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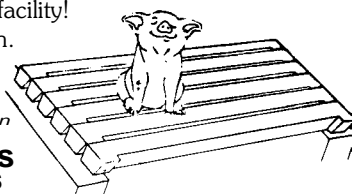
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**2008**

**CLAY COUNTY FAIR**

**July 22-26**

**Fair Schedule of Events**



**Tuesday, July 22**

**Rodeo: Horse Arena, 8:00 p.m.**

Advance Tickets:

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**Wednesday, July 23**

**Rodeo: Horse Arena, 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 24**

**9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show**

**5-7 p.m. Lions Club Barbecue**

**6 p.m.-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions**

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**Friday, July 25**

**8:00 p.m. Demolition Derby, Grandstand**

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**6 p.m.-10 p.m. Carnival Attractions**

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**Saturday, July 26**

**8-10 a.m. Farmers Market, North of Armory**

**10 a.m. Kiddy Tractor Pull, FREE, Gazebo**

(9:00 a.m. participant check-in)

**6 p.m. 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, Orrin Hogan Arena**

**7:30 p.m. 3/4 Midget Races & Mini Trucks Races**

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## Pumpkin Farm part of a 4-H project

The fertile river bottoms of the Mississippi River Hills Region which encompass Perryville provide a prime entrepreneurship opportunity for farmers. Jarod Koenig has watched his family harvest crops from these fields since he was very young. Jarod has taken the idea and run with it. Seven years ago Jarod began selling small pumpkins from his front yard. Now his business attracts scores of tourists who can choose among activities including wagon tours, straw tunnels, and picking their own pumpkin fresh off the vine.

Pumpkin growing is not a year-round occupation for Jarod. He sows in June on seven acres of land and cares for the plants throughout the summer. He uses a corn planter to deposit seeds in the ground. During this time, onlookers might catch the curious sight of Jarod riding on the back of the planter to hand sow specialty gourds, too small in number for standard planter use.

Almost all Jarod's business is conducted during the harvest months of September and October. During those months

Selling pumpkins was an idea that was passed to Jarod by his family. Besides the tradition of growing crops, his older brother, now in college, began selling pumpkins several years ago. Much of his entrepreneurship knowledge, however, has come through experience and customer feedback. Over time, Jarod has learned proper pricing and advertising methods. Starting off with a few spare pumpkins selling for a dollar or two apiece, Jarod has grown an operation that produces an income that exceeds what he makes in his part-time job. His advertising methods include signs, newspaper ads, flyers, and even a radio spot. These techniques have been added gradually each year and have helped his business proliferate.

4-H has had a large influence on Jarod's life and

business who has been involved in 4-H since he was a Clover Kid. Now he is the president of his 4-H club, Teen Council club, and member of the State 4-H Council, in addition to other honors. 4-H has provided him opportunities to travel and attend National 4-H Congress. From these experiences and various 4-H projects, Jarod has learned valuable life lessons, as well as entrepreneurial skills.

His mother is a 4-H Youth Program Assistant and has helped introduce him to many of the benefits that 4-H has to offer. Jarod also credits Extension specialist Frank Wideman for teaching him to organize and produce various media materials with computers.

Much like his entrepreneurial venture, Jarod says his 4-H projects allow him to experiment and learn from experience. "Best thing about 4-H is the opportunities it gives you, things I never thought I'd have the chance to do," he said.

ens. His flock has numbered as high as 70 birds, but damage from hawks, opossums, dogs, and severe winter temperatures have brought the numbers down to 50. Despite these problems, he is still able to produce between 10 and 15 dozen eggs a week.

summer hobby. Initially, he knew little about chickens, but through a natural affection for animals, enrollment in the 4-H poultry project, and practice at caring for the birds, he learned how to nurture fowl. Ryan is now a member of the Wire Road Wranglers 4-H Club.

Eventually, he wanted to earn some money and realized that he could make a profit by selling eggs.

