m., where Walter - or Rob - will be masked as a pinata, led by Ryan outfitted as a birthday girl. The events will take place in the livestock barn.

The 137th Delaware County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction will be Saturday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Livestock Barn show ring.



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'SHEEP'ING UP NICELY: PREPARING FOR THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

WALTON - Young farmers and children involved in agriculture are preparing for exhibitor classes at the Delaware County Fair. From cows and horses to pigs and poultry, children across the county spend months preparing their animals for ex-

hibits and shows, including Walton youth Korbyn McDonald, 12.

Korbyn will show her five-month-old wether lamb, Boone, in the market class at the Delaware County Fair this year, she said, seeking yet another win. Boone and

Korbyn were Grand Champions of the market class division at the Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown in July, Korbyn said.

Boone was born at the family's Dam Broke Farm in Walton, Korbyn said. Lambs show potential for success in market shows at a very young age, Korbyn said, so she has raised Boone with the intention of showing him since shortly after his birth on Feb. 3.

Korbyn explained when showing lambs in market classes, judges are looking for strong, healthy muscle tone in the legs and the loin.

The most expensive cut of lamb - lamb chops - come from the loin, Korbyn said.

To prepare Boone for the show, Korbyn does her daily chores and ensures the lamb is properly fed and taken care of, but also is sure to spend time working with him to teach him how to walk and stand for show.

Korbyn must teach Boone how to lead and be used to

the level of activity required for show week, as well as trust Korbyn to know he is not in any danger, she said.

Korbyn said she enjoys each and every aspect of showing animals, but truly enjoys the cuteness of the animals she raises and shows. Hampshire lambs like Boone are one of Korbyn's favorites because of their "fluffy faces," she said.

Each year, the family does



Korbyn McDonald and Boone recently took Grand Champion in the market class division at the Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown in July.

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Korbyn McDonald with her five-month-old lamb Boone. Korbyn will show Boone in the market classes at the Delaware County Fair.



Korbyn, pictured right, and her sister Kendyll McDonald, work together to clean five-month-old lamb Boone.

a "raffle" for the children to pick the animals they want to raise and show, mom Kendra Taggart Wiggins said.

"Last year, [Korbyn] just took the ones she thought were the cutest," Wiggins said.

Korbyn and her siblings, Kendyll and Levi, carve time out of their busy schedules, between school and sports, for their routine barn chores and to prepare their animals to be shown at the Delaware County Fair.

WALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL 2024 EVENTS

Walton Historical Society (WHS) administration and members hope to see many at the WHS booth at the Delaware County Fair, Aug. 12 -17.

This year's fair display will be themed: the Cannonsville Reservoir, which has become a very popular topic over the summer. There will be many photo albums and other things to sit down and browse through, and Mike Schowe has put together an informative slide show that will run continuously each day the week.

While you are at the fair get yourself a 2025 Walton Historical Society calendar, "Ads of Yesteryear from 1900" and a White Rock t-shirt.

Sept. 14, our ever-popular "If Gravestones Could Talk," living cemetery history tour returns. Tour times are 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., cost is \$10 per person, and those attending can either walk or

ride a trolley on the day of the event.

Eight prominent folks will be portrayed from our community. Actors and actresses will be explaining what their lives were like and who they were. Tickets can be purchased at www.walton-historicalsociety.org at the Eells House, 9 Townsend Street Fridays 2-6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and at the fair booth at the Delaware County Fair.

After a hugely successful 2023 event, the second annual Walton Fall Market

sponsored by WHS will return Oct. 12. This year we will host over 75 vendors and feature everything from antiques, collectibles, baked goods, farmer markets, jewelry makers, woodworkers, and many more. A full day of entertainment is scheduled, at least five food trucks with covered seating, and so much more. This is a rain-or-shine event at the Delaware County Fairgrounds; \$2 admission, free parking, and under 12 admitted free.

If you would like to be a vendor that day email waltonhistoricalsociety@outlook.com for a vendor form and more info. We hope you that you can make it to one or all of our events occurring in the next three months or stop at the Eells House, 9 Townsend Street, on Fridays from 2-6 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a visit and see our Made in Walton display that runs until the end of August.



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Get ready for a day of roaring engines and mighty machines as the 137th Delaware County Fair hosts its much-anticipated tractor pulls Wednesday, Aug. 14. The excitement kicks off with a Stock Farm Tractor Pull at 9:30 a.m., track side, sponsored by Marshal Machinery.

For many in the region, tractor pulling isn't just a sport; it's a cherished tradition. It harkens back to the days when farmers would take their trusty tractors from the fields to the fairgrounds, vying for bragging rights by pulling the heaviest loads.

The sport has since evolved into a heavy motor sport.

The day's main event, set for 7 p.m., features the New York Tractor Pullers Association (NYTPA). This organization, a staple of the Delaware County Fair for over 20 years, continues to bring high-octane excitement to the fairgrounds.

Tractor pulling's roots run deep. Long before tractors, farmers boasted about the strength of their horse teams, competing to see who had the most powerful animals. The sport gained structure in 1969 when



representatives from eight states formed the National

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BREWING UP COMPETITION: UNLEASHING AMATEUR TALENT AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

As the Delaware County Fair gears up for its 137th year, excitement is brewing—literally. This year's fair will spotlight the 2024 Amateur Beer, Wine and Cider Competition, an event that has quietly grown over the past seven years but promises a robust turnout this time around.

Lisa Calaci, department superintendent, is optimistic about a surge in participation.

"We've had a lot of people requesting this category, and it's surprising we haven't had more entries before," she said.

Despite Delaware County's thriving community of homebrewers, the competition has seen modest entries in previous years.

However, with categories for beer, wine, cider, and even label design, Calaci hopes this year will attract a diverse array of submissions.

CRAFTING EXCELLENCE

Participants must reside in Delaware County and be unaffiliated with commercial winemaking. Judging is conducted by experts with no ties to the fair, ensuring an unbiased assessment based on color, body, aroma, and taste.

Former Judge Ray Pucci of East Meredith explains, "Everyone's taste is subjective, but there are certain expectations we all have. The fun part is the incredible variety we encounter."

Previous com-

petitions have seen entries ranging from traditional grape wines to inventive creations like dandelion and rhubarb wines.

"There were definitely some that stood out," Pucci recalls, emphasizing that an unquantifiable "thing" often sets winners apart.

THE ART OF HOME BREWING

Home brewing is a rewarding hobby, combining minimal ingredients with simple methods to yield intricate flavors. For wine, essential ingredients include fruit, flower, sugar, yeast, and a lot of patience. Beer brew-

ing involves malted barley, hops, yeast, and water, while cider-making starts with fresh, ripe apples. Each process requires fermentation, a critical step where yeast converts sugars into alcohol.

"Frothiness is key for beer," Calaci notes. "A good beer should be full-bodied and rich, with a nice foam head. It's a sign that everything went right."

The beer category has seen more specific entries, primarily light beers and IPAs, though Ca-

laci hopes for more variety in future competitions.

RAISING THE STAKES

The competition includes monetary prizes, adding an extra incentive for participants. In previous years, entries have been mostly from individuals aged 30-40, but the hope is to see broader participation across all age groups.

The Amateur Beer, Wine and Cider Competition is a celebration of creativity, skill, and the rich tradition of home brewing — a perfect complement to the fair's vibrant atmosphere.

