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AUGUST 9TH-15TH

INFORMATION & RULE BOOK



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Sanilac County Youth and 4-H Fair Judging Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.- All Peewee Non-Animal Projects may be entered and judged in the Round Roof Building
- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. –Youth Foods and Nutrition Projects may be entered and judged in the Round Roof Building
- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.- All Youth Plant Science Projects may be entered in the Community Building
- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Youth Agriculture Projects Judged in Block Building (4-H & Open entries)
- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.- All youth and 4-H/FFA Still exhibits to be entered and judged at the Block Building, Roof Building, or Community Building (see departments for specific locations and times)
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All Open Class perishable static (non-moving) and All Open Class non-perishable static (non-moving) exhibits are to be entered in their project areas.
- 12:00 p.m. - Dairy Foods Demonstrations in Round Roof Building
- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Youth communication projects in the Community Building
- 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. - All Other Club Projects are due in the Community Building
- 10:00 –2:00 p.m. Youth Personal Development (including entrepreneurship record books) in the Round Roof Building
- 12 p.m. - Livestock barns open for club decorating and pen setup. Absolutely No Items (Fitting Tents, Chutes, or Other Items outside of barns) are to be set up before this time. They will be removed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. - Livestock & Horse Barns Open (Check the appropriate Class in the fair book for the time that livestock arrive per species)
- 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. – Dairy check-in @ Dairy barn
- 6:00 p.m.- Horse Leaders, Exhibitors & Parents meeting at the announcer's stand
- 7:00 p.m.- Large Animal Exhibitors, Parents, and Volunteers meeting in the Livestock Arena
- 7:30 p.m. - Livestock Judging Contest in the Livestock Arena

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. - Judging of Horses & Ponies at the Horse Arena - English Riding
- 9:00 a.m.- Judging of Prospect Beef in the Livestock Barn.
- 10:00 a.m. – Judging of Pocket Pets in the Community Room
- 12:00 p.m. - Judging of Llamas & Alpaca in Dairy Barn
- 5:00 p.m. - Judging of Sheep in the Dairy Barn
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Judging of Barn Decorating & all other Club Projects in Community Building

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

- 9:00 a.m.- Judging of Swine (Market and Showmanship) in Livestock Arena
- 9:00 a.m. - PEP Members will ride – Practice Horse Arena
- 9:00 a.m. – Novice & Peewee Horse Judging – Horse Arena
- 1:00 p.m. – Judging of Miniature Horse (will follow the PEP Rider program) Time TBD in Practice Horse Arena
- 10:00 a.m. - Judging of Dairy Veal Calves in Dairy Barn
- 10:00 a.m. - Judging of Poultry in the Poultry Barn

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. – Judging of Horses and Ponies in the Horse Arena – Western Riding
- 9:00 a.m. - Judging Beef Cattle in the Livestock Arena
- 10:00 a.m. - Judging of Goats in the Dairy Arena
- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Dairy Cows that are milking must be entered.
- 3:00 p.m. - Dairy Skills Contest in Dairy Arena
- 6:30 p.m. – Cat Judging in the 4-H Community Building

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. - Judging of Horses and Ponies in the Horse Arena – Gymkhana Riding (Awards Night will be Friday night)

- 9:00 a.m.- Judging of Breeding Beef in Livestock Arena
- 9:00 a.m. - Judging of all Dairy entries in the Dairy Arena
- 9:00 a.m. - Judging of Rabbits & Cavies in the Small Animal Barn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. – Youth and 4-H / FFA Sale in the Livestock Arena- SALE ORDER: Sugar Beets, Entrepreneurship projects, Poultry, Goats, Rabbits, Swine, Lunch 12-1, Dairy Program, Breeding Beef Program, Sponsorship Ads, Sale of Champions, Prospect beef, Market Beef, Sheep, and Veal.
- 12:00 noon - 6 p.m. Small Animal Silent Auction in the Poultry Barn
- 6:00 p.m. - Awards ceremony for Horse Exhibitors at Horse Arena

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- 10 a.m.- Open Class Horse Show in the Horse Arena
- 9 a.m.- Judging of Small Animal Sweepstakes in the Dairy Barn
- 9 a.m.- Judging of Large Animal Sweepstakes in Livestock Arena

Sunday, August 16, 2026

- Release times: Check your project Department for those times.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS, CONTACT THE FAIRBOARD OFFICE at (810) 648-9297

1. All Exhibitors must enter all their classes in Showman.app by July 15th to participate in the fair. By entering an exhibit, all exhibitors and parents agree to follow all rules, cleanliness policy, and Code of Conduct requirements.
2. To register for classes on Shoman.app, go to **<http://showman.app>**, go to the class sign-up tab near the top of the fair page. Follow the Showman.app prompts to register for classes.
3. All volunteers, exhibitors, parents, and guardians must adhere to the fair's Code of Conduct. Forms must be signed and returned by June 6th, 2026.
4. **No other animals except exhibit animals and Leader Dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds. Trainer and Leader Dog should report to the Fair Office. Violations can result in forfeiture of all prizes, dismissal from the grounds, and involvement with animal control.**
5. Exhibitors are expected to show good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring, as well as show consideration towards others at the fairgrounds.
6. In the event of an injury, contact any fair board member, Superintendent, staff member, or committee member. They will contact the designated Emergency Response Personnel. They will assess the situation until the ambulance arrives. An Incident Report Form must be filled out immediately at the Fairgrounds office.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

1. Participation in the Youth & 4-H Department is open to any youth who has turned in their animal ID Sheets by June 6th and entered their classes in Showman.app by July 15th. The paperwork must be postmarked by June 6th or dropped off at the fair board office. There will be a drop box located near the office window that may be utilized.
2. All exhibitors are encouraged to complete a 3.5-hour shift in the East stand during the fair week.
3. **Youth may not exhibit in the same project area in the 4-H, open, and/or youth Class in more than one county within the same year.** Exhibiting a project in an open class in one county and a Youth & 4-H Class in another is allowable. Exhibiting at Croswell Fair is allowed.
4. The exhibitors' age for exhibit purposes will be determined by the age the member was on **JANUARY 1** of the current year. Youth & 4-H classes are open to youth ages 8-19, unless otherwise noted. Still, Project Classes for Novice/Peewee exhibitors (ages 4-7) will be identified explicitly in the Peewee Department. Animal classes for Pee Wee/Novice are in the animal project area. Many opportunities are available for Pee Wee participants.
5. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting livestock and other projects. The Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair, Fairboard, Agricultural Society Members, or any other affiliates will not be held responsible for loss, death, or injury to any project entered in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair. All exhibitors agree to abide by all rules and regulations outlined in this fair book by entering projects in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair.
6. An exhibitor cannot enter the same exhibit in more than one class in the same section.
7. An exhibitor cannot enter two exhibits in the same class unless

8. otherwise specified in the rules set up for each department.
8. Showmanship classes for all departments will be divided by age as follows:
 - a. 4-7 years old Peewee/ Novice
 - b. 8-11 years old Junior
 - c. 12-15 years old Intermediate
 - d. 16-19 years old Senior (some exceptions apply)
9. The Fairboard reserves the right to accept or reject an exhibit when an exhibitor fails to comply with the rules and regulations.
10. Early removal of exhibits from the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair is not permitted. However, there may be circumstances, such as a sick animal, a youth, or a family emergency, that require an exhibit to be removed from the fairgrounds before the release time on Sunday. Approval must be given for Fair exhibits to be removed from the fairgrounds before the Sunday release times. Suppose approval is not given and exhibits are removed before the release times on Sunday. In that case, awards, ribbons, etc., will be revoked for any exhibits removed from the Fairgrounds before the release time. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds before the release time stated in the respective department. **This includes all Market Livestock Auction and Small Animal Silent Auction animals.**

JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. It is the duty of the Superintendent and their assistants to arrange for and assign space to each exhibitor. Superintendents oversee the exhibit building for their department. Also, to preserve order in their respective departments, assist the judges in lining up classes, and attend to the necessary bookkeeping, Superintendents may adjust class sizes.
2. Judging will be conducted each day of the fair by competent judges. The judges' decisions are final. All exhibitors must check the placement of their projects before the Fair closes. There will be no changes in the records after the Fair. Only the person hired to judge will judge the classes.
3. All exhibitors should present themselves during all judging and auctions neatly and cleanly. Exhibitors should follow the posted dress code of the project area if applicable.
4. The Sanilac County Fair program encourages disabled exhibitors to participate and compete without special regard, as much as possible, in all project areas. However, suppose an exhibitor is unable to effectively compete in a particular project area because of a mental, emotional, physical, or learning handicap. In that case, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to apply to the Fairboard for permission for that individual to exhibit under special status. When permission has been granted, the Fairboard will communicate the information to the appropriate superintendent and judge.
5. Each (non-animal) exhibit will receive an A, B, or C award according to the judge's determination.
6. Ribbons and/or rosettes are to be awarded in all classes unless otherwise specified. After awarding ribbons in still project areas, the projects that receive A awards will be judged for county honors. Sanilac County requires no set amount of county honor ribbons. Each county honor ribbon should be given to projects that stand out as something well done, meeting above and beyond the standards used to determine a ribbon.
7. Trophies/awards/awards/buckles are purchased each year to recognize youth in a variety of project areas. They are sponsored from a variety of sources, including individuals, businesses, organizations, committees, and the Fairboard. Superintendents oversee the awards/trophies for their respective areas. Awards/trophies will be released to winners from superintendents upon receipt of a thank-you note to the sponsor.

COMPLAINTS, CONFLICTS, AND PROTESTS

1. Any protests should be made in writing and be in the hands of the Fairboard member/office before exhibits are released from the grounds, along with a \$100 fee (non-refundable).
2. **All conflicts must be handled in the Fairboard Office, not in front of the public.**
3. When there is a problem or conflict at the fair, the chain of command needs to be utilized. A youth member may consult with a Fairboard Member at any time during the process.

STEP 1: YOUTH MEMBER- is to bring the situation, with facts, to a fair board member/office.

STEP:2 The formal protest must be made in writing and signed by the youth & legal guardian. The protest must also be filed with fair management by noon of the following day. All prizes shall be forfeited if any exhibitor is involved in improper conduct in any exhibit or activity area during the Fair. If deemed necessary, the person or persons will be sent home. The decision is to be made by a committee consisting of three Fairboard members and the superintendent(s) involved.

RULES AFFECTING ANIMAL EXHIBITORS.

1. ALL animal exhibitors are required to submit a still project, per species exhibited. Examples include, but are not limited to, a photography project, baked horse treats, a written story about their animals, a vet science poster, etc. Exhibitors will need to refer to the fair book guidelines to complete and submit this project.
2. ALL animal exhibitors are encouraged to attend 1 of the three meetings that will be held. These meetings will be to relay new information and rules regarding fair week. Every exhibitor, parent/guardian, and volunteer must sign a code of conduct form. More information will be posted on the Sanilac County Youth and 4-H Fair Facebook page.
3. All animal exhibits must comply with the 2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN rules as regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture Animal Industry Class. For a Complete Set of Health Requirements, visit www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo
4. **A licensed veterinarian will inspect all animal exhibits upon entry into barns and may be rejected, given veterinarian or superintendent concerns. Signs of active ringworm, warts, horns exceeding maximum length, questionable castration, abscesses, respiratory issues, and any other health-related concerns can get you rejected. All final decisions are at the veterinarians' discretion.**
5. All animal exhibits are allowed in designated areas only, including fitting, grooming, and exercising. We ask that animals not be brought to campers during the fair.
6. All market animals must be tagged with Fair management tag(s) and proper USDA tag for each species. Both tag numbers for all animals are to be recorded and on file at the Fairboard Office by the specified tagging and weigh-in day.
7. If the tags or official ID of the animal are lost after ID forms or tagging have occurred, call the Superintendents for retagging.
8. **No Fair tags to be removed during the duration of the fair.**
9. Alternate Policy: One alternate animal per immediate family or each exhibitor is permitted for sheep, swine, market goats, and prospect beef. Two alternate animals per exhibitor are permitted for beef.
10. Exhibitors are permitted to show and sell both a prospect beef and a dairy veal calf.
11. Exhibitors are not permitted to sell both prospect beef and market beef. The exhibitor may show both but must select only one to sell.

12. **All exhibitors in all species areas are required to show showmanship. Failure to do so will result in the inability to win any championships or sell.**
13. An animal must be entered and shown in a market or breed class to be eligible to be shown in a showmanship class. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship classes.
14. An individual may compete for and receive the Showmanship award in their project area more than once. The winner will compete in the Sweepstakes competition. An Exhibitor is no longer eligible to participate once they win the Overall Sweepstakes award.
15. No fair exhibits may be advertised for sale except those qualified through the Livestock, Small Animal, and Entrepreneurship Sale. Designated exhibits may include items going through live auctions, silent auctions, and third-party-marketed second-hand goods. Authorized sale projects will be marked with a designated sale sign.
16. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MUST BE OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR to be eligible for the auction.** The animal must be purchased before the posted possession and tagging dates; a bill of sale or official transfer papers showing the transaction date shall verify the purchase date (if requested). All exhibitors must exhibit their own project in their respective market class to be eligible to sell. Extenuating circumstances must be cleared with the superintendent before the show begins. Exhibitors must sell their own animals in the sale. If extenuating circumstances exist, alternate arrangements must be submitted to the superintendent in writing by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday.
17. All exhibitors are expected to do their own feeding, grooming, stall cleaning, and other preparation for the show ring.
18. The handlers of animals must both be exhibitors of the Sanilac County Fair and participants in a livestock project area.
19. All stalls, pens, and other exhibit areas shall be kept clean. All animals must look presentable to the public. Failure by an exhibitor to comply with this rule permits the Superintendent in charge to initiate the red-tag policy. **All exhibitors are to have their animals fed, watered, and stalls cleaned by 9 a.m. each day, again by 6 p.m. each day, and appropriate clearing and care throughout the day.**
20. Animals and barns will be regularly monitored by appointed superintendents to ensure their proper care and cleanliness throughout the fair week. Suppose an exhibitor's animal(s) are found to be not cared for, or its pen/stall/surrounding area is not cleaned up after. In that case, the exhibitor will be promptly notified by a fair board member or superintendent. Upon notification, the exhibitor will be given a 30-minute window to properly care for and clean up the designated area to rectify the issue. Failure to act within one hour of notification will result in a \$100 fine, with an additional \$250 if the problem remains unresolved after two hours. Suppose three hours pass without the issue being addressed. In that case, a meeting will be convened with the exhibitor, parent, or guardian, along with a team of board members and superintendents, to discuss further consequences, which may include additional fines and the possibility that the animal(s) will not be eligible for sale. All fines imposed will be deducted from the exhibitors' check or billed. Furthermore, exhibitors are reminded of their ongoing responsibility for the care of their animal(s) throughout the fair, even after they are sold, until the official fair release time. The red tag rule will remain in effect until all animals are released, and non-compliance may result in the forfeiture of all prizes and/or a ban from future events. This guideline aims to maintain high standards of animal welfare and fair participation while promoting responsible exhibitor behavior and proper clean-up after the fair concludes.

Dairy cows and dairy goats bed with straw. All other species bed with sawdust only. A donor may provide sawdust; however, if sawdust is not provided, it is the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide their own clean sawdust.

21. **For an animal to be considered homebred, it must be conceived, born, raised, and housed at the facility of the exhibitor, parent, or legal guardian.** Questions concerning eligibility for homebred will be referred to the livestock superintendent for a decision.
22. Animals eligible for homebred shall be declared to the superintendent at the initial tagging or project identification.
23. The order of the show will be posted by the superintendent on the judging day. Order subject to change at the discretion of the superintendent and judge.
24. All livestock barns will be open to decorate starting Thursday, before the start of fair week, at 12 p.m. Barns will be closed at 8 pm. No equipment, feed, or tack will be allowed in the barns until after 5 p.m. on Friday. NO TENTS or fitting areas will be set up until 3 p.m. on Sunday. **Your items will be removed.**
25. All cards above animals must be the stall cards provided by the fair, one per animal, and be in place on the day of their arrival.
26. NO decorations, stall cards, ribbons, etc., may be removed before Sunday, after all animals are removed from the fairgrounds. Tacks are not allowed for hanging decorations. **All staples must be pulled at clean-up time and disposed of in the trash only.**
27. All exhibitors are responsible for the complete clean-up of their exhibit areas after all animals are removed from the fairgrounds on the closing Sunday of the fair or dismissal because of a red tag violation. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fee or garnishment of awards and sales proceeds.
28. No animal being shown or exhibited at the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair shall be administered any drug, pain killer, stimulant, depressant, or tranquilizer without the consent of their superintendent. If any of these substances are necessary, they must be administered under the written direction of a veterinarian. The definition of "drug" shall be outlined in Class 23 of Act 237 of the Public Acts of 1980 and MCL 431.83. The administration of any substance in violation of this rule shall result in the forfeiture of all awards or premiums, including the sales receipts received from the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Livestock Sale. All animals being shown or exhibited may be subject to testing at the discretion of the superintendent of that department for violations of this rule. Failure of the exhibitor to submit the animal for testing as directed by the superintendent of that department of the fair shall result in the forfeiture of any awards, premiums, or sale receipts received for that animal resulting from the livestock sale.
29. All medications must be discontinued in advance of the dates of the fair to provide proper medication withdrawal time as indicated on the medication label. No animal shall be permitted to be sold that contains a medication residue, without a vet clearance.
30. No drenching is allowed for any animal unless administered by a veterinarian.
31. Participants aged 6 and 7 will compete within their respective age groups for showmanship. They may utilize an animal assigned by their group or club, while providing their own animal requires approval from the fair board.

MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. The market sale will be held in the Dairy Barn.
2. Livestock exhibitors are limited to sell a total of 2 large animal and 2 Small Animal market projects.

One market project will consist of:

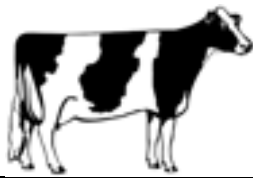
- a. One veal calf weighing 180-350 pounds.
 - b. One market beef animal weighing a minimum of 1000 pounds or a dairy beef steer weighing a minimum of 1100 pounds.
 - c. One prospect beef animal weighing 400-700 pounds.
 - d. A pen of lambs, weighing a minimum of 90 pounds apiece.
 - e. A pen of swine, each weighing 220-300 pounds
 - f. A pen of 3 market rabbits weighing 3 ½- 5 1/2 pounds each.
 - g. A Single Fryer, A Single Roaster, or a Single Stewer
 - h. A pen of market poultry-3 meat birds, 2 turkeys, 2 ducks, or 2 geese.
 - i. One market goat meeting a minimum weight of 45 pounds
3. All Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, and Third overall market animals must be sold.
 4. Exhibitors are REQUIRED to report to the sign-in table after the sale of their project(s). Exhibitors are required to fill out a thank-you card for the buyer(s) and turn it into the Sale Superintendent in the dairy barn. Exhibitors must complete a thank-you sign to be hung near their animal project within 1 hour of the sale's completion. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a fine.
 5. All Grand Champions and Reserve Champions will sell in the Sale of Champions; Third Overalls will start their species part of the sale.
 6. If an exhibitor chooses not to sell their animal(s) in the Livestock Sale, they must notify the superintendent by the end of the respective species' show. No animals may be withdrawn within 1 hour after the conclusion of the species show.
 7. 2026 Livestock Sale - 9 am start time -Order of Sale will be as follows: Sugar Beets, Entrepreneurship, Poultry, Goats, Rabbits, Swine, **Lunch Break, Sale will resume at 1 pm**, Dairy Program, Breeding Beef Program, Sponsorship Advertisement, Sale of Champions (Grand & Reserve market animals), Prospect beef, Market Beef, Sheep, and Veal.
 8. The weight of all animals will be determined based on the official weigh-in schedule listed in the respective department. Exhibitors are responsible for helping to weigh their animals.
 9. Large animals are sold by the pound. Small animals (rabbits, poultry, and goats) are sold by the head. Sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry are sold as a pen (one buyer purchases all animals in the pen).
 10. Commission fee will be deducted from all sales to cover the expenses of the sale.
 - a. The total commission paid will be 4% of the total price of each animal sold.
 11. Saturday Barn closes at 11 pm, lights off. Animals will be removed by the sale/ship out committee during designated times.
 12. Auction exhibitors selling in the Large Animal Silent Auction must attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, following the completion of the Dairy show in the Dairy Barn, to help with set up. **Any exhibitor who sells MUST help with setup and teardown; otherwise, 50% of their sales profits will be forfeited to the Fair board.**

Silent Auction Rules

1. A silent auction will be held in a location agreed upon by the Fairboard and the Small Animal Superintendents, concurrent with the Market Livestock Auction. Bidding will be open on Friday of fair week, from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. The highest bidder at the close of the Silent Auction will be the buyer.
2. The Small Animal Superintendents manage the Small Animal Silent Auction.
3. The Small Animal Silent Auction is open to any rabbit, poultry, or goat animal exhibited during the fair. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of 3 pens of animals in the Silent Auction; this is in addition to selling up to 2 market projects in the Market Livestock Auction.
4. All Small Animal Silent Auction entries must be submitted to the superintendent by 6 p.m. on Monday of fair week.
5. Auction exhibitors selling in the Small Animal Silent Auction must attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Small Animal Barn to help with set up. **Any exhibitor who sells MUST help with setup and teardown; otherwise, 50% of their sales profits will be forfeited to the Small Animal Committee.**
6. Shipping/release instructions will be collected from buyers when they register to bid.
7. Payment for all sales is due to the Sanilac County Fairboard by 6 p.m. Friday, immediately following the sale. If payment is not received by the deadline, the backup bidder will be notified and offered the option to purchase.

RULES AFFECTING STATIC PROJECT EXHIBITORS

1. **All projects must have a completed Project Report Form and a project identification tag. ID tag must be securely attached to the exhibit.**
2. As the exhibitor advances in age and experience, projects should reflect higher levels of difficulty.
3. Exhibit buildings open daily during fair week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
4. **Release time for still projects is Sunday, 8 a.m. to noon.**
5. The recommended sizes for poster exhibits are 14"x22" or 36"x48" (trifold). Exhibitors will not be disqualified for using other sizes.
6. Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one still project at the auction. Projects must meet all requirements and receive County Honor. They must also be entered into the entrepreneur project area. The entrepreneur superintendent, Courtney Mahaffy, must be notified of the intent to sell by Monday at 5 pm of fair week. The COMPLETED entrepreneur book must also be finished and submitted to the superintendent or fair office by Monday at 5 pm during fair week. Sellers can pick up buyers' passes and letters at the office on auction day for their potential buyers.
7. All project exhibitors are encouraged to work a 3.5-hour shift in the 4-H Eat stand.
8. A 4% commission fee will be deducted from all sales to cover the expenses of the sale.



DEPARTMENT DAIRY

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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Event:	Date & Time:	Location:	Additional Information:
Animal Identification Form Due	June 6, 2026 6:00 pm.	Animal identification forms can be emailed to sanilac4hfair@gmail.com or dropped off at the Fairboard office.	Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org . Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office.
Barn Setup	Sunday, July 19th, 2026 1:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	All exhibitors must be present.
Animal Check-In (Non-Milking Cows)	Sunday, August 9th, 2026 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	
Dairy Production Award & Dairy Achievement Award Applications	Monday, August 10th, 2026 1:00 p.m.	Drop off at the Fairboard office.	Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org . Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate.
Animal Check-In (Milking Cows)	Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	
Dairy Skills Contest	Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 3:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	Open to all exhibitors. Advance registration is not required to participate.
Dairy Show	Thursday, August 13th, 2026 9:00 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Project Released	Sunday, August 16, 2026 1:00 a.m. *PENDING Fair board Approval	Dairy Barn	
Barn Cleanup	Immediately following the release of animals	Dairy Barn	All exhibitors must be present.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19.
2. **Please Bed with Straw.**
3. All exhibitors are expected to be present at and participate in the barn setup before the fair. If you are unable to attend for any reason, you must contact one of the superintendents before the setup. Failure to do so may result in a deduction from an exhibitor's premium. All deductions are at the discretion of the Dairy Superintendents.
4. Animals do not need to be owned by the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors may exhibit one animal for each year completed in the dairy project, **not to exceed** a maximum of four animals. No exhibitor may show more than four animals.
6. No exhibitor may show more than one animal in each heifer class, except for multiple births. When the animal reaches lactation and has been previously shown by the exhibitor or registered as an alternate, the exhibitor may enter more than one cow in the same class.
7. All animals shown must be a straight dairy breed; a crossbreed will not be allowed in the dairy classes.
8. All animals shown in the dairy classes must be born on or before May 13, 2026.
9. 6 and 7-year-old exhibitors are only eligible to compete in their showmanship class, not in the dairy classes. They may bring their own heifer calf or show one already on the grounds (pending Fair board approval). They must register for their showmanship class in Showman.app and submit an Animal Identification form (if choosing to bring their own heifer) by the deadline listed above.
10. All animals are required to have an RFID tag. Tags must be in an animal's ear before arriving on the fairgrounds. Animals without an RFID tag will **NOT** be allowed to check in and/or exhibit.
11. 6, 7, and 8-year-olds and first-year exhibitors may exhibit one calf or yearling heifer, not to exceed 18 months of age at the beginning of the fair.
12. All Exhibitors are to wear a white shirt (No tank tops) and white pants or a skirt for the Dairy Show. Leather shoes/boots are to be worn.
13. Exhibitors may be asked to participate with their animal in a dairy judging activity during the fair.
14. Sportsmanlike conduct is required at **ALL** times during the fair. Dairy superintendents reserve the right to disqualify an exhibitor from individual classes and/or the entirety of the show if their behavior is determined to be blatantly unsportsmanlike.
15. The Dairy program will have a dairy basket that will be auctioned off in the Livestock Sale on Friday. All exhibitors must be present during the sale of the dairy basket. Proceeds will be divided as follows:
 - A. Overall Grand Champion – 25%
 - B. Overall Reserve Champion- 15%
 - C. Overall Junior Grand Champion- 15%
 - D. Overall Junior Reserve Champion- 10%
 - E. Retained for future expenses of the dairy Program – 35%

1001 - DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Dairy superintendents retain the right to divide further the outlined age divisions into smaller classes, depending on class size. In the case that this occurs, a runoff will be held between the 1st and 2nd place winners in each affected class to determine the age division Grand and Reserve Champion Showman. The Grand Champion Showman from each of the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior age divisions will be allowed to represent the Dairy Program in the Large Animal Sweepstakes competition on the Saturday of the fair, so long as they meet eligibility requirements.