Twice each day, Ryan harvests eggs, cleans them and feeds and cares for the chick-

## Jackson County horse judging teams to advance to nationals

On Tuesday, June 24, 18 members of the Jackson County Meadowlark District 4-H Horse Judging Team competed at the State 4-H Horse Judging contest. This year's contest was held at Cico Park, Manhattan. Contestants were required to evaluate and place six different classes, which included hunter under saddle, English equitation, western pleasure, reining, stock type mares, and stock type geldings. Contestants in the intermediate division were required to give two sets of reasons while participants in the senior division were required to give four sets of reasons.

Those participating from Jackson County in the Beginner Division include, Joel Nelson, Judd Nelson, and Rosalie Wilkerson.

Jackson County had two teams for both the intermediate and senior divisions. Team IV participants for the intermediates include Brianna Cattrell, Jace Nelson, and MaRyka Smith. As a team, Jackson IV placed fifth overall as a team.

Members of Jackson Team III includes Elizabeth Allen, Indie Allen, Dean Klahr and Tristan Parks. Elizabeth Allen placed second in halter, second in performance, first in reasons,

and second overall individually. Indie Allen placed eighth in reasons as an individual. Dean Klahr placed first in performance, fourth in reasons, and fourth overall individually. Tristan Parks placed fifth in halter, 6th in reasons and 10th overall as an individual. As a team Jackson III ranked first in halter, first in performance, first in reasons, and they secured the title of State Champions for the Intermediate division.

In the Senior Division, Jackson Team II contestants include Adam Bloom, Christa Hill, Shannon Maxwell and Audra Nelson. As a team they placed fourth in halter, fifth in performance, fourth in reasons, and fourth overall as a team.

Jackson Team I participants include Jamie Dysart, Dillon Klahr, Melissa Nelson, and Dylan Parks. Jamie Dysart placed fifth in halter, first in performance, second in reasons, and second overall as an individual. Melissa Nelson placed third in halter, second in performance, first in reasons, and was the top ranked individual over-

all in the Senior Division. Dylan Parks placed eighth in halter, fifth in performance, fifth in reasons, and was fifth overall as an individual. As a team Jackson I placed second in halter, first in performance, first in reasons, and they secured the State Champion title once again for Jackson county. The county's last (and first) State Championship was in 2005. Furthermore, Jackson county has been in the top three rankings for the state for the past five years in a row.

As a result of the senior teams' state ranking, each team has earned the privilege of representing Jackson county at a national level. Team I has made a request to represent Jackson county at the Quarter Horse Congress which will take place in October 2008. Team II has also earned the privilege to compete at a national level. The contest they will attend has not yet been determined.

Dyann Parks serves as the teams' coach. Trevor Ashcraft served as assistant coach.

## Missouri 4-H member turns eggs into gold

Ryan Gatton of Conway, Mo. may tell you he does not have "the Midas touch," but he does earn money doing something he likes to do — turning eggs into gold. Gatton, a sixth grader, raises chickens and sells eggs to teachers, bus drivers, and neighbors. Ryan has many regular customers who enjoy getting the fresh eggs he provides.

Ryan started keeping chickens when he was about 7 years old, after his mother bought him some birds as a

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### Wabaunsee County Fair

#### 2008 Calendar of Events

**July 27-30**  
at the Fairgrounds, Alma, Kansas

SUNDAY, JULY 27	TUESDAY, JULY 29
5-8 p.m.: Pork BBQ	2 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics
6 p.m.: Parade, Downtown	5:30 p.m.: Ice Cream Social
7 p.m.: Fashion Revue	6 p.m.: Shepherds Lead
Crown the King & Queen	6:30 p.m.-? Rodeo Activities, Cowboy Arena, Alma
8 p.m.: Pedal Pull, West of Alma Grade School	7 p.m.: Swine Show
	<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 30</b>
<b>MONDAY, JULY 28</b>	9 a.m.: Horse Show, Cowboy Arena, Alma
5 p.m.: Bucket Calf Show	5-8 p.m.: Cattlemen's BBQ
5-7 p.m.: Mill Creek Cowboys BBQ	7 p.m.: Presentation of Awards
6 p.m.: Beef Show	7:30 p.m.: Livestock Sale, Kiss The Pig Contest
7 p.m.: Rocket Launch	9-11 p.m.: Teen Dance

