



NEWSLETTER

July/August 2009

Military Appreciation Day at the Dane County Fair

The Dane County Fair is pleased to announce the inaugural Military Appreciation Day on Thursday, July 16.

The Fair's goal is to offer our military men and women, along with their families, the chance to experience the Fair, while honoring them for their service. Complimentary admission will be given to veterans, actives and reserves, along with their immediate family with proper military identification.

We also have fun opportunities for you to be involved! On Thursday of the Fair, you'll be able to write a note to military kids who have a parent serving overseas. You'll also want to stop by the packaging party to create a care package for a soldier. Operation Homefront will be mailing each care package for you. Both activities and more will be held in the Exhibition Hall.

Interested in making a donation? Your club or family might want to donate to these special causes at the Fair. Operation Homefront will be accepting any non-perishable item for the care packages, such as snacks, (i.e. beef jerky, gum, etc.), or household items, (i.e. batteries, soap, etc.).

Operation Military Kids will be accepting any school supplies and toys for their Hero Packs, which are given to children of deployed troops. A complete list of recommended donations is available online at www.danecountyfair.com.

Sneak-A-Peek

Due to economic factors, there will be no Tuesday night Sneak-A-Peek at the carnival this year.

Admission passes will be required starting at 7 am on Wednesday.

Fair Supporters

Commercial exhibitors and Fair sponsors are a key link in the financial success of the Dane County Fair. Please take the time to seek out these sponsors and exhibitors and thank them for their support.

As an individual or as a club, a simple hand shake, a thank you or a thank you note following the fair will go a long way to ensure the return of these supporters.

Thank You to our Trophy and Ribbon Sponsors

Help us thank Miller & Sons for sponsoring the trophies and ribbons at the Dane County Fair. Please stop by their store and say "Thank You!" to the staff at Miller & Sons Supermarkets Verona and Mt. Horeb.

Miller & Sons joins longtime sponsor Scott Construction of Lake Delton, who sponsors the meat animal trophies.

The Fair is fortunate to have supporters who are dedicated to our hard-working youth.



Dane County's First Fairest of the Fair

Molly Rake, an active member of the Waunakee Whirlwinds 4-H club and Waunakee FFA chapter, has been named Dane County's 1st Fairest of the Fair. She was officially crowned on June 13 at the Dane County Dairy Breakfast.

In addition to promoting the Dane County Fair during the coming weeks, she will represent Dane County at the State Fairest of the Fairs competition in January 2010.

Molly is the daughter of Tom and Diane Rake of Waunakee, Wisconsin.

If you would like more information about the Fairest of the Fair program, visit www.danecountyfair.com or check out the Fairest of the Fair display in the Exhibition Hall during the Fair.

Picnic Tables

Picnic tables located on the grounds are reserved for the food vendor area. Please do not remove any tables from this area.

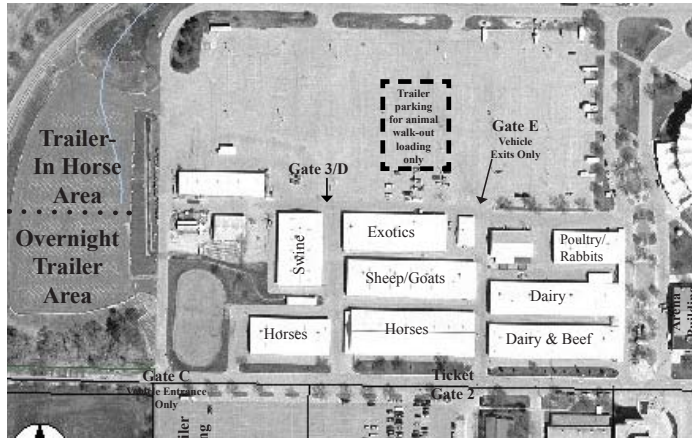
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Trailer Parking

All livestock trailers parking for the duration of the Dane County Fair will need to be parked in the upper West parking lot behind the outdoor practice arena. Trailers staying overnight should be parked on the South end of the upper West lot.

Those trailering-in for the day will also need to park in the upper West lot at the request of the Horse and Pony Committee. Day trailers should use the North end of the West lot.

As a reminder, before 10 AM you may drive through Gate C to make deliveries/transfers to the barns and exit from Gates D or E. Please see map for trailer parking assignments.



Animal Walk Out

Exhibitors wishing to lead their animal out to their trailers at release must park their trucks and/or trailers in the designated “walk out” area located in the North parking lot adjacent to Gate 3.

Exhibitor must lead animal out Gate E. It is recommended that a parent or adult accompany all animals being led out. Release time for lead out animals will be from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, Sunday.

Interested in Becoming A Department Chairperson or Superintendent?

