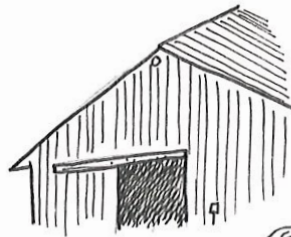
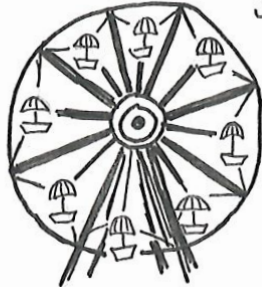




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WELCOME TO THE 71st ANNUAL VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR

The Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors and I are excitedly preparing for the 71st Annual Van Buren Youth Fair. Last year was an amazing success, and we are ready to welcome everyone back for another outstanding fair season.

The 2026 fair season promises to be another exciting year. We are continuing our one-price admission and hillside entertainment throughout the week.

Monday night will feature the Farm Stock Tractor Pulls and Magic Clouds balloon rides. On Tuesday, the hillside will be filled for the NTPA Tractor Pulls. Wednesday is Kids Day, featuring the ever-popular ride bracelet specials and, new this year, Comedy Night at the Fair. Enjoy family-friendly comedy routines from three different comedians, each bringing their own unique style of humor.

Join us Thursday night for Country Night at the Fair, featuring Jake Hoot, winner of *The Voice*, along with Waylon Hanel. Friday night, we welcome a new rodeo company to the fair as Flying Star Rodeo Co. brings the bulls, broncs, and all your favorite rodeo events. Following the rodeo, stay for what has become an area favorite — our spectacular fireworks show.

We round out the week on Saturday in partnership with TNT Demolition Derby, filling the hillside with the exciting crashes and racing action of their demolition derby and bump-and-run races, including Power Wheels racing for the kids. Skerbeck Entertainment Group will also be on hand to deliver action-packed, electrifying rides that are sure to thrill guests of all ages.

Our commercial building, 4-H building, and delicious food vendors will also be ready to welcome the community. New to the fairgrounds this year are axe-throwing lanes and Team Zoom Canine Entertainment, both included with your daily admission.

The Board of Directors wishes to express sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone who works tirelessly to help make our fair one of the best county fairs in the area. We would like to thank our dedicated superintendents, volunteers, key leaders, and Extension Educator for everything they do before, during, and after fair season.

Thank you as well to our extraordinary exhibitors and their wonderful families, who work year-round on their projects while providing support and encouragement to our youth. We would also like to recognize our county fire departments, EMS services, and the Sheriff's Department Mounted and Reserve Divisions for providing safety and security throughout fair week.

I am honored to serve as your Board President for the 2026 Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors. Thank you to the members of the Van Buren Youth Fair community who remain committed to the continued success of our fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Sincerely,

Pat Burnell

President

Van Buren Youth Fair Board

FAIR OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR HARTFORD, MI.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Anyone attending the Van Buren Youth Fair either as an exhibitor, parent, spectator, superintendent/asst. superintendent, judge or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Van Buren Fair code listed below. These codes of conduct are not limited to the show ring, but are applicable to all departments, activities and events associated with the Van Buren Youth Fair. Physical, Sexual or Verbal Harassment will not be tolerated. Financial delinquencies will not be tolerated. Consequences to violating this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning documented.
- Written warning with acknowledgement of receipt.
- Removal from fairgrounds.
- Suspension, reduction and/or loss of premiums.
- Suspension, reduction and/or loss of auction proceeds.
- Loss of future show privileges.
- Loss of Van Buren Youth Fair Association membership and/or leadership positions.
- Notification to local fairs as to disciplinary actions taken.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agriculture education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered n any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.” Fairs and livestock may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state and provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more that avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR

CODE OF CONDUCT

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Direct criticism or interference with a judge, fair or livestock show superintendent/asst. superintendent, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show superintendents/asst. superintendents, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

Parents have a special responsibility to set positive examples and serve as a positive role model for youth by what they do and say. This includes but is not limited to conducting themselves in a manner that demonstrates the utmost respect for other parents, exhibitors, superintendents/asst. superintendents, judges and fair officials. They are to follow instructions with regard to show and judging procedures as outlined in the fair book by judges, superintendents / asst. superintendents and fair officials.

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EMERGENCY SERVICE

Fire protection and emergency medical service at the fairgrounds are provided to the fair by area fire departments and ambulance service. Emergencies should be reported immediately to the fair office in Building 1 or the fairgrounds fire station.

PREMIUM NOTICE

All exhibits must remain on display Monday through Sunday morning of fair week to qualify for premiums. No exhibits will be released prior to 6:00 a.m. Sunday, except animals which will be released according to the instructions of each department's species. The Fair Association will not be responsible for exhibits left at the fairgrounds after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday or for loss by theft during fair week. The decision of the judges is final in all classes.

Premium checks will be mailed to all exhibitors by August 31, 2026

Booths Must Be Dismantled By Sunday, July 26, 2026

PREMIUM BOOK COVER CONTEST

Plaque sponsored by: Tod Kubiszak Family

Gift Cards Sponsored by: Van Buren County 4-H Leaders Association

WINNER:

Porsha Tomsa - South Haven Jay Dees 4-H Club

Honorable Mention: Isabella Smith – Almena Happy Helpers 4-H Club

Pets, other than service dogs and concessionaires' dogs housed on the ground, are not permitted on the grounds. Exhibit dogs will be kept at the fair one day only; 1 hour before show starts and 1 hour after show ends. This includes animals for the youth parade on Saturday, July 25, 2026

SHIRT AND SHOES REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

The following are NOT allowed on fairgrounds at any time:

Bikes

Roller Blades or Skates

Skate Boards

4 Wheelers (3 Wheelers)*

Golf Carts*

***Fair Board owned and leased excluded**

Dear Exhibitor,

We are glad that you will be exhibiting at the Van Buren Youth Fair in 2026! You will need to register all your exhibits by June 15th, **go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com**. Since we will not be accepting late registrations, you will not be able to bring exhibits to the fair that have not been pre-registered by June 15th. See below for further instructions. If you plan to enter animal exhibits, you will need registration entry forms, available online at www.vanburenyouthfair.com. Any questions call the following:

Iris Swift: (269) 268-8549 or Gary Consford: (269) 355-0994
Janice Zerbe at the Extension office: (269) 657-8213 extension #3.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Kind Regards,
Van Buren Youth Fair Board

Exhibitor Registration Guide

Please read all steps prior to beginning registration as well as page 2.

1. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair Entry Portal.
2. Click "As an Exhibitor."
 - *4-H Members*: Use your 4-H Online account, use your email and password for 4-H Online.
 - *Open Class*: Create a new FairEntry account using a family email address.
3. Registering Exhibitors
 - *4-H Members*- click Edit next to the youth you want to register
 - *Open Class*- Click "Register an Exhibitor." Enter the name and birthdate.
4. Contact and Address Information
 - *4-H Member*- review address, if need to edit, click "edit"
 - *Open class*- enter contact information and address.
5. Questions
 - Enter Exhibitor Number (First initial of last name and last 4 digits of social security number)
 - Parent Names-Enter as they should appear on auction sale bill (only needed for small and large market animals)
 - SMAC Pen Fee- select 1 unit if youth exhibits small animals
 - Large Livestock Animal Fee- select a unit for every breed and wool animal
 - YQCA question
6. Required Files:
 - Download, sign and upload the Code of Conduct (Mandatory).
 - Download, complete and upload the W-9 (Required for Market livestock).
 - *Tip: Photos of signed forms are acceptable.*
7. Review personal information and then click "Continue to Entries"
8. Click "Add an Entry" for the child you want to add an entry to.
9. Select the Department, then the section, click "Choose", then select the class, click "Continue". If the youth is in multiple 4-H clubs, please make sure change the club if the project is not going to be exhibited under their primary club. All market animal classes are required to add the animal to the system.
10. To add another entry the process depends on the screen you are on., click "change" by the department or by the class OR "Back to Entries" and "Add an Entry"
 - *Verify*: Ensure every family member has both their projects AND their showmanship classes added.
11. If you are only entering one child go to step 12, if you have more than one child follow bullet points here.
 - *4-H member*- find the next child on your list and click add an entry and complete the process again.
 - *Open class*- the system will ask "What do you want to do next?" Click "Register another Exhibitor" to add additional youth to your family.

- The system will not allow you to check out if you have a child that does not have everything completed.
12. Click “Continue to Payment”
 13. Verify each exhibitor is listed and the amount is correct. (\$15 exhibitor pass is automatically added), click “Continue”
 14. Add credit card
 15. Click the green “Submit” button.
 16. Check your email for registration confirmation.

Large Livestock Exhibitors

Market Animals- you may register for up to two market classes per species. If you register two market animals per species you will be able to bring two market animals, necessary changes will be made at or after weigh in.

Some of the possible changes:

- Gilts can be changed to barrow and vice versa
- Pure bred swine can be changed to market and vice versa
- Market beef can be changed to cross bred market animal
- Market heifer can be changed to market beef
- Ewe can be changed to wether and vice versa
- Beef feeder to dairy feeder or cross bred or vice versa
- Lightweight to heavyweight

Tag information- you will be required to enter tag numbers into the system. Enter the fair tags of the animals that you think you will bring. They can be edited at or after weigh in.

Small Market Animals

Rabbits- you will need to have tattoo numbers during registration.

Goats- you will be required to enter your tattoo or scrapie tag number.

Poultry- you will need to know the breed

Horses Exhibitors

You will be required to upload a copy of your Coggins, make sure to have these saved to the device you are using to register. (You will need to bring your Coggins with you at fair check in.)

[Click here to go to the registration site.](#)

Van Buren Youth Fair

2027 Award Sponsor

Name to be used for publicity _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Indicate below which categories you prefer to sponsor:

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Horse, Pulling Contests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Draft Horse Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swine | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Stock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Cats | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Awards - High Point, Sweepstakes, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please use wherever needed | | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorials |

If you would like to sponsor a specific award, list below:

SPECIES

NAME OF TROPHY/AWARD

We try to match your request as closely as possible. However, the person who sponsored the award last year will have first choice at sponsoring the award again until February 1. After the February 1 due date, selections will be made on a first come first serve basis. To be sure your sponsorship is printed in the fair book; it must be received by February 15.

Type of Award	Quantity	Amt.	Total
Trophy		\$15.00	
Plaque		\$15.00	
Banners (Beef, Dairy, Sheep & Swine only)		\$30.00	
Sweepstakes Trophies		\$50.00	
Small Animal - \$50.00			
Large Animal - \$50.00			
Dogs High Point - \$50.00		\$50.00	
Reserve High Point - \$50.00			
Cats High Point - \$50.00			
TOTAL			

Please make checks payable to: "Van Buren Youth Fair" - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Send to:

*Pat Burnell
P.O. BOX 271
Hartford, MI 49057*

Date Received	Check # / Cash	Amount	Initials

Van Buren Youth Fair

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 2026-2027

(VALID: October 1, 2026 - September 31, 2027)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Application Submitted: _____ Received: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Membership Fee: \$15.00 Per Year
Membership Deadline: JUNE 15, 2026
Make Checks Payable to
"Van Buren Youth Fair"

Return To: Secretary
Van Buren Youth Fair
PO BOX 271
Hartford, MI 49057

Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Received By: _____



CAMPGROUND RULES

Exhibitor Camping – Ken Tomsa, Sr. (269) 506-3738 and Travis Gumpert
Commercial Camping – Stephanie Zabavski – Matt Butler – Patt Burnell

1. **ALL CAMPERS / RV'S MUST BE ACCESSIBLE FOR QUICK HOOKUP AND REMOVAL, FACING OUT, PER FIRE MARSHALL.**
2. Priority for campsite availability will be Fair Board Members, Superintendents, Leaders, Exhibitors with their immediate family and Vendors.
3. Camper stickers must be picked up at the fair office on the Saturday or Sunday preceding the fair between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
4. Campsites must have adult supervision.
5. Check in times are Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am – 6:00 p.m.
6. Campers will be allowed on the grounds beginning at noon the Friday prior to fair week at an additional charge of \$20.00 per day for Friday.
 - Any camper on grounds before noon on Friday without *PRIOR* approval of camping committee will result in a penalty charge of \$40.00 plus the per day charge.
 - All early check-ins must report to the Fair Board Office to register and pay for the additional days. Do **NOT** go directly to the campsite. Early in hours are Friday – 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
7. One immediate family unit (camper or tent) per campsite. Screen tents /shelters are allowed for storage, dining, etc., but not sleeping.
8. Anyone camping under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult guardian.
9. Only one vehicle with a camping sticker will be allowed at the campsite. All other vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking lot.
10. *There is to be absolutely no discharge of water or waste on the ground*, by order of the Health Department and the DEQ. Gray water disposal will only be allowed at the designated dump site.
11. Keep grounds neat and clean around camper. Campers are responsible for disposal of trash in designated dumpster containers.
12. Quiet hours: 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Any camper or campers may be asked to leave for being disorderly.
13. *Absolutely no early* removal of campers unless authorized by camp committee. (This can result in forfeiting your camp lot.)
14. All campers are to be off of the fairgrounds on Sunday (end of the fair week).
15. **Campsite Renewal Registration** – Friday and Saturday of the fair, at the fair office beginning at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. deadline is June 1st of the next year for all campsites to be paid in full. All \$25.00 deposits are non-refundable. If balance is not paid by June 1st, deposit will be lost, and campsite may be resold. Renewal fee for all campsites includes two (2) season passes.
16. **No campfires of any kind, per fire marshall.**
17. **No Dogs are allowed in the Exhibitor campground or in campers.**
18. Any camper not following the above rules is subject to being red tagged, which will affect their eligibility for campsite renewal.
19. Open alcohol containers are prohibited throughout the fairgrounds. Any alcohol **MUST** be kept within the camper/campsite in a covered container.
20. Controlled substances (including marijuana) are **NOT** allowed anywhere on the Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds.



CARNIVAL MIDWAY
July 21-25

Unlimited mega bands online
\$100 purchase before 5PM July 20
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Top Gun Ride Requires Tickets + Wristband

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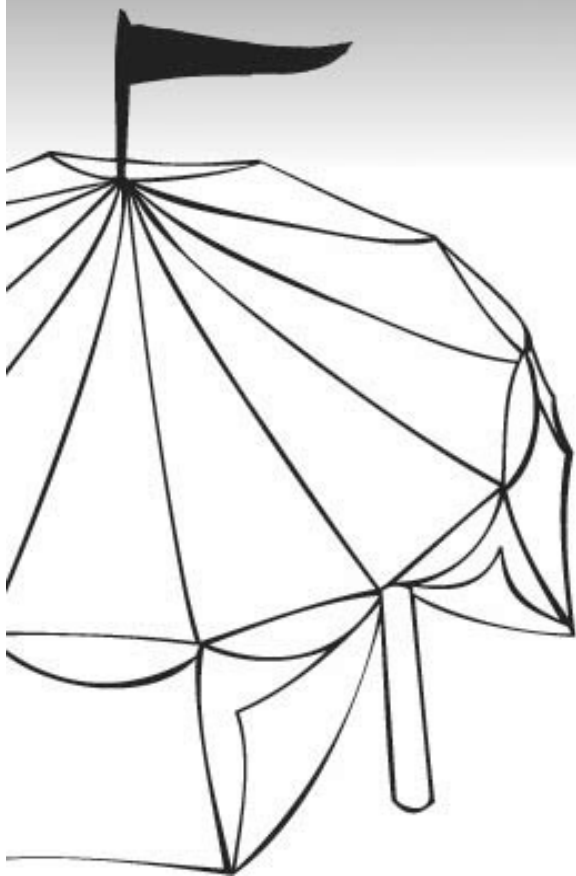
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THE VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!



**Come watch the stars of our
Talent Show and Performing Arts**



**Under the
Community Tent
Monday Night**

**July 20th
7:00 p.m.**



MONDAY NIGHT **Tethered** **Balloon** **Rides**

**Get Up Close & Personal
with a Giant Hot Air Balloon!**



Monday, July 20, 2026 • 7 p.m.

Tethered Balloon Rides – 7:00 p.m.
FREE VIEWING
Ride Pricing by Vendor

Monday Night Entertainment

FARMSTOCK TRACTOR PULL

Monday, July 20, 2026




**Registration
starts at 3 p.m.
with pull starting
at 6 p.m.**



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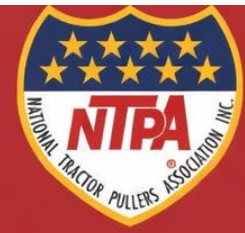
Tuesday Night Entertainment



STEINER
New Parts for Old Tractors
REGION II

July 21

7pm





HARTFORD NTPA NATIONALS

Classes: 55670 Co Rd. 681, Hartford, MI 49057
Super Farm
TWD Truck
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FREE with
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NTPApull.com 55670 Co Rd. 681, Hartford, MI 49057
vanburenyouthfair.com



Wednesday ~ Kids Day



Michigan State University Extension is partnering with the Van Buren Youth Fair to offer Exploration at the Fair on Wednesday, July 22. MSU Extension will be offering hands on educational activities around different program areas. The first 200 youth ages 5-12 along with an adult to visit each station will receive a free ride band for that day. Ride bands are sponsored by the Van Buren Youth Fair.

