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2023 Delaware County Fair Board Directors, back row, left to right, Niles Wilson, Ray Baker, Kevin O'Brien, Jeremy Dean, John Seely and John Seward. Front row, left to right, Cecil Davis, Ed Rossley, Jason Craig and Norman Kilpatrick.

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Cheyenne Reese of Walton rides her horse in competition at the 2022 Delaware County Fair. View or buy your favorite Delaware County Fair photos by visiting DeckerAdvertising.smugmug.com, with new photos from this year coming soon. Many different fair events are covered, check to see if you were spotted by our favorite photographer!

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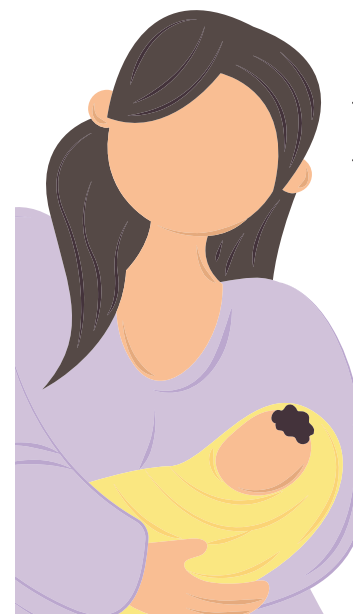
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NEW FOR THE 2023 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

WALTON - 2023 fairgoers can expect upgrades around the fairgrounds including an upgrade to the smaller practice ring, adjacent to the sand-filled show ring, said Delaware County Fair Board President Ed Rossley. Underground waterline upgrades took place this summer, Rossley said, and fairgoers may find the ground to be "soft" in spots. The upgrades were paid for in part with Delaware County American Rescue Funds.

"A lot of money went into the fairgrounds," Rossley said, "but you won't see it because it's in the ground."

A new feature this year, Rossley said, is a sand sculpture.

"I'm excited to see what he's going to do," Rossley said of the exhibitor. The

exhibit will be in front of the Ag Awareness building, where the butter sculpture was formerly displayed.

There will also be two concerts Saturday night, Aug. 17 - a Billy Joel cover band called "A River of Dreams" and The Ultimate Journey Experience by Legend. Tickets are \$10 for both performances.

Because the concerts will be held Saturday night, the New York Tractor Pull will be held Wednesday night. Grandstand features include a demolition derby Monday and Friday; Heroes Parade (formerly Firefighters Parade) will be held Tuesday and a four-wheel drive truck pull Thursday.

Midway rides will open Tuesday rather than Monday this year, Rossley said.



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Fair Board President Ed Rossley.

Friday morning for one hour, starting at 11 a.m., there will be no lights, no sound midway rides for those with sensory issues. Three new rides will be featured this year, Rossley said.

There will also be new food vendors this year, for a

total of over 150 vendors, he said.

Don't forget to check out Delaware County 4-H's "Power House," exhibit which will show people how they can save money on energy costs.

Vesper services will be

held in the entertainment tent Sunday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. followed by entertainment all week long. There will also be a cornhole tournament in the horse show ring with a \$1,000 top prize.



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ECHOES OF '44:

A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT SHOWING COWS AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

Ralph and Alice Taylor of Walton are experienced - now retired, dairy farmers. They grew up on neighboring family farms - he with Holstein cows and she with a Jersey herd.

Ralph starting showing cows in 1944 at the age of 11; he's 90 years old now.

Things have changed a lot since then. We rely on automobiles and tractors rather than horses, man has landed on the moon, gasoline rose from 21 cents to \$3.99 a gallon, and pacemakers, microwave ovens and the polio vaccine were invented - among other notable ad-

vancements in the world.

One thing that has not changed, Taylor said, is cows.

However, the Delaware County Fair has changed, and so has showing cows. Alice Taylor started showing cows in 1950, she said, and she remembers that the parking lot was located where the current livestock barns are - which was in the midfield. "Things were so much different then," Alice said.

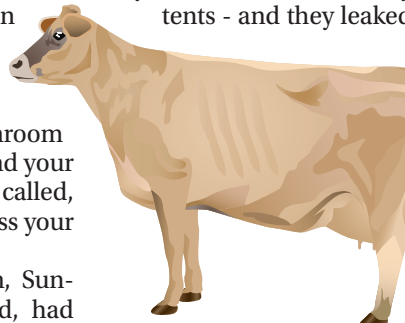
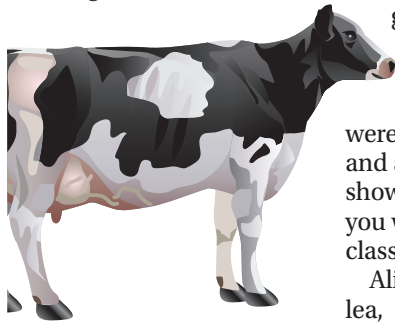
She recalls that there was horse racing on the track in those days - and the only bathrooms on the fairgrounds were on

the other side of the track. If you were using the bathroom and a race started, and your showing class was called, you were going to miss your class.

Alice's family farm, Sunlea, on Gosper Road, had

Holstein cows; Ralph - who was the "boy next door" - had a Jersey herd.

Alice recalls one of her first years showing her snow-white calf, "Hey You." In those days, she said, exhibitors didn't wash their cows every day at the fair, like they do now. Instead, people used calf blankets to keep the animal's coat clean. Calf blankets were very expensive, Alice said, so she and her mother, using a 4-H pattern, made their own, and dyed the blanket purple. There were no livestock barns in those days either, Alice said; only tents - and they leaked



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“Old-timers” at the 2022 Delaware County Fair, watching youngster show their dairy cows.

when it rained. Instead of showing a snow-white calf, she said, she ended up with a purple calf when the blanket dye bled onto Hey You from the rain leaking through the tent. Though the story is funny now, she said, she didn't think it was funny then.

Ralph started showing with two calves, Annabelle and Agnes.

The two become a couple and operated their own family farm. “This is what happens when you marry the boy next door,” she said. The Taylors will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in December.

When they were younger, they were both involved in 4-H, they said. Now, the fourth generation of their family is going to show dairy cattle.

“Our great-grandchildren are showing. One is showing a Jersey cow and the other is showing an Ayrshire. They didn't want to compete against one another,” Alice said. “It's become a tradition.”

The couple got out of dairy farming in 2001, when they sold their milking herd. They raised heifers until 2014, when “it got to be too much,” for the older couple. They miss aspects of farming, like being able to see the stars in the sky at night when finishing night milking. “You miss the animals and the people - though we try to go to the fair and other functions to socialize,” Alice said.

The Taylors intend to be at the Jersey Parish Show Sunday, and “see how it all works out,”

for the remainder of the week, Alice said.

She reflects on what motivated them to begin showing cows at the fair.

“It was fun. The competition - especially

Jersey folks. They were always the best of buddies but when they got into the show ring, they were competitors!” she said with a chuckle. Showing your animals at the fair, she said, was a good advertisement for a farm. It also affected the sale price of animals.

“It really was just for the fun of it.”

As their children grew, Alice said, they showed in “stops and starts.” Farming is a good life, she said. “It teaches the younger generation respect and responsibility.”

Alice was vague in answering the age-old question of which is the better breed - Holstein or Jersey?

“It's whatever people prefer,” she said. These days, she said, colored

breeds seem to be more popular. “They also seem to get a better price for their milk, and that helps - because farming today is a tough situation.”



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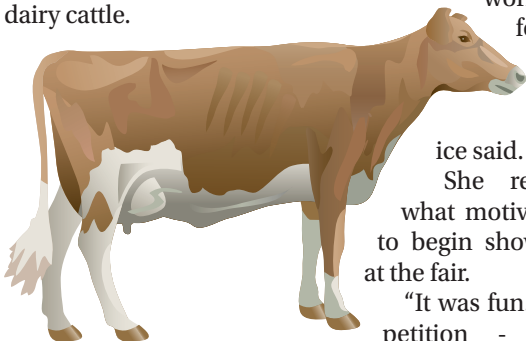
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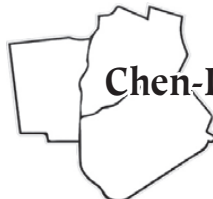
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HEROES PARADE



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Heroes Parade, 2022.

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

Parade participants line

up at 5 p.m., using the last entrance to the fairgrounds (just before the village's wastewater treatment plant) and go all the way to the end of the road. The parade enters the fairgrounds near the horse arena and follows the track past the grandstands and stage and concludes

near the EMS building. There will be a memorial service on the stage at 6:45 p.m. honoring members of fire departments who have died in the last year. The parade kicks off at 7 p.m. There is free grandstand entry.

Anyone can march in the parade - individuals,



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Heroes Parade, 2022.



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groups, businesses, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, motorcycle clubs, police departments, dance groups, etc.

