

Bluestem Breezes  
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### **Countdown to County Fair!**

For this week's highlights of the Wabaunsee County Fair, I'd like to dedicate this column to all young people. No, not just 4-H members! There are plenty of activities for all youth to take part in at the County Fair! Now, where to begin...

**Open Class!** Have you ever entered an exhibit in Open Class? Consider some of your school projects or summer hobbies: art, crafts, woodworking, rocketry, collecting insects, sewing with Grandma, cookies, etc. All of these may be entered at the County Fair on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. And, the best part is that they will be on display for all of your family and friends to view!

**Photography Judging Contest!** You'll love looking at pictures in this contest. Sort out the best pictures starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to winners at the Awards Presentation on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Youth Swimming Party!** The Alma Swimming Pool will be open for youth to swim on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m. There is no charge, but a free will donation will be accepted. All proceeds will be applied toward the cost of a new slide! Oh, and it gets better. There will be glow sticks and snacks available! An important note is that all youth ages seven and under must be accompanied by an adult or teenager age 16 or older.

**Livestock Judging Contest!** Wabaunsee High School FFA is hosting a Livestock Judging Contest on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. There is no cost to participate and awards will be presented during the Awards Presentation On Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This is an awesome opportunity to try out your judging skills without traveling far from home.

**Parade!** The beloved Fair Parade is scheduled for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to bring your favorite or unique vehicle (tractor, truck, float, lawn mower, bicycle, horse, etc.) to town and show it off. This is also an excellent time to advertise your youth group, school group, organization, and church.

**Pedal Pull and Junior Rodeo!** These events are sure to be crowd favorites! They begin on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. Check out all of their details in last week's column.

**Barnyard Olympics!** One thing is for sure, Barnyard Olympics is always full of surprises! This event is sponsored by Wabaunsee County Ambassadors and begins Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. Ever seen a rubber chicken fly? Raced on a scoop shovel? Dug marbles out of the sand...with your toes? Flipped a square bale in a relay? This is an annual favorite of so many youth!

**Rock Wall Climbing!** This year, 4-H Council is sponsoring a rock climbing experience. It's free to participate and will be available on the fairgrounds Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Come test out your climbing skills!

Did you pick up on a theme? Our activities are FREE! These are awesome ways to have fun, be safe, and never leave the county! We hope to see youth of all ages participating in activities during the Wabaunsee County Fair, July 25-29. For more fair details, visit [www.wabaunsee.ksu.edu](http://www.wabaunsee.ksu.edu). See you at the fair!