

Fair catalog available with dates for entries

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Despite all the growth, agriculture remains an important part of Williamson County and the primary reason there is a Williamson County Fair. From Aug. 6–14 the fair offers shows and exhibits for those fully active in agriculture and those who enjoy aspects of it. From livestock to needlework, culinary arts and wine tasting – there are shows, exhibits and events for all interests and talents that will bring out the kid in everyone.

The Williamson County Fair Premium Catalog is now available for those with a competitive nature. Catalogs can be found at the Agricultural Extension Service located at the Ag Expo Park, county library sites in communities throughout the county, county recreation centers, county senior citizen centers and the county mayor's office.

This year, several competitive exhibits at the fair are open to residents of counties surrounding Williamson County. Livestock competitions are open to all Tennessee residents. The quilt competition remains open to Williamson County residents only, but all crafts, clothing, culinary and horticulture shows are open to any county that touches Williamson County or persons who are active in a Williamson County clubs related to textiles.

New in the Creative Arts division is an Original Design Class for high school students, which is open to Williamson County students only, including 2010 graduates. Judging will be based on creativity and originality and must be modeled to be judged.

“In the past, high school students have been able to enter design construction but not be judged,” said Joan Wherley, co-chair of the Creative Arts section. “We had some way-out things last year that were really neat, so we opened it up for judging.”

Pre-entry for the Creative Arts division is July 26, but pre-entry is not required.

In the culinary division, canned good have been expanded and there is a new youth division for the Little Debbie competition. Contestants build a pastry construction – anything from a bridge or building to a wedding or birthday cake – out of Little Debbie snacks.

Entries for all culinary divisions are accepted at specific times on the days of the contests. Times and dates are listed in the catalog.

New in the Livestock section is the Sanctioned Myotonic (fainting) goat competition – a fun show to watch. The show is open to Myotonic Goat registry only. Only the junior division pays a premium. Entry forms must be postmarked by Friday July 30.

In Handicrafts, a new class – Hand-carved Woods – has been added. A pre-entry date of July 26 is available. Entry dates are Thursday July 29, Friday July 30 and Saturday July 31. Check the catalog for specific times.

Pick up a catalog and find something for almost any talent or interest and follow the fair theme, “Come Be A Kid Again!”

For more information on activities and events at the 2010 Williamson County Fair, go to **www.williamsoncountyfair.org**.