Volunteers are needed to assist in:

Dept. 31 - Demonstrations & Presentations

If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who may be interested, please contact the Fair office at (608) 224-0500. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Golf Carts

No golf carts or other motorized vehicles will be allowed on grounds, other than those used by Fair staff. Any exceptions for medical reasons must be approved by Fair Management.

Overnight Barn Policy

“Sleeping” overnight in any barn is prohibited. No one under the age of 16 is allowed to be in the barns after 12:00 a.m. (midnight) without adult supervision (adult defined as a parent, legal guardian, superintendent or chaperone over the age of 21). Any exhibitor, regardless of age, must request a permit to be in the barns after 12:00 a.m. midnight.

A special permit will be available from the Dane County Fair office for circumstances that require exhibitors to care for animals between 12:00 a.m. midnight and 5:00 a.m. Examples of this may include: milking cows prior to show day, tending of animals, veterinary authorization to care for ill animals. Late pass requests must come from the exhibitor’s parents or legal guardian before 6:00 p.m. on the night the pass is needed. This pass must be worn by the exhibitor at all times between the hours of 12:00 a.m. midnight and 5:00 a.m.

All late passes must be returned to the Fair Office by 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Each club or chapter will be allotted two (2) passes per night per animal species exhibited.

A final ruling on whether or not a late pass is given is up to the discretion of the Dane County Fair Staff, Dane County Extension Staff and Department Chairperson.

Cavy Exhibitors

Cavies will be housed in Barn 3. Please consider this when making your entries.

Check-in is 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wednesday (7/15/09) in Barn 3. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

Foods Revue

The Foods Revue will be held Monday, July 13 in Hall B of the Exhibition Hall. A prep area will be available in Hall B. Enter the Exhibition Hall through the loading dock area.

Pre-Fair Events

The Clothing Revue competition will take place on June 29 at the Dane County Extension Office, 1 Fen Oak.

The Shooting Sports competition will take place on Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11 at the Stoughton Conservation Club.

The Dog Show will take place on Sunday, July 12 at the Alliant Energy Center - Exhibition Hall B.

Release of Exhibits Sunday, July 19, 2009

No exhibits will be released before 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Any exhibits removed before 7:30 p.m. on Sunday will result in all premiums being forfeited and the exhibitor being barred from participating for one year.

On Sunday, the doors to the Exhibition Hall will be closed and locked starting at 6:30 p.m. The doors will reopen at 7:30 p.m.

In an effort to ease congestion during exhibit release, exhibitors will need to enter through the North Lobby doors and exit by way of the East-West Corridor (review map to right).

Claim checks must be used to pick-up projects. If claim checks have been lost, the exhibitor will need to go to the designated project area with proper photo ID.

All non-animal entries must be picked-up between 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The Fair assumes no responsibility for any exhibits remaining after 8:30 p.m.

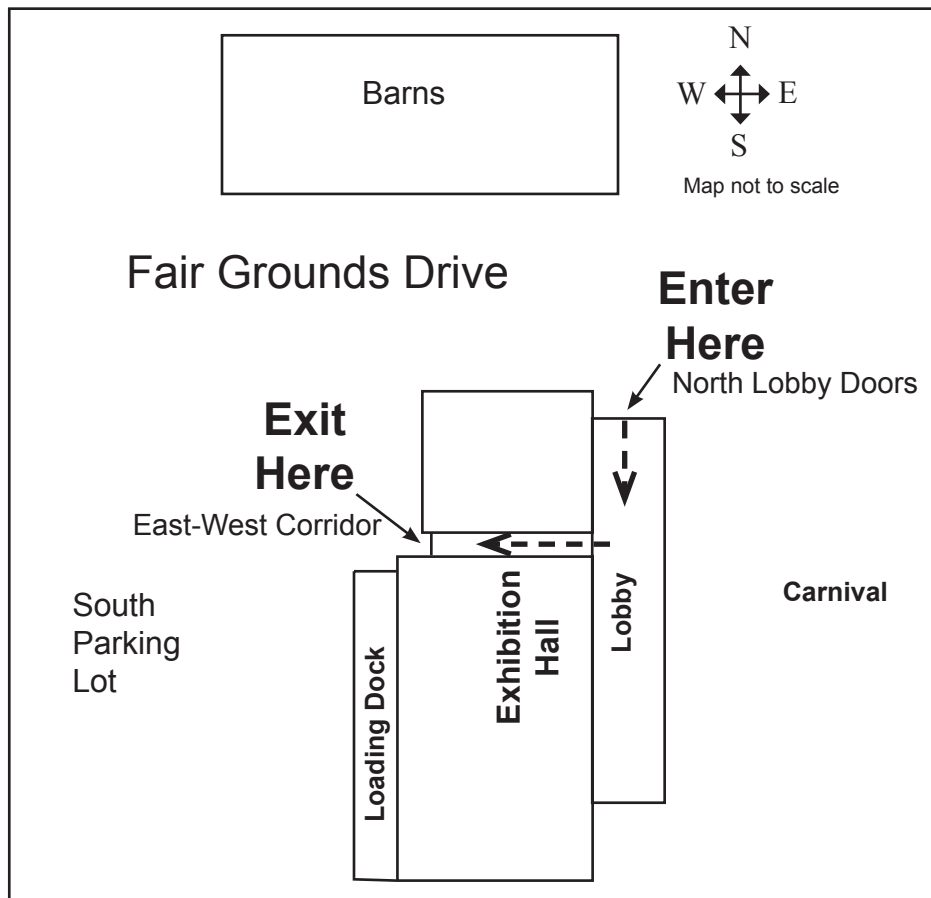
Barn decorations may be removed starting at 6:30 p.m. Prior to 7:30 pm exhibitors will be allowed to walk tack and supplies out Gates D and E. (Review article "*Animal Walk Out*" on page 2 of this newsletter)

