



Superintendent	Rob Kirkpatrick	810-705-9502	Sanilac4hfair@gmail.com
Animal ID Due	June 6 th 2026	Fairboard Office	
Fair Check in	<i>Sunday, August 9th, 2026, 12-2 p.m.</i>	Horse Palace	
Mandatory Exhibitor, parent, leader Meeting	Sunday of Fair week @ 6 p.m.	Horse Arena Bleachers	
Helmet Check	<i>Immediately following the exhibitor meeting</i>	Horse Arena	
Judging	<i>Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. Horse Awards Night Friday @ 6 p.m.</i>	Horse Arena(s)	
Project Released	<i>Sunday, 6-9 a.m. (pending fair board approval) Horses must be walked to the parking area; no trailers near barns before 9 a.m.</i>	Horse Barns	
Barn Clean up	Sunday @ 9 a.m.	ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
2. All horse exhibitors must turn in the required Animal ID Sheets by June 6th. Identification Forms must be accompanied by a copy of the Negative Coggins results that must be valid through the time of the fair week. **If the exhibitor is sharing a horse, each exhibitor must have a current Coggins attached to the animal ID.**
3. All participants must work a show day. Clubs will be assigned to provide ring stewards, in-and-out gates, ribbons, and set up for the day.
4. State regulations require all horses shown or exhibited at fairs (and 4-H horse shows) to have a current negative Coggins test. Recommended vaccines: Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis; Rhinopneumonitis; Influenza; Tetanus; Potomac Horse Fever; Rabies; West Nile; and Strangles.
5. **Only exhibitors are to ride** the animal entered as their exhibit until after 7 p.m. on Friday of Fair Week.
6. Horses/ponies are to be ridden in designated areas only (show arena and practice arena), no riding double, side saddle, or with halters. Bareback riding is allowed for 15 minutes before class and in class. That is the only time bareback is permitted. No cell phone or headphone use while riding or working with the horse. Horses/ponies are to be led to and from the barn using a proper lead rope. Youth must mount/dismount the horse at the east end of the arena. Saddle horses in the stall whenever possible.
7. Boots or shoes with a heel must be worn whenever working with horses and/or riding. Feet are to be in stirrups unless required explicitly by the judge to drop stirrups. No shorts when mounted. All show participants are required to wear ASTM or SEI-approved helmets for Hunt Seat on the flat and over fences, Saddle seat, and all Gymkhana classes.
8. Horses/ponies creating a disturbance, or the Superintendents shall act upon problems to ensure the safety of the exhibitors, exhibits, and the public. Lame or unruly animals may be excused from any class or fair.
9. Exhibitors may bring one horse and one miniature. No stallions allowed.
10. **1st-Year Exhibitors** are eligible to share a horse with another exhibitor; you must compete in first-year class(es) only.
11. Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship participant will be the Grand Champion Showmanship Winner.
12. Fair High Point Accumulation
 - a. All trophies will be awarded to the Horse/Pony with the highest points accumulated in each Class for the fair week. In the case of a tie, 2 trophies will be awarded in the respective Class.
 - b. The points earned for placings will be subject to entries per class. Ex. 2 entries will earn 2 points for 1st place and 1 point for each place.
13. Once a horse enters a stall, it cannot be moved to another stall without the approval of the Horse Superintendent. Horse Arena(s) close at 9:00 p.m. and horses must be back in their stalls by 10 p.m. each night. Exceptions may be granted only by the Horse Superintendent. The Superintendent will inspect the barns at closing time or 10:00 p.m. each night. Please have a club leader or representative available in case corrective action regarding a stall or horse is needed.
14. Hay bags must be secured to the overhead eye bolts in an approved manner. Water buckets with handles must be hung from the bucket hardware in stalls or attached to eye bolts with double-ended snaps. Water or feed buckets without handles may not remain in the stalls overnight without the Horse Superintendent's approval. All hardware added to stalls must have prior approval from a Horse Superintendent. Do not place a sign on your stall stating, "Horse Bites". You may, however, put up a sign that reads, "Please Do Not Pet This Horse."
15. Novice and Peewee Guidelines
 - a. Novice and Peewee exhibitors may show any horse or pony that is suitable to their experience and ability. This includes an older exhibitor's horse, a parent's, or a sibling's horse.
 - b. If a Novice or peewee Exhibitor chooses to trailer their horses daily for the classes, the horse must be off the fairgrounds by 8:00 p.m. each evening.
 - c. All Novice and Peewee Exhibitors must always have a parent or guardian present when in contact with their horse or pony.
 - d. All Novice and Peewee Exhibitors must wear an ASTM or SEI-approved helmet at all times when mounted.
 - e. All Novice and Peewee Exhibitors must have a spotter present in the arena while the child is showing.
 - f. Novice and peewee participants may show any of the listed Novice or peewee classes.
 - g. All Novice Exhibitors will receive a ribbon placing 1st-6th.
 - h. All peewee exhibitors will receive a ribbon for participation.

