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Carver County Fair

What: The Carver County Fair includes games, rides, pig races, the Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament and more.

Location: Carver County Fairgrounds, 501 West Third Street, Waconia

Hours:

■ 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 7-11

Exhibit Buildings and Barns

■ Each day 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Commercial Buildings

■ 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

■ 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

Admission

■ Children age 6 and under: Free

■ Age 7 through adult: \$8

Info: www.carvercountyfair.com

4-H Fashion Revue

What: Carver County's most fashionable and skilled 4-H seamstresses will be showing their creations, wardrobes and more during the 4-H Fashion Revue.

When: 2 p.m. Friday

Where: The patio at the Carver County Fair.



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4-H'ers Olivia and Sophia Rome made their own clothing pieces for the upcoming Fashion Revue at the Carver County Fair. Olivia made a silk blouse and Sophia made a yellow dress.

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4-H groups prepare for Carver County Fair

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Threads, sewing needles and trips to fabric and thrift stores are all Sophia and Olivia Rome need to prepare for the Carver County Fair.

The 16-year-old twin fashionistas of Chanhassen have competed every year in the 4-H Fashion Revue, since they were 8. The fashion competition has three categories that judges participants on clothing they have constructed; pieces they have purchased over the year and their overall wardrobes.

What participants bring and make is up to them, said Jessica Boresma, a 4-H volunteer.

"It all really depends on the personable preference, it's the clothes they want to wear to church or school or tops, dresses, shawls. Whatever their personal preference is," she said, adding that they can also make swimsuits, pajamas, jumpsuits and dresses.

Participants are judged based on the skills they learned and how well the outfit is made and at the county level, competition can be tough.

This year there are 15 others in Carver County competing, so the twins decided to challenge their sewing skills.

Sophia made a bright yellow wrap dress, a bold statement piece for the teen who strives to have versatile clothing. The idea came up after a friend suggested she create a piece with a color that she doesn't have in her closet — yellow.

"I thought why not make a yellow wrap dress," she said.

The process included sewing a rigid white lining against the yellow, semi-transparent

stretchy fabric of her dress and making a sash of the same fabric.

Olivia decided to sew together a silk blouse after she was inspired by one that Sophia had in her closet.

The feat turned out to be a lot more difficult than she first expected.

"I never knew how slippery silk fabric could be until I sewed this," she said, adding that she had to sew much of it by hand.

While the two like to compete, they also appreciate the camaraderie among their fellow 4-H'ers.

"It can be competitive, but everyone is really supportive," Olivia said. "We're always complimenting one another."

"We are all friends," Sophia added.

4-H

Overall, there are 430 Carver County 4-H members with projects ranging from

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