In 2022 approximately 35 groups participated in the parade. This year, the parade committee hopes to increase that number. Organizer Dallis Wright, on behalf of the Delaware County Firefighters Association, has been involved with the pa-

rade for more than 30 years - first as a fire queen, then as the Delaware County Fire Queen, and eventually becoming a participant with Walton Fire Department. The Walton Fire Department organized the parade when Wright first became involved, then her father, Mike Harrington Sr. oversaw the parade for many years. That eventually led to Wright taking on the task when Harrington stepped aside.

Delaware County Fire-

fighters Association members orchestrates the parade lineup, provides the announcer and judges, as well as the trophies, plaques, and/or cash prizes.

There will not be a fire queen contest this year, Wright said, as very few fire departments have fire queens due to lack of interest and participation.

To participate in the parade contact Dallis Wright at 607-372-1526 or at Delaware County Emergency Services at 607-832-5600.



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The International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) shares standards for show ring etiquette and ethics.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example.

Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows.

Exhibitors who violate

this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed vet-



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erinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

- Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

- Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.

- Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter-irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

- The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices

are not acceptable and are prohibited.

- Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.

- No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

- The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

- The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of show ring ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show.



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4H livestock sale at the Delaware County Fair

Delaware County 4-Hers will hold a livestock auction at the Delaware County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. in the livestock show ring. Photos designated with the



4-H symbol signify auction animals. 4-H animals are a source of top quality

meat. Consider splitting the meat into halves, quarters or thirds, sharing the cost with family or friends. For example, a pig purchased for \$300 could be divided into thirds and shared with three individuals, making the cost \$100 each before processing fees.

Shippers will be on stand-by to deliver animals to the purchasers' processor of choice.

Support the Delaware County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction to encourage future farmers and community

leaders.

Proceeds from the sale of 4-H project animals typical-

ly goes toward future animal projects, school and other expenses.



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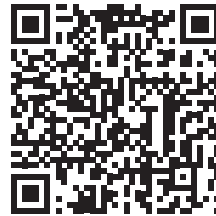
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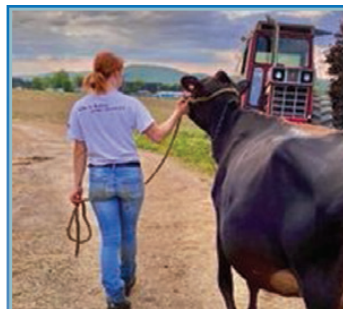
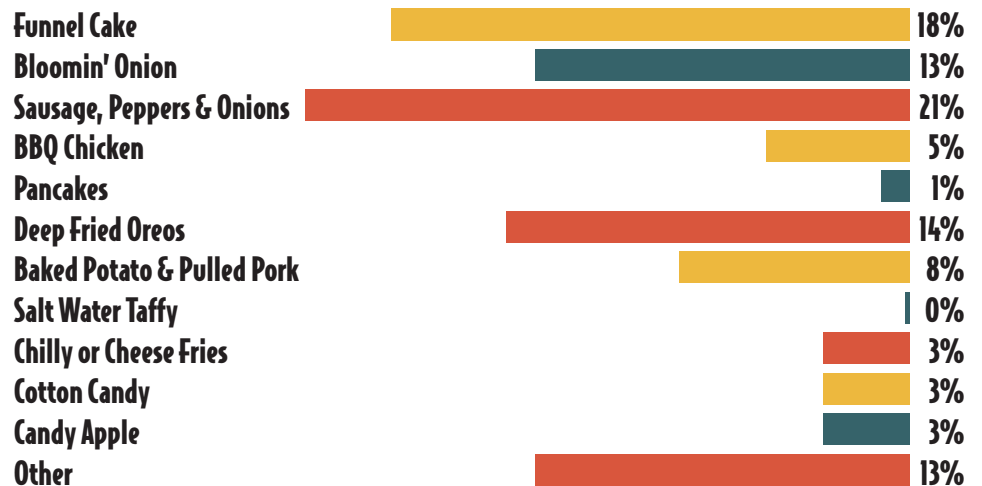
FAVORITE FAIR FOOD

Funnel Cake - Sam Kantor

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Delaware County Dairy Ambassadors Jessica Coleman and Gracie Deysenroth will be at the 2023 Delaware County Fair promoting dairy products and the dairy industry.

A dairy ambassador, previously known as a dairy princess, is the primary spokesperson to promote the dairy industry in Delaware County.

At the 62nd annual Dairy Ambassador Dinner June 17, Coleman said her time representing dairy farmers of Delaware County was a privilege.

"I learned a lot and I improved my skills as a public speaker. But I still prefer talking to little kids over adults," Coleman said.

Deysenroth will step into the role when Coleman leaves for SUNY Oneonta in the fall.

Deysenroth is the daughter of Paul Deysenroth and Leslie Petrie of Bloomville, and grew up on her grandparent's farm, Bye Brook Farm. Deysenroth will enter her senior year at South Kortright Central School in fall 2023 where she participates in band, chorus, drama club and student council.

"Growing up in Delaware County, there is so much beauty and it is because of the way the land is cared for by Delaware County dairy farmers," Deysenroth said at the June 17 dinner. "Dairy farmers, like my grandparents, uncle and aunt, make great and nutritious food, such as mac and cheese. I want to continue promoting the nutritional benefits of Delaware County dairy products and the importance of Delaware County dairy farmers to our economy and environment."



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Dairy Ambassadors Jessica Coleman and Gracie Deysenroth, 2023 Dairy Court.



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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.

This will also be a drop off location for expired or unused medications, OFA Director

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

Two upcoming events for Delaware County older adults are the eighth annual senior picnic Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 4H Camp Shankitunk. There will be more than 50 exhibitors and day long entertainment. An inaugural senior prom will take place Sept. 10 at Birdsong Farm in Delhi, from 2 - 6 p.m.

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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 14



- 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)
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 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*)
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*)
6 pm Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship
 (*Youth Building*)
6:30 pm 4-H Parade (*Track - Grandstands*)

WEDNESDAY, 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*)
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*)
4 pm 4-H Dairy Challenge (*Dairy Show Ring*)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17



- 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 18



- 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*)
1 pm Fashion/Textile Showcase, Mannequin Modeling,
 Presentation of the Elinor Kellett Memorial Award
 (*Youth Building*)
Noon 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest (*Poultry Barn*)
7 pm 4-H Goat Olympics (*Livestock Show Ring*)
 Sheep Exhibitor Dinner following the Open Sheep Show (*Livestock Barn*)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19



- 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*)

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- 1st Release:** 4-H AUCTION animals may be released FOLLOWING completion of the 4-H Livestock Auction.
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- In 2022, there were 9.34 million dairy cows in the United States producing 227.2 billion pounds of milk.
- The average American dairy cow produces 2,320 gallons of milk a year, eight gallons or 128 glasses, of milk per day.
- The average dairy cow weighs about 1,400 lbs.
- Cows can see 330 de-



grees and can see blue, green and yellow, but not red.

- Cows have an acute sense of smell, and can smell something up to six miles away.
- Cows have 32 teeth, all of them on the bottom with a dental pad on top
- A cow eats 90-100

pounds of food and drinks about 35 gallons of water (the equivalent of a bathtub full) every day.

- The average cow chews 50 to 60 times per minute.
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LEGEND

After a brief hiatus, the Delaware County Fair will welcome back the end-of-week concert, this year featuring two tribute, or cover bands Saturday, Aug. 19.

River of Dreams Billy Joel Tribute Band will open the show at 6 p.m. River of Dreams lead singer John Cozolino, composer Kinny Landrum, bassist John Lang, saxophone player

Andy Segale, drummers David Bond, Brian Wahl, and Russ Wilson, and guitarist Pepe Aquilino form a six-piece rock and roll band to perform a crafted tribute to the song catalogue of Bill Joel.

River of Dreams will open for "The Ultimate Journey Experience" by LEGEND, who will take the stage at 8 p.m. where lead singer Mi-

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This year the Walton Historical Society exhibit will be a little different than in past years, Jason Schwartz, president of the Walton Historical Society said. The theme is butter.

Butter?

Though it may seem a little odd, Schwartz said, about month ago the historical society received a donation of a circa 1880 swing butter churn.

"As soon as we saw it and the condition it was in, we knew we had our theme for the fair!" he said.

Butter was used in a lot of different things over

the years, he explained. There will be an actual Hoos Bakery box, (complimentary mouse hole and all) a pie safe that was used in the Eells House by Kate Eells, pictures of past grocery stores, restaurants, old cook-books, and anything that could have been used with or associated with butter.

A vast selection of books, 2024 calendars will be for sale and many more things to see. Visit volunteers from the Walton Historical Society in the booth behind the Sportsmen's Federation area, next to the grange building.



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EGG-CELLENT EXHIBIT!