Wednesday Night Entertainment

COMEDY NIGHT!

Van Buren Youth Fair

Bring your friends and get ready to laugh!

Dylan Mandlson
Stand-Up Comedy

Eric O'Shea
Crowd Favorite Comedy

Kier
Comedy Rock Impressions

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026
7:00 P.M. • VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR.

DON'T MISS IT!

Thursday Night Entertainment

THURSDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Country Music
★ NIGHT ★

JAKE HOOT
WINNER OF SEASON 17 OF *the Voice*

WITH SPECIAL GUEST:
WAYLON HANEL
WINNER: 2025 JOSIE MUSIC AWARDS:
ARTIST OF THE YEAR
(COUNTRY, MALE)

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026
7:00 P.M. • VAN BUREN YOUTH FAIR

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL



Friday, July 24- 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Ken and Latisha Tomsa
(269) 214-8376

PRIZES TROPHIES RIBBONS

Participants must be correct AGE the day of the Pull

BOYS

Ages: 5-6
7-8
9-10
11-12
13-15

GIRLS

Ages: 5-6
7-8
9-10
11-12
13-15

ADULT TRUCK PULL (TEENAGERS, WOMEN AND MEN)

Ages: 16 and OVER
\$2.00 Entry Fee



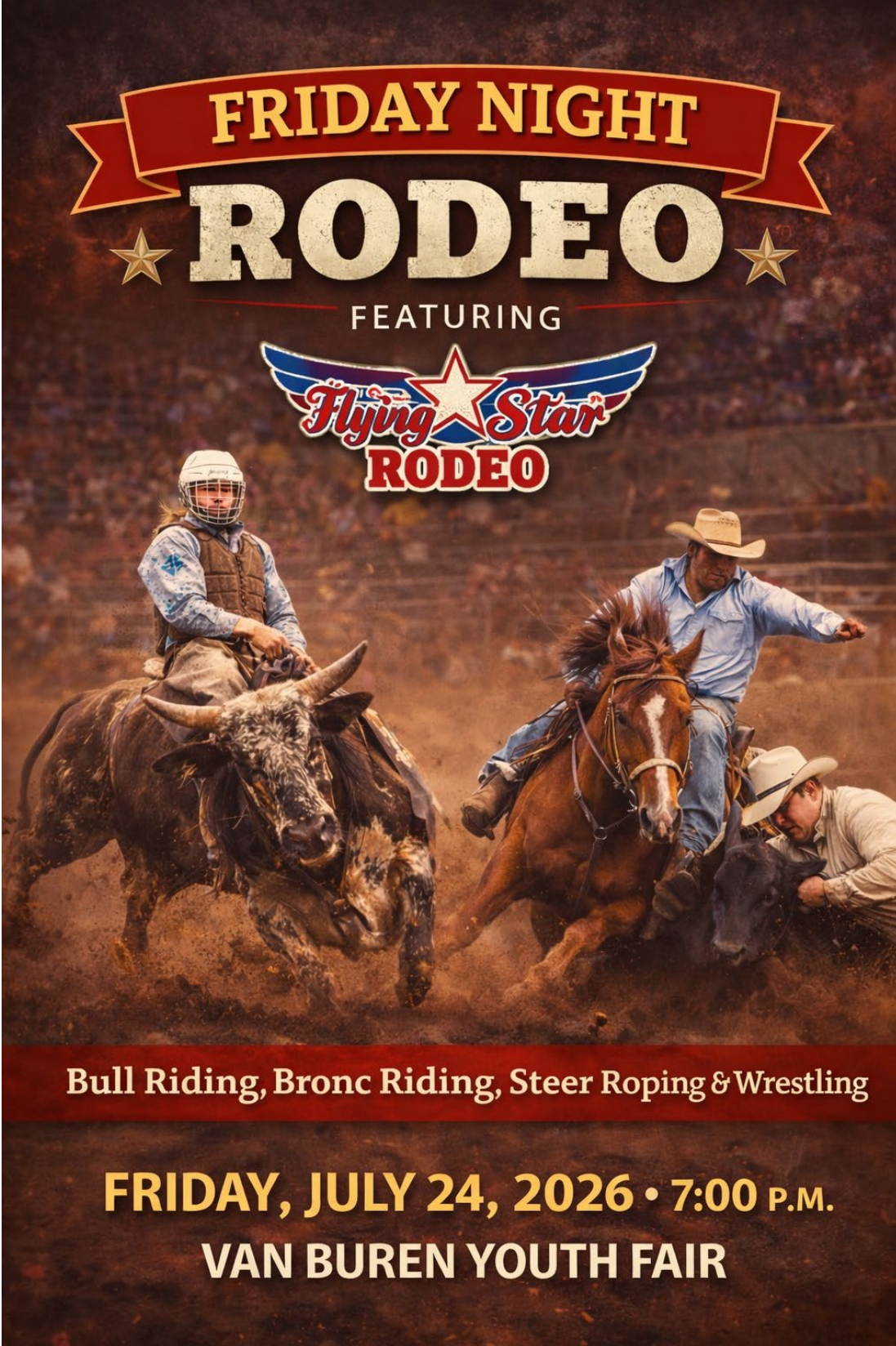
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Friday Night Entertainment



The poster features a central image of three rodeo participants in action. On the left, a bull rider in a white helmet and vest is mounted on a dark bull. In the center, a cowboy in a blue shirt and hat is riding a brown horse. On the right, a steer roper in a white shirt and hat is working with a steer. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a rodeo arena.

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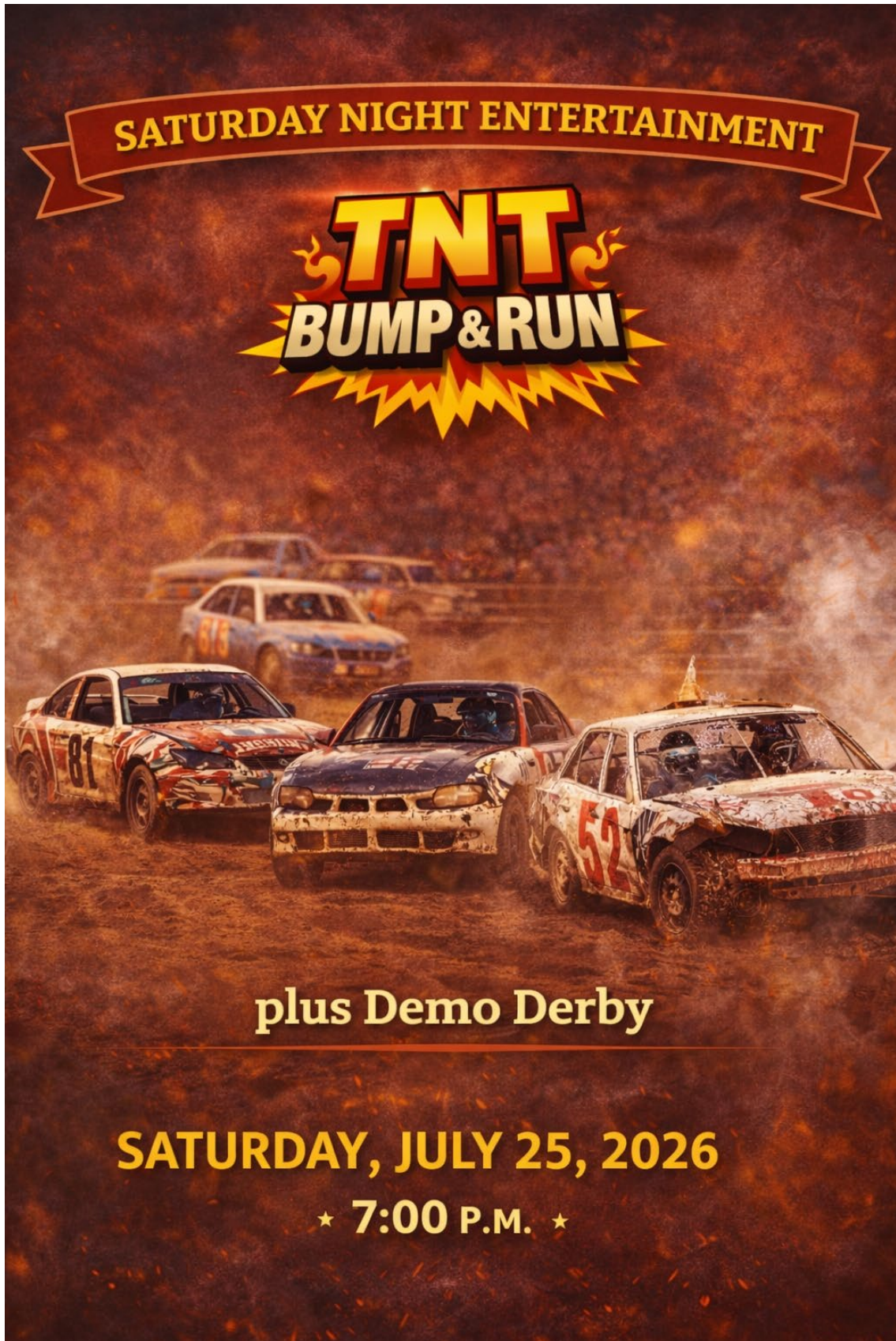
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Saturday Night Entertainment

A promotional poster for the TNT Bump & Run event. The background is a fiery, orange-red scene with several cars in a demolition derby. The cars are heavily damaged, with visible numbers like 81, 52, and 11. The TNT logo is prominently displayed in the center, with 'BUMP & RUN' below it. A banner at the top reads 'SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT'. At the bottom, the text 'plus Demo Derby' is written in a stylized font, followed by the date 'SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026' and the time '★ 7:00 P.M. ★'.

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

TNT
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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

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Champion Title	Species	Buyer Name
Grand Champion Barrow	<i>Swine</i>	Matthew Moser
Grand Champion Gilt	<i>Swine</i>	Justice Fence
Grand Champion Pure Bred Barrow	<i>Swine</i>	Matthew Moser
Grand Champion Pure Bred Gilt	<i>Swine</i>	Karleigh & Brock Stamp
Reserve Champion Barrow	<i>Swine</i>	Clark's Auto Parts
Reserve Champion Gilt	<i>Swine</i>	Goodlyfe Farms & Sapphire Farms
Reserve Champion Pure Bred Barrow	<i>Swine</i>	Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Reserve Champion Pure Bred Gilt	<i>Swine</i>	Jensen's RV Park & Motel
Grand Champion Carcass	<i>Swine</i>	Matt & Michele Butler
Reserve Champion Carcass	<i>Swine</i>	Alexander Farm
Grand Champion Market Beef Steer	<i>Beef</i>	Klett Development
Grand Champion Market Dairy Steer	<i>Beef</i>	Chisholm Farm
Grand Champion Market Crossbred Steer	<i>Beef</i>	
Reserve Champion Market Beef Steer	<i>Beef</i>	Burnell Farms
Reserve Champion Market Dairy Steer	<i>Beef</i>	Pursley Construction
Reserve Champion Market Crossbred Steer	<i>Beef</i>	
Grand Champion Carcass	<i>Beef</i>	Paw Paw Village Drug
Reserve Champion Carcass	<i>Beef</i>	Scott Flick Concrete Construction
	<i>Beef Dairy Cross</i>	
Reserve Champ. Crossbred Feeder Calf-Light	<i>Feeder</i>	Jennifer Hood
	<i>Milk</i>	Van Buren County Milk Buyers
Grand Champion Lt. Wt. Dairy Feeder	<i>Dairy Feeder</i>	Santa Christianson Industries and Oxbow Bend Farms
Reserve Champion Hvy. Wt. Dairy Feeder	<i>Dairy Feeder</i>	Burnips Equipment
Reserve Champion Lt. Wt. Dairy Feeder	<i>Dairy Feeder</i>	Wheatfield Grain
Grand Champion Wether	<i>Sheep</i>	Friends and Family of Freddie Craig
Grand Champion Ewe	<i>Sheep</i>	Turner Farms
Reserve Champion Wether	<i>Sheep</i>	Jim Vanderkolk
Reserve Champion Ewe	<i>Sheep</i>	Keith & Tammy Dykstra
Grand Champion Carcass	<i>Sheep</i>	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Reserve Champion Carcass	<i>Sheep</i>	
A & A's Little Red Shed Farm Market	Andrew Greene	Brian & Julie Rumsey
Aaron Dykstra	Arbor Hill Farm	Brian Sportel
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Addie Property Management	Aric and Trisa Nesbitt	Bryan Sieber Dozer Service
Alexander Farm	Bert Hybels, Inc.	Bryan Sportel
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Field Plumbing and Heating Inc
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Flying Hooves Farm
Friends & Family of Freddie Craig
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Goodlyfe Farms & Sapphire Farms
Grand Acres Farm
Grasshopper Farms
Great Lakes Seed Solutions
Green Mark Equipment
Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Hard Rocks Farm
High Grade Materials
Hinkelman Farms
Holcim
Hood Farms
Hopkins Elevator
Hostetler Crazy Acres
Hunt's Hillside Vineyards
Iris Swift
Janet Tripp

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Jason Avery
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Jennifer Barnhart
Jennifer Hood
Jennsen's RV Park & Motel
Jim & Audrey King
Jim Vanderkolk
Joel & Rita Becraft
Jon Armiger
JT's Maintenance Services
Justice Fence
Kalamazoo County State Bank
Karleigh & Brock Stamp
Kate Benke
Keith & Tammy Dykstra
Keystone Cooperative
Klett Development
Klett Recycling
Kusmack Properties LLC &
Northwinds Farms
L & L Auto Salvage LLC
Labrador Farm
Lakeside Land Development LLC
LaRue Auto Sales
M & W Seeds
Madgyesi Farms
Maggie Turner
Matt & Michele Butler
Matthew Moser
Michigan Mixed Animal
Veterinarian Services
Michigan Paving & Materials Co
Midwest Energy &
Communications
Mike & Leah Stickles
Mitten Shores Real Estate
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Gordon Nesbitt
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Steve & Diane Mroczek
Steven Shultz
Tammy & Keith Dykstra
Tim & Nicole Schipper
Tom Alekisich Excavating
Tom Reynnells
Travis & Kristy Gumpert
Trevor & Allison Streit
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Van Buren County Farm Bureau

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<i>Grand Champion Market Chickens</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Alternate Fuel Technologies</i>
<i>Grand Champion Market Waterfowl</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Ej & Sonia McNamara and Janet Tripp</i>
<i>Grand Champion Market Turkeys</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Ej & Sonia McNamara and Janet Tripp</i>
<i>Grand Champion Marketing A Dozen Eggs</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Hard Rocks Farm</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Market Chickens</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Addie Property Management</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Market Waterfowl</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Van Buren 4-H Leaders Association</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Market Turkeys</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Shrooms & Company</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Marketing A Dozen Eggs</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Hard Rocks Farm</i>
<i>Grand Champion Market Rabbits</i>	<i>Rabbits</i>	<i>Riverbend Cattle Company and Shoemaker's Garage</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Market Rabbits</i>	<i>Rabbits</i>	<i>Addie Property Management</i>
<i>Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Thunderfoot Farm</i>
<i>Grand Champion Meat Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Elizabeth Racop</i>
<i>Grand Campion Crossbred Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Hostetler Crazy Acres</i>
<i>Grand Champion Goat Carcass Class</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Michael Koshar</i>
<i>Grand Champion Dairy Breeding Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Mary Quillen & Warren Sell</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Dairy Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Ej & Sonia McNamara</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Meat Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Elizabeth Racop</i>
<i>Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Goat</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Addie Property Management</i>

Addie Property Management	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush	Riverbend Cattle Company
Alternate Fuel Technologies	Jeffrey & Kristine Hinson	Ron & Kandy Dixon
Andrew & Allison Heinitz	Jessica Szkody - Gale Realty	Sally Esman
Arcadia Chemical	Jim & Audrey King	Santa
Ben Wainwright	Joe Vaughn	Scott Flick
Cal Chambliss	Kate's Pizza	Shelby Rindfield
Chisholm Farms	Marana Group	Shoemaker's Garage
Craig Family Livestock	Mary Quillen & Warren Sell	Shrooms & Company
Dorr Farms	McPike Investments LLC	Smokin Butcher
Ej & Sonia McNamara	Michael Koshar	Southwestern Michigan Feed
Elizabeth Racop	Michigan Mixed Animal	Stan & Mary Darling
Field Plumbing & Heating	Veterinary	Strong Trucking
Fleetwoods Heating	Midway Electric	Thunderfoot Farm
Flower Veil Farms	Olivia Moore	Travis & Kristy Gumpert
Gary Consford	Pamela Wendzel	Turner Farms
Golden Plain Farm	Payton & Sadie Hunt	Van Buren 4-H Leaders Association
Grasshopper Farms	Pillar Surplus	Whiffletree Farm
Hankins Lawncare & Tree Service	Pine Lane Berry Farms LLC	Williams Dairy Farm
Hard Rocks Farm	Pursley Construction Co	
Hostetler Crazy Acres	Pursley Custom Ag LLC	
Hunts Hillside Vineyards	Quality Cylinder Service LLC	
Janet Tripp	Reginald Mallett	

DEPT. 2 - DAIRY

Monday, July 20 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Andrew Green (269) 254-6822

Assistant Superintendent:

Jennifer Hood (269) 744-5455

This department must abide by all VBYF and Large Livestock rules at the back of the book.

