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137 YEARS OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

BY SEAN KUHN
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Fairgoers ride the Rockin' Tug boat ride.

This year's Delaware County Fair at the Delaware County Fairgrounds at 12 Fair St, Walton, running from August 12-17, promises to be the best yet, marking its 137th year with a vast array of attractions and activities. Visitors will enjoy a variety of carnival rides and games, agricultural exhibits, shows, and competitions. Highlights include tractor pulls, a circus, western trick riding, 4H competitions and demonstrations, and plenty of classic fair foods like funnel cakes and cotton candy. The agricultural exhibit and competitions are a cornerstone of the event, showcasing the region's rich agricultural heritage, meant not just to entertain, but to educate visitors about the importance of agriculture in the community.

A major highlight of the fair is its family-friendly focus, with a multitude of activities designed

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to keep those kiddos occupied. The petting zoo, pony rides, and children's tent filled with games and interactive activities ensure that younger visitors have a memorable experience. Additionally, the fairgrounds have expanded this year, allowing for even more excitement for visitors to explore.

Among the attractions, the fair is introducing the Rock'n Circus, a thrilling new addition that promises high-energy performances. Visitors can also look forward to the Dock Dog Jumping Competition, an event sure to entertain dog lovers with impressive canine athleticism. The Wheel of Agriculture, a fun and educational trivia game, will engage participants of all ages in learning about farming and agriculture. Another crowd favorite, the Agri-Puppets Show, combines artistry and education to captivate audiences. The Areli Western Trick Horse Show will feature dazzling displays of equestrian skill, adding to the

fair's lineup of diverse entertainment.

In addition to these attractions, the fair provides numerous opportunities for community engagement and learning. Various workshops and demonstrations will cover topics such as sustainable farming practices, animal care, and nutrition, offering both fun and educational experiences for all ages. The fair also features local vendors showcasing handmade crafts, local produce, and unique goods, providing visitors with the chance to support local artisans and farmers.

Admission costs \$10 for a day, or \$20 for the whole week, and is paid at the gate. Tickets for Grandstand events can be purchased online at <http://delaware-countyfair.org/tickets.htm>. The demolition derby on Monday and Saturday is expected to sell out, so get tickets early to ensure your spot.



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ROCK N' CIRCUS: A HIGH-ENERGY PERFORMANCE AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

BY SEAN KUHN

The Delaware County Fair is set to feature Rock n' Circus this year, offering a unique mix of live rock music and circus acts. Audiences can look forward to a blend of rock rhythms and stunts. The show includes guitar solos, aerial performances, and rock 'n' roll hits synchronized with juggling and acrobatics. Highlights will feature a daring high dive and a fire-breathing display. The performance is expected to be well-received, with attendees appreciating its originality and energy. Rock n' Circus is poised to be a standout attraction at this year's fair, promising memorable entertainment for all ages.



Shane Hansen juggles fire at the Rock-n-Circus.

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Joey Arcaola gets ready to take off on the helicopter ride at the Fair.



Diana (left) and Scarlett Sinistore having a blast on the Crazy Cabs ride.

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POWER WHEEL DERBY

BY SEAN KUHN



Silvie (left) and Vita Marchese (middle) enjoy a cotton candy treat while dad David looks on.

The Delaware County Fair is set to host an exhilarating Power Wheel Derby for children aged 3 to 10. Divided into age groups 3-5 and 6-10, this event allows young racers to drive their 6 to 12-volt Power Wheels vehicles. Safety is paramount, with mandatory helmets and seat belts, and only specific modifications allowed.

Participants must pre-register and pay a \$5 fee plus fair admission. The event promises family fun and memorable experiences as spectators cheer on their young drivers.

Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 in front of the Grandstands

1. This is supposed to be fun for the kids, parents please let them have fun! Judges can rule that children won't participate if there are modifications to the car more than those allowed that are stated

below!

2. Kids 3-10 years of age may participate. Two age groups: 3-5 and 6-10 years (if we have too many kids, otherwise we will run one heat)

3. Derby is limited to 6 to 12 volt power wheels only. No connecting multiple batteries together. (This makes the power wheel move too fast, and makes it unsafe)

4. No added reinforcements for strength.

5. All doors and tailgates must be strapped shut. No sharp edges. Use zip ties or duct tape (or other flexible products) to make them stay shut.

6. Stock tires only. No screws in tires, no chains, etc.

7. Do not raise or lower. They must be the stock height that came from the store.

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seat, and the battery must be secured and sealed away from the child.

9. Decorative changes can be made to the Power Wheels to make it look like a derby car, however, there can be no reinforcement to the Power Wheels. Changes and additions can only be decorative. For example: header pipes stick-

ing up, painting the car, etc.