For the second year there will be an egg competition at the Delaware County Fair, held Aug. 14 - 18.

Last year, Homemaking Superintendent Lisa Calaci said, there was overwhelming response and participation in the category, and she hopes for even more entries this year.

Judges are looking for soundness, cleanliness, texture, and uniformity in shape, color and size, Calaci said.

Entries must be from Delaware County resident who have raised the hens that produced the eggs, she said. There are categories for white and various colors of eggs. Entries must contain one dozen eggs.

There was a special category last year, continued this year, for the largest chicken egg.

The egg competition was suggested by long-time vegetable judge Ken Schrider.



Because of the popularity of the competition category, it will be expanded next year, Calaci said; and will likely include eggs from other feathered fowl.



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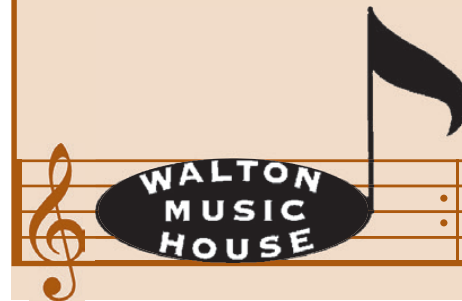
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BREWING UP COMPETITION!

2023 AMATEUR BEER, WINE & CIDER COMPETITION

This year there will be an amateur beer and wine making competition at the Delaware County Fair.

Competitors must live in Delaware County and cannot be involved in commercial wine making. Fair entry manager Diane Benedict reports there have been few entries in the category, which was introduced six years ago.

This year, department superintendent Lisa Calaci hopes for multiple entries in each category. The previous lack of participation is surprising, Calaci said, because there are a lot of people who home brew - many of them with kits, and the category was requested by fairgoers and residents. The Delaware County Fair categories are similar to the categories at the Otsego County Fair and the New York State Fair, Calaci said.

In addition to the beer, wine and cider categories, there is a label design competition, Calaci said.

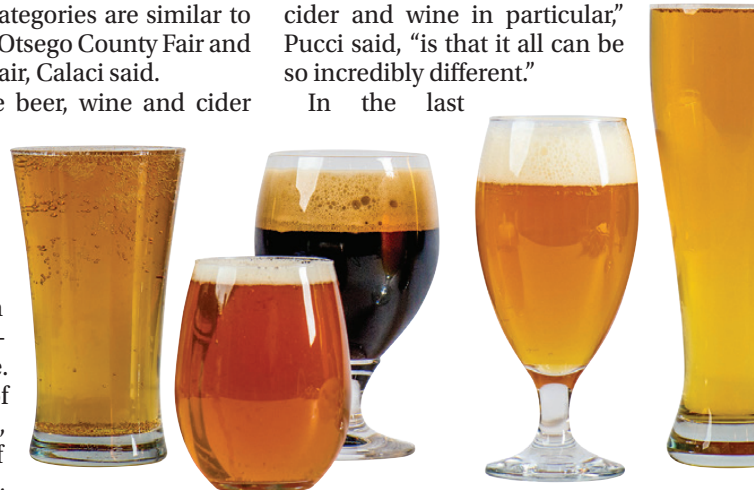
In previous years, most of the wine entries have been equally split between red and white. There are a lot of fruit-based wines, Calaci said. One of her favorites entries,

which resulted in a blue ribbon win, was a cranberry-based wine. The producer is a Walton resident, and Calaci's sample "was excellent!" she said.

The entries are judged by people not associated with the fair who have wine, beer and cider experience. Previous judge Ray Pucci of East Meredith explained judges look for color, body, aroma and taste; although he acknowledges that everyone's taste is different, expectation-based, personal and subjective.

"When I am served a red wine, there is a certain expectation. I think we all have those. Same with a glass of orange juice," Pucci said. "The fun thing about cider and wine in particular," Pucci said, "is that it all can be so incredibly different."

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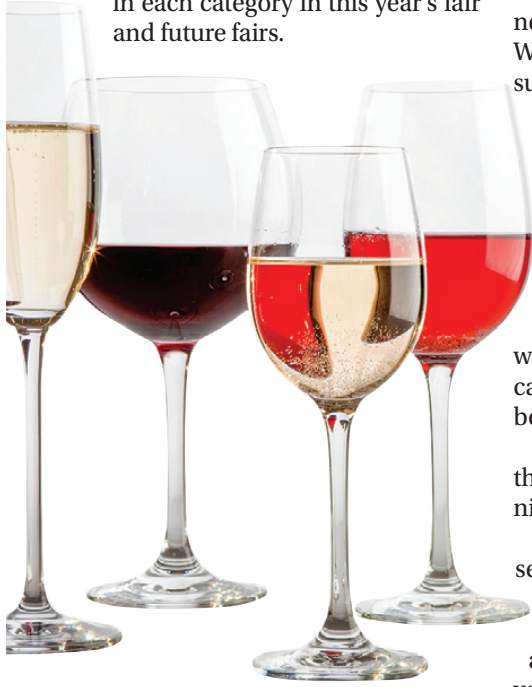
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competition he judged, he said, there was a dandelion wine and a rhubarb-based wine - a few entries used grapes.

"There were definitely some that were better than others," he said.

When he judged, he explained, there were extra points awarded for a "thing" that could not be objectively quantified. "They had a little something that struck us," Pucci said. The beverages his panel judged, he said, was reminiscent of the type of wine people would have made for their own consumption 100 years ago. "It really is a matter of personal preference," he said, and like Calaci, is hopeful there will be multiple entries in each category in this year's fair and future fairs.



There are all kinds of people who are interested in beverage making, Calaci said, but it is mostly people aged 30 - 40 years old who submit an entry into the competition.

The beer competition seems to be more specific, Calaci said. Entries are largely light beers - IPAs. Though there is a category for dark beers, lagers and ales, there have been no entries in those categories, Calaci said. There have, however, been "fruity" beer entries.

What makes a good beer? Calaci said frothiness is key.

"It shouldn't have a medicinal taste. It should be full-bodied and rich. The judge's get excited when they see frothiness, or foam; it means something went right."

This year's competition

differs from prior years in that there are monetary prizes, Calaci said.

HOME BREWING

Home brewing is rewarding hobby. It requires minimal ingredients and simple methods, and yields intricate flavors.

For wine, fruit, flower, sugar, yeast and a lot of patience is required. Wine grapes are typically packed with the necessary tannins, acids, and sugars for the wine-making process and don't require anything more than yeast to convert the sugar to alcohol - which can take a few days to several weeks, depending on the recipe.

Once fermentation is complete, the liquid needs to be clarified by removing sediment. When the wine is aged, if necessary, the result is a glass of wine, home-brewed, and ready to pour.

Beer ingredients typically include malted barley (or other grains), hops, yeast, and water. Hops add a distinctive bitter taste and aroma to balance the sweetness of malt. Yeast plays a vital role in fermenting sugars into alcohol. After fermentation, the beer is bottled with a little bit of added sugar to allow for carbonation. In two to three weeks, beer will be carbonated and ready to enjoy.

Cider is typically made from apples, though other fruits can be used - and technically cider is wine. But not all wine is cider. Start with fresh, ripe apples - variety is essential. A blend of varieties will give cider depth and complexity.

Once the juice is extracted from the apples and it is free of microbes or wild yeast, fermentation can begin by adding cider-specific yeast. Fermentation can take about two weeks and is complete when the "bubbling" subsides. Cider should be aged for a few weeks to a few months to enhance the taste. Serving cider chilled brings out its flavor.



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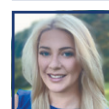
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It was a courtship their friends watched with good-natured teasing. And it began with a cow.

Janice was raised on a 30-head dairy farm in Carthage. Her parents, like many farmers today, had multiple streams of income to offset the expenses and passion for dairy farming. Her father had a maple syrup business and was a mail carrier, her mother worked in a paper mill. Her family raised unregistered Holsteins and when her older brother

Stanley won a purebred Holstein calf courtesy of the Jefferson County Rotary Club in 1947, it changed her way of thinking about cows. The calf - Parker Supreme Illustrious, "Lusty" for short, was just as much Janice's as she was Stanley's, she said. And by the time Lusty became an aged cow, she had won several grand champion titles. Lusty, like Janice, had Canadian heritage. Canadian Holsteins, Janice explained, "are a little wider cut - with a wider frame. Not beefier."

Because of that cow, Janice said, her father became more interested in purebred cattle. And so did she. Her father bought her another registered Holstein and she, her father and brother began developing little herds of their own - all in the same



FAVORITE FAIR FOOD

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



photo by Barbara Hanselman

Don and Janice Smith.

barn.

"Though my dad still had a fair amount of unregistered animals, we kept pecking away at it," Janice said, determined to have a herd of registered cows.

Janice continued to show cows at the Jefferson County Fair, and in those days, she said, the best animals at county fairs advanced to the

state fair.

