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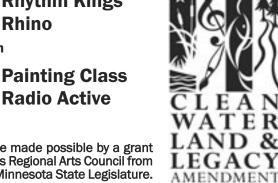
### Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

3-7 p.m. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Rhythm Kings** Rhino

### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

11-1 p.m. 4-8 p.m.



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### FREE HORSE ARENA EVENTS

**Radio Active** 

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. **4-H Horse Show** Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Sheriff's Posse WSCA 8:00 a.m. **Payback Game Show** 

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.

**Ranch Rodeo** 

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### HERITAGE STAGE

### Thursday, August 3rd

1:30 a.m.	4-H Share the Fun
2:00 p.m.	Bake &Taste Contest
2:00 p.m.	Schlueter & Bulau
4-6 p.m.	Matt & Allen Carlson
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### Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

3 & 4:30 p.m.	Noel La Bine & Friends
4:00 p.m.	<b>Century Farm Presentation</b>
6:00 p.m.	Carver Creek Bluegrass

### Saturday. August 5<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.	Raptor Center
12:00 p.m.	The Hoopsters
12:30 p.m.	Kids Pedal Pull
1:00 p.m.	Raptor Center
2:00 p.m.	The Hoopsters
2-6 p.m.	Don B Strolling Entertainment
2:45 p.m.	Kids Day Drawing
4:00 p.m.	Flemming Fold

### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

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### GRANDSTAND EVENTS

### Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m. **Arlington Raceway Sibley County Stock Car Shootout** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. **Night of Destruction** Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. **UTS Truck Series** Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> **Arlington Raceway Auto Races** 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m. Sibley Slam Demolition Derby

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# Welcome to the Sibley County Fair

#### By Dennis Van Moorlehem Sibley County Fair Board Member

Well another fair year is here and the Sibley County Fair Board has met it head on. Starting last August, we started planning. We started by evaluating our buildings for needed maintenance. The sheep barn (the old Commercial building) was tapped for a new roof after fighting leaks for years. We received a grant to defray the cost. The work should be done by fair time.

The Octagon refreshment stand was moved up for a new roof also to finish the rebuild started a few years ago. It is the oldest building on the fair having moved from the hospital park many years ago.

Porkies will also have a new look with all new windows. The lift up side panels and old windows that leaked as well as blocked off openings are all gone. This is a multiyear upgrade of the food stand that will include roof and side replacement in the future as well as possible air movement upgrades. The labor for this long-term project is being done by the St Paul's church group in trade for food stand rent each year that work is completed.

Earlier this year we received a grant from Minnesota Valley Electric Coop thru their Operation Round Up program where customers round up their bills to the next whole dollar. These proceeds are passed on to grantees showing need after a competitive grant review. Our grant will fund new lighting in the chicken barn, rabbit barn, and new horse barn. These poor barns struggled with 1950's lighting ever since I have been on the board. Trivia Question for the older group, What was the chicken barn before its chicken days?

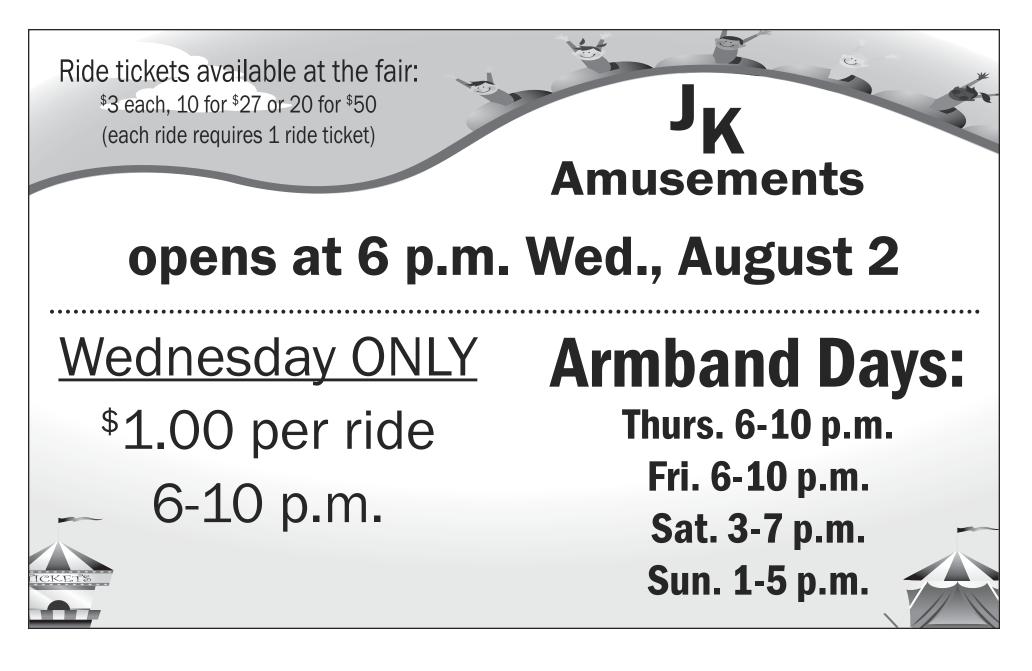
Another project that may not be finished before the fair but is in the works, is the tear down of the old tool shed between the horticulture building and the 4-H non-animal building. The roof is no longer structurally safe so away it will go. The new tool shed #3 in succession will be a huge metal container located north of the draft horse building. Hopefully the tool shed building will also be a trivia question some day.

