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What's happening at the Grandstand?

The Grandstand at the Kenosha County Fair is hosting events throughout the fair's run. They include:

Kenosha County Fair Races

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6:45 p.m.

Racing! 605 Winged Sprints, Modified, Street Stocks and Bandits. Gates open at 5 p.m; racing starts at 6:45 p.m. Experience the best dirt-track racing in the Midwest! Racing included with Fair Admission.

Races take place Saturdays in spring and summer. See the entire schedule on the Wilmot Raceway website: www. wilmotraceway.com.

Antique Tractor Parade

Thursday, Aug. 17, 5 p.m.

The Antique Farm Machinery Parade will go through the Fairgrounds and Grandstand area at 5 p.m. on the Thursday of the Fair. Anyone with any old engines, tractors, horse-drawn equipment, garden or far equipment, tools, or any farm-related paraphernalia they would like to display are invited to have some fun displaying their toys at the Antique Farm Machinery Exhibit!

Located just inside the Kenosha County Fair Main Gate, the Antique Farm Machinery Exhibit is a taste of yesteryear. See the old tractors, engines, and machinery from a time gone by. Likely attractions include an old-fashioned pitcher pump for drawing water, a rope maker that makes rope from bailing twine, how corn was ground into feed, and many types of tractors – including John Deere, Allis Chalmers, and Farmall. The rope maker also offers a chance to make your own rope to take home!

Truck and Tractor Pull, Combine Demolition Derby

Thursday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Badger Truck Pullers presents an actionpacked night of big power, big smoke and big entertainment, followed by the hugely popular Combine Demolition Derby! Truck, Tractor Pulls and Combine Derby included with fair admission.

Big Hat Rodeo

Friday, Aug. 18, all day

Bull riding, bareback riding, barrel racing and more! All for an additional fee

of \$10 for ages 10 and older and \$1 for ages 3-9. Children 2 and younger get in free with an adult.

Kenosha County Fair Races

Saturday, Aug. 19, 6:45 p.m.

Kenosha County Fair/Roger Iles Tribute featuring The Bumper to Bumper IRA Outlaw Sprint series plus WingLESS Sprints and Mini-Sprints! Gates open at 5 p.m.; racing starts at 6:45 p.m. It's an action-packed second night of incredible dirt-track racing! An additional fee of \$15 applies for ages 12 and older. Children 11 and younger get in free with an adult.

Demolition Derby

Sunday, Aug. 20, 1 p.m.

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on the cover: Shawn Divorky and his son, Bryce, who was 6 at the time, race down the slide at the Kenosha County Fair last summer. This year's event opens Wednesday, Aug. 16.

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Friday:

Midway Open Noon: 11 p.m. 1 ticket off each ride: Noon to 5 p.m. Wristband Special: Noon to 5 p.m. \$15.00 OR Noon to 11 p.m. \$25.00

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Admission to the Fair

The Kenosha County Fair has an allpay policy. Everyone who enters the fairgrounds must pay the daily admission.

Fairgrounds are open 8 a.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 16 to 19; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20.

General parking is free; a parking pass (Sections A through E) is \$15.

GENERAL ADMISSION

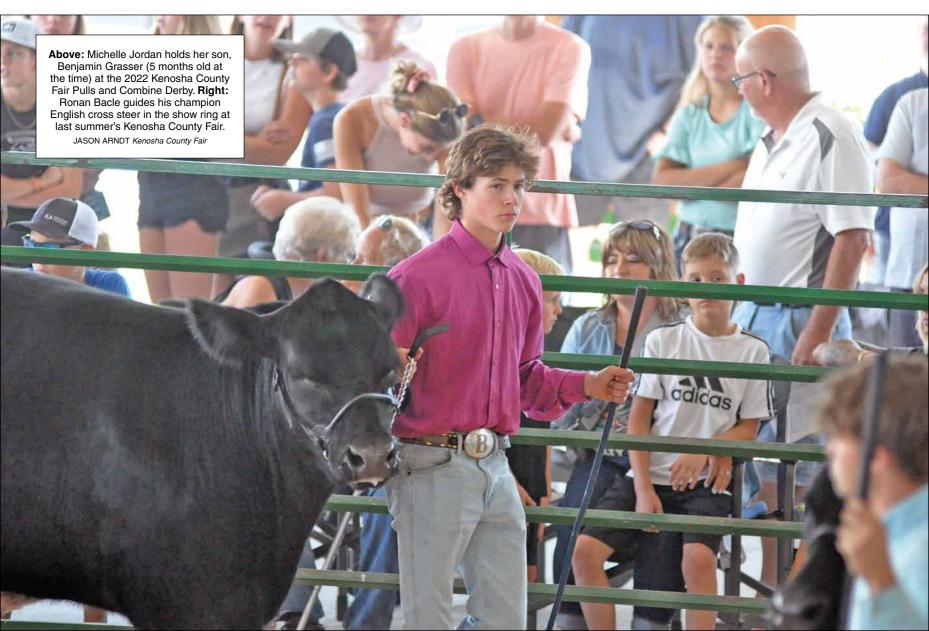
Adults (ages 12 and over) – \$10.00 daily Children (ages 7-11) – \$5.00 daily Children 6 and under – FREE Senior Citizens (Ages 65+) – \$7.00 Military-Active or Retired (Must show ID) – \$7.00