Each Power Wheels will have four balloons attached to the corners of the Power Wheels. When all four of your balloons are deflated, your done. (Please stay in your Car)

10. Helmets are mandatory; bicycle helmets are okay.

11. Shoes or sneakers required.

No sandals.

12. Must have a seat belt. And use it!

13. No passengers.

14. Everyone must pre-register. They will run to the end, the last three running will (only) receive a trophy, First, Second, and Third Place.

15. When choosing a Power Wheels for your child, please keep in mind these vehicles will be running into each other (like bumper cars or derby cars). The Power Wheels needs to be the kind the child sits in, not on. And they need to be seat belted into the car.

16. No 4 wheelers, tractors or motorcycles, it must be a vehicle they sit in not on.

17. Everyone must pay gate admission to the fair (or have a season pass).

The derby entrance fee is \$5.00, and there is no deadline for entries. The event will start on time. Entries will take place on the stage day of event. Derby will start at 11 a.m. sharp.



Makayla, Scott, Benjamin and Alex Specht enjoy some ice cream on a warm summer's day at the Delaware County Fair.

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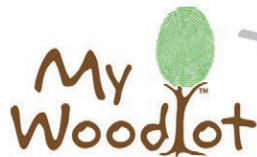
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DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 11

The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 9 a.m.: Open Horse Show - Driving, Mini, and English Show Horses
 9:30 a.m.: Jersey Parish Show
 10 a.m.: Open Goat Show
 10 a.m.: New Hope Church Service, Entertainment Court
 noon - 4 p.m.: Youth Building (4-H) Exhibits Judged
 5 p.m.: All 4-H Beef Cattle MUST be in place - Livestock Barn
 5 p.m.: Vesper Service - Practice
 6:30 p.m.: Vesper Service - Entertainment Court

Monday, August 12

Opening Day
 The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 8:30 a.m.: All Day Garden Tractor Pull - Track - Sponsored by Randy Howell
 9 a.m.: Open Meat Goat Show
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack - Fruit Parfait - Youth Bldg
 Noon: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 Noon to 4 p.m.: Youth (4-H) Exhibits Judged (Youth Bldg)
 1 p.m.: Weigh-In of 4-H Auction Animals (Livestock Barn)
 1 p.m.: Northern Star Music - Entertainment Court
 4-5:30 p.m.: How to Make Dressings (Buttermilk Ranch, Vinaigrette, Oriental) - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 2 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 3 p.m.: Illusionist - David Garrity - Entertainment Court
 3 p.m.: 4-H Sheep BCS Clinic (Sheep Area)
 3-5 p.m.: 4-H Auction Animal Project Records Due
 4 p.m.: All Youth 4-H Building Exhibits must be in place
 4 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 5 p.m.: 4-H Animal Exhibits must be in place
 5-7 p.m.: Randy's Nashville Sound - Entertainment Court
 5:30 p.m.: 4-H Table Settings Set Up (Youth Bldg)
 6 p.m.: 4-H Table Settings Judging (Youth Bldg)
 7 p.m.: Dairy Exhibitor Meeting (Dairy Show Ring)
 7:30 p.m.: Livestock Exhibitor Meeting (Livestock Show Ring)
 7:30-10:30 p.m.: The Woodshed Prophets Band - Entertainment Court
 7 p.m.: Demolition Derby

Tuesday, August 13

Children's Day - The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 As Scheduled: 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Bldg)
 As Scheduled: 4-H Youth Activities (Youth Bldg)
 8:30 a.m.: 4-H Dairy & Meat Goat Show - Livestock Barn
 9 a.m.: 4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana) - Horse Arena
 9:30 a.m.: 4-H Cavy Showmanship Show - Rabbit Show Ring
 10 a.m.: 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Show - Rabbit Show Ring
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack - Strawberry S'mores - Youth Bldg
 11 a.m.: Kids Power Wheels Derby Sign Up - Track Side
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 11 a.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 Noon: Northern Star Music - Entertainment Court
 2 p.m.: Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 1 p.m.: 4-H Sheep (Livestock Show Ring)
 1 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 1 p.m.: Bike Giveaway - Sign-ups at 1 p.m.
 2 p.m.: 4-H Goat BCS Clinic (Goat Area)
 4-5:30 p.m.: The Basics of Cooking - Creamy Chicken and Rice Soup - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 3 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 4 p.m.: Wildlife Federation Children's Drawing
 4 p.m.: KARAOKE CONTEST (Youth and Junior)
 6 p.m.: Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship (Youth Bldg)
 6:30 p.m.: 4-H Parade (Track-Grandstands)
 7 p.m.: Karaoke Contest (Adult) - Entertainment Court
 7 p.m.: Cornhole Tournament - TBD on Fair Grounds
 7 p.m.: The Hero's Parade
 8 p.m.: Areli Equine Entertainment: Western Trick, Roman, Rosin Back, Trick & Stick Riding