### 2008 LYON COUNTY FAIR

**Emporia, Kansas**  
**July 31-August 9**

**THURSDAY, JULY 31:**  
6-10 p.m. Wrist-Band Night at the Carnival  
6:00 p.m. Pee Wee Open Rodeo - Grandstand  
**FREE GATE**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1:**  
7:00 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull - Grandstand

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2:**  
6:00 p.m. Mud-A-Thon - Grandstand

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3:**  
5:00 p.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull  
7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo - Grandstand

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4:**  
6-10 p.m. Wrist-Band Night at the Carnival  
8:00 p.m. Horse Pull - Grandstand

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5:**  
8:00 p.m. Buck, Rumble & Roll 2008 - Grandstand

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6:**  
6:00 p.m. LIVESTOCK SALE  
**FAIRGROUNDS SHOW ARENA**  
6-10 p.m. Wrist-Band Night at the Carnival

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7:**  
6:00 p.m. 4-H Rodeo - Grandstand

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8:**  
7:00 p.m. ATV Races - Grandstand

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9:**  
6:00 p.m. Demolition Derby -Grandstand  
**GATE TICKETS:**  
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## Tri-Rivers Fair August 6-10

A full slate of fun fair activities is planned for the 2008 Tri-Rivers Fair in Salina. The theme for this year's fair is "Once Upon A Fair Time."

Wednesday, Aug. 6, is the first day of activities. The 4-H members will be busy entering a number of exhibits including banners, booths and woodworking.

The dairy show will take place at 8 p.m. The annual parade through downtown will be staged at 5:30 p.m. The 4-H royalty will be crowned at 7:30 p.m. on the Heritage Hall stage. A rodeo at 8 p.m. closes out the day.

Thursday, Aug. 7 will be busy with livestock events

leading off with the beef show at 10 a.m. The 4-H meat goat show will be held at 1:30 p.m. followed by the sheep show at 2:30 p.m. The swine show will round out the livestock events at 5:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Lead will take place at 8 p.m. in Barn No. 2.

Little exhibitors will get in the action on Friday, as the bucket calf show will start at 10 a.m. The 4-H horse show will be at 9 a.m. Top showmen will compete for all-around honors at 6:30 p.m. in Barn No. 2 and in Ag Hall.

Saturday, the final full day of the fair, is light on judging activities. The annual 4-H premium sale will be at 8:30 a.m. A CO2 car racing will take place at noon in the bicentennial center. The dairy goat show,

including both youth and open classes will be at 1 p.m. The annual draft horse exhibition will have one performance at 2 p.m. inside Bicentennial Center Arena. The second show will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Capping off Saturday's events will be a combine demo derby at 8 p.m.

Sunday will wrap up the fair with the demolition derby at 8 p.m.

A carnival will be on the grounds through Saturday.

## Fun in the sun planned in Alma

The 2008 Wabaunsee County Fair, with the theme

"Fun in the Sun" will be held July 27 -30 at the fairgrounds in Alma. Sunday most of the exhibits will be brought to the grounds. A pork barbecue starts the public activities from 5 to 8 p.m. The annual parade through downtown Alma will begin at 6 p.m. The popular pedal pull west of the grade school will start at 8 p.m.

On Monday, the judging of the food exhibits will start at 8 a.m. at the Baptist Church. A livestock judging event will take place at 9:30 a.m. The bucket calf show is on tap at 5 p.m., followed by the market beef show. The evening's enter-

tainment includes the Mill Creek Cowboys BBQ from 5-7 p.m.

On Tuesday morning the day begins with the sheep show at 9 a.m. followed by the dairy cattle, goats and meat goat show. An installment of barnyard Olympics will take place at 2 p.m.