Exhibitors of milk-producing dairy cows and milk-producing dairy goats will be advised that these animals will be exposed to swine. For biosecurity considerations and federal law; milk produced at this fair is not suitable for human consumption. Milk shall be disposed of in a proper manner.

Mature Milking Cows will be allowed to come in for the day of the show only. Must arrive by 8:00 a.m. and leave by 8:00 p.m.

Division I - Dairy Cattle

Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 200, 201, 203-205 and 207 will receive Showmanship Rosettes (1-5 places). All exhibitors in class 207 will receive participation ribbons. First place exhibitors in classes 200, 201, 203-205 and 207 will receive trophies.

Class 200 - Senior II Showmanship
(17-19 years old)

Class 201 - Senior I Showmanship (15-16 years old)

Class 202 - Senior Champion Showmanship
Run-Off

Class 203 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 204 - Young II Showmanship (11-12 years old)

Class 205 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 206 - Junior Championship Showmanship
Run-Off

Class 207 - Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years old)

The first place exhibitors in Class 202 & 206 will be the representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes competition.

Dairy Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 208 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Dairy Breeds

Class 209 - Young Calf - female only
(Born 4/1 to 6/30 current year)

Class 210 - Junior Calf - female only
(Born 1/1 to 3/31 current year)

Class 211 - Senior Calf
(Born 7/1 - 12/31 last year)

Class 212 - Dairy Heifer
(Born before 7/1 last year)

Class 213 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
(1st and 2nd places of classes 209-212)

Class 214 - Dairy Cows

Class 215 - Exhibitor's Herd
(2 animals owned by one exhibitor)

Class 216 - Dam-Daughter
(Owned by one exhibitor)

Exhibitor must be 9 years old as of January 1st of the current year to exhibit a mature dairy female in classes 211-216.

Exhibitors in classes 209-212, 214, and 215-216 will receive placing rosettes (1-5) and A, B, C ribbons. Premium for classes 209-212 and 215-216 are A (\$7), B (\$6) and C (\$5). Premium for class 214 is A (\$8), B (\$7) and C (\$6). First and second place winners of 213 and 214 will receive Champion and Reserve Champion Trophies and Banners.

Dairy Project Evaluation

See Livestock Project Evaluation at the back of the book for more details.

Class 217 - Dairy Evaluation

Exhibitors in Class 217 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), C (\$6) ribbons and premiums. Dairy exhibitors will have an oral interview with the judge on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



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DEPT 4 - BEEF

Monday, July 20 - 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

Assistant Superintendent:

J. J. DeVries (269) 329-9079

This department must abide by all VBYF and Large Livestock rules at the back of the book.

Division I - Beef & Dairy Feeder Calf

Feeder Calf Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 400, 401, 403-405 and 407-408 will receive placing rosettes (1-5 place). First place exhibitors in classes 400, 401, 403-405 and 407-408 will receive a trophy. All exhibitors in classes 407-408 will receive a participation ribbon.

Class 400 - Senior II Feeder Calf Showmanship
(17-19 years old)

Class 401 - Senior I Feeder Calf Showmanship
(15-16 years old)

Class 402 - Senior Champion Feeder Calf
Showmanship Run-off

Class 403 - Junior Feeder Calf Showmanship
(13-14 years old)

Class 404 - Young II Feeder Calf Showmanship
(11-12 years old)

Class 405 - Young I Feeder Calf Showmanship
(9-10 years old)

Class 406 - Junior Champion Feeder Calf
Showmanship Run-off

Class 407 - Pee Wee II Feeder Calf Showmanship
(7 born 1/1 - 6/30 & 8 years old)

Class 408 - Pee Wee I Feeder Calf Showmanship
(6 & 7 born 7/1 - 12/31 years old)

The first place exhibitors in classes 402 and 406 will be the representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 409 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Beef Feeder Calf Market Animals

Lightweight Class - Minimum of 250 Pounds -
Maximum of 450 Pounds

Heavyweight Class - Minimum of 451 Pounds -
Maximum of 676 Pounds

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in.

Class 410 - Lightweight Beef Feeder

Class 411 - Lightweight Beef Feeder

Class 412 - Lightweight Beef Feeder

Class 413 - Lightweight Grand and Reserve Grand
Champion Beef Feeder

Class 414 - Heavyweight Beef Feeder

Class 415 - Heavyweight Beef Feeder

Class 416 - Heavyweight Beef Feeder

Class 417 - Heavyweight Grand and Reserve Grand
Champion Beef Feeder

Class 418 - Supreme Beef Feeder Champion

Heavyweight Beef Feeder Champion vs
Lightweight Beef Feeder Champion

Dairy Feeder Calf Market Animals

Lightweight Class - Minimum of 250 Pounds -
Maximum of 450 Pounds

Heavyweight Class - Minimum of 451 Pounds -
Maximum of 676 Pounds

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in.

Class 419 - Lightweight Dairy Feeder

Class 420 - Lightweight Dairy Feeder

Class 421 - Lightweight Dairy Feeder

Class 422 - Lightweight Dairy Feeder

Class 423 - Lightweight Grand and Reserve Grand
Champion Dairy Feeder

Class 424 - Heavyweight Dairy Feeder

Class 425 - Heavyweight Dairy Feeder

Class 426 - Heavyweight Dairy Feeder

Class 427 - Heavyweight Dairy Feeder

Class 428 - Heavyweight Dairy Feeder

Class 429 - Heavyweight Grand and Reserve Grand
Champion Dairy Feeder

Class 430 - Supreme Champion Dairy Feeder

Heavyweight Dairy Feeder Champion vs
Lightweight Dairy Feeder Champion

Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder Calf Market Animals

Lightweight Class - Minimum of 250 Pounds - Maximum of 450 Pounds

Heavyweight Class - Minimum of 451 Pounds - Maximum of 676 Pounds

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in.

Class 431 - Lightweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 432 - Lightweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 433 - Lightweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 434 - Lightweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 435 - Lightweight Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 436 - Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 437 - Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 438 - Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 439 - Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 440 - Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 441 - Heavyweight Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder

Class 442 - Supreme Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder
Heavyweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder
Champion vs Lightweight Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder
Champion

Exhibitors in classes 410-412, 414-416, 419-422, 424-428, 431-434, 436-440 will receive A, B, C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place exhibitors in classes 413, 417, 423, 429, 435 and 441 will receive a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion trophy and banner. Classes 418, 430 and 442 will receive an award.

Feeder Calf Project Evaluation

See Livestock Project Evaluation at the back of the book for more details.

Class 443 - Feeder Calf Evaluation

Exhibitors in Class 443 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), C (\$6) ribbons and premiums.

Feeder exhibitors will have a short interview with the judge on Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Rating will be based on interview, record book and animal.

Feeder Calf Rate of Gain

Superintendent: Karen Kubiszak (269) 254-4085

Assistant Superintendent:

Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

See Rate of Gain Rules at the front of the book.

A Premium (\$5) - 2.25 lbs. per day and above

B Premium (\$4) - 1.80 - 2.24 lbs. per day

C Premium (\$3) - 1.79 lbs. per day and below

Class 444 - Beef Feeder Calf Rate of Gain

Class 445 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf

Class 446- Dairy Feeder Calf Rate of Gain

Class 447 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Calf

Class 448- Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder Calf Rate of Gain

Class 449 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder Calf

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors will receive an award and a sign will be placed above the animal pens.

There will be a 30-minute break to allow the judge time to eat and for exhibitors to get their animals ready for the next show.

Division II – Beef Breeding

Superintendent: Melinda Burnell (269) 207-3912

Assistant Superintendent:

Brady Burnell (269) 330-2995

Exhibitors must be 9 years of age as of January 1st of the current year to show in Beef Breeding classes 454-455.

Beef Breeding

Class division determined after weigh-in.

Class 450 - Beef Calf-female only- born after 1/1 of current year

Class 451 - Beef Calf-female only- - born after 1/1 of current year

Class 452 - Bull Calf

Born after 1/1 of the current year

Class 453 - Beef Heifer Senior Calf

Born 7/1 last year to 1/1 current year

Class 454 -Beef Heifer

Born 7/1 year before last to 7/1 last year

Class 455 - Beef Cow

Class 456 - Beef Breed Grand and Reserve Grand Champion

Exhibitors in classes 450-455 will receive A, B, C and Placing Rosettes (1-5 place). Premiums for class 450-452 are A (\$5), B (\$4), and C (\$3); class 453 are A (\$6), B (\$5), and C (\$4); classes 454 and 455 are A (\$7), B (\$6), and C (\$5). First and Second place exhibitors in class 456 will receive a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion trophy and banner.

Division III – Beef and Dairy Market Animals

Superintendent: Melinda Burnell (269) 207-3912

Assistant Superintendent:

Brady Burnell (269) 330-2995

Exhibitors must be 9 years of age as of January 1st of the current year to show in Beef and Dairy Market Animal classes 465-485.

Beef and Dairy Steer Showmanship

Class 457 - Senior II Showmanship
(17-19 years old)

Class 458 - Senior I Showmanship (15-16 years old)

Class 459 - Senior Champion Showmanship Run-off

Class 460 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 461 - Young II Showmanship (11-12 years old)

Class 462 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 463 - Junior Champion Showmanship Run-off

Exhibitors in Classes 457-458, 460-462 will receive placing rosette (1-5). First place exhibitors will receive a trophy.

The first place exhibitors in classes 459 and 463 will be the representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 464 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

There will be a 15-minute break to allow exhibitors to prepare for the next show.

Beef and Dairy Market Animals

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in

Class 465 - Market Beef

Class 466 - Market Beef

Class 467 - Market Beef

Class 468 - Market Beef

Class 469 - Market Beef

Class 470 - Market Beef

Class 471 - Market Beef

Class 472 - Market Beef

Class 473 - Market Heifer

Class 474 - Market Heifer

Class 475 - Beef Market Animal Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion

Class 476 - Market Dairy

Class 477 - Market Dairy

Class 478 - Market Dairy

Class 479 - Dairy Market Animal Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steers

Class 480 –Market Beef Dairy Crossbred

Class 481 - Market Beef Dairy Crossbred
 Class 482 - Market Beef Dairy Crossbred
 Class 483 - Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal
 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand
 Champion Steers
 Class 484 – Van Buren County Born & Raised-
 Market Beef
 Class 485- Van Buren County Born & Raised-
 Market Dairy and Market Beef Dairy
 Crossbred

Completed forms for classes 484 and 485 must be turned in by December 31st. Ribbons will be awarded to the Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Van Buren County Born & Raised Market Animal. This class will not affect the Market Placing Sale Order. If the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Market animals are in the Born and Raised class, the class will not be held. The winners of class 475 will be awarded the prizes.

Exhibitors in classes 465-474, 476-478, and 480-482 will receive A, B, C ribbons & placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place in classes 475, 479, and 483 will receive a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophy, a belt buckle, and a banner.

Beef, Dairy and Cross Market Animal Project Evaluation

See Livestock Project Evaluation at the back of the book for more details.

Class 486 – Beef, Dairy and Cross Market Animal Evaluation
 Class 487 - Beef Breeding Stock Evaluation

Exhibitors in classes 486 and 487 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), or C (\$6) ribbons and premiums.

Beef and Dairy Market Animal exhibitors will have a short interview with the judge on Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Rating will be based on interview, record book, and animal.

Beef Carcass Class

Superintendent: Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998
 Assistant Superintendent:
 Dan Hostetler (269) 377-9262

Class 488 - Beef Carcass
 Class 489 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Carcass

Exhibitors in class 488 will receive A (\$7), B (\$6) and C (\$5) premiums. Exhibitors in class 487 will receive placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and Second place exhibitors in 489 will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophies and banners.

See Carcass Rules at the back of the book.

Rate of Gain

Superintendent: Karen Kubiszak (269) 254-4085
 Assistant Superintendent:
 Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

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Class 490 - Beef Market Animal Rate of Gain
 Class 491 - Grand Champion & Reserve Grand
 Champion Beef Market Animal Rate of Gain
 Class 492 – Dairy Beef Market Animal Rate of Gain
 Class 493 - Grand Champion & Reserve Grand
 Champion Dairy Beef Market Animal Rate
 of Gain
 Class 494 – Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal
 Rate of Gain
 Class 495 - Grand Champion & Reserve Grand
 Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Dairy Beef
 Market Animal Rate of Gain

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors in classes 491, 493 and 495 will receive an award and a sign will be placed above the animal pen.

DEPT 6 - SHEEP

Wednesday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Katie Klett (989) 621-8380

Superintendent: Craig Klett (269) 598-5172

This department must abide by all VBYF and Large Livestock rules at the back of the book.

All sheep are required to have a USDA ear tag.

Division I - Sheep

Sheep Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 600, 601, 603-605, 607-608 will receive placing rosettes (1-5 place). First place exhibitors will receive a trophy. All exhibitors in classes 607 and 608 will receive a participation ribbon.

Class 600 - Senior II Showmanship
(17-19 years old)

Class 601 - Senior I Showmanship (15-16 years old)

Class 602 - Senior Champion Showmanship Run-off

Class 603 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 604 - Young II Showmanship (11-12 years old)

Class 605 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 606 - Junior Champion Showmanship Run-off

Class 607 - Pee Wee II Showmanship
(7 Born 1/1 - 6/30 & 8 years old)

Class 608 - Pee Wee I Showmanship
(6 & 7 born 7/1 -12/31 years old)

The first place exhibitors in classes 602 and 606 will be the representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 609 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Breeding Sheep

Market ewes may not be shown as breeding stock.

Class 610 - Aged Ewe

Over 2 years of age and has had lambs, no older than 7 years of age.

Class 611 - Yearling Ewe

Born after 1/1 of previous year possibly bred once.

Class 612 - Ewe Lamb

Born 1/1 or after of current year

Class 613 – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

Exhibitors in classes 610-612 will receive A, B, or C ribbons, premium A (\$5), B (\$4) or C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place in class 613 will receive a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophy and a banner.

Wool Breeding Sheep

The last shear date would be 4/1. (Wool sheep should not be sheared after this date.) All Wool Breeding sheep may not be in the following classes: 610, 611 and 612.

Class 614 - Aged Ewe

Over 2 years of age and has had lambs, no older than 7 years of age.

Class 615 - Yearling Ewe

Born after 1/1 of previous year possibly bred once.

Class 616 - Ewe Lamb

Born 1/1 or after of current year

Class 617 – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

Exhibitors in classes 614-616 will receive an A, B, or C ribbon, premium A (\$5), B (\$4) and C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place in class 617 will receive a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes. The first place winner in class 617 will receive \$500.00 from Thunderfoot Farms. The second place winner in class 617 will receive \$250.00 from Thunderfoot Farms.

Market Wether

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in.

Class 618 - Market Wether
Class 619 - Market Wether
Class 620 - Market Wether
Class 621 - Market Wether
Class 622 - Market Wether

Market Ewe

Weight divisions determined after weigh-in.

Class 623 - Market Ewe
Class 624 - Market Ewe
Class 625 - Market Ewe
Class 626 - Market Ewe
Class 627 - Market Ewe

Market Lamb Championships

Class 628 – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Wether
Class 629 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Class 630 - Supreme Champion Lamb Grand Champion Wether vs. Grand Champion Ewe
Class 631 – Van Buren County Born & Raised
Completed forms for class 631 must be turned in by June 15th. Ribbons will be awarded to the Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Van Buren County Born & Raised Market Animal. This class will not affect the Market Placing Sale Order.

Exhibitors in classes 618-627 will receive A, B, C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place winners in classes 628-629 will receive a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophy and a banner. Class 630 will receive an award.

Sheep Project Evaluation

See Livestock Project Evaluation at the back of the book for more details.

Exhibitors in classes 632 and 633 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), or C (\$6) ribbons and premiums.

Class 632 - Market Lamb Evaluation
Class 633 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation

Sheep exhibitors will have a short interview with the judge on Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Rating will be based on the interview, record book and animal.

Sheep Carcass Class

Superintendent: Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998
Assistant Superintendent:
Dan Hostetler (269) 377-9262

Class 634 - Lamb Carcass
Class 635 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Carcass

Exhibitors in Class 634 will receive A (\$7), B (\$6), C (\$5) ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place exhibitors in class 635 will receive a trophy and a banner.

See Carcass Rules at the back of the book.

Sheep Rate of Gain

Superintendent: Karen Kubiszak
Assistant Superintendent:
Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

See Rate of Gain Rules at the back of the book.

A Premiums (\$5) - .70 lbs. per day and above
B Premiums (\$4) - .58 - .69 lbs. per day
C Premiums (\$3) - .30 - .57 lbs. per day

Class 636 – Market Lamb Rate of Gain
Class 637 – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb Rate of Gain

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors in class 637 will receive an award and a sign will be placed above the animal pen.

DEPT 8 - GOATS

Monday, July 20 - 8:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Heather Oxley (269) 341-5445

Assistant Superintendent:

Emmeline Towne (269) 250-0199

Sharon Harrell (269) 767-3191

This department must abide by all VBYP and Small Animal rules at the back of the book.

Exhibitors of milk producing dairy cows and milk producing dairy goats be advised that these animals will be exposed to swine. For biosecurity considerations and federal law; milk produced at this fair is not suitable for human consumption. Milk shall be disposed of in a proper manner.