George Sangster Class Qualifications: Win First in class 1000, 1001,1002, 2200, 2201, 2202, or Grand or Reserve in Showmanship (must show in the seat that the exhibitor qualified in). If the exhibitor qualifies in more than one seat, he/she may choose the discipline to show.

Gordon McVay Class Qualifications: Win First, Grand, or Reserve in either Western, Hunt Seat, or Saddle Seat Equation class (must ride the seat that he/she qualified in). If the exhibitor qualifies for more than one seat, he/she may choose the seat in which to show.

Al Pierson Award: Nominated by leaders by Thursday of the fair and will be interviewed by the Al Pierson family on Friday, starting at 1:00

Sportsmanship Award: One youth will be selected and will receive a special award for going above and beyond during the week.

ENGLISH

Superintendent- Robbie Kirkpatrick

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Monday, 9:00 a.m.

1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		Ages 16-19	Ages 12-15	Ages 8-11	1st Year Member
Division #		Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #
2300	English Showmanship (Either Seat)	1000	1001	1002	1003
	English Showmanship Championship	1 st and 2 nd place winners from 1000,1001, 1002			Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
2301	Hunt Seat Equitation	1000	1001	1002	1003
	Hunt Seat Equitation Championship	1 st and 2 nd place winners from 1000,1001, 1002			Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
2302	Hunt Seat Pleasure	1000	1001	1002	1003
	Hunt Seat Pleasure Championship	1 st and 2 nd place winners from 1000,1001, 1002			Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
2303	Saddle Seat Equitation	1000	1001	1002	1003
	Saddle Seat Equitation Championship	1 st and 2 nd place winners from 1000,1001, 1002			Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
2304	Saddle Seat Pleasure	1000	1001	1002	1003
	Saddle Seat Pleasure Championship	1 st and 2 nd place winners from 1000,1001, 1002			Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
2305	Trail (Either Seat)	1000	1001	1002	1003
2306	Bareback	1000	1001	1002	1003

**Divisions 2305 and 2306 will not count toward any High Point Awards
There will be prizes and awards for the Grand and Reserve Champion Overall English Riders.**

NOVICE & PEEWEE

Superintendent- Tiffany Gillam (810) 956-3246

Large Horse Arena

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Division #		Class #
2200	Lead line 5-7 yrs. old Not to Ride in any other class	1000
2201	Novice Showmanship 6-7 yrs. old (Any Seat)	1001
2201	Peewee Showmanship 5 yrs. Old (Any Seat)	1002
2202	Novice Horsemanship 6-7 Yrs. Old (Any Seat)	1001
2202	Peewee Horsemanship 5 Yrs. Old (Any Seat)	1002
2203	Novice Pleasure 6-7 Yrs. Old (Any Seat)	1001
2203	Peewee Pleasure 5 Yrs. Old (Any Seat)	1002
2204	Novice Cloverleaf 6-7 Yrs. Old 6-7 Yrs. Old	1001
2204	Peewee Cloverleaf 5 Yrs. Old	1002
2205	Novice Down & Back 6-7 Yrs. Old	1001
2205	Peewee Down & Back 5 Yrs. Old	1002

All classes will receive ribbons. Peewee will get participation ribbons., Novices will be placed in 1st –6th. There will be prizes awarded to the Judge's Choice of the top 2 Riders.