The Shepherd's Lead will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the swine show.

For entertainment, rodeo activities will take place in the Mill Creek Cowboy arena starting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, the final day of the fair, features the horse show at 9 a.m. The round robin showmanship contest will be held at 5:30. The official presentation of awards will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the annual livestock premium sale at 7:30 p.m.

## 78th MARION COUNTY FAIR - July 23-26, 2008 Hillsboro, KS

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

5 - 10 p.m. Commercial Building & Grounds Exhibits Open  
*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday*

9 a.m. - 10 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibits Open  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Foods Building Dining—Knackies

### SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

9 a.m. Dog Show at Fairgrounds - Free; Obedience & Showmanship Only (Agility will be Wednesday, July 23 at 8:30 p.m.)

### MONDAY, July 21, 2008

6 p.m. 4-H Horse Show in Arena—Free

### TUESDAY, July 22, 2008

6 p.m. 4-H Livestock Check-in Begins  
7 p.m. Women's Ranch Rodeo

### WEDNESDAY, July 23, 2008

9 a.m. - Noon Open Class Entry Check-in & Judging  
9 a.m. 4-H Entry Check-in & Judging - *Public Viewing* —3 p.m.  
2 p.m. 4-H Sheep and Market Goat Show  
6:30 p.m. Parade—N Ash to D St

THEME: "Marion County Fair - Dog-gone Fun!!"

6 p.m. Van De Creek Pedal Pull  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Emprise Bank Watermelon  
7:45 p.m. Presentation of Commissioner's Cookie Jar  
7:50 p.m. 4-H Style Revue

We will also have business displays in the commercial building as well as a hay bale decorating contest for the 4-H Clubs and duct tape contests. Winners of the duct tape contest will represent Marion County at the Kansas State Fair.

Women's Ranch Rodeo - Tuesday, July 22 • Rodeo - Wednesday and Thursday July 23, 24  
ATV Challenge and Figure 8 Race - Friday, July 25 • Demo Derby - Saturday, July 26

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A=Atrium EH=Exhibition Hall HH=Heritage Hall LP=Livestock Pavilion EA=Exercise Arena LA=Landon Arena

**Saturday, July 19**

9:00 am Horse Show - IP  
4:00 pm Free Hot Dog Feed - Dock (While they last)  
5:30 pm Horse Judging Contest - IP

**Sunday, July 20**

10:00 am Horse Show IP

**July 21-23rd - No Exhibits  
(Monday-Wednesday)**

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**Thursday, July 24**

8 am-10 pm Buildings open to the Public  
1-5 pm Bake Sale - EH  
6:00 pm Cruz Line Percussion - outside  
6:00 pm Sheep Show - IP  
6:30 pm Baked Goods Auction - EH  
7:00 pm Fairlawn Swing Band - IP  
7:15 pm 4-H King & Queen Announcement - EH

**N SCALERS RAILROADERS ON DISPLAY - EH**  
Miniature Trains

**Friday, July 25**

8 am-10 pm All buildings open to the Public  
Gunn (Tanner, Adam & Kage) - various times - Dock  
8:00 am Bucket Calf Show - IP  
9:00 am Poultry Show - EH  
9:00 am Dog Show - EH Stage Area  
9 am-7 pm Barney's Petting Zoo - EH  
9:30 am Dairy Cattle Show - IP  
10:30 am Dairy Goat Show - IP  
Noon Livestock Judging Contest - IP  
Noon Rabbit Show - EH  
Noon Pie Contest - Atrium  
1:00 pm Poultry Showmanship - EH  
1-8 pm QUILT SHOW - EH  
4-6 pm 4-H Public Presentations - Atrium  
6:00 pm Beef Show - IP

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**6:00-8:00 p.m. STATE FARM RODEO**  
Ages 4-12, Friday - Dock  
Participants will be entered into a drawing for a new bicycle. Must be present to win. Participants must furnish their own bikes and helmets for the rodeo.