For those interested in participating, contact Lisa Calaci at 607-372-1526 or visit the fair's official website. Toast the talents of Delaware County's finest home brewers at this year's fair. Cheers!



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BROTHERS IN BEEF: RAISING STEERS



Brothers Tyler and Carter Groff and their father Dillon with the boys' show-steers.

FRANKLIN - Carter, 14, and Tyler Groff, 13, of Franklin, are brothers with a passion for agriculture and a knack for raising top-quality beef steers. As they prepare for the 137th Delaware County Fair, the duo is focused on readying their Shorthorn-Charolais cross-breeds, "Norm" and "Pad-

dington," for Saturday's 4-H auction.

Raising a beef steer for the fair is a year-long commitment. The Groff brothers start working with their animals around Christmas, teaching them to walk with a halter and getting them accustomed to the noises and activities of a show en-

vironment. This involves daily routines of feeding, washing, and conditioning to ensure their steers are not only in peak physical condition but also calm and cooperative in the show ring.

Tyler, experienced with various animal breeds, explains how he keeps a steer calm and cooperative.

"You don't hit an animal," he said. If an animal does something "bad," it's just trying to learn, he explained. "It doesn't know what's going on. And it's scared."

He leads by example, he said. "Take your confidence and put it in the animal because the animals can sense what you're feeling," he said with wisdom and experience. "If you're brave, and you know what you're doing, then they'll be brave, and they will want to follow you."

You get respect from an animal, by showing the animal respect, Tyler said knowingly.

An ideal market steer typically weighs between 1,300 and 1,500 pounds. Groffs' steers are smaller bodied and well-muscled.

"You want them to be like a box," Carter explained, referring to the importance of a squared-off back and proper muscle conformation.

The boys pay attention to the animals' diets, feeding

them grain and hay twice daily to achieve the desired finish — a term that refers to the right balance of muscle and fat.

Caring for a beef steer also comes with financial lessons. The brothers are re-



Carter Groff, 14, of Franklin, demonstrates how to "set up" a steer for the show ring.



You get respect from an animal by giving respect to an animal, Tyler Groff said.



FAVORITE FAIR FOOD

Funnel Cake with Powdered Sugar - Kim Shepard



You want your steer to look like a box, Carter says.

sponsible for covering their animals' feed and veterinary costs, using proceeds from the auction to fund future projects. With current beef prices strong, the Groffs are

hopeful for a good return. Beef prices are currently about \$2.20 per pound "on-the-hoof," a promising figure for their efforts.

Once the fair is over, the

brothers will be shopping for their next project animals with their father Dillon. A steer project, Dillons said, is the biggest animal project a 4-Her can do. While smaller animals, like sheep, pigs or goats can wait until spring - a new beef animal project for the following year's fair begins almost immediately. They will purchase new beef steers with their auction proceeds.

Outside of raising a steer for fair, Carter and Tyler are active in sports like baseball, basketball, and trap shooting. They also enjoy hunting, fishing, and are members of Future Farmers of America (FFA), where they continue to develop their agricultural skills.

For these brothers, the highlight of showing at the fair isn't just the competition but the friendships and community they find along the way. As Tyler puts it, "You want to win, but you also want to have fun."

And with the color and unique traits of their steers, the Groff brothers are set to stand out in the show ring, showcasing not just their

animals but the dedication and hard work that goes into raising them.



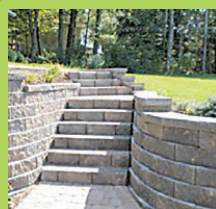
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SUNDAY, AUG. 11

- 9 am** Open Horse Show
- Driving, Mini and English Show Horses
- 9:30 am** Jersey Parish Show
- 10 am** Open Goat Show
- 10 am** New Hope Church Service - *Entertainment Court*
- 12-4 pm** Youth Building (4-H) Exhibits Judged
- 5 pm** All 4-H Beef Cattle MUST be in place
- *Livestock Barn*
- 5 pm** Vesper Service Choir Practice
- 6 pm** Vesper Service - *Entertainment Court*

MONDAY, AUG. 12

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4-H/Youth Building
The Basics of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- 8:30 am** All Day Garden Tractor Pull
- *Track - Sponsored by Randy Howell*
- 9 am** Open Meat Goat Show
- 10:30-11 am** 4-H Snack - Fruit parfait - *Youth Building*
- 12 pm** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 12 pm to 4pm** Youth (4-H) Exhibits Judged - *Youth Building*
- 1 pm** Weigh-In of 4-H Auction Animals - *Livestock Barn*
- 1 pm** Northern Star Music - *Entertainment Court*
- 4-5:30 pm** How to make dressings (Buttermilk Ranch, Vinaigrette, Oriental) *CCE Human Ecology Building*
- 2 pm** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 3 pm** Illusionist - David Garrity - *Entertainment Court*
- 3 pm** 4-H Sheep BCS Clinic - *Sheep Area*
- 3-5 pm** 4-H Auction Animal Project Records Due
- 4 pm** All Youth 4-H Building Exhibits must be in place
- 4 pm** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 5 pm** 4-H Animal Exhibits must be in place
- 5-7 pm** Randy's Nashville Sound - *Entertainment Court*
- 5:30 pm** 4-H Table Settings Set Up - *Youth Building*
- 6 pm** 4-H Table Settings Judging - *Youth Building*
- 7 pm** Dairy Exhibitor Meeting - *Dairy Show Ring*
- 7:30 pm** Livestock Exhibitor Meeting - *Livestock Show Ring*
- 7:30-10:30 pm** The WOODSHED PROPHETS BAND
- *Entertainment Court*
- 7 pm** **DEMOLITION DERBY**



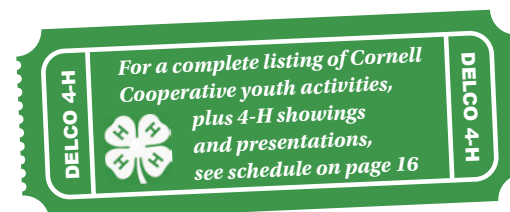
TUESDAY, AUG. 13

CHILDREN'S DAY



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
The Basics of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- As Scheduled:** 4-H Public Presentations - *Youth Building*
- As Scheduled:** 4-H Youth Activities - *Youth Building*
- 8:30 am** 4-H Dairy & Meat Goat Show - *Livestock Barn*
- 9 am** 4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana)
- *Horse Arena*
- 9:30 am** 4-H Cavy Showmanship Show - *Rabbit Show Ring*
4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Show
- *Dairy Cattle Barn*
- 10 am** 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Show - *Rabbit Show Ring*
- 10:30-11 am** 4-H Snack - Strawberry S'mores - *Youth Building*
- 11 am** Kids Power Wheels Derby Sign Up - *Track Side*
- 11 am** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 12 pm** Northern Star Music - *Entertainment Court*
- 2 pm** Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
- 1 pm** 4-H Sheep - *Livestock Show Ring*
- 1 pm** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 1 pm** **Bike Giveaway - Sign ups at 1 pm**
- 2 pm** 4-H Goat BCS Clinic - *Goat Area*
- 4-5:30 pm** The Basics of Cooking - Creamy Chicken and Rice
Soup - *CCE Human Ecology Building*
- 3 pm** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 4 pm** Wildlife Federation Children's Drawing
- 4 pm** KARAOKE CONTEST (Youth and Junior)
- 6 pm** Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship
- *Youth Building*
- 6:30 pm** **4-H Parade** - *Track-Grandstands*
- 7 pm** KARAOKE CONTEST (Adult) - *Entertainment Court*
- 7 pm** Cornhole Tournament - *TBD on Fair Grounds*
- 7 pm** **The Hero's Parade**- *Track-Grandstands*
- 8 pm** Areli Equine Entertainment: Western Trick,
Roman, Rosin Back, Trick & Stick Riding



