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96th Rock County 4-H Fair welcomes people of all ages

Come one, come all – the Rock County 4-H Fair in Janesville has plenty to offer each and every visitor.

From the numerous animals to the carnival and every unique exhibit in between, the Rock County 4-H Fair allows visitors one special week a year to experience the many projects and learn from the county's youth.

The Rock County 4-H Fair is constantly evolving; showcasing amazing entertainment on its main stage and a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy year after year.

2025 Rock County Fair t-shirts are for sale at the fair office in youth and adult sizes. Prices are \$15 each, \$18 for adult extended sizes.

The Rock County Fairgrounds are at 1301 Craig Ave., Janesville. The fair office hours during the summer are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit rockcounty4hfair.com, follow Rock County 4-H Fair on Facebook or other social media, or call 608-755-1470.

North American Midway Entertainment brings rides, games, and fun to the fair, including kiddie roller coasters.

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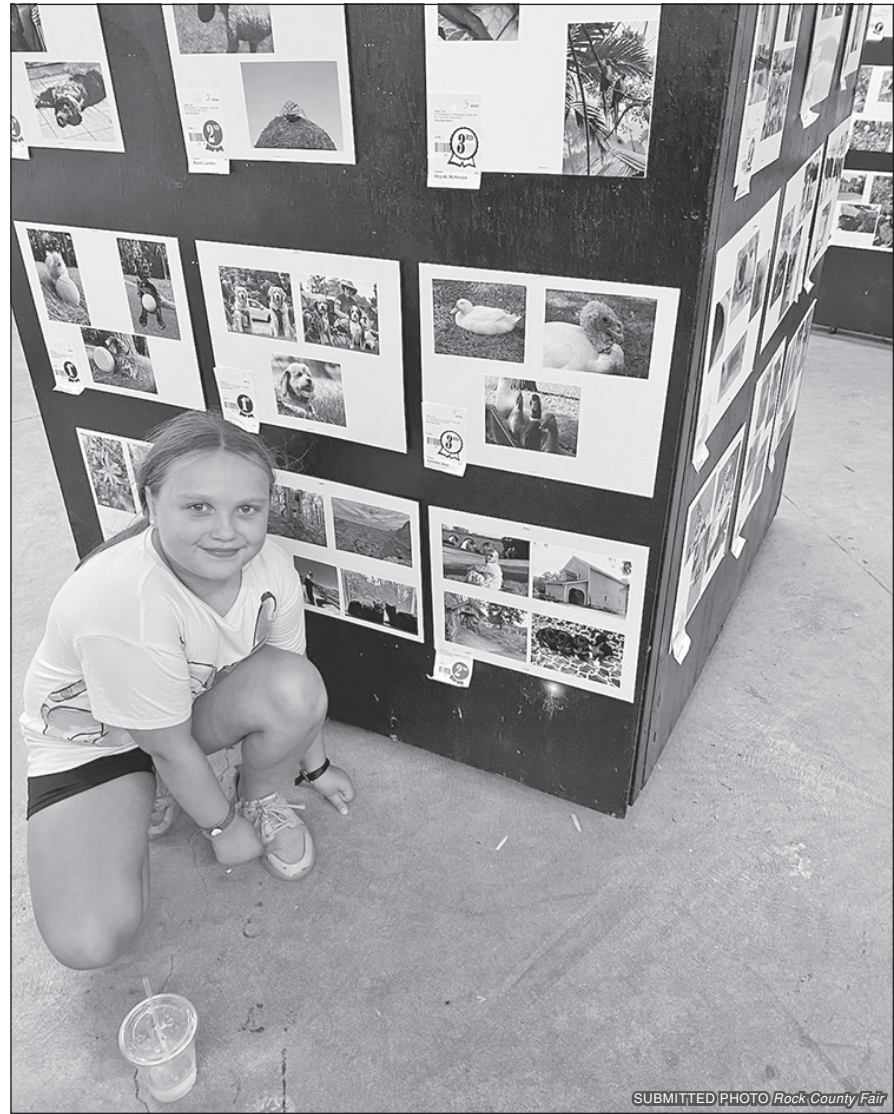


above: 2025 Rock County Fair t-shirts are for sale at the fair office in youth and adult sizes. Prices are \$15 each, \$18 for adult extended sizes. **at right:** Alexis Nowak, of Clinton 4-H, is all smiles after winning second place in 2024 with her photography project.