"You would get bragging rights if you won first place," she said. She advanced to state fair competition with her Holsteins.

At the New York State Fair, Janice met Don, by virtue of a shared feed alley by Jefferson and Delaware Counties.

"Delaware County always had nice representation at

the state fair," Janice said.

That's where the young couple got to know each other, sharing meals in the cafeteria, doing morning chores and walking through the open class barns to look more closely at developed herds.

"I was infatuated with him," Janice said. They spent a lot of time together over



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those 12 days, she said - not romantically though.

"He was a great person to visit with. I never realized he was 'quiet.' He was just so easy for me to talk to, and he said the same."

The two spent a lot of time during the '57 state fair sitting on 4-H show boxes, just talking. Their friend, Ralph "Junie" Taylor, "would tease the daylight out of Don about a little redhead he was chasing!" Janice laughed,

"I had no idea. I was pretty naive not to know it was me." Ralph, she said, "Is a hoot and a half!"

The courtship continued over the next two years and Don traveled to Carthage to see her as often as he could afford to, by way of a Greyhound bus. The year she graduated high school, she said, they married. Don brought Janice back to Delaware County, and she brought three Holsteins with her.

A lot has changed in the dairy industry since then, Janice said. She and her family used to milk cows by hand. Don used a milking machine. Back then,

milk was still being picked up in cans, and that continued through 1961. "We put a in milk tank in June 1961, the same week as our daughter Barbara was born." Milk haulers, or processors, were offering incentives to dairy farmers to put in bulk tanks. "It was easier for the people picking up the milk," she said, "They didn't have to pick up all those cans."

Their dairy barn expanded several times, first with an enlarged milk house - canned milk was kept in an "ice bank." A bulk milk tank allowed milk to be cooled very quickly.

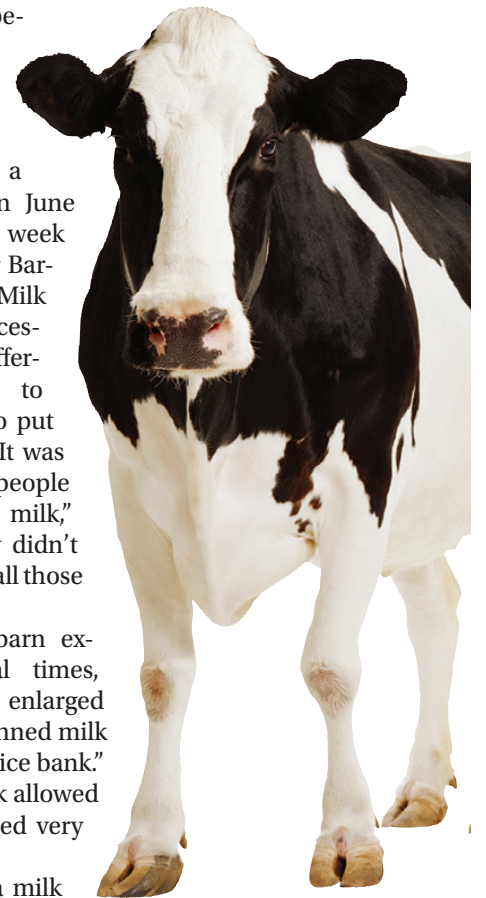
They added a milk pipeline in the mid 1970s, Janice said, noting that with every new thing added to the farm, the herd grew a bit too.

Back then they managed a herd of about 40 cows. Today, her son Don milks 106 cows. They've also put two additions on the barn - first a 50 foot addition, then a second 100 foot addition in 1983, which allowed space for larger stalls and more cow comfort.

These days, Janice said, people put a bigger emphasis on cow comfort than they used to. "And we found laying down was better for them," she said. "We expect a lot more from our cows and I think we should pay attention to their comfort."

She wants people to know that all milk is antibiotic free. "But it can't be hormone free! Every living thing has hormones."

All milk is tested and if it's found to have antibiotics in it, she said, it's a serious offense and comes with a



heavy fine.

"Milk has been blamed for making people fat," she said, "And it's just not true. Whole milk is 97% fat free!"

Janice is passionate about nutrition and facts.

"I wish people would learn to enjoy whole milk and realize how good it is for you."

Dairy farming teaches kids a work ethic, she said.

"All of our children have shown cows and they developed poise through competition. It's important for kids to have, whether they win or lose. Though you usually learn more from losing."

Though they haven't shown their cows at the Delaware County Fair in many years, she still has a fondness for the fair. "I just feel like so much of my life is because of a cow. I met a wonderful person, moved to Delaware County and had a tremendous amount of fun - all because of a cow."

*Don Smith died in 2019.

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2023 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

- 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*
- 5:30 p.m. Vesper Service Practice
- 6 p.m. Vesper Service - *Entertainment Court*

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 **OPENING DAY**



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - *CCE Human Ecology Bldg*

- 8:30 a.m. All Day Garden Tractor Pull - *Track*
- 9 a.m. Open Meat Goat Show - *Livestock Barn*
- 10 a.m. Draft Horse Show
- Noon Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 2 p.m. Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 2-4 p.m. Canning Tomatoes - *CCE Human Ecology Bldg*
- 3 p.m. Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
- 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 DRIFTWOODS (Country)
- *Entertainment Court*
- 7 p.m. **Demo Derby** - *Track*



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 CHILDREN'S DAY MIDWAY OPENING DAY



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - *CCE Human Ecology Bldg*

- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy & Meat Goat Show - *Livestock Barn*
- 9 a.m. 4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Saddle; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana) - *Horse Arena*
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Cavy Showmanship Show - *Rabbit Show Ring*
4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Show
- *Dairy Cattle Barn*
- 10 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Show
- *Rabbit Show Ring*
- 11 a.m. **Kids Power Wheels Derby** - *Track Side*
- 11 a.m. Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
Noon Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
- Noon-11 p.m. **Midway Open**
- 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. Cowboy Circus - *Entertainment Court*
- 2-4 p.m. Canning Jams & Jellies - *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)
- 7p.m. **The Hero's Parade**



DELCO 4-H



For a complete listing of Cornell Cooperative youth activities, plus 4-H showings and presentations, see schedule on page 16

DELCO 4-H

2023 DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - CCE Human Ecology Bldg

- 9 a.m.** 4-H Beef Cattle Show - *Livestock Barn*
4-H Horse Show (Western; Gymkhana)
- *Horse Arena*
Stock Farm Tractor Pull - *Track Side*
- 9:30 a.m.** 4-H Cavy Breeds Show - *Rabbit Show Ring*
4-H Dairy Cattle Breeds Show - *Dairy Cattle Barn*
- 10 a.m.** 4-H Rabbit Breeds Show - *Rabbit Show Barn*
- 12 p.m.** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- Noon-11 p.m. Midway Open**
- 1-3 p.m.** Country's Sweetheart KRYSTAL LEE
- *Entertainment Court*
- 2 p.m.** Open Swine Show (following 4-H Beef Show)
- *Livestock Barn*
- 2-4 p.m.** Canning Pickles - *CCE Human Ecology Bldg*
- 3 p.m.** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 4 p.m.** 4-H Dairy Challenge - *Dairy Show Ring*
- 4 p.m.** Illusionist - *Entertainment Court*
- 5-6 p.m.** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 6-7 p.m.** Cowboy Circus - *Entertainment Court*
- 7 p.m. NYTPA Super Stock Combo, Modified, Two Wheel Drive - Track**
- 7:30-10:30 p.m.** THE NATE GROSS BAND (Blues and Southern Rock) - *Entertainment Court*



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Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - CCE Human Ecology Bldg

- 8 a.m.** Open Horse Show -Hunter Division Horse & Pony
- 9 a.m.** Antique Tractor Pull
- 9 a.m.** 4-H Swine Show - *Livestock Barn*
- 9:30 a.m.** Open Class Cattle Show
Open Class Beef Show (after the 4-H Swine Show)
- 11 a.m. - Noon** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- Noon-1 p.m.** Randy's Nashville Sound - *Entertainment Court*
- Noon-11 p.m. Midway Open**
- 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*
- 3 p.m.** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 2-4 p.m.** Freezing Fruits & Vegetables
- *CCE Human Ecology Bldg*
- 3-4 p.m.** Buffalo Barfield - *Entertainment Court*
- 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*
- 6:45 p.m.** Cowboy Circus - *Entertainment Court*
- 7 p.m. Street Legal Gas & Diesel 4x4 Truck Pull**
- 7:30-10:30 p.m.** THE BEADLE BROTHERS (Today's Country & More) High Energy - *Entertainment Court*