Starting at 7:30 pm, trucks and trailers are allowed through Gate C only for animal release.

No animals or exhibits will be released until 7:30 pm.

All projects must be picked up during project release time.

If you are not able to pick-up projects, please find someone who can and pass along your claim check tags to them. As stated in the Premium Book, the



Dane County Fair is not responsible for exhibits that are not picked up Sunday evening. Exhibits left in the Exhibition Hall after 8:30 pm will be discarded.

NOTE: Admission is charged on exhibit release day. You must pay admission or present a pass if coming to pick-up projects on Sunday night. No exceptions will be made.

Plan your Day at the Fair

Family Play Day - Thursday, July 16, 2-5 pm - Hall C

Mad Rollin' Dolls Roller Derby Exhibition - Thursday, July 16, starting at 5 pm - Hall D

Youth Day - Friday, July 17, 9-2 pm - throughout the Fairgrounds

Agri-Versity - Friday, July 17, 10-2 pm - Hall C

AARP|Walgreens Wellness Tour - Friday, July 17 - Sunday, July 19 - 12-8 pm - outside Exhibition Hall

Tractor Parade - Saturday, July 18, 11-1:30 pm - Fairgrounds Drive

Rural Mutual Insurance Family Safety Day - Saturday, July 18 - all day - throughout the Fair

Hybridfest Green Drive Expo - Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19 - all day - Hall B

Winn Family Thrill Show - Daily - 3:00, 5:15 & 7:30 p.m. - between Midway & Food Court

Timber Tina's World Champion Lumberjills - Daily - 3:45, 6:00 & 8:15 p.m. - between Midway & Food Court

Welde's Big Bear Show at Grizzly Falls - Daily - 4:45, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. - between Midway & Food Court

Entry Day Procedures

Projects need to be judged, and/or in place, prior to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th. Take into consideration traffic, location of exhibits on grounds, individual conference judging lines and the number of projects that you need to have checked-in. If you have multiple projects, please allow plenty of time so that all projects are judged and/or in place by 8:00 p.m.

Enter the Exhibition Hall through the North doors by the flags or through the West entrance by the parking lot. Please note that you will not be able to enter the youth exhibit area from the loading dock.

For pre-Fair events, please check the premium book for entry and judging times.

Emergency Phone

If you have an emergency during Fair week and/or need to get a message to someone on the grounds, call 266-4210. This number is operational only during Fair week and will be answered from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Cat Exhibitors

Cats must be brought to the Exhibition Hall through the North Doors of the Exhibition Hall and proceed to Hall D for check-in.

Superintendents Lounge

The lounge is open to Judges, Superintendents and Chairpersons only. Those entering must have proper name badge identification.

Hours: Tuesday, Noon to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kegonsa Room, 2nd floor of the Exhibition Hall.

Entry Tags

Entry tags will be available for leaders to pick up beginning July 1 at the Dane County Fair office, 3310 Latham Drive.

The office is open for pick-up during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Camping

Camping is permitted only in county approved locations. There are a limited number of spaces. Other campsites in the surrounding area are available. Contact the Fair office for a list.

Campers parked in a non-county approved site will be ticketed and towed.

Capital Expenditures

Requests for the purchase of department equipment for next year must be submitted in detail by September 1.

There is not a form, simply send your written request, including need, cost, and implementation plan to the Fair office. Requests may only be submitted by Superintendents or Chairpersons.

Changes for 2010

Exhibitors, superintendents, parents, leaders -- anyone can submit proposed changes for the 2010 Fair. All changes must be submitted in writing to the Education Committee by November 2, 2009. Forms are available from the Fair office.