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on the cover: Andrew Fisk, of Evansville FFA, shows his beef cow at last year's Rock County Fair, which led to him earning third place.

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Fair & carnival tickets, passes

Admission tickets

Single day tickets

July 22-27 • 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Youth (7-12) \$5
 Adults \$10
 Single admission for any
 one day of the fair
 No refunds/no exchanges

Season tickets

July 22-27 • 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Youth (7-12) \$15
 Adults \$35
 Daily admission throughout
 the fair for one person
 No refunds/no exchanges

Thursday, July 24

Gate admission is just \$7 on Thursday
 July 25 for anyone 62 & up.
 Veterans Appreciation Day – Thursday
 All veterans can present a military
 ID, (DD214, VA ID, Military Common
 Access Card or Dependent ID) at any
 gate for free admission to the fair for the
 cardholder.

Carnival packages

Mega Pass & Season Pass

July 22-27, package includes a season
 pass for gate admission all six days and
 an unlimited ride wristband good all six
 days at the carnival. Cost is \$115.
 No refunds/no exchanges



Advance online purchase required
 Not sold at gates

Special Pass

Saturday, July 26 – includes one
 carnival wristband and one general
 admission ticket. Good for Saturday,
 July 26, Only \$30.
 No refunds/no exchanges
 Advance online purchase required
 Not sold at the gates

Carnival ticket prices

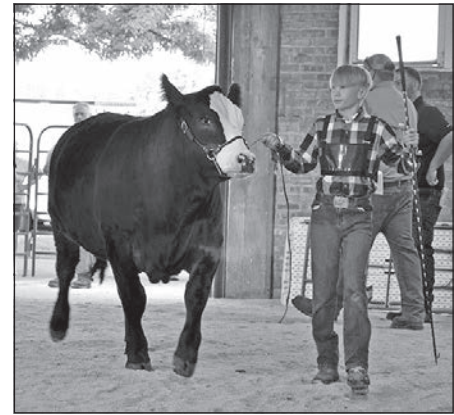
1 ticket – \$.50
 20 tickets – \$10

65 tickets – \$30
 140 tickets – \$60

Rides accept 6-15 credits per person

Carnival specials

- **Tuesday, July 22** • 2 p.m. – Close
 1 Ticket Day • \$3 per Ride
- **Wednesday, July 23 - Friday, July 25**
 12 p.m. – Close \$35 Wristband
- **Saturday, July 26** • 12 p.m. – Close
 \$30 Saturday Special
 (sold online only)
- **Sunday, July 27** • 12-8 p.m.
 \$35 Wristband



left: North American Midway Entertainment brought lots of rides, games, and fun to the fair, including the YoYo. **above:** Wyatt Jacobs, of Clinton 4-H, shows his Simmental beef cow at the 2024 fair. He took Reserve Champion for the class.

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• **Mega Pass** • July 22-28
 Open - Close \$115 Mega Pass
 (sold online only)

Wristbands include unlimited rides on
 date of purchase. Carnival wristbands
 and tickets can be purchased at any
 carnival ticket booth during the hours
 listed above. Wristband sales will end
 one hour prior to close.
 Mega Pass and Saturday Special are
 sold online only at rockcounty4hfair.com
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Entertainment

Grandstand lineup

Tuesday, July 22

7 p.m.

Fairest of the Fair ceremony

8 p.m.

America's Pub Quiz

Wednesday, July 23

6 p.m.

Rock County Idol

Thursday, July 24

4:30 p.m.

Blue Steel

8 p.m.

Conner Smith

Friday, July 25

7 p.m.

Totally Neon 80s Band

Saturday, July 26

8 p.m.