2024 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity-
4-H/Youth Building
The Basic of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentations - *Youth Building*
As Scheduled 4-H Activities - *Youth Building*
9 am 4-H Beef Cattle Show - *Livestock Barn*
4-H Horse Show (Western; Gymkhana)
- *Horse Arena*
9:30 am Stock Farm Tractor Pull
- *Track Side - Sponsored by Marshal Machinery*
9:30 am 4-H Cavy Breeds Show
10:30 - 11 am 4-H Snack: Ants on a Log - *Youth Building*
11 am Northern Star Music - *Entertainment Court*
12 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
1-3 pm BLUEGRASS MUSIC w/Northern Star
2 pm Open Swine Show (following 4-H Beef Show)
4 - 5:30 pm The Basics of Cooking - Mediterranean Egg Wrap -
CCE Human Ecology Building
3 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
3 pm 4-H Dairy or Non-Auction Beet Weigh-in Clinic
4 pm 4-H Dairy Challenge - *Dairy Show Ring*
4 pm Illusionist David Garrity - *Entertainment Court*
5-6 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
7-10 pm DRIFTWOODS BAND- *Entertainment Court*
7 pm NYTPA Super Stock Combo,
Modified, Two Wheel Drive
8 pm Areli Equine Entertainment: Western Trick, Roman,
Rosin Back, Trick & Stick Riding



THURSDAY, AUG. 15

SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY - SENIORS \$5 ADMISSION



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity-
4-H/Youth Building
The Basic of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- As Scheduled** Youth Activities - *Youth Building*
As Scheduled 4-H Public Presentations - *Youth Building*
8 am Open Horse Show - Hunter Division Horse & Pony
9 am 4-H Swine Show - *Livestock Barn*
Antique Tractor Pull
- *Track - Sponsored by Coughlin & Gerhardt*
9:30 am Open Class Cattle Show
Open Class Beef Show (after the 4-H Swine Show)
10:30-11 am 4-H Snack: Banana Sushi - *Youth Building*
11-12 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
12-1 pm Randy's Nashville Sound - *Entertainment Court*
1-2 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
2 pm 4-H Poultry Show - *Poultry Barn*
2-3 pm Randy's Nashville Sound - *Entertainment Court*
4-5:30 pm The Basics of Cooking: Four Cheese and Macaroni
- *CCE Human Ecology Building*
3-4 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
5 pm Cowboy Challenge
4-6 pm Singing Oldies Mary Frances Perricone
- *Entertainment Court*
6 pm Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
6:30 pm 4-H Sheep Olympics followed by 4-H Animal Dress-
up Contest - *Livestock Barn*
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2024 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUG. 16



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
The Basic of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- As Scheduled** 4-H Public Presentation - *Youth Building*
As Scheduled Youth Activities - *Youth Building*
9 am Open Horse Show - Western Division
9:30 am Open Class Cattle Show
FFA Judging and Demonstration
8 am Final Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals
- *Livestock Barn*
10:30 - 11 am 4-H Snack: Low Fat Dressing and Veggies
- *Youth Building*
11-12 pm Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
Noon 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest - *Poultry Barn*
Open Sheep Show
1 pm Fashion Textile Showcase, Mannequin Modeling,
Presentation of the Elinor Kellett Memorial Award
12-1 pm Catskill Dance Expo - *Entertainment Court*
1 - 2 pm Buffalo & Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
2 pm Northern Star Music - *Entertainment Court*
4 pm Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
4 - 5:30 pm The Basics of Cooking: Vegetable Fried Rice - *CCE Human Ecology Building*
2 pm 4-H Beef BCS Clinic - *Beef Area*
5-7 pm Nashville Recording Artist - CANAAN JAMES
- *Entertainment Court*
7 pm 4-H Goat Olympics - *Livestock Barn*
4-H Sheep Exhibitor Dinner following Open Sheep
Show - *Livestock Barn*
7 pm 406 FMX Stunt Show
(4 Wheelers, UTV's, Motorcycles)
7 pm TOM NEWMAN MEMORIAL HORSE PULL - *Horse Show Ring*
7:30-10:30 pm SUNDOWN BAND - *Entertainment Court*

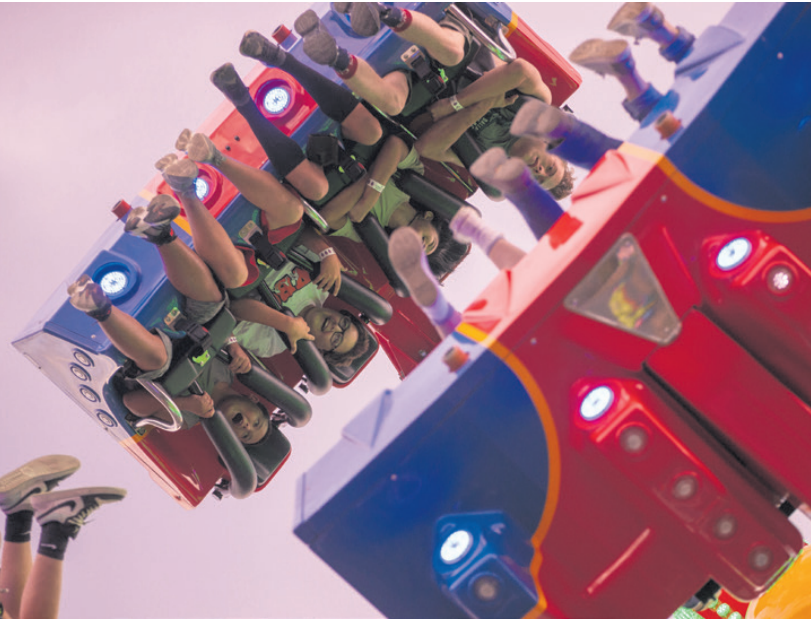


SATURDAY, AUG. 17



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
The Basic of Cooking
- CCE Human Ecology Program

- As Scheduled** Youth Activities - *Youth Building*
9 am Open Horse Show - Gymkhana Division
9 am 4-H Master Livestock Showman Competition
- *Livestock Barn*
10:30 - 11 am 4-H Snack: Loaded Apple Slices
11 am 4-H Livestock Herdsmanship Awards
- *Livestock Barn*
11 - 1 pm Buffalo & Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
Noon Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Dinner - *Dairy Cattle Barn*
Cornhole Tournament - *TBD on Fair Grounds*
1-4:30 pm Karaoke Finals - *Entertainment Court*
2 pm 4-H Livestock Auction - *Livestock Barn Show Ring*
4-5:30 pm The Basics of Cooking: Pretzels with Sauce
- *CCE Human Ecology Building*
4:30pm Smelly Footwear Contest - *Entertainment Court*
6 pm Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
6 pm DEMOLITION DERBY
7 pm Cornhole Tournament - *TBD on Fair Grounds*
7 pm - 11 pm THE BARNYARD SAINTS BAND
- *Entertainment Court*
8 pm All Exhibits Released (all animals and all Youth Building projects).