PEP RIDERS

Superintendent- Grace Hassler
 Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
 Horse Practice Arena

1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Division #		Class #	Class #	Class#
2600	PEP Riders In Hand Pattern Class	3000	3001	3002
2601	PEP Riders Walk, Novice Class. Not to ride in any other class		3003	
2602	PEP Riders Walk, Advance Class. Not to ride in any other class		3004	
2603	PEP Riders Walk-Trot, Novice Class. Not to ride in any other class		3005	
2604	PEP Riders Walk-Trot, Advance Class. Not to ride in any other class		3006	
2605	PEP Independent Riding with Approval. Will have spotters in Arena		3007	
2606	PEP Riders Arts and Crafts		3008	

MINIATURE HORSE & DONKEY

Superintendent- Melissa Prusinski 989-553-5117
 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (following PEP Show)

1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		Ages 16-19	Ages 12-15	Ages 8-11	Peewee/ PEP/Novice Ages 5-7
Division #		Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #
2700	Showmanship	1000	1001	1002	1003
2701	Halter Class	1000	1001	1002	1003
2702	In Hand Trail	1000	1001	1002	1003
2703	Jumping	1000	1001	1002	1003
2708	Unsupervised driving	1000 8-19 Yrs. Old			
2709	Driving Obstacle	1000 8-19 Yrs. Old			
2710	Versatility	1000 8-19 Yrs. Old			
2712	Bribe a Pony	1000 8-19 Yrs. Old			
2713	In Hand Cloverleaf	1000 8-19 Yrs. Old			

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WESTERN

Wednesday, @ 9:00 a.m.
Sangster Senior Showmanship
Sangster Junior Showmanship
McVay Senior Equitation
McVay Junior Equitation

1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		Ages 16-19	Ages 12-15	Ages 8-11	1st Year Member
Division #		Class #	Class #	Class #	Class #
2400	Western Showmanship	2200	2201	2202	2203
	Western Showmanship Championship	1st and 2nd place winners from 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203			Champion & Reserve Champion
2401	Western Horsemanship	2200	2201	2202	2203
	Western Horsemanship Championship	1st and 2nd place winners from 2200, 2201, 2202			Champion & Reserve Champion
2402	Western Pleasure	2200	2201	2202	2203
	Western Pleasure Championship	1st and 2nd place winners from 2200, 2201, 2202			Champion & Reserve Champion
2403	Ranch Rail	2200	2201	2202	
2404	Ranch Riding	2200	2201	2202	
2405	Costume	2200	2201	2202	2203
2406	Walk trot (Any age)				MAY NOT RIDE IN ANY OTHER CLASS(ES)
Divisions 2403,2405, and 2406 will not count toward any High Point Award There will be prizes and awards to the Grand and Reserve Champion Overall Western Riders.					



GYMKHANA DAY

Superintendent Rob Kirkpatrick
810-705-9502
Thursday, @ 9:00 a.m.

1st – 6th place ribbon in each class		Ages 16-19	Ages 12-15	Ages 8-11
Division #		Class #	Class #	Class #
2500	Cloverleaf	1000	1001	1002
2501	Indiana Flag Race	1000	1001	1002
2502	Down and Back	1000	1001	1002
2503	Speed & Action	1000	1001	1002
2504	Key Hole	1000	1001	1002
2505	Pole Bending	1000	1001	1002