6:30 pm Car & Motorcycle Cruise - South Lot  
7-9 pm Pets on Parade - EH  
7:00 pm Santa Fe Band - outside  
Barardi Post Dancers follow  
7:15 pm Donna Brown's Miniature Horses - DA  
8:40 pm KARAOKE - Peterson Family - outside

**Saturday, July 26**

6:30 am-10:45 am Pancake Feed - IA  
8 am-10 pm All buildings open to the Public  
9:00 am Swine Show - IP  
9 am-7 pm Barney's Petting Zoo - EH  
9:30 am Dog Agility Trials - IA  
10:30 am Top-Kan Twirlers Square Dancers - EH  
10:30 am Cruz Line Percussion - outside  
11:00 am Stone Nature Center Presentation - Atrium  
11 am-4 pm BART PLASTERSON GANG WESTERN RE-ENACTMENT - Grassy area near Atrium

11:30 am SCA (Creative Anachronism) - DA  
Renaissance Demo  
12 noon Sunflower Harmony Sweet Adelines - EH  
12:30 pm Animal Dress-up - EA

**1:00 PM: McCLAIN'S RANCH RODEO**  
KID'S OF ALL AGES COME PARTICIPATE - EA

1:00 pm Rabbit Judging Contest - EH  
1:00 pm Stone Nature Center Presentation - A  
1-4 pm Master Gardener's Activity - EH  
1:00 pm White Star Bob Cat Rodeo - outside south  
1:30 pm Beverly Bernardi Post Dancers - EH  
2:00 pm Celebrity Swine Show - IP  
2:30 pm Pie Contest - Atrium  
3:00 pm SCA (Creative Anachronism) - DA  
Renaissance Demo  
3:45 pm Shepherd's Lead - IA  
4:00 pm Just John (acoustical music) - EH  
4-5 pm Fun Fair - IA (Kids of all ages)  
5-7 pm FREE Watermelon (while it lasts) - Dock  
5:00 pm Celebrity Goat Milking Contest - IP  
Pygmy/ Meat Goat Show  
(directly follows milking contest)  
5:00 pm PikJC Band - outside by the cafe

**PEDAL TRACTOR PULL - Ages 3-12 - LA**  
Registration 5:00 p.m. - Pull Starts at 6:00 p.m.  
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**OLD YELLER PULLING - Garden Tractor Pull**  
Registration - 5:00 pm Pull starts at 6:00 pm - EA

6:00 pm CAGE & TNT (gymnastics, dance, yell) - EH  
6:30 pm Car & Motorcycle Cruise - South Lot  
7:00 pm Agricultural Challenge of Champions Contest - A  
8:00 pm Lorena Prater Concert - IA Free Tickets

**Sunday, July 27**

9 am-5 pm Buildings open to the Public  
9:00 am Round Robin Showmanship - IP  
10 am-5 pm Model Airplanes - Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education, Capital City R/C - IA  
10 am- 5 pm Antique & Collectible Show - EH  
12 noon Talent Show - EH  
12-3 pm Horticulture Judging Contest - Atrium  
3:30 pm Fashion Revue - EH  
3:30-5:30 pm Friends of 4-H Dinner (invitation only)- IA  
6:00 pm Livestock Sale - IP

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## Shawnee Co. Fair planned for July 24-27

Family fun is in store for those attending the 2008 Shawnee County Fair at the Expocentre in Topeka.

The fair activities get under way on Thursday, July 24, with the entering of exhibits and the evaluation of domestic arts entries. The purple ribbon food auction will start at 6:30 p.m. The judging will also begin in the livestock projects with the lamb show at 6 p.m.

On Friday the competition heats up. The bucket calf show is planned for 8 a.m. followed by the dairy show, including cows and goats at 9:30 a.m. The beef show will take place at 6 p.m. A miniature horse performance is planned for 7:15 p.m. There is also a livestock judging contest planned at noon.