Electrical updates in the large cattle barn bus barn will allow for more fans and even-out the draw on the system. More vents in the milk house/cattle barn should keep it cooler. Horse arena upgrade and corral maintenance machine are new this year with hopes the additions will make the arena one of the best facilities in the state.

The last major upgrade to our grounds is the addition of five new light poles in the horse arena area. These lights will serve as a day/night facility as needed in the future. Another light pole will light the north side of the parking lot. With the lighting upgrade, the parking area both on the main grounds and horse area parking will be more user friendly.

With these 2017 upgrades our board is very proud of the thousands of hours we have spent so far, this year. I would like to ask our visitors to acknowledge your thoughts on these projects to the board. They are here working to make the best little fair in Minnesota better. Do you have suggestions? If so, jot them down and hand them into the office as you attend with us August 2 thru 6 the SIBLEY COUNTY FAIR.





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# **Sibley County Fair's** grandstand fun



### Bv Dennis Van Moorlehem Sibley County Fair Board Member

so I am sitting in my Grass, Country and morning at 8 AM Our anbasement out of the Polka. Stage shows with nual BBQ Cook off starts weather writing my yearly Bake and Taste, 4-H with great cooks, great article. 2017, the 148th demonstrations, Noel La meat, great times awaitannual Sibley County Fair Bine a comical reminis- ing your attendance. At in Arlington, has taken cence of the good old 3PM the Rhythm Kings from the past and pres- days up north, and Rap- will start up the musical ent grandstand shows tor Center presentations. entertainment for the day Starting each dav. Wednesday, August 2nd, favorites like Kidde trac- PM to finish out a great we present the Stock Car tor pull, Hoopsters, as Saturday. Sunday from Shoot Out. This popular well as Homeward Bound 11 AM till 1PM the anprogram continues its returning after a few nual Painting Class will run from last year. Thurs- years absence. A Cartoon take place. Bring the sigday evening's presenta- Caricatures artist will be nificant other and see tion; the Night of on sight for the kids dur- who does the best. For us Destruction, also returns ing the day also. with new exciting ways to wreck vehicles. This has ments (our carnival) has ones who know what to been great family enter-special tainment for the last few Wednesday. All Rides Band will take us home years. Friday night the Only \$1.00 From 6PM till for 2017. UTS Mud Drags take 10 PM. Wrist bands will In the magazine, a place. I could say this is be available during the complete list of events clean fun, it isn't. Come fair at the carnival ticket can be clipped out and and pick the winning ve- stand. They have been taken with you. Posters hicles that handle the working on their rides to are up around the area best in the deep mud. have them in tip top and radio and newspa-Saturday night Arlington shape for our fair. Raceway Car Races re- The turn with a great variety building not only has re- radio stations will interof classes from 4 cylin- freshments but great view visitors and officials ders to V8's. Now for the bands and the one and about their activities. We big change this year only FREE sweet corn hope you can find time to DEMOs are back. Yes feed on Friday starting at take part in our fair in demo derbies return on 3PM till corn is gone. some way. We will not be Sunday just like the good During the feed Ron E on television but we old days. We expect a Cash will entertain the should be. It's their loss. large turn out and a corn eaters. On the other Have fun and I hope to larger audience so come nights starting Wednes- see your smiling face at early.

a great line up again this antics that all will enjoy.