Daily tickets are only sold at the gates on the day of entry.

SEASON TICKET – Not transferable Adult (12 years and over) – \$35.00 Children (Ages 7-11) – \$12.00 Lifetime Pass – \$250

Admission fee is non-refundable. Entertainment is free with paid admission, with the exception of Friday's Rodeo and Saturday night's racing. The Rodeo requires a \$10 fee for those ages 10+ and a \$1 fee for those ages 3-9. Racing requires a \$15 fee for those ages 12+.

No refunds for cancellation of any scheduled entertainment due to unforeseen circumstances. Pricing information is subject to change at any time.



Schedule of events

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

8 a.m. to midnight Midway open: 1 to 10 p.m. Wristband Special: 1 to 9 p.m. - \$30

All day – Kenosha County Sheriff's Mobile Command Unit, ATV and Snowmobile on display (south of Poultry Barn)

9 a.m. – Junior Fair Dog Show (Fair Office)

9 a.m. – Open Class Judging – clothing, knitting, crocheting, home furnishings, flowers, vegetables, plants, photography, and Arts and Crafts

(Open Class Building)
9 a.m. – Open Class Swine Show,
followed by Junior Fair Swine Show
(Show & Sale Arena)

3 p.m. – Open Class Sheep Show, followed by Junior Sheep Show (Show & Sale Arena)

5 p.m. – Ron's Supper Club, Citizen's Soldier, The Black Moods, Royal Bliss (*Creekside Stage*)

6:30 p.m. – AG Olympics. Public welcome to participate! Sponsored by Compeer. (Show & Sale Arena)
6:45 p.m. – Racing Modified, Street Stocks, and Bandits. Gates open at 5 p.m. The best dirt-track racing in the Midwest!

(Grandstands)
THURSDAY, AUG. 17

8 a.m. to midnight Midway open: 1 to 11 p.m. Wristband Special: 1 to 10 p.m. - \$30

8:30 a.m. – Junior Fair Poultry Show (east of Poultry Barn)
9 a.m. – Open Class Foods Judging

(Open Class Building) 9:30 a.m. – Open Beef

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10 a.m. – Junior Fair Beef Show, followed
by Open Beef Show (Show & Sale Arena)

10 a.m. – Scavenger Hunt. Get a clue

sheet at the ticket gates. Turn in sheets by 5 p.m. (Marketplace Building)

Directions

The Kenosha County Fairgrounds are at 30820 111th St. in Wilmot. From Milwaukee: Take Interstate-94 south to Highway 50. Go west on Highway 50 to Highway W south. Follow to fairgrounds on your right.

From Chicago: Take I-94 north to Highway C. Go west on Highway C to Highway W. Right on Highway W to fairgrounds on your left.

From Kenosha: Take Highway 50 west to Highway W south. Follow to fairgrounds on your right.

From Lake Geneva: Take Highway 50 east to Highway W south. Follow to fairgrounds on your right.

From Richmond, Illinois: Take 173 east to Wilmot Road. Turn north on Wilmot Road into Wilmot. Straight ahead (Highway W) fairgrounds are on your left.

PARKING: Free parking in general parking. Season parking pass is \$10.





Above: Cooper Happ, 9, of Brighton, waves and yells with excitement at his family while riding the carousel at the 2022 fair. Left: Toby Patterson, 17, of Bristol, smiles while swinging at last summer's event.