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - CCE Human Ecology Bldg

- 8 a.m. Open Horse Show - Western Division
- 9 a.m. Pony Pull - #1400, #1800, Miniature Unlimited
- Track
- 9:30 a.m. Open Class Cattle Show
FFA Judging and Demonstration
- 10 a.m. Final Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals
- Livestock Barn
- 11 a.m.-Noon Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
- Noon 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest - Poultry Barn
Open Sheep Show
- Noon-1 p.m. Catskill Dance EXPO - Entertainment Court
- Noon-11 p.m. **Midway Open**
 - 1-2 p.m. Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court
 - 2-3 p.m. Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 - 2-4 p.m. Fermentation Sauerkraut
- CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 - 3-4 p.m. Buffalo & Barfield - Entertainment Court
 - 4-6 p.m. New Orleans Singer John Paul
- Entertainment Court
 - 6 p.m. **THE TOM NEWMAN MEMORIAL HORSE PULL** - Horse Ring
 - 6:30 p.m. Cowboy Circus - 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. **Demo Derby** - Track
 - 8-11 p.m. LAZY II BAND (Country & Classic Rock)
- Entertainment Court



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023



Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity
- 4-H/Youth Building
Food Preservation - CCE Human Ecology Bldg

- 8 a.m. Open Horse Show - Gymkhana Division
- 9 a.m. 4-H Master Livestock Showman Competition
- Livestock Barn
- 9 a.m. 11,000 lb Farm & Hot Farm Tractor Pull
- Donation to Enter
- 11 a.m. 4-H Livestock Herdsmanship Awards
- Livestock Barn
- 11:30-1p.m. Buffalo & Barfield - Entertainment Court
- Noon Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Dinner - Dairy Cattle Barn
- Noon-11 p.m. **Midway Open**
 - 1 p.m. **Karaoke Finals with Northern Star Productions** - Entertainment Court
 - 2 p.m. 4-H Livestock Auction - Livestock Barn Show Ring
 - 2-4 p.m. Drying Herbs - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
 - 4:30 p.m. Smelly Footwear Contest - Entertainment Court
 - 5:30 p.m. Illusionist - Entertainment Court
 - 6:15 p.m. Cowboy Circus - Entertainment Court
 - 6:30 p.m. **River of Dreams (Billy Joel Tribute)** - Track
 - 7-11p.m. Music by BJ Hendrickson - Entertainment Court
 - 8 p.m. **LEGEND (Journey Tribute)** - Track
 - 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.
- 4-H Exhibits Release Times:
 - *1st Release 4-H AUCTION animals may be released FOLLOWING completion of the 4-H Livestock Auction.
 - *2nd Release All other SWINE will be released FOLLOWING the release of the auction animals.
 - *3rd Release ALL OTHER ANIMALS and YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS must stay in place until 8 p.m..





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Among the duties of Miss Delaware County is presenting trophies for winners of the demolition derby at the fair.

WALTON - Chloe Davis, 19, of South Kortright, will perform her final duty as 2022 Miss Delaware County, by crowning her successor in a pageant which will be held Friday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

Davis will not run this year as she has aged-out of the competition which is

open to Delaware County contestants ages 14-18.

Davis competed for the crown in 2019, and was unsuccessful. The pageant was not held in 2020 due to Covid or again in 2021.

Davis aced the judges' interview, the pageant dress and casual wear competi-

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Chloe Davis, 19, South Kortright, in the 2022 pageant dress competition.

Preventing fires: DelCo Firefighters sponsor Fire Prevention exhibit

The Delaware County Firefighters Association will have a fire prevention and safety exhibit at the Delaware County Fairgrounds throughout fair week. The exhibit can be found on Tweedie Boulevard near the antique engine club.

The family-friendly exhibit will feature a display of photos from various emergencies throughout the years, said Dallis Wright of Delaware County Emergency Services.

There will hands-on activities for children and interactive games that teach fire safety practices. There will be special appearances of Sparky the Fire Dog, Henry the Fire Hydrant, Edith the Fire Extinguisher and

Emsley the EMS Dog.

“You’re never too old or too young to learn about fire safety for yourself, your family or your community,” Wright said. “If we can make a difference in one child’s life by teaching and providing handouts to children, we’ve been successful.”

There will be educational handouts for adults, items for kids, and displays including pieces of antique equipment, Wright said.

People interested in joining their local fire department or emergency service squad who are uncertain how to proceed, exhibit volunteers will point them in the right direction.



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Promoting the fair is among the duties of Miss Delaware County.

tions which are part of the evaluation process. She was one of three contestants last year and is hoping there are many more contestants this year.

The four-judge panel quizzes contestants on their knowledge of the fair and about Delaware County. They also ask other questions, Davis said, like what a contestant’s favorite fair food is and what they would change about the fair - her favorite fair food is ice cream and pizza “my go tos;” and she would like to see veterans permitted in the fair admission-free without having to wear a uniform. “It’s too hot and sticky,” she said.

Another question judge’s ask is how contestants will represent the fair throughout the year. Davis attended parades throughout the county, livestock and other events over the last year, promoting the fair.

She was nervous, she said, about the panel interview because everyone was focused on her.

“In that moment you just have to be clear and confident,” she advised. The pageant dress and casual wear competition did not make her nervous, she said, even though she is not “the girliest girl,” and instead sees herself as a tomboy.

She has loved her time as Miss Delaware County, she said; she learned new things and was able to socialize with people, including older people, who she learned a lot from. “I learned a lot about ag in general,” she said, “and the county.” She has advice for this year’s contestants, “Be confident. It might seem scary, but it is fun and exciting and it’s fun to represent your county.”

Davis is enrolled in SUNY Oneonta as an early childhood education major.

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TOM NEWMAN HONORED WITH MEMORIAL HORSE PULL

WALTON -Tom Newman, of Walton and Hancock, had a big heart - and big horses - and his contributions to the horse world will be recognized at the 2023 Delaware County Fair with the inaugural Tom Newman Memo-

rial Horse Pull Friday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

Newman was well-known in the draft horse world for his Belgian draft horses and for his horsemanship.

Newman's untimely death in December 2022

was a shock to his family, friends, the Walton and Hancock communities and to the horse community.

His twin daughters, Olivia and Elizabeth, and youngest daughter Emily Newman, are carrying the mantle of

their father's passion with the memorial horse pull, paying tribute to Newman's legacy and his enduring influence in the show ring.

Newman was more than a competitor; he was a cornerstone of the local and state horse pulling commu-

nity. He served as a director for the New York State Horse Pulling Association and is credited with reviving horse pulling competition at the Delaware County Fair after the event's multi-year absence.

Competition for Newman



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The youngest Newman, Emily, at Tom's side during competition.



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The Newmans with his Belgian Draft horses Jerry and Bob.



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Newman competes in a log skid competition with his Belgians.

was not always about winning, Olivia said of her father's views. Trying hard, by a horse or a person, meant something to Newman, she said. Newman had a soft spot for his huge, muscled horses, Olivia said. He has a special bond with one of his favorite pulling horses - Roy.

"Roy always pulled his heart out and that meant a lot to my dad," Olivia said.

Roy weighed about 2,000 pounds and measured 17 hands high - approximately 70 inches or 5 feet 8 inches tall at the withers. Roy often pulled as part of a team - partnered with Jack. The team competed in the heavyweight division - where a team weighs over 3,425 pounds.

Jack was "way bigger" than Roy, Olivia said, but always took Roy's lead. Jack pulled single at the Delaware County Fair's Old Time Draft Show and won many grand championships there. Roy and Jack predeceased Newman, Olivia said, and both are buried near Newman's barn.

"He loved big horses so much," Olivia said. "They were his passion. He made it look easy."

He took pride in his hors-

es and their abilities, Olivia said. Newman grew up with horses and never favored "showy" type horses, Olivia said. He used "work" horses, specifically Belgians - to log in the woods. Newman owned his own logging company and though he moved on to modern, heavy equipment, he never moved on from his love of horses.

Though Newman did not compete in the 2022 Delaware County Fair, a friend of his competed with Newman's horse - Jerry, another Belgian.

"He thought they were the most honest and true horses," Olivia said of Newman's

preference for Belgians.

Belgians are ideal for plowing, Olivia said.

"They are built for it. They're strong."

Horses, and competing with them, Olivia said, gave Newman a sense of purpose and he loved to share that with others. He would invite people to the barn to ride on the sled, she said, and in draft horse shows let his buddies show his horses in a class. When he wasn't competing with his horses, he was volunteering to provide hay rides for the local chamber of commerce - another way to share his love of horses.



photo contributed by the Newman Girls

Tom Newman with twin daughters Olivia and Elizabeth following a pulling competition.

The Newman twins were never far from their father, in or out of the show ring. He gave them a love of horses, big horses and not-so-big horses.

In 2006, Newman formalized the relationship with his daughters as part of his pulling team; and from that point forward entered pulling competitions under team name "The Newman Girls." For as long as she can remember, Olivia said, she and Elizabeth "hooked" the horses for their father during competition - attaching an evener to a sled. Their

younger sister, Emily, road the cart in the Old Time Draft Show, making showing a true shared family experience.