Niko Moon

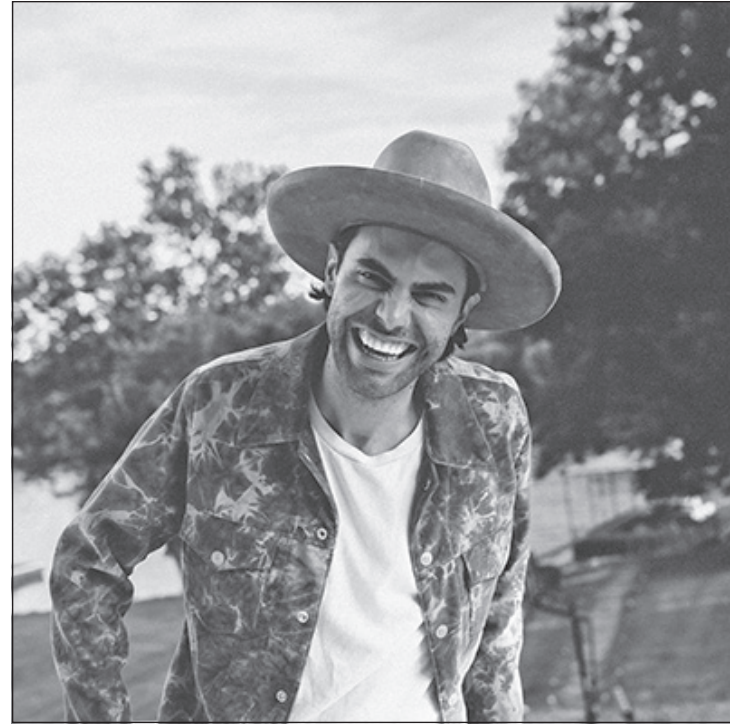
Sunday, July 27

4 p.m.

Rice Bull Riders



Rice Bull Riders



Niko Moon

Daytime entertainment

The Jump Pad

Open daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rock County fair officials are introducing the brand new jump pad!

"Everyone jumps for free at the Rock County 4-H fair this summer," they said. "This basketball court size jump pad will be a blast for all ages. Open daily July 22 -27."

The Jump Pad is a flat series of inflatable tubes that provides jumpers of all ages, a safe way to have fun. The large flat surface area allows many kids and adults alike to jump on the Inflatable Pad at any one time.

Lumberjack Shows

Multiple shows each day

Come and cheer on team red or blue as professional lumberjack teams compete in eleven, fast-paced events! See everything from axes, modified

racing chainsaws, water events, and cross cut saws, to audience participation and chainsaw carving giveaways.

Each show offers different and unique events, so come back and see us multiple times! Free autographs and souvenirs for the kids from the lumberjacks are available after the show.

There will also be lumberjack camps held (one each day). Want to try some lumberjacking yourself? A professional lumberjack will be on hand to teach cross cut sawing and/or logrolling. In the cross cut sawing, try cutting off a slab of wood using a manual saw (invented before chainsaws). Next, try balancing on top of a log floating in water for the logrolling camp!

Everyone gets wet, so bring a change of clothes or a towel if possible. No experience is necessary for these interactive camps, and everyone (young and old) is welcome to try!