Market Pictures – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Division I - Goats

Goat Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 800, 801, 803-805 and 807 will receive placing rosettes (1-5). First place exhibitor will receive a trophy. All exhibitors in class 807 receive a participation rosette.

Class 800 - Senior II Showmanship
(17-19 years old)

Class 801 - Senior I Showmanship (15-16 years old)

Class 802 - Senior Champion Showmanship Run-off
(1st and 2nd place winners from classes 800 and 801)

Class 803 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 804 - Young II Showmanship (11-12 years old)

Class 805 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 806 - Junior Champion Showmanship Run-off
(1st and 2nd place winners from classes 803-805)

Class 807 - Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years old)

The first place exhibitors in classes 802 and 806 will be representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 808 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Market Goats

Exhibitors in classes 809-810, 812-813, 815-816 will receive A, B, or C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place winners of classes 811, 814, and 817 will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophies and rosette.

Class 809 - Dairy Market Goats

Class 810 - Dairy Market Goats

Class 811 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
Dairy Market Goats

Class 812 - Meat Market Goats

Class 813 - Meat Market Goats

Class 814 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
Meat Market Goats

Class 815 - Dairy Meat Crossbred Market Goats

Class 816 - Dairy Meat Crossbred Market Goats

Class 817 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
Dairy Meat Crossbred

Pet Wether Class – No Horns

Exhibitors wishing to show non-market wethers (i.e. pets or goats that may not make market weight) may show them in one of the classes below. If this is the only animal entered, it must be entered and shown in a showmanship class as well.

Exhibitors in classes 818 - 819 receive A (\$5), B (\$4), or C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5).

Class 818- Junior Pet Wethers (Under 1 year)

Class 819 - Senior Pet Wethers (1 year and older)

Dairy Breeding Goats

Exhibitors in classes 820-823, and 825-833 will receive A (\$5), B (\$4), or C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5). First and second place in classes 824 and 834 receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion trophy and rosette.

- Class 820 – Yearling Milker (under 2 yrs.)
- Class 821 – Junior Milker (2 yrs. and under 3 yrs.)
- Class 822 – Senior Milker (3 yrs. to 4 yrs.)
- Class 823 - Aged Milker (5 yrs. and over)
- Class 824 - Sr. Champion & Reserve Champion Doe
(1st & 2nd Place from classes 820-823)
- Class 825 - Best Udder
- Class 826 - Produce of Dam
(2 Does from same dam)
- Class 827 - Dam-Daughter

Exhibitors may enter 1 of the following 2 classes as long as the goats showing are also entered in a secondary class.

- Class 828 - Breeders Trio (3 Breeding age Does owned by one Exhibitor or family)
- Class 829 - Breeders Herd (4 Breeding age Does owned by one Exhibitor or family)
- Class 830 - Doe kid I (under 4 mos.)
- Class 831 - Doe kid II (4 mos. and under 9 mos.)
- Class 832 - Senior Doe Kid
(9 mos. and under 15 mos.)
- Class 833- Doeling
(15 mos. and under 2 yrs. never freshened)
- Class 834 - Jr. Champion & Reserve Champion Doe
(1st & 2nd Place from classes 830-833)

Meat Breeding Goats

Exhibitors in classes 835-837, 839-842, and 844-847 will receive A (\$5), B (\$4), or C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5).

- Class 835 - Jr. Doe (up to 3 yrs.)
- Class 836 - Sr. Doe (3 yrs. to 4 yrs.)
- Class 837 - Aged Doe (5 yrs. and over)
- Class 838 - Sr. Champion & Reserve Champion Doe
(1st & 2nd Place from classes 835-837)
Class 838 receives Trophy & Rosettes
- Class 839 - Doe Kid I (under 4 mos.)
- Class 840 - Doe Kid II (4 mos. and under 9 mos.)
- Class 841 - Sr. Doe Kid (9 mos. and under 15 mos.)

- Class 842 - Doeling (15 mos. and under 2 yrs.)
(never freshened)
- Class 843 – Jr. Champion & Res. Champion Doe
1st & 2nd place of classes 839-842
Class 843 receives Trophy & Rosettes
- Class 844 - Dam-Daughter
- Class 845 - Produce of Dam
(2 Does from same dam)
Exhibitors may enter 1 of the following 2 classes as long as the goats showing are also entered in a secondary class.
- Class 846 - Breeders Trio (3 Breeding age Does owned by one exhibitor)
- Class 847 - Breeders Herd (4 Breeding age Does owned by one Exhibitor)

Fiber Goats

Exhibitors in classes 848 and 849 will receive A (\$5), B (\$4) or C (\$3) and placing rosettes (1-5).

- Class 848 – Fiber Goats older than 18 months
- Class 849 – Fiber Goats 18 months and younger
- Class 850 – Grand and Reserve Grand Champion
Fiber Goats
- Class 851 - Best Doe in Show
Trophy & Rosette
(All does that received Grand Champion placings.)

Carcass Class

Superintendent: Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998
Assistant Superintendent: Dan Hostetler

Exhibitors in class 852 will receive A (\$7), B (\$6), or C (\$5) ribbons and placing Rosettes (1-5). First and second place exhibitors in class 853 will receive a trophy and a banner.

- Class 852 Goat Carcass
- Class 853 Grand and Reserve Champion Carcass
Goat

See Carcass Rules at the back of the book.

Goat Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a goat project, Adams Funeral Home of Paw Paw will present awards to the top exhibitor in classes 854-857.

Class 854 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)

Class 855 - Beginner (9-12 years old)

Class 856 - Intermediate (13-15 years old)

Class 857 - Advanced (16-19 years old)

Exhibitors in classes 854-857 will receive A, B, or C ratings. First place winners in each class will receive a \$15.00 monetary prize and a Best of Show rosette. Record books are judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the Small Animal Awards on Saturday.

Record books are available from the Extension Office and must be turned into the superintendent at check-in.



DEPT 10 - SWINE

Tuesday, July 21 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Brent Kneeshaw (269) 823-5523
Superintendent: Jewell Vandenband (616) 928-8609
Assistant Superintendent: Bev Rajzer (269) 808-2910
Assistant Superintendent: Allison Mroczek

This department must abide by all VBYP and Large Livestock rules at the back of the book.

Native Michigan swine are not required to have a pseudorabies test to exhibit at the fair.

Out of state swine—see the current MDA health regulations on file in the computer office.

All swine are required to have a RFID tag.

DIVISION I - Swine

Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 1000, 1001, 1003-1005, and 1007-1008 will receive placing rosettes (1-5 place). First place exhibitors will receive a trophy. All exhibitors in classes 1007 & 1008 will receive a participation ribbon.

Class 1000 - Senior II Showmanship (17-19 years old)
Class 1001 - Senior I Showmanship (15-16 years old)
Class 1002 - Senior Champion Showmanship Run-Off
Class 1003 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)
Class 1004 - Young II Showmanship (11-12 years old)
Class 1005 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)
Class 1006 - Junior Champion Showmanship Run-Off
Class 1007 - Pee Wee II Showmanship
(7 born 1/1 to 6/30 & 8 years old)
Class 1008 - Pee Wee I Showmanship
(6 & 7 born 7/1 to 12/31 old)

The first place exhibitors in classes 1002 and 1006 will be the representatives for the Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes Competition.

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 1009 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Market Barrows

Weight Division determined after weigh-in. Market swine may only be entered in one market weight class.

Class 1010 - Market Barrow
Class 1011 - Market Barrow
Class 1012 - Market Barrow
Class 1013 - Market Barrow
Class 1014 - Market Barrow
Class 1015 - Market Barrow
Class 1016 - Market Barrow
Class 1017 - Market Barrow
Class 1018 - Market Barrow
Class 1019 - Market Barrow
Class 1020 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Market Barrow
Class 1021 - Pure Bred Market Barrow
Class 1022 - Pure Bred Market Barrow
Class 1023 - Pure Bred Market Barrow
Class 1024 - Pure Bred Market Barrow
Class 1025 - Pure Bred Market Barrow
Class 1026 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Pure
Bred Market Barrow

Market Gilts

Class 1027 - Market Gilt
Class 1028 - Market Gilt
Class 1029 - Market Gilt
Class 1030 - Market Gilt
Class 1031 - Market Gilt
Class 1032 - Market Gilt
Class 1033 - Market Gilt
Class 1034 - Market Gilt
Class 1035 - Market Gilt
Class 1036 - Market Gilt
Class 1037 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Market Gilt
Class 1038 - Pure Bred Market Gilt
Class 1039 - Pure Bred Market Gilt
Class 1040 - Pure Bred Market Gilt
Class 1041 - Pure Bred Market Gilt

Class 1042 - Pure Bred Market Gilt
Class 1043 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Gilt
Class 1044 - Supreme Swine Champion
First places from classes 1020, 1026, 1037 and 1043.

Exhibitors in classes 1010-1019, 1021-1025, 1027-1036, and 1038-142 will receive A, B, C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and Second place winners in classes 1020, 1026, 1037 and 1043 will receive a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion trophy and a banner. Class 1044 will receive an award.

Swine Project Evaluations

See Livestock Project Evaluation at the back of the book for more details.

Exhibitors in class 1045 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), or C (\$6) ribbons and premiums.

Class 1045 - Swine Evaluation

Swine exhibitors will have a short interview with the judge on Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Rating will be based on the interview, the record book, and the animal.

Swine Carcass Class

Superintendent: Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998
Assistant Superintendent:
Dan Hostetler (269) 377-9262

Class 1046 - Swine Carcass
Class 1047 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Swine Carcass

Exhibitors in class 1046 will receive A (\$7), B (\$6), Or C (\$5) ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5 place). First and second place exhibitors in class 1047 will receive a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion trophy and a banner.

See Carcass Rules at the back of the book.

Swine Rate of Gain

Superintendent: Karen Kubiszak (269) 254-4085
Assistant Superintendent:
Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

A Premiums (\$5) - 1.90 lbs. per day and above
B Premiums (\$4) - 1.75 - 1.89 lbs. per day
C Premiums (\$3) - 1.75 lbs. per day and below

Class 1048 - Swine Rate of Gain
Class 1049 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Swine Rate of Gain

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibitors in class 1049 will receive an award and a sign will be placed above the animal pen.

See Rate of Gain Rules at the back of the book.



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DEPT 12 – POULTRY

Tuesday, July 21 - 8:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Megan Vasquez (269) 655-6200

Assistant Superintendent:

Jenni Miller (269) 655-7158

Assistant Superintendent:

Denise King (269) 271-5052

This department must abide by all VBYF and Small Animal rules at the back of the book.

DIVISION I - Poultry

Poultry Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 1200-1209 will receive 1-5 placings and first place exhibitors will receive a trophy. All exhibitors in classes 1200, 1201, and 1206 will receive a participation rosette.

Class 1200 - Pee Wee I Chicken Showmanship
(6 to young 7 (born 7/1 to 12/31) years old).

Class 1201 - Pee Wee II Chicken Showmanship
(older 7 (born 1/1 to 6/30) to 8 years old).

Class 1202 - Young I Chicken Showmanship
(9-10 years old)

Class 1203 - Young II Chicken Showmanship
(11-12 years old)

Class 1204 - Junior Chicken Showmanship
(13-14 years old)

Class 1205 - Senior Chicken Showmanship
(15-19 years old)

Class 1206 - Pee Wee Other Poultry Showmanship
(6-8 years old)

Class 1207 - Young Other Poultry Showmanship
(9-12 years old)

Class 1208 - Junior Other Poultry Showmanship
(13-14 years old)

Class 1209 - Senior Other Poultry Showmanship
(15-19 years old)

Junior Showman winners (1204 & 1208) and Senior Showman winners (1205 & 1209) advance to Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Egg Production

Exhibitors in the following classes will receive A, B, or C ratings and 1-5 placing ribbons. Grand and Reserve will receive trophies and rosettes.

Class 1210 - Pair of Pullets (Hatched current year)

Class 1211 - Pair of Hens (Hatched prior years)

Class 1212 - Grand and Reserve Champion
Production

Exhibitors in classes 1210 and 1211 will receive A (\$10), B (\$8), or C (\$6) ribbons and premiums.

Market Poultry

Exhibitors in the following classes will receive 1-5 placing ribbons. Grand and Reserve Grand will receive trophies and Rosettes.

Market Chickens

Weight division determined after weigh-in.

Class 1213 - Pen of 3 Chickens

Class 1214 - Pen of 3 Chickens

Class 1215 - Grand & Reserve Champion Market
Chicken

Market Turkeys

Class 1216 - Pen of 2 Turkeys
(min. weight 14 lbs. each)

Class 1217 - Grand & Reserve Champion Market
Turkey

Market Waterfowl

Class 1218 - Pen of 2 Ducks
(min. weight 5 lbs. each)

Class 1219 - Pen of 2 Geese
(min. weight 10 lbs. each)

Class 1220 - Grand & Res. Champion Market
Waterfowl

Exhibition Poultry

Exhibitors in the following classes will receive A, B, or C ratings and 1-5 placing ribbons. Grand and Reserve will receive trophies and rosettes.

Exhibitors in Exhibition Poultry will receive A (\$3), B (\$2.50), C (\$2) ribbons and premiums.

Standard Chicken

May only show in one Male Standard class and/or one Female Standard class.

Class 1221 - Cockerel (male less than 1 year)

Class 1222 - Cock (male 1 year and over)

Class 1223 - Pullet (female less than 1 year)

Class 1224 - Hen (female 1 year and over)

Bantam Chicken

May only show in one Male Bantam class and/or one Female Bantam class.

Class 1225 - Cockerel (male less than 1 year)

Class 1226 - Cock (male 1 year and over)

Class 1227 - Pullet (female less than 1 year)

Class 1228 - Hen (female 1 year and over)

Class 1229 - Grand & Reserve Overall Male
Chicken

Class 1230 - Grand & Reserve Overall Female
Chicken

Waterfowl

Class 1231 - Drake (male)

Class 1232 - Duck (female)

Class 1233 - Gander (male)

Class 1234 - Goose (female)

Class 1235 - Grand & Reserve Male Waterfowl

Class 1236 - Grand & Reserve Female Waterfowl

Turkey

Class 1237 - Turkey (male)

Class 1238 - Turkey (female)

Class 1239 - Grand & Reserve Exhibition Turkey

Best of Show Poultry

Class 1240 – Overall Best of Show
Chosen from all Grand Champion Poultry

Dozen Eggs

1st & 2nd place exhibitors will receive Champion & Reserve Champion trophies and rosettes.

Grand and Reserve Eggs will be auctioned at the start of the poultry sale.

Exhibitors in Class 1241 will receive A (\$3), B (\$2.50), C (\$2) ribbons and premiums.

Class 1241 - Dozen Eggs

Market Poultry Interview

Class 1242 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)

Class 1243 - Young (9-12 years old)

Class 1244 - Junior (13-14 years old)

Class 1245 - Senior (15-19 years old)

Interviews will be Sunday, July 13 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Exhibitors in Classes 1242-1245 will receive A (\$3), B (\$2.50), or C (\$2) ribbons and premiums.

Poultry Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for the poultry project, Adam's Funeral Home in Paw Paw will present awards to the top exhibitor in classes 1246-1249.

Class 1246 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)

Class 1247 - Beginner (9-12 years old)

Class 1248 - Intermediate (13-15 years old)

Class 1249 - Advanced (16-19 years old)

Exhibitors in classes 1246-1249 will receive A, B, or C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 monetary prize and a Best of Show rosette. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy and neatness. Winners will be announced at the Small Animal Awards.

Record books are available from the Extension Office and must be turned into the Superintendent at check-in.

DEPT 14 - RABBITS

Sunday, July 19 - 12:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Amber Ostlund (269) 720-6822

Assistant Superintendent:

Cherry Brown (269) 668-6813

This department must abide by all VBYF and Small Animal rules at the back of the book.

Division I - Rabbits

Showmanship

Exhibitors in classes 1400-1406 will receive placing rosettes (1-5). First place exhibitors will receive trophies. All exhibitors in classes 1400 and 1401 will receive a participation rosette.

Class 1400 - Pee Wee I Showmanship

(6 -7 (born 7/1 - 12/31) years old)

Class 1401 - Pee Wee II Showmanship

(7 (born 1/1 -6/30) - 8 years old)

Class 1402 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 1403 - Young II Showmanship

(11-12 years old)

Class 1404 – Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 1405 – Senior I Showmanship

(15-16 years old)

Class 1406 – Senior II Showmanship

(17-19 years old)

Class 1407 - Senior Champion Showmanship

Run-off

1st and 2nd placings from classes 1405 and 1406.

The first place exhibitors in classes 1404 and 1407 will be the representatives for the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Section a1 - Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 1408 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed in Section a above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Market Rabbits

Exhibitors in class 1409 receive A (\$4), B (\$3), or C (\$2) ribbons, premiums, and placing rosettes (1-5). Grand and Reserve will receive trophies and rosettes.

Class 1409 - Pen of 3 market Rabbits

Class 1410 - Grand & Res. Grand Champion Market Pen

Exhibitors in classes 1411-1474 will receive A (\$3), B (\$2.50), or C (\$2) ribbons, and premiums.

Californians

Class 1411 - Senior Buck (over 8 months)

Class 1412 - Senior Doe (over 8 months)

Class 1413 - Intermediate Buck (6-8 months)

Class 1414 - Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)

Class 1415 - Junior Buck (3-6 months)

Class 1416 - Junior Doe (3-6 months)

Class descriptions and premiums for classes 1417-1446 are the same as classes 1411-1416.