Class #:	Class Name:	Eligibility:	Award:
0001	Senior Showmanship	16-19 Years Old	1 st -6 th place, Rosette Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champion, Rosette.
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	12-15 Years Old	1 st -6 th Place, Rosette Intermediate Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette
0003	Junior Showmanship	8-11 Years Old	1 st -6 th Place, Rosette Junior Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette
	Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Showman	Grand and Reserve Grand Champion showman from the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior age divisions.	Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Showman Award.
0004	Chester Campbell Memorial Award	Open to all first-year dairy exhibitors ages 8 to 12. Exhibitors who have previously shown in the 6–7-year-old class are still considered to be a “first-year exhibitor.” Exhibitors must not have shown previously in any other county dairy shows. Please contact the superintendent with any questions or concerns regarding eligibility.	Trophy
0005	Novice Showmanship	6-7 years old (Note: must be registered to participate)	1 st -6 th Place, Ribbon

DAIRY BREED CLASSES

1st-6th place animals in each class will receive rosettes. The awarding of Champion and Grand Champion for a small number of animals of a specific breed class will be left to the discretion of the judge. The Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, Overall Junior Grand Champion, and Overall Junior Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded a cash prize from the sale of the dairy basket.

	Holstein 1002	Jersey 1003	Ayrshire 1004	Brown Swiss 1005	Guernsey 1006	Dutch Belted 1007	Milking Shorthorn 1008
Junior Heifer Calf 3-1-26 to 5-13-26	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Intermediate Heifer Calf 12-1-25 to 2-28-26	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001	1001
Senior Heifer Calf 9-1-25 to 11-30-25	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002	1002
Summer Yearling Heifer 6-1-25 to 8-31-25	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003	1003
Junior Yearling Heifer 3-1-25 to 5-31-25	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004
Intermediate Yearling Heifer 12-1-24 to 2-28-25	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005
Senior Yearling Heifer 9-1-24 to 11-30-24	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006	1006
Breed Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	1 st - and 2 nd -place winners from the previous seven classes, by breed.						Breed Junior Grand & Junior Reserve Grand Champion, Rosette
2-year-old Cow (not in milk) 9-1-23 to 8-31-24	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007	1007
2-year-old Cow (in milk) 9-1-23 to 8-31-24	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008	1008
3-year-old Cow 9-1-22 to 8-31-23	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009	1009
4-year-old Cow 9-1-21 to 8-31-22	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010
5-year-old and Older Cow	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011	1011
Dry Cow	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012
Breed Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	1 st - and 2 nd -place winners from the previous seven classes, each breed.						Breed Senior Grand & Senior Reserve Champion, Rosette
Breed Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	Senior Grand & Senior Reserve Grand Champions, each breed. Junior Grand & Junior Reserve Grand Champions, each breed.						Overall Grand & Reserve Champion, & 3 rd overall award

Overall Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champions, each breed.	Overall Junior Grand and Junior Reserve Grand Champion Award
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Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champions	Grand & Reserve Grand Champions, each breed.	Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion, Award
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1009 - OTHER DAIRY CLASSES

Class #:	Class Name:	Eligibility:	Award:
1700	Exhibitor's Herd	Three animals, any age, owned by one member. Animals must have been shown in individual classes.	Rosettes
1701	Produce of Dam	Two female offspring of a project animal. All animals shown in this class must be shown by the same exhibitor.	Rosettes
1702	Daughter of Dam	Dam must be a project animal and her own daughter, any age, three months or over. Judged on basis of improvement of daughter over dam. All animals shown in this class must be shown by the same exhibitor.	Rosettes
1703	Club Herd	Three animals, any age, can be mixed breed, owned by three different members of the same club.	Rosettes

DAIRY PRODUCTION AWARDS

Our dairy program strives to recognize exhibitors' animals not just on show day, but on what is happening in the barn every other day of the year through an award that directly recognizes an animal's milk production. To align with industry standards, animals' production will be evaluated based on total pounds of Energy Corrected Milk (ECM) produced.

Dairy Production Award Information & Eligibility:

- F. ECM will be calculated from the animal's production data. Production data can be provided from any accredited dairy program that the exhibitor utilizes (D.H.I.A., PCDART, Dairy Comp, etc.) The following formula will be used for calculation:

$$ECM = (0.327 \times \text{milk lbs.}) + (12.95 \times \text{fat lbs.}) + (7.2 \times \text{protein lbs.})$$
- G. Animals must be at least two years old and milking for 40 days to be considered for a Dairy Production Award. For animals three years and older, ECM will be based on the last completed lactation. For two-year-olds who have not completed a lactation, ECM will be based on projected 305ME or the best available information.
- H. Exhibitors must have owned the animal for the entire lactation period.

To enter your animal for award consideration, please submit the Dairy Production Award application and production data for your animal(s) to the Fairboard office by 1:00 p.m. on the Monday of the Fair. Exhibitors may enter as many of their lactating animals being exhibited as they choose. Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org. Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate; all exhibitors who submit the required application and production data by the deadline will be considered.

Placing:	Award:
First	Award, Certificate, & Monetary Prize
Second	Certificate & Monetary Prize
Third	Certificate & Monetary Prize

DAIRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Two scholarships will be awarded to exhibitors who have shown extraordinary leadership and dedication to education, their communities, agriculture, the dairy industry, and this Dairy Program.

Dairy Production Award Information & Eligibility:

1. Exhibitors must be current participants in the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Dairy Program.
2. Exhibitors must have completed a minimum of six years in the Dairy Program.
3. Exhibitors must not have previously received the Dairy Achievement Award. An exhibitor may only win this award once during their show career.

To enter yourself for award consideration, please submit the Dairy Achievement Award application to the Fairboard office by 1:00 p.m. on Monday of the Fair. Award recipients will be selected by an uninvolved third party to ensure fairness. Electronic applications are available at fair.sanilacfair.org. Paper applications are available at the Fairboard office. Advance registration is not required to participate; all exhibitors who submit the required application by the deadline will be considered.

Award Name:	Award:
Dairy Achievement Award	Certificate & Scholarship

DAIRY SKILLS CONTEST

Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their dairy knowledge through a variety of fun competitions covering Dairy Judging, Feed Identification, and General Dairy Knowledge. This contest is open to all dairy exhibitors, and no advanced registration is required. Arrive at the show arena in the dairy barn at the contest start time. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three participants in each age division.

Age Division:	Award:
Junior, 8-11 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize
Intermediate, 12-15 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize
Senior, 16-19 years old	1 st -3 rd Place, Cash Prize



DAIRY VEAL

Superintendent:	Cam & Shirley Keesler	Shirley (810)627-1649	
Project animal possession:	July 1		
ID Sheet with photos, RFID tag, exhibitor with animal (head and side view)	June 6th	To Fairboard Office	
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th @ 1 p.m.	ALL EXHIBITORS NEED TO BE PRESENT	
Check in & Weigh In	Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.		
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday, beginning of fair 7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Tuesday @ 10 a.m.		Dairy Barn
Project Released	Sunday: All animals out of the barn by 9:00 a.m.		
Barn Clean-up	Sunday at 7 am.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19.
2. A dairy veal calf is an immature bovine animal, usually not over four months of age, that has been raised only on milk replacers and grains. Must be on milk during the fair week.
3. Exhibitors are permitted to identify three dairy veal calves, which include a project calf and two alternate calves. Exhibitors may show and sell only one dairy veal calf.
4. Minimum weight is **180** pounds, and maximum weight is **350** pounds at weigh-in. Exhibitors who have calves that are overweight/underweight will have the option of participating in showmanship with their calf or removing the calf from the Fairgrounds. If the exhibitor decided to participate in showmanship, the calf must remain on the Fairgrounds until 12:00 a.m. Sunday. Veal calves that exceed the upper weight limit must be sold at 350 pounds and approved by the superintendent.
5. All calves will sell in the Large Animal Livestock Auction unless specified to the superintendent at weigh-in at the fair.
6. Dairy veal calves will be **straight dairy breed (Holstein, Jersey,**

Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Dutch Belted, and Milking Shorthorn). There are no more crossbreeds of Dairy. Beef crossbreeding with dairy is not permitted. Exhibitors may show a dairy veal calf that is a bull or heifer. Castrated calves are not allowed (steers). Calves may or may not be dehorned. Pasting is allowed. All dehorning must be healed by fair check-in. **Implants are not permitted.**

7. Dairy veal calves are to be exhibited with all four legs square and walking forward with the calf. Exhibitors are to wear a clean shirt and dark pants when exhibiting a dairy veal calf. Blue jeans are acceptable.
8. The show halter should be clean, neat, properly adjusted, and in good repair. The halter should either be leather or nylon web (flat strap).
9. The exhibitor should be able to handle the calf to its best advantage. This includes the exhibitor's present ability, the cleanliness of the exhibitor and the calf, the ability to lead the calf, and to keep it under control in the show ring. Inability to do so may result in a lower rating

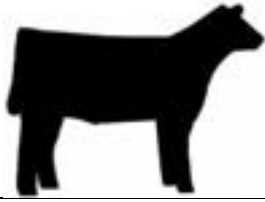
1101- DAIRY VEAL SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand & Reserve Champion Awards & other awards
0004	Novice Showmanship	Ages 6-7 yrs. Old	Ribbons & Prizes
0005	Peewee Showmanship	5 Yr. Olds	Participation Ribbons & Prizes

1102-DAIRY VEAL MARKET CLASS

1. Dairy veal calves will be divided into classes based on official weigh-in at the fair. There will be nine weight breaks, each with 1st-6th place.
2. There will be 3 Class champions selected; 1st and 2nd place animals from three weight classes will compete in each Class.
3. An overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Class champion and reserve champion winners.

Class:	1st – 6th place rosettes offered in each class		
1000	Dairy Veal Calf		
	Lightweight Champion	1 st and 2 nd place from first three weight breaks	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Medium Weight Champion	1 st and 2 nd place from the middle three weight breaks	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Heavyweight Champion	1 st and 2 nd place from the last three weight breaks	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall & Third Overall	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion & Third Overall Awards and Chair
Over the Hill Showmanship Class			



MARKET BEEF

Market Beef Superintendents:	Melissa Sharbowski Karen Murdock	810-404-5283	
Attend the tag-in on	February 14 th	RFID tag in the left ear.	Jim Alexanders Farm Farr Rd. Peck
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th . 1 p.m.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check In	Sunday of Fair week	Beef Barn	
Weigh In	Sunday 8-12 p.m.	Beef Barn	
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday @ 7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Wednesday @ 9 a.m.	Livestock Arena	
Project Released	Sunday 1:00 am		
Barn Clean up	Sunday, 7 am.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- Beef animals may only be shown in one market class in the beef section. Steers will not be shown in more than one market class.
- You may use the same animal in the breeding beef section.
- Exhibitors may tag up to 3 beef animals on the required tagging date, but may only bring one beef animal to the fair.
- Market classes will be judged based on type, conformation, and finish.
- Steers and heifers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. to be eligible to enter the market sale. For dairy steers, the minimum weight for market sale is 1,100 lbs.
- Exhibitors should wear clean attire and leather-soled shoes/boots, no tennis shoes.
- Beef animals must be dehorned and castrated at least 3 months before the fair. All procedures should be completely healed before arriving at the fair.
- No fans on the floor or carts; must be hung—no tacks in decorations.
- All animals must be tied with a rope halter and rope necktie or collar.

1201- BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

- Beef exhibitors from all sections must enter showmanship. There will be no restrictions on the number of times a youth may win showmanship within a species.
- Showmanship will be judged on general care, fitting, and showmanship of the animal.
- The Kevin Kerbyson Memorial Showmanship Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the 1st place in each of the three age Classes in the showmanship. The traveling trophies are to be awarded in addition to the age Class showmanship trophies.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Trophy, Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship Sweepstakes	Ages 12-15 Years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship Sweepstakes	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman		1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Trophy, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards

1202- MARKET BEEF

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class	
1000	Market Beef Steer (9 weight breaks)	
	Lightweight Champion Steer	1 ^s , 2 nd , and 3 rd place from the first three weight breaks
	Medium Weight Champion Steer	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place from the middle three weight breaks
	Heavyweight Champion Steer	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place from the last three weight breaks
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steer, and Third Overall	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners from Champion classes
1100	Market Dairy Steer	
1200	Market Dairy/Beef Cross Steer	
1300	Market Beef Heifer (3 weight breaks)	
	Champion & Reserve Champion Market Heifer	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners from each weight break
1203-Market Beef Homebred		
1400	Homebred Steer	
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Market Beef	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners from Champion steer classes, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion Steers, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Dairy Steer, Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy/Beef Crossbred Steer, and Champion and Reserve Champion Market Heifer
1204-Market Beef Other		
1500	Club Herd	Club Herd consists of three animals owned and exhibited by three different club members.
Peewee Showmanship Class – Participation Ribbons		
Over the Hill Showmanship Class – Please register at the awards table.		



BREEDING BEEF

Breeding Beef Superintendent:	Spencer Smith	(419) 310-7479	ssmith@kalmbachfeeds.com
<i>Breeding Beef</i> : ID sheet with photos of RFID tag (head and side view)	June 6 th , 2026		Fairboard Office
Barn Set up	Friday, before the start	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check in & Weigh in	Sunday of Fair week, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.		
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday of Fair week, 7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Thursday at 9 a.m.	Livestock Arena	
Project Released	Saturday 1-2 pm. Pending Fair board approval		
Barn Clean-up	Sunday immediately following release of animals	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animals Exhibitors #19
- All cattle must be tied with a rope halter and a rope necktie.
- Beef Breeding*- Raise and develop a purebred or grade breeding heifer. *Beef Cow and Calf*- Raise and train a cow and calf to show as a pair. A calf may not be born before December 1st of the previous year. Heifer calves of age will be eligible to show in an individual breed class and as a cow-calf pair, but will count as their own project. Heifers are eligible to show if their birth date is after September 1, 2025.
- Exhibitors can enroll up to 6 Breeding Beef projects by June 6th, but only exhibit 4 projects.
- A heifer may be shown as a market prospect, market heifer, or breeding beef. However, if you sell your heifer as a prospect or market heifer, the exhibitor will not receive money from the breeding beef program. Still eligible for prizes and awards, but no money payout.
- An exhibitor must show in both the showmanship and the breed classes.
- Breed registration papers are required at check-in to show in the Bred and Owned class. Registered cattle must be tattooed and healed with the correct number/letter before the fair.
- Open show will be shown based on classification.
- All animals will be shown by breed and age. Two (2) heads of a single breed will make a breed Class. All others will show as AORB or commercial. The superintendent has the discretion to combine or split classes depending on the number of students in each class.
- Bulls will be permitted to show and must be 1 year or younger.
- Project must be a pure beef animal; no dairy influence is allowed.
- If breed is not listed, please get in touch with Spencer before registration.
- Breed classes will be judged based on type, conformation, and finish.
- Plaque sale breakdown – 10% to be used for buyer thank you, 90% divided over all the breeding beef exhibitors.
- Sale basket breakdown – 50% retained for future expenses in breeding beef program, 20% - 1st place for overall heifer, 10% - 2nd overall heifer, 5% - 3rd overall heifer, remaining balance to be split evenly over all breeding beef exhibitors. (Capped at \$2000, \$1000, \$500)

1301- BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

- Beef exhibitors from all sections must enter showmanship. There will be no restrictions on the number of times a youth may win showmanship within a species.
- Showmanship will be judged on general care and the showmanship of the animal.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Awards
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Awards
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Awards
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman		The judge will bring at least two from each age division.	Prize, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
0004	Peewee Showmanship Under 7 yrs. Old	Must be registered to participate	Ribbons and various prizes

BREEDING BEEF

1302-Angus, 1303-AORB, 1304-Chi, 1305-Charlois, 1306-Char Composite, 1307-Hereford, 1308-Highlander, 1309-Simmental, 1310-Shorthorn, 1311-Shorthorn Plus, 1312-Maine, 1313-Maintaineer, 1315-Sim Solution, 1316- Speckle Park, 1318-Commercial, 1319- Bred and Owned		Open	Bred and Owned
Heifer calf under 1 year of age		1000	2000
Heifer over 1 year of age		1001	2001
Cow calved before two years previous		1002	2002
Cow/Calf Pair		1003	2003
Bull		1004	2004
Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Beef Female per Breed		1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd place from each class within breed	Champion & Reserve Champion Awards
Top 5 Overall		Champion, Reserve Champion from each breed	Top 5 overall awards
Breed and Owned Heifer Show to Follow Open Show			Ribbons & Prizes
2101	Exhibitor's Herd	Three animals, any age, owned by one member. Animals must have been shown in individual classes.	
2102	Club Herd	Club Herd consists of three animals owned and exhibited by three different club members.	Ribbons



PROSPECT BEEF FEEDER CALVES

Co-Superintendents:	Abby Smith	abbysmith@tricountyequipment.net	810-662-1984
Mandatory Weigh-In/Tag-In	June 6 th 8:00-12:00 @ Fairgrounds	RFID tag in the left ear	Fairboard Office
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th at 1 p.m.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check in & Weigh in	Sunday of Fair week, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.		
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday of Fair Week @7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Show ring set up	Sunday 8 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Monday @ 9 a.m.	Livestock Arena	
Project Released	Sunday 1 a.m.		
Barn Clean-up	Sunday 7:00 a.m.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- A prospect beef calf (feeder calf) is an immature bovine animal, usually not over seven months of age, that has been raised on a diet of milk, milk replacers, grains, and/or roughage. Calves must be weaned by the time of the fair. Implants are permitted on prospect calves.
- Must attend the mandatory weigh-in/Tag-In on June 6th.
- A prospect heifer may be shown in both Class 11 and Class 4.
- All prospect calves need to be castrated and dehorned and fully healed before the fair to be exhibited. If there are signs of horns, only 1 inch maximum will be allowed. No swelling, signs of decay, trauma, drainage, etc. allowed.
- Prospect calves may be beef, dairy, or dairy-beef crossbred to exhibit in the show. Market classes will be divided into the following: prospect beef calf (example: Angus), prospect dairy calf (example: Holstein), or prospect dairy beef crossbred calf (example: Holstein-Hereford). Exhibitors may show a prospect calf as a steer or a heifer. Bulls are not permitted. When filling out the animal ID sheet, use only one of these three options. If you have any questions, please contact the superintendent.
- Exhibitors may show and sell only one prospect calf. One alternate may be designated and tagged.
- The minimum weight is **400 lbs.** Animals that do not meet this weight requirement will not be eligible to sell at the livestock auction. All animals exceeding **700 lbs.** will be sold at 700 lbs. They can still compete in weight classes, but will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champions.
- All participants must declare if they are selling their animals at the weigh-in on the Sunday of the Fair. If there are any changes, they have to be submitted to a Superintendent **no later than one hour after the show's conclusion on Monday.** If the changes are not made by then, all animals listed for sale **will** be sold at the Youth & 4-H Livestock Sale on Friday.
- All halters should be rope. Animals must be double-tied in their stalls with a rope halter and a necktie—no buckle-style halters. Red Tag policy will be enforced for failure to comply.
- Prospect beef calves are to be exhibited like a beef animal with a show stick. The show halter should be clean, neat, properly adjusted, and in good repair. The exhibitor should be able to handle the prospect calf to its best advantage. This includes presentability, cleanliness of the exhibitor and calf, ability to lead the calf, and keep it under control in the show ring. Inability to do so may result in a lower rating.
- All tags besides an RFID tag need to be removed or will be removed at the fair weigh-in.
- Exhibitors should wear clean attire and leather-soled shoes/boots; no tennis shoes. You will be required to wear a back number as well.

1401-PROSPECT BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards and Buckles
0004	Novice Showmanship	Ages 6-7 years old	Ribbons and Prizes
0005	Peewee Showmanship	Ages 5 years old	Participation Ribbons and Prizes

1402- PROSPECT BEEF

Class:	1 st –10 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Dairy Feeder Calves (with weight breaks by superintendent)		
	Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf	1 st , 2 nd	Champion & Reserve Champion Awards
1001	Beef Feeder Calves (with weight breaks by superintendent)		

Champion & Reserve Champion Beef Feeder Calf		1 st , 2 nd	Champion & Reserve Champion awards
1002	Dairy/Beef Crossbred Calves		
Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred Feeder Calf		1 st , 2 nd	Champion & Reserve Champion awards
Underweight Class		All feeders under 300 lbs.	
Overweight Class		All feeders over 700 lbs.	
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, and Third Overall Prospect Feeder Calf		1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion and Third Overall
1403-Homebred Prospect Calf			
1300	Homebred Prospect Feeder Calf	The Champion Homebred Feeder will be chosen from the top two homebred feeders from classes 0319, 0324, and 0329	Champion & Reserve Champion
1404-Prospect Other Classes			
1301	Club Herd	Club Herd consists of three animals, 3 handlers, 1 showman owned and exhibited by three different club members.	



SHEEP

Superintendent:	Lorin Gierman	810-627-8664	Loringierman@gmail.com
ID sheet with photos of Scrapie tag in ear (head and side view)	June 6, 2026		
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th 1:00 p.m.		
Fair Check in & Weigh in	Sunday of Fair week 8 am-12 pm	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday of Fair week, 7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Monday @ 5:00 p.m.	Dairy Barn	
Project Released	Sunday 5 a.m.-9 a.m. (auction animals) Sunday 12:01 a.m. (personal pick up)	Dairy Barn	
Barn Clean up	Immediately following release of animals	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- All market lambs need to be slick sheared just before fair.
- Exhibitors may sign up to 3 sheep on animal ID sheets, but may bring no more than two sheep to the fair.
- The minimum weight for market lambs shall be 90 pounds to be entered in the market sale. Underweight lambs may be shown but not sold.
- Exhibitors should wear clean attire and leather soled shoes/boots, no tennis shoes.
- No drenching is allowed to any animal unless administered by a veterinarian.
- Novice & peewee showmen need to sign up before the show.
- The exhibitor's sheep will be penned together if they bring two animals.

1501- SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion Award & Belt Buckle Reserve Grand Champion Award & Cooler
0004	Novice Showmanship	Ages 6-7 years old	Ribbons
0005	Peewee Showmanship	Age 5 years old	Participation Ribbons

1502- MARKET LAMBS

- Market classes will be judged based on type, conformation, and finish.
- Each exhibitor may show two individual lambs.
- When an exhibitor's sheep is selected as the Grand Champion overall individual, their 2nd lamb shall be ineligible for the Reserve Grand Champion or 3rd overall individual.
- Regardless of whether lambs show as individuals or in a pen, if you choose to sell both, they must sell as a pen; unless one is selected as Grand, Reserve, or 3rd overall. If you decide not to sell one or both of your lambs, the exhibitor MUST notify the Superintendent at check-in. No exceptions.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Pen of 2 Lambs (with weight breaks)		
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Lambs	1 st and 2 nd place winners from lightweight, medium weight, and heavy weight classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
1100	Individual Lamb (with weight breaks)		
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Individual Lamb, and Third overall	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place winners from lightweight, medium weight, and heavy weight classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, and Third overall Awards
1503-Homebred Lambs			
1200	Homebred Lamb		Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons & Prize
Over the Hill Showmanship – Sign up at the start of market classes.			

1505- SHEEP BREEDING & OTHER

1. In the breeding classes, members may exhibit more than one sheep in each class and not more than two purchased sheep. All others must be of his/her own breeding. Sheep breeding classes may not consist of the exhibitor's market lamb. Exhibitors must own all breeding sheep entered.
2. Breeding classes will be judged based on type and confirmation.
3. Champion ribbon will only be awarded in classes where there are two or more animals.
4. Club flock shall consist of 3 animals and owned by 3 different exhibitors.

Class:		1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class					
		Shropshire	Oxford	Hampshire	Dorset	Suffolk	Any Other Breed
1000	Ewe Lamb						
Grand & Reserve Champion Sheep Breeding Ewe		1 st place ewe from each breed			Ribbons, Award		
1600	Club Flock	Club Flock consists of three animals owned and exhibited by three different club members.			Prizes		



BREEDING, & FIBER GOATS

Superintendent:	Marlena Zielder	810-705-9702	chrystolsmeader@rocketmail.com
Animal ID sheet	June 6th, 2026	Scrapies tag required	
Barn Set up	<i>Sunday, July 19th 1 p.m..</i>	ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT	
Fair Check in	<i>Sunday of Fair week, 10a.m.-12 p.m.</i>		
Mandatory Small Animal Meeting	Monday @ 10 a.m.		Dairy Barn
		Superintendent	
Judging	Wednesday 10 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Project Released	Sunday 6:30 a.m. All goats must be removed.		
Barn Clean up	6:30 a.m. All exhibitors must help tear down	ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- All exhibitors will be required to attend the mandatory Small Animal Meeting to learn about updates to the project areas, fair book changes, show schedule updates, cleanliness policy, tag policy, and live and silent auction updates. Exhibitors are learning the responsibility of selecting, raising, and caring for their project animals. As part of their project, youth must also attend meetings to learn the rules of participation.
- All Goat Exhibitors must show in the Showmanship class.
- All goats must have a scrapie tag, no exceptions.
- All exhibitors in the Goat Project Area must participate in Barn Duty - the number of shifts determined by the number of exhibitors.
- One animal shown per exhibitor per class on sign-up.
- Only one pet wether per exhibitor.
- No intact bucks allowed at the fair. All wethers must be completely healed by fair check-in.
- Maximum of 4 goats per Exhibitor.
- Pens must be cleaned entirely, and animals fed by 9 am each day, no exception.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own straw, hay, grain, and equipment for the care of all their animals.
- One alternate goat per exhibitor must be declared on the animal ID sheet.
- Dark pants or Jeans with a white shirt and closed-toe shoes or boots should be worn by all Dairy Goat Exhibitors
- Dairy goats must be bedded in straw – provided by the exhibitor.
- Peewee members will be allowed to show in showmanship and fun classes, but will not participate in market classes or the sale of their animals.

1601-BREEDING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
0004	Novice Showmanship	Ages 6-7 years old	Ribbons
0005	Junior Showmanship	Ages 5 years old	Participation Ribbons

BREEDING, & FIBER GOATS

- All Dairy Goats must be shaved before arrival at the fair, except for the final trim of the udder and feet on showmanship animals. Boer, Pygmy, and Fiber Goats do not need to be shaved.
- Goats in Milk must be milked by 10 am and 8 pm daily. Milking goats should be milked the night before show day, but not the morning of show day.
- Dairy Goats cannot have horns; spurs less than 2 inches will be allowed. Horns that have been removed must be completely healed. Non-Dairy goats may have horns.
- All kids must be weaned before fair arrival.
- Goats must be owned by June 1st. Goat I.D. sheets due by June 6th.

Goats will be judged based on each goat's confirmation to its breed characteristics.