Mary Mascioli, 17, will exhibit 15 chickens at the 2024 Delaware County Fair including Dazzle, a Cochin hen.

WALTON - A 17-year old poultry enthusiast Mary Mascioli is nurturing a unique passion—raising and exhibiting show-quality laying hens. For Mascioli, chickens are not just livestock but beloved companions, each with distinct per-

sonalities. She is preparing to chase a grand champion repeat with her prized Cochin hens, a breed celebrated for its beauty and charm.

Mascioli has become an ambassador for the humble chicken. As an independent 4-H member, she has spent

years cultivating her knowledge and love for poultry.

Raising chickens is more than just a hobby — it's a passion that requires attention to detail.

"Chickens are such interesting animals," she said. "They're surprisingly smart."

Her fascination with chickens began at a young age, and has since evolved into a deep understanding of breeds, care, and show standards.

Among the different breeds in her care, Cochins hold a special place in her heart. Known for their fluffy, round appearance and gentle nature, these birds come in various colors, from the classic black and white to the striking mottled variety.

"Cochins are like big, round puffballs with feathered feet," she explained.

Showing chickens at the fair is like a beauty contest, she said. The exhibitor

must also demonstrate their knowledge by identifying different parts of the chicken.

This year Mascioli has entered 15 birds in the fair, though the final number may vary based on the birds' condition. Some, like the black Australorps and Andalusians, will be shown in the egg production category, highlighting their utility alongside their beauty.

THE ART OF THE SHOW BIRD

Winning isn't just about having a pretty bird. Judges look for specific traits known as conformation, which refers to how well a chicken matches the breed's standards. This includes the bird's size, shape, feather quality, and even the color and pattern of its plumage. Mascioli is well-versed in the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection, a detailed guide that

outlines the ideal characteristics of each chicken breed.

Her preparation involves more than just reading; it includes hands-on care and grooming.

"Before a show, I make sure my chickens are in top condition," she explained.

That means bathing, checking their feathers for mites, and making sure their combs and wattles are bright red. A chicken's diet also plays a crucial role. Protein-rich feed help ensure strong, glossy feathers.

FUN FACTS ABOUT CHICKENS

Lifespan: Chickens generally live between 7 to 10 years, though some can live longer with proper care.

Communication: Chickens have a complex communication system, using more than 20 different vocalizations to signal everything from alarm calls to contentment, Mascioli said.

Breeds and Colors: There are hundreds of chicken breeds, each with unique characteristics. The Cochin breed, for example, comes in a variety of colors, including black, white, blue, splash, and more.

Egg Laying: Hens typically start laying eggs at 5 to 6



The color of eggs a hen will lay is determined by the color of its earlobes.



Mascioli raises a variety of chicken breeds.



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A Cochin rooster, with frizzy-appearing feathers lives with a flock of hens.

months old and can lay one egg per day, though they often slow down or stop producing eggs in the winter.

Roosters: Roosters are not necessary for egg production.

THE PERILS OF PREDATORS

Raising chickens isn't without its challenges, and one of the most daunting is protecting them from predators. Mascioli's chickens face threats from a variety of wildlife, including hawks, foxes, skunks, and minks.

"Predators are always a concern," she said.

She's made her coop as secure as possible using hard wire instead of chicken wire on the windows to make it harder for predators to break through.

"Hawks are a big problem around here," she said.

AVIAN FLU AND BIOSECURITY

Avian flu or influenza is deadly, Mascioli said;



Chickens are smart and recognize the pouch Mascioli keeps treats in, which she scatters here.



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once a member of the flock contracts it, it will quickly spread and infect the entire flock, and worse - it's deadly. However, she continued, the good news is avian flu is rarely seen in backyard flocks. Instead, she tells, avian flu is seen in commercial chicken operations, which contain hundreds or thousands of birds kept in close quarters with poor ventilation. Before poultry is permitted on the fairgrounds it must be tested for both avian flu and salmonella. The tests are nearly instantaneous and require a pinprick of blood from the wing.

Avian flu can be transmitted to other species and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that there is a ongoing multi-state outbreak in dairy cattle. Since 2022, 14 cases of avian flu have been reported in people from three states - Michigan, Colorado and Texas.

In New York, the CDC reports avian flu cases in Tompkins, Orleans, Monroe, Wayne and Onondaga counties.

To prevent avian flu, practice biosecurity, Mascioli said: limit visitors, keep wild birds away, disinfect poultry houses, quarantine new birds or birds returning from show until certain they are disease free.

THE ROAD TO THE FAIR

Mascioli is excited to showcase her birds and connect with other poultry enthusiasts. Her chickens, meticulously groomed and prepped, will vie for blue ribbons. Beyond the competition, it's an opportunity for Mascioli to share her passion and educate others about the joys and challenges of raising chickens. She is always happy to answer questions and mentor others, she said.



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Farmers market coupons will be available during the day. A counselor will be at the booth to answer Medicare questions.

There will be information available about how to sign up for all OFA programs including the SHINE nutrition program, how to access

non-emergency medical transportation and bus service for older adults living in Delaware County.

OFA Director Wayne Shepard will man the booth Thursday and Friday and looks forward to meeting fairgoers and answering questions.

Delaware County Office for the Aging is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024!

Two upcoming events for Delaware County older adults are the ninth annual

health and senior fun day on Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 4-H Camp Shankintunk. There will be more than 50 exhibitors and day-long entertainment. Expired or unused medications may be dropped off at that time.

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HORSEPOWER: TEAMING UP



At the Delaware County Fair, a time-honored event displaying equine prowess will take center stage as horse teams enter the arena, showcasing a tradition of strength and history. The 137th Delaware County

Fair offers horse team competition that draw both seasoned horse enthusiasts and curious newcomers, eager to witness the majesty of these animals and the skilled drivers who guide them.

Horse teams, once essential to the daily life and economy of rural America, are celebrated here as a testament to the past. Originally, these powerful teams were the backbone of agriculture, industry, and trans-

portation, pulling plows, wagons, and logging sleds through the rugged terrain of Delaware County. The fair's competition offers a window into that rich heritage, illustrating the pivotal role these teams played in shaping the region's development.

Today, horse teams at the fair are shown not for their labor but for their beauty and precision. The competition is a dance of harmony between horse and handler, judged on presentation, uniformity, and the horses' movements. The teams are outfitted in harnesses that are as much about functionality as they are about visual appeal. Leather harnesses, often adorned with

brass or silver fittings, are the preferred show-wear, their craftsmanship reflecting a blend of tradition and artistry.

The breeds featured are as diverse as their historical roles. Belgians, known for their immense size and strength, stand alongside Percherons, celebrated for their grace and versatility. Clydesdales, with their distinctive feathered legs and towering stature, often draw the most attention, their presence synonymous with power and elegance. These horses range in size from the formidable, weighing over a ton, to the more moderate yet equally impressive, each breed bringing its unique flair to the competition.