Saturday the day gets off to an early start with the 4-H pancake feed at 6:30 a.m. The swine show will be held at 9 a.m. in the livestock arena. The dog agility trials will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Bart Plasteron Gang Western re-enactment will have activities from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

McClain's Ranch Rodeo for kids will take place at 1 p.m. in the exercise arena. Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate. A special celebrity swine show will take place at 2 p.m. The popular Shepherd's Lead will be held at 3:45. A pedal pull for the little fair-goers will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the event starts

at 5 p.m. A free concert featuring Lorena Prater will take place at 8 p.m.

On Sunday a light run of activities in on tap. The round robin showmanship contest will be held at 9 a.m. The fashion revue is planned for 3:30 p.m. The final fair event will be the annual 4-H livestock premium auction which starts at 6 p.m.

## "Life is Great" at the 2008 Pott County Fair

The 2008 Pottawatomie County Fair will be held July 30-Aug. 3 in Onaga. This year the fair theme is "Life at the Fair is Great in 2008." The fair has a number of events judged prior to the start of the fair in-

cluding the horse show, open and 4-H foods, sewing and arts and crafts projects.

Thursday will find the remainder of the projects being entered as well as the judging of many open class categories. The first livestock shows of the fair will be the dairy animals starting with goats at 2 p.m. and followed by the dairy cattle classes. A livestock skilathon will be staged at 3 p.m. The sheep and meat goat shows will begin at 6 p.m. The Shepherd's Lead competition will be at the conclusion of the sheep classes. The Miss Pottawatomie Contest begins at 7 p.m. A 4-H movie night at 9 p.m. wraps up the day's activities.

Friday finds the livestock barns bustling with activities. The rabbit show begins at 9:30 followed by poultry and exotic birds at 1 p.m. Beef exhibitors take

to the arena at 6 p.m. for classes and showmanship. A special open showmanship is also on tap with the show. Other events during the day include a tractor-driving contest at 10 a.m. as well as a round bale decorating contest at 6 p.m. New this year is a duct tape contest which will be at 6 p.m. Items to be constructed include clothing, wallets, bags or other items. Winners will advance to state fair competition.

Entertainment for the night will be a rodeo produced by Kraft Rodeo Co. in the arena at 8 p.m. Bingo will be offered at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, the swine show will take place at 8 a.m. The llama classes will be evaluated at 3:30 p.m. Bucket calf exhibitors will show off their entries at

6:30, followed by the round robin showmanship competition at 8 p.m.

Entertainment options for the afternoon and evening include the kiddie pedal pull at 3:30 p.m. and the second evening of rodeo action beginning at 8 p.m. A rodeo dance will follow.

Sunday, Aug. 3, the final day of the fair, has a wide variety of activities available. The horse enthusiast will enjoy the speed events taking place at 9 a.m. The

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## Dog-gone fun in store for the Marion County Fair

This year's Marion County Fair, will be held July 23-26 in Hillsboro. During the week the fair board will bring back many favorites for young and the young at heart including ATV challenge and figure eight compact races which will be a fast-paced good time for the entire family. These entertainment options are in addition to the traditional rodeo and demo derby performances.

The fair will officially get under way on Wednesday with the evaluation of foods exhibits. The sheep

and meat goat shows will start the livestock schedule at 2 p.m., and will be followed with the annual parade through downtown at 6:30 p.m. The rodeo performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The official fair flag raising will be held at the flag pole following the parade to kick off the fair events. A special agility dog competition will take place following the 4-H style revue, which will be featured on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in the pavilion. Another popular returning attraction is the Van De Creek Pedal Pull. Girls and boys ages 4 through 12 can take part in the pedal-tractor pull with registration starting at 6 p.m.

Thursday begins with judging of the dairy goat ex-

hibits at 9 a.m., followed by the dairy cattle show at 1 p.m. The beef show will finish out the day with the bucket calf show starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the beef classes.

Friday is a light day of judging. The swine show will be held at 8 a.m. The 4-H premium sale will be held at 6:30 p.m. Special entertainment will be the Spills and Thrills ATV challenge which is open to everyone over the age of 8 who owns a utility class ATV, which means it has a reverse gear. For \$10 entry fee, courses will be designed, with prorated cash awards to different age categories. The ATV challenge will be followed by Figure eight races in the arena.