Class:	1602– DAIRY GOATS	1603- PYGMY & PYGMY CROSS GOATS	1604-MARKET BREEDING STOCK	1605- FIBER BREEDS
1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	(Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable Saanen, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, and		(Boer, Boer Crosses, and all other meat breeds)	(Angora, Angora Crosses, and all other fiber breeds)

	Recorded Grade) Dairy breeds will begin with milking goat classes			
Junior Doe Kid; born after April 1 of current year	1000	1000	1000	1000
Intermediate Kid; born March 1-March 31	1001	1001	1001	1001
Senior Doe Kid; born January 1-February 28 of current year	1002	1002	1002	1002
Junior Yearling Doe; born Aug-Dec previous year, never freshened	1003	1003	1003	1003
Senior Yearling Doe; under 2, never freshened	1004	1004	1004	1004
Champion Doe less than 2 never freshened	1 st and 2 nd place from previous five classes; each breed			
Yearling Milker or Doe (Under 2 Years as of Show Day)	1005	1005	1005	1005
Junior Milker or Doe 2-3 Years old	1006	1006	1006	1006
Intermediate Milker or Doe 3-4 Years old	1007	1007	1007	1007
Senior Milker or Doe 4-5 Years old	1008	1008	1008	1008
Aged Milker or Mature Doe; 5 years and up	1009	1009	1009	1009
Champion Milker or Doe	1 st and 2 nd place from previous six classes; each breed			
Champion and Reserve Champion each section	Award, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons for each section			
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Goat	1st and 2nd place winners from the Champion		Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Awards	

1606- GROUP & FUN CLASSES

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class	
1400	Best Udder	
1401	Dam & Daughter	Dam must be a project animal and her own daughter, any age, three months or over. Judged on basis of improvement of daughter over dam.
1402	Breeders Trio	Three goats bred by exhibitor
1403	Produce of Dam	Two female offspring, same dam with different sire.
1404	Get of Sire	Two female offspring from same sire with different dams.
1405	Club Herd	Three goats, any age, can be mixed breed, owned by three different members of the same club.
1406	Pet Wether	All ages, all breeds; not entered in any other class
1407	Costume Class	All ages, all breeds. Participants will demonstrate their imagination in using materials that best show their theme for their costume idea.
1408	PeeWee Showmanship: Must be registered to participate at the gate before the show. Ribbons and various prizes	



MARKET GOATS

Superintendent:	Kysha Warczinsky	810-672-9479	Chrisandkysha@hotmail.com
Animal ID sheet	June 4 th , 2026	Scrapies tag required	
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th , 1 p.m.		ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED
Fair Check in	Sunday of Fair week 10 a.m.-12 p.m.		
Mandatory Small Animal Meeting	Monday @ 10 a.m.		Dairy Barn
Judging	Wednesday @ 10 a.m.		Dairy Barn
Project Released	Sunday 6:30 a.m. All goats must be removed		
Barn Clean up	6:30 a.m. All exhibitors must help tear down	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

MARKET GOAT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #18
- All market goats are judged based on finish, confirmation, and marketability. The goal of the market goat project is to provide consumers with quality meat products that are ready for processing on the day of sale.
- All market goats must be born after September 1st of the previous year.
- Scrapie tag must be clean and visible at check-in.
- Only one Market Goat per exhibitor.
- Animal ID Sheets are due by June 6th, including alternate goats.
- All market goats must be owned by May 1st.
- Market goats that do not make weight may be shown in Showmanship class. It may show as a pet wether or as a breeding doe in its age class.
- The show attire is dark jeans and a clean, presentable shirt, and closed-toe shoes.
- Classes may be split by weight.
- Peewee members will be allowed to show in showmanship and fun classes, but will not participate in market classes or the sale of their animals.

MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1500	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
1501	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
1502	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards

Market Goat

Class			
1500	Market Goat (Boer, Dairy Breeds, Crossbreds: minimum 50 pounds to sell)		
1501	Market Pygmy (Angora, Nigerian Dwarf: minimum 25 pounds to sell)		
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Awards	
Homebred Market Goat	Follow the general rules for Homebred	Grand and Reserve Champion Prizes	



SWINE

Superintendent:	John Bowsky	(810) 705-0728	bowsky20@hotmail.com
ID sheet with photos of the USDA tag in the ear (head and side view)	June 6 th , 2026	Fairboard Office	
Barn Set up	Sunday, July 19 th , 1:00 p.m.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check in & Weigh in	Sunday Fair week 8 a.m.-12 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Sunday Fair week 7 p.m.	Livestock Arena	
Judging	Tuesday @ 9 a.m.	Livestock Arena	
Project Released	Sunday 1:00 am		
Barn Clean up	Sunday, 7 am.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
2. Swine must be barrows or gilts.
3. All exhibitors must show in a showmanship class.
4. Exhibitors may turn in Animal ID sheets on up to 3 swine by June 6th. Each family may turn in an ID sheet on one alternate animal to be shared amongst siblings, OR each exhibitor may turn in an ID sheet on one alternate animal designated to that exhibitor only.
5. Swine must be a minimum of 220 lbs. and a maximum of 300 lbs. at the fair. Any market hog less than 220 lbs. will not be entered in the market sale. Any Market Hog over 300 lbs. will be sold at 300 lbs. In the event an underweight situation occurs, it will be the exhibitor's option to keep the hog at the fair and have the Livestock Committee truck it to a stockyard or meat processing center for a fee assessed by the truckers. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Superintendent where they wish their swine to be shipped. They must complete the paperwork and place it in the Drop box within 2 hours of the Market Show's completion. There will NOT be an underweight show, but the hog may remain for showmanship purposes.
6. Ractopamine is a prohibited feed additive, and all swine exhibitors will be required to sign an affidavit that they did not feed their hogs the product.
7. All body clipped hogs must follow state guidelines of at least ½ inch of hair, or exhibitor will not be allowed to show or sell. All body clipping must be done before weighing in at the fair.
8. Swine and ear tags must be clean and readable at the fair weigh-in. Only one USDA tag and one fair tag allowed per hog.
9. Swine exhibitors must be present at the time of unloading, weighing, and initial care of the animal until it is picked up.
10. Exhibitors should wear clean attire and appropriate shoes, no tennis shoes. Exhibitors are required to wear the assigned back number tag distributed at weigh-in during both show days.
11. Auction order of swine: Grand Champion Market Hog; Reserve Champion Market Hog; Sell in Sale of Champions, Third Overall Market Hog will sell first in Swine; Champion Pen of Hogs; Reserve Champion Pen of Hogs—the remainder of the sale order to be determined by the superintendents.

1800- SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st –10 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman		1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion Belt Buckle & Award Reserve Grand Champion Prize & Award
0004	Novice Showmanship 6-7 Yrs. Old	Must be registered to participate	Ribbons and various prizes
0005	Peewee Showmanship 5 Yrs. Old	Must be registered to participate	Participation Ribbons and various prizes

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1801- MARKET SWINE

1. Exhibitors who have two hogs should enter the pen of 2 class (1000) in addition to their individual c (1100 or 1200).
2. Eligibility for the pen class will be determined at the final weigh-in upon arrival at the fair. All hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds. Only pairs or hogs having final weights within 10 pounds are eligible to show in the pen class. If hogs do not meet eligibility requirements, they will only show in their respective individual classes.
3. Pen classes will be divided based on their total weight.
4. When an exhibitor's hog is selected Grand Champion overall individual, their second hog shall be ineligible for Reserve Grand Champion and third overall hog.
5. Individual swine will show according to gender (barrow or gilt).
6. Overweight hogs are NOT eligible for Champion Classes.

Class:	1st –10th place ribbons offered in each class	
1000	Pen of 2 Hogs (6 weight breaks)	
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Hogs	1 st and 2 nd place winners from lightweight, medium weight, and heavy weight	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
1100	Individual Gilt (10 weight breaks)	
Champion, Reserve, and 3 rd Place Champion Individual Gilt	1 st & 2 nd place winners from each weight class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
1200	Individual Barrow (10 weight breaks)	
Champion, Reserve Champion and 3 rd Place Individual Barrow	1 st & 2 nd place winners from each weight class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, and Third Overall Individual	Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3 rd Overall Gilts and Barrows	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, and Third Overall Awards
1802-Homebred Swine		
1300	Homebred Hog	All hogs entered in the homebred class should have been previously shown in the individual market class
		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Prizes



POULTRY

Superintendent:	Kathleen Woods	Cell # 810-516-2631	
Mandatory Small Animal Meeting	Monday @ 10 a.m.		Dairy Barn
Pullorum Testing	Sunday, August 2nd 6 p.m.	All birds are required to be tested/ EXCEPT WATERFOWL	Poultry Barn
Barn Set up	<i>Sunday, July 19th, 1 p.m.</i>	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check in and Weigh In	<i>Sunday of Fair week 1-3 p.m.</i>	Poultry Barn	
Judging	Tuesday @10 a.m.	Poultry Barn	
Project Released	<i>Sunday 8 -10 a.m.</i>	Poultry Barn	
Barn Clean up	Sunday @ 8 a.m.	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- All exhibitors will be required to attend the mandatory Small Animal Meeting to learn about updates to the project areas, fair book changes, show schedule updates, cleanliness policy, red tag policy, and live and silent auction updates. Exhibitors are learning the responsibility of selecting, raising, and caring for their project animals. As part of their project, youth must also attend meetings to learn the rules of participation.
- All poultry exhibitors must show Showmanship.
- Poultry project guidelines:
 - BABY CHICKS:** Suggested 25 chicks, start records **not** later than May 1st, and continue for 4 months or longer.
 - EGG PRODUCTION:** Keep record of feeding, housing, and management cost on approximately 25 pullets. Suggested time- 3 months or longer, except meat birds.
 - BREEDING AND FLOCK MANAGEMENT:** Secure a pedigree male. Hatch 10 or more chicks from selected birds by either natural or artificial incubation or brooding.
 - ADVANCED POULTRY:** Complete management of pullet flock.
 - BROILER AND ROASTER PROJECT:** Raise 12 birds for meat. Select 3 of the same sex for exhibit.
 - TURKEY PROJECT:** Raise at least 10 turkeys.
- The American standard of perfection (its qualifications and defects) will govern the judging in the department.
- Each exhibitor is limited to 10 pens total. An exhibitor may enter only 2 pens of birds of the same breed per class. Each pen may contain only 1 breed. Three meat birds will be housed in one pen.
- All birds must be free of all parasites, including lice. Birds with parasites will not be allowed to be exhibited and must be removed from the grounds.
- Each exhibitor must furnish their own food. Feed must be stored neatly in a sealed container. **NO GLASS or CERAMIC CONTAINERS, NO BAGS.**
- Exhibitors must declare auction entries to the superintendent by 2 p.m. Monday of fair week. Classes eligible for the Small Animal Silent Auction: Production Birds; Standard Breed Chickens; Bantams; Pheasants (excluding Emus, Ostrich, Rheas, and Cassowies); Pigeons; Meat Birds; Turkeys; Ducks & Geese. For livestock auction eligibility, see Market Livestock #2 h in the front of the book.
- 6-7-year-olds may bring 1 poultry animal to exhibit in the showmanship class only(pending fair board approval). These exhibitors may not sell in silent or live auctions or qualify for championships. Exhibitors 5 & under may borrow a poultry animal to show in the Peewee Showmanship class.
- Exhibitors are to wear plain white shirts or plain white lab coats and dark pants. Dark jeans are acceptable.

1900- POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Class #	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
0004	Novice Showmanship 6-7 yr olds	Must be registered to participate	Ribbons and various prizes
0005	Peewee Showmanship 5 & under	Must be registered to participate	Participation Ribbons and Prizes

1901- PRODUCTION BIRDS

Class #	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Young females	A pen of 3 hens; less than 12 months old	
1001	Old females	A pen of 3 hens; 1 year old or older	
1002	Young trio	A production trio consisting of 2 hens and 1 rooster; less than 12 months old	
1003	Old trio	A production trio consisting of 2 hens and 1 rooster; 1 year old or older	
	Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Production Birds	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons

STANDARD BREED CHICKENS					
Division #			Breeding Pair	Female	Male
1902	American	<i>Buckeyes; Chanteclers; Delawares; Dominiques; Hollands; Javas; Jersey Giants; Lamonas; New Hampshires; Plumouth Barred Rocks; Rhode Island Reds; Rhode Island Whites; Wyandottes</i>	1000	1001	1002
1903	Asiatic	<i>Aseels; Brahmas; Cochins; Langshans; Malays; Sumatras</i>	1000	1001	1002
1904	English	<i>Australorps; Cornish; Dorkings; Orpingtons; Red Caps; Sussex</i>	1000	1001	1002
1905	Mediterranean	<i>Anconas; Blue Andalusians; Buttercups; Castilians; Catalanas; Leghorns; Minorcas; Sicilian; White-faced Black Spanish</i>	1000	1001	1002
1906	Continental	<i>Barnevelders; Campines; Crevecoeurs; Faverolles; Hamburgs; Houdans; LaFleshe; Laekvelders; Polish; Welmuers</i>	1000	1001	1002
1907	All Other Standard Breeds	<i>Ameraucanas; Araucanas; Cubalayas; Frizzles; Marans; Modern Games; Naked Necks; Old English Games; Phoenix; Saipan; Shamos; Sultans; Yokohamas</i>	1000	1001	1002
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Standard Breed Chickens		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
BANTAM CHICKENS					
1908	Modern, Old English	<i>Modern, Old English</i>	1600	1601	1602
1909	Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL)	<i>Anconas; Andalusians; Australorps; Catalanas; Campines; Delewares; Dorkings; Dutch; Frizzles; Hollands; Japanese; Javas; Jersey Giants; Lakenvelders; Lamonas; Leghorns; Minorcas; Naked Necks; New Hampshires; Orpingtons; Phoenix; Plymouth Rocks; Rhode Islands; Spanish; Sussex</i>	1600	1601	1602
1910	Rose Comb Clean Legged (RCCL)	<i>Andalusians; Antwerp Belgians; Dominiques; Dorkings; Hamburgs; Leghorns; Minorcas; Rhode Islands; Rosecombs; Sebrights; Wyandottes</i>	1600	1601	1602
1911	All Other Comb Clean Legged (AOCCL)	<i>Ameraucanas; Araucanas; Buckeyes; Chanteclers; Cornish; Houdans; LaFleche; Malays; Polish; Shamos; Sicilian Buttercups; Sumatras; Yokohamas</i>	1600	1601	1602
1912	Featherlegs	<i>Brahmas; Cochins; Faverolles; Langshans; Silkies; Sultans</i>	1600	1601	1602
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Bantam Chickens		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
PHEASANTS (Not required to be pullorum tested)					
1913	Pheasants and Peafowl	<i>Pheasants; peafowl; jungle fowl; guineas; ostrich; emus; and other birds not included in any other section. Please note—Ring neck pheasants may not be sold per State of Michigan laws.</i>	2100	2101	2102
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Other Birds		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
PIGEONS (Not required to be pullorum tested)					
1914	Meat Pigeons		2200	2201	2202
1915	Fancy Pigeons		2200	2201	2202
1916	Flying Pigeons		2200	2201	2202
1917	Doves		2200	2201	2202
1918	Partridge		2200	2201	2202
1919	Quail		2200	2201	2202
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Pigeons		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
TURKEYS					
1. Limit to 2 entries in this section					
1920	Turkeys	<i>Breeding pairs shall consist of 1 tom and 1 hen over 1 year of age</i>	2800	2801	2802
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Turkeys		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class Limit to 1 Pen of Turkeys		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
DUCKS & GEESE (Not required to be pullorum tested)					
1. Limit to 2 pens each of ducks and geese in this section					
1921	Geese	<i>Breeding pairs shall consist of 1 goose and 1 gander</i>	2900	2901	2902
1922	Ducks	<i>Breeding pairs shall consist of 1 duck and 1 drake</i>	3000	3001	3002
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Waterfowl		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class		Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons	
Best of Show and Reserve Best in		Top 2 birds in Show -		Grand and Reserve Grand	

1923- MEAT BIRDS

1. Meat birds will be judged on confirmation, finish, and uniformity. Birds do not have to be standard purebred birds. Date of hatch must be on the entry card by 5 p.m. on Monday of fair week, or birds will not be judged or placed on the auction roster.
2. Meat bird chickens must be between 4 and 12 weeks as of the date of weigh-in at the fair. Cornish meat birds must be 4-6 weeks of age.
3. Meat bird turkeys must be at least 4 months of age and market-ready for the fair.
4. Limit of 2 total pens of meat birds. However, only 1 pen of meat turkeys.

3100	Cornish Meat Birds	<i>Pen of 3 birds; 4-6 weeks old. Maximum weight 2 pounds each</i>	
3101	Meat Birds	<i>Pen of 3 chickens; 6-8 weeks old</i>	
3102	Meat Birds	<i>Pen of 3 chickens; 8-10 weeks old</i>	
3103	Meat Birds	<i>Pen of 3 chickens; 10-12 weeks old</i>	
3104	Turkeys	<i>Pen of 2 turkeys; 1-month-old to 12-month-old pens must consist of 2 birds</i>	
3105	Geese	<i>Pen of 2 market geese</i>	
3106	Ducks	<i>Pen of 2 market ducks</i>	
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Meat Birds		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class -	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons

1924- EGGS

1. Eggs are to be entered on Thursday at the time of the poultry show, 10:00 a.m.
2. An entry shall consist of 12 eggs, all of which shall be either brown, white, or colored and exhibited in cartons.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 3 dozen eggs.
4. The species and breed of poultry are to be listed on the exhibitor card.

Class:	1st – 3rd place ribbons offered in each class		
3200	White Eggs		
3201	Brown Eggs		
3202	Colored Eggs		
3203	Quail Eggs		
3204	Turkey Eggs		
Best Overall Dozen Eggs		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons

1925- EDUCATIONAL ENTRIES

Class:	1st – 3rd place ribbons offered in each class		
3303	Poultry Educational Poster-club		
3304	Poultry Education Poster-individual		



RABBITS, CAVIES

Superintendent:	Erin McIntyre	810-705-1585	
Animal ID Sheet	June 6 th , 2026	Return to Fair Board Office	
Possession Date	June 1, 2026		
Barn Set up	<i>Sunday, July 19, 2026 1 p.m.</i>	ALL CLUBS NEED TO BE REPRESENTED	
Fair Check in & Weigh in	<i>Sunday of Fair week 3-5 p.m.</i>	Small Animal Barn	
Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	<i>Monday @ 10 a.m.</i>	Dairy Arena	
Judging	Thursday, Rabbits/Cavies 9 a.m.	Small Animal Barn	
Project Released	<i>Sunday, August 10, 2026, 9 -11 a.m.</i>	Small Animal Barn	
Barn Clean up	Sunday, August 10, 2026, 9 a.m.	ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT and wash all their own trays and remove hay and straw pieces.	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors' expectations for cleanliness see Rules Affecting Animal Exhibitors #19
- Youth are learning the responsibility of selecting, raising, and caring for their project animals. Youth exhibitors are required to care for their animal(s); parents may assist when needed. As part of their project, youth must also attend meetings to learn the rules of participation.
- Exhibitors may enter up to 8 individual rabbits: 1 per class (for example, they may have multiple senior bucks but need to be different breeds) and 3 market projects. May bring 8 individual cavies and show 2 in a class.
- All rabbits and cavies must be owned by the exhibitor by the stated possession date; for animals under the age of 70 days, the doe or sow kindling the litter must be owned by the exhibitor by the possession date. Does in milk with litter will not be allowed.
- All rabbits and cavies must have a legible and permanent tattoo in their left ear.
- Rabbit and Cavy exhibitors are required to show in the showmanship class. The rabbit or cavy used in the showmanship class must be shown in another rabbit or cavy class.
- Use only ceramic or plastic crocks for feed or water bottles. No glass containers or automatic/self-feeders allowed. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding, and equipment—no locks allowed on cages.
- Exhibitors may have up to two animals of the same sex per cage, for cavies only.
- Carrying cages may not be stored in the barn.
- Exhibitors are to wear plain white shirts or plain white lab coats and dark pants. Dark jeans are acceptable.
- If you complete a record book, it will need to be turned in on Monday by 7:00 pm to the superintendents.
- Novice showman ages 6 & 7 may bring 1 rabbit or cavy to the fair (pending fair board approval). They may show the project in the showmanship class. They are not eligible for breed classes, selling, or champion awards.

2000- RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Award, Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Award, Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Award, Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Award, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
0004	Novice Showmanship	Must be registered to participate (6-7)	Ribbons and various prizes
0005	Peewee Showmanship	Must be registered to participate for 5 years. old	Participation Ribbons

2001- MEAT PENS

- Market pens will be judged on meat quality and uniformity of body type and weight. Classes of rabbits may be divided based on total weight.
- Meat pen rabbits are not to be over 70 days of age (10 weeks) with a minimum weight of 3.5 pounds and a maximum weight of 5.5 pounds each.
- Single Fryer rabbit is one rabbit not over 70 days of age as of show date, and weighing between 3.5 -5.5 lbs. A single fryer cannot be shown in any other class, nor can the fryer be taken from the meat pen.
- A Roaster is one rabbit that must be under 6 months of age and weighing between 5.5- 9 lbs. A roaster cannot be shown in any other class nor taken from the meat pen.
- A Stewer is one rabbit that must be 6 months of age or older, and weigh at least 8 lbs. A Stewer cannot be shown in any other class or be taken from a meat pen.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Market Pen of Rabbits	<i>3 Market Rabbits of the same breed and variety, as identical as possible</i>	
1001	Single Fryer	<i>1 Market Rabbit not over 70 days old</i>	
1002	Single Roaster	<i>1 Market Rabbit older than 70 days and younger than 6 months</i>	
1003	Single Stewer	<i>1 Market Rabbit older than 6 months of age</i>	
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit or pen of Rabbits	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons



BREEDING RABBITS

- Any breed with 5 or more entries will be shown by breed; all other breeds with 4 or fewer animals will show together in the corresponding purebred class.
- All 4-class breeds, the Class between junior and senior animals is 6 months of age. All 6-class breeds junior animals are under 6 months of age, intermediate animals are 6-8 months of age, and senior animals are over 8 months of age.
- Mixed-breed rabbits will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Awards.

2002- Breeding Rabbits- 4-Class						
1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class. Best of Breed-Each Breed (1 st & 2 nd Place from each class compete for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed)	Senior Buck	Senior Doe	Intermediate Buck	Intermediate Doe	Junior Buck	Junior Doe
American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, French Angora, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thriante Any other 4-class purebred	0300	0301			0302	0303
Best 4-Class & Reserve Best 4-Class Rabbits	Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex of Breed from Sections 3-33 Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons					
2003-Breeding Rabbits-6 Class						
American, American Chinchilla, Beveren Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon Crème D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox Any other 6-class purebred	3400	3401	3402	3403	3404	3405
Best 6-Class & Reserve Best 6-Class Rabbits	Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex of Breed from Sections 34-52 Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons					
Best of Show & Reserve Best of Show Rabbits	Best and Reserve Best 4-Class and 6-Class Rabbits Award, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons					
2004- Mixed Breed						
Mixed Breed	5300	5301	5302	5303	5304	5305

2005- PROGENY

- A doe and one of her 3-6 months of age offspring show together on the table for this class. Additionally, each must be exhibited in its respective breed class. Both the doe and offspring must be owned by the exhibitor. All breeds will show together.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
5400	Commercial Breeds (6 class)	
5401	Fancy Breeds (4 class)	
Best Overall & Reserve Overall Progeny	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons

2006- RABBIT SCIENCE

- All rabbit science projects are due to the superintendent by Monday at 5 p.m., during fair week.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
5504	Educational Poster-All ages	
5506	Educational Poster-club	

2007- RABBIT COSTUME CLASS

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
5600	Rabbit Costume Class	

CAVY

P2100- CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
0004	Peewee Showmanship	Must be registered to participate (5-7)	Ribbons and various prizes

2101- CAVY BREEDS

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Cavy Senior Boar	Over 32 oz and/or older than 6 months	
1001	Cavy Senior Sow	Over 32 oz and/or older than 6 months	
1002	Cavy Intermediate Boar	Weighing 22-32 oz and 4-6 months	
1003	Cavy Intermediate Sow	A 22-32 oz and 4-6 months	
1004	Cavy Junior Boar	Weighing 12-22 oz and less than 4 months	
1005	Cavy Junior Sow	Weighing 12-22 oz and less than 4 months	
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Cavy	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each cavy class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards

2102- CAVY PROGENY

1. A doe and one of her 3-6 months of age offspring showed together on the table for this class. Additionally, each must be exhibited in its respective breed class. Both the doe and offspring must be owned by the exhibitor. All breeds will show together.

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1100	Progeny		
	Best Overall & Reserve Overall Progeny	1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons

2103 - CAVY SCIENCE

1. All cavy science projects are due to the superintendent by Monday at 5 p.m., during fair week.

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1200	4-H Cavy Record Book		
1201	Educational Poster-All ages		
1204	Educational Poster-Club		



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

810-705-9502

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			

Superintendent – Robbie Kirkpatrick
810-705-9502

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



Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Gymkhana exhibitors will receive awards. There will be fastest time prizes for each age division. 60-second times for any DQs or no rides.

CATS

Superintendent:	Lois McClelland	(810) 346-3470	
Possession Date	April 1, 2026		
Animal ID Form Due	June 6th, 2026, ALONG WITH A COPY OF ALL REQUIRED VACCINES	Fairboard Office or Sanilac4Hfair@gmail.com	
Judging	Wednesday, August 12 th 6:30 p.m.	4-H Community Building	
Project Release	Immediately following the show.		