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MEET DELAWARE COUNTY'S NEW DAIRY AMBASSADORS

At the heart of Delaware County's rich agricultural tradition, a new generation of dairy enthusiasts is stepping into the spotlight. At the 62nd Delaware County Dairy Dinner on May 31, Delaney McCann of Delhi was crowned the Delaware County Dairy Ambassador. With a lineage steeped in dairy culture and four years of experience as a junior ambassador, McCann is poised to carry the torch for the county's dairy industry.

McCann's passion for dairy is evident in her words: "I want to promote all the hard work that these dairy farmers do to make sure their animals are healthy and producing milk."

Her enthusiasm isn't just talk; she's deeply involved in the South Kortright 4-H Calf Club, Delaware County Holstein Club, and Delaware Academy FFA. One of her favorite aspects of the role is promoting dairy at 4-H Camp Shankitunk, where she enjoys educating children about the importance of dairy.

McCann takes over from Jessica Coleman who has served as the county's dairy ambassador for the past two years. Coleman, a senior at the State University of New York at Oneonta, reflected on her time in the role: "It's been an honor to be a

part of the dairy promotion team." After ten years in the ambassador program, Coleman cherishes the sense of community and belonging it has fostered.

Joining McCann in promoting the dairy industry are nine junior dairy ambassadors, a mix of fresh faces and returning members. New members include Madelyn Eklund of Stamford, Darby Mondore of Andes, Jordan Odell of Oneonta, and Alexa Scofield of Walton. Returning ambassadors include Angela Cersaletti of Davenport, Lillian Eklund of Stamford, Amelia Groh of Delhi, Madison Losie of Davenport, and Laney Mondore of Andes. Together, they form a dynamic team dedicated to showcasing the vital role of dairy in the local economy and culture.

The crowning ceremony was graced by New York State Dairy Ambassador Evelyn Kerman from Otsego County, adding a touch of statewide prestige to the event. As these young ambassadors don their sashes, they prepare to serve as the faces and voices of Delaware County's dairy community at the upcoming Delaware County Fair and beyond.

With their enthusiasm and dedication, the ambas-



2024–25 dairy ambassadors. Top row from left: Jordan Odell, Madison Losie, Angela Cersaletti. Middle row from left: Darby Mondore, Madelyn Eklund, Laney Mondore. Bottom row from left: Lillian Eklund, Amelia Groh, Alexa Scofield. Front: Delaney McCann.

sadors are not only promoting the health benefits of dairy but also honoring the tireless work of the farm-

ers who produce it. As they engage with fairgoers and the broader community, they are ensuring that the

rich traditions of Delaware County's dairy industry continue to thrive and inspire future generations.

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KIDDIE DELIGHTS: A DAY OF FUN AND LEARNING AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR



As the Delaware County Fair rolls into Walton, there's a special day that stands out—one that transforms the fairgrounds into a wonderland of excitement and discovery just for children. On Tuesday, Aug. 13, the fair hosts Children's Day, a delightful celebration dedicated to the youngest fairgoers. From thrilling activities to educational experiences, this day offers a treasure trove of memories waiting to be made.

A GATEWAY TO CURIOSITY AND JOY

The essence of Children's Day is to craft an atmosphere where kids can learn, play, and grow. It's a day when children 12 and under can enter the fairgrounds for free, immersing themselves in a myriad of activities designed just for them. The 4-H Youth Building becomes a hub of fascination, where little ones can witness the miracle of life as



baby chicks hatch or engage in hands-on fun at the activity center. For animal lovers, the barns offer a front-row seat to see young 4-Hers showcase their skills with beef and dairy cattle, rabbits, and goats.

The excitement kicks off early, with the horse show starting at 9 a.m. and the cattle showmanship competition at 9:30 a.m. These shows provide a glimpse into the hard work and ded-

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ication of the young participants. The fairgrounds buzz with youthful energy, as kids cheer on their peers and marvel at the animals on display.

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One of the day's highlights, sure to thrill young speedsters, is the Kids' Power Wheels Derby at 11 a.m. on the track. Children age



three to ten can jump into their miniature vehicles, adorned with balloons, and compete to pop each other's balloons. It's a pint-sized version of a demolition derby, brimming with giggles and friendly competition. Safety is paramount, with all doors secured, helmets required, and children buckled in for a thrilling, yet safe, adventure.

As the day progresses, the fairgrounds prepare for one of the most anticipated events—the Bicycle Give-away at 1 p.m. Local merchants generously donate over 100 bicycles, ready to find new homes with lucky

kids in the grandstand. The excitement is palpable as children eagerly wait to see if they'll be one of the fortunate winners riding home on a shiny new bike.

For those with a flair for performance, the Youth and Junior Karaoke Contest at

4 p.m. at the Curtis Lumber Entertainment Court is a chance to showcase their talents. It's a charm-



ing spectacle, where young voices fill the air with song, each performer bringing their unique personality to the stage.

A DAY OF EXPLORATION AND CELEBRATION

Children's Day isn't just about fun; it's a celebration of learning and creativity. Also at 4 p.m., children can head to the shaded wildlife exhibit near the Grange Building for a drawing activity, blending art with the beauty of nature. It's a peaceful interlude amid the day's bustling activities, allowing kids to express themselves and learn about the natural world.

The day culminates with a vibrant showcase of community spirit. At 6:30 p.m., the 4-H Parade takes to the track, celebrating the dedication and achievements of local 4-H clubs. Followed by the Heroes Parade at 7 p.m.,

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honoring local emergency services, law enforcement, and veterans, both parades

are a free and festive way to close out a day filled with joy and inspiration.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Children's Day at the Delaware County Fair is more than just a day at the fair; it's a tradition that fosters a love for learning, a sense of community, and a treasure trove of memories for children and families. It's a day when the fairgrounds become a playground of wonder, where every corner offers a new adventure, and every moment is a chance to create a cherished memory.



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and see energy efficiencies like heat pumps, weatherization and net metering among other cost saving efficiencies.

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This tiny house will be on display at the Delaware County Fair.



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SADDLING UP FOR SUCCESS: NEW OPEN HORSE SHOW SUPERINTENDENT TAKES THE REINS AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR



Lisa Burdick is the new open horse show superintendent at the Delaware County Fair. Burdick is an experienced equestrian.

WALTON - An experienced, seasoned equestrian is bringing high energy and decades of expertise to the Delaware County Fair Horse Show as its new superintendent, following the retirement of volunteers Bill and Terri Sherman at the close of the 2023 fair. Meet Lisa Burdick, the new horse show superintendent, whose career spans 40 years in the equine world. With a résumé that includes roles as a competitor, trainer, judge, and coach at both local and national levels, Burdick hopes to elevate the fair's offerings while preserving its rich traditions.

She's shown, trained,

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judged, and coached across a wide range of disciplines — western, hunt seat, saddleseat, dressage, barrels, eventing, and pleasure driving, Burdick said. Her extensive experience has given her a deep understanding of the horse show circuit, making her an invaluable asset to the fair.

Changes in the department this year include a new ranch class on Friday and a reorganization of the hunter and gymkhana shows. No disciplines have been dropped, she said, "But we are always looking to attract more participants and refine events."

Burdick acknowledges the challenges of maintaining interest in certain events, noting a steady decline in participation over recent years.