A draft horse team will pull 10,000 pounds dead weight or compete using moving weight on a truck, having to pull 27 1/2 feet, Olivia explained of competition.

One of her favorite memories of competing alongside her father, Olivia said, was in 2013 in Honesdale, Pa., when Newman won a "Teamster" award, she recalled; an award for a com-

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Tom and Elizabeth Newman driving a cart in competition at the Delaware County Fair.

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"He taught us everything about riding and about draft horses, Olivia said.

"I showed a draft horse before I showed a saddle horse," Olivia said.

They have competed in log skid, obstacle and halter classes under their father's tutelage.

"He was always very patient."

One thing Newman will be remembered for is how he treated his horses.

"He never pushed a horse. He always said 'They are not machines.'"

He always quit on a good note, she said.

The twins are caring for Newman's Belgian - George, a lightweight. "He was my dad's favorite - after Roy," Olivia said.

George paired with another Belgian, Andy, in 2019 and placed fourth in the New York State Horse Pulling Competition, following year-long competition. George is now retired from pulling. The girls, instead, ride him.



photo contributed by the Newman Girls
Newman often volunteered his time and his horses for community events.

The Newman Memorial Pull will have heavy - and lightweight classes and the New York State Horse Puller's Association is sponsoring a cash prize. The Newman Girls



Tom Newman
Memorial Horse Pull

The Newman Girls sold memorial pull shirts with proceeds to be donated to the Delaware County Office for the Aging, an additional way to honor the memory of their father.

"Dad was always good about helping people out and donating to different things. We wanted to honor him in that way, too," Olivia said.

The Newman Memorial Pull is Friday, Aug. 18 with lightweight classes starting at 6 p.m., heavyweights to follow, with a half hour break between divisions. Lightweights must weigh in between 1 - 5 p.m. The weighmaster is Brian Resseguise. The judge is Terry Riese. There is no entry fee for competition.

will present trophies to winners in each division and will also give a Teamster Award for each division. They are hoping, they said, for eight to 10 entries in each class the day of the event.



photo contributed by the Newman Girls
Olivia and Elizabeth Newman "hook" the evener in competition.

FULL THROTTLE:

TRACTOR PULLS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16



file photo

Chris Cole of Delhi competes in the Super Stock Class tractor pull at The Delaware County Fair in Walton.

For many, tractor pulling isn't just a sport, it's a tradition and one that will be featured at the Delaware County Fair, Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The contests begin with a stock farm tractor pull on the track at 9 a.m. followed by the 7 p.m. feature sponsored by New York Tractor Pullers Association (NYTPA).

Tractor pulling began with farmers taking their

favorite tractors out of their fields and bringing them to the local fair to hopefully take home bragging rights by pulling the heaviest stone boat the furthest. The competition has progressed into the heaviest motor sport in the world, according to Keith Woodbeck, former spokesperson for NYTPA.

Prior to the invention of the tractor, when farm implements were pulled

by horses, farmers would boast about the strength of their teams and contest one another to see who had the most powerful animals.

In 1969, representatives from eight states created rules to give the sport of tractor pulling structure, by forming the National Tractor Pullers Association (NTPA). NYTPA has been part of the Delaware County Fair for more than 20 years.



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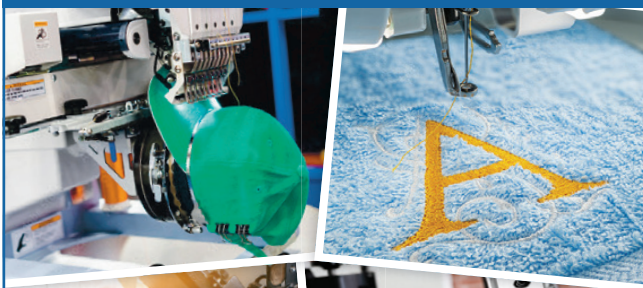
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In anticipation of an enjoyable fair event, Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond offers tips to help keep you safe and healthy:

- Ensure that you have checked the weather for Walton and are adequately prepared for the forecasted weather on the day you choose to attend.
- If you feel sick, please stay home.
- If you require handicap parking, ensure that your official handicap parking placard/permit is out and visible upon entrance into the parking lot, so that the parking attendants can easily direct you to the appropriate parking location.

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- For your security, ensure your vehicle is locked and any valuable personal property within is out of sight. Neither the Delaware County Fair nor the Delaware County Sheriff's Office are financially responsible for lost, stolen or missing items. If you don't need it, it's probably best to leave it at home.

- Everyone loves their pets, but for their sake do not bring them to the fairgrounds. Fairgoers will be turned away at the gate as no pets are allowed on the grounds **NOTE: Only service animals are allowed on the grounds.

- Due to Homeland Security regulations, all bags and coolers are subject to search at the gates. Only sealed, non-alcoholic containers will be allowed through the gates. No alcohol is allowed on the fairgrounds. If you are found to be in possession of alcohol, it will be confiscated.

- If you have lost or found personal property while on the Delaware County fairgrounds, contact the secretary's office or the Sheriff's Office Command Post to report the loss and/or to turn over the found property. The Sheriff's Command Post is located on the eastern side of the fairgrounds next to the EMS building near the Fair Street entrance.

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fair with children or people who may wander and become lost, take daily photos of them. The photos are extremely valuable for giving swift and accurate descriptions and reports to our patrols on the fairgrounds.

• Anyone creating or participating in any unruly, disorderly or an otherwise inappropriate or disruptive events/behaviors will be escorted off the premises and may risk being banned from the premises for the entire week. If you are banned and choose to reenter, you may be arrested for trespassing (as the fairgrounds are privately owned).



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The Sheriff's Office Community Relations Exhibit can be found in the commercial tent near the "elbow." We love to interact with the public, so come see us, view our educational and informative handouts, pick up promo items, ask us about opportunities for careers in law enforcement, or just say hello.

SAFE CHILD ID

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office is offering a Safe Child ID table. Parents will receive a free hard plastic Child ID Card for their children (Child must be present). Ensure that the ID card is kept in a safe and secure location in the event it is ever needed.

The Safe Child ID table is located in the commercial tent at The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Exhibit and is available on the following days and times: Aug. 15, 17 and 19 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MOUNTED PATROL DIVISION

Our agency has a Mounted Patrol Unit. We will be on the fairgrounds on horseback. We love photos, answering questions, and visiting in general, so don't be afraid to signal us to stop.

CANINE DIVISION

Deputy Kyle Karcher and K-9 Eli, Deputy Jeffrey Clark and K-9 Edge and Deputy Justin Mohr and K-9 Dexter will be on the fairgrounds at various times during the week. Check the daily board posted at our exhibit for specific times. Otherwise, if you see us patrolling about the Fairgrounds, feel free to stop us and say hello... the K9s are extremely photogenic.



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Hailey Brandenburg, Delhi. Cross Breed Swine.



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TOUCHLESS RESTROOM UPGRADES DEBUT AT 2023 FAIR

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Thanks in part to a grant from Delaware County through its allocation of American Rescue funds, restrooms at the Delaware County Fairgrounds have been upgraded with touchless features including motion sensor sinks, toilets, urinals and hand dryers.

Not only do the upgrades address sanitation concerns, they also increase water conservation.

The fairgrounds received \$265,000 from Delaware County to repair a 1,100-foot, 8-inch water line and to ensure chlorination levels are safe. The grant was also used to purchase 70 auto-flush toilets, eight new urinals, 40 no-touch faucets, and 25 hand dryers.

The new toilets are automatic but equipped with a manual flush in the event of sensor failure.



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Motion sensors on new sink faucets are one of the upgrades on the Delaware County Fairgrounds.



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Touchless upgrades include hand dryers in each restroom.



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While the Delaware County Fair officially opens Monday, Aug. 14, the Open Class Dairy Goat show will be held Sunday, Aug. 13.

The American Dairy Goat Association sanctioned dairy goat show begins at 10 a.m. This year's show will feature nine dairy goat breeds; Alpines, Toggenburgs, Sables, Saanens, Nubians, Oberhaslis, Nigerian Dwarfs, LaManchas and recorded grades.

Last year's show featured 75 goats.

Each goat breed is featured in individual classes from junior kids, 0-five months old, to milking does, five years and older followed by group classes.

The dairy goat industry has seen an increase in productivity over the past several years since the dairy cattle

industry has decreased. Goat producers are marketing products from pasteurized milk, cheeses and meat to soaps and lotions.

If you are considering a possible dairy goat in your future, note this information regarding this species.

- The average dairy goat, depending on the breed, can produce two to three gallons of milk per day. The Nigerian Dwarf breed, although small, can produce a half gallon of milk per day.

- The old cliché "goats will eat anything" is untrue. Before acquiring a goat to "help mow your yard," consider the many needs of keeping a happy, healthy goat.