New Zealands (Red, White, Black)

Class 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422

Satins (All Colors)

Class 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428

English Lop

Class 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434

Flemish Giant

Class 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440

All Other Pure Bred Commercial Breeds

Class 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446

Dutch

Class 1447 - Senior Buck (over 6 months)
Class 1448 - Senior Doe (over 6 months)
Class 1449 - Junior Buck (3-6 months)
Class 1450 - Junior Doe (3-6 months)

Class descriptions for classes 1451-1474 are the same as classes 1447-1450.

Netherland Dwarf

Class 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454

Holland Lop

Class 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458

Polish

Class 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462

Mini Lop

Class 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466

Mini-Rex

Class 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470

All Other Purebred Fancy Breeds

Class 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474

Champion Breeding Rabbit

Class 1475 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Commercial Rabbit Trophy and Rosettes
Class 1476 - Grand & Reserve Grand Champion –
Fancy Rabbit Trophy and Rosettes
Class 1477 – Best of Show Rabbit
(Winners of class 1474 and 1476)
First place in class 1477 will receive a
plaque and rosette.

Rabbit Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a rabbit project. Adam's Funeral Home in Paw Paw will present awards to the top exhibitor in classes 1478-1481.

Class 1478 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)
Class 1479 - Beginner (9-12 years old)
Class 1480 - Intermediate (13-15 years old)
Class 1481 - Advanced (16-19 years old)

Exhibitors in classes 1478-1481 will receive A, B, or C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 monetary prize and a Best of Show rosette. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the Small Animal Awards on Saturday.

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DEPT 15 - POCKET PETS

Monday, July 20 - 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Mary Darling (269) 744-5629

Assistant Superintendent:

Bridgette Saidla (269) 207-1894

This department must abide by all VBYF and Small Animal rules at the back of the book.

Division I

Showmanship

The first-place exhibitors in classes 1502, 1503, 1506, and 1507 will be representatives for the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Exhibitors in classes 1500-1507 will receive placing rosettes (1-5). First place exhibitors will receive trophies. Exhibitors in classes 1500 and 1504 receive participation rosettes.

Class 1500 - Cavy Pee Wee Showmanship
(6-8 years old)

Class 1501 - Cavy Young Showmanship
(9 -12 years old)

Class 1502 - Cavy Junior Showmanship
(13-14 years old)

Class 1503 - Cavy Senior Showmanship
(15-19 years old)

Class 1504 - Lab Animal Pee Wee Showmanship
(6-8 years old)

Class 1505 - Lab Animal Young Showmanship
(9-12 years old)

Class 1506 - Lab Animal Junior Showmanship
(13-14 years old)

Class 1507 - Lab Animal Senior Showmanship
(15-19 years old)

Differently Abled Showmanship

Class 1508 - Differently Abled Showmanship (6-26 years old). This exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age classes listed in Section a above based on the exhibitor's age on January 1st.

Exhibitors in classes 1509-1514, 1516-1521, 1523-1528, 1530-1535, 1537-1542, 1544-1549, 1551-1557, 1559-1564 will receive A (\$3), B (\$2.50), or C (\$2) ribbons and premiums & 1-5 placing rosettes.

Abbyssinians

Class 1509 - Junior Abbyssinian Boar

Class 1510 - Junior Abbyssinian Sow

Class 1511 - Intermediate Abbyssinian Boar

Class 1512 - Intermediate Abbyssinian Sow

Class 1513 - Senior Abbyssinian Boar

Class 1514 - Senior Abbyssinian Sow

Class 1515 - Best Abbyssinian

(1st place from classes 1509-1514) Best of Breed Rosette

Classes 1516-1557 will have the same class descriptions, awards, and premiums as classes 1509-1515.

Americans

Class 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522

Peruvians

Class 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529

Silkies

Class 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536

Teddies

Class 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543

White Cresteds

Class 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550

Rare Breeds

Class 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557

Grand and Reserve Champion Cavy

(1st place from classes 1521, 1522, 1529, 1536, 1543, 1550, and 1557)

Class 1558 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a trophy for Grand Champion & Reserve Champion trophy and rosettes.

receive a \$15.00 monetary prize and a Best of Show ribbon. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday.

Lab animals (Rats)

Class 1559 - Single Male
Class 1560 - Single Female
Class 1561 - Pair of rats

Record books are available from the Extension Office and must be turned into the Superintendent at check-in.

Lab Animals (Hamsters, Gerbils, Mice) (No Reptiles)

Class 1562 - Single Male
Class 1563 - Single Female
Class 1564 - Pair of Other Lab Animals

Grand and Reserve Champion Lab Animal

1st place from classes 1559, 1560, 1562, and 1563.

Class 1565 - Grand and Reserve Champion Lab Animal will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Trophy and Rosettes.

Grand and Reserve Champion Pair of Lab Animals

1st place from classes 1561 and 1564.

Class 1566 - Grand and Reserve Champion Lab Animal will receive Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Trophy and Rosettes.

Costume Class

Exhibitors will receive 1-5 placing rosettes.

Class 1567 - Costume Class

Pocket Pet Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a pocket pet project, Adam's Funeral Home in Paw Paw will present awards to the top exhibitor in classes 1568-1571.

Class 1568 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)
Class 1569 - Beginner (9-12 years old)
Class 1570 - Intermediate (13-15 years old)
Class 1571 - Advanced (16-19years old)

Exhibitors in classes 1568-1571 will receive A, B, or C ratings. First place winners in each division will

DEPT 16 - HORSE & PONY

Monday, July 20 – 8:30 a.m. –

Driving/Versatility/Trail/Discipline/Ranch/
Costume

Tuesday, July 21 – 8:30 a.m. – English Show

Wednesday, July 22 – 8:30 a.m. – Western Show

Thursday, July 23 – 8:30 a.m. – Gymkhana

Friday, July 24 – 10:00 a.m. – Rain Date/Fun Show

Barn Superintendent:

John Branch (269) 251-4717

Assistant Barn Superintendent:

Joe Gladysz (269) 377-0986

Horse Show Superintendent:

Amy Branch (269) 501-3406

Assistant Horse Show Superintendent:

Jeanette VanVleck (269) 808-3554

This department must abide by all VBYF and Horse rules at the back of the book.

**Division I: Monday -
Driving/Versatility/Trail/Discipline/Ranch/
Costume - 8:30 a.m.**

Driving

These classes receive placing rosettes for 1st-5th place.

Class 1692 - Ground Driving (6-19 years old)

Class 1693 - Miniature Horse Diving
(6-19 years old)

Versatility, Trail, Pattern Class, Ranch Riding and Costume Class

All classes (except HRH) receive placing rosettes (1-5). HRH receive 1st place ribbon. Versatility winners receive an award.

Class 1694 - Junior Versatility (9-14 years old)

Class 1695 - Senior Versatility (15-19 years old)

Class 1696 - HRH Trail (6-26 years old)

Class 1697 - Pee Wee Trail (6-8 years old)

Class 1698 - Walk/Trot Trail (9-19 years old)

Class 1699 - Pee Wee In-Hand Trail (6-8 years old)

Class 1700 - Junior In-Hand Trail (9-14 years old)

Class 1701 - Senior In-Hand Trail (15-19 years old)

Class 1702 - Junior Trail (9-14 years old)

Class 1703 - Senior Trail (15-19 years old)

Class 1704 – Junior Western Discipline Rail
(9-14 years old)

Class 1705 – Senior Western Discipline Rail
(15-19 years old)

Class 1706 – Junior Ranch Riding (9-14 years old)

Class 1707 - Senior Ranch Riding (15-19 years old)

Class 1708 - Costume Class (All ages)

DIVISION II: Tuesday - English Day - 8:30 a.m.

All classes receive placing rosettes (1-5). 1st place in showmanship, equitation, and In-Hand jumping receive awards.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners from showmanship classes (except Pee Wee) are eligible for Champion Showmanship. English Equitation and Pleasure classes may be ridden as hunt seat or saddle seat. Exhibitors in classes 1636-1638 receive A (\$7), B (\$6), C (\$5) ribbons and premiums.

Showmanship

Class 1636 - Pee Wee English Showmanship
(6-8 years old) (horse/pony)

Class 1637 - Junior English Showmanship
(9-14 years old) (horse /pony)

Class 1638 - Senior English Showmanship
(15-19 years old) (horse/pony)

Equitation and Pleasure

Class 1639 - Pee Wee In-Hand Jumping
(6-8 years old)

Class 1640 - Junior In-Hand Jumping
(9-14 years old)

Class 1641 - Senior In-Hand Jumping
(15-19 years old)

Class 1642 - In-Hand Jumping Championship
1st-4th from classes 1640-1641

Class 1643 – Baby Green Over Fences
(9-19 years old)

Class 1644 - Pee Wee English Equitation
(6-8 years old)

Class 1645 - Pee Wee English Pleasure
(6-8 years old)

Class 1646 - Walk/Trot English Equitation
(9-19 years old)

Class 1647 - Walk/Trot English Pleasure
(9-19 years old)

- Class 1648 - Junior English Equitation
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1649 - Senior English Equitation
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1650 - Junior English Equitation Champion
1st-4th from class 1648
- Class 1651 - Senior English Equitation Champion
1st-4th from class 1649
- Class 1652 - Junior English Pleasure
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1653 - Senior English Pleasure
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1654 - Junior English Pleasure Champion
1st-4th from class 1652
- Class 1655 - Senior English Pleasure Champion
1st-4th from class 1653

Dressage

- Class 1656 – Suitability to Become a Dressage
Horse (9-19 years old)
- Class 1657 - Dressage Training Level Test 1
(9-19 years old)
- Class 1658 - Western Dressage -Basic Level Test 3
(9-19 years old)

Division III: Wednesday - Western Day - 8:30 a.m.

All classes (except HRH) receive placing rosettes (1-5). 1st place in showmanship and horsemanship receive awards (except HRH). 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners from showmanship classes are eligible for Champion Showmanship. HRH classes receive 1st place rosettes.

Exhibitors in classes 1659-1669 receive A (\$7), B (\$6), C (\$5) ribbons and premiums.

Showmanship

- Class 1659 - In-Hand Showmanship Pee Wee
(6-8 years old)
- Class 1660 - In-Hand Showmanship Junior
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1661 - In-Hand Showmanship Senior
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1662 - Lead Line Showmanship (6-8 years
old) (English/Western)
- Class 1663 - HRH Showmanship (6-26 years old)
(English/Western)

- Class 1664 - Pee Wee Showmanship
(6-8 years old) (Western/Ranch)
- Class 1665 - Walk/Trot Western Showmanship
(9-19 years old)
- Class 1666 - Junior Western Showmanship
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1667 - Senior Western Showmanship
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1668 – Junior Ranch Showmanship
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1669 – Senior Ranch Showmanship
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1670 - Junior Champion Showmanship
1st-4th from classes 1637, 1660, 1665, 1666,
and 1668.
- Class 1671 - Senior Champion Showmanship
1st-4th from classes 1638, 1661, 1665, 1667,
and 1669.

Junior and Senior Champions advance to the Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Horsemanship and Pleasure

- Class 1672 - Lead Line Equitation /Horsemanship
(6-8 years old) (English/Western)
- Class 1673 - Lead Line Pleasure
(6-8 years old) (English/Western)
- Class 1674 - HRH Equitation /Horsemanship
(6-26 years old) (English/Western)
- Class 1675 - HRH Pleasure
(6-26 years old) (English/Western)
- Class 1676 - Pee Wee Horsemanship
(6-8 years old) (Western/Ranch)
- Class 1677 - Pee Wee Pleasure
(6-8 years old) (Western/Ranch)
- Class 1678 - Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship
(9-19 years old)
- Class 1679 - Walk/Trot Western Pleasure
(9-19 years old)
- Class 1680 - Junior Western Horsemanship
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1681 - Senior Western Horsemanship
(15-19 years old)
- Class 1682 - Junior Ranch Horsemanship
(9-14 years old)
- Class 1683 - Senior Ranch Horsemanship
(15-19 years old)

Class 1684 - Western Horsemanship
 Championship
 1st-4th from classes 1680 and 1681

Class 1685 - Ranch Horsemanship
 Championship
 1st-4th from classes 1682 and 1683

Class 1686 - Junior Western Pleasure
 (9-14 years old)

Class 1687 - Senior Western Pleasure
 (15-19 years old)

Class 1688 - Junior Ranch Pleasure
 (9-14 years old)

Class 1689 - Senior Ranch Pleasure
 (15-19 years old)

Class 1690 - Western Pleasure Championship
 1st-4th from classes 1686 and 1687

Class 1691 - Ranch Pleasure Championship
 1st-4th from classes 1688 and 1689

Division IV: Thursday – Gymkhana - 8:30 a.m.

Gymkhana Day

Mandatory Gymkhana inspection will be in the make-up arena at 9:30 a.m. All classes (except HRH) receive placing rosettes (1-5). HRH classes receive 1st place ribbons.

Class 1600 - HRH Speed/Action (6-26 years old)

Class 1601 - Pee Wee Speed/Action
 (6-8 years old)

Class 1602 - Walk/Trot Speed/Action
 (9-19 years old)

Class 1603 - Junior Speed/Action (19-14 years old)

Class 1604 - Senior Speed/Action (15-19 years old)

Class 1605 - HRH Keyhole (6-26 years old)

Class 1606- Pee Wee Keyhole (6-8 years old)

Class 1607 - Walk/Trot Keyhole (9-19 years old)

Class 1608 - Junior Keyhole (9-14 years old)

Class 1609 - Senior Keyhole (15-19 years old)

Class 1610 - Pee Wee In-Hand Poles (6-8 years old)

Class 1611 - Junior In-Hand Poles (9-14 years old)

Class 1612 - Senior In-Hand Poles (15-19 years old)

Class 1613 - HRH Poles (6-26 years old)

Class 1614 - Pee Wee Poles (6-8 years old)

Class 1615 - Walk/Trot Poles (9-19 years old)

Class 1616 - Junior Poles (9-14 years old)

Class 1617 - Senior Poles (15-19 years old)

Class 1618 - Pee Wee In-Hand Barrels
 (6-8 years old)

Class 1619 - Junior In-Hand Barrels
 (9-14 years old)

Class 1620 - Senior In-Hand Barrels
 (15-19 years old)

Class 1621 - HRH Barrels (6-26 years old)

Class 1622 - Pee Wee Barrels
 (6-8 years old)

Class 1623 - Walk/Trot Barrels (9-19 years old)

Class 1624 - Junior Barrels (9-14 years old)

Class 1625 - Senior Barrels (15-19 years old)

Class 1626 - HRH Flags (6-26 years old)

Class 1627 - Pee Wee Flags (6-8 years old)

Class 1628 - Walk/Trot Flags (9-19 years old)

Class 1629 - Junior Flags (9-14 years old)

Class 1630 – Senior Flags (15-19 years old)

Class 1631 - HRH Down and Back (6-26 years old)

Class 1632 - Pee Wee Down and Back
 (6-8 years old)

Class 1633 - Walk/Trot Down and Back
 (9-19 years old)

Class 1634 - Junior Down and Back
 (9-14 years old)

Class 1635 – Senior Down and Back (15-19)

Division V: Friday – Rain Day/Fun Show – 10:00 a.m.

This day will be used as a rain make-up day or fun show will be put on for the kids. Details of the fun show will be posted during fair week to include class offerings.

DEPT 17 - ADULT DRAFT HORSES

Wednesday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendents:

John & Tina Streeter (269) 998-3210

Margie Godines (269) 454-4168

This department must abide by all VBYF and Adult Draft Horse rules at the back of the book.

Youth showmanship classes will immediately follow adult halter classes. Youth harness and riding classes will follow the respective classes of the adult classes. (i.e., adult cart classes, youth cart classes, adult two-horse hitch classes, youth two-horse hitch classes.)

Division I - Open Adult Draft Horse/Draft Mule Halter Draft Pony/Draft Pony Mule Classes

Showmanship

1st-5th Placing rosettes for classes 1800 and 1801

Class 1800 - Showmanship - Draft Horses/Mules

Class 1801 - Showmanship - Draft Pony/Mules

Halter Classes

1st-5th Placing rosettes for classes 1802 and 1822

Class 1802 - Foals (all breeds)

Class 1803 - Mare and Foal (all breeds)

Class 1804 - Yearling fillies - Draft Horse

Class 1805 - Yearling fillies - Draft Pony

Class 1806 - Yearling geldings - Draft Horse

Class 1807 - Yearling geldings - Draft Pony

Class 1808 - 2 year old mares - Draft Horse

Class 1809 - 2 year old mares - Draft Pony

Class 1810 - 2 year old geldings - Draft Horse

Class 1811 - 2 year old geldings - Draft Pony

Class 1812 - 3-4 year old mares - Draft Horse

Class 1813 - 3-4 year old mares - Draft Pony

Class 1814 - 3-4 year old geldings - Draft Horse

Class 1815 - 3-4 year old geldings - Draft Pony

Class 1816 - 5 years & over mares - Draft Horse

Class 1817 - 5 years & over mares - Draft Pony

Class 1818 - 5 years & over geldings - Draft Horse

Class 1819 - 5 years & over geldings - Draft Pony

Class 1820 - Mules (mare or gelding)

Class 1821 - Matched Pair (mare or gelding) - Draft Horse/Draft Horse Mule

Class 1822 - Matched Pair (mare or gelding) - Draft Pony/Draft Pony Mule

Class 1823 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare Draft Horse/Draft Mule

Class 1824 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare Draft Pony/Draft Pony Mule

Class 1825 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding Draft Horse/Draft Mule

Class 1826 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding Draft Pony/Draft Pony Mule

1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1823, 1824, 1825 & 1826 each receive a rosette.