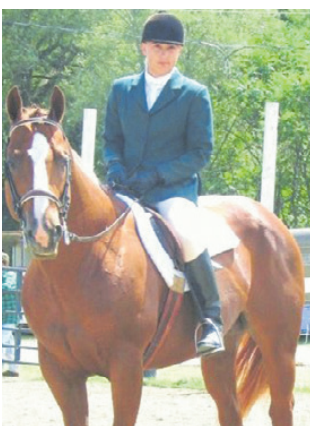
"Gymkhana day remains the strongest event of the week, but we're committed

to evaluating all our offerings to see how we can revitalize them," she said.

In addition to the traditional competitions, Burdick has overseen the introduction of a new entertainment element.

"We've added a trick riding show on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m., replacing the team penning event we lost last year. It's an exciting addition that we hope will captivate audiences and bring a fresh dynamic to the fair."

As the equine competitions continue to evolve, Burdick's leadership promises a blend of innovation and respect for tradition. With her at the helm, this year's show is set to be a celebration of the equestrian arts, offering something for everyone, from seasoned competitors to enthusiastic spectators.



Experienced in multiple disciplines including hunt seat, dressage, western, saddleseat, barrels, eventing and more, Lisa Burdick brings new knowledge as a coach, trainer and judge to the Delaware County Fair.



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From left, 2022 Miss Delaware County Fair Chloe Davis, contestant Aurora Siniscalchi, 2024 winner Eve Foster, contestant Raegan Foster, and 2023 Miss Delaware County Fair Lillie Schmitz on Friday, Aug. 2.

WALTON - Walton Central School graduate Eve Foster, 18, was crowned

2024 Miss Delaware County Fair following a pageant Friday, Aug. 2 - one of the

many events held to ring in fair week.

Foster was one of three



Walton Central School graduate Eve Foster, 18, during the shorts competition of the pageant on Friday, Aug. 2.



Aurora Siniscalchi, 19, Walton, during the gown portion of the 2024 Miss Delaware County Fair Pageant.



Eve Foster, 18, Walton, during the gown portion of the 2024 Miss Delaware County Fair Pageant Friday, Aug. 2.

contestants this year. Other contestants included Foster's sister Raegan Foster, 15, and Aurora Siniscalchi, 19, also from Walton.

The contestants are close friends, said pageant organizer Carol Davis. Because there were only three contestants for the 2024 pageant, a runner-up was not crowned.

The pageant began with each contestant joining judges for a brief, private interview where they learned

more about each contestant, their interests, favorite parts of the fair and more, to help judges score contestants on their personalities. Following the interview was a shorts competition, where each contestant was outfitted in a white top, denim shorts, and boots, and modeling their outfits.

Following the shorts competition, contestants changed into their best formal wear and modeled their outfits.



2024 Miss Delaware County Fair Eve Foster is crowned by 2023 Miss Delaware County Fair Lillie Schmitz.

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2024 Miss Delaware County Fair contestants Aurora Siniscalchi, Eve Foster, and Raegan Foster pose at the 2024 Miss Delaware County Fair contest, Aug. 2.

the pageant.

Foster was ultimately crowned by 2023 Miss Delaware County Fair Lillie Schmitz, who was there to

crown the 2024 winner but also provide guidance and encouragement to contestants. Miss Delaware County Fair from 2022, Chloe

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A former 4-H dormitory at the Delaware County Fairgrounds was converted into a sensory-safe space for families and children with special sensory needs.

This year, in collaboration with Delaware County Public Health, fair directors have dedicated space in a former 4-H dormitory to expand sensory-safe accommodations throughout fair week. The space, which measures 24 feet by 26 feet, is in a 4-H building behind the nursing station.

The sensory-safe space was a request from parents and families of children with special needs in the community. Sensory rooms

and sensory-friendly spaces are supported by the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and International Association of Fairs and Expositions. Other county fairs, like Ulster and Lewis counties, have sensory sensitivity spaces that Delaware County's space is modeled after.

The space will primarily serve children with special needs from newborns to 21 years old and their families and there will be a variety of sensory-friendly

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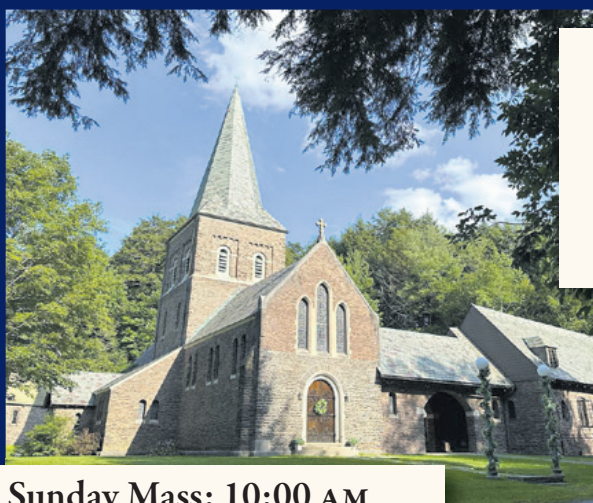
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- 2 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 3 pm Illusionist
- 4 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 5-7 pm Randy's Nashville Sound
- 7:30-10:30 pm The DRIFTWOODS (Country)

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

- 11 am Buffalo Barfield
- 12 pm Illusionist
- 1 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 2 pm Cowboy Circus
- 3 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 4 pm KARAOKE
CONTEST
Youth & Junior
- 7 pm KARAOKE
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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

- 12 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 1 pm Country's Sweetheart KRYSTAL LEE
- 3 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 4 pm Illusionist
- 5 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 6 pm Cowboy Circus
- 7:30-10:30 pm THE NATE GROSS BAND
(Blues and Southern Rock)



THURSDAY, AUG. 15

- 11 am Buffalo Barfield
- 12 pm Randy's Nashville
- 1 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 2 pm Randy's Nashville Sound
- 3 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 4-6 pm MARY FRANCES PERRICONE (oldies)
- 6 pm Illusionist
- 6:45 pm Cowboy Circus
- 7:30-10:30 pm THE BEADLE BROTHERS (Today's Country & More) High Energy

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

- 11 am Buffalo Barfield
- 12 pm Catskill Dance EXPO
- 1 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 2 pm Illusionist
- 3 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 4-6 pm Singer JOHN PAUL
- 6:30 pm Cowboy Circus
- 8-11 pm LAZY II BAND (Country & Classic Rock)

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

- 11:30-1 pm Buffalo Barfield
- 1 pm KARAOKE FINALE with NORTHERN STAR PRODUCTIONS
- 4:30 pm Smelly Shoe Contest
- 5:30 pm Illusionist
- 6:15 pm Cowboy Circus
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DELHI 4-H MEMBERS PREPPED FOR FAIR

DELHI - Jack, 6, and Preston "PJ", 10, Gardepe are ready for the Delaware County Fair, and will showcase their Boer goats, cross-bred pigs, and ducks. The brothers have been preparing their pigs and goats for both the 4-H competition and the meat auction, a months-long process that involves careful attention to diet, grooming, and train-

ing.