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10 a.m. – Pedal Tractor Pull Registration, ages 5-12 (north of 4-H Exhibit Buildings)
Noon-2 p.m. – Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Bear Cat Vehicle & TRT Gear on display (south of Poultry Barn)
2 p.m. Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship (east of Poultry Barn)
2 p.m. – Flat Creek Highway

2 p.m. – Flat Creek Highway (*Creekside Stage*)

3 p.m. – Open Class Poultry Show (east of Poultry Barn)

3:30 p.m. – Junior & Open Class Goat Show (Show & Sale Arena)

4 p.m. – Colors of the Wind Drill Team (Horse Arena)
 5 p.m. – Antique Tractor Parade (begins

at Antique Machinery Display and continues through Grandstands)

6 p.m. – Amateur Wine Competition

Results (Barrel Room)

6:30 p.m. – Truck and Tractor Pull, followed by Combine Demolition Derby (*Grandstands*)

7:45 p.m. – The Kelly Daniels Band (*Creekside Stage*)

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

8 a.m. to midnight
Midway open: noon to 11 p.m.
Noon to 5 p.m. - \$1 off each ride
Wristband Specials: noon to 5 p.m. - \$20,
or noon to 11 p.m. - \$30

8 a.m. – Junior Fair Horse & Pony Show (Horse Show Ring)

8:30 a.m. – Junior Fair Rabbit Show, followed by Open Class Rabbit Show (north of Rabbit Building)

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Daily entertainmment

Strolling Entertainment –
Magical Bubbles
The Ninja Experience
Milwaukee Flyers
Chainsaw Carver
Strolling Entertainment –
The Real Beal's
Pleasure Valley Pig and Duck Races
Barnyard Adventure Show
Nick's Kid Show

Daily activities

Carnival/Midway
Antique Farm Machinery Exhibit
Discovery Barnyard and Petting Zoo

On stage at the fair!

Music and the County Fair go hand in hand. This year's offerings range from classic rock, to county to bluegrass, there's something for everyone on the Creekside Stage.

Headlining at the fair at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, is country-music favorite Bella Cain. Friday night's headliner will be Sugar Highway, taking the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Friday will also feature Conviction at 2 p.m. and Saturday's additional offerings include Justus at noon.

The 95 Will Rock Night at the Fair

from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, featuring Ron's Supper Club, American Hitmen, The Black Moods, Royal Bliss and more

Thursday will see Flat Creek Highway take the stage at 2 p.m. and The Kelly Daniels Band at 7:45 p.m.

Sunday the Creekside Stage will host throwback classics from the Doo-Wop Jukebox at noon and Class of '62 at 3:30 p.m.

The 2023 Creekside Stage concert series is sponsored by Miller Lite.





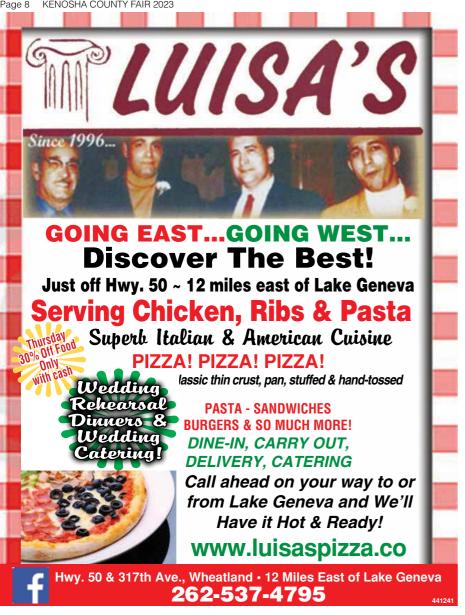


















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Harpster wins grand champion steer at 2022 Kenosha County Fair

Bu Jason Arndt

STAFF WRITER

Hailey Harpster couldn't believe she showcased a grand champion steer at the 2022 Kenosha County Fair in the junior fair beef show.

Harpster, 15, and several other finalists for the prize spent several minutes walking the show arena with their steers as judge Kyle Adams assessed each animal.

When Adams pointed to Harpster and her 1,330-pound crossbred steer called Timothy the crowd erupted in cheers and Harpster could only smile in disbelief she won.

"I have never gotten this far," said Harpster, a member of Wheatland Willing Workers 4-H Club. "It is shocking, I didn't expect it."