- Goats need adequate shelter with a maintained temperature of 50-70 degrees with no drafts, proper

ventilation and lighting to provide sunlight for vitamin D.

- Goats must have clean, dry bedding to maintain proper foot health.

- Goats must have an adequate diet which includes quality hay, grain, vitamins, minerals and wormer. The cost of hay and grain has increased over the years with hay averaging \$3-\$5 per bale and a 50 pound bag of grain averaging \$15. Sound feeding practices and good housing result in optimal growth and milk production.

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KIDDIE DELIGHTS: CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

Children's Day at The Delaware County Fair is dedicated to fostering an environment of joy, learning, and creativity for the youngest members of our communities. It's a day filled with activities that cater specifically to chil-

dren, allowing them to experience the atmosphere of the fair in an environment tailored to their age. From educational agricultural exhibits to amusement rides, Children's Day provides a unique, hands-on opportunity for children to explore,

learn, and most importantly, have fun.

This year, Tuesday, Aug. 15 is Children's Day.

As always, children 12 and under are admitted free to the fair.

In the 4-H Youth Building, kids can watch baby chicks hatch, explore the activity center, and more.

In the barns, kids can watch as 4-Hers compete with their beef and dairy cattle, rabbits and goats.

At 9 a.m. the horse show starts where 4Hers will exhibit in the show ring; at 9:30 a.m., watch children compete in the cattle showmanship ring.

The Kids' Power Wheels Derby will take place at 11 a.m. at the track. Kids three to 10 years old can compete in their power wheels vehicles to try to deflate other vehicles' balloons. There is a \$5 entry fee and no en-

try deadline for the event. All doors and tailgates must be strapped shut with zip ties or duct tape so there are no



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sharp edges. Helmets are mandatory, as are shoes. Bicycle helmets are okay, sandals are not. Children must be seat-belted into the vehicle for their safety, and have no passengers.

Starting at 1 p.m. one of the most exciting and popular events of the day begins – the bicycle giveaway. Kids in the grandstand are eligible to win one of over 100 bikes, donated every year by local merchants.

After that, the youth and junior karaoke contest will take place at 4 p.m. at the

Curtis Lumber Entertainment Court.

At 4 p.m. children may visit the shaded wildlife exhibit area near the Grange Building for a drawing activity.

On the track at 6:30 p.m. watch the 4-H parade to learn about and celebrate the many 4-H clubs that participate in the fair. The Heroes Parade will follow at 7 p.m. to celebrate members of local emergency services, law enforcement and veterans. Both parades are free to attend.



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FLEECE COMPETITION TUESDAY, AUG. 15



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Fleece from a black Corriedale ram.

WALTON - Sheep are among the most versatile livestock animals, offering a multitude of resources - from meat and milk to wool. For centuries, sheep have been the epicenter of many rural economies, with specific breeds cultivated for their ability to produce top-tier wool, high-quality meat, or in some cases, both.

There are intrinsic characteristics that contribute to wool quality, including:

Fiber diameter: The diameter of wool fiber, measured in microns, is a key determinant of wool quality. The thinner the fiber, the softer and more comfortable the wool, making it more suitable for garments that come into direct contact with skin.

Crimp: The natural wave pattern found in wool is known as crimp. Wool with a higher degree of crimp is generally more elastic, stronger, and easier to spin.

Staple length: This is the length of the lock of wool. Longer staples are often preferred because they can be spun into longer threads.

Luster: This refers to the shine or gloss of the wool. Wool with a higher luster is often more visually appealing and can command higher prices.

Yield: Yield refers to the amount of clean wool derived from raw fleece. Higher yields are often more economically desirable.

Color: The natural color of the wool can affect its value. White wool is often more desirable because it can be dyed to any color.

Once a sheep is shorn, wool can be sold to a "wool pool," which in turn sells bulk quantities of wool to manufacturers. It can also



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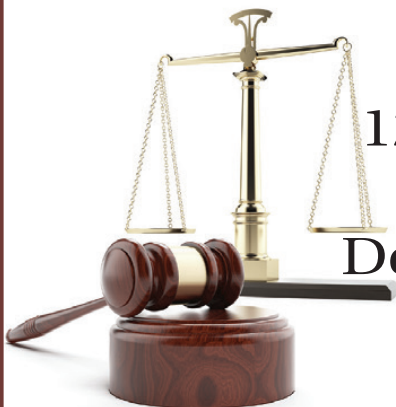
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Shetland wool is fine and soft. The small-bodied sheep do not have wool on their faces, legs or ears. Females are hornless and males are horned. Shetlands occur in many different colors and patterns. There are 11 main colors of wool.

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Shetland sheep are small-bodied; and here a skilled shepherd makes use of his size and strength to carry a ewe to the shearer lessening the stress on the animal about to be sheared.

quality of wool means sweat doesn't weigh it down.

There have been fewer and fewer entries in each category of competition over the past 10 years, fair exhibit entry manager Diane Benedict said. She manages entires for everything from pickles to livestock, she said. She is uncertain whether the decrease is reflective of a changing economy or a lack of interest, or both. But, she said, she hopes to see numerous exhibit entries in all categories and classes at this year's fair.

There will be a fleece competition Tuesday, Aug. 15 in various classes including white: fine, medium and long wool; and natural color: fine, medium and long wool. There will be grand champion and reserve grand champion awards for both categories.



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At a flock's annual shearing, an experienced sheep shearer will check the animals' teeth and gums for a quick assessment of health and age.



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The derbies are a featured attraction at the Delaware County Fair and the popularity of the events have necessitated two derbies per fair week; this year, Monday, Aug. 14 and Friday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.



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Drivers must make contact every 60 seconds; drivers that sandbag will face disqualification. Drivers are



There is a limit of 130 cars per night and competition consists of heats of compact, 4- and 6-cylinder cars combined, and 8 cylinder cars. No limousines, hearses, convertibles, trucks,

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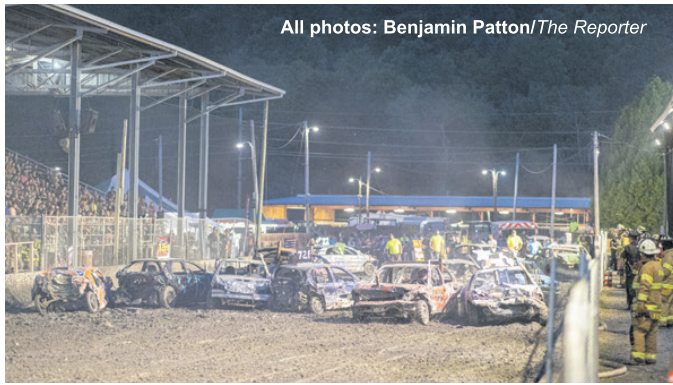
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'SOW IT, GROW IT, SHOW IT'

By Jessica Coleman

This year's Delaware County Dairy Promotion Team includes Delaware County Dairy Ambassador Jessica Coleman, and Associate Ambassador Gracie Deysenroth. Our Junior Ambassadors are Meredith and Delaney McCann, Angie Cerosaletti, Laney Mondore, Lillian Eklund, Amelia Groh, and Madison Losie. We will be at the fair all week long promoting dairy to fairgoers and supporting the dairy exhibitors by handing out ribbons during shows in the dairy ring each day.

On Tuesday, Aug.15 at 3 p.m. the team will build



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the Giant Ice Cream Sundae. The theme for this year's sundae is "Sow It, Grow It, Show It." After covering 45 gallons of ice cream with toppings -including whipped cream donated by Saputo - in a kiddie swimming pool, we will scoop and hand out servings to fairgoers for free. It is always something our whole dairy promotion team looks forward to as who doesn't love ice cream?

We would like to give a special thank you to Huff Ice Cream for donating all the

ice cream for our sundae over the last 35 years.

Also on Tuesday we will be in the Heroes Parade at 7 p.m. Be on the lookout during the week for the dairy ambassadors and our cows while we walk round giving out stickers and sharing information about the importance of dairy.

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PRESERVING THE PAST

ANTIQUÉ TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT SHOWCASED AT 136TH DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

The Catskill Mountain Antique Engine and Machinery Club will showcase vintage tractors and equipment at the 136th Delaware County Fair. The 110 member club began in 1991 with the mission of preserving and promoting the integrity of the power of the past in the Catskill Mountain region.

The annual exhibit takes place at the antique tractor barn near the 4-H and art buildings. The barn and silo were completed in 2014. The annual press luncheon takes place in the building.

This year's exhibit will include the usual antique tractors and farm equipment, a running saw mill - possibly with a drag saw - a corn sheller, corn blower, a buzz saw and sawmill with hit and miss engines.