BOER GOATS: THE MEAT GOAT MARVELS

Boer goats, known for their rapid growth and muscle development, are a prime choice for meat production. The Gardepe family raises and breeds them, focusing on qualities like strong, well-muscled

frames, and good conformation. PJ explains that caring for these goats involves regular feeding of high-quality hay and grain, along with providing fresh water and maintaining clean living conditions. Proper grooming is essential, especially before a show, to highlight the goats' physical attributes.

Pancake, Jack's show goat,



The Gardepes breed and raise Boer goats.



Preston "PJ" Gardepe, 10, shows off his Anacona duck Hershey, one of the many animals on his family farm.

is a favorite among the animals they raise. While some of their goats are destined for auction, Pancake holds a special place and is being kept for breeding purposes. The Gardepe brothers enjoy the playful and curious nature of goats, noting they will try to eat almost anything they find — though they assure us, contrary to

popular cartoons, that goats don't actually eat tin cans. They do, however, love animal crackers, PJ reports.

CROSSBRED PIGS: PREPARING FOR THE AUCTION

In addition to goats, the Gardepes also raise cross-bred gilts, sows, and barrows. Gilts are young female pigs that haven't farrowed, or have not been bred, sows are mature females who have given birth to a litter of piglets, and barrows are castrated males. The ideal meat pig, regardless of type, should have a well-rounded, muscular build with a uniform layer of fat.

PJ's favorite pig is Stripes, a young gilt, which he will keep. Stripes is more of a pet than a project, he said.

DUCK, DUCK ... CHICKEN

The boys raise Ancona ducks, a hearty (and hardy) practical breed, that are an excellent choice

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Stripes, a cross-bred gilt, will be exhibited by Preston “PJ” Gardepe at the 2024 Delaware County Fair.

for show at fairs due to its unique plumage and calm demeanor. Characterized by an irregular black and white feather pattern, the Ancona is known for its hardiness, friendly nature, and excellent foraging abilities.



Zebra is one of the anacona ducks on the Gardepe Farm in Delhi. Zebra is pictured with Jack Gardepe.



In addition to meat goats, hogs, meat chickens, laying hens and ducks, the Gardepes raise beef cattle.

Judges will look for well-proportioned bodies, clean, glossy feathers, and good temperament, hallmarks of a high-quality Ancona duck.

Ancona ducks are prized for their egg-laying. They produce large, white eggs that are not only edible but highly valued for their rich flavor. These eggs can be used in cooking and baking, much like chicken eggs, and are a favorite among duck

egg enthusiasts, although the Gardepes do not eat the eggs.

In addition to ducks, the Gardepes also raise chickens - a variety of breeds and crossbreeds as egg-layers as well as meat chickens for their personal consumption. They do not show chickens at the fair, they said, but provide them with the same level of care that they do for their ducks.

FROM FARM TO FAIR: A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Delaware County Fair is more than just a competition for Jack and PJ; it’s a culmination of a routine effort. The boys are involved in every aspect of raising their animals, from feeding and cleaning to training them for the show.

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Mary Mascioli of Walton displays different colored and sized eggs produced by her laying hens.

EGG-CELLENT EXHIBIT

CRACKING THE COMPETITION AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

The Delaware County Fair is ready to whisk up excitement with its egg competition in the Homemaking Department. Running from Aug. 12 to 17, this egg-citing event promises to showcase the best of local poultry farming, with Delaware County residents vying for top honors in a dozen egg categories.

Homemaking Superintendent Lisa Calaci looks forward to even more entries this year than last.

The competition is open to Delaware County residents who have personally raised the hens producing the eggs, ensuring that the showcase reflects true local craftsmanship.

WHAT MAKES A WINNING EGG?

Judges will scrutinize each dozen for soundness, cleanliness, texture, and uniformity in shape, size, and color. There are separate categories for white and various colored eggs, allowing for a broad display of the region's poultry diversity. The competition will also feature a special category for the largest chicken egg, adding an extra layer of intrigue and challenge.

The idea for the egg competition was cracked open by longtime vegetable judge Ken Schrider, who recognized the po-

tential for an egg-straordinary addition to the fair's offerings. Given the event's popularity,

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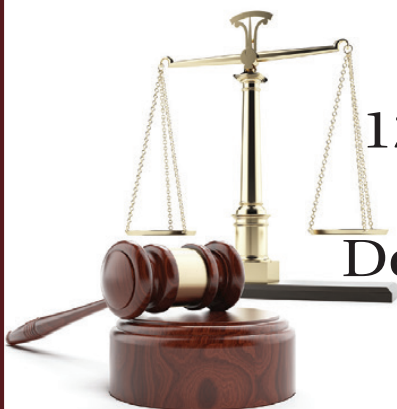
Every egg on display must come from hens raised by the exhibitor, ensuring authenticity and dedication to quality. The competition isn't just about winning; it's a celebration of local agricultural talent and the meticulous care that goes into raising healthy, productive chickens.

Whether you're an exhibitor or a fairgoer, don't miss this cracking competition that celebrates the best of Delaware County's agricultural heritage.



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THRILLS AND SPILLS: HIGH-OCTANE ACTION AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR DEMOLITION DERBY



The Delaware County Fair's demolition derby is a spectacle of thrilling chaos and controlled mayhem, captivating thousands with the raw power of crashing metal and the roar of

engines. The anticipation builds as drivers rev their engines, gearing up for unforgettable exhibitions of fender-bending action. This year, the fair has scheduled two demolition derbies —

on Monday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. — to meet the soaring demand for this crowd-favorite event.

WHAT IS A DEMOLITION DERBY?

At its core, a demolition derby is a competition where drivers deliberately crash their vehicles into one another, with the last car still running declared

the winner. The event at the Delaware County Fair features a variety of car categories, including heats for compact, 4- and 6-cylinder cars, and the powerful 8-cylinder beasts. However, not all vehicles are eligible; limousines, hearses, con-



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THE RULES OF THE ROAD (OR TRACK)

Safety is paramount in this high-risk sport. To compete, drivers must be at least 16 years old, with those under 18 requiring written parental consent. Helmets and seatbelts are mandatory, and all vehicles must have

hard tops, with glass and chrome removed for safety. A unique rule ensures continuous action: drivers must make contact with another vehicle at least every 60 seconds, discouraging "sandbagging" or intentionally avoiding contact. Direct hits to the competitors' doors, marked in white, are strictly prohibited and can lead to disqualification.

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cars are modified with gas tanks relocated to the back seat. The event's safety protocols are stringent, with

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A SMASH HIT OF THE FAIR

The demolition derby is more than just an event; it's a visceral experience that draws in spectators with the promise of destruction and adrenaline. The popularity of the event has grown so much that the fair has imposed a limit of 130 cars per night to manage the chaos. For many fairgoers, the sight of cars colliding, the sound of metal crunching, and the spectacle of smoking wrecks is the highlight of their fair week.



The demolition derby at the Delaware County Fair continues to be a staple of summer entertainment, offering a blend of danger and excitement that keeps fans

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ARELI EQUINE ENTERTAINMENT DEBUTS AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

Prepare to be dazzled as the 137th Delaware County Fair introduces a captivating new attraction this year: Areli Equine Entertainment.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 14, expert horsemen will take center stage to showcase an array of thrilling equestrian feats that promise to leave audiences spellbound.