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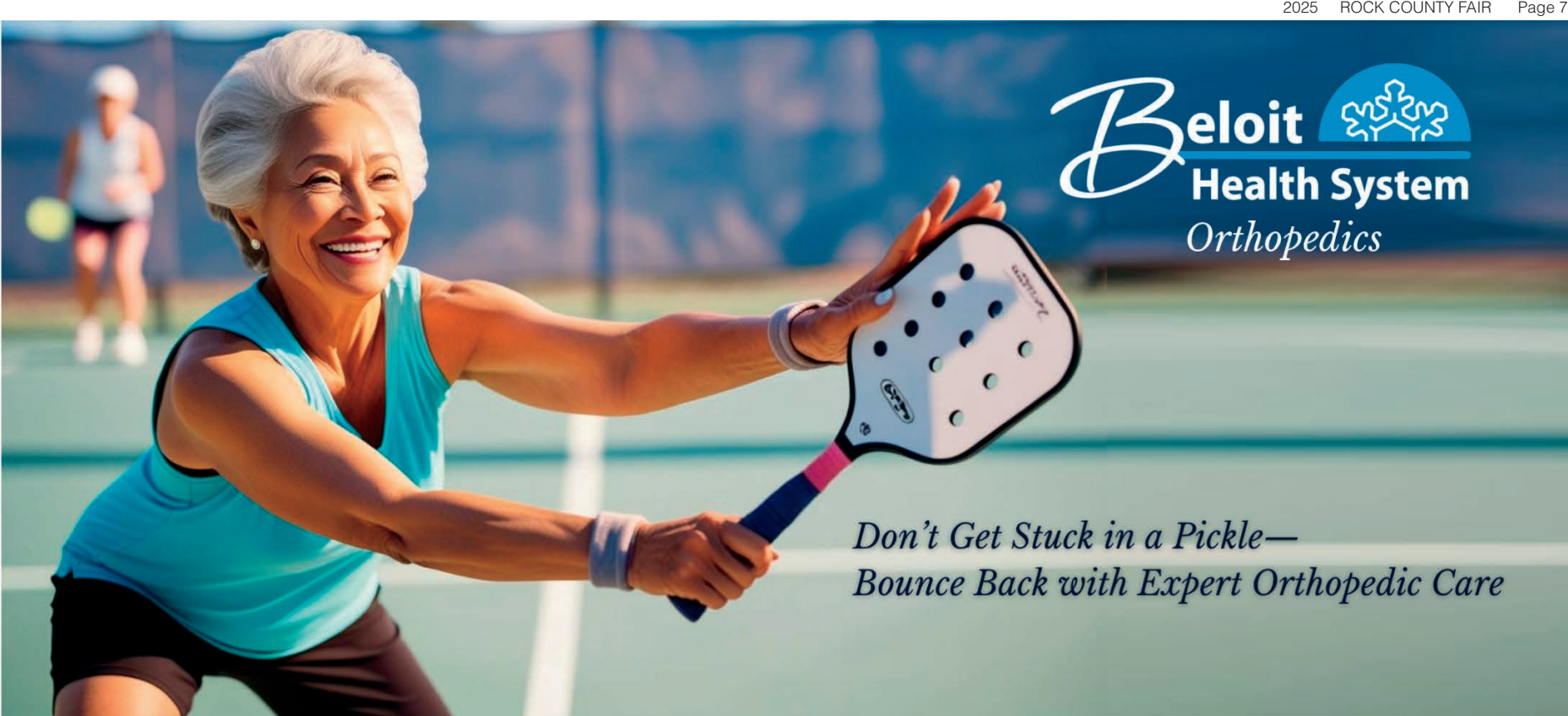
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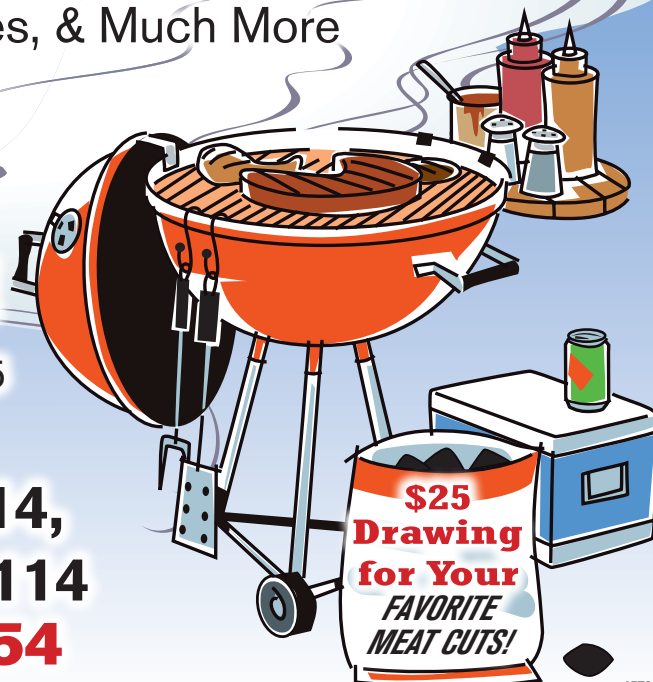
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Special projects

far left: Caleb Kvalheim, third grader, of Evansville 4-H, exhibited his poultry Legz, a Mediterranean cockerel, at the 2024 Rock County Fair. **left:** Clara Firgens, seventh grader, of Evansville 4-H, entered an exhibit on the animals of Wisconsin.