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day at 8PM is Chopper, a the Sibley County Fair in The Heritage stage has family friendly DJ with his Arlington. year with family pro- Thursday at 8:30 PM

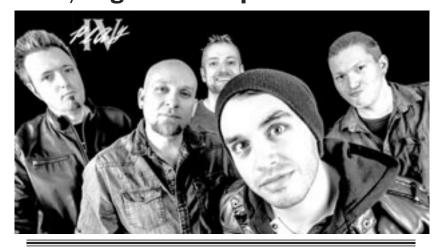
grams from Thursday, Shaw Brothers are carry-August 3 till Sunday. The ing out the family's tradi-Carlson's, Carver Creek tion of great music. blue grass Floeming Fold, Friday after the corn feed and Wendinger Band all IV Play are entertaining It's 90 degrees outside return with a mix of Blue the crowd. Saturday Kids day will bring back followed by Rhino at 9:30 amateurs there will be This year J&K Amuse- help and advice from on do. At 4PM Radio Active

> pers will also cover Entertainment events. During the fair,

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Fri., Aug. 4 • 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.



Sat., Aug. 5 • 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.



Sun., Aug. 6 • 4:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m.



# Making a little fair a big thing

#### By Dennis Van Moorlehem Sibley County Fair Board Member

It's July 2017 and that means last month before the fair. How can I tell? It's 95 degrees, sunny, and it is work night at the fair. What is work night? Each Thursday night each, Summer the board meets at the fair to get it ready. Tonight, we have a list with 29 items to work on. Will we get them all done tonight? In OUR dreams, BUT there will be many of them done tomorrow. We are always in a panic around this time of year but as the old saying goes, don't sweat the small stuff, we'll have them all done by a week after the fair. A couple of months ago I went out to the fair one morning and took a minute to just look at the grounds. We, the fair board and all of you, should be proud of our grounds. As one of the smallest counties in the state, we have one of the finest set of buildings around.

As I travel to other fairs and hear their trials and tribulations, I am SO proud of our best little fair in the state. When you come out to visit us this year stop and look, REALLY look at the grounds and imagine the work, but TRULY look at the pride the fair board must have to accomplish it each year.

We get our share of derogatory input

also. When this happens, we try to sit down and work with the parties to solve their concerns. We usually have a good result, but not always. This year we worked on problems with the horse ring. Honestly, both sides had an outcome at odds with the reality of our ability to provide a world class venue. The board, as always, worked with financial restraints, the horse representatives with a variety of recommendations. THE ANSWER!! Well you will have to come out to the Sibley County Fair in Arlington August 2 thru 6, 2017. Go out to the horse events and judge for yourself.

Before and after your visit our fair, please go to our fair website sibleycountyfair.com or Facebook. Tell us what you expect and what you found out as you visit us. Without YOUR input, we will still try to provide the best we can but, without your input we may likely miss your important ideas. Let's work together to make our fair better yet and I can come up with a saying even better than BEST LITTLE FAIR IN MINNESOTA.

Now as we prepare to go out to work night, in the sweltering heat, we hope you are planning to come to the fair to see if all the stuff I write about is true.