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Exhibitors may show up to 4 different cats/kittens. Exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class. Exceptions are allowed in the champion classes.
- Cat may be either a purebred or a household pet over 4 months of age. Pregnant or nursing cats and kittens under four months of age are ineligible to show.
- The Cat Record Book must be turned in to the Superintendent by Monday, 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.
- The following vaccinations are RECOMMENDED on their shot records, for all cats shown at the Fair: Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, Feline *Leukemia*, and Chlamydia psittaci. RABIES VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED per state guidelines; at least one month before the Fair by a licensed veterinarian. Any booster shots that fall within the month before the fair must be cleared with the Superintendent. **A copy of all vaccination records must accompany the Identification Form, due by June 6th.**
- All cats are to be brought in a well-ventilated carrier suitable for their size. One cat per carrier.
- Each exhibitor planning to show a cat/kitten is required to complete a Cat Project Record Book. All exhibitors are required to enter showmanship.
- Cats/kittens are to be shown with a collar and leash and are to be always under the control of the exhibitor. All cats must be able to be handled by the owner and the judge. All cats MUST have their toenails clipped.
- All animals to be shown are to be kept in the immediate area of the show, and it is recommended that they be kept in their carriers when not being shown. It is also highly recommended that exhibitors handle only their own animals and keep them away from other animals. Female cats in season are eligible to show and should be kept in a carrier away from the show ring. Other special arrangements will be made to handle the situation.
- All members are to be dressed appropriately and have their animal(s) properly groomed and fitted. This criterion is outlined in the "Cat Fitting & Showing" book available in the 4-H office.
- Peewee Showman may bring their own cat project. Must complete Peewee Record Book. May participate in showmanship & costume class.
- Judging criteria for cats/kittens in the breed classes will be based on the condition and beauty of the animal. Criteria may include the following:
 - ANIMAL:** Eyes clear and moist, ears free of parasites and dirt. Well-groomed shiny coat that is free of dirt, dandruff, and parasites, and clipped toenails. (NOTE: no penalty for declawing) appropriate weight (not too light or too heavy) and strong, straight limbs.
 - EXHIBITOR:** Dresses neatly and appropriately, handles cat/kitten in a proper and considerate manner, and answers any questions the judge may ask about cats and their care in a courteous, friendly manner.

2800-CAT SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
0004	Peewee Showmanship	Must be registered to participate. (5-7 yr olds)	Ribbons and Various Prizes

2801-CATS & KITTENS

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Female Cat	1 year or older	
1001	Male Cat	1 year or older	
1002	Female Kitten	4-12 months	
1003	Male Kitten	4-12 months	
Champion & Reserve Champion Cat		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each cat class	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Champion & Reserve Champion Kitten		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each kitten class	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Cat/Kitten		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each champion class	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ribbons
1100	Costume Class	8-19 years old	
1101	Cat Project Record Book	8-19 years old	Participants will learn how to care for a cat, including the costs of feed and housing, breeds, and other information about cat care.
1102	Educational Exhibit	8-19 years old	Poster plus report or other display that shows knowledge gained from the study of cats and cat care



Dogs

Superintendent	Jessica Adamczyk	989-551-702	jsadamczyk@hotmail.com
Identification Form Due	1 st Dog Show	Superintendent	MSU Extension Office
Show Dates:			
Judging	Friday, July 11, 2026 Set Up 1:00 Registration 2:00 Show Begins 2:30	Junior Handling Agility Record Books	Sanilac County Fairgrounds
	Saturday, July 12, 2026	Obedience Rally Obedience	Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds

Identification Form due to the Fair Office by July 6th, accompanied by:

- A. Proof of Certificate that each dog is up to date on D.H.L.P.P.C. vaccinations. Bordetella (Kennel cough) vaccination is recommended. If shots are given at home, proof (a dated label) of the vaccine used and the date of administration is acceptable.
- B. Proof of a valid rabies certificate
- C. Proof of a valid Michigan Dog License.
- D. Signe Aggressive Dog Policy

1. Cloverbud dog classes will show during the Dog Show immediately following or before corresponding classes
2. Each exhibitor must complete one Sanilac County 4-H Dog Project Record Book (2020 Format); 3 levels available: Cloverbud 1st year member, experienced member. For each dog exhibited (up to 2), the project Record Book must include a copy of the project Animal Information page for every dog. Record books are due at the first Dog Show.
3. Exhibitors are limited to showing two dogs. Each dog may be shown in only one class in each section. Dogs must be 5 months old for all activities except Agility. Dogs must be 12 months of age or older to show in Agility. If youth need to share a dog, it must be approved by the superintendent. Members may only show one dog in Handling.
4. The dog need not be purebred stock and may be any type or size.
5. All dogs must be trained and prepared for the show by the 4-H club member. No professionally trained dogs allowed. Club Members are responsible for all maintenance and clean-up of their animals. Dogs must be attended to or kenneled except when judged. Dogs must be kept in the immediate area of the dog show. The exhibitor must pick up all dog droppings. No dogs allowed in the show ring before judging. This includes no practicing on agility equipment. Agility equipment may be used after the show is complete.
6. Females in Season will **NOT** be allowed into the shoe barn. If females in season enter the show barn without permission, they will be disqualified for the entire day. Please notify the superintendent that you have a female in season so they can direct them to an alternate staging area and schedule them at the end of your class, or at an alternative location per the judge's preference.
7. The AKC obedience regulations will be used as guidelines and adapted to 4-H rules where conflict arises. A grooming examination will be included in the evaluation of 4-Her and animals.
8. **All trophies/awards will be kept until the conclusion of the Sanilac County Fair, where they will be on display during the week of the fair.**
9. Canine Dress code: Obedience and Rally require training collars or buckle collars and require a 6ft leash of either leather or fabric. Agility requires a buckler collar without tags. A 6-foot lead must be used for the Beginner Agility Class. Intermediate and Advanced Agility are off-leash. Showmanship requires a show lead. With approval from the Superintendent and Judge, alternative collars may be approved for use; this is only with pre-approval before the show begins, not at the time of the class. Grand and Reserve placing will not be rewarded to exhibitors with alternative collars.
10. Dress Code: Flat shoes, such as tennis shoes, should be worn by all exhibitors. Long hair should be tied back. Jewelry that makes noise or interferes with handling should be avoided. **Girls:** a skirt, culottes, or dress (no shorter than knee length is recommended). Dress slacks are acceptable, but modest dresses or skirts are preferred. Boys: dress slacks and a jacket or suit, with a shirt and tie or a turtleneck, are recommended. If at any time the judge feels your attire is not appropriate in any of the classes, it may reflect on your placement. Agility dress code: Modest athletic attire, including shorts at least fingertip length, not tight; polo shirts or T-shirts are acceptable. Athletic shoes only; sandals, flip flops, clogs, etc., will not be allowed.

Shows will be held in conjunction with Lapeer County 4-H. County participants will be judged and placed within their own county for awards. Sanilac County trophies and Record books will be displayed during the Sanilac County Youth and 4-H fair and will be available to pick up at the conclusion of the fair, along with all other projects.

WESTLEY'S BECKIE BEE GOOD MEMORIAL TRAVELING TROPHY

This trophy is sponsored by the Westley Family in memory of Westly's Beckle Bee Good. The trophy goes to the Best All Around dog member.

Selection is based on the accomplishments and citizenship throughout the year. Winner is announced during the Dog Show. The award recipient shall return the traveling trophy to the office by June 1 of the following year. Previous awardees are not eligible.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Exhibitor must be a current member of the 4-H dog project in Sanilac County.
2. The exhibitor must complete and exhibit their 4-H member record dog project book.
3. The exhibitor must show respect to parents, leaders, judges, and other 4-Hers.
4. Exhibitors should show sportsmanship both in and out of the ring.
5. Show consideration to others.
6. The exhibitor is caring and thoughtful of their dogs.
7. Completed in an Obedience class and a Junior Handling class at this year's fair.

NOMINATIONS: Open to all members who have at least 1 year of experience in the Dog Program. To compete for this award, a one-page essay on how you meet the above requirements should be forwarded to the 4-H Extension office at least one week before the show.

JUDGING PROCEDURE: Nominees shall meet with the judges at the show. The judges may base their decision on interviews.

DIVISION 1 – JUNIOR HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP)

1. Novice – Members in their 1st or 2nd year who do not have 3 1st-place wins at any match or show.
2. Open – Members in their 3rd or above year who do not have 3 1st place wins at any match or show.
3. Champion – Members who have 3 or more 1st place wins in any class at any match or show must show in the championship classes.

Class	1 st -6 th place rosettes offered in each class	
0001	Novice	Ages 8-11 Years Old
0002	Novice	Ages 12-15 Years Old
0003	Novice	Ages 16-19 Years Old
0004	Open	Ages 8-19 Years Old
0005	Champion	Ages 8-19 Years Old
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman		1 st and 2 nd place winners from each class
0006	Clover Bud Handling	

DIVISION 2 – DOG OBEDIENCE

1. All inexperienced exhibitors with inexperienced dogs at each level (Pre-Novice-Utility) show in "A" classes.
2. All exhibitors who have previously trained a dog at a class level or an inexperienced exhibitor with an experienced dog at a level must show in "B" class at that level (Pre-Novice-Utility).
3. The term "Experienced" means completion of any Obedience classes or competition in any Obedience shows, 4-H, or non-4-H.
4. If an exhibitor has shown a dog in an AKC Sanctioned Match or AKC Licensed Obedience Trial, they must show in the "B" Class. If they are showing in a more advanced class than the one, they showed in at a match or trial, then they may show in the "A" class.
5. Dogs with an AKC title must show in class where the title was earned or higher, regardless of the exhibitor's experience.
6. Qualifying score at the previous year's Fair requires moving up to the next level.
7. Limit of one entry (dog) per class in Novice and above classes. Limit of two entries (dogs) in the Pre-Novice level, Long sits, and downs may be combined or split as necessary to accommodate.
8. The Grand Champion Handler is eligible for the Small Animal Sweepstakes, and the Reserve Champion Handler is the alternate.
9. Cloverbud Obedience will use the Pre-Novice score sheet, with the judge's discretion of sections to be completed.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1000	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	8-11 years old
1001	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	12-15 years old
1002	Pre-Novice A (on lead) New Trainer working first dog	16-19 years old
	Champion Pre – Novice A	1 st & 2 nd place winners from classes 1000-1002
1003	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with new dog or experienced dog with new trainer	8-11 Years old
1004	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with new dog or experienced dog with new trainer	12-15 years old

1005	Pre-Novice B (on lead) Experienced trainer with a new dog or an experienced dog with a new trainer	16-19 years old
	Champion Pre-Novice B	1 st & 2 nd place winners from classes 1003-1005
1006	Novice A	8-19 years old
1007	Novice B	8-19 years old
1008	Graduate Novice A	8-19 years old
1009	Graduate Novice B	8-19 years old
1010	Advanced Obedience Class – Any above Graduate Novice	8-19 years old
	Highest Scoring Advanced Obedience	1 st & 2 nd place winner from classes 1006-1009
	Highest Scoring in Trail	1 st & 2 nd place winner from classes 1000-1009
1011	Cloverbud Obedience (Modified Pre-Novice)	

DIVISION 3 – BRACE

The brace routine will be done with 2 dogs tethered together with a brace collar. Dogs must be entered in an obedience class at this show, but neither dog has to be shown individually by the same member. It is recommended that the dogs be at the Novice or above level, as this is a Novice routine that does include off-leash exercises.

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class
1100	Brace-Novice Routine

DIVISION 4 – AGILITY

1. A walk-through without the dig will be done at the beginning of each class.
2. Exhibitors receiving two qualifying scores must advance to the next level of agility. Exhibitors may move up a level without qualifying scores, with the Superintendent's approval.
3. All Classes:
4. Handler/Dog first year competition in this level
5. An experienced dog or handler member or dog has received other training or competed at this level in the previous year
6. Michigan 4-H Dog Agility Manual can be referenced for more information.
7. Exhibitors may participate in 1 Jumps & Tunnels class and 1 agility class with each dog they are showing.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons are offered in each class	
1200	Beginner Agility A	8-11 Years Old
1201	Beginner Agility A	12-15 Years Old
1202	Beginner Agility A	16-19 Years Old
1203	Beginner Agility B	8-11 Years Old
1204	Beginner Agility B	12-15 Years Old
1205	Beginner Agility B	16-19 Years Old
	Highest Scoring Beginner Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1200-12005
1206	Intermediate Agility A	
1207	Intermediate Agility B	
	Highest Scoring Intermediate Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1206-1207
1208	Advanced Agility A	
1209	Advanced Agility B	
	Highest Scoring Advanced Agility	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1208-1209
1210	Cloverbud Agility	
1211	Beginner Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1212	Beginner Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1213	Intermediate Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1214	Intermediate Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1215	Advanced Jumps & Tunnels A	8-19 Years Old
1216	Advanced Jumps & Tunnels B	8-19 Years Old
1217	Cloverbud Jumps & Tunnels	

DIVISION 5 – RALLY

Rally is a sport that combines the fast pace of Agility with obedience exercises. The judge instructs the handler to begin. The dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (8-20, depending on the level). Each station has a sign with instructions for the next skill to be performed. Rally is to be performed with an obedience training collar and 6-foot leash for on-leash exercises.

Class:	1 st -6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1300	Novice A	8-11 Years old
1301	Novice B	8-11 Years old
1302	Novice A	12-15 Years old
1303	Novice B	12-15 Years old
1304	Novice A	16-19 Years old
1305	Novice B	16-19 Years old
	Champion Novice Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1300-1305
1306	Advanced A	8-19 Years old
1307	Advanced B	8-19 Years old
	Champion Advanced Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1306-1307
1308	Excellent	8-19 Years old
	Champion Excellent Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from class 1308
	Highest Soring Rally	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1300-1308
1309	Cloverbud Rally	

DIVISION 6 – DOG MISCELLANEOUS

Participant will learn how to care for a dog, cost of feed, housing, breeds and any other information pertaining to care of a dog.

Class	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class	
1400	Dog Project Record Book 1 st Year Member	8-19 Years Old
1401	Dog Project Record Book – Experienced member (2 nd year and beyond)	8-19 Years Old
1402	Dog Related Craft (limit 2 entries) To include but not limited to vinyl awards, dog toys, dog bed, etc. Include a 3x5 card securely attached to the project with a description to the project, steps taken to complete, time spent on the project etc. These items will be judged during the dog show on Saturday.	



ALPACAS & LLAMAS

Superintendent:	Ashley Schultz	810-404-4547	
Identification Form Due	June 6 th 2026	Fairboard Office or Sanilac4hfair@gmail.com	
Fair Check In	<i>Sunday, August 9, 2026, 12:00 p.m.</i>	Dairy Arena	
Mandatory Small Animal Meeting	Monday @ 11 a.m.		Dairy Barn
Judging	<i>Monday @ 12:00 p.m.</i>	Dairy Arena	
Project Release	<i>Sunday @ 8:00 a.m.</i>		

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Exhibitors will gain knowledge and appreciation about the importance of llamas and/or alpacas, economics in livestock operation, breeding, feeding, product, or management.
2. More than one exhibitor may show Llamas or Alpacas, but not more than once in each section.
3. Llamas and Alpacas must be wormed 1 week before the fair.
4. Llamas and Alpacas must be sheared before the fair.
5. Only Shredded paper or straw is to be used for bedding.

2900-LLAMA & ALPACA SHOWMANSHIP

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion & Reserve Champion Ribbons
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman	1 st and 2 nd place winners from Champion classes	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards
0004	Peewee Showmanship	Must be registered to participate (5-7	Ribbons and various prizes

2901-OBSTACLES

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Senior Obstacle	16-19 years old	
1001	Intermediate Obstacle	12-15 years old	
1002	Beginner Obstacle	8-11 years old	
	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Obstacle	1 st and 2 nd place winners from classes 1000-1002	Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Award

2902-FUN CLASSES

Class:	1st – 6th place ribbons offered in each class		
1100	Fun Class	8-19 yrs. old	
1101	Peewee Showmanship	7 & Under	



POCKET PETS

DEPARTMENT Pocket Pets

Superintendent	Theresa Helfrich	802-309-7445
Possession Date	June 1 st of the current fair year	
Identification Form Due	June 6, 2026	Fairboard Office
Fair Check In	Monday, August 10, 2026	9:30 am Community Building
Judging	Monday, August 10, 2026	10:00 am Community Building
Project Release	Immediately following the show	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. All exhibitors are required to submit a pocket pet project report for each pet, **to be turned in with still projects.**
2. Exhibitors will oversee supplying their own approved cage with a lid.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own food and water dishes
4. Animals must be free from any signs of illness or parasites at the time of the fair. Animals must be approved for health by the superintendent before being placed in designated areas.
5. Limit is three (3) entries per exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors must show their own animals on show day. If exhibitors are not at the show, their animal(s) will not be shown. No other exhibitor or parent may place the animal on the show table.
7. Dress code: All exhibitors must wear black pants, a collared white shirt, and closed-toe shoes/boots.
8. Educational Exhibits: Educational displays should include an educational poster and other items (natural, fabricated, or crafted) about the project. **Enter and bring the poster for the still project judging**—any subject about Pocket Pets. Standard poster side is required. Name, age, and Club Name need to be in the bottom-right corner of the poster.

REPTILES (Lizards, Snakes, Tortoises, and Turtles)

Class	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 Years Old	
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages -12-15 Years Old	
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 Years Old	
	Grand & Reserve Champion Overall	1 st & 2 nd Place from Champion classes	Grand & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0004	Cloverbud Showmanship	5-7 Must be registered	Ribbons and various prizes

AMPHIBIANS

Class	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 Years Old	
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 Years Old	
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 Years Old	
	Grand & Reserve Champion Overall	1 st & 2 nd Place from Champion classes	Grand & Reserve Champion Ribbons
0004	Cloverbud Showmanship	5-7 Must be registered	Ribbons and various prizes

MAMMALS

Class	1 st -6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
0001	Senior Showmanship	Ages 16-19 Years Old	
0002	Intermediate Showmanship	Ages 12-15 Years Old	
0003	Junior Showmanship	Ages 8-11 Years Old	
	Grand & Reserve Champion Overall	1 st & 2 nd Place from Champion classes	Grand & Reserve Champion Robbons
0004	Cloverbud Showmanship	5-7 Must be registered	Ribbons and various prizes

ALL POCKET PETS

1100	Costume Class	5-19 Years Old
1101	Pocket Pet Project Report	5-19 Years Old. Exhibitors report on their personal stories about their projects.
1102	Educational Exhibit	5-19 Years Old. Exhibitors Display information about the project.
1103	Pocket Pet Expenses/Record book	5-19 years old Yearlong record keeping on expenses & care

Best of Show Pocket Pet for Overall Champions

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendent:	Brady Sharbowski	810-404-5659
Registration/Judging	Sunday, after the livestock meeting, 7:30 pm.	Located in the Livestock Arena

Learning Objective: Livestock judging is the process of evaluating, selecting, and placing various livestock species by comparing the merits of one animal with those of other potential project animals. In 4-H, livestock judging contests are held to help youth gain a better understanding of livestock and develop skills in selecting quality animals.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- The contest will consist of one class each of beef cattle, sheep, swine, and a livestock management skills test of 25 questions. Each class will be composed of four animals selected by the livestock judging superintendent and the corresponding species superintendents. The livestock management skills test may include identifying standard tools, livestock breeds, feedstuffs, and other items used in the livestock industry.
- Scores will be based on a possible 50 points for each placing class and 50 points for the management class. With four classes to be placed and one set of questions, the potential score per contestant is 200 points. In the event of a tie, the highest award shall go to the individual with the highest score in the management class; if a tie persists, the individual with the most perfect scores per class shall be listed first.
- Contestants will be divided into five equal-sized groups before the start of the contest and must remain with the assigned group throughout the contest. Contestants will be given 8 minutes to place each class. Each group will be supervised by an adult leader, who shall collect his/her group's placing cards when time is called on each class. A packet of these cards will be distributed to each contestant during contest registration.
- Market cattle and swine will not be handled. If the market lambs are handled, contestants will stand in line and will be allowed time to handle each lamb individually.
- The official placings and cuts will be presented by the contest officials at the conclusion of the contest. Answers to the management portion of the contest will also be given at this time.
- The results of the contest will be announced on Saturday, preceding the announcement of the sweepstakes showmanship winner.

Class:	1 st – 6 th place ribbons offered in each class		
1000	Senior Livestock Judging	Ages 16-19 years old	Champion Ribbons
1001	Intermediate Livestock Judging	Ages 12-15 years old	Champion Ribbons
1002	Junior Livestock Judging	Ages 8-11 years old	Champion Ribbons

LARGE ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent:	Heather Howard	
Registration	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 8:30 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Pledges & Prayer	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 8:45 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Judging	Saturday, August 15 th , 2026, 9:00 a.m.	Livestock Arena & Dairy Barn
Presentation of Awards	At the conclusion of the show.	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each species (swine, sheep, beef, breeding beef, dairy, dairy veal, horse, and prospect beef) will have 3 youth representatives competing in Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship. Age divisions will be Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-15), and Senior (16-19).
2. The top showman from each species shall be selected to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship per age division. If an exhibitor qualifies to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes in more than one species, the individual will represent the species they qualified in first.
3. All eligible youth must commit to participating in the Sweepstakes by the completion of their species show. They must speak to their superintendent and complete their paperwork by Thursday at 4 pm.
4. If an exhibitor wins the Overall Champion Showman Trophy, they are not eligible to compete in Large Animal Sweepstakes for the remainder of their Youth/4-H career.
5. Participants for each species will complete a Sweepstakes form.
6. Each contestant in each age division class will show each of the species represented, in order to be determined by the Superintendent.
7. The Superintendent of that species shall provide the equipment needed for showing the species.
8. The species superintendent will choose all animals.
9. All contestants shall wear blue jeans, the sweepstakes t-shirt provided to them and leather soled boots/shoes. No hats permitted.
10. Contestants will be identified by number only.
11. If a participant has their own back tag harness, please wear it; those who do not will be supplied with one.
12. Scoring will be done by placing exhibitors 1-8; the lowest score in the division wins the division. Each age division will be eligible to become the overall sweepstakes champion. The panel of judges will determine the overall winner. Any ties will be broken at the judges' discretion.
13. Schedule and show order will be given to the participants in their exhibitor packs.
14. At the conclusion of the show, photos will be required at the photo backdrop.

	1 st – 8 th place ribbons, T-shirts, pizza	
Each age division		Award
Grand Champion		Grand Champion Overall Award, Traveling Trophy, and Belt Buckle

SMALL ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendent	Darcy Lipskey	989-550-3177 lipskey.darcy@gmail.com	
Registration	Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.	Dairy Barn	
Judging	Saturday @ 9 a.m.	Dairy Barn	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Each species (rabbit, goats, dairy goats, llamas/alpacas, poultry, covies (guinea pigs), miniature horses) will have three youth representatives competing in Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship. Age divisions will be Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-15), and Senior (16-19).
2. The top showman from each species age division shall be selected to compete in Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship per age division. If an exhibitor qualifies to compete in Small Animal Sweepstakes in more than 1 species, the individual will represent the species they first qualified with.
3. All eligible youth must commit to participating in the sweepstakes by the completion of their species show. They must speak to their superintendent and complete their paperwork by Thursday at 4 pm. Paperwork will be returned to the fair office. A binder with show guidelines for each species will be provided to each exhibitor, as well as a bank of potential questions the judge could ask during the sweepstakes contest. This binder must be returned at registration on Saturday at 8:30 am. If binder is not returned, the exhibitor cannot show.
4. Superintendents and participants will complete the sweepstakes form listing the exhibitor's name, exhibitor number, species, age, division, club/chapter, phone number, and shirt size. Exhibitors will sign to acknowledge receipt of the binder containing the show guidelines.
5. If an exhibitor wins the overall small animal sweepstakes trophy, they are not eligible to compete in the Small Animal Sweepstakes for the rest of their show career. Age division champions are still eligible to compete, provided they were not overall small animal sweepstakes winners.
6. Each contestant will show each species area represented. Order to be determined by the Superintendent.
7. The species superintendent will select all animals.
8. Equipment (halters, lead ropes, cages etc.) needed for showing the species shall be provided by the Superintendent of that species.
9. All contestants shall wear blue jeans, the sweepstakes t-shirt

- provided to them and leather soled, closed-toe boots/shoes. No hats permitted.
10. Contestants will be identified by exhibitor number for the entire show.
 11. Scoring will be done according to specie showmanship standards. Please refer to your showmanship binder for additional information. The highest total score will win the sweepstakes. Any ties will be broken at the judges' discretion. Each age division winner is eligible to be selected as the overall winner.
 12. Schedule/show order will be given to the participants in their exhibitor packets.
 13. Exhibitors will be recognized during the sale on Friday as a group. Exhibitors will receive additional information after electing to participate in the sweepstakes.
 14. At the conclusion of the show, photos will be required at the photo backdrop.

1st – 8th place ribbons offered; all participants receive T-Shirt		
0001	Sweepstakes Showmanship	Overall showmanship winners from each species
Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Awards		

All exhibitors, all age divisions, 1st-8th place ribbons

Each age division winner – Award

Grand Champion Overall Sweepstakes Winner – Award, Soft Shell Jacket, chair

PEEWEE STILL PROJECTS



Superintendent: Abby Bowerman

Judging *Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.* 4-H Block Building

Project Release *Sunday, August 10, 2026, 8:00 a.m.*

Animal projects will be judged on the date of their corresponding species, immediately following the corresponding classes. Peewee animal projects should be checked in with the corresponding species superintendent.

Peewee Non-Animals

Participation, safety, personal development, learning, and fun are the highest priorities for Youth Development in providing programs for 4 to 7-year-olds. Children aged 4 to 7 need to be involved in developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences throughout the year. Children in this age group typically are full of energy and willing to learn, and need educational materials designed for their specific abilities, needs and interests. In addition, activities and learning experiences should be geared to the informal settings offered by the Fairboard.

1. Classes in the Peewee Department are open only to exhibitors ages 4-7 years old. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Participation ribbons are provided for all Peewee exhibitors.
3. Peewee experiences are intended to be introductory. Each Peewee exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 10 non-animal exhibits.
4. Exhibits entered in the Peewee Department should follow the guidelines of the corresponding project area.
5. Exhibits in this department may include, but are not limited to, posters, coloring books, collections, photographs, and record books. Exhibitors should show progression in skills and interests each year.