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Daily fair schedule

Tuesday, July 22

8 a.m.
Visual Arts Judging
8:30 a.m.
Cake Decorating
9 a.m.
Home Environment
Mechanical Science-Mini Aircraft
Photography Judging
Style Revue
10 a.m.
Mechanical Science
12 p.m.
Cloverbud Judging
Field Crops
Garden & Fruit
Model Aircraft-Spot Landing
Naturespace/Shooting Sports
1 p.m.
Computers
Electricity
1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
Knitting and Crocheting
2 p.m.
Photo Contest
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
Dog Agility Show
Swine Showmanship
5:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show1
6 p.m.
Fairest Coronation Parade -
Lumberjack Camp
6:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
7 p.m.
Fairest of the Fair ceremony
8 p.m.
America's Pub Quiz

Wednesday, July 23

8 a.m.
Swine Show
8:30 a.m.
Clothing
Drawing & Painting
Foods & Nutrition/Baking with Honey
Rabbit Showmanship
9 a.m.
Tractor Operated Contest
12 p.m.
Houseplants & Flowers & Home Grounds Woodworking
1 p.m.
Boer Goat Breed Classes & Showmanship

1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
Rabbit Show
5:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
6:00 p.m.
Lumberjack Camp
Fair Idol Contest
6:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds

Thursday, July 24

(Veterans Appreciation Day)
Dairy Goat Showmanship
Prospect Steers/Bulls/Beef Breeding Following
Beef Market Show
8 a.m.
Beef Show
8:30 a.m.
Food Preservation Poultry Veterinary Science
9 a.m.
Dairy Goat Show
Exploring
Youth Leadership
12 p.m.
Family & Child Development

1 p.m.
Sheep Show
1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
4:30 p.m.
Blue Steel
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
5:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
6 p.m.
Lumberjack Camp
6:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
8 p.m.
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Friday, July 25

9 a.m.
Dairy – Showmanship & Color Breeds
Meat Animal Sale
11 a.m.
Lumberjack Show
12 p.m.
Dairy Show - Color Breeds
1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
Location: Near Gate 3 | 1
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds

5:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
6 p.m.
Lumberjack Camp
6:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
7 p.m.
Totally Neon 80s Band

Saturday, July 26

9:00 a.m.
Dairy - Cow Classes & Holstein Heifers
10 a.m.
Fur & Feather Sale
11 a.m.
Lumberjack Show
1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
5:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
6 p.m.
Beef Showmanship
Lumberjack Camp
Jay Matthew
6:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
8 p.m.
Niko Moon