Harpster, an animal exhibitor for about five years, said she became inspired to showcase animals after she witnessed her older brother in the show arena for several years.

An incoming sophomore at Westosha Central, Harpster named her steer Timothy, since her brother called his cattle Dumbo.

"My brother's steer has big ears and we call it Dumbo," said Hailey Harpster, who decided to name her prize-winning steer after Dumbo's best friend, Timothy.

Hailey Harpster spent months raising Timothy through routine feedings, washing and brushing.

However, amid the rigorous care regimen, Hailey said she also had fun.

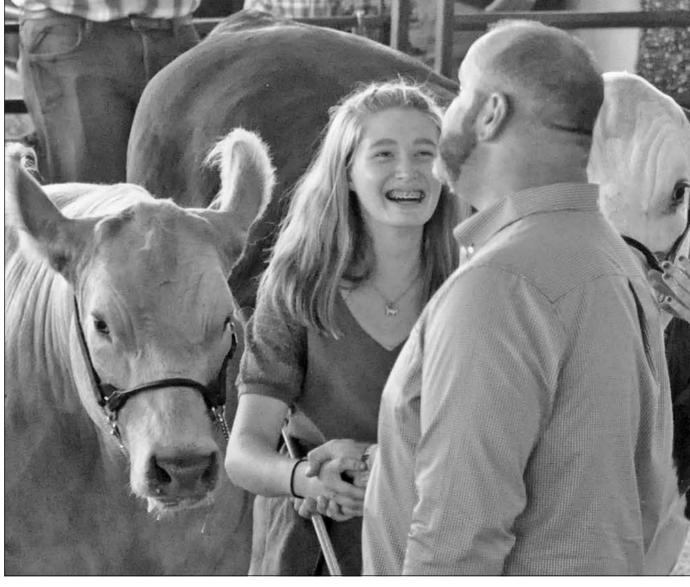
"You just got to feed him well and take care of him," Hailey said. "You also have to have fun with it."

Meanwhile, Hailey credited her brother, Travis, for offering continuous support for months leading up to the Kenosha County

"My brother helped me through it all," she said.

Travis, 18, commended his younger sister, adding the win is a tremendous achievement, considering the amount of competitors in the show ring.

"It is very emotional to be honest with you," Travis said. "I am very proud of her and it is just a great accomplishment."



Travis said his sister always exhibits a passion for the projects she presents at the Kenosha County Fair.

"She is always happy and happy to be around the fair," he said.

Nicholas Drissel earned reserve grand champion with a 1,420-pound steer.

Kenosha County Fair Livestock Winners

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Grand Champion – Hailey Harpster Reserve Grand Champion – Nicholas Champion Dairy Steer – Caria Luedtke Champion Angus – William Herda Champion Shorthorn – Chase Lois Champion Hereford – Molly Herda Champion Simmental – Caden Warren Champion Maintainer – Hailey Harpster Champion English Cross – Ronan Bacle

LAMBS

Grand Champion – Jillian Burdick Reserve Grand Champion – Alivia

Champion Pen, Southdown – Cierra

Champion Pen, Dorset – Cierra Perleberg Reserve Champion Pen, Natural Colored – Quintin Graf

Reserve Champion Pen, Crossbred – Quintin Graf

Champion Dorset – Jillian Burdick Champion Crossbred – Cecelia Bradley Champion Suffolk – Reese Woolard

GOATS

Grand Champion – Emily Maxon Reserve Grand Champion – Vanessa LaForge

SWINE

Grand Champion – Caden Warren Reserve Grand Champion – Beau Schwertfeger

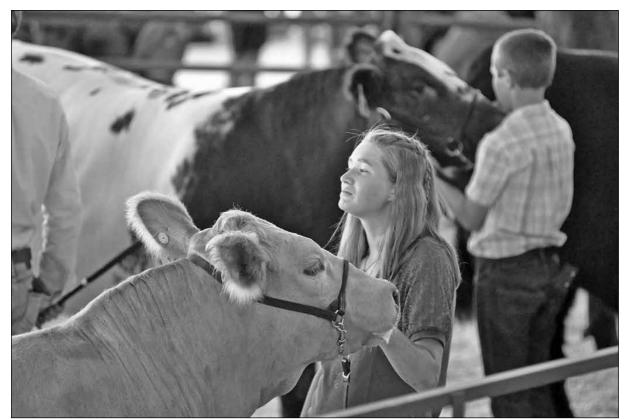
Champion Duroc – Molly Schwertfeger Champion AOB – Haily Bies Champion Poland China – Abigal