Wednesday, August 14

The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 As Scheduled: 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
 As Scheduled: 4-H Activities (Youth Building)
 9 a.m.: 4-H Beef Cattle Show - Livestock Barn
 4-H Horse Show (Western; Gymkhana) Horse Arena
 9:30 a.m.: Stock Farm Tractor Pull - Track Side - Sponsored by Marshal Machinery
 9:30 a.m.: 4-H Cavy Breeds Show
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack: Ants on a Log
 11 a.m.: Northern Star Music - Entertainment Court
 Noon: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 1-3 p.m.: Bluegrass Music w/ Northern Star
 2 p.m.: Open Swine Show (following 4-H Beef Show)
 4-5:30 p.m.: The Basics of Cooking - Mediterranean Egg Wrap - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 3 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 3 p.m.: 4-H Dairy or Non-Auction Beef Weigh-in Clinic
 4 p.m.: 4-H Dairy Challenge (Dairy Show Ring)
 4 p.m.: Illusionist David Garrity - Entertainment Court
 5-6 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 7-10 p.m.: Driftwoods Band - Entertainment Court
 7 p.m.: NYTPA Super Stock Combo, Modified, Two Wheel Drive
 8 p.m.: Areli Equine Entertainment: Western Trick, Roman, Rosin Back, Trick & Stick Riding

Thursday, August 15

The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Senior Citizens Day - Seniors \$5 Admission
 Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 As Scheduled: Youth Activities (Youth Building)
 As Scheduled: 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 8 a.m.: Open Horse Show - Hunter Division Horse & Pony
 9 a.m.: 4-H Swine Show - Livestock Barn
 Antique Tractor Pull - Track - Sponsored by Coughlin & Gerhardt
 9:30 a.m.: Open Class Cattle Show
 Open Class Beef Show (after the 4-H Swine Show)
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack: Banana Sushi
 11-Noon: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 Noon-1 p.m.: Randy's Nashville Sound - Entertainment Court
 1-2 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 2 p.m.: 4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
 2-3 p.m.: Randy's Nashville Sound - Entertainment Court
 4-5:30 p.m.: The Basics of Cooking: Four Cheese and Macaroni - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 3-4 p.m.: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 5 p.m.: Cowboy Challenge
 4-6 p.m.: Singing Oldies Mary Frances Perricone - Entertainment Court
 6 p.m.: Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 6:30 p.m.: 4-H Sheep Olympics followed by 4-H Animal Dress-up Contest - Livestock Barn
 6 p.m.: Trucks, Alt Farm Tractor & Memorial Sportsmanship Stock Farm Tractor Pull
 7:30-10:30 p.m.: The Beadle Brothers (Today's Country & More) High Energy

Friday, August 16

9 a.m.: Open Horse Show - Western Division
 9:30 a.m.: Open Class Cattle Show
 FFA Judging and Demonstration
 8 a.m.: Final Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals - Livestock Barn
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack: Low Fat Dressing and Veggies
 11-noon: Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 Noon: 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest - Poultry Barn Open
 Open Sheep Show
 1 p.m.: Fashion Textile Showcase, Mannequin Modeling, Presentation of the Elinor Kellett Memorial Award
 Noon-1 p.m.: Catskill Dance Expo - Entertainment Court
 1-2 p.m.: Buffalo & Barfield - Entertainment Court
 2 p.m.: Northern Star Music - Entertainment Court
 4 p.m.: Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 4-5:30 p.m.: The Basics of Cooking: Vegetable Fried Rice - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 2 p.m.: 4-H Beef BCS Clinic (Beef Area)
 5-7 p.m.: Nashville Recording Artist - Canaan James - Entertainment Court
 7 p.m.: 4-H Goat Olympics - Livestock Barn
 4-H Sheep Exhibitor Dinner following Open Sheep Show - Livestock Barn
 7 p.m.: 406 FMX Stunt Show (4 Wheelers, UTV's, Motorcycles)
 7 p.m.: Corn Hole Tournament - TBD on Fairground
 6 p.m.: Tom Newman Memorial Horse Pull (Show Ring)
 7:30-10:30 p.m.: Sundown Band - Entertainment Court