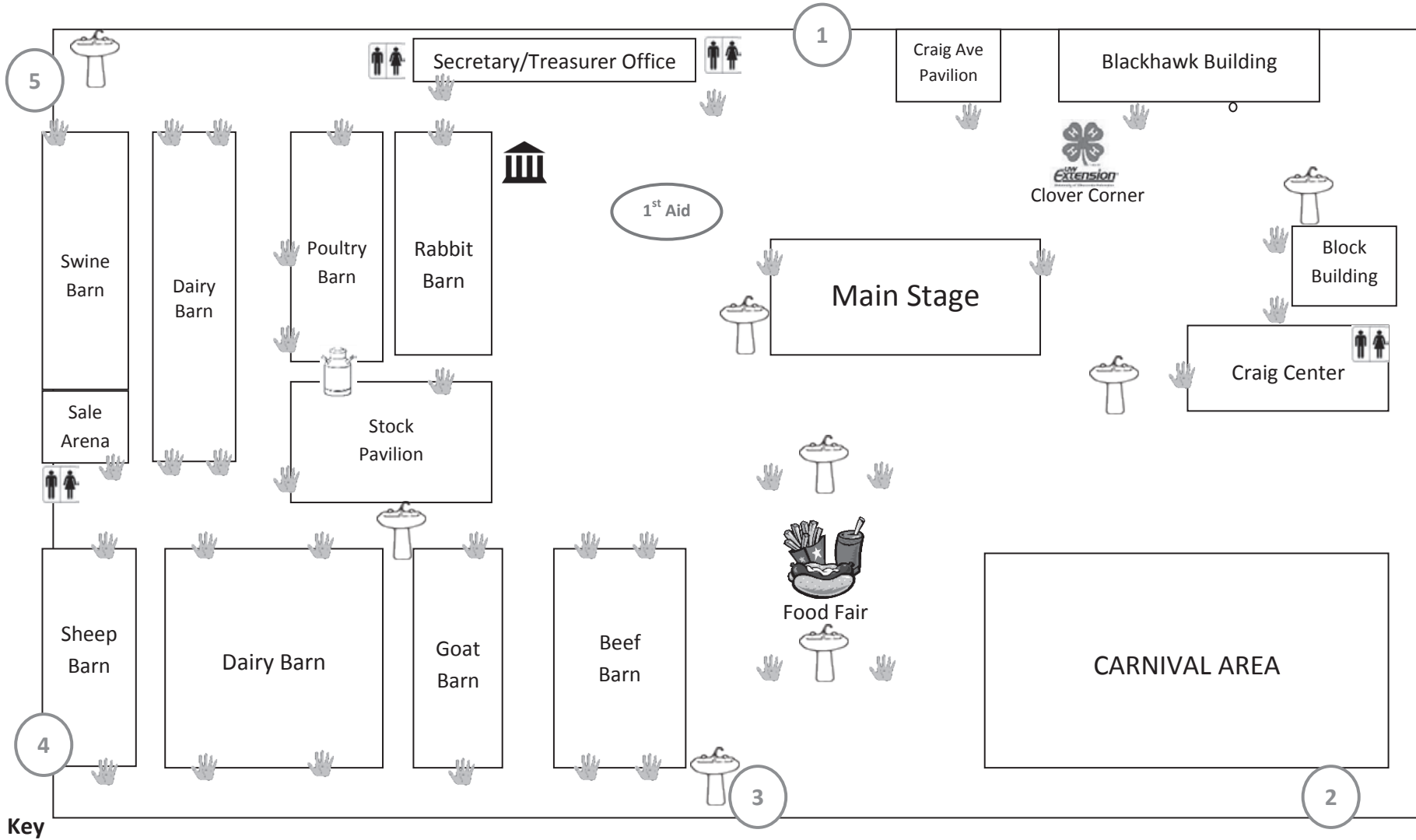
Sunday, July 27

9:30 a.m.
Beef Fitting Contest
Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni
10 a.m.
Cavy & Hamster Show
11 a.m.
Lumberjack Show
1 p.m.
Dairy Youth Auction
1:30 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds
2:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Show
Mater Showman Contest
5 p.m.
Canines in the Clouds

right: Whether it's going on a ride such as the Ring of Fire, getting a close-up look at animals like these baby ducks who were among the special guests at last year's fair, complete with their own slide, there is no shortage of entertainment at the fair. **top right, middle:** A highlight for many is the Fur & Feather Sale. Shown in 2024 are Allison Hahn, of Bradford 4-H, whose pen of broilers sold to Wells Fargo, and Joe Collins, of Clinton FFA, who had his purchased by Clinton FFA Alumni.

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Special events & contests

Where is Rocko

Contest is open to all fairgoers – any age!

Find “Rocko” and take a selfie with him. Show your selfie to the Fair Office Staff between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. You’ll get a ticket for the daily prize drawing. One entry per person, per day. Daily drawings are for assorted gift cards.

As Seen on Pinterest Contest

Create your favorite DIY that you have pinned on your Pinterest board.

Bring it to the fair on Thursday. Judging on July 24 at 9 a.m. on the Craig Center Stage will be based on:

- Difficulty (was an intricate process used in the making of the craft) – 30%
- Accuracy (does the craft reflect the idea of the Pinterest Post) – 30%
- Eye Appeal (overall finished appearance, complementing colors, etc.) – 40%

Premiums: 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$40, 3rd place \$25

Details and entry forms are on the website.

Pie Contest

No pre-registration required. Open to ALL adults and youth (ages 10+). Contest is open to any type of dessert pie recipe (NO ice cream/frozen) and may be your own original creation or passed on for generations.

Recipe (for crust and filling) must accompany entry. Entire recipe (all fillings and crusts) must be made from scratch by the entrant (No “purchased” or “made from a kit” pies).

Must be at least 8” in diameter in disposable pie tin or on disposable plate.

Any type of dessert pie with any type of crust may be entered. There is no refrigeration or freezer available, therefore no ice cream/frozen pies.

Pies will be judged on appearance and flavor. All pies entered become property of the Rock County 4-H Fair.

Judging will be at 3pm on Saturday, July 26 in the Craig Avenue Pavilion. Pies will remain on display in the Craig Center until fair closes on Sunday.

See the website for the form.

Prizes: 1st place \$30, 2nd place \$20, and 3rd place \$10.