Peewee Non-Animals

Division #			Class #
3100	Natural Resources	<i>Exhibits may include water, trees, birds, insects & spiders, wildlife animals, fish & reptiles, air, soil, shells, rocks & minerals, waste & recycling management, weather, wildflowers, recycling non-wearable</i>	1000
3100	Photography	<i>Exhibits should include 4 standard prints (4"x6") mounted, any subject</i>	2000
3100	Personal Appearance	<i>Exhibits may include sewing, knitting, crocheting, wearable art, recycling wearable</i>	3000
3100	Arts and Crafts	<i>Exhibits may include ceramics; paintings, plaques, sand or paint by number; jewelry, beads, or ornaments; wall hangings; counted cross-stitch; woodworking (kit or original); leathercraft; fleece; seasonal; drawings-pencil, ink, chalk; or any other arts and craft</i>	4000
3100	Collections	<i>Exhibits may include stamps, cards, postcards, coins, toys, or any other collection of items. All collections should be exhibited in a notebook, attached to a poster, or in an enclosed case.</i>	5000
3100	Plant Science	<i>Exhibits may include horticulture-a paper plate with one vegetable variety; floriculture-an annual flower, houseplant, dish garden, or other floral arrangements</i>	6000
3100	Food and Nutrition	<i>Exhibits may include 3 cookies, cupcakes, or muffins; posters identifying food groups; posters on food and preparation safety</i>	7000
3100	Animal Science	<i>Exhibits may include posters, notebooks, or records not otherwise listed in Class2 below</i>	8000
3100	Any other	<i>Any other exhibit not already listed</i>	9000
		Best of Show – overall Youth Arts & Crafts	Ribbon



Superintendent-Scott Thomas 810-710-1459
 All other Agriculture projects - Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12 p.m.-2 p.m., 4-H Block Building

YOUTH AGRICULTURE

Rules:

1. Members must include a completed Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
2. **Unless otherwise stated, 2 projects per division are allowed.**

CROPS

Rules:

1. An exhibitor may enter the class number more than once, but each exhibit in the class number must be different (i.e., enter twice in Class 1 Corn and bring 1 exhibit of corn stalks and one exhibit of corn ears.
2. All Exhibits will be housed in the 4-H Block Building.
3. Exhibitors must supply their own grain containers.
4. All exhibits must be harvested since the last fair, previous year fall crops through current year summer crops. A 1st-year member is not eligible to exhibit a crop which has not been harvested before the fair (i.e., grain from the previous year's crop).
5. A Crop Information Card must accompany all crop exhibits.
6. Stalks exhibit, i.e., beans and corn, should be tied together at the top, middle, and bottom, and have **roots removed**. Vines and stalks must be from current growing crops.
7. Grain may be exhibited either as sheaves, in a 1-peck box, in a wide-mouth gallon glass jar, or in 1 gallon zip-lock freezer bags. Sheaves for all grains must be between 24 and 30 inches in total length. Sheaves must be 4 inches in diameter at the widest point. Leaves must be stripped. Sheaves are to be tied at the top, middle, and bottom. Grain samples will be evaluated according to standard grain-grading specifications, including test weight, moisture, foreign material, damage, color, and uniformity.
8. Cured hay (Must be alfalfa grass mix) must be exhibited in a 4-inch bale slice that is put in a sealed plastic garbage bag.
9. Sugar beet displays must consist of 3 beets of uniform conformity, mounted with a single heavy wire (coat hanger) with the ends crimped. The tap root should be intact, and the root hair removed. The beets should have no sprangles or hollow crowns. Leaf petioles should be removed flush with the surface of the beet. The crown should be silver-dollar-sized or smaller and horizontal to the root. All dirt must be removed, taking care not to damage the beet's outer skin. Do not mount single beets exhibited in the largest single sugar beet.
10. The County Honor sugar beets will be auctioned at the fair during the Livestock Auction on Friday. The Large Animal Livestock Committee withholds 5% of the total sale price to cover the sale's expenses. The balance of the remaining funds will be evenly set aside for a scholarship fund.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
<u>Division#</u>			Class #	Class #	Class #
3200	Corn	Corn or Popcorn; Three stalks, ten ears, one gallon shelled, or Ten ears dried ear corn	1000	2000	3000
3201	Beans	Dry Beans or Soybeans; Three stalks/vines or One gallon or peck	1000	2000	3000
3202	Sugar Beets	Sugar Beets: Three beets mounted or the largest sugar beet	1000	2000	3000
3203	Grains	Oats, Wheat, or Barley or Rye; One gallon, sheaf, or peck	1000	2000	3000
3204	Hay	4-inch bale slice	1000	2000	3000
3205	Maple Syrup	Pint of maple syrup	1000	2000	3000
3206	Educational Display	Educational Display: The exhibitor will keep records and create a display of their knowledge and skills on maple syrup production, lawn management, plant growth, chemical uses in Crop Science, insect, weed or disease control, crops grown in Michigan and their uses, marketing channels of a crop from Producer to Consumer; must be an individual display.	1000	2000	3000
3207	Field Experiment	Poster or Small Display; Showing results of field experiment	1000	2000	3000
3208	Financial Record	Crop record sheet and summary with financial statement	1000	2000	3000
3209	Plant Collections	Twenty Mounted Plants; Crops or weeds and their seeds correctly identified; Seeds should be included with mounted plants when possible	1000	2000	3000

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

- Rules:**
- Participants will learn about agricultural safety and modern agricultural production.
 - Notebooks, posters, models, or exhibits that demonstrate what the participant has learned about agriculture education. The exhibit should demonstrate increased knowledge and skill with more experience.

3211	Farm Safety	The project may include safety working with tractors and equipment, handheld equipment, animals and livestock, or any other aspect of safety around the farm.	1000	2000	3000
3212	Agriculture Literacy	The project should demonstrate what the participant has learned about modern agricultural practices and production. Exhibit should provide the public with an opportunity to connect with agriculture, creating a pathway from the farm to the consumer. Exhibit should explain: How is food produced, how do consumers influence production practices, where are different crops produced and why, or other similar questions.	1000	2000	3000



Youth Arts and Crafts

Superintendent-Lois McClelland 810-346-3470

Judging: Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 – 2 p.m., 4-H Round Roof Building

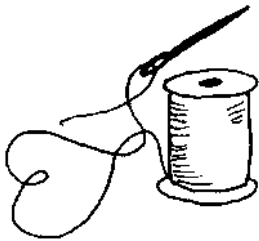
Youth Arts and Crafts

Rules:			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit. An exhibitor may enter up to three times in each Division in this department. 			Class #	Class #	Class #
Division #	Category	Description			
3300	Ceramics	Any of the following techniques may be entered in Ceramics. Please be prepared to share with the judge which techniques you have learned and performed. Stain; Antiques Stain; Under glazing, more than eyes, noses, etc.; Glazing; one glaze; Glazing; two or more glazes; Decorating Greenware; Air brushing; Misc.; Unusual decorated pieces, gold, metallic, jewels, chalks, dry brush etc.; Stain and glaze on same piece; Porcelain; Porcelain Dolls, Ceramic Dolls; Holiday Item. Bottom of the piece must be painted. Items such as mugs, cookie jars, etc. should be finished inside.	1000	2000	3000
3301	Sculpture, Pottery, Plaster Crafts	3-Dimensional Sculpture (carved from soap, soft wood, paper mâché, wire screen hardware, dough) Pottery, freehand original work; Pottery; Pottery with detailed work; Plaster crafts; 3-Dimensional Printers	1000	2000	3000
3302	Decorative Painting	It will be evident as the years in the project increase. Your report form should include what you learned and the techniques used. If a stencil is used, indicate if it was purchased or made by the member. Crafts Project Report Form must be attached to the entry card. Available mediums to use in your project: Wood, Fabric, using pattern or original design, Framed artwork, Rocks, China, Other works, Stencil Painting	1000	2000	3000
3303	Sand Craft	The Sand Craft exhibit must consist of a clear container with colored sand worked into a design by the member. Be sure to indicate whether you dyed the sand or bought pre-colored sand. Clear container of your choice	1000	2000	3000
3304	Block Printing, Rubber Stamping, Card Making	Poster showing a 4-step process like embossing, making stenciled cut-outs, etc.; Stationery – 3 decorated cards or stationery with 3 decorated envelopes; Note cards – 3 pieces decorated tri-fold card or on other folds with 3 decorated envelopes; Special occasion cards – 3 decorated cards with decorated envelopes; Three decorated bags, holiday, birthday, etc. Card with coordinating decorative envelope; Other – any other stamped item; Any other type of cards – not rubber stamped. All items include “handmade by” on the back, bottom, or some other location on each item.	1000	2000	3000
3305	Treasures From Trash (Recycling)	Make a functional or decorative item out of something that would have been thrown away. The report form should clearly show what the members did to make a throw-away item useful. Non-clothing or textile items, such as plastic, glass, or metal.	1000	2000	3000
3306	Metal Work	Tin punch, metal engraving – hand or laser	1000	2000	3000
3307	Jewelry	All kinds of beads, rolled paper, wire, fused glass, etc. Exhibit should include matching sets, or 1 larger piece, or multiple smaller pieces	1000	2000	3000
3308	Leathercraft	Beginner-2 small items demonstrating simple lacing and tooling (no swivel knife usage) such as coin purse, watch band, moccasins, etc. 2 nd year: add skills such as advanced lacing, swivel-knife use, and beveling. 3 rd year and beyond - 2 items demonstrating tooling, lacing, finishing, such as handbags, belts, holsters, arrow quiver, etc.) OR 1 or more items demonstrating tooling, lacing, finishing, and/or additional	1000	2000	3000

		accomplishments such as clock, saddle, lamp, bellows, belts, etc. OR 1 item not using premade pattern or kit			
3309	Paper Craft	Origami, Gift Wrapping, Quilling, Paper Tôle	1000	2000	3000
3310	Natural Materials	Stepping stones, Nature crafts, Corn husk dolls, raffia, wreaths	1000	2000	3000
3311	Candles	Poured, dripped, molded, iced, etc.	1000	2000	3000
3312	Glass Crafts	Glass Painting / Staining; Etched Glass; Mirror Art; Other glass art	1000	2000	3000
3313	Carving Crafts	Country carving, wood carving, soap carving, etc.	1000	2000	3000
3314	Scrapbooking, Memory Box	Emphasis on visual display. Minimum 2 pages added per year, judging by the current pages added. Entry should include captions/journaling with photos.	1000	2000	3000
3315	Seasonal Decorations	Seasonal decorations-Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc.; Wreaths (other than natural materials, such as fabric, etc.)	1000	2000	3000
3316	Any Other Crafts	String Art; Macramé; Liquid Resin; Decoupage, Glitter Plaques; Decorative bird house; Other works (Cannot be a project already shown in the above classes)	1000	2000	3000

Best of Show – Overall Youth Arts & Crafts

Ribbon



Youth Clothing and Textiles

Superintendent-Terry Bell 810-346-2401 or 810-705-0222 (cell)
Judging Clothing and Textile projects - Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 - 2 p.m., 4-H Round Roof Building

Needlework

Rules:

1. An exhibitor may enter up to three times in each Class in this department, unless otherwise noted.
2. If a garment on exhibit has two or more parts, these are to be entered together as one entry.
3. We encourage exhibitors to wear or use their exhibits, but they must be clean and undamaged for the exhibit.
4. Exhibits should be constructed entirely by the member—no purchased shirts, etc.
5. Garments may be in plastic bags if the exhibitor wishes.
6. Garments or projects that hang should be placed on hangers.
7. A completed Still Project Report Form must accompany and be securely attached with a safety pin to each entry in all sections.
8. If the exhibitor is **unable** to be here during judging, a 3"x5" card explaining how your project was completed **must be completed and securely attached to your project**.

Division #		Class #	Class #	Class #
		Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
3400	Beginners Construction	<p><u>First year</u> - Simple slacks, skirt, dress, other sewn article, simple tank tops or vests, aprons. Use cotton/cotton blend fabric only. No zipper or buttonholes <u>Second year</u> - Slacks, skirt, vest, dress, nightwear, sportswear, parka, game vests, etc. Use either zipper, buttonholes, or set-in sleeves, but not necessarily all three. May use some top stitching, these skills to be added to previously learned skills. <u>Third year</u> - Same as above but advancing skills and techniques.</p>		
3401	Intermediate Construction	<p>Four-six years of experience Sportswear, Sports gear, Nightwear, Daytime wear, Non-wearable; Using more complicated pattern and /or fabric.</p>		
3402	Advanced Construction	<p>Seven or more years of experience Sportswear, Outerwear, Eveningwear, Daytime, Lingerie, and Non-wearable costumes; or Wardrobe; consisting of at least four exhibits from above clothing categories. Example, Dress, coat, suit, formal, slacks set, etc.</p>		
3403	Buymanship	<p>See Guidelines for more information including budget. Exhibitors learn consumer skills such as the selection of apparel and coordinating wardrobe including learning about the person's coloring, design basics, and wardrobe planning. This will help with money management, by being able to combine a garment in several areas of your wardrobe. A completed still project report form must accompany and be securely attached with a safety pin to your entry. If you are unable to be present for judging a 3"x5" card must be attached with the description of project entry, number of hours required to complete your project, number of years participating in the project are and steps taken to complete the project. Exhibitors must bring all books and this year's clothing with them to the fair. For more information about the buymanship book please call superintendent.</p>		

3404	Recycled Textiles	Must include a before picture and description of original fabric use. A completed still project form and 3"x5" card must accompany and be secured to each entry in all sections if you are unable to be present at judging. Recycled Wearable Garment(s): An old garment or fabric made into a new fashionable design (i.e. Halloween costume, headband, hat, etc.); OR Recycled Non-wearable Article(s): Made from used fabric or used garments (rug, tote bag, t-shirt quilt, etc)	1000	2000	3000
3405	Quilting	Potholder; Clothing; Bed-sized (machine pieced and quilted, hand pieced and quilted, tied, pieced and tied); wall hanging; pillow; Holiday item; Table runner (machine pieced and quilted, hand pieced and quilted); paper pieced; another quilted item	1000	2000	3000
3406	Weaving	Baskets; Split, woven, coil, rag; Weaving; potholders, yardage, rugs, placemats etc.	1000	2000	3000
3407	Needle work	Counted Cross Stitch; Cross Stitch stamped; Embroidery; Chicken Scratch (Tenerife); Swedish Weaving; Lace Net Darning; Crochet; Hand or Machine Knitting; Items may include wearable or non-wearable articles; hat, scarf, slippers, mittens, stuffed animals, purses, potholders, Afghans, etc.)	1000	2000	3000
3408	Fleece	Blanket, pillow, hat, scarf, mittens, slippers, clothing, other (sewn or non-sewn)	1000	2000	3000
3409	All Other Fiber Arts	All other fiber arts not already listed-- Latch Hook; Stuffed Articles; Dolls and clothes; Purses; Wall hangings; Holiday items; Hooked rugs; Felting; Any other article: needle point, trapunto, candle wicking, crewel, plastic canvas, punch needle, etc. Natural Dyeing of natural fibers (ex. Wool, alpaca fiber, etc) Spinning – 1 oz of home spun fiber	1000	2000	3000
3410	Wearable Art	<i>A garment that has been embellished in some way including painting, applique, sewing, embroidery, tie-dyed, puff paint, liquid embroidery etc. May include t-shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, scarf, or any other clothing item. Exhibitor must be able to explain technique and/or process to judge.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3411	Clothing and Textiles Educational Exhibit	<i>Notebook showing progression of what the exhibitor has learned or poster on a chosen subject related to any Clothing and Textile topic.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3412	Any Other		1000	2000	3000
		Best of Show Overall Youth Clothing & Textiles	Ribbon		



Youth Communication

Superintendent-Linda Bombard 810-434-4844

Creative Writing – turn in projects at Fairboard office by July 28, 2026.

Creative Writing Judging Feedback Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 - 2 p.m., 4-H Community Building.

All other Communications projects –Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12 - 2 p.m., 4-H Community Building

Contact the Fairboard office to select a time slot by 5 pm on August 7th, 2026.

Youth Demonstrations

Creative Writing

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit at the time of judging.
2. Exhibitors will learn to express their knowledge and skills in written form, either as an essay, prose, poetry, fiction, or a relational original project.
3. All projects must be original work done by the members.
4. All exhibits should be presented in a neat, attractive manner. Entries should be legible and double-spaced. Title pages are not included in the minimum page count.
5. Creative Writing must be turned in at the Fairboard Office by August 7th, 2026.
6. Projects will be returned during conference judging.
7. An exhibitor may enter up to two times in each Division in the Creative Writing Class.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
<u>3500</u>	Individual Journalism	News or feature story demonstrating knowledge of basic journalistic principles. Minimum of three paragraphs.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3501</u>	Essay	An analytical discussion of a topic; includes an introduction with a thesis, a body supporting the thesis, and a conclusion, with a minimum of three paragraphs.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3502</u>	Poetry	Minimum of three poems; Identify form/s of poetry, i.e., haiku, sonnet, etc.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3503</u>	Music	Composition of words, words with music, lyrics, music score, or special arrangement	1000	2000	3000
<u>3504</u>	Fiction	A story that demonstrates knowledge of characters, plot, and setting, minimum three pages.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3505</u>	Miscellaneous	Personal essay, humorous essay, biography, diary, report, etc., minimum three pages	1000	2000	3000
<u>3506</u>	Cartooning	Strip, Emphasis on written word. Attach report form.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3507</u>	Play writing	One act play. Not more than 10 pages.	1000	2000	3000

Performing Arts

Learn to act out your feelings and emotions through pantomime, monologue, dialogue, plays, role-playing, improvisations, storytelling, street theater, dance, vocal, instrumental, solo or group demonstration, etc.

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
2. Sign up for performance time slots by contacting the superintendent prior to judging. Time slots are available on a first-come basis; all others will be worked in around scheduled performances.
3. Time slots will be 15 minutes in length. If your class allows more than 15 minutes for the performance, sign up for additional consecutive time slots.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
<u>3508</u>	One act plays	Performance time not to exceed 30 minutes. Props, backdrops, etc. must be set up prior to performance and cleared away after performance within 10 minutes. Script may be original or an existing script.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3509</u>	Solo or group Dramatic Readings,	Oral interpretation, poetry, monologues, duo and multiples etc. Performance time not to exceed 15 minutes. Material may be original or published work.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3510</u>	Pantomime	Performance time not to exceed 7 minutes. Props, backdrops, etc. must be set up prior to performance and cleared away after performance within 3 minutes	1000	2000	3000
<u>3511</u>	Group Vocal Performance	Must provide own accompanist or tape. Performance time not to exceed 10 minutes.	1000	2000	3000
<u>3512</u>	Solo Vocal Performance	Must provide own accompanist or tape. Performance time not to exceed 10 minutes	1000	2000	3000

3513	Group Dance Performance	Must provide own accompanist or tape. Performance time not to exceed 10 minutes.	1000	2000	3000
3514	Solo Dance Performance	Must provide own accompanist or tape. Performance time not to exceed 10 minutes.	1000	2000	3000
3515	Group Instrumental Performance	Performance time not to exceed 15 minutes. Entrants must provide own instruments.	1000	2000	3000
3516	Solo Instrumental Performance	Performance time not to exceed 15 minutes. Entrants must provide own instruments.	1000	2000	3000

Clowning

Gain skills and knowledge in preparation, design, presentations through the vehicle of clowning, either as an individual or group, with an emphasis on outreach with community service. All clowns must complete one community service performance, whether they are entered in class 205 or not. Community service sheets are to be presented in notebook form and will be seen by Judges.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
3517	Make-up and costume	Clowning evaluation form for requirements. Clown name and character, one walk around or individual skill (juggling, balloons, magic, etc.). Participated in community service during in past year. First year clown-one skill or gag performed Second year clown-one skill, gag, or skit. Must be different than prior year. Third or more years clown- at least 2 skills, gags, skit, improvisation performed. Must be different than any prior year.	1000	2000	3000
3518	Group skit	A group is two or more. A member may not perform in more than one group skit.	1000	2000	3000
3519	Clowning Projects	The exhibit must be something a member has made for her/his clown act or because of it. Examples: costume, props, clown history, etc. Individual entries only	1000	2000	3000
3520	Community Service	Each community service performance must be documented. Exhibit should include notebook or poster highlighting community service performances through photos, news clippings, invitations, etc.	1000	2000	3000
3521	Individual Skit	No more than 2 minutes long. May not perform in more than one individual skit.	1000	2000	3000

Presentation Skills

- Rules:**
1. Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
 2. Learn to express yourself through oral, body movements, gestures and visual presentation as an individual or team with demonstration, public speaking and /or oral interpretation skills.
 3. Sign up for time slots with superintendent prior to judging. Time slots available on a first come basis, all others will be worked in around scheduled performances.
 4. Exhibitors must enter an entry form.
 5. Teams consist of two or more members classed by age of the oldest member.
 6. Presentations may be, but are not limited to, illustrated talk, demonstration, and public speaking.
 - a. Public Speaking – may use notes; time limit for speeches is 5-7 minutes. Visuals aids (i.e. posters) not permitted in this category.
 - b. Demonstration – may use notes; includes visual aids and is action oriented and should show or demonstrate how to do something. Time limit for demonstration is 5-15 minutes.
 - c. Illustrated talk – may use notes. Visual aids are required. Time limit is 5-7 minutes. An illustrated talk is different in that you may use diagrams, charts, and other visual aids to show a process, as opposed to demonstrating the process.
 7. Total time limit varies depending on the type of presentation given. Please review guidelines available on Sanilac County 4-H website.
 8. Exhibitors must set up their own presentation and furnish the necessary equipment.
 9. Leave visual aids on display in 4-H Exhibit Building.
 10. Sample score sheets and expanded guidelines are available online.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
3522	Individual Public Speaking		1000	2000	3000
3523	Individual Demonstration		1000	2000	3000
3524	Individual Illustrated Talk		1000	2000	3000
3525	Team Presentation		1000	2000	3000



Youth Fine Arts

Superintendent-Trent Caulkins
Judging: Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 - 2 p.m. Round Roof Building

Youth Fine Arts

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
2. All paintings, drawings, and sketches must be matted on appropriate mat board or other surface (no poster board). All work should be presented in a way that protects it during handling and enhances its overall appeal. If more than one item is entered in one class, it will be considered one entry.
3. All exhibits entered in the Creative Arts Class must be original work by the exhibitor. No kits or tracings are eligible.
4. Work must be matted and sturdy.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to two times in each Division in this department.
6. If bringing a framed project, no glass will be permitted; it must be plexiglass.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division#			Class #	Class #	Class #
3600	Drawing, pencil, ink, charcoal		1000	2000	3000
3601	Sketching, pencil, ink, charcoal		1000	2000	3000
3602	Watercolor		1000	2000	3000
3603	Oil Painting		1000	2000	3000
3604	Acrylic		1000	2000	3000
3605	Color Pencil		1000	2000	3000
3606	Drafting, Computer generated art		1000	2000	3000
3607	Cartooning, drawing emphasis		1000	2000	3000
3608	Calligraphy	(must be original, pen and ink. No kits, stamps, markers, etc. A member may exhibit true calligraphy work in poem or short story. Only the calligraphy will be evaluated)	1000	2000	3000
3609	Other two-dimensional works	i.e. collage, sand painting, mosaic (no kits)	1000	2000	3000
3610	Collection in notebook	5 or more same theme and same medium	1000	2000	3000

Youth Photography

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must include a Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
2. The Member must have taken photos, prints, and movies since the previous year's fair.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed a maximum of 2 entries from each section.
4. If the picture is enlarged or cropped, its final size must be standard as indicated in the appropriate class entered. Standard sizes are 4 x 6, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10. All editing is permitted. However, if extensive experimental editing is done to manipulate the original picture, please enter Class 7 – Editing and Post-Production Techniques.
5. Exhibits may be black and white or color but must be uniform throughout the entry. Do not mix black and white and color for a class except in Editing Postproduction.
6. All photographs are to be exhibited on double weight white or black mounting board. Foam core is acceptable, but NOT on poster board or cardstock. Size of the board depends on the size of picture.
7. Mount pictures with adhesive on back of photos. No adhesive may be exposed.
8. Photographs, whether digital or on film, must be printed on photo quality paper. Professional processing at a lab is strongly encouraged. This applies to digital pictures too. Home printers are discouraged.
9. If bringing a framed project no glass will be permitted, must be plexiglass.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
3700	Four standard prints taken with film camera (color or black and white)		1000	2000	3000
3701	Four standard prints taken with digital camera Auto Focus (color or black and white)		1000	2000	3000
3702	Four standard prints taken with digital camera Advanced Manual Focus (color or black and white)		1000	2000	3000
3703	Four standard prints taken with cell phone, iPad, (color or black and white)		1000	2000	3000
3704	Single Color Enlargement (film)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x 10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000
3705	Single Black and White Enlargement (film)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x 10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000

3706	Single Color Enlargement (digital Auto Focus)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000
3707	Single Black and White Enlargement (digital Auto Focus)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000
3708	Single Color Enlargement (Advanced Manual Focus)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000
3709	Single Black and White Enlargement (Advanced Manual Focus)	<i>Enlargements must be 5" x 7" on an 8" x10" mount board or 8" x 10" on an 11" x 14" mount board</i>	1000	2000	3000
3710	Photo Essay	<i>Photo essays are groups of pictures, with a definite theme, and /or tell a story. All entries should consist of not less than 3 and not more than 12 photos mounted on the same matt board not larger than 16" x20". Photos must be at least 3 ½" x5" in size and sizes may vary if it enhances the theme or story. May include photos in sequence. Shape of photo must remain rectangular.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3711	Special Effects and Pre-production Techniques	<i>One print displaying technique(s) used during the shooting of the photo. This might include use of special filters and lens. Examples: A sports photo that shows an intentional blur, macro-photography, stop motion photo, underwater photo, time exposure photo. Exhibit must be displayed on no larger than an 11" x 16" mounting board. A written commentary must be included explaining the procedures followed to get effects on, or alongside the display. Include camera settings such as time exposure and aperture if known</i>	1000	2000	3000
3712	Editing and Post- Production Techniques	<i>One print showing film darkroom procedures or digital editing techniques. Exhibit must be displayed on no larger than an 11" x 16" mounting board. The exhibit must include the original shot, before editing and after-editing prints. A written commentary must be included. Describe processes and procedures, including any software, used to arrive at the end result.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3713	Photography educational exhibit	<i>Educational exhibits to educate the public about rules of composition, techniques, equipment, or history. Poster, notebook, display, etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3714	Framed Photograph	<i>One photograph that is properly matted, framed, ready to hang. (This is the only class where photographs can be submitted in a frame).</i>	1000	2000	3000
	Best of Show		Ribbon		



Youth Foods and Nutrition

Co-Superintendents-Sue Nichol 810-376-8201
Julie Sleda 810-712-2042

Judging: Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 4-H Round Roof Building
Dairy Foods Demonstrations: Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12:00 p.m., Round Roof Building

Youth Foods and Nutrition

- Rules:
1. Exhibitors must prepare their own exhibits; no family/group projects unless specifically noted.
 2. Food projects should be prepared without the use of mixes, pre-packaged pastry shells, etc.
 3. "Year of Project" for entries refers to the number of years a member has been in the specific food project (pies, dairy foods, specialty, etc.) This is not necessarily the same as a member's total years in the food industry.
 4. Exhibits **must include a completed Still Project Report Form & complete recipe** securely fastened to the project.
 5. Members must bring a whole pie, cake, casserole, etc., or the correct number of cookies, rolls, candies, etc., as indicated in the Class description for judging. Hot foods need to stay hot, and cold foods need to stay cold. (Hot needs to be at or above 140 degrees, and cold will need to be at or below 40 degrees.)
 6. Tasting of foods is at the judge's discretion. As there can be no certainty that sanitary methods were used during home preparation or that foods have been cooked thoroughly and stored at proper temperatures, it is not an expectation that judges taste foods. The judge will still take into consideration characteristics such as appearance, texture, information regarding the assembling of the exhibit, and what the exhibitor learned from preparing the exhibit.
 7. **Bring a paper plate and a Ziplock bag to display your entry.**
 8. No raw meat, fish, or poultry.
 9. An exhibitor may enter up to one (1) item in each Division