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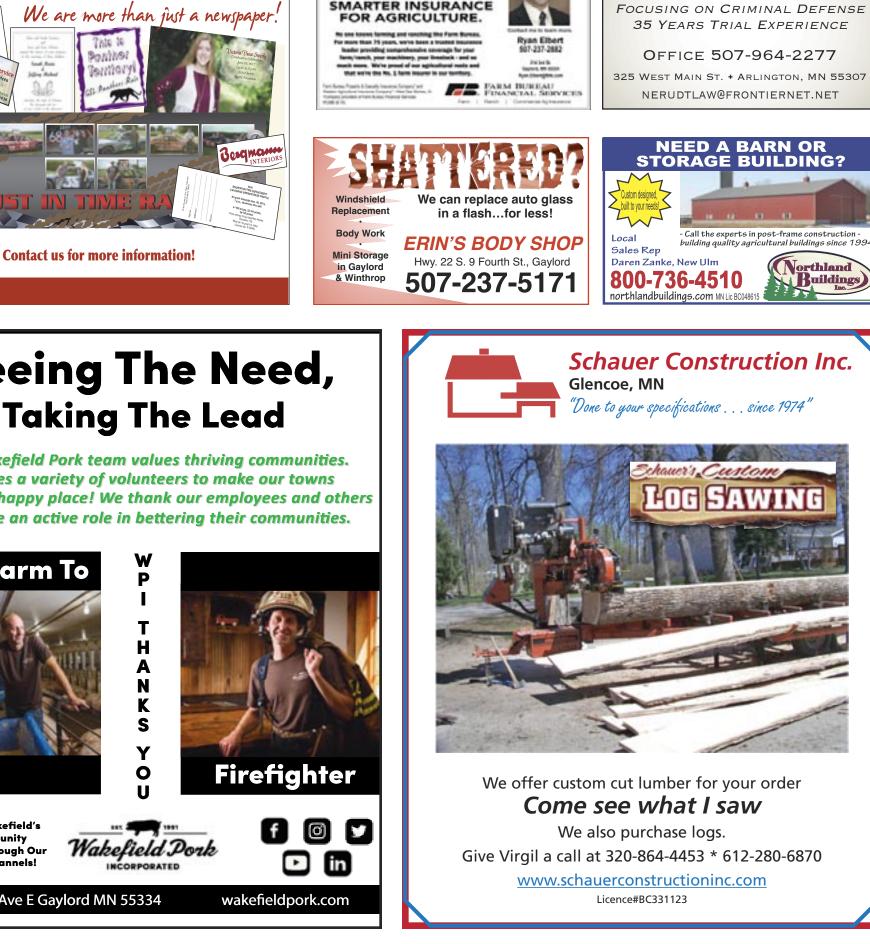
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The City of Arlington donated \$1,700 and grounds to keep the fair for the next 5 years. On the grounds, west of the Catholic Church, a half-mile track was built and buildings were constructed for house exhibits. The grounds were to be used for both the fair and also as a park.

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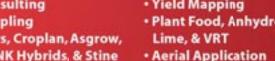
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# **Queen Judging & Coronation** Sun., August 6 3:00 p.m.

Heritage Stage at Sibley County Fairgrounds

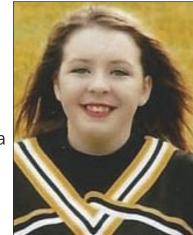


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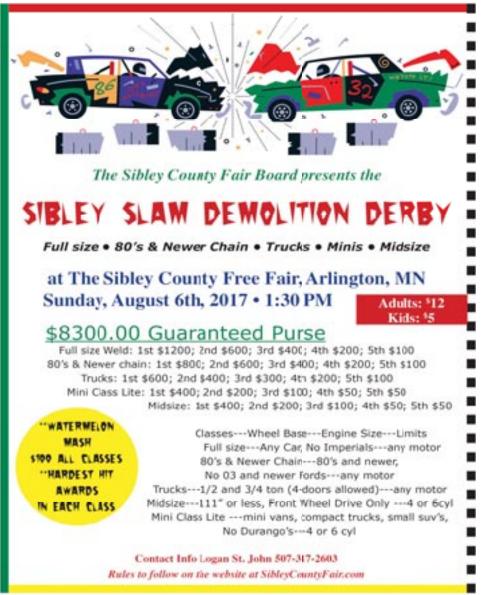
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### **JUDGING SCHEDULE of 4-H Events** Tuesday, August 1

### Saturday, August 5

Non-Livestock project	
conference judging2-7 p	.m.

### Wednesday, August 2

Open Class Entry	
(Horticulture Building)9-6 p.m	۱.
Rabbit Entry Deadline2 p.m	۱.
Rabbit Tattoo Checking3 p.m	۱.
Rabbit Show (Show Arena)4:30 p.m	
Dairy Entry Deadline5 p.m	۱.
Sheep & Goat Entry Deadline6 p.m	۱.
Sheep Weigh-in6:30 p.m	
Livestock Entry Deadline8 p.m	۱.

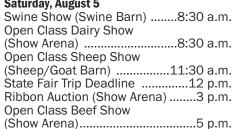
### Thursday, August 3

Dairy Show (Show Arena) ......8:30 a.m. Lamb Lead (Sheep/Goat Barn)8:30 a.m. Sheep Show (Sheep/Goat Barn) ...9 a.m. Poultry Show (Show Arena) ......4 p.m. 