Saturday, August 17

The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
 All Day: The Basics of Cooking - CCE Human Ecology Program.
 As Scheduled: Youth Activities (Youth Building)
 9 a.m.: Open Horse Show - Gymkhana Division
 9 a.m.: 4-H Master Livestock Showman Competition - Livestock Barn
 10:30-11 a.m.: 4-H Snack: Loaded Apple Slices
 11 a.m.: 4-H Livestock Herdsmanship Awards - Livestock Barn
 11-1 p.m.: Buffalo & Barfield - Entertainment Court
 Noon: Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Dinner - Dairy Cattle Barn
 4:30 p.m.: Karaoke Finals - Entertainment Court
 2 p.m.: 4-H Livestock Auction - Livestock Barn Show Ring
 4-5:30 p.m.: The Basics of Cooking: Pretzels with Sauce - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 4:30 p.m.: Smelly Footwear Contest - Entertainment Court
 6 p.m.: Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 6 p.m.: Demolition Derby
 7-11 p.m.: The Barnyard Saints Band - Entertainment Court
 8 p.m.: All Exhibits Released (all animals and all Youth Building projects). Exhibits remaining after 8 p.m. will be left at exhibitor's risk.



DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR'S 4-H PROGRAM: CULTIVATING FUTURE LEADERS

BY SEAN KUHN

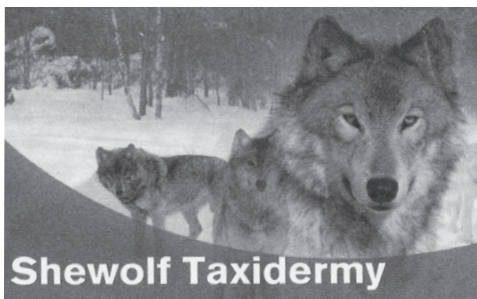
The Delaware County Fair is a cherished tradition, and a highlight is the 4-H program, which plays a vital role in fostering youth development and leadership. At this year's fair, the 4-H program showcases the hard work and dedication of local youth in a variety of projects, ranging from agriculture and animal husbandry to science, engineering, and the arts.

Participants, aged 5 to 19, proudly present their projects and animals, demonstrating skills and knowledge acquired through months of preparation. The livestock shows are a major draw, where young farmers exhibit cattle, pigs, sheep, and goats. These events not only highlight the participants' expertise but also emphasize the importance of agriculture in the community.



Neleh Brown (left) and Angela Cerosaletti (right) are teen helpers making bead bracelets at the Delaware County Fair.

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A highlight of the fair is the 4-H equestrian shows, where young riders display their horsemanship in disciplines like show jumping and dressage. These events not only demonstrate the technical skills of the riders but also their dedication and the deep connection they share with their horses.

The 4-H program at the Delaware County Fair is more than just an exhibition; it is a testament to the values of hard work, responsibility, and community service. It provides a supportive environment where youth can grow, learn, and become the leaders of tomorrow. Visitors to the fair are encouraged to explore the 4-H exhibits and support these young achievers.



Madison Losie proudly shows off her horse Smarty at the Delaware County Fair.

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Oliver Collins holding Coco and Maria Collins holding Alfred.

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This young man prepares his sheep for the show.



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THRILLS AND SPILLS: A WEEKEND OF HIGH-FLYING STUNTS AND DEMOLITION DERBY MAYHEM

BY SEAN KUHN

Friday's FMX show is sure to be an electrifying spectacle, featuring some of the world's top freestyle motocross riders from the X-Games and Nitro Circus.

Fans can expect to witness gravity-defying stunts, including moto frontflips, backflips, snowmobile freestyle, and UTV backflips. The adrenaline-pumping action promises to captivate audiences with its blend of skill, daring, and showmanship.

With performers like Jarryd McNeil, Javier Villegas, and Levi Renz, the show will highlight the pinnacle of freestyle motocross talent. The event is part of the High Air Tour, renowned for its high-flying tricks and dynamic performances that leave crowds in awe.

Saturday evening continues the

thrill with a demolition derby, a beloved event that promises sheer vehicular mayhem and excitement, and is sure to sell out quickly. Participants will crash and smash their way through a series of heart-pounding rounds, showcasing their driving skills and resilience in a chaotic arena.

Spectators can anticipate the spectacle of cars colliding in dramatic fashion, with engines roaring and metal crunching, as drivers battle to be the last vehicle running.

The demolition derby provides a perfect contrast to the high-flying finesse of the FMX show, offering a gritty and exhilarating experience that will leave the audience on the edge of their seats. With both events combining to form a weekend of extreme entertainment, attendees are guaranteed an unforgettable time packed with thrills and spills.

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