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division			Class #	Class #	Class #
3800	Appetizers or Beverages		1000	2000	3000
3801	Soup or Salad		1000	2000	3000
3802	Breads	whole loaf or three muffins/rolls) <i>Quick breads, muffins, yeast breads, rolls, biscuits; coffee cake with yeast; bread machine loaf; pizza crust</i>	1000	2000	3000
3803	Main Dish	<i>Meats, Casseroles, barbecue, Wild game</i>	1000	2000	3000
3804	Cake or Brownies	whole cake, <i>Pound cake, sponge cake, angel food cake, non-yeast coffee cake, Specialty cakes, etc – No decorated cakes *** See decorated cakes</i>	1000	2000	3000
3805	Cookies	<i>Drop, shaped, or bar cookies</i>	1000	2000	3000
3806	Candies	Exhibit 3 1-inch or larger pieces; 15-year-olds exhibit 2 pieces each of 3 different kinds) <i>Molded candies should be entered in Decorated Molded Candies</i>	1000	2000	3000
3807	Nutritious Foods	<i>Recipe and /or test in Project Report form must indicate changes made in a recipe or a special recipe; low fat, fat-free, low salt, cholesterol free etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3808	Specialty Foods	<i>Michigan farm products, foreign or cultural foods, early American (recipe pre-1940), decorative foods etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3809	Dairy Foods	<i>Overall recipe must include at least two REAL dairy products, milk, cream, yogurt, cheese, sour cream butter etc; Or homemade cheese</i>	1000	2000	3000
3810	Outdoor Foods	<i>This project includes cooking for camping, open fire, reflector oven, pit cooking, grilling or packed lunches. Packed picnic basket (with menu, table service, containers, proper storage); or one piece of homemade equipment, reflector oven; or exhibit describing a variety of outdoor cooking methods and recipes for a breakfast, lunch, and dinner using a variety of these cooking methods.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3811	Educational Exhibit	<i>Youth will learn and demonstrate the basic principles of preservation, preparation and related topics for current food and nutrition area, a notebook, poster and /or 3-D display will express their knowledge gained in this area. Experimental/substitutions; table setting; safety.</i>	1000	2000	3000
3812	Pies, Pastries	whole pie or 3 pastries) <i>Fruit, cream pies; turnovers, doughnuts, fritters, etc</i>	1000	2000	3000
3813	Microwave Cooking	<i>Any food item prepared exclusively using a microwave oven</i>	1000	2000	3000
3814	All Other	<i>Any food or nutrition exhibit that does not fit within any of the classes available in this department.</i>	1000	2000	3000

Food Preservation

Rules:

1. Each Exhibit must be labeled on the container with the exhibitor's name. Each jar or container should be labeled with date of processing. Label is to be prepared by the member.
2. Exhibits must include the Project Report Form, fastened securely to the exhibit. Recipe should include directions, how processed and how long processed.
3. Food must be sealed and in standard containers for the type of processing. Exhibits in non-standard containers will be marked down. Seals will be checked. Entries will be marked down one grade if they have not been processed in the correct amount of time or not using the correct process. Judges use the Ball Blue Book as their reference and every item is looked up. Note: all jams and jellies (except freezer jam) should be processed in a water bath.
4. Bring frozen foods in an insulated container to maintain quality. Pack an extra jar or two of your processed foods in case seals break during transport.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to one (1) item in each Division

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
3900	Freezing	<p><i>First year in project--Single container fruit or vegetable; or 1 jar freezer jam or jelly (enter Class5 if group project)</i></p> <p><i>Second year in project--One container each of a fruit and a vegetable; or 2 jars freezer jam or jelly, different type.</i></p> <p><i>Third year or more--Three containers of fruits and vegetables, all different (two fruits and one vegetable, or two vegetables and one fruit.; or 3 jars of freezer jam or jelly, all different; or Three Frozen Products not included above; examples – corn on cob, eggs, grated citrus peel, baked goods, desserts, frozen TV Dinner (you have created yourself) etc. Must be 3 different types:</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
3901	Canning	<p><i>Please enter all jars clean with rings screwed on</i></p> <p><i>First year in project; Single container fruit or vegetable; or Jam or Jelly-one jar, may not be freezer jam or jelly.</i></p> <p><i>Second year in project; One container each of fruit and vegetable; or 2 jars of jam, jelly, preserve, conserve, marmalade, or fruit butter – each different</i></p> <p><i>Third year or more; Three containers of fruits, vegetables, sauces, jams, or meats all different in uniformed pint jars.</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
3902	Pickled Products	<p><i>First year in project; One jar of pickles; Second year in project; Two jars of the following, each different, relish, chutney, catsup or BBQ sauce, sweet pickle, sour pickles; Any other pickled project: First year exhibitors - one jar, Second year and more exhibitors – 2 different jars</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
3903	Dehydration	<p><i>Note different size and type of container First year in project; One ½ pint jar of dried fruit or vegetable.</i></p> <p><i>Second year in project ; Two ½ pint jar of dried fruit and vegetable; Third year or more; Three ½ pint jars of dried fruit and vegetable – all different; Two fruit leather; wrapped in plastic wrap and placed in pint or quart jars; Three dried herbs; placed in ½ pint jars, all different; Two dried meats; jerky, salami, smoked fish, summer sausage, placed in pint or quart jars.</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
3904	Group Projects	<p><i>Jelly, conned fruits or canned vegetables processed as a group; exhibits come from the SAME batch. Must be canned NOT frozen. Each entry must have a recipe and directions. First year, one variety, Second year, two different varieties, Third year or more, three different varieties</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
3905	Freeze Dried	<p><i>1st year in the project: 1 item in a ½-pint jar. 2nd year in the project: 2 different items in ½-pint jars. 3rd year in a project or more, 3 different items in ½-pint jars.</i></p>			

Decorated Foods

Rules:

1. Exhibits must include the Still Project Report Form, fastened securely to the exhibit.
2. Youth will learn and demonstrate the basic principles of decorating foods and cakes using their skills and techniques for food preparation and visual enhancement.
3. Decorated cakes using star tip techniques are limited to the first and second years in the project. No tier cakes until 3rd year.
4. Use homemade frosting or prepared frostings. Gels are accepted. 16–19-year-olds must use homemade frosting.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to one (1) item in each class in this Division

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
Division #			Class #	Class #	Class #
4000	Decorated Mixes in a Jar	<p><i>Layered neatly. Attach a recipe card indicating the contents of the jar and directions for finishing the product, including any remaining ingredients needed and cooking or baking instructions. Cookie/brownie; cake; bread; soup; other</i></p>	1000	2000	3000
4001	Decorated Food	<p><i>Fun cakes, cupcakes, shaped cakes, cookie houses, cracker houses, gingerbread houses</i></p>	1000	2000	3000

4002	Decorated Molded Candies	minimum 3 pieces	1000	2000	3000
4003	Decorated Cookies	minimum of 3	1000	2000	3000
4004	Tier Cakes, 3 rd year or more in project		1000	2000	3000
4005	Other	Anything not listed previously	1000	2000	3000
<u>Dairy Foods Demonstration</u>					
Rules:					
1. Demonstrations should be 5-15 minutes in length, original and factual. All materials for the demonstrations need to be provided by the exhibitor.					
2. The food demonstration must include a poster with the recipe for the item being prepared. The recipe must use one or more real dairy products, such as cheese, milk, yogurt, butter, or cream. Please bring 3 copies of the recipe. The products used in the recipe are to come in their original packaging (butter in a box, milk in a jug, yogurt in a container, etc.).					
3. Dairy products must be one of the major ingredients for the recipe.					
			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
4100	Dairy Foods Demonstration		1000	2000	3000
		Best of Show Food & Nutrition			



Youth Personal Development

Superintendent- Courtney Mahaffy 810-824-7438

Judging: Saturday, August 8th, 2026

Teen Leadership project – Friday, August 7, 2026, 2-4 p.m. Fairboard Office; sign up for time slot
 Entrepreneurship Record book and judging – Saturday, August 2, 2026, 10 - 2 p.m., Round Roof Building

All other Personal Development projects - Saturday, August 2, 2026, 1-2 p.m., Round Roof Building

Personal Development					
Rules:					
1. Exhibitors must include a completed Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.					
2. Unless otherwise stated, 2 projects per division are allowed.					
Family Living			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
4200	Home Design	Participants learn about making the home more attractive, convenient, and comfortable on the inside and outside. Notebook, poster, or exhibit demonstrating what was learned; exhibit should include steps, before/after photos if applicable. Fun with home furnishings; Place mats, table setting or decorative arrangement, framed picture/s, display or poster showing use or purpose in home; Activity Centers; light plan for rooms; Home Improvement Suggestions; arranging furniture, room or house plan with furniture arrangement; Home Improvement Suggestions; color schemes for your rooms; draperies, curtains, lamp with color scheme; style period/era home design; Design a house floor plan.	1000	2000	3000
4201	Refinished Furniture	Refinished piece of furniture with story; Poster and notebook with pictures of refinished furniture if piece is too large to bring to Fair	1000	2000	3000
4202	Landscape	Participants learn about planning and designing a landscape. Landscape design should include consideration for climate, soil type, maintenance, plants, sun exposure. Design should reflect experience in project area and include more advanced features with age such as water features, structural elements, lighting, seating areas, barbecues, planters.	1000	2000	3000
Health and Safety			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
1. Participants will learn how to maintain and improve physical, intellectual, emotional, and social well-being.					
2. All entries in this Class may include a notebook, poster, and/or display illustrating what was learned in the project. Exhibitors should demonstrate increased knowledge and skills with increased experience.					
3. All projects should be accompanied by list of credible sources.					
4203	First Aid kit	Prepare a first aid kit	1000	2000	3000
4204	Anatomy and Physiology	Projects that explore anatomy and/or physiology of human.	1000	2000	3000
4205	Diseases	Projects that explore any human disease, treatment, cure, effects on society.	1000	2000	3000
4206	Safety and Emergency Preparedness	Exhibits demonstrating learning on safety, fire prevention, safety in the home, First aid, health, medical self-help, physical fitness; weather safety.	1000	2000	3000
4207	Conflict Management		1000	2000	3000
4208	Personal Improvement	Exhibit related to Personal Grooming	1000	2000	3000
4209	Childcare	Participants prepare notebook, poster, or exhibit demonstrating knowledge and skills learned about the development and care of children. Exhibit may include experiences within own family/home or children participant has babysat. Project may focus on any age Class: infant, toddler, child, adolescent, teen.	1000	2000	3000
Recreation and Leisure			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
4210	Sports, physical activities	(i.e. softball, bowling, skiing, golfing, basketball, tennis, etc) – prepare a poster, notebook, or display demonstrating what you have learned about a recreational activity. Topics may include, but not limited to rules, conditioning, strategies, or safety.	1000	2000	3000
4211	Camping and outdoor adventure	prepare a poster, notebook, display, or demonstration showing what you have learned about camping and outdoor recreation. Topics may include but are not limited to shelters, rock climbing, canoeing, caving, backpacking, hiking, survival, and safety.	1000	2000	3000
4212	Bicycling	prepare a poster, notebook, display, or demonstration showing what you have learned about bicycling. Topics may include but not limited to safety, maintenance, gear, riding maneuvers, traffic laws.	1000	2000	3000
4213	ATV and motorcycles -	prepare a poster, notebook, or display demonstrating what you have learned about motorized recreational vehicles. Topics may include, but not limited to safe operation, proper uses, selection, maintenance, troubleshooting, emergency handling.	1000	2000	3000
4214	Games	may include creating own homemade game or game/party kit including materials and explanation for use (at least 4 activities)	1000	2000	3000
4215	Hobbies and Collections	Prepare a poster, notebook, or display illustrating your hobby or collection. Be ready to tell the judge what you have learned through this hobby or collection. Examples may include, but are not limited to, jigsaw puzzles, matchbox cars, stamps, coins, and baseball cards. Hobbies should show growth, and collections should increase in size over each year.	1000	2000	3000
4216	Social recreation	Prepare an original ice breaker or social activity for a group; or assemble a collection of activities that could be used in a group setting, including ice breakers, team building, and social.	1000	2000	3000

4217	Travel and tourism –	Prepare flyers or brochures promoting local recreational opportunities such as camping, hiking, golf, swimming, parks, etc., or prepare a travel itinerary for a trip you would like to take, including proposed transportation, sightseeing, and lodging. Be sure to include the estimated budget. Or document a trip you have taken.	1000	2000	3000
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<u>Leadership</u>			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
4218	Community Service		1000	2000	3000
4219	Government and Civic Engagement		1000	2000	3000

<u>Life Skills</u>			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
4220	Career Exploration	<i>Job shadow, interviewing skills, and career planning.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4221	Money Management	<i>Consumerism: comparison shop and determine which product to buy, such as the type or brand of camera; Money in Your Life; Financial Plan showing completed activities or a special financial study.</i>	1000	2000	3000

<u>Entrepreneurship Project & Auction</u>			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
<p>In the entrepreneurship project area, exhibitors will design and produce a product that they <u>could</u> sell. An exhibitor participating in the entrepreneurship project does not have to sell their project in the auction.</p> <p>Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participants who are NOT exhibiting an animal in the live auction are eligible to participate in the entrepreneurship project auction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitors are not permitted to sell both a live animal and a still project in the auction. Participants may choose one (1) still project to enter the auction. The project is eligible for sale at auction if it receives a County Honor and an A rating in its project record book. Your project will be judged along with the project record book by the Personal Development judge Project record books will be turned in during project judging. The project record book must be completed in its entirety. Projects entered should follow the guidelines and standards of the respective industry and the established Fair book guidelines (ex., A basket should be crafted following appropriate basket-making techniques). It is each exhibitor's responsibility to recruit potential buyers for their projects in the auction. All entrepreneurship entries are due to the superintendent at the time of judging. Projects will be released to the respective buyer at the conclusion of the auction. Payment for all sales is due to the Sanilac County Fairboard following the conclusion of the auction. All money bid for an item will go to the respective exhibitor (except the auction commission 4%). Exhibitors are expected to write thank-you letters to their buyers. <p>The auction will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, before the livestock sale begins.</p>					

4223	Entrepreneurship Product		1000	2000	3000
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<u>FOLKPATTERNS</u>			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
<p>Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitors learn skills and gain experience in documenting the traditional cultural heritage of their state, their communities, their families, and themselves (i.e., interviewing and documenting folk traditions and historical patterns). All exhibits must be accompanied by a Notebook that gives information on a) the background of the project, b) why the project is special to the members, c) how the collection was gathered, and d) unique information that the member learned doing the project. Exhibit and /or Notebook must remain on display during fair week. Exhibits are limited in size and weight to be reasonably displayed. Exhibits too large for transport/display should include photographs. Guidelines and resources for this project can be found under the 4-H Folk Patterns Project on the County 4-H Website. A member may enter the class number more than once, but each exhibit in the class number must be different. 					

4224	Genealogy and Family History	Learn to collect and document your family history through family trees, photos, stories, interviews, and heirlooms. Adding generations each year to the notebook. OR Family folklore or history (traditions of your family). OR Cemetery study; learn about family and local history, customs such as naming children, and gravestone decorations and sayings (epitaphs); cemetery rubbings (dated before 1920) with information about the person in the notebook.	1000	2000	3000
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4225	People and Cultures	Discover people groups or countries, their world, nationalities, cultures, religions, history and more. Including but not limited to: folk remedies; celebrations, ceremonies, festivals, and holidays; children's lore (games, rhymes, stories, sayings); clothing and ornament traditions (dress, hair, facial painting, occupational clothing); customs around births, birthdays, weddings, death; dance; humor and jokes; music and song; narrative or written stories, legends, tales, or sayings; speech and dialect. OR Project demonstrating what was learned through: pen pals, hosting an exchange student (these may include international, national, state, or club exchanges). OR A country study, study of the United Nations, study of the Peace Corps, study of IFYE, study of international trade, or a copy of the World Food Prize Youth Institute paper.	1000	2000	3000
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4226	Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Lore	Stories and information you have collected from family and friends, books, field trips, and /or interviews from people who hunt, fish and trap. OR Folk skills or crafts; decorative and functional objects traditionally made today such as yard decorations, scarecrows, quilts or historical objects once made but no longer traditional such as candle dipping or soap making; medicine and remedies.	1000	2000	3000
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4227	Foodways and Heritage Gardening	Food traditions, recipes and heritage gardens. See Bulletins on Foodways and Heritage Gardening.	1000	2000	3000
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4228	Occupational traditions	workplace knowledge learned informally by word of mouth or by example; clothes to wear, customs, special sayings, slang, initiation rites, awards, jokes, and pranks	1000	2000	3000
4229	Architecture & Historical sites	structure, history, and use of folk buildings, such as barns and houses. Survey of a town or neighborhood. History of an old house, visits to historical sites. OR Michigan Barn Preservation Project: Learn how to document and preserve the history of barns, farmsteads, and the rural community. OR Pioneer Farming Display OR Michigan maritime lore (Great Lakes, shipping, lighthouses)	1000	2000	3000
4230	Local history	the history of a local community, place, landmark, person, or important local event. Use photos, maps, library materials.	1000	2000	3000
4231	Michigan 4-H History Project	Collect stories from leaders and members to preserve the history of 4-H	1000	2000	3000
4232	Any other not listed	See 4-H FOLKPATTERN project on the web for ideas.	1000	2000	3000

Record Keeping

Record-keeping exhibits may be turned in August 3-7 at the Fairboard Office to ensure judges have time to review them.

Judging will take place on Saturday, August 8, 10-12 p.m., in the Round Roof Building.

Rules:

1. Participants compile a report to show the development of qualities they have achieved to reach their goals, learning to successfully work with others, leadership skills, and record keeping of their activities.
2. Current year record-keeping means records kept for the year 2026 in one or more project areas. Cumulative record-keeping involves summarizing your activities for each year you have been a member and should include activities to date. For cumulative records, each year will be clearly identified with newly added portions flagged or indicated.
3. All photos, mementoes, etc., should be identified with a label defining their significance.
4. Project records may be dually exhibited with the project and also in the record-keeping Class (i.e., Beef record-keeping, horse record-keeping, computers, scrapbooking, shooting sports).

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-19
4233	Project Log Sheets; Still life projects.		1000	2000	3000
4234	4-H Member Record Book	(4-H -1192 Member's Personal Portfolio) current year only	1000	2000	3000
4235	Other Methods:	Captioned Photo Story on poster board, computer record, scrapbooking	1000	2000	3000
4236	Animal Scrapbook Story / Poster Story – Birth to Present		1000	2000	3000
4237	Horse or Animal Project Record Book		1000	2000	3000
4238	Shooting Sports Record Book		1000	2000	3000

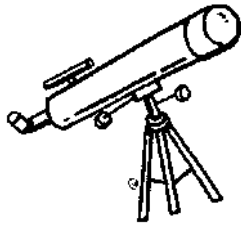


Youth Plant Science

Youth Floriculture					
Rules:					
1. Exhibitors must include a completed Still Project Report Form with each exhibit. 2. All flowers exhibited must be grown by the member, except where noted by class. 3. Bug-infested plants may be excused by the judge and prohibited from remaining on display. 4. A member may enter the class number more than once. Still, each exhibit in the class must be different (i.e., enter twice in Class1 Individual Flower Specimen and bring 1 exhibit of roses and one exhibit of annuals. 5. Flowers grown from bulbs such as gladiolus and dahlias are NOT considered annuals; these specimens are found in a separate class. 6. Alterations to live exhibit specimens are prohibited (i.e., paint, shine, etc.)					
			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
4300	Individual Flower Specimen Annual	Specimen over 3 ½" diameter, show one flower with foliage attached. Specimen under 3 ½" diameter, show three flowers with foliage attached. Flowers may be different colors. When a stem has more than one bloom, all specimens must be under 3 ½" in diameter. Annual Flower: OR Perennial Best specimen bloom with foliage attached Gladiolus OR Roses. Any other not named above.	1000	2000	3000
4301	Individual Flower Specimen Perennial	Specimen over 3 1/2" diameter, show one flower with foliage attached, Specimen under 3 ½ "diameter, show three flowers with foliage attached.	1000	2000	3000
4302	Garden Collection	Flower Display: A poster or report describing any flower subject related to the growing /cultivating of flowers with specimen bloom(s) with foliage attached. (See specimen guidelines class 100) Recommended for third year and older; OR Garden Bouquet or Collection; Five or more different varieties, including foliage, not to exceed 4 stems of one variety. Annuals and/or perennials may be used.	1000	2000	3000
4303	Flower Arrangement	Please specify to judge if you are using all homegrown flowers or purchased flowers Flower arrangement, using home grown flowers; OR Flower arrangement, using fresh purchased flowers; OR Dried flower arrangements; OR Corsage; Using natural flowers and /or dried materials; OR Plaque From Dried Materials (flowers, pods, seeds, etc); OR Seasonal / Holiday Decoration; Using fresh or dried materials; OR Wild and Weedy Arrangement; use weeds /wildflowers (i.e. Queen Anne's Lace,) alone or with traditional garden flowers; or Wreaths	1000	2000	3000
4304	Ornamentals	Ornamentals: One plant grown by members, including trees, shrubs, nursery stock, roses, and other living plants in a pot. Can be accented with fresh, silk, or fiber material; or Decorative Ornamental Arrangement; Using ornamentals such as ornamental corn, gourds etc. or dried materials; winter bouquet	1000	2000	3000
4305	Container Garden	Container Garden or Hanging Basket of Annuals; OR Porch Box, one kind of specimen or collection of specimens.	1000	2000	3000
4306	Indoor Gardening	The exhibitor should specify on the attached entry tag or card the length of time plants have been growing while in the Member's possession. One houseplant, a flowering or foliage plant that can live in a house year-round. Members must have cared for the exhibit for at least three months; OR Indoor Bulb, Corn, Tubers, etc. One pot; OR Dish Garden / Planter /Terrarium. Member must have cared for exhibit for at least three months; OR Cactus Dish Garden; Member must have cared for exhibit for at least three months; OR Cactus, minimum of 5 varieties, Member must have cared for exhibit for at least three months; OR Succulent Collection, minimum of 5 varieties. The member must have cared for the exhibit for at least three months.	1000	2000	3000
4307	Silk Flowers	All arrangements must use a minimum of 2 /3 silk flowers; Arrangements may be: Topiary; Bud Vase arrangement; Corsage; Wall hanging / plaque; Wedding; Holiday Decoration; Arrangement in Kitchen Container; Arrangement in Fruit or Gourds; Miniature Arrangement – under 3 X6"; Basket Arrangement, 3 – 6 varieties of flowers; Basket Arrangement, 7 or more varieties of flowers; Arrangement for buffet, mantel or dining table; Novelty Arrangement	1000	2000	3000
4308	Educational Exhibit	Educational Exhibit; Single member exhibit, consists of notebook or poster display on propagation, pruning, mulching, marketing, bedding plants, forcing twigs, sequence of flowering hotbeds, indoor greenhouses, collection of pressed specimens of flower, shrubs, ornamental or landscape; OR Display and Poster relating to indoor gardening project; or display or poster showing what the member has learned about soil, seeds, climate, etc. pertaining to their project; or exhibit showing before and after progress of landscaping project.	1000	2000	3000

Youth Horticulture

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
4400	Vegetables	<i>Judging on the boxes of vegetables will be based on the quality of the vegetables. Exhibitors should try to arrange vegetables neatly in the box. First-year members should exhibit one variety of one kind of vegetable on a 9-inch plate. Second year member should exhibit a box of at least 3 kinds of vegetables (specimens must be of same variety) Third year member should exhibit a box of at least 6 types of vegetables (specimens must be of same variety)</i>	1000	2000	3000
4401	Heirloom Garden	<i>All entries in this Class must be grown using heirloom varieties. Label all exhibits with variety. Follow 4-H Bulletin 1175 for number, size, and preparation of specimens. One kind of vegetable on 9-inch plate: Beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, onions, parsnips, potatoes, pumpkin, squash, tomatoes, turnips, or any other vegetable. OR largest heirloom variety pumpkin (Connecticut Field) OR Basket of vegetables (6 or more kinds of vegetables attractively displayed).</i>	1000	2000	3000
4402	Fruits and Nuts	<i>Exhibit five specimens of apples, pears, or peaches or four bunches of grapes or six specimens of plums or one quart of berries. One quart of nuts</i>	1000	2000	3000
4403	Fun with Vegetables	<i>All vegetables in Class must be home grown. Scale on site for weight Largest Potato, by weight; Largest hard stem Pumpkin, by weight; Largest Watermelon, by weight; Largest Summer Squash, by weight Largest Winter Squash, by weight; Largest cabbage head, by weight; OR Vegetable Oddities, unusual or odd shaped. May exhibit more than one; OR Vegetable Creation--Make animals, faces, people etc. out of vegetables. No craved vegetables but be creative. Judged on originality and workmanship. Jack-O-Lantern cut or painted from real pumpkin.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4404	Herbs	<i>Medicinal or Culinary, see 4-H Bulletin 1516 for exhibit help and guidelines. All specimens must be grown by member One variety, labeled, a bunch with five sprigs, six inches long on a plate; Or Best container of five or more kinds of herbs, fresh cut; may be in water is container if hidden in display; OR Best display of dried herbs. Five or more kinds, culinary and /or medicinal; OR Best container of potted herbs; Five or more varieties of one kind of herb, must be labeled. May be culinary and/ or medicinal; OR Best container of potted herbs; Five or more kinds of herbs, must be labeled. May be culinary or medicinal; OR Medicinal Herbs; creams and capsules. Small basket with at least 5 bulbs garlic.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4405	Wheelbarrow exhibit.	<i>Best arrangement of 10 or more fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs, or other farm crops attractively displayed in a wheelbarrow. Cut herbs may be used as greenery and kept fresh with hidden vials of water. Arrangement may be made using heirloom or non-heirloom vegetables</i>	1000	2000	3000
4406	Scarecrow	<i>Judged based on creativity, originality, and construction.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4407	Educational, Experimental, and Plant Science Exhibit	<i>The Exhibitor will gain fundamental knowledge and skills in horticulture and develop an exhibit that utilizes experimental and plant science topics. Experimental Projects including variety, comparisons, fertilizer trials, pesticide trials, mulching trials, irrigation trials, and pollution studies; Plant Science; containers, mini-gardens, or plant collections such as pressed specimens and /or collection of seeds of vegetables. Propagation experiment: experimental or innovative exhibits are welcome. Actual display of project or experiment will judge; Educational; Show seed germination, show parts of seeds, Show before and after photo of home landscaping with vegetables and herbs. Heirloom vegetables educational notebook, exhibit, or display.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4408	Fairy Garden Exhibits	<i>The exhibitor should specify on the attached entry tag or card the length of time plants have been growing while in the Member's possession. Exhibitor must have cared for the exhibit for at least three months; Succulent Collection, minimum of 3 varieties. The member must have cared for the exhibit for at least three months.</i>	1000	2000	3000
		Best of Show Youth Horticulture			



Youth Science, Technology & Engineering

Superintendent- Lester Gerstenberger
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All other Science, Technology, and Engineering projects – Saturday, August 8, 2026, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Community Building

Youth Sciences

Rules:

1. Exhibitors must include a completed Still Project Report Form with each exhibit.
2. Unless otherwise stated 2 projects per class is allowed.