On Saturday, the top showmen will compete for

honors in the round robin contest at 10 a.m. An end-of-fair celebration will be held for the 4-h members at 11 a.m.

The activities conclude with the annual demolition derby in the rodeo arena at 7 p.m.

## Riley County Fair offers plenty of fun

The 2008 Riley County Fair will be held July 24-28 at CIO Fairgrounds in Manhattan. The fair will be in full swing on Thursday with a flurry of entry and project evaluations. The evaluation and sale of the 4-H foods entries will take place Wednesday, July 23. The remaining exhibits

will be judged on Thursday morning.

The official kickoff parade will take place down Poyntz Ave. beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday evening. This is also the first of three nights of the Kaw Valley Professional Rodeo. Performances begin at 8 p.m. each evening. A pedal tractor pull will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Once again the Riley County Idol contest will be held. Amateur entertainers will compete for prize money and a trophy in four age divisions. Preliminary rounds will be held in the WIBW entertainment tent located at the south end of the fair grounds on July 25 and 26.

Friday, July 25 finds a lot of 4-H judging taking place.

Woodworking, clothing and cake decorating are some of the classes that will be evaluated in Pottorf Hall. The poultry exhibits will be evaluated at 3 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Blue Valley Pork Producers will host their annual barbecue until 7 p.m. The sheep show will be held at 7 p.m. in the arena.

Saturday will find the dairy exhibitors competing for top honors in the arena at 8 a.m. The goat show will follow at 10 a.m. including both meat goat and dairy goat classes. The highly competitive swine show will get under way at 7 p.m.

Sunday includes a variety of family activities at the fair. A 4-H livestock judging contest will take place at

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**ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, MISC.**

28" round stained glass window with Eagle, nice; sq. stained glass window; fancy old door with oval beveled glass; other doors and windows; patio doors; crystal and porcelain door knobs; 8" porch pillars and porch posts; bird cages; Coke cases; fancy old screen door; lots of oak flooring; nice metal awnings; alum. Christmas tree; wooden doll furniture, 6" to 12" tall; doll collection; toy cast iron coffee wagon with horse; variety of shelves and other wooden items; printers trays; 4 Lions claw legs for pedestal table; old cash register; Springerle and other rolling pins; bent metal hanging candelabra; **GLASSWARE:** Lots of "Early American" press cut glass; lots of "Wexford" glass; Cabbage Rose amber Depression; Ruby Red pcs.; Marigold Carnival bowls and glasses; lots of misc. china; variety of cookie jars; S and P collection; yellow, blue and pink Franciscan; cream Fire King pcs.; red hen on nest; Pyrex; Haeger, Red Wing, Hull and other pottery; lots of other glassware of all kinds; **CROCKS:** 5 gal. Diamond jar; USA bowls, nice; various other jugs and jars; **LAMPS:** Dale Evans on horse, chipped hat; 3 coal oil lamps, others; **SMALLS:** Marbles; buttons; costume jewelry; baseball cards; lots of silverware; more. **CLOTH:** Lg. round braided rug; quilts, some very nice; Chenille bedspreads; linens; round tapestry chair covers with roosters; material; afghans; yarn, etc. **BOOKS:** Louis L'Amour; Dennis the Menace; Heidi; Western paperbacks, more; **PRIMITIVES:** Several old sleds, one is wooden; several child's wagons; wooden barrels; trunks; wooden boxes; old bikes; 2 cistern pumps; hay mow fork and trolley; galv. buckets and tubs; cream cans; 5 1/2 ft. wire flower stand, unusual; wooden chicken nests; wooden handles off of walking plow; lots of wooden ironing boards; ladders; iron wheels; wooden benches; lots more. **GRANITEWARE:** Over 30 pcs. speckled blue, lg. amt. of white with red trim and white with black trim; other odd pcs. **MISC.:** Good pull behind lawn sweep; Christmas decorations; crafts; greenery; dog house and other things and stuff yet to be uncovered and discovered.