Harness Classes

Entry fees for classes 1827-1831 is \$3.00 per class.

1st Place Trophy for classes 1827-1831

Class 1827 - Ladies Cart

Class 1828 - Men's Cart

Class 1829 - Two Horse Show Hitch (show harness & wagon)

Class 1830 - Farm Team Hitch (farm harness & wagon)

Riding Class

Class 1831 - English or Western (walk, trot)



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DEPT 18 - YOUTH DRAFT HORSES

Wednesday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendents:

John & Tina Streeter (269) 998-3210

Margie Godines (269) 454-4168

This department must abide by all VBYP and Youth Draft Horse rules at the back of the book.

Youth showmanship classes will immediately follow adult halter classes. Youth harness and riding classes will follow the respective classes of the adult classes. (i.e., adult cart classes, youth cart classes, adult two-horse hitch classes, youth two-horse hitch classes.)

Division I - Draft Horse Classes

Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Superintendents.

Showmanship

Classes 1850-1853 will receive A, B, and C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5). First place exhibitors will receive trophies. All exhibitors in class 1853 will receive participation ribbons.

Premiums for classes 1850-1853, A (\$7), B (\$6) and C (\$5).

Class 1850 - Senior Showmanship (15-19 years old)

Class 1851 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 1852 - Young Showmanship (9-12 years old)

Class 1853 - Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years old)

Harness Class

Trophy and 1-5 placing rosettes will be awarded for classes 1854-1857.

Class 1854 - Cart Class (9-13 years old)

Class 1855 - Cart Class (14-19 years old)

Class 1856 - 2 Horse Hitch (9-13 years old)

Class 1857 - 2 Horse Hitch (14-19 years old)

Riding Class

Trophy and 1-5 placing rosettes will be awarded for class 1858.

Class 1858 - Riding Class (English or Western)



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DEPT 22 - DOGS

Saturday, July 18 - 12:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Stephanie Johnson (269) 910-4702

Assistant Superintendent:

Nancy Wheatley (269) 415-0240

This department must abide by all VBYF and Dog rules at the back of the book.

Division I - Dogs

Showmanship (Junior Handling)

Class 2200-2205 will receive a trophy and placing rosettes (1-5).

Class 2200 - Champion Showmanship (13-19 years old) Exhibitors ages 13-19 with three or more previous 1st or 2nd place 4-H, AKC, or UKC sponsored wins in Classes 676 - 679 in Showmanship in previous years should compete in the Champion Class.

Class 2201 - Senior Showmanship (15-19 years old)

Class 2202 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 2203 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 2204 - Young II Showmanship

(11-12 years old)

Class 2205 - Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years old)

Class 2206 - Overall Showmanship Champion

Top two exhibitors in classes 2200-2204.

Grand and Reserve Overall Showman will receive trophies and rosettes.

Obedience

Class 2207 - Sub-Novice A

(On lead inexperienced trainer with an inexperienced dog, never shown before)

Class 2208 - Sub-Novice B (6-11 years old)

Class 2209 - Sub-Novice B (12-19 years old)

Class 2210 - Novice A

Class 2211 - Novice B

Class 2212 - Title Holder (Dogs with AKC or UKC obedience title)

Class 2213 - Graduate Novice Obedience

Class 2214 - Open

Class 2215 - Utility

Class 2216 - Brace

Brace is the showing of two dogs working obedience together on the same leash on brace attachment at the same time. On or off leash brace is optional.

Class 2217 - Team

A team of four dogs and four handlers that compete as a group performing the Novice exercises.

Class 2218 - Service Dogs

See rule 20

Premiums for classes 2207-2218, A (\$4), B (\$3.50), and C (\$3).

Exhibitors in classes 2207-2211, and class 2213 and 2216 receive placing rosettes (1-5) and A, B, or C ribbons. First place exhibitors in these classes will also receive a trophy. First place exhibitors in classes 2212, 2214, and 2215 will receive a Grand Champion rosette. First place exhibitors in Class 2217 each receive a Grand Champion rosette (4 total).

Costume Class

Grand and Reserve trophies and rosettes.

Costumes (dog/handler/both) will be judged on creativity, originality, and youth's description of how the costume was personally designed and created.

Class 2219 - Costume (6-11 years old)

Class 2220 - Costume (12-19 years old)

Agility

Class 2221 - Beginner Agility A (6-11 years old)

First year beginner, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 2222 - Beginner Agility A (12-19 years old)

First year beginner, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 2223 - Beginner Agility B (6-11 years old)

2nd-3rd year beginners, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 2224 - Beginner Agility B (12-19 years)

2nd-3rd year beginners, on leash, handler may go over jumps with dog.

Class 2225 - Intermediate Agility A
First year intermediate, optional leash, handler may go over jumps with dog. One year previous experience in Beginner Agility is required.

Class 2226 - Intermediate Agility B
2nd -3rd year intermediate, off leash, handler may NOT go over jumps with dog.

Class 2227 - Advanced Agility
Off leash, handler may NOT go over jumps with dog. One year previous experience in Intermediate Agility required.

Class 2228 - Veterans Agility
Dogs that have existing physical limitations causing unnecessary stress to the dog if they participate in agility (veterinary statement and superintendent pre-approval required – form available at Extension Office).
Jump/equipment heights to be set according to 8” dog height, with no teeter totter obstacle.

All exhibitors in classes 2221-2228 will receive placing rosettes.

There will be a Grand Champion in each class for 2221-2228. Grand Champion will receive a trophy.

Rally Obedience

Class 2229 - Novice A – 1st year beginners
Class 2230- Novice B - 2nd/3rd year beginners
Class 2231 - Advanced - 1st/2nd year intermediate - Off Leash
Class 2232 – Excellent - Advanced - Off Leash

Exhibitors in classes 2229-2232 will receive placing rosettes (1-5).

There will be a Grand Champion in each class for 2229-2232. Grand Champion will receive a trophy. For Freestyle Obedience and Team Obedience Demonstrations, see Department 73, Individual/Team demonstration.

A High Points and Reserve High Points trophy will be awarded to the highest combined total scores in Obedience, Rally, and Agility. If more than one dog is used by a handler, the dog used in Showmanship

MUST also be used in all four events to be eligible for the high point trophy. Ties will be based on showmanship placements, followed by record book in the event of a second tie.

Dog Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a dog project, awards will be presented to the top exhibitor in classes 2233-2236

Class 2233 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)
Class 2234 - Young (9-12 years old)
Class 2235 - Junior (13-14 years old)
Class 2236 - Senior (15-19 years old)

Exhibitors in classes 2233-2236 will receive A, B, C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 cash prize and a Best of Show rosette.

Record books should be turned into the Dog Superintendent upon registering on the day of the Dog Show. Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, neatness, and interview. Interview times will be announced the day of the show. Winners will be announced at the Domestic Animal Awards ceremony on Saturday. Record books are available from the Extension office.

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DEPT 23 - CATS

Monday, July 20 - 2:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Denise Noble (269) 303-5407

Assistant Superintendent:

Nancy Wheatley (269) 415-0240

This department must abide by all VBYF and Cat rules at the back of the book.

Division I - Cats

Cat/Kitten Exhibits

Class 2300 - Cage Decorations (Cat and Kitten)

First and second place winners in class 2300 will receive Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes.

Cat/Kitten Class

Premiums for classes 2301-2305, A (\$4), B (\$3.50), and C (\$3).

Class 2301 - Purebred Kitten (4-12 months)

Class 2302 - Household Kitten (4-12 months)

Class 2303 - Purebred Cat (older than 12 months)

Class 2304 - Household Cat

(female, older than 12 months)

Class 2305 - Household Cat

(male, older than 12 months)

Class 2306 - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion

Exhibitors in classes 2301-2305 receive A, B, C ribbons and placing rosettes (1-5). Winners in class 2306 (eligible classes include 2303 - 2305) will receive Grand and Reserve Grand trophies.

Cat/Kitten Showmanship

Class 2307 - Pee Wee Showmanship (6-8 years old)

Class 2308 - Young I Showmanship (9-10 years old)

Class 2309 - Young II Showmanship

(11-12 years old)

Class 2310 - Junior Showmanship (13-14 years old)

Class 2311 - Senior Showmanship (15-19 years old)

Class 2312 - Champion Showmanship

(13-19 years old)

Exhibitors ages 13-19 with three or more previous 1st or 2nd place 4-H sponsored wins in classes 2308-2311 Showmanship in previous years must compete in the Champion Showmanship class.

Exhibitors in classes 2307-2312 will receive Showmanship rosettes (1-5 place). All exhibitors in class 2307 will receive participation rosettes. First place winners in classes 2307-2312 will receive Showmanship trophies.

Cat Product

Class 2313 - Cat Product

(to be judged on day of cat show)

Premium for class 2313 - A (\$1.50), B (\$1.25) and C (\$1). Best of Show and Merit rosettes will be awarded to the top two products.

Cattitude

Cattitude is a feline game of skill designed specifically for cat behaviors. Cats may remain in the same class for no more than two years before advancing to the next class.

Class 2314 - Beginner

Class 2315 - Intermediate

Class 2316 - Advanced

Exhibitors in classes 2314-2316 receive placing rosettes (1-5).

Cat Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for a cat project, awards will be presented to the top exhibitor in classes 2317-2320

Class 2317 - Pee Wee (6-8 years old)

Class 2318 - Young (9-12 years old)

Class 2319 - Junior (13-14 years old)

Class 2320 - Senior (15-19 years old)

Exhibitors in classes 2317-2320 will receive A, B, C ratings. First place winners in each division will receive a \$15.00 cash prize and a Best of Show rosette.

Record books should be turned in Saturday (same day as still exhibits) to the superintendent or

assistant or place in designated box- location TBD.
 Record books will be judged on completeness, accuracy, and neatness. Winners will be announced at the Domestic Animal Awards ceremony on Saturday. Record books are available from the Extension office.

A High Points trophy will be awarded to the highest combined total scores in Showmanship, Breed, Cat Product Entrepreneur, and Record book. Ties will be based on showmanship placements, followed by record book in the event of a second tie. Exhibitors will be required to designate in advance, one cat for high points.

Showmanship (Possible 100)	Breed (Possible 100)	Cat Product (Possible 100)	Record Book (Possible 100)
1 st – 100 2 nd – 80 3 rd – 60 4 th – 40 5 th – 20	1 st – 100 2 nd – 80 3 rd – 60 4 th – 40 5 th – 20	Actual Score	1 st – 100 A/Blue – 80 B/Red – 60 C/White – 40

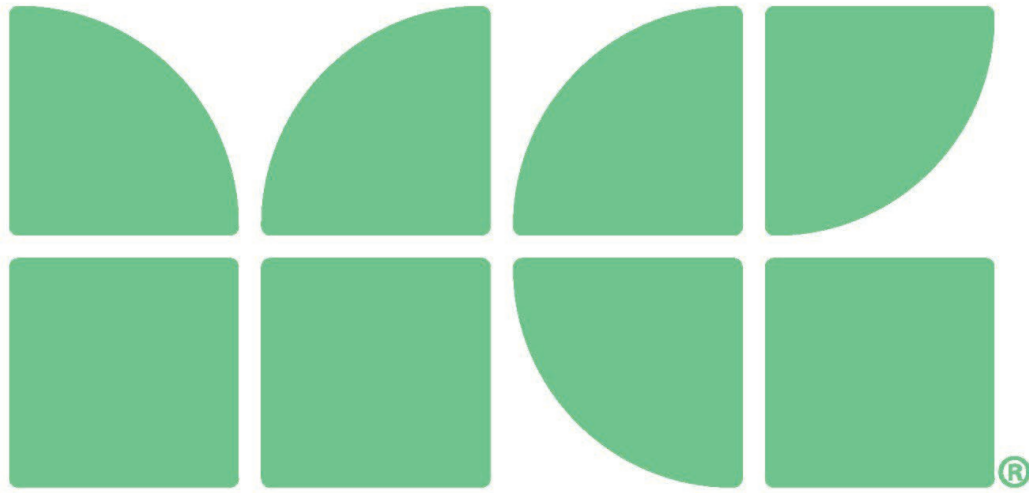


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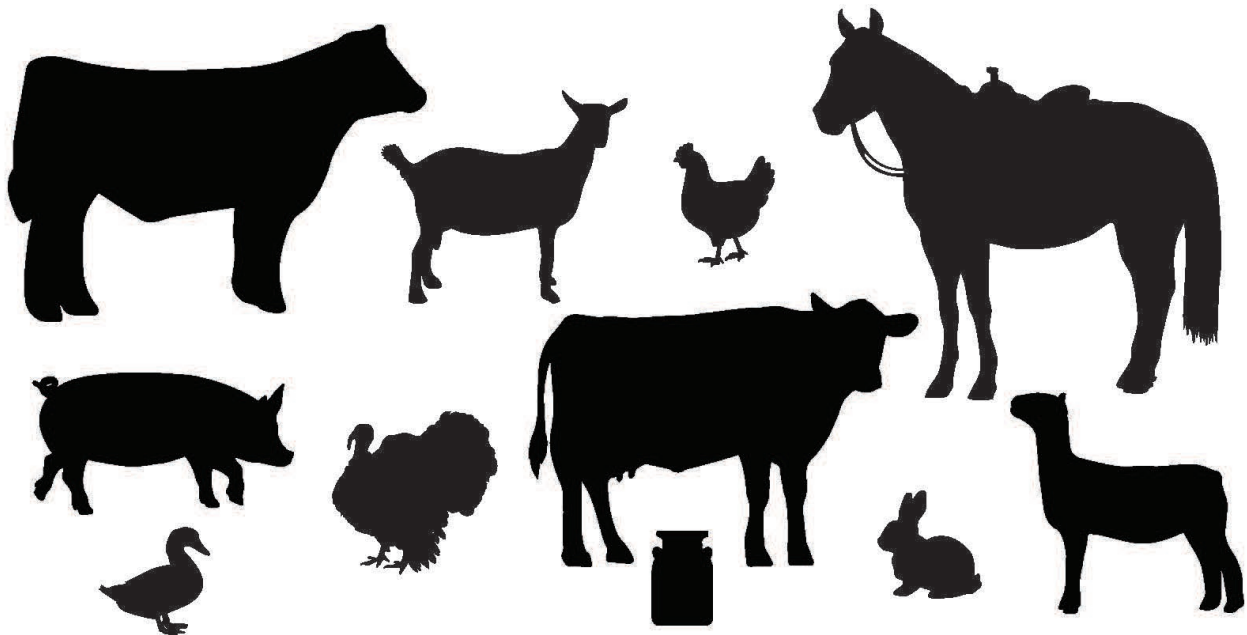
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Van Buren Youth Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 18

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Pullorum Testing/Enter Poultry
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Judging of All Still Exhibits
 30 Minute Lunch (12:00 to 12:30 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Enter Rabbits
 12:00 p.m. Dog Show
 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Enter Pocket Pets
 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Enter Beef, Sheep and Dairy

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Enter Goats
 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Enter Draft Horses
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Enter Horses
 12:00 p.m. Rabbit Judging - Barn #7
 4:00 p.m. Horses – Senior Rides and Social Gathering
 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Enter Swine

Monday, July 20

ARMED FORCES DAY

Free admission for Veterans and Active Military

8:00 a.m. Goat Judging – Barn #7
 8:30a.m. Driving-Versatility-Trail-Discipline-Ranch - Horse Arena
 10:00 a.m. Dairy Judging - Livestock Arena
 11:00 a.m. Pocket Pets Judging - Tent by Livestock Arena
 1:00 p.m. Armed Services Day Program - Community Tent
 1:00 p.m. Feeder and Beef/Dairy Market Animal Judging – Livestock Arena
 2:00 p.m. Cat Show – Youth Exhibit Building
 6:00 p.m. Farm Stock Tractor Pull (Signup begins at 3:00 p.m.) Sponsored in part by Dorr Farms – Hillside Entertainment
 7:00 p.m. Youth Talent Show - Community Tent

7:00 p.m. Magic Cloud Balloons - Tethered Rides – Hillside Entertainment

Tuesday, July 21

MIDWAY OPENS at 3:00 p.m.

LADIES DAY & SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

Free Admission for Ladies (19 and over) and Seniors until 5 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Poultry Judging – Barn #7
 8:30 a.m. English Show - Horses - Horse Arena
 10:00 a.m. Swine Judging - Livestock Arena
 7:00 p.m. Hartford NTPA Nationals: Super Farm Tractors, 2 Wheel Drive Pickups Mini Modifieds - Hillside Entertainment

Wednesday, July 22

MIDWAY OPENS at 1:00 p.m.