There will also be stationary engines on display - those that were used to run milker pumps, washing machines, and thrashers, as

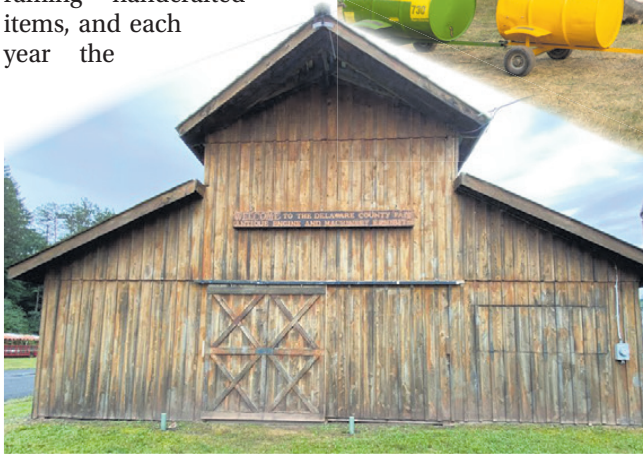
an example. Old-fashioned and antique hand tools will also be on display, including chisels, chains, scythes, and old drill bits, among others. There will also be unique displays including an old-fashioned milker, used before farmers began using automated machines, and a vintage hay loader.

During the fair, there will be free activities for kids at the barn, including a barrel ride and a corn pit.

The club raises money by raffling handcrafted items, and each year the



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club donates a jacket to the Sidney, Walton and Delhi FFA chapters to promote and celebrate the preservation of agricultural.

There are different levels of membership in the club - individual and family with an annual cost of \$15 and

\$20 respectively. For more information, or to join the club, stop at the antique tractor barn at the fair, call 607-865-7207 or send a private message to the Catskill Mountain Antique Engine and Machinery Club Inc. on Facebook.

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Delaware County Economic Development Agriculture Specialist Lindsay Whitbeck is the department's liaison between farmers and agencies. Whitbeck is an experienced farmer and butcher. She also has experience in helping agricultural producers sustainably start or expand their operations.

In an ever-evolving agricultural landscape, farmers and agricultural producers are constantly faced with challenges, from changing weather patterns to fluctuating prices. One of the primary sources of relief for these challenges has been

financing, whether through grants or loans, to support innovation and growth. However, navigating the complex world of financing can be daunting, leading to the necessity of specialized guidance. That's where Whitbeck comes in.

She connects farmers and ag-related businesses to funding sources for their projects.

Her in-depth knowledge and passion for farming have established her as a pivotal figure in the industry, bridging the gap between farmers and funding opportunities. This involves a deep understanding of

guidelines, application processes, and funding criteria. Her expertise ensures that farmers are not just applying for grants and loans but are also successfully obtaining the funds they need for growth and sustainability.

The role of an agriculture specialist also involves making connections between farmers and other industry support agencies. She provides referrals for farmers, facilitating partnerships.

As Delaware County farmers look to diversify and adapt their operations to changing conditions, the role of an agriculture specialist grows in importance. The support can be a lifeline that farmers need, driving innovation, enhancing resilience, and ultimately securing a sustainable future for Delaware County agriculture.

Whitbeck has worked on a multitude of agriculture-focused projects including assisting a farm in Bovina with a business plan to develop



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Delaware County Economic Development Agriculture Specialist Lindsay Whitbeck is working with many ag producers, including Clark Farms in Delhi to place a milk vending machine in a local school.

a cheese-making creamery; and she has been working with Tiberio Custom Meats to develop a meat slaughtering and processing facility in Walton.

For more information about how Delaware County Economic Development Department can assist ag-centric businesses contact Whitbeck at 607-832-5213 or visit dcecodev.com

\$5 Senior Admission Thursday

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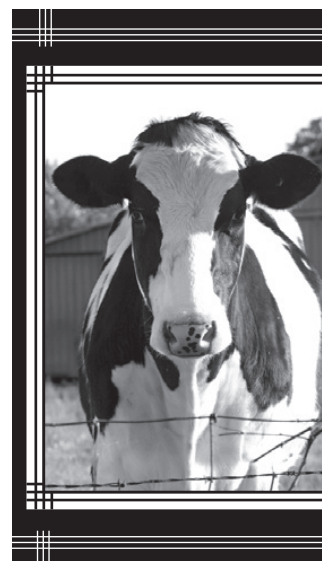


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- The United States has 2.3 billion acres. Of that amount 1.2 billion acres is farmland/pasture, a 63% decline since 1950.
- The average family farm is 441 acres.
- 512,347 farms use conservation programs for wildlife.
- 274,389 farms have forever easements on them to prevent development.
- One-third of farm acreage is forest/woodlots, ponds, streams and rivers.
- 217,069 farmers use limited tillage to prevent soil erosion.
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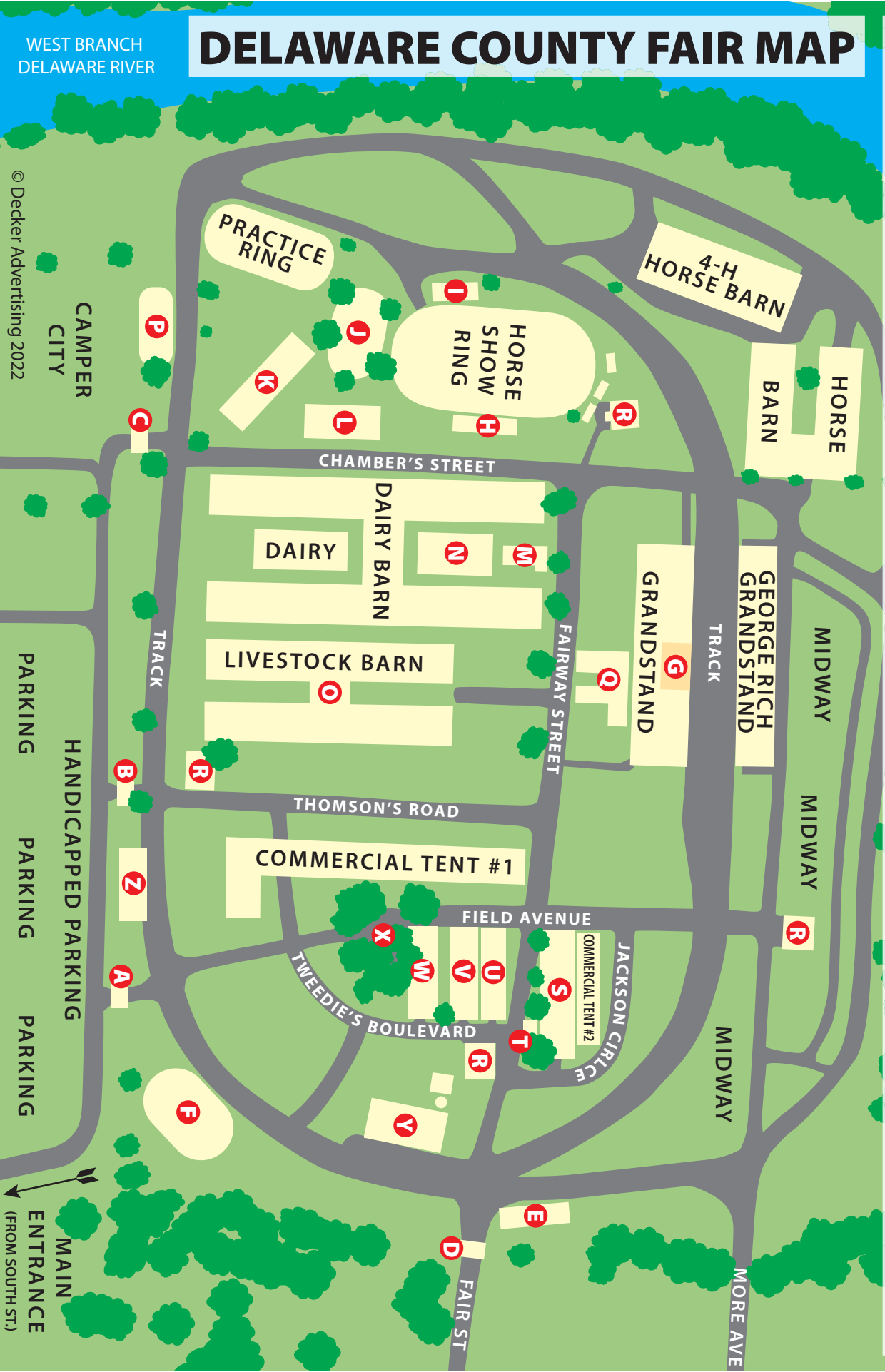


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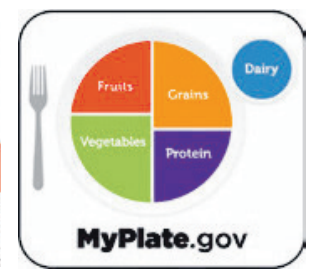
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