This year's Rock County Fair will take place July 22-27 at the fairgrounds in Janesville. Whether taking the family and going on rides as well as spending time in the kids' tent including the always fun corn pit, or competing in one of the many contests being held during the five-day fair, there truly is something for everyone.

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Kids Pedal Pull

Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m. – Fun competition for youth ages 4-12. Prize for every puller with awards for 1st through 3rd place in every age.

Signup starts one hour prior to pull starts. Pulling order of classes is youngest to oldest.

Quilt Contest

Quilt Categories

Pieced Quilted - Applique, larger than 40”x40”

Pieced Quilt - Patchwork, larger than 40”x40”

Pieced Quilt - Applique, smaller than 40”x40”

Pieced Quilt - Patchwork, smaller than 40”x40”

Pieced Quilt Project - Table Runner, Bag, Clothing and other quilted project.

Baby Quilt - smaller than 45”x55”

Contact Information for the Quilt Contest: Sandy Franklin, Sew Many Threads Quilt Shop 608-882-0287; Rhonda Streich, The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company 608-921-3466; Tina Wellnitz, The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company 608-921-3466

Entry: Quilts to the Fairgrounds on Monday, July 21, 4 to 7 p.m., Craig Center Building or dropped off previous to July 21 at: Sassy Farm Chicks – Orfordville; Sew Many Threads – Evansville, Loose Threads – Milton; Loose Threads - Milton; Twin Turtle Quilts – Clinton, TLC Quilting – Janesville.

Judging Tuesday, July 22 at 1 pm. Public is invited to attend. First, second, third place ribbons for each category. Sponsored cash award for first place in each category. Best in Show Award, ribbon

Quilt Auction – quilts entered into the contest can be donated to auction to benefit the Rock County Fair Alumni Scholarship

Program. Entrants can make that notification at the time of entry, and notice will be made of auction quilts throughout fair week. Quilts will be auctioned at the time of the Dairy Youth Auction on Sunday of the Fair.

Photography Contest

No preregistration required. Participants may enter each category but only one photo per category.

All photos must be taken in Rock County, be mounted on black posterboard 11x14 and the entry form must be taped to the back of the entry.

Judging will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22 in the Craig Avenue Pavilion. Entries will be on display in the Block Building by Wednesday afternoon.

Prizes for each category will be: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$20, 3rd place \$15. Participants may pick up entries after starting on Tues, July 29 fair during business hours.

On Aug. 22, contest photos not picked up will be discarded and unclaimed prizes revert to the fair.

See the website for the entry form required.

Cheesy Beer Bread Contest

Let’s celebrate Digging Local with your best cheesy beer bread! Must contain yeast. Let local flavors take center stage by showcasing your area craft brew and pair it with your regional legendary cheese. Start crafting your award-winning loaf of cheese beer yeast bread now!

The Rock County Fair winner will have a chance to compete in the Wisconsin State Fair Cheesy Beer Bread Bash Contest. Wisconsin State Fair will send you two complimentary State Fair admission tickets and one parking pass to the First Place

winner of the Rock County Fair contest.

Awards provided by Rock County 4-H Fair: First Place Winner – \$50; Second Place Winner – \$25; Third Place Winner – \$15.

Please provide two copies of your recipe. The recipe must be typed on 8 ½” x 11” paper; recipe font size must be 12 point or 14 point.

- One copy must have name and County Fair name.

- One copy should not have baker’s name or your fair’s name. If your recipe is more than one page, use additional sheets of paper (single sided only).

- Recipes must be typed.

- All recipes must be original to the baker. No prepared mixes may be used. All bread must contain yeast.

For more information, contact the Rock County Fair Office at 608-755-1470.

Little Wrangler Contest

Join a fun contest specifically for children aged 4-6 years. Young adventurers will have a chance to run a relay with a team member, all centered around straw bales and wheelbarrows.

Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m. at the Rock County Fair – Craig Ave. Pavilion

Rules: Teams of two will compete. One child pushes the wheelbarrow along the course, and one loads the wheelbarrow with mini straw bales. The first team to cross the finish line with all the straw bales in the wheelbarrow wins.

Registration opens at 1:45 p.m.; parent sign up required, no early registrations. Race starts at 2 p.m..

The first 24 kids (12 teams of two) registered will participate in this event.

See details and entry forms on all of these events on the Rock County Fair website under the “Things to do” tab followed by “Special events/contests.”

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