The performers of Areli Equine Entertainment are masters of their

craft, bringing a blend of traditional and contemporary riding techniques to the ring. Attendees can look forward to an impressive lineup of western tricks, where precision and agility combine to create breathtaking displays of horsemanship. Witness the grace and balance of roman rid-

ing, where riders stand atop two horses, navigating intricate patterns with seamless coordination.

Adding to the excitement is rosin back riding, a mesmerizing display of control and finesse as riders perform daring stunts atop bareback horses. The show also features the delightful art of trick and stick riding, where expert rid-

ers execute gravity-defying maneuvers that showcase the deep bond between horse and rider.

Areli Equine Entertainment's performances are more than just a display of skill; they are a celebration of the rich traditions of equestrian arts, infused with modern flair. The blend of precision, passion, and partnership between horse and rider is a spectacle that promises to captivate fairgoers of all ages.



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THE FACES OF AMERICA'S FAMILY FARMS



In American agriculture, family farms are cornerstones, representing a rich array of backgrounds and cultures. Notably, half of these family farms are managed by women, highlighting the crucial role they play in sustaining the nation's food systems.

The demographics of American farmers reveal a predominance of Caucasian farmers, totaling 1.2 million. However, the agricultural landscape also includes 112,451 Hispanic farmers, 58,199 Native American farmers, 45,508 African

American farmers, and 22,016 Asian farmers. Additionally, there are 26,749 farmers who identify with multiple heritages, contributing to the diversity of the farming community.

This mosaic of farmers reflects the evolving face of agriculture in the United States, where each group brings unique perspectives and practices to the land. Their collective efforts continue to feed the nation, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and representation in this vital sector.

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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS



On Tuesday night, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 17 at noon, there will be a cornhole tournament sponsored by All-in Cornhole. Whether you're a seasoned cornhole pro or a casual player, this event promises fun and competition.

When: **Tuesday, Aug. 13**

Sign up: 6-6:45 p.m., bags toss at 7 p.m.

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Sign up: Sign-ups from 11-11:45 a.m., bags toss at noon

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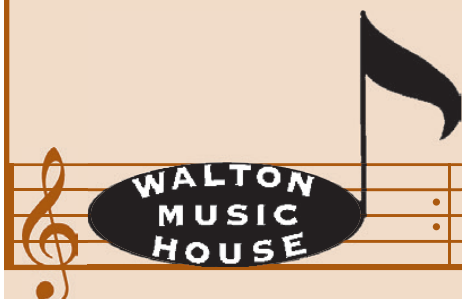
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feats will leave audiences on the edge of their seats.

Hansen, a seasoned entertainer, takes center stage with an array of jaw-dropping performances. Among his most breathtaking stunts is a fearless 65-foot

high dive into a small airbag—an act that showcases his precision and courage. This high-flying maneuver is just one part of Hansen's



unique blend of thrills and chills, crafted through a life-long dedication to the circus arts and a passion for rock music.

The Rock-N-Circus is more than a show; it's an unforgettable experience that pushes the boundaries of traditional circus performances. With Hansen's rockstar charisma and awe-inspiring talent, this specta-

cle promises to thrill beyond your wildest expectations. Don't miss the chance to witness Hansen's one-of-a-kind act at this year's fair — it's an adrenaline-fueled adventure you won't soon forget!

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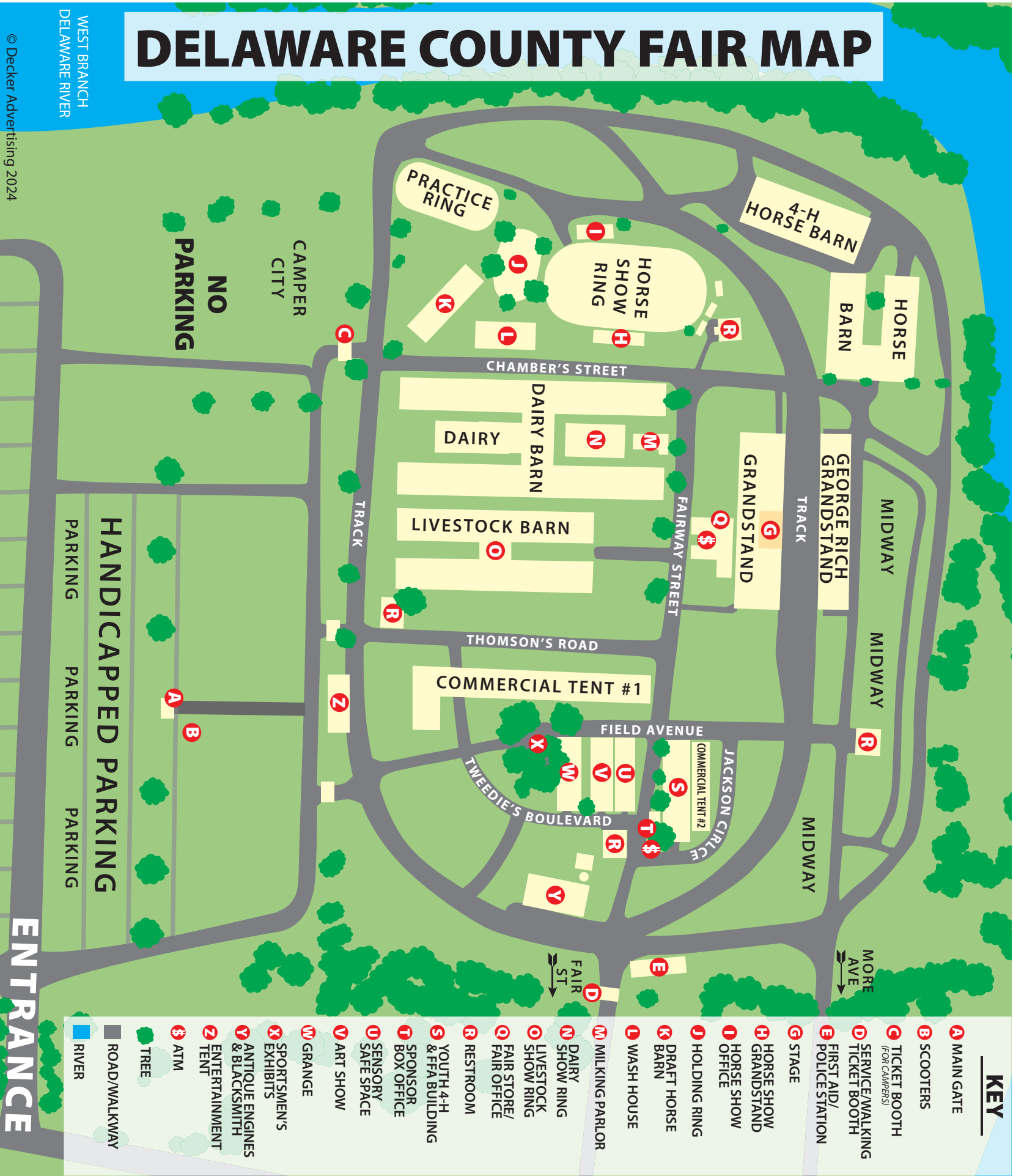
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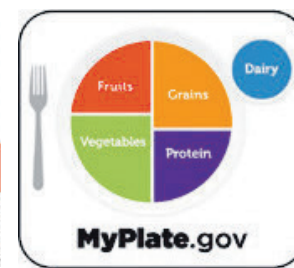
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