Science Fair

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4500	Science Fair	<i>Experiment or investigation in any science related topic, with notes, poster, display to demonstrate use of process of science including inquiry, hypothesis, methods, and results.</i>	1000	2000	3000

Aerospace

Rules:

1. Gain fundamental knowledge of aerospace concepts including construction, principles, and applications. No kits are allowed.
2. A flight record of three flights is required for maximum points.
3. Rocket engines are prohibited at model judging.
4. First year may only use plastic fins on rockets.
5. Models are to be finished for display according to skill level, ability and year in project.
6. A display stand with safety camp may be used, but not required.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4501	Kite	<i>Exhibitor's own creation of a lightweight framework constructed of any non-hazardous material designed to fly in a steady breeze at the end of a string.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4502	Model Rocket		1000	2000	3000
4503	Rocket Launch	<i>Exhibitors will launch after registration. Three launches will be necessary for points awarded. Repair to damage rockets may be made on site. Alternate rockets to replace lost rockets are acceptable. Bring your own launching supplies and repair kit. A launching pad will be provided. All safety rules will be in effect.</i>	1000	2000	3000

Animal & Veterinary Sciences

Rules:

1. The exhibitor will record and display their knowledge and skills of animal and/or veterinary medicine field. Exhibits may focus on small animals, pets, livestock, large animals, dairy, equine, or exotic animals.
2. The Veterinary Science project can introduce both rural and urban youth to the board scope of veterinary medicine. Exhibitors can learn about basic animal anatomy, physiology, sanitation and causes of disease and immunology. This project is for exhibitors who are already enrolled in a live animal project area and for those who don't own an animal or are involved in an animal project.
3. Exhibitors should choose to develop an educational presentation that demonstrates knowledge in one of the areas such as animal anatomy, physiology, sanitation, causes of diseases, immunology, etc. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to – body structure (bones, organs, etc.), breed characteristics, disease prevention, disease control, grooming, health management (immunizations, parasites, first aid, etc.), management (facilities, waste), nutrition and feeding, reproduction, genetics, animal safety, etc.
4. All exhibits must be science related, not grooming, showmanship, etc. Ideas for exhibits include but are not limited to – make a skeleton out of polymer clay, prepare a series of preserved embryos to demonstrate embryo development, make papier-mâché organs, etc.
5. All material must be referenced.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4504	Poster/Notebook/Display – Anatomy and Physiology		1000	2000	3000
4505	Poster/Notebook/Display – Diseases of Animal		1000	2000	3000
4506	Poster/Notebook/Display – World Influence on Animal Health		1000	2000	3000
4507	Poster/Notebook/Display – Animal Nutrition		1000	2000	3000
4508	Poster/Notebook/Display – Genetics		1000	2000	3000
4509	Embryology		1000	2000	3000
4510	Poster/Notebook/Display – Any other topic related to veterinary science		1000	2000	3000

Computers

Rules:

1. Exhibitors will learn and express their skills and knowledge of various computer applications and demonstrate them in the levels learned.
2. Exhibitors are expected to progress on a year-to-year basis and be able to demonstrate greater skill levels as they move through novice to more experienced levels.

3. Exhibitors may exhibit in more than one section. Exhibitors are encouraged to base the exhibit on using computers as a tool to showcase their project work (examples include maintain records of pedigrees, records of exhibitors' participation and achievements, tracking costs of projects, predicting profit or loss, preparing exhibits in other areas like record keeping or creative writing, etc)						
4. Exhibitors need to save projects on a USB jump drive. Exhibitor can bring their own laptop to display projects. A laptop with MS Windows and MS Office, Internet Explorer, and USB Ports available at judging.						
				Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4511	Word Processing / Desktop Publishing	<i>Create, edit, save, and print a simple document; examples include letter to a friend or relative, a thank you letter to a buyer or ribbon sponsor, a buyer solicitation letter, a letter to 4-H Council, etc. Use paragraphing, tabs, spell check, etc. Create a document using more advanced features such as macros, math footnotes, running headers/footers, etc. Do a mail merge or import graphic into a file, create a newsletter or brochure.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4512	Spreadsheet	<i>Create, edit, save, retrieve and print a spreadsheet using simple math calculations, for example a table of math problems; create a document using formulas, special functions and sample macros, for example livestock expense records Use more complex macros in a spreadsheet; create graphs, create a balance sheet or home finance spreadsheet.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4513	Database	<i>Create, edit, save, and retrieve a simple database file. Create and print a report listing all database records. Demonstrate use of data queries; create and print data entry records and complex records; create data entry application; create multi-table forms and reports.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4514	Presentation	<i>PowerPoint, Prezi, Pow-toons</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4515	Webpage	<i>Design webpage</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4516	Graphics / Paint Programs	<i>Create, edit, save and print a simple drawing, diagram or illustration; for example, a promotional flyer to recruit new members into your club, an informational flyer about a specific flyer; a drawing to represent your 4-H project, a poster, an award, a calendar of events, etc. CAD, Paint, Draw – Create and print a more complex diagram, drawing or illustration</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4517	Programming	<i>Display system, language, and program disk plus printout of software program developed by exhibitor.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4518	Multiple Computer Functions	<i>Exhibit demonstrates knowledge and use of two or more of the above sections (i.e. develop web site, power point presentation, draw a picture and import it into a word processing document, etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4519	Miscellaneous / other	<i>Suggestions include: poster or report on the glossary of computer terms; the parts of the computer or the history of computers uses and applications of computers; a computer-related field trip to a business or library; computer careers (ID at least 10 different types of computer jobs, explaining what each does, entry salary range, and academic qualifications); the future of computers; how to design /develop a website or personal page, etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
WELDING AND BRAZING						
Rules:						
1. Participants will learn the proper materials, metal and welding rod, to use in welding and what welds are required for the job being performed as they advance in the project.						
2. If a project is permanently stationed or too big to bring to the fair, take pictures throughout the project, showing step by step progress.						
Class:				Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
4600	Apprentice	<i>Beginners, with 2 or less years of experience. 2 articles (4-6 inches long) demonstrating welding or brazing; including at least 1 of these techniques: lap weld, T-weld, butt weld, bridge weld, bridge weld without using rod.</i>	1000	2000	3000	
4601	Handyman	<i>Novice, with 3-5 years of experience. 2 small articles or 1 larger article demonstrating welding or brazing; use 2 or more techniques: lap weld, T-weld, butt weld, bridge weld, bridge weld without using rod.</i>		2000	3000	
4602	Craftsman	<i>Advance, with 6 or more years of experience. 2 small articles or 1 larger article demonstrating more advanced skills over apprentice and handyman exhibitors.</i>		2000	3000	
4603	Educational Display	<i>Poster or other educational display demonstrating what you have learned about welding and brazing</i>	1000	2000	3000	
Engineering						
Rules:						
1. The exhibitor will gain fundamental knowledge of electrical science, engines, and the principles and applications.						
2. All engines must be mounted on a base. Chain saws and power saws must have blades removed for safety. All engines repaired should run.						
				Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4700	Electrician, Electronics, and Electrical Science	<i>Electrician -- 1 or 2 articles from list, showing increased skills each year. Make a circuit board; identify household or homestead electrical hazards; create an exhibit or poster about wire size and/or type, current carrying capacity, lighting, grounding, the parts of an extension cord or trouble light, or safety; make a magnetic powered flashlight; repair an extension cord or trouble light by replacing the cord, plug, connector body, or socket handle; build an extension cord using all new parts; build an</i>	1000	2000	3000	

		<i>incandescent trouble light using all new parts; build a new fluorescent trouble light using all new parts; make a lamp. Electronics – Build 1 or 2 articles from list, showing increased skills each year. Multi-meter (VOM, TVM, VTVM); Power supply-battery eliminator; Signal generator; Power amplifiers (Monaural, stereo); Receivers (AM Radio, AM/FM Radio); Amateur Operators (Code build practice oscillator and learn to use; Build receiver to learn code; Get Novice license; Build keyer; Transmitter; Build Grid Dip Meter; Build Standing Wave Radio Meter; Build Voice Operated Microphone); Build Burglar Alarm System. Electrical Science -- Exhibit article made or educational exhibit, written report of what was learned about electrical subject with pictures or diagrams illustrating such; OR Exhibit Article Repaired.</i>			
4701	Automotive	<i>Participants will learn the maintenance of an automobile, safety, what signs on the road mean, cost of operating, and general information of the variety of cars available. The exhibit should consist of a poster, notebook, or educational display demonstrating what the exhibitor has learned. Exhibits should reflect increased skills or knowledge each year. Safety (highway safety, signage, identifying hazards, traffic laws); Parts of the car and how they work (engine, transmission, brakes, fuel system, radiator and cooling, tires, suspension, electrical system); Automobile repair or maintenance (oil change, safety inspection, changing tire); Internal combustion process; Ownership (car costs, insurance, buying a car)</i>	1000	2000	3000
4702	Small Engines	<i>Participants will learn the basics of operating an engine and the different types of engines, their uses, and maintenance. Exhibitors should demonstrate increased skills or knowledge each year. Small engines include lawn mowers, chain saws, antique engines, or other 2, 4, 6, or 8 stroke engines (engine size increases with age/experience); tractor, truck, or automobile engine allowed for experienced exhibitor. The exhibit should consist of poster, notebook, educational display, or repaired engines (no gasoline allowed in tank). Exhibit may include display of engine parts or tools used, mounted engine with parts identified, or repair chart with parts and procedures used.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4703	Robotics	<i>Junk Drawer, Lego, EV3</i>	1000	2000	3000
4704	Models	<i>Legos; K'Nex; Models- Doll houses, cars, planes, boat, etc.</i>	1000	2000	3000
Entomology					
Rules:					
1. Learn the basic anatomy, preservation, presentation, and identification of insects for entomology project. Demonstrating skills and knowledge or record keeping, life cycles, feeding and related habits of the insect world.					
2. Acceptable presentation boxes include cardboard, plastic, or wood. It is recommended that bug collections be displayed in wooden boxes with glass lids and moth balls for best protection.					
3. Guidelines for this project can be found on the web.					
4. The recommended guidebook – Field Guide for Insects and Spiders of North American, by Arthur V. Evans.					
5. A member may enter the class number more than once, but each exhibit in the class number must be different.					
			Ages 8-11	Ages 12- 15	Ages 16 & over
4800	Collections	<i>Collections should be presented in standard entomology or similar type box, pinned, and accurately labeled. Exhibitors may skip to higher levels from year to year, if the appropriate number of insects is displayed. 10 -15 adult insects, (1st yr in entomology project only) showing 3 different orders; 25 insects, including previous collection, showing 5 different orders (2nd yr in project); 50 insects, including previous collection, showing 8 different orders (3rd yr in project); 75 insects, including previous collection, showing 11 different orders (4th yr in project); 100 insects, including previous collection, showing 14 different orders (5th yr in project); 150 or more insects, including previous collection, showing 16 or more different orders (6th yr or more in project); OR Collection of at least 6 – 10 mounted butterflies (1-3 yrs in project); Collection of at least 11 or more mounted butterflies (4 or more yrs in project).</i>	1000	2000	3000
4801	Entomology Science and Special Collections	<i>Collect, prepare, preserve, and display 25 different insect immatures (nymphs and larvae); OR Collect, prepare, preserve, and display 25 non-insect arthropods; OR collect, prepare, preserve and display 25 species from a single order; OR Collect, prepare, preserve, and display 5 – 10 insects and their host (1st year of project); OR Collect, prepare, preserve, and display 11 or more insects and their host; OR Lives specimens; ant farm, insect zoo, etc. with records of the project; OR Field Journal, photos, and observations of insects; OR Collect, prepare, preserve, and display 10 different economic insects (pest and/or beneficial, adult and/or immature) Be able to talk with the judge about their relation to humans.</i>	1000	2000	3000
4802	Entomological Skills	<i>5 -10 illustrations /drawings showing form, habits, ecology, genetics, life cycle or other information related to insects (1st year of project); 11 - 19 illustrations /drawings (2nd-3rd year of project); 20 or more illustrations /drawings (4th or more years of project); OR Laminations 5-10 (1st year); 11-19 (2nd-3rd year); 20 or more (4th or more years); OR Plastic embedment's 5-10 (1st year); 11-19 (2nd- 3rd year); 20 or more (4th or more years); OR Educational Exhibit - Prepare a display that will instruct/teach about an area of entomology. The display should include a project board or poster. Does not include exhibit concerning honey bees. Beekeeping –see Class4.</i>	1000	2000	3000

4803	Beekeeping	The exhibit is to be an example of the member's learning experience with honeybees. The exhibit may be a display, experiment, research project, or notebook on bee management experiences, such as construction plans, materials, costs, etc. including honey products. OR Display of at least 10 mounted flowers and leaves of honey plants. Include plant name, time of peak bloom, habitat importance to bees, and local abundance. Three one-pound jars of extracted honey properly labeled; OR Three one-pound sections of comb honey; OR Three one-pound jars of creamed honey; OR A single frame observation hive containing bees, brood, and a queen.	1000	2000	3000
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Woodworking

Rules:

1. Before and after pictures, models, etc may be used to illustrate projects that are not transportable.
2. Each article MUST be accompanied by a 3 x 5 card which indicates Exhibitors use of hand or power tools, of rough or finished lumber, of rough or indoor or outdoor finish and an explanation of finishing processing utilized. Exhibitor's name and club should be on bottom or inconspicuous location of project.
3. Refinished furniture is to be entered under Home Design.

Class:			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
4900	Apprentice	1-2 years' experience Two or more simple articles demonstrating basic or elementary skills with little or no assembly, or one larger item. With increase in experience, demonstrate increased skills such as stools, wall shelves, sconce, bird house, coat rack, bird feeder.	1000	2000	3000
4901	Handyman	2-4 years' experience One medium size project demonstrating average skills of joinery and assembly. Good finish required (show boxes, bookshelves, end tables, outdoor furniture; or one larger project.	1000	2000	3000
4902	Craftman	5 or more years' experience, one larger or multiple smaller articles demonstrating planning and assembly abilities; good finish required.	NA	2000	3000
4903	Carpenter	one project made by exhibitor too large to bring as exhibit (outbuildings, decks, etc). Exhibit should consist of photos depicting stages of progress with member working on it and a detailed written account of development and execution of project.	1000	2000	3000
4904	Educational exhibit	Poster or display demonstrating what was learned about woodworking through the project	1000	2000	3000

Natural Resources

Rules:

1. The objective of this project is to understand what natural resources are, how to enjoy them, how and why they exist, how they interrelate to each other, the environment, and people. Learn the basic natural resources, wildflower, plant stock, environmental issues and conservation related topics and develop an exhibit, notebook, poster or display from the skills and knowledge obtained.
2. Guidelines for sections and notebook requirements as well as the Flower and Tree study sheets are available on the 4-H webpage.
3. Each year's project should show increased knowledge and application over previous years.
4. Collections should be cumulative and grow in size and complexity each year. Include this year's additions to your collection first in your notebook.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to two exhibits in each class in this department.

			Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 & over
5000	Wildflowers	Exhibit or display Wildflower Study Sheets or an Educational Exhibit in the area of Wildflowers. Identify specimens by common name and scientific name and date of collection. OR Educational exhibit; research project about Wildflowers; a project explaining identification process and characteristics; or develop a living Michigan wildflower garden in a portable container. Examples include edible, medicinal, poisonous wildflowers. Must include poster, project board or display and a notebook of research materials. Please note some wildflowers are rare or endangered; photograph species, do not pick.	1000	2000	3000
5001	Trees, Shrubs, and Forestry	Exhibit or display of tree study sheets with leaf specimens of trees or shrubs that are native to Michigan. Identify specimens by common name and scientific name, date and place of collection. A minimum of 8 new sheets must be included for each year you are on the project. ORAn educational exhibit in the area of Forestry; research project about forestry or tree growth, forest management, etc.; a project explaining identification process and characteristics; or potted tree transplants grown by exhibitor. Must include poster, project board or display and a notebook of research materials.	1000	2000	3000
5002	Grasses and Vegetation	Exhibit or display of specimens and their seeds of grasses or vegetation that are native to Michigan. Identify specimens by common name and scientific name, date and place of collection. A minimum of 8 new specimens must be included for each year you are in the project. ORAn educational exhibit in the area of grasses or vegetation; research project about grasses of vegetation including growth, management, environmental importance etc.; a project explaining identification process and characteristics; or potted specimen grown by exhibitor. Must include poster, project board or display and a notebook of research materials.	1000	2000	3000

5003	Mushrooms and Morels	Exhibit or display of specimens of mushrooms or morels that are native to Michigan. Identify specimens by common name and scientific name, date, and place of collection. A minimum of 2 new specimens must be included for each year you are in the project. An educational exhibit in the area of mushrooms or morels; a research project including growth, reproduction, management, environmental importance, etc.; a project explaining the identification process and characteristics; or a small mushroom garden containing a minimum of 3 species in a tray or pan. Must include poster, project board or display and a notebook of research materials. Please note that some mushrooms are very poisonous; photograph species, do not pick.	1000	2000	3000
5004	Birds	Identification - Add a minimum of 5 species identification each year you are in the project. OR Build bluebird houses – build and put up at least 2 bluebird houses. Check the houses every two weeks and record their findings. When the young have left the nest, clean the house out so it can be used again. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit a poster or display about birds, bird habitat, migration, conservation, predators/prey. Focus on one of these bird groups each year: Swimmers-duck, loon, grebes, and coots. • Aerials-gulls, terns • Long-legged waders-herons, egrets, cranes • Small waders-shore birds (plovers, sandpipers) Upland game-grouse, quail, turkey • Birds of prey: vultures, hawks, eagles, owls • Non-perching birds: swifts, hummingbirds, kingfishers, woodpeckers • Perching birds: flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, sparrows 	1000	2000	3000
5005	Wildlife and Endangered Species	Exhibit a poster or display about a kind of wildlife, wild game, wildlife habitat, wildlife management, a kind of endangered species, their habitats, and /or actions being taken to preserve an endangered species. Identify a minimum of 3 additional species per year you are in the project. Be sure to include habitat (food, cover, and water source) information for each species. Or make a cast of wild animal tracks. Must identify animal, date, habitat, and movement of animal (traveling or feeding).	1000	2000	3000
5006	Reptiles and Amphibians	Exhibit a poster or display about a kind of reptile or amphibian. Include information about habitat (food, water, and cover) for each species. Identify a minimum of 3 additional species per year you are in the project.	1000	2000	3000
5007	Fish	Exhibit a poster or display about a kind of fish. Include information about habitat (food, water, and cover) for each species. Indicate if it is a managed species and the sport fishing rules. Identify a minimum of 3 additional species per year you are in the project. OR exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that relates directly to the Project Fish Program. The project area can be found at the following website: http://www.projectfish.org/about.html	1000	2000	3000
5008	Rocks and Minerals	Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that relates directly to the subject area of rocks and minerals. Including collections, lapidary projects, geological studies, or rock-hobby activities. Collections must increase in size each year you are in the project.	1000	2000	3000
5009	Fossils and Shells	Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that relates directly to the subject area of fossils and shells, including collections. Collections must increase in size each year you are in the project.	1000	2000	3000
5010	Water	Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that demonstrates your knowledge of water as a resource. Topics may include pollution, conservation, water management, water quality, water systems/ water sheds, water testing, and perk testing. Add additional techniques/methods to the poster each year. Pollution projects may include: identifying 3 forms of water pollution; identifying 3 ways to prevent water pollution; identifying methods to clean up water pollution. Conservation projects may include identifying 2 ways to conserve water, 3 reasons we need to conserve water, what water conservation is, and what you can do in your home to conserve water. Water management projects may include defining water management practices and creating a model to demonstrate practices. Water testing may include an explanation of water testing and reasons for testing; different types of water tests; and performing water tests on the local water source. Perk testing may include showing water holding capacity of different soils.	1000	2000	3000
5011	Air and Weather	Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that demonstrates your knowledge of air and weather. Air topics may include pollution, conservation/air quality, air and weather systems, air testing. Add additional techniques/methods to poster each year. Projects may include: identify 3 forms of air pollution; identify 3 ways to prevent air pollution; identify methods to clean up air pollution; identify 3 reasons we need to preserve air quality; what is air pollution and what can you do in your home to maintain air quality; creating a model to demonstrate practices; explanation of air testing and reasons for testing; different types of air tests; perform air tests. Weather projects may include identify types of clouds; 3 weather events; how weather events develop; how weather events influence people; how people can influence weather; keep a calendar of weather events for 2-months, include highs, lows, sun, clouds, precipitations, wind speed; identify meteorological instruments; create a model weather station.	1000	2000	3000

5012	Soil and Land Use	<i>Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that demonstrates your knowledge of soil or land use. Soil topics may include pollution, conservation, quality, soil testing. Add additional techniques/methods to poster each year. Projects may include: identify 3 soil types; identify 3 ways to prevent soil pollution; identify methods to prevent soil erosion; identify 3 reasons we need to preserve soil; what is soil and why do we need it; creating a model to demonstrate practices; explanation of soil testing and reasons for testing; different types of soil tests; perform soil tests. Define land use planning and identify regulations, laws, policies, techniques used; conservation related uses; Junior Citizen Planner</i>	1000	2000	3000
5013	Waste Management	<i>Exhibit a poster, notebook, or display that demonstrates your knowledge of waste management, composting, and recycling. Waste management topics may include recycling, composting, or hazardous waste. Add additional techniques/methods to poster each year. Projects may include: what is recycling and why is it important; how long it takes for items to decompose (add 10 items for each year in the project); display of natural resources, their uses, and how they can be recycled (add 4 items per year); create a local recycling advertising campaign; OR Display defining composting materials (organic and inorganic); a vermi composter with a lid (about 300 red worms); construct a home compost bin, provide photos and 2 cups of compost from bin; poster of compost pile food web including first, second, and third level consumers; or Display or poster defining household hazardous waste and alternative substitutes or how to dispose (add 10 items per year); OR Conduct community survey to answer the following: What percent of the community recycles? What materials are recycled most? Why? How do most people recycle?; What are some problems with recycling?; What would make it easier?</i>	1000	2000	3000
5014	Renewable Energy Projects	<i>Exhibit related to solar energy, hydroelectric power, wind energy, alternative fuels such as soy, corn or pits; energy production or conservation.</i>	1000	2000	3000
5015	Miscellaneous /Others	<i>Exhibit or present in some manner any natural resource topic that does not fit into any of the above classes.</i>	1000	2000	3000
		Best of Show			



Youth Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Education
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Safety and Education Project Judging: Saturday, August 8th 10 -2 p.m. Community Building

Youth Shooting Sport

General Rules:

1. Learn the basics of shooting sports safety, including safe care and handling of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment, as well as other aspects that revolve around safe shooting practices.
 - a. Learn how to handle a firearm and/or bow properly.
 - b. Learn how to sight equipment properly and how to aim and fire on the target range.
 - c. Demonstrate range safety, including gun or bow handling.
 - d. Be able to score targets correctly.
2. Exhibitors may submit an educational exhibit that will be displayed at the fair. Maximum display size 20x30 inches.
3. Know and adhere to Michigan Laws concerning firearms and archery.

Shooting Sports Education and Record Keeping

1. Exhibits may consist of a poster, video or power point presentation, display, speech, or demonstration, and/or a notebook. Exhibit may also include model or diorama of equipment, equipment idea, shooting range/course, or another topic. Exhibitor must select a different topic or theme for their educational project each year. Example topics may include, but are not limited to: safety equipment; different types of firearm or archery equipment; range layout and safety; history of sport; hunting and wildlife education; ten commandments of safety; identifying various types of firearms and ammunition; future opportunities or career options related to the sport; or your leadership involvement in the project area.
2. Include your three best properly scored targets from this year with your entry.
3. All exhibitors must know the rules of safety on the range and in the field for their discipline. An interview with the judge may include questions about safety rules.

<u>Class: 1st – 6th place ribbons</u>		<u>Ages 8-11</u>	<u>Ages 12-15</u>	<u>Ages 16 & over</u>
<u>5100</u>	<u>Firearm Education and Safety</u>	1000	2000	3000
<u>5101</u>	<u>Archery Education and Safety</u>	1000	2000	3000
<u>5102</u>	<u>Hunting and Wildlife Education</u>	1000	2000	3000
<u>5103</u>	<u>Exhibitors Shooter Logs and Record Keeping</u>	1000	2000	3000



Youth Club Projects

Superintendent-Jim Mahaffy 810-824-8605

Judging: Decorated trash barrel Saturday, August 8th, 2026, 12-3 p.m. Community Tent

Club Projects

1. All entries in the club projects department must be entered on the club entry form.
2. All completed projects must include a tag or other identification indicating the club's entry.

Fairgrounds B atification

Rules:

1. Open to any 4-H Club, Community Club, or F.F.A. Chapter.
2. Club exhibitors must develop a plan, pick out the area to make a display, decide what will be done, establish a budget, schedule time, and recruit volunteers to help complete the project.
3. Judging will be based on the effectiveness of working as a team, design, and originality based on the Theme of your own choosing.

