

Bluestem Breezes
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Countdown to County Fair!

Amidst the many schedule changes occurring to this year's Wabaunsee County Fair, several core events remain on those traditional days and times.

The **Fair Parade** is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Alma. With a fair theme involving camouflage, I imagine there won't be a shortage of floats and fair entries sporting the theme! Make sure your parade entry is checked in and lined up by 5:45 p.m. If you plan to watch the parade curbside, don't forget lawn chairs and sunscreen!

When the parade finishes, hold on to those lawn chairs! There are more events at the fairgrounds you'll want a comfortable seat to sit in and enjoy the talents of our county-wide youth!

Before you get too comfortable, make sure to grab a pork burger at the Alma Chamber's **Pork BBQ!**

And then, it's off to the **4-H Fashion Review** (beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the Show Arena), followed by the youth **Pedal Pull** at 8:00 p.m. The Pedal Pull is sponsored by Stockgrowers State Bank and Wabaunsee County Farm Bureau Association, and will be located directly east of New Life Bible Church. There is no entry fee for youth entering the Pedal Pull. Class divisions are available to four through 12 year olds. Age division winners may even qualify for the state contest!

New this year on Sunday evening is the **Junior Rodeo**, sponsored by Mill Creek Cowboys Association. The Junior Rodeo also begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Cowboys' Arena and is open to all youth ages 18 and under. Entries close at the start of the first event. Prizes will be awarded to event winners. Events will include poles, barrels, roping events, and more!

The **4-H Concession Stand** will be open throughout the fair. I'm especially looking forward to those brisket sandwiches and walking tacos! For Concession Stand hours, check out page 31 of the 2014 Fair Book.

Of course, there's no admission fee to any Wabaunsee County Fair events! Don't forget your lawn chairs and allow plenty of time to sit, relax, and enjoy the people, food, events, and exhibits!