KIDS' DAY

Free Admission 18 years old & Under Until 5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Western Show - Horses - Horse Arena
 10:00 a.m. Sheep Judging - Livestock Arena
 10:00 a.m. Adult Draft Horse Show - Draft Horse Arena
 11:00 a.m. Youth Draft Horse Show - Draft Horse Arena
 12:00 p.m. Frog Jump & Turtle Race - Barn 7
 3:00 p.m. Small Market Animal Buyer Registration
 4:00 p.m. Small Market Animal Auction
 See www.vanburenyouthfair.com for sale order
 7:00 p.m. Comedians- Kier, Dylan Mandlsohn & Eric O'Shea - Hillside Entertainment

Van Buren Youth Fair Schedule

Thursday, July 23

MIDWAY OPENS at 3:00 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Gymkhana – Horses-
Horse Arena
- 9:00 a.m. Livestock Buyer
Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Livestock Auction
See
www.vanburenyouthfair.com
for sale order
- 1:00 p.m. Pony Pull- Draft Horse
Arena
- 7:00 p.m. Country Music-
Jake Hoot & Waylon Hanel
Hillside Entertainment

Friday, July 24

MIDWAY OPENS at 3:00 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Rain Date for Horses - Fun
Show - Horse Arenas
- 10:00 a.m. Small Animal Sweepstakes
- Barn #7
- 12:00 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull -
Community Tent
- 4:00 p.m. Large Livestock Jr/Sr
Showmanship Sweepstakes
- 7:00 p.m. Flying Star Rodeo -
Hillside Entertainment
- 9:00 p.m. FIREWORKS

Saturday, July 25

MIDWAY OPENS at 3:00 p.m.

- 12:00 p.m. Horse Exhibitor Awards
Program - Horse Show
Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Small Animal Exhibitor
Awards Program - Large
Livestock Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Livestock Exhibitors
Awards Program - Large
Livestock Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Parade - Large
Livestock Arena
- 6:00 p.m. T”N”T Demolition Derby -
Hillside Entertainment

Sunday, July 26

Animal Exhibits release: See Exhibitor Rules
Pick up non-animal exhibits

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Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Division I- Personal Appearance

Age Guidelines:

Pee Wee - 6-8 years old

Young - 9-11 years old

Junior - 12-14 years old

Senior - 15-19 years old

Premiums for Department 60.

A - \$5

B - \$4

C - \$3

Sewing Exhibits

Any sewn item.

Class 6000 - Pee Wee

Class 6001 - Young

Class 6002 - Junior

Class 6003 - Senior

Personalization

Personalized items include garments that have been modified by the exhibitor to reflect his/her personal tastes. Techniques include fabric painting, applique, cross stitch, needlework, tie dye, photo transfer and other methods of personalizing an item. Exhibitors may personalize garments they have sewn or purchased.

Class 6004 - Pee Wee

Class 6005 - Young

Class 6006 - Junior

Class 6007 - Senior

Buymanship

Buymanship is a program that teaches consumer skills and decision-making in the area of clothing

purchases. Exhibits include purchased garment(s) AND a poster (14"x22") or notebook with information on cost reason for choosing item(s), etc.

Class 6008 - Pee Wee

Class 6009- Young

Class 6010- Junior

Class 6011 - Senior

Knitting Exhibits

Handmade or machine made

Class 6012 - Pee Wee

Class 6013 - Young

Class 6014 - Junior

Class 6015 - Senior

Crochet Exhibits

Class 6016 - Pee Wee

Class 6017 - Young

Class 6018 - Junior

Class 6019 - Senior

Needlepoint, Embroidery, Cross-Stitch and Others

Class 6020 - Pee Wee

Class 6021 - Young

Class 6022 - Junior

Class 6023 - Senior

Plastic Canvas

Class 6024 - Pee Wee

Class 6025- Young

Class 6026 - Junior

Class 6027 - Senior

Quilting

Class 6028 - Pee Wee

Class 6029 - Young

Class 6030- Junior

Class 6031 - Senior

Progressive Quilt

Show the work in progress by adding a new piece/pieces each year.

Class 6032 - Pee Wee
Class 6033 - Young
Class 6034 - Junior
Class 6035 - Senior

Educational Exhibits

Educational exhibits are posters (14"x 22"), reports, notebooks, or displays with information about something the exhibitor learned through his/her sewing, personalization, buymanship, knitting or crocheting project. Examples include: Three types of seam finishes for a sewn garment; technique used for the personalization of a garment; cost comparisons of similar garment for the buymanship project; or basic knitting or crochet stitches.

Class 6036 - Ed. Exhibit (Ages 6-9)
Class 6037 - Ed. Exhibit (Ages 9-19)

Personal Grooming

Class 6038 - Poster or notebook related to learning activity

Accessories - Ribbons Only

Class 6039 - Accessory - Hair decorations
Class 6040 - Accessory - Shoes
Class 6041 - Accessory - Purses
Class 6042 - Other accessories - Scarves, Belts, etc.

Division II- Family Living

The Family & Home Design

Class 6043 - Education exhibit (notebook or poster 14" x 22") Containing pictures collected and written report about color harmony, furniture, etc.

Special Award

Bea Funk Memorial Award

All Exhibitors who receive a merit or best of show in crocheting, knitting or sewing will be judged on a separate judging sheet for this award. If they win this award; their name will be placed on a plaque for display by the 4-H Office during fair. Bea Funk was a long-time leader for these projects.

DEPT 61 - CULINARY ARTS

Division I - Foods & Nutrition

Entry Guidelines

1. One entry only per class.
2. No commercial mixes will be allowed.
3. Recipe card must accompany all products in classes 6100 through 6110 and classes 6121 and 6122.
4. Cookies and cake squares should be of uniform size (See classes 6100 and 6101).
5. No cream pies or pies with a cream base will be accepted.
6. All entries in classes 6100-6105 should be displayed on a paper plate and in a plastic bag.
7. Entries must be in the classes named (specialty items to be judged in class 6109).
8. The Judge's decision will be final.
9. All foods' entries must be acceptable products. Judges may or may not taste food entries.

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 61.

A - \$5
B - \$4
C - \$3

Indoor Meals

Class 6100 - Four cookies or cookie squares (limited to exhibitors ages 6-12) Cookies approximately 2" in diameter. Cookie squares cut approximately 2" x 2"

Class 6101 - Four unfrosted cupcakes or cake squares. Cake squares cut approximately 2" x 2"

Class 6102 - One-half loaf quick bread

Class 6103 - Four muffins or biscuits

Class 6104 - Four yeast rolls or 1/2 loaf yeast bread

Class 6105 - Nutritious snacks

Class 6106 - Fancy or filled yeast bread consist of 1 loafs, ring, or square of the baked good.

Class 6107 - One two-crust fruit pie.

Class 6108 - Whole Cakes (includes layered cakes, sponge, chiffon and angel food cakes, loaf cakes and coffee cakes)

Class 6109 - Any Other Food Preparation Exhibit (creative recipes and specialties)

Class 6110 - One-dish meals (casseroles accompanied by poster and recipe card. Must include a good source of complete protein plus at least two other food groups.

Class 6111 - One decorated cake, cupcake, or cupcake grouping. To be judged as a decorated project only.

Class 6112 - Candy Making

Outdoor Meals

Class 6113 - A poster (14" x 22"), notebook or recipe collection showing types of fires for outdoor cooking techniques and safety precautions.

Class 6114 - Two pieces of homemade equipment for use in outdoor meals, accompanied by a poster (14" x 22") or notebook giving complete directions for their use.

Class 6115 - Food item made using outdoor cooking techniques.

Food Preservation

Must be processed according to current safety guidelines. (Classes 6116 - 6121 should be labeled with processing method and date processed.) Jar may be of varying shapes and sizes.

Class 6116 - Three (3) jars of fruit

Class 6117 - Three (3) jars of vegetables.

Class 6118 - Three (3) jars of jams, jellies, pickles or relishes.

Class 6119 - Three (3) jars of honey

Class 6120 - Three (3) jars of maple syrup

Class 6121 - Three (3) jars of canned meats

Class 6122 - One package of frozen vegetable or fruit and (14" x 22") poster showing process in freezing foods.

Class 6123 - Any other exhibit related to the preservation of food (equipment - posters etc.)

Class 6124 - Dried Foods Section

Microwave Cooking

Class 6125 - Any baked product (cakes, cookies, etc.)

Class 6126 - Other foods (casseroles, meats, vegetables, etc.)

Folk Patterns Foods

Class 6127- Foodways Notebook (family traditions, etc.)

Class 6128 - Recipe collection. Notebook or card file (with box) with recipes from foreign countries as well as United States in appropriate categories such as main dishes, desserts, salads, etc. Recipes must be dated with the year collected. At least 25 new recipes must be added each year.

Class 6129 - Ethnic Foods

Class 6130 - Holiday Foods

Educational Exhibits

Class 6131 - A poster (14" x 22") on Nutrition or any other food related topic. (Examples: "Basic Four" food groups, balanced meals, nutritious snacks, party meals, table settings, etc.)

Class 6132 - Food Science

Jar Creations

Bring dry ingredients in a jar with instructions attached AND the final product for the judge to sample. 3" x 5" recipe card with complete recipe must accompany all final products in classes 833-836.

Class 6133 - Drink in a jar

Class 6134 - Dip in a jar

Class 6135 - Cookies, Bread, Cake, etc. in a jar

Class 6136 - Soups in a jar

DEPT 62 - FINE ARTS

Entry Guidelines

1. An exhibitor may not enter more than one exhibit per class.
2. Categories determined by skill level and number of years in project. Suggested guidelines are as follows:
Beginner - 1-2 years in craft
Advanced - 3 years and more in craft
(If an exhibitor's skill level does not match suggested guidelines, a project leader or parent may determine entry category.)
3. Items that have previously been exhibited cannot be shown again.
4. An exhibit that clearly demonstrates two different skills may be judged in both classes. For example, a woodworking exhibit that has been tole painted may be judged twice. However, a ceramic Santa Claus may not be entered under both "Ceramics" and "Holiday Crafts".

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Division I - Fine Arts

All paintings and drawings should be framed or appropriately finished. Includes creative writing. Must be original unless otherwise noted in each section.

Premiums for Department 62.

- A - \$5
- B - \$4
- C - \$3

Tole and Other Fine Painting

Plaques, China, etc.

- Class 6200 - Beginner
- Class 6201 - Advanced

Oil or Acrylic Painting

Still Life, Landscape, Portrait, or Abstract

- Class 6202 - Beginner
- Class 6203 - Advanced

Watercolor Painting

Still Life, Landscape, Portrait, or Abstract

- Class 6204 - Beginner
- Class 6205 - Advanced

Misc. Painting

Masks, etc.

- Class 6206 - Beginner
- Class 6207 - Advanced

Drawings

Pencil, Charcoal, Chalk, Ink or Other Medium

Still Life

- Class 6208 - Beginner
- Class 6209 - Advanced

Portraits

- Class 6210 - Beginner
- Class 6211 - Advanced

Landscape

- Class 6212 - Beginner
- Class 6213 - Advanced

Abstract

- Class 6214 - Beginner
- Class 6215 - Advanced

Cartooning

Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Chalk, Tempera or Other Medium

- Class 6216 - Beginner
- Class 6217 - Advanced

Calligraphy

Two styles of calligraphy are to be included in the exhibit.

- Class 6218 - Beginner
- Class 6219 - Advanced

Collage/Mosaic

Any medium may be used.

Class 6220 - Beginner
Class 6221 - Advanced

Sculpture

Any medium may be used.

Class 6222 - Beginner
Class 6223 - Advanced

DEPT 63 - FOLK ARTS

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 63.

A - \$5
B - \$4
C - \$3

Division I - Crafts

Ceramics and Pottery

Class 6300 - Beginner
Class 6301 - Advanced

Whiteware/Plaster of Paris

Class 6302 - Beginner
Class 6303 - Advanced

Woodcarving

Class 6304 - Beginner
Class 6305 - Advanced

Woodworking

Class 6306 - Beginner
Class 6307 - Advanced

Woodburning

Class 6308 - Beginner
Class 6309 - Advanced

Blacksmithing

Class 6310 - Beginner
Class 6311 - Advanced

Country Painting

Class 6312 - Beginner
Class 6313 - Advanced

Country Crafts - Wooden Articles

Class 6314 - Beginner
Class 6315 - Advanced

Pinewood Derby Car

The youth will design and construct a pinewood derby car to meet the standard requirements: Width shall not exceed 2 3/4", Length shall not exceed 7" and Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.

Class 6316 - Beginner
Class 6317 - Advanced

Decorated Hats

Class 6318 - Beginner
Class 6319 - Advanced

Leather

Class 6320 - Beginner
Class 6321 - Advanced

Button Art

Class 6322 - Beginner
Class 6323 - Advanced

String Art

Class 6324 - Beginner
Class 6325 - Advanced

Clay Pot Crafts

Class 6326- Beginner
Class 6327 - Advanced

Decorated Wreaths

Class 6328 - Beginner
Class 6329 - Advanced

Tie Dye/Batik/Other Textiles

Class 6330 - Beginner
Class 6331 - Advanced

Garden Rocks - Stones - Tiles

Class 6332 - Beginner
Class 6333 - Advanced

Liquid Embroidery - Fabric Painting

Class 6334 - Beginner
Class 6335 - Advanced

Latchhook - Ragwork - Needlepunch

Class 6336 - Beginner
Class 6337 - Advanced

Sand Art

Class 6338 - Beginner
Class 6339 - Advanced

Dough Art

Class 6340 - Beginner
Class 6341 - Advanced

Christmas/Thanksgiving Crafts

Class 6342 - Beginner
Class 6343 - Advanced

Other Holiday Crafts

Valentines, St. Patrick's, 4th of July, Halloween

Class 6344 - Beginner
Class 6345 - Advanced

Ornaments

Class 6346 - Beginner
Class 6347 - Advanced

Decoupage & Clear Cast

Class 6348 - Beginner
Class 6349 - Advanced

Miscellaneous

Film Flowers, Copper Tooling, Wire Art, Macramé
and other similar crafts

Class 6350 - Beginner
Class 6351- Advanced

Division II – Folk Pattern Crafts

Jewelry

Class 6352- Beginner
Class 6353 - Advanced

Diamond Painting

Class 6354 - Beginner
Class 6355- Advanced

Games

Class 6356 - Beginner
Class 6357 - Advanced

Bead Crafts

Class 6358 - Beginner
Class 6359 - Advanced

Basketry

Class 6360 - Beginner
Class 6361 - Advanced

Padded Picture Frames/Photo Albums

Class 6362 - Beginner
Class 6363 - Advanced

Scrapbooking

Class 6364 - Beginner
Class 6365 - Advanced

Stenciling

Class 6366 - Beginner
Class 6367 - Advanced

Tin Punch

Class 6368 - Beginner
Class 6369 - Advanced

Soap Making

Class 6370 - Beginner
Class 6371 - Advanced

Stained Glass

(Artificial or leaded)

Class 6372 - Beginner
Class 6373 - Advanced

Scarecrows

(Must Be Under 48" Tall)

Class 6374 - Beginner
Class 6375 - Advanced

Twisted Paper Crafts

(Baskets, flowers, etc.)

Class 6376 - Beginner
Class 6377 - Advanced

Bath Salts / Crystals

Class 6378 - Beginner
Class 6379 - Advanced

Candlemaking

Class 6380 - Beginner
Class 6381 - Advanced

Dolls, Angels, Stuffed Toys and Lace Bears

Corn husk, Raffia, Applehead, Clothespin, Dip & Drape. Soft Sculpture, Raggedy Ann & Andy, Spoon, Knitted and Crocheted dolls or toys

Class 6382 - Beginner
Class 6383 - Advanced

Glass Etching / Embossing

Class 6384 - Beginner
Class 6385 - Advanced

Fleece

(Blankets, pillows, garments, etc.)

Class 6386 - Beginner
Class 6387 - Advanced

Rubber Stamping

Class 6388 - Beginner
Class 6389 - Advanced

Stationary Making

Class 6390 - Beginner
Class 6391 - Advanced

Paper Crafts

Class 6392 - Beginner
Class 6393 - Advanced

Fairy Houses

Class 6394 - Beginner
Class 6395 - Advanced

Walking Sticks

Class 6396 - Beginner
Class 6397 - Advanced

Weaving/Spinning

Class 6398 - Beginner
Class 6399 - Advanced

DEPT 64 - PHOTOGRAPHY

Division I - Photography

Entry Guidelines

1. Exhibit Category Definitions:
Beginner: Exhibitor with 1 or 2 years of experience in the project.
Intermediate: Exhibitor with 3 or 4 years of experience in the project.
Advanced: Exhibitors with 5 or more years of experience in the project.
2. Pictures for class 6400 are to be mounted on a poster board 14" x 22" using rubber cement. Photos for classes 6401-6402 and 6404 may be matted or mounted on poster board.
3. Colored slides are to be displayed in a protective, clear plastic page, along with written description of slides.
4. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class unless otherwise specified.
5. All photos must be taken by the exhibitor.

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 64.

A - \$5
B - \$4
C - \$3

Beginner

Class 6400- Six standard-sized pictures that follow a theme (black & white or color) of any subject(s)

Intermediate

Class 6401 - Two 8" X 10" or Four 5" X 7" pictures (black & white or color)

Class 6402 - Two 8" X 10" or Four 5" X 7" pictures (black & white or color – pictures of any subject(s) printed by exhibitor)

Class 6403 - Photo album containing 15 or more photos

Advanced

Class 6404 - Three 8" X 10"

(black & white or color) - pictures of any subject(s), printed by exhibitor

Class 6405 - Photo album containing 25 or more photos

Class 6406 - Digital Photography - Edited Pictures

DEPT 67 - FLORICULTURE

Division I - Vegetables & Fruits

1. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class.
2. For information about selecting vegetables for exhibit, pick up a copy of publication 4-H-1175 at the Extension Office.

