

The Vernon County Fair Is Pleased to Announce The 2nd Annual Country Idol Talent Contest

Contest Rules

Entry: Act must submit an entry form. Entries must be received by Bill Marohl no later than **Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 by 4:30pm**. Due to time and set up, an act is defined as a single or solo (1) person.

This contest is not affiliated with any other "Idol" or talent competition.

Division: All acts will compete in one division and must be 16 years of age or older by January 1st, 2009.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all amateur entertainers. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principle source of income) are not permitted to enter. This contest is for vocalist only, non-vocalist are ineligible. Persons who have been convicted of a felony and/or crimes against people or property are not eligible for the competition.

Person employed by any of the Vernon County Country Idol sponsors or judges are ineligible to enter.

Time and Place: Idol Contest will be held Wednesday September 16th, 2009 on the Bob Frederick Free Stage at the Vernon County Fair at 6:30 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes in advance. Order of performances will be determined by drawing of numbers the night of auditions and finals. All lyrics must be memorized, no props, prompters, or note cards may be used.

Voting: Audience members will vote by tickets that will be handed out by the Fairest of the Fair and other Royalty. Audience members are encouraged to observe and positively support all contestants during finals.

General Rules: Admission & Parking: The Vernon County Fair operates an "All Pay Gate" policy. You are responsible for your gate admission and parking. The idol and the runner-up, after finals, will receive a season ticket.

Dressing Rooms: Dressing rooms are **not** available please plan to use public restrooms for your auditions and finals.

Personal outfit or clothing: The Vernon County Fair is a Family Event; any profanity on T-shirts or inappropriate attire or songs will not be allowed. Judges have the right to disqualify.

Selection: Selections should be a country song genre or cross-over song. All lyrics must be memorized; no prompters or note cards may be used.

Recorded accompaniment: You must provide your own CD for your audition. Vocalist must use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment **ONLY**; some background singing may be allowed on the recording but will be at the discretion of the judges. Only a CD will be used-- no cassette tapes. If a "self made" CD will be used, please bring a back-up additional CD with you. Because of the quality deviations in CD recorders, not all self-made CD's are readable on all machines.

Stage: The stage is an outdoor stage with a wooden floor located by the youth building and fair office on the fairgrounds. Finals will be held rain or shine.

Time limit: Time limit is five minutes (this includes any spoken intros by the act). Points will be deducted for acts going overtime. Act is allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the five-minute time limit.

Sound System: If sound amplification is necessary, all acts are required to use the sound system and sound technician provided by the Vernon County Fair. The Fair will provide microphones and compact disc player.

Judging: Judges' decisions are final and scores are not released to the acts or the public. Acts will be judged on:

- Quality of performance(including selection)
- Stage presence
- Entertainment value
- Auditions will be Judged by a panel of 3 judges

The Idol and Runner-up will be picked during finals by the audience vote using tickets.

In the event of a tie (within 5 tickets), ties will be broken by the judges' scores from the finals only.

Awards: Vernon County Ag Society is sponsoring the first place prize of \$100 and WVRQ is sponsoring the runner-up prize of \$50.00. The Country Idol and runner-up will perform Thursday night September 17th and Friday night September 18th, in front of the Grandstands prior to the tractor pull and demolition derby at 7:00 p.m. They will be **no** music contracts. This is strictly a Vernon County Fair local talent contest.

Questions? If you have any questions regarding the contest, please email Leah Sheldon at sheldon.leah@students.uwlax.edu. Applications are to be sent by September 16th, 2009 by 4:30pm to:

Bill Marohl
S3784 Bakkom Rd.
Viroqua, WI 54665

Vernon County Country Idol Contest 2009 Official Entry Form

⌋ Entry Deadline - September 16, 2009 by 4:30pm ⌋

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

Check if Vernon County Resident (Required to Compete) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address (Required) _____

Song Selections (if undecided that's ok) _____

I have read and understand the Official Entry Rules

Signature of Contestant or Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18 years old

Detach and send top portion by September 16th, 2009 by 4:30pm to:

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