As you participate in this year's Fair, make note of changes that would make the Fair more educational and valuable for the youth involved.

Weather Plan

Dane County Fair has a weather alert radio in the Fair Office; AEC has one in their Administration office. AEC Event Supervisor on duty will monitor Doppler weather radar to follow any inclement weather advisories and advise DCF accordingly and decide course of action necessary.

THUNDERSTORMS –

1. DCF has a plan to shut down the Carnival and outside food vendors in order to get people to head indoors when heavy rains/winds occur. (Exhibition Hall or Arena building).

2. DCF has a plan to alert events in each building of impending conditions; i.e. horse shows in Arena, Barn events, Vendors in Hall A and 4-H in meeting rooms. Barn doors can be closed in heavy rain, if need be. Attendees can stay in the barns or move to the Arena or Ex Hall in heavy rains/wind.

TORNADO WARNINGS –

AEC will monitor Doppler radar to determine movement of potential tornado alerts/sightings and advise DCF accordingly of what action will be taken.

The Coliseum Concourse (lower) is the best place for refuge in a tornado. DCF will plan for breakaway fencing in between Barns and Arena to allow movement of people to the Coliseum.

Mendota 1-8 is the best place in the Ex Hall for refuge from tornadoes and high winds.

Fire Lanes

Please note that there are fire lanes around all buildings. Parking is not permitted around any building. Vehicles parked in fire lanes will be ticketed and towed.

Shavings

Lucky Country Clovers once again have wood shavings for sale. Orders are due no later than Thursday, July 2. Please contact Brenda James (608) 924-1591 for more information.

Thank you to the following clubs who used promotional items to promote the Dane County Fair

Ashton Go-Getters
Bellbrook Wranglers
Blue Ribbon 4-H
Brooklyn Mighty Mites
Cambridge 4-H
Cottage Grove 4-H
Cross Plains Wondermakers
Dane Dandy Doers
Dashing Doers
Equi-Pals
Fitchburg Fireflies
Happy Hikers
High Flyers
Kegonsa Hustlers
Liberty Riders
Maple Grove Lads & Lassies
Marshall Mavericks
McFarland Sparks
Medina Marvels
Middleton Mustangs
Mounds View Mountaineers
Oregon Headliners
Paoli 4-H Fireballs
Prairie Pioneers
Queststars
Roxbury Boosters
Rutland 4-H
Springdale 4-H
Trail Blazers
Triangle Troopers
Twin Valley
West Questers
Windsor Willing Workers



Hello, my name is Rachel Kaehler and I am the new Entry Department Coordinator for the Dane County Fair.

Growing up, 4-H and FFA were a big part of my life. I showed cattle at our county and state fair. I am pleased to put my years of experience growing up on a farm and showing cattle to use.

After graduating from North Dakota State University, I sold feed throughout the Midwest for Cargill and Land O' Lakes. The opportunity to work for the Dane County Fair and WDE Management has allowed me to move closer to home and be involved with the programs that gave so much to me.

If you have any questions about your entries, give me a call at 224-0500. I look forward to meeting all of you at this year's Dane County Fair.

Individual Judging Conferences

All lots of the following departments will be judged by individual conference, Tuesday, July 14, check premium book for times.

- 16 - Natural Sciences
- 17 - Exploring & Cloverbuds
- 18 - Cultural Arts
- 21 - Computers
- 22 - Woodworking
- 26 - Clothing
- 27 - Knitting & Crocheting
- 29 - Child Development
- 31 - Demonstrations & Presentations
- 33 - Self Determined/ Youth Leadership
- 34 - Health, Social & Political Sciences

Greetings!

My name is Susan Orth, and I am honored to serve as the Sales Specialist for the Dane County Fair.



Growing up on my family's dairy and livestock farm in Southwest Wisconsin, I was very involved with 4-H and FFA, including the county fair. I am a graduate of UW-Madison with a degree in animal sciences and agricultural journalism.

In my previous position, I worked as the communications specialist with Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin. I've also interned and worked for the Wisconsin State Fair many summers. In 2005, I served as Wisconsin's Fairest of the Fairs.

I'm thrilled to work with the Dane County Fair, and I look forward to meeting you and your family at this year's Fair!

First Aid/Fire Watch

An ambulance will be on grounds for first aid or medical issues. It will be located adjacent to the Arena Building throughout the week.

The staff is prepared for minor injuries, as well as emergencies that require an ambulance. It will be staffed starting Tuesday 11:00 a.m. until close and Wednesday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Emergency personnel can also be contacted via two-way radios held by Alliant Energy Center, Dane County Fair and Extension staff.

The Town of Madison Fire Department will be on duty 24 hours beginning Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. through Sunday until close.