Sweatman
Champion Spot – Lily Schultz
Champion Hampshire – Brooke Mason
Champion Yorkshire – Jalyn Warren

above:

Hailev Harpster, 15, smiles as she shakes judge Kyle Adams hands after winning grand champion steer at the 2022 Kenosha County Fair. at right: Harpster showcases her grand champion steer during the iunior beef show

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9 a.m. - Junior Fair Dairy Show, followed by Open Class Dairy Show (Show & Sale Arena) 9:30 a.m. - Children's Parade Registration begins, ages 14 and under. Register by 10:15 a.m. (outside Fair Office)

10 a.m. - Pedal Tractor Pull Registration, ages 5-12 and 13-16 (north of 4-H Exhibit Buildings)

10:30 a.m. - Children's Parade Begins (near Fair Office)

11 a.m. - Pedal Tractor Pull, ages 13-16 (north of 4-H Exhibit Buildings)
11:30 a.m. – Pedal Tractor Pull, ages

5-12 (north of 4-H Exhibit Buildings)

1 p.m. – Open Class Flower Arrangements and Cheese Judging (Open Class Building)

2 p.m. - Conviction (Creekside Stage) 3 p.m. – Junior Goat Fun Classes (Show & Sale Arena)

4 p.m. - Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Bomb Unit Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn)

5 p.m. - 4-H Fish Casting Contest (Fish Pond)

6 p.m. – Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Bomb Unit Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn)

6:30 p.m. - Hay Bale Throwing Contest, all ages (Show & Sale Arena)

7 p.m. - Big Hat Rodeo. Bull riding, bareback riding, barrel racing, and more! (Grandstands)

8:30 p.m. - Sugar Highway (Creekside Stage)

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

8 a.m. to midnight Midway open: noon to 11 p.m. Wristband Specials: noon to 5 p.m. - \$25, or noon to 11 p.m. - \$30

10 a.m. - Aiden J. Music

(Creekside State)

10:30 a.m. - Fairest of the Fair Crowning (Creekside Stage)

Noon - Amateur Home Brew Competition Results (Barrel Room)

Noon - JUSTUS (Creekside State) 1 p.m. - Large Animal Livestock Auction (Show & Sale Arena)

4 p.m. - Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Taser Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn)

6 p.m. - Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Taser Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn)
6:45 p.m. – Bumper to Bumper IRA

Outlaw Sprint Series Racing / Roger Iles Tribute (Grandstands)

7 p.m. – Pie auction! Public welcome! (Show & Sale Arena)

8:30 p.m. - Bella Cain (Creekside Stage)

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Midway open: noon to 7 p.m. Wristband Special: noon to 7 p.m. - \$30

11 a.m. - Parade through the Fairgrounds

Noon - Cookies & Crowns with the Fairest of the Fair (tent east of Poultry Barn)

Noon – DOO WOP JUKEBOX (Creekside Stage)

1 p.m. - Small Animal Livestock Auction (Show & Sale Arena)

1 p.m. - International Demolition Derby (Grandstands)

2 p.m. - Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, K-9 Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn) 3:30 p.m. – Class of '62

(Creekside Stage)

4 p.m. - Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, K-9 Demonstration (south of Poultry Barn) 7 p.m. - 2023 Fair Closes



Skyler Poppe, 23, rides on the ferris wheel at last year's fair with her nephew, Kent. 4. and her mother, Cyndi Kent. JASON

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While 4-H and grandstand entertainment are a big part of the county fair, there are many other events, contests and activities happening including the following.

AG Olympics

Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Show and Sale Arena. The public is welcome to participate. Try your hand at bobbing for apples, wheelbarrow races and

Age categories and events are as follows: Junior (ages 8-11) - milking contest, relay race; Intermediate (2-person teams, ages 12-14) – horse race to be clean, tire flip competition, herding pigs; Seniors (2-person teams comprised of one guy and one girl, ages 15-18) – feed sack race, walk the plank sheep sheering, egg juggle; Adults (2-person teams comprised of one man and one woman, at least 19 years of age) - paperwork paperwork, apples to oranges, under toss.

