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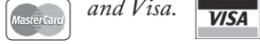
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The search is on for a talented pit crew and the 'ultimate ag woman'

By KELLY GERLACH

Do you and three buddies have what it takes to change four tires in about a minute?

Or ladies, are you willing to tackle some farm chores in the name of amusement and prizes?

This year the Jackson County Fair offers two new entertaining challenges. The public's participation is a must!

Pit Crew Challenge

The first contest is the Pit Crew Challenge sponsored by Barron Motor Supply and the fair board. The contest will be held Thursday evening, July 30, in front of the grandstands at 5 p.m. prior to the stock car races.

The Pit Crew Challenge is a first for the Jackson County Fair. No experience is necessary to compete but be warned – it's all about time. The top three teams to change four tires and meet the necessary requirements win.

Teams should consist of four people – one driver and three crew members. The driver will be behind the wheel of a pro-modified car to steer and brake. Crew members will push the car about 20 feet into a designated pit area.

While the driver waits in the car, the jackman hoists the car, a second crew member carries the tires and the third – the "wrench guy" – loosens and removes the lug nuts.

After all four tires are changed, the three crew members will push the car about another 20 feet to cross the finish line to stop the clock.

There's only one hard and fast rule so far, according to event organizer and fair board member Owen Hayes. For safety reasons, one and only one crew person will be in charge of the wrench to loosen and tighten the lug nuts.

Hayes said crews will receive deductions if they lose lug nuts, if the car is outside the pit area or if crew members don't return equipment to the designated area.

"It's going to be fun to watch how all crews do it differently," Hayes said.

The team with the fastest pit time wins a 2-ton racing jack, valued at more than \$300, donated by the Al Mohr family. Second and third fastest teams receive cash prizes.

There is a \$20 contest entrance fee.

Hayes said a few teams have already registered for the event but he's looking for many more to make it the best competition it can possibly be.

Teams wanting to participate in the contest may register now through the beginning of the July 30 contest. Sign up with Hayes at any of the Saturday evening stock car races in Maquoketa or call Lanny Simpson, fair manager, at (563) 652-4282.

Ultimate Ag Woman Challenge

It doesn't matter if you're a city gal who's never set a 3-inch heel on a farm or an experienced farmer's wife – the Ultimate Ag Woman contest will be hilariously entertaining and challenging.

Fair board members and volunteers held a brainstorming session to come up with some event to amuse crowds that arrive early to Night of Destruction events Sunday, Aug. 2. Since mostly men would be participating in the Pit Crew Challenge a few nights earlier, fair organizers sought a way to involve the women.

Well, women have toiled for decades on Jackson County farms, so why not test the skills of women today? Thus, they gave birth to the Ultimate Ag Woman Challenge.

"It's for all females, not only farm women," said Sandra Gerlach, one of the contest organizers. "We invite all women to compete, especially when they're willing to make it fun. Actually, the non-farm girls might be the funniest since they may have less knowledge!"

The multi-faceted competition will include a variety of tasks that farm wives might have to do or did have to do. Some contests include shelling corn by hand, milking a cow (for safety reasons, an adorable wooden cow built by Rusty Hayes), changing a tire, going on a parts run and even finding a good man from the crowd when they need one.

"The parts run will be sending (contestants) to find uncommon tools and the man will be one in the crowd that they have to collect with a wheelbarrow and return to the starting point," Gerlach said.

But all of these simple tasks come with twists that Gerlach said are sure to make the crowds roll in the aisles with laughter.

She said local businesses have been donating prizes, "girly things like purses, dental products, etc."

The Ultimate Ag Woman Challenge will be held in front of the grandstands on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m. Register in advance by calling Gerlach at (563) 652-3016 or sign up right until contest time.

The Jackson County Fair is all about county residents and these contests are two more ways the fair board is trying to get everyone involved.

The fair runs July 29 to Aug. 2.



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

Pit Crew Challenge tests the speed and skills of area residents during the Jackson County Fair this year. The challenge will be held Thursday, July 26, at 5 p.m. in front of the grandstands prior to the stock car races. Shown gearing up for the event are, from left, Kevin Barker, Jake Hayes and Matt Gerlach, Barron Motor Supply.



Think milking Ol' Bessie the cow is easy? Join in the fun as women compete in the Ultimate Ag Woman contest Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, in front of the grandstands during the Jackson County Fair. If a female's old enough to change a tire, she'd old enough and more than welcome to compete. Fair Manager Lanny Simpson is shown with the Holstein milking cow that will be only one small part of the competition.

Rules for garbage pickup reviewed

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Maquoketans would be allowed to place their garbage for pickup in plastic bags at the curbside, under a proposed ordinance change being considered by the City Council.

The change is part of an ordinance amendment that would set rules regarding the location of large trash bins in residential areas.

The council recently referred the proposed amendment to its Municipal Enterprise Committee for review.

City officials have interpreted the current ordinance to require that garbage be set out in a can that meets certain requirements, including a tight-fitting lid.

Council members noted, however, that the ordinance is widely ignored and not enforced, as many residents set their garbage out at curbside for pickup contained only in a plastic bag secured either by a built-in plastic drawstring or by a twist tie.

The proposed ordinance change would allow residents to set their garbage out in plastic bags

up to 12 hours before their pickup time.

Garbage set out any further ahead of the pickup must be placed in a standard garbage can with a lid, under the ordinance change.

Council members had expressed concern that plastic bags could be ripped open and the contents scattered by animals.

The ordinance also would set standards for large trash bins in residential areas.

They must be placed in a side yard or rear yard. They may not be closer than two feet to any side or rear lot line and cannot be located on a public sidewalk or other public right-of-way.

Exceptions to the side- or rear-yard requirement may be made if there is not enough room for the container.

The ordinance also requires that the bins be maintained, kept clean and be placed on a hard surface.

The requirements don't apply to bins that are placed at the residential location for 30 days or

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