Division #			Class #
5200	Decorated trash barrel	clubs are limited to a maximum of five barrels. The Fair will furnish the barrels. Please use the barrels decorated in past years. Do not use the freshly painted ones.	100
5201	Floral display	clubs design and arrange floral or ornamental decorations for window boxes, hanging baskets; or pots. Arrangements to be used throughout the fairgrounds for beautification during fair week.	100
5202	Landscape	clubs design and arrange a landscape for specified area. Must contact the fair office by May 1 st to register and receive the assigned area. The club is responsible for watering and weeding the display area. Write exact location directions on fair entry tag. Judging will include reports of hours spent on project, tasks that members completed, what was learned, and budget.	100
5203	Mural	clubs design and paint murals on building exterior. Must contact the fair office by May 1 st to register and receive assigned area.	100
5204	Club award	clubs design a club award at least 36" x 48" for display. Awards to be hung August, 2024.	100
5205	Barn decorating	Clubs design and carry out a club theme throughout all exhibit areas for the entire club. Barn decorations are judged on originality, neatness, creativity, and continuation of theme throughout. Judging will take place at 7 p.m. Monday evening – 1 st -3 rd place winners will be announced. Awards 1 st -3 rd & \$50 – 1 st , \$30 – 2 nd , & \$20 – 3 rd Checks for the winning clubs will be available at the Fairboard office. Awards need to be hung up in barns for the week and returned to the Fairboard office.	100
5206	Picnic Table	clubs build a wooden picnic table per specified plan. Tables will be judged on attractiveness, soundness of construction, and seating design.	100

Float Rules:

1. Any 4-H Club, Community Club or FFA club in Sanilac County may make an entry in a community parade throughout the year.
2. Parade entry may be a Float, animal exhibit, walking displaying club award or all of these.
3. Clubs should obtain a copy of the parade's rules and abide by them. Safety of members and parade goers is top priority.
4. Exhibitors may ride on the float or on the vehicle pulling the float.
5. Animal exhibits such as equine entries may accompany the club's parade entry.
6. Sanilac County Fair parade entry will be judged according to the criteria below:
 - a. Entry will be judged on design and originality based on the theme of the club's choosing.
 - b. Promotion of the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair
 - c. Must be entered into a community parade with documentation of parade Entry from the designated Community Parade Officials.
 - d. Exhibit & display for Sanilac County Fair will include photos and/or posters showcasing the Entry.
 - e. Clubs must enter Parade Entry documentation on the regular club entry form and will be judged at the Sanilac County Fair on Saturday, August 8 ,2026. Community Tent. Clubs are encouraged to display their Float at the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair.

5207	Club Float or animal parade entry		100
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OPEN CLASSES

HORSES

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Judging	Saturday, August 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.	Horse Arena	

The entry fee is \$5.00 per class.

1. The show starts at **10:00 a.m.** Pre-Registration Only for fair exhibitors – by Friday 8 p.m. **NO open checks.** Classes will run as listed.
2. Miniature horses will show in the exhibitor's age group.
3. Show clothes are not required.
4. Ages are determined as of January 1st of the current year.
5. Sanilac County Fair Board is not responsible for accidents, loss, theft, or destruction of property.
6. Classes will be awarded 6 places.
7. All performance classes with 20 or more entries will be split.
8. The judge's decision is final. Any lame or out-of-control horses will be excused.
9. ASTM or SEI helmets are required for ALL riders in Hunt Seat, Gymkhana, and for all Peewee participants when mounted.
10. No stallions allowed unless foaled in the calendar year.
11. Open Horse show exhibitors' trucks and trailers need to be off the grounds 1 hour after the conclusion of the show.

CLASS 400 Open Class Horse and Pony

Classes:		
400 Halter – Mares	410 Walk/Trot all ages any seat	419 Western Horsemanship, 8-13
401 Halter - Geldings	411 Hunt Seat Equitation, 20 and Over	420 Simon Says
402 Showmanship 20 and Over	412 Hunt Seat Equitation, 14-19	421 Age Gap Fun Class (minimum 15 years between riders' ages)
403 Showmanship 14-19	413 Hunt Seat Equitation, 8-13	422 Two-Man Man Relay
404 Showmanship 8-13	414 Equitation, Walk/Trot-any seat, all ages.	423 Open Cloverleaf
405 Showmanship Pee-Wee (7 –under)	415 Saddle Seat Equitation, all ages	424 Open Indiana Flags
406 Jack Pot Showmanship all ages (\$10 class)	416 Bareback, all ages (Helmet Required for ALL riders)	425 Open Down & Back
407 Pee-Wee Lead line (7-under)	417 Western Horsemanship, 20 and Over	
408 Pee-Wee Walk-Trot (7-under)	418 Western Horsemanship, 14-19	
409 Pee-Wee Walk Only (7-under)		

OPEN NEEDLEWORK

Superintendent:	Terry Bell	(810) 705-0222	centfarm@gmail.com
Entry Drop Off:	Saturday, August 8 2026, 11-1 p.m.		
Judging:	Saturday, August 8, 2026, after 1 p.m.		
Release Time:	Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m.		

1. This section is open to everyone, 0-4 and 20 and older.
2. Exhibitors must complete & **securely** attach the entry tag before leaving projects for judging. Clerks **will not** be responsible for attaching tags to projects.
3. **All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on Saturday**
4. All work needs to be done and entered by the owner. No projects completed by professional lace makers, storekeepers, business owners, or articles purchased or unfinished will be awarded.
5. Articles in this section must have been made within the past 2 years and may be exhibited only 1 time at this Fair. Former 4-H projects may not be displayed.
6. Sweatshirts may be purchased; decorations must be done entirely by the exhibitor.
7. Only one exhibit per class; more entries in one class will not be judged. Score card: Workmanship- 50%; General Appearance- 30%; Quality of Exhibit- 20%.
8. Each exhibit will receive a 1st- 6th place ribbon according to the judge's determination.

Division 6000 Open Class Knitting, Crocheting & Miscellaneous Needlework

Classes:		
3470 Afghan, embroidered.	3474 Afghan, baby	3479 Cross stitch
3471 Afghan, wove	3475 Afghan, other	3480 Doilies, crocheted, white or ecru (under 10")
3472 Afghan, crocheted	3476 Bedspread or tablecloth, crocheted	3481 Doilies, crocheted, colored (under 10")
3473 Afghan, knitted	3477 Bedspread or tablecloth, knitted	3482 Doilies, crocheted, white or ecru (over 10")
	3478 Bedspread, Other	3483 Doilies, crocheted, colored (over 10")

3484	Decorated towel	3502	Baby's crocheted sweater	3521	Pillows, original design in cloth
3485	Embroidery Stitch	3503	Baby's crocheted sweater set (2 or 3 pc)	3522	Pillows, other
3486	Pillowcases, pair, embroidered	3504	Baby's knitted sweater	3523	Pillows, shaped or decorative
3487	Pillowcases, pair, with lace (may be embroidered)	3505	Baby's knitted sweater set (2 or 3 pc)	3524	Macramé, any article
3488	Tablecloth, embroidered	3506	Crocheted Shawl	3525	Candle wicking Jewelry Beads Jewelry – Other
3489	Tablecloth, other	3507	Crocheted Sweater	3526	Sweatshirt painted, studded, or ironed on other than cloth.
3490	Crocheted Table Runner	3508	Any crocheted article, not included	3527	Sweatshirt, knitted decoration
3491	Quilted Table Runner	3509	Other needlework and miscellaneous	3528	Sweatshirt, appliquéd, painted, needle-punched, or quilted decoration.
3492	Quilts, appliqué	3510	Rug, hooked	3529	Sweatshirt, other
3493	Quilts, patch	3511	Wall hanging, cloth background	3530	Sewing – Wearable item
3494	Quilts, baby	3512	Wall hanging, crocheted	3531	Sewing – Non-Wearable item
3495	Quilts, hand quilted	3513	Wall hanging, quilted	3532	Other clothing, appliquéd
3496	Quilts, machine quilted	3514	Wall hanging, any other material	3533	Other clothing decorated
3497	Quilts, other	3515	Any woven article	3534	Other clothing, any
3498	Stole, knitted adult sweater, or vest	3516	Rug, braided	3535	Other blanket
3499	Knitted child's sweater or vest	3517	Table runners or placemats, Quilted		
3500	Other knitted wearable item	3518	Table runners or placemats, Crocheted		
3501	Other knitted article	3519	Pillows, crewel, embroidery		
		3520	Pillows, embroidered		

OPEN CULINARY ARTS

Superintendent:	Terry Bell	(810) 705-0222	centfarm@gmail.com
Entry Drop Off:	Saturday, August 8, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.		
Judging	Saturday, August 8, 2026, after 1 p.m.		
Release Time	Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m.		

1. This section is open to non-4-H youth (youth not enrolled as a 4-H or FFA member) and adults.
2. Exhibitors must complete & **securely** attach the entry tag before leaving projects for judging. Clerks **will not** be responsible for attaching tags to projects.
3. **All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on Saturday**
4. Products must be from previous or present year's crops and exhibited in glass containers with 2-piece lids. Judges recommend exhibits be in pint or quarter jars.
5. Include recipe with entry tag for baked goods.
6. **Please provide a plate to place a piece of your baked goods on. You may pick up the remainder after 4 p.m. the day of judging.**
7. Each exhibit will receive a 1st-6th place ribbon according to the judge's determination.

Division 7000 Open Class Food Preservation

Classes:

3390	Applesauce
3391	Blueberries
3392	Blackberries
3393	Cherries, sour
3394	Cherries, sweet
3395	Peaches
3396	Pears
3397	Plums
3398	Pumpkin
3399	Raspberries, black
3400	Raspberries, red
3401	Rhubarb
3402	Strawberries
3403	Other fruit
3404	Beans, string, yellow
3405	Beans, string, green
3406	Pork & Beans
3407	Carrots
3408	Corn
3409	Greens
3410	Peas
3411	Tomatoes, red
3412	Tomatoes, yellow
3413	Tomato, juice
3414	Other, juice
3415	Beet

3416	Other vegetable
3417	Beet Pickles
3418	Bread & Butter Pickles
3419	Cucumber pickles, whole
3420	Cucumber pickles, chunk
3421	Cucumber pickles, dill
3422	Pickles, other
3423	Corn Relish
3424	Cucumber Relish
3425	Sauerkraut
3426	Chili Sauce
3427	Spaghetti Sauce
3428	Salsa
3429	Other, relish or sauce
3430	Best display of fruit- 4 jars
3431	Best display of soups- 4 jars
3432	Best display of vegetables- 4 jars
3433	Best display of meat- 3 jars
3434	Best display of jellies- 5 glasses
3435	Best display of jams- 5 glasses
3436	Best display of conserves (mixture of several fruits) - 5 glasses
3437	Best display of marmalade, (fruit & peel, etc.)- 5 glasses
3438	Best display of preserves (fruit or mixed fruits cooked in syrup to thicken and clear preserves)- 5 glasses
3439	Juice, apple

3440	Juice, grape
3441	Juiced other

Division 8000: Open Class Foods

Classes:

3442:	Sourdough 1 loaf
3443:	Sourdough rolls (6 or more)
3444:	Sourdough other
3445	Yeast bread, 1 loaf
3446	Quick bread, 1 loaf
3447	Bread, other than white, 1 loaf
3448	Best rolls (6 or more)
3449	Best fancy rolls (6 or more)
3450	Coffee cake, yeast, 1 cake
3451	Coffee cake, quick, 1 cake
3452	Best cake, whole cake, not cut, at least 6"x6"
3453	Best decorated cake
3454	Decorated confection, i.e., tray of holiday treats, petit fours, decorated cookies, sugar molds. There should be at least 6 for an exhibit or a gingerbread house.
3455	Best candy
3456	Best cookies
3457	Best brownies
3458	Microwave product
3459	Main dish
3460	Dairy food
3461	Other food
3462	Individual Adult Dairy Food Demonstration (20 and up)
3463	Best pie

OPEN FOLK ARTS

Superintendent:	Terry Bell	(810) 705-0222	centfarm@gmail.com
Entry Drop Off:	Saturday, August 8, 2026, 11-1 p.m.		
Judging	Saturday, August 8, 2026, after 1 p.m.		
Release Time:	Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m.		

1. This section is open to non-4-H youth (youth not enrolled as a 4-H or FFA member) and adults.
2. Articles in this section must have been made within the past 2 years and exhibited only 1 time at this fair. Former 4-H projects may not be shown.
3. Exhibitors must complete & **securely** attach the entry tag before leaving projects for judging. Clerks **will not** be responsible for attaching tags to projects.
4. All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on **Saturday**.
5. All work needs to be done and entered by the owner. No projects completed by professional lace makers, storekeepers, business owners, or articles purchased or unfinished will be awarded.
6. Pictures not to exceed 480 square inches (20" x 24")
7. Must be complete, **framed, and ready for hanging with a securely attached wire hanger**. When glass is appropriate, it must be safety glass.
8. Dolls must be completely homemade, and all clothes must be homemade. Dolls may be antique or suitable for dressing. Shoes may be purchased—only one doll per class unless in a pair.
9. Recycling learning objective: participants in the projects are to have a knowledge of recycling, which can be recycled, what to do with it, and how to reuse it, so that they can communicate to others what is a good way to reuse material for another purpose.
10. Each exhibit will receive a 1st-6th place ribbon according to the judge's determination.

Division 9000 Open Class Folk Arts

Classes:					
3571	Picture, Embroidered	3587	Ceramics, other	3605	China Painting
3572	Pictures, Crewel	3588	Porcelain, China, or stoneware articles	3606	Dolls, all clothes crocheted or knitted, doll may be other materials
3573	Pictures, counted cross-stitch under 120 sq. inches	3589	Glass etching	3607	Dolls, all cloth, Stuffed, rag, etc.
3574	Pictures, counted cross-stitch over 120 sq. inches	3590	Wood product, not to exceed 14"	3608	Dolls, with head or material other than cloth
3575	Pen or pencil drawings	3591	Wood, other	3609	Dolls, dressed for a special season or activity
3576	Plaques, painted	3592	Leaded stained glass	3610	Stuffed animals, Must be all homemade by the exhibitor
3577	Quilted or raised design	3593	Hand tooled leather object.	3611	Decorated eggs
3578	Oil Painting	3594	Plastic canvas article under 9".	3612	Seasonal decoration
3579	Water Color	3595	Plastic canvas article over 9".	3613	Welding of metal article, materials used, time it took to complete, cost and work must be done by exhibitor.
3580	Pastel	3596	Hand-woven baskets under 12"	3614	Recycling, non-wearable
3581	Charcoal and/or chalk drawing	3597	Hand-woven baskets over 12"	3615	Recycling, wearable
3582	Acrylics	3598	Other baskets	3616	Rugs
3583	Collage	3599	Scrapbooking	3617	Other item not listed in this section
3584	Pictures, other	3600	Dolls, porcelain head		
3585	Ceramics, stained	3601	Dolls, crocheted entire doll		
3586	Ceramics, painted	3602	Jewelry		
		3603	Woodcarving		
		3604	Homemade Toy		

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY

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Division 10000 Open Class Photography

Classes:	3549	Photographs 5x7" Buildings - BLACK & WHITE	3562	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Animals - BLACK & WHITE	
3535	Photographs 5x7" People – COLORED	3550	Photographs 8x11" Buildings - BLACK & WHITE	3563	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Scenery – COLORED
3536	Photographs 8 x 11" People-COLORED	3551	Photographs 5x7" Flowers – COLORED	3564	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Scenery - BLACK & WHITE
3537	Photographs 5x7" People - BLACK & WHITE	3552	Photographs 8x11" Flowers – COLORED	3565	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Buildings – COLORED
3538	Photographs 8x11" People- BLACK & WHITE	3553	Photographs 5x7" Flowers - BLACK & WHITE	3566	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Buildings - BLACK & WHITE
3539	Photographs 5x7" Animals – COLORED	3554	Photographs 8x11" Flowers - BLACK & WHITE	3567	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Flowers – COLORED
3540	Photographs 8x11" Animals-COLORED	3555	Photographs 5x7" Other – COLORED	3568	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Flowers - BLACK & WHITE
3541	Photographs 5x7" Animals-BLACK & WHITE	3556	Photographs 8x11" Others –COLORED	3569	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Other – COLORED
3542	Photographs 8"x11", Animals - BLACK & WHITE	3557	Photographs 5x7" Other - BLACK & WHITE	3570	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Other - BLACK & WHITE
3543	Photographs 5x7" Scenery – COLORED	3558	Photographs 8x11" Other - BLACK & WHITE		
3544	Photographs 8x11" Scenery – COLORED	3559	Photographs 9 x12 or Larger, People – COLORED		
3545	Photographs 5x7" Scenery - BLACK & WHITE	3560	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, People - BLACK & WHITE		
3546	Photographs 8x11" Scenery - BLACK & WHITE	3561	Photographs 9 x 12 or Larger, Animals – COLORED		
3547	Photographs 5x7" Buildings – COLORED				
3548	Photographs 8x11" Buildings – COLORED				

OPEN AGRICULTURE

Superintendent:	Scott Thomas	(810) 710-1459
Judging	Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	
Release Time	Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open to all exhibitors living in Sanilac County. 2. All exhibits must have been produced by the exhibitors this year or in the previous year. 3. Grain may be exhibited as sheaves, in 1-peck boxes or in wide-mouth glass or clear plastic 1-gallon jars. Sheaves for all grains must be between 24 and 30 inches in total length. Sheaves must be 4 inches in diameter (across) at the widest point. Leaves must be stripped. Sheaves are to be tied at 3 points —near the top, in the middle, and near the bottom. Note: No other grain size or amount will be accepted except peck boxes or full 1-gallon jars. 4. Cured hay must be exhibited in a 4-inch baleslice that is put in a sealed plastic garbage bag. 5. Each exhibit will receive a 1st – 6th placing ribbon according to judge's determination. 6. Sugar beet displays must consist of three beets of uniform conformity, mounted with a single heavy wire (preferably a straightened coat hanger with the end crimped). The taproot should be intact, and the root hairs removed. The beets should have NO sprangles or hollow crowns. Leaf petioles should be removed flush with the surface of the beet. The crown should be silver-dollar-sized or smaller and horizontal to the root. All dirt must be removed, taking care not to damage the beet's outer skin. 7. The largest single sugar beet displays should have all dirt and tops removed. Sprangles and root hairs should remain, and wire mounting is not required. Only 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places will be awarded based on weight of the root. 		

Division 11000 Open Class Small Grain, Beans, Seeds

Classes:	3251	Winter Wheat	3253	Oats	
3250	Corn, shelled	3252	Barley, any variety	3254	Rye

3255 Navy Beans
 3256 Any other variety of beans

Classes:
 3260 Wheat sheaf
 3261 Oat sheaf
 3262 Barley sheaf

3263 Rye sheaf
 3264 Mixed hay
 3265 Sugar Beets, (best 3)
 3266 Sugar Beets-largest single

CLASS 411 Open Class Sheaves

OPEN FLORICULTURE

Superintendent:	Terry Bell	(810) 705-0222	centfarm@gmail.com
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Release Time:	Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m.		

1. Exhibitors must complete & **securely** attach the entry tag before leaving projects for judging. Clerks **will not** be responsible for attaching tags to projects.
2. All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on **Saturday**.
3. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor, no professionals (i.e. no store owner or business owners).
4. Only 1 entry in each class by an exhibitor.
5. Cut flowers may be replaced, if necessary, throughout the week.
6. Exhibitors must furnish suitable containers.
7. Cut flowers must contain 6 or more blooms or stalks unless specified.
8. All flowers should be arranged at home.
9. Each exhibit will receive a 1st – 6th placing ribbon according to judge's determination.

Guidelines for Flower and Plant Arrangements Class 416

1. Arrangements to be judged on quality of flowers and foliage, color harmony, relation to container, arrangement, and general effect.
2. All flowers should be arranged at home.

Division 12000 Open Class Floriculture

- Classes:
- 3270 African Violet
 - 3271 Asters, single, 3 blooms
 - 3272 Asters, double, 3 blooms
 - 3273 Balsam, Lady Slipper, 6 blooms
 - 3274 Calendula, 6 blooms
 - 3275 Centaurea, Bachelor's Buttons, 6 blooms
 - 3276 Chrysanthemum, perennial, 3 stalks
 - 3277 Cosmos, 6 blooms
 - 3278 Dahlias, largest & best specimen, 1 only
 - 3279 Dahlias, decorative, 2 blooms
 - 3280 Dahlias, cactus, 2 blooms
 - 3281 Dahlias, pompom or ball type, 2 inches & over, 3 blooms
 - 3282 Dahlias, pompom or ball type, 2 inches & under, 3 blooms
 - 3283 Delphine, 2 stalks
 - 3284 Dianthus, pink, 3 stems
 - 3285 Dianthus, Sweet Williams, 3 stems
 - 3286 Gillardias, 3 blooms
 - 3287 Gladioli, largest & best specimen, spike, 1 only
 - 3288 Gladioli, basket of one variety at least 6 spikes
 - 3289 Gladioli, basket of mixed variety at least 12 spikes
 - 3290 Helianthus, sun-flower, 2 blooms
 - 3291 House Plant
 - 3292 Larkspur, 3 stalks
 - 3293 Lilies, Tiger, 2 stems
 - 3294 Lilies, Day, Hemerocallis, 2 stems
 - 3295 Marigold, carnation flowered, 3 stems
 - 3296 Marigold, chrysanthemum flower, 2 stems

- 3297 Marigold, small single or double, 6 stems
- 3298 Nasturtiums, 4 blooms
- 3299 Pansies, 6 blooms
- 3300 Petunias, double, 3 blooms
- 3301 Petunias, single, fringed and ruffled, 3 blooms
- 3302 Petunias, single, small, 6 blooms
- 3303 Phlox, annual, 3 stems
- 3304 Phlox, perennial, 2 stems
- 3305 Poses, Hybrid Tea, 2 stems
- 3306 Roses, Floribunda, 2 stems
- 3307 Roses, Polyantha, 2 stems
- 3308 Roses, 2 of 1 kind
- 3309 Snapdragons, 3 stems
- 3310 Statice
- 3311 Strawflowers
- 3312 Verbena, 3 blooms
- 3313 Zinnia, large, 3 blooms
- 3314 Zinnia, small, 6 blooms
- 3315 Zinnia, Mexicana, 9 blooms
- 3316 Vase of Zinnia, 6 of 1 kind
- 3317 Novelty bloom, any flower
- 3318 Other flower

CLASS 416 Open Class Flower and Plant Arrangements

- Classes:
- 3325 Large basket of flowers, 5 to 7 varieties, total height 25 inches or over
 - 3326 Small basket of flowers, 3 to 7 varieties, total height 25 inches or under
 - 3327 Arrangement for home dining table, cut flowers
 - 3328 Arrangement for home dining table, live plants or silk
 - 3329 Arrangements for buffet or mantel, live plants or silk
 - 3330 Arrangements for buffet or mantel, cut flowers, accessories allowed
 - 3331 Arrangements in kitchen container, live plants or silk
 - 3332 Arrangements in kitchen container, cut flowers
 - 3333 Arrangements of dried material, winter bouquet
 - 3334 Arrangement of durable plant material (succulents, evergreens, etc.) in any container
 - 3335 Arrangement of foliage, no flowers permitted
 - 3336 Arrangement using fruit or gourds, with or without flowers
 - 3337 Refill arrangement of evergreen or other plant material with flowers, so designed that flowers may be omitted or replaced as desired
 - 3338 Miniature bouquet, not over 3x6 inches
 - 3339 Terrariums
 - 3340 Other arrangement

OPEN HORTICULTURE

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Judging	Saturday, August 8, 2026, after 1:00 p.m.		
Release Time:	Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m.		

1. This section is open to non-youth (5-19-year-olds) and adults.
2. Exhibitors must complete & **securely** attach the entry tag before leaving projects for judging. Clerks **will not** be responsible for attaching tags to projects.
3. All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on **Saturday**.
4. Any produce grown in Sanilac County in a farm or home garden is eligible, no professionals.
5. Only 1 entry in each class by an exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors must furnish suitable containers.
7. Each exhibit will receive 1st - 6th placing ribbons according to judge's determination.

Division 13000	Open Class Garden Exhibit	3360 Fruit, apples	3377 Squash, Hubbard, 1
Classes:		3361 Gourds other than already listed	3378 Squash, largest
3345 Beans, Lima, 12 Pods		3362 Kohlrabi, 5	3379 Squash, Summer, 3
3346 Beans, Snap, 12 pods		3363 Muskmelon, 1	3380 Tomatoes, Cherry, 12
3347 Beans, wax		3364 Nuts	3381 Tomatoes, Green, 5
3348 Beets, Garden, 5		3365 Onions, dry, 5	3382 Tomatoes, Red, 5
3349 Broccoli, 1 bunch		3366 Onions, green, 1 bunch	3383 Turnips, 5
3350 Brussel Sprouts 12		3367 Parsnips, 5	3384 Watermelon, 1
3351 Cabbage, 1 head		3368 Peas, 12 pods	3385
3352 Cabbage, largest		3369 Peppers, Hot, 5	3386 Vegetable, most unusual, shaped
3353 Carrots, 5		3370 Peppers, Sweet, 5	3387 Herbs
3354 Celery, 1 plant		3371 Pie Pumpkins, 1	3388 Best peck basket display of garden vegetables grown by exhibitor to consist of at least 7 kinds and must include snap beans, tomatoes, carrots, beets.
3355 Corn, sweet 6 ears		3372 Potatoes, 5	3389 Other
3356 Cauliflower, 1 head		3373 Pumpkin, largest	
3357 Cucumbers, Pickling, 5		3374 Radishes, 5	
3358 Cucumbers, Slicing, 5		3375 Rutabagas, 3	
3359 Egg Plant, 1		3376 Squash, Acorn or Pepper, 1	

HOMEMAKER

Superintendent:	Terry Bell	(810) 705-0222	centfarm@gmail.com
Application deadline:	Monday, August 3, 2026,		Sanilac County Fairboard Office

1. Applications for the Sanilac County Youth & 4-H Fair Homemaker are available from the Fairboard office or online.
2. The Sanilac County Fair Homemaker competition is open to all (male or female) 18 years and up. If you are an enrolled youth exhibitor, you are NOT eligible to enter.
3. To enter the Homemaker competition, an application must be submitted to the Sanilac County Fairboard office by 4:00 pm Monday, August 3, 2026.
4. Exhibitors must have entries in 4 of the 6 sections (not more than 15 entries per section). Quality, not quantity, should be considered.
 - a. Class 420 Open Gardening
 - b. Class 425 Open Food Preservation
 - c. Class 426 Open Foods
 - d. Class 429 Open Knitting, Crocheting & Misc. Needlework
 - e. Class 415 Open Flowers
 - f. Class 416 Open Flowers and Plant Arrangements
5. Exhibitors must receive the highest point total for the present year to win the award.

a. Community service activities	20%
b. Application information	20%
c. Judges viewing their exhibits	60%
d. In case of tie, the person with the highest number of first (1st) place ribbons will be the winner.	
6. The award cannot be won by the same exhibitor two (2) consecutive years.
7. The winner is eligible to compete in the 2026 (dependent on the date of the state competition) State Homemaker Competition
8. Please review all rules from each entry section (i.e., Tags, entries, etc.). Each entry must be entered in Showman.app (i.e, Best pie, carrots 5 each, etc.).



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.



'To Make The Best Better'