Registration will be held 5:15-6:15 p.m., Wednesday Aug. 18 in the Sale and Show Arena. There is no entry fee and is open to everyone. Note that intermediate. seniors and adults will be limited to 10

Children's Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, Aug. 17 – youth ages 3-12 are invited to participate. Starting at 10 a.m. at the ticket gates, a clue sheet will be handed out and the journey begins.

Follow the clues, get your sheet stamped at each building/barn, and at the conclusion you will receive a "goodie bag." The activity ends at 2:30 p.m., so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the

If participants get stuck, all they have to do is ask for help at one of the stops. Some of last year's clues were: "Ewe" will love our new pens"; "Come see Thumper"; 'Twine, old iron and loud pops.'

"Don't miss out on the fun. It is a great way to learn about all the fair has to offer,' organizers said.

The Kenosha County Fair wouldn't

Randall Rossi, President, Bristol

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Antique Tractor Exhibit

The exhibit, inside the Kenosha County Fair main gate, is a taste of yesteryear. See the old tractors, engines and machinery from a time gone by.

Highlights will likely include the following

- An old-fashioned pitcher pump to draw
- A rope maker which makes rope from bailing twine – make a rope of your own to take home:
 - How corn was ground into feed;
- John Deere, Allis Chalmers and Farmall Tractors – along with many others.

The Antique Tractor Parade will start at the Antique Farm Machinery Exhibit and head to the Grandstand area at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19 of the Fair.

Pedal Tractor Pull

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17-18, the pedal tractor pull is open to contestants 5 thru 12 years of age in the following

Class A - 5, 6 yrs.,

Class B - 7, 8 yrs. Class C - 9, 10 yrs.

Class D – 11, 12, yrs.

Class E: 13-16 yrs. (Note - Friday only for this class)

Prizes will be awarded!

Entries will be accepted between 10-11 a.m., Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17-18.

Thursday's pull begins at 11 a.m.; Friday's will start at 11:30 a.m.

Children's Parade

2023 Kenosha County Fair officials

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On Friday, Aug. 18, there will be a parade for children ages 14 and under which will begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp.

Entrance into the Fair is free for children in costume until 10:30 a.m. that day. The parade is held at the Southeast end of the Fair near the Fair Office.

On-sight registration begins at 9:30 a.m.. All entries must be registered by 10:15 a.m. to participate.

Prizes in each class are: First place

ribbon - \$5, Second - \$4, Third - \$3. Prizes will be given out immediately after the parade end. The classes are as follows: Animal, Book Character, Cartoon, Comic Book, A Country, Dancer, Entertainer, Fairy Tale, Farm Life, Food, Games, Hobby, History, Movie, Musician, Nautical, Nursery Rhyme, Occupation photo of children's parade, Patriotism, Sports, Television, Toy, Current Year Fair Theme, Entry on Wheels, With an Animal, Late Entry.

Hay Bale Throwing Contest

Friday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Show and Sale Arena – Public is welcome

The contest is sponsored by Slades Corners Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

Pre-registration 6 p.m., and there is a \$1 entry fee. There are eight classes, male and female – 9 and younger, 10-14 years of age, 15-20 years of age, and 21 and older. Prizes will be awarded.

Pie Auction

The pie auction will be Saturday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Animal Show and Sale Arena. "Pie Auction" pies and desserts, quilts and wagons are filled with treasures from local and county dignitaries, champion bakers, and 4-H'ers which will be auctioned at this fun event for the entire family. Proceeds to be used for the

building fund.

The public is invited – come and join in the bidding fun!

Cookies & Crowns

Want to feel like a prince or princess for the day? Come on over to decorate crowns and sashes with the Fair Royalty and other past/present royalty.

Aside from decorating your own crown and sash, enjoy decorating a cookie, of which you can then enjoy with some milk.

Following your cookie, milk, crown, and sash building, a photo opportunity will be available to snap a picture with the official royalty present. The 2023 Fairest of the Fair, Wylie Jackson, and 2023 Fair Royalty, Shelly Edmonds, are excited to host this 2nd annual event for the Fairest of the Fair Program.

There may also be a guest appearance by the Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fair as well. Cookies & Crowns will be noon to 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 20 in the tent east of the poultry barn.

For more about the fair, call 262-862-6121 or visit kenoshacofair.com.

Animal Sale

Large Animal Sale is Saturday, Aug. 20 at 1 p.m.

The Small Animal Sale is Sunday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m.

Both are held in the Show and Sale Arena.



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