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 67.

A - \$5
B - \$4
C - \$3

Vegetables

Class 6700 - One plate of one variety grown

Class 6701 - One box of 3 varieties

Class 6702 - One box of 5 varieties

Class 6703 - Education Exhibit

All ages Poster, 14" X 22", with garden photos and notebook containing gardening plans and cultural practices.

Class 6704 - Potted Vegetable Plant

All ages Tomatoes or other plants in suitable containers.

Fruits

Class 6705 - Plate of fruit grown

3 apples, pears, peaches or plums

Class 6706 - 1 pt. box of blueberries or strawberries

Class 6707 - Cherries or other Fruit

Division II - Flowers

1. Flower exhibitors shall not make more than one entry per class.
2. Use of disposable containers is recommended.
3. Some foliage should be retained on specimens and collections.
4. Flowers exhibited are to be grown by the exhibitor unless otherwise specified in class description.
5. All live flower arrangements are to be created by the exhibitor at the fair in the presence of the judge.

Cut Flower

Class 6708 – Annuals

One flower any size with foliage (youth ages 5-8)

Class 6709 – Annuals

Choose one:

Three flowers under 3 ½” size

One flower over 3 ½” size

Class 6710 – Perennials

Choose one:

Three flowers under 3 ½” size

One flower over 3 ½” size

Class 6711 - Gladiolas – one spike with foliage

Class 6712 - Mixed bouquet

3 or more different annual and/or perennial flowers in one container.

Class 6713 - Rose

One specimen with foliage

Arrangements

Class 6714 - Flower arrangement using flowers grown by exhibitor

Class 6715 - Flower arrangement using flowers not grown by exhibitor

Class 6716 - Flower arrangement using dried, flowers and natural materials

Class 6717 - Flower arrangement using artificial flowers and materials

Class 6718 - Corsage

Class 6719 - Plaques made from dried materials and/or dried flowers

Class 6720 - Christmas or holiday decorations using dried materials and/or dried flowers.

DEPT 68 - HORTICULTURE

Division I - Horticulture

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 68.

A - \$5

B - \$4

C - \$3

Landscaping

Class 6800 - Educational exhibit consisting of a notebook and/or a 14” X 22” poster relating to the landscaping activity

Class 6801 - Potted tree or bush

Indoor Gardens

Class 6802 - Potted houseplant

Foliage or flowering plant

Class 6803 - Indoor bulbs, corms or tubers in one container

Class 6804 - Dish gardens - terrariums

Horticulture Folkpatterns

Class 6805 - Herb gardens

Class 6806 - Flower gardening

Class 6807 - Potpourri

DIVISION II - Crops

Small Grains

4-quart container

Class 6809 - Wheat

Class 6810 - Oats

Class 6811 - Any other small grain not listed above

Field Crops Other Than Grain

- Class 6812 - Potatoes (32 tubers - 1 variety)
- Class 6813 - Soybeans (4 quarts)
- Class 6814 - Legume seed (4 quarts)
- Class 6815 - Hay - 1 bale slice 6" thick, tied securely
- Class 6816 - Corn - 10 ears or 4 quarts shelled
- Class 6817 - Corn - 3 stalks with roots & soil attached and properly bagged
- Class 6818 - Any other field crop not listed above

DEPT 69 - SCIENCE

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 69.

- A - \$5
- B - \$4
- C - \$3

Division I - Science

Weather & Astronomy

- Class 6900 - Weather Station
- Class 6901 - Poster showing cloud formation
- Class 6902 - Any other weather education
- Class 6903 - Astronomy

Electrical

- Class 6904 - Electricity: exhibit articles made
- Class 6905 - Electronics - articles made
- Class 6906 - Any other electrical or electronics educational exhibit

Welding

- Class 6907 - Welding – exhibit may consist of display showing major types of welds
- Class 6908 - Welded article (table, etc.)

Petroleum Power

- Class 6909 - Automotive, Small Engines, Recreational Vehicles
- Class 6910 - Tractor Care & Operation

Computer Science

- Class 6911 - Printout of an existing program
- Class 6912 - Program developed by exhibitor
- Class 6913 - Educational exhibit (Poster 14" X 22", notebook, report, etc.)

Machining

Present a finished product made with any type of metal, steel, brass, or aluminum.

- Class 6914 - Beginner
- Class 6915 - Advanced

Section g - 2 & 3D Mechanical Drawing

Present a blueprint with specific details and dimensions.

- Class 6916 - Beginner
- Class 6917 - Advanced

Aviation - Ribbons Only

- Class 6918 - Beginner
- Class 6919 – Advanced

DEPT 70 - NATURAL RESOURCES

Division I - Natural Science

Entry Guidelines

All educational exhibits will consist of (1) 14" X 22" poster, or (2) a notebook, or (3) display of the articles made or collected unless otherwise specified by the class description or (4) Photo Journal which consists of 8 to 12 photos taken by the exhibitor with a caption for each picture.

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 70.

A - \$5

B - \$4

C - \$3

Plant Science

Class 7000 - Basic Plant Science - educational exhibit relating to parts of a seed, germination, propagation, etc.

Class 7001 - Educational exhibit of 20 labeled weeds

Class 7002 - Crop Science educational exhibit relating to crop production, soils, fertilizers, etc.

Conservation

Natural Resources Environmental Education

Class 7003 - Basic Conservation & Youth education exhibit (including water)

Class 7004 - Forestry

Class 7005 - Wildlife

Class 7006 - Other Natural Resources

Environmental Education exhibits

Class 7007 - Nature notebook, poster or photo journal

Subjects include wildflowers, native Michigan wildflowers, invasive species, trees/shrubs, lichens/mushrooms and wild plants.

Class 7008 - Bird Study including pheasants
Notebook, 14" X 22" poster or photo journal.

Class 7009 - Pheasant & Pheasant Habitat project record and poster

Class 7010 - Rocks & Minerals

10 specimens mounted and identified (add a minimum of 5 rocks for each year)

Class 7011 - Rocks & Minerals (any age)

Special display of specific rocks (Metamorphic, Igneous, Sedimentary) or special study and display of rock polishing, jewelry making and like activities

Class 7012 - Paper Making

Class 7013 - Recycling: Make a new useful item from an existing household product that would have become trash.

Class 7014 - Recycling: Repair a renew an object that would have been thrown in the trash so it can be used again or longer (show/explain what needed to be done)

Class 7015 - Recycling: Make a compost or recycle container for your kitchen, garage, or backyard.

Class 7016 - Recycling: Exhibit showing the life of a natural resource from its original state, to its manufacture, to its use by humans, to its disposal.

Class 7017 - Educational exhibit, notebook or poster (14" X 22") on how to recycle, what you can do to help, etc.

Class 7018 - Taxidermy

Class 7019 - Project Fish - Tackle craft - Beginner or Intermediate

Class 7020 - Project Fish - Tackle craft - Advanced

Class 7021 -Project Fish - Educational Notebook, Poster or Photo Journal

Class 7022 - Project Fish - Fishing Accessories

Entomology

Class 7023 - Basic Entomology I: Collect & Exhibit as adult species from 8 orders

Class 7024 - Basic Entomology II: Collect & Exhibit 50 adult species from 11 orders

Class 7025 - Basic Entomology III: Collect & exhibit 100 adult species from 14 orders

Class 7026 - Basic Entomology IV: Collect & Exhibit 200 adult species from 16 orders

Class 7027 - Entomology Science I - Special collections: Collect, prepare and preserve 25 different moths and/or butterflies

Class 7028 - Entomology Science II - Entomological Studies: This can include videos, photos, observations, live specimen exhibits, identification demonstration or drawing.

DEPT 72 - EDUCATIONAL

Special Awards

A "Best of Show" award Rosette will be presented to the exhibitor of the top exhibit in each section based on the following:

- Number of exhibitors in the class.
- Quality of the exhibit

Premiums for Department 72.

A - \$5

B - \$4

C - \$3

Division I - Educational

Web Design

Bring in flash drive with your created web (website setup)

Class 7200 - Beginner

Class 7201 - Advanced

Writing

Short Stories:

Class 7202 - Beginner

Class 7203 - Advanced

Young Authors:

Class 7204 - Beginner

Class 7205 - Advanced

Poetry, Music, Other Writing

Class 7206 - Beginner

Class 7207 - Advanced

Film Related Projects

Class 7208 - Beginner

Class 7209 - Advanced

Division II - Collections

Entry Guidelines

- One entry per class.
- All collections in classes 7210-7229 MUST be accompanied by a notebook. The collector will add the following to their notebook each year:

- A list of the items collected during the current year.
- A photograph of the new items collected. Photographs of the collection from previous years should also be included so the judge can see the growth of the collection.
- A "Collections Summary Sheet" Available from the Extension Office.
- Optional - The exhibitor may also want to include additional information about the collection in his/her notebook. (I.e. where items were purchased, cost of items, etc.)

1. Collections which have been exhibited in previous years with no new items added during current year will not be accepted.
2. Collections shall be exhibited in a neat, orderly and organized manner.
3. Valuable collections may be taken home after judging. If the exhibitor chooses to take the collection home, a poster (14" x 22") or notebook must remain on exhibit along with a photograph of the entire collection.
4. New stickers should be exhibited separately from old stickers.
5. Entry category will be determined by the exhibitor's skill level and number of years in the project. Suggested guidelines are as follows:
Beginner - 1-2 years in the project
Advance – 3 or more years in the project

If the exhibitor's skill level does not match the suggested guidelines, a project leader or parent may determine the entry category.

Stamps - Ribbons Only

Class 7210 - Beginner - Cancelled Stamps

Class 7211 - Advanced - Canceled Stamps

Class 7212 - Beginner - New Stamps

Class 7213 - Advanced - New Stamps

Class 7214 - Beginner - Plate blocks or First Day Covers

Class 7215 - Advanced - Plate blocks or First Day Covers

Coins - Ribbons Only

Class 7216 - Beginner

Class 7217 - Advanced

Dolls - Animals - Puppets - Ribbons Only

Class 7218 - Beginner
Class 7219 - Advanced

Miniature Cars - Tractors and Other Vehicles - Ribbons Only

Class 7220 - Beginner
Class 7221 - Advanced

Sports Cards - Ribbons Only

Class 7222 - Beginner
Class 7223 - Advanced

Stickers - Ribbons Only

Class 7224 - Beginner
Class 7225 - Advanced

Pins and Buttons - Ribbons Only

Class 7226 - Beginner
Class 7227 - Advanced

Other Collections - Ribbons Only

Class 7228 - Beginner
Class 7229 - Advanced

Division III - Miscellaneous Hobbies

Model Building - Ribbons Only
(Airplanes, cars, etc.)

Class 7230 - Beginner
Class 7231 - Advanced

Model Rocketry - Ribbons Only

Class 7232 - Beginner
Class 7233 - Advanced

Division IV

Animal Science

1. Exhibitors may not enter more than one exhibit per class.

2. Notebooks that have been entered in previous years must be divided by year so the judge can tell what has been added during the current year.
3. All posters must be 14" x 22"

- Class 7234 - Dairy Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7235 - Beef Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7236 - Swine Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7237 - Sheep Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7238 - Veterinary Science Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7239 - Goat Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7240 - Rabbit Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7241 - Poultry Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7242 - Pocket Pet Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7243 - Horse Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7244 - Draft Horse Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7245 - Dog Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7246 - Cat Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7247 - Pony/Mule Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7248 - Any other animal Notebook and/or poster
- Class 7249 - Other Animal Science exhibit (First aid kit, etc.)
- Class 7250 - Equipment Construction (to be used with animals) (cages, water containers, food containers, etc.)



Division V – International – Citizenship - Leadership

Exhibit Guidelines

All Educational Exhibits in the following classes will consist of (1) a notebook, or (2) 14" x 22" poster, or (3) display of articles made or collected unless otherwise specified by the class description. Youth will display their knowledge of an international visit or study of a country, state or county.

International & Passport

Class 7251 - International - A report on a country that the exhibitor has visited or has hosted a visitor from that country.

Class 7252 - Passport - Country, State & County Study: Notebook or Poster detailing culture of Country, State or County

Class 7253 - Passport - Country, State & County Individual, Group (3-5 members) or club exhibit may consist of articles collected such as dolls, crafts, etc.

Citizenship

Display what they have learned pertaining to citizenship. This may include projects, trips or community service activities.

Class 7254 - Citizenship project or community service activity conducted by an individual

Class 7255 - Citizenship project or community service activity conducted by a group

Class 7256 - Educational Exhibit pertaining to Citizenship - Washington Focus, Capitol Experience or other Citizenship

Leadership

Class 7257 - Teen Leadership Notebook

Class 7258 - Club Officer or Club Notebook

Division VI - Leisure Education

Shooting Sports

Class 7259 - Firearm and Hunter's Safety

Class 7260 - Archery or Archery Equipment - Notebook, poster or photo journal

Class 7261 - Educational Exhibit - Firearm - Notebook, poster or photo journal

Class 7262 – Fire Arm - Notebook, poster or photo journal

Class 7263 - Outdoor Adventure Challenge - Equipment

Class 7264 - Outdoor Adventure Challenge - Notebook, poster or photo journal

Sports and Outdoor Recreation

Class 7265 - Educational exhibit relating to Golf, Softball, Bowling, Tennis, Skiing, or Other organized outdoor recreation.

Class 7266 - Educational exhibit relating to Camping

Class 7267 - Educational Exhibit relating to Challenge Project (winter survival, rock climbing, etc.)

Division VII - Emergency Preparedness

First Aid and Health

List Contents

Class 7268 - Beginning First Aid Kit

Class 7269 - Advanced First Aid Kit

More complete First Aid Supplies

Class 7270 - Any other First Aid Exhibit

Safety and Fire Prevention

Class 7271 - Snowmobile Safety Educational Exhibit

Class 7272 - Bicycle Safety Educational Exhibit

Class 7273 - Farm & Home Safety Educational Exhibit

Class 7274 - Any other Safety Exhibit

Division VIII - Folk Patterns

Folk patterns is a project in which youth learn about traditions, skills and the folklore of their past. Other folk pattern sections are included in Dept. A, Folk Pattern Foods and Dept. B Folk Patterns Crafts.

A Folk patterns exhibit may consist of a display of articles collected; a scrapbook containing pictures, drawings, or photographs and written narrative; a poster showing what was learned in the study area or other display representing folk pattern project work.

Folk Patterns Exhibits

Class 7275 - Family Folklore or Genealogy

Class 7276 - Photography (Historical Sites, Craftsmen, Festivals)

Class 7277 - Heritage Artifacts/collections, Historical Clothing

Class 7278 - Community Folklore, Ethnic celebrations

Class 7279 - Folkgames & toys, Folk Music

Class 7280 - Wildlife & Trapping Lore, Indian Lore, Folk Medicine

Class 7281 - Any other not listed above

Division IX - Non-Competitive Youth Exhibits

Exhibitors may choose whether or not they want to enter in the non- competitive division. Youths who exhibit in this division will receive no premiums.

6-7 Year Olds

Non-Competitive Division Exhibit Guidelines

1. Youth between the ages of 6-8 are eligible to exhibit.
2. All entries must be the work of the individual exhibiting it.
3. 4-H members who have participated in several activities are encouraged to exhibit their favorite projects.
4. Youths may enter the following number of exhibits:
6 years old - 6 exhibits
7 years old - 7 exhibits
5. Each child will have a short interview with a judge. He/she will be asked simple questions about how the exhibit was made, what he/ she enjoyed most, etc.
6. Exhibits will not receive an A, B, C placing. Instead each child will receive a participant ribbon. Each child will receive a gift.

7. The exhibit must be displayed in the Youth Building during fair week. 4-H member exhibits will be displayed in the club booth. Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Non-Competitive Division

Class 7282 - Art

Class 7283 - Basic Computers

Class 7284 - Bicycling

Class 7285 - Bird Study

Class 7286 - Collections

Class 7287 - Crafts

Class 7288 - Folk patterns

Class 7289 - Foods

Class 7290 - Gardening

Class 7291 - Insects

Class 7292 - Natural Resources

Class 7293 - Nature

Class 7294 - Needlework

Class 7295 - Passport

Class 7296 - Personal Appearance

Class 7297 - Photography

Class 7298 - Recycling

Class 7299 - Rocks

Class 7300 - Safety

Class 7301 - Space Technology

Class 7302 - Sports

Class 7303 - Stamps

Class 7304 - Trees

Class 7305 - Wild Flowers

Class 7306 - Woodworking

Class 7307 - Holiday Celebration

Class 7308 - Cloverbud Scrapbook

Class 7309 - Show and Trail

Class 7310 - Animal Science

DEPT 73 - DEMONSTRATIONS

Premiums for Department 73.

A - \$5

B - \$4

C - \$3

Division I – Demonstrations

Section a - Demonstrations / Illustrated Talks

Exhibitors in classes 7350 - 7353 will receive an A, B or C ribbon and premium.

Class 7350 - Individual Demonstration (Under 9 years old)

Class 7351 