

Country Loving

Polk County Fair offered fun for all



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer
BMX Bikes athletes defy gravity to the delight of a large crowd during the three-day Polk County Fair. The bike troupe performed regularly throughout the weekend.

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A teenager struggles to control her small goat during the Polk County Fair Livestock Auction on Saturday afternoon. The auction raised \$200,000.



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer
A young driver prepares to try his hand at hauling the weight on his ATV at the annual Truck and Tractor Pull at the Polk County Fair on Friday night.



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These smiling tomatoes were disqualified from the vegetable judging, but their portrait won a blue ribbon.

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This pirate goat and Raggedy Ann goat wait somewhat patiently while the judges decide who wins the goat costume contest early Saturday morning. Both the contest and the obstacle course were held before the fair opened.



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Ike Francis, 10, races his brother Simon, 8, (not pictured) through the Falls City Fire obstacle course, where the boys had to rescue a teddy bear and complete other tasks.



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Amos Kershner, 3 months, and his twin sister, Irene (not pictured) are ready to compete for darkest eyes and chubbiest cheeks in Saturday's Beautiful Baby Contest.