#### Friday, August 4

Horse Show (Horse Arena) ......8:30 a.m. Goat Show (Sheep/Goat Barn) 8:30 a.m. Swine Weigh-in.....9 a.m. Open Class Goat Show (Sheep/Goat Barn) .....12 p.m. Beef Show (Show Arena)......3:30 p.m.

In Most Cases, Open Class Judging follows the 4-H Judging. Space is limited.

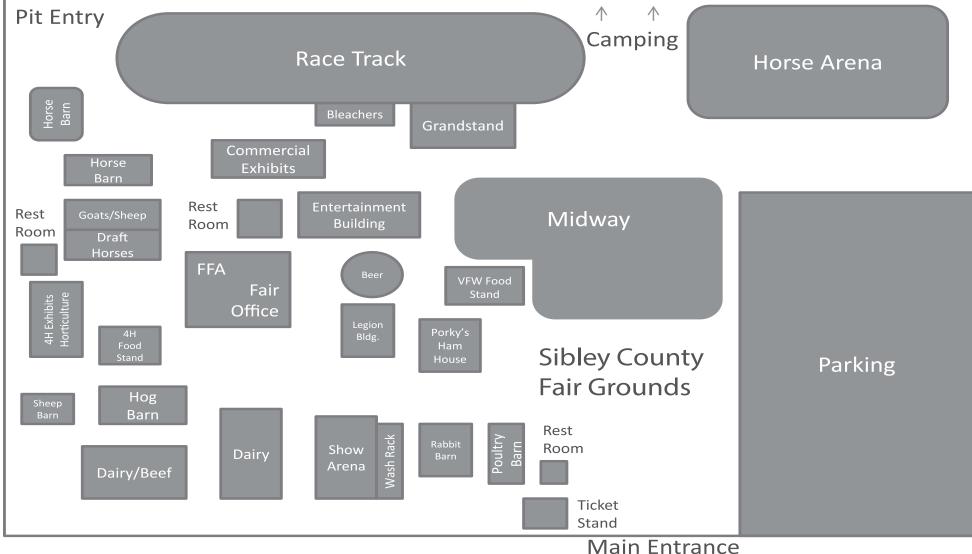


#### Sunday, August 6

Llama Show (Show Arena)9:30	a.m.
Livestock Costume Contest	
(Show Arena)10:30	a.m.
Round Robin Showmanship	
(Show Arena)	p.m.
Premium Distribution (4-H Building)3:30	p.m.
Open Class Premium Distribution	
(Fair Office)6	p.m.
Open Class Exhibits6	p.m.



### **Sibley Counnty Fair 4-H Event Map**





4-H serves youth in grades kindergarten through one year past high school from all backgrounds and interests. 4-H offers membership without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or handicap. Those who are in kindergarten through grade 3 may participate through Cloverbuds.

### **HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN 4-H?**

Join a local 4-H club – 4-H clubs are groups of youth who meet regularly to work on 4-H projects, perform community service, develop leadership skills and learn to work together. Guided by one or more adult volunteers, a club can be any size, from a small group of neighborhood kids to a large group from a school or county.

### **4-H CLUBS**

Arlington Conquerors • Blazin' West Stars • Good Cheer • High Island Clovers Rush River Rushers • Silver Spurs • Transit Trailblazers • Weeping Willows **Fair Board Committee Members** 

### **4-H CLUBS**

Jim Mueller, Chm. Dennis VanMoorlehem Deric Sievert Matt Scharpe Clayton Strobel

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### **BUILDING RENTAL**

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### **BULL RIDING EVENT**

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### COMMERCIAL SPACE RENTAL

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### CONCESSIONS

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Wayne Schneider

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HORSES

**Barb Bening** 

**EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK** 

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**POULTRY & RABBITS** 

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Harry Sloot

### QUEEN CONTEST

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### **REFRESHMENT STAND**

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### SHEEP

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#### SWINE Harry Slo

Harry Sloot, Chm. Bruce Froehlich Dave Battcher

SUPT. OF ALL LIVESTOCK Jim Mueller

### ASST. SUPT.

Jim Flannery

### TECHNOLOGY

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