

Plenty of contests offered for Phillips County Fair theme

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In addition to 4-H projects, rodeos, races and concerts, the Phillips County Fair is “Keepin’ It Growing” with a variety of special themes contests.

Interview judging kicked off the fair on Tuesday, July 27. Activities will continue through Sunday, Aug. 1 with most community activities taking place Friday and Saturday.

Special contests can be entered with the open classes Friday, July 30 at the Phillips County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall building from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Use your bean

Jack’s Bean Company is sponsoring a designer-bean contest with two categories: sculpture and other art. Contest classes include 8 and under, 9-13 and 14 and up. Prizes will be awarded for the two categories of sculpture and other art in each of the three age classes.

Beans will be available in small amounts for those who need them at the Extension Office.

Create a book cover contest

Chapter BM, Holyoke PEO is sponsoring a Create-A-Book-Cover Contest as a fun activity for

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kids. Participants are asked to dream up a book title with the theme of their choice, and then design artwork for the book's cover. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each division. Ages 1-2, 3-5, K-first grade, second-third grades, fourth-fifth grades and sixth-eighth grades.

Keepin' It Growing photography contest

This photography contest includes a broad topic that includes many areas of possibilities. Al and Margi Wall are sponsoring the contest with prizes going to first, second and third places. One entry per person will be accepted. Photos must be framed and ready to hang, should be shot and not digitally enhanced and can only be entered in this contest.

Air guitar contest

This brand new contest will take place during Friday's talent show. Each performance is to play one minute of a song provided by each participant. Performances will be scored on a scale from 1-10 with 10 being the highest possible. Round one will be competitors performing to a song of their choice while round two will be top competitors from round one performing to a surprise song.

Three key criteria will be reflected in the score and include technical merit, stage performance and "airness."

Sign up during fair week at the Fair Office or call 854-3616 to register a band and name.

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Baby Bear Hugs sweetest baby-toddler contest

Children must be under the age of 3 as of July 1 to enter. Only children who qualify should be in the photo. Entry deadline was June 1.

To vote for choice of sweetest baby-toddler, place spare change or dollars in jars on display in local banks and credit unions. The contest will be displayed at Phillips County Fair for voting and viewing.

Prizes will be given to the top three contestants who gather the most donations in support of Phillips County Baby Bear Hugs. The contest ends Saturday, July 31 at 8 p.m.

Model horse show contest

Jake's Feed & Supply and Northeast Feed—Rick and Kathy Haynes are sponsoring this new contest. Make a diorama using a model horse, such as a Bryer, that depicts the model frozen in time in an event similar to a live horse show.

The horse can be showing in a performance class complete with track or in a gymkhana event such as barrel racing.

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Judging will be based on realism and correctness. Exhibits should have a card attached to the diorama with event and name of horse breed represented, and should be 18"x24" or smaller. Enter with open class exhibits Friday, July 30 in classes 8 and under, 9-13, 14-18 and adult. Prizes for top three dioramas will be first, second and third in each age category.

Scrapbook contest

Iota Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is sponsoring a scrapbook contest. Awards will be presented to first second and third in each class. A special ribbon will be awarded for best of show. Scrapbooks must be a one-two page layout, any size, and use of protective covering is suggested.

Categories include everyday, sports and special occasions—wedding, graduation, birthday, etc. in both youth and adult.

Decorate a vegetable contest

Agenda Club is sponsoring this decorating contest where participants must decorate vegetables to resemble a vehicle, person, animal or something else. Awards will be made for first, second and third places. Best of show will also be chosen.

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Homemade salsa/guacamole contest

Jolly Dozen FCE Club is sponsoring the hot and spicy salsa contest this year. Enter after the parade Saturday, July 31, between 12:30-1 p.m. in the Phillips County Event Center.

Categories include three levels of salsa: mild, hot and spicy, most unusual and a fourth category for guacamole.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category. After official judging, an overall salsa and guacamole prize will be awarded from "people's choice." People may enter more than one category.

Build your best Lego contest

Better Beef Makers 4-H is sponsoring the fair themed contest that requires participants to use the theme for their creations. Each Lego entry will receive a ribbon and a prize on the Danish system of judging.

With 10 different contests there is sure to be one for everyone.