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Lots of reasons to attend a Kansas county fair this summer

‘Tis the season for Kansas’ county fairs, which typically begin in early July and continue through August as a prelude to the Kansas State Fair, Sept. 5-14. Each of the fairs will have its local flavor — whether it’s a steaming Bierock, buffalo burger or legendary

chocolate cake. Each also usually offers the promise of family-friendly fun along with a mix of educational opportunities, said Diane Mack, Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist. Kansas’ county fairs tra-

ditionally showcase local talent and achievement, including the work of the some of the county’s youngest citizens — 4-H members who look to the annual events as an opportunity to demonstrate skill-building activities they’ve learned throughout the year.

One need not be a 4-H member to enjoy seeing 4-H projects, said Mack, who cited a 4-H perennial — demonstrations that offer practical, useful tips on subjects such as making a perfect pizza, training the family dog, or trying your hand as a rodeo clown. “People won’t want to miss prime opportunities to see 4-H geology project collections, rockets that fly, insects that also call Kansas home or woodworking projects that might seem right at home in the living room,” Mack said. Viewing 4-H project displays can be particularly beneficial for families and children who are considering

youth development organizations, she said. Seeing the different projects can help families identify key interests and choose an entry-level project. Mack also suggests that fairgoers check out the 4-H photo displays. Photography is among the most popular of 4-H projects and, while the quality of the photos usually is pleasantly surprising, the fact that the photos represent Kansas through a child’s eyes is particularly appealing, she said. More information about the local county fair also is available at the local or district K-State Research and Extension office.

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Continued from page 23 12:30 p.m. Turtle races will be held at 3 p.m. Those participating in the Shepherd’s Lead classes will strut their stuff in the arena at 5 p.m., followed by the bucket calf show at 6 p.m. Beef exhibitors will display their cattle for the judge starting at 6:30 p.m. The Idol Finals will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, the final day of the fair finds the livestock exhibitors competing for round showmanship honors at 10 a.m. The annual 4-H premium sale will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the arena. A carnival will be on the grounds during the entire run of the fair.

Ribbon color signals achievement

Once upon a time, winning the blue ribbon at a county fair represented success in baking a picture-perfect cake or raising a properly finished calf. The award process has changed some since then, said Diane Mack. “Fair-goers viewing 4-H projects at Kansas’ county fairs will see red, white, blue and purple ribbons,” she said. Mack, who is the northeast area Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist, explains: Kansas 4-H uses what is called the Danish System, which acknowledges an exhibitor’s efforts with a ribbon. Exhibits are judged in comparison to an ideal, research-based standard, rather than a comparison to other entries. Here’s how it works:

A white ribbon acknowledges participation, even though the project fails to meet minimum standards. A red ribbon meets all minimum standards, but acknowledges that there are opportunities for improvements in the project. A blue ribbon exceeds minimum standards, but acknowledges that the project may have minor flaws that offer opportunities for improvement. A purple ribbon indicates that, in the judge’s view, the

project is outstanding on all standards. If using what is called a Modified Danish System, exhibits are compared to a standard, placed in four color ribbon groups, but ranked top to bottom within each ribbon group. With what is called the American System, exhibits are compared to each other (rather than a standard of achievement) and ranked 1-2-3, etc., with a different color ribbon for each placing. Not all exhibits will receive a ribbon. To advance to the Kansas State Fair, a 4-H member must first earn an outstanding award on their exhibit.

For 4-H’ers, one of the real plusses in entering an exhibit at a county fair is 4-H conference judging. The one-on-one sessions match a skilled judge, such as a master woodworker, with a 4-H member who has entered a woodworking project. How-to dialog is intended to encourage 4-H’ers to pursue their interests while also building skills that may serve as the foundation for a career or lifelong interest, Mack said. More information about 4-H projects and educational opportunities is available at local and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on 4-H’s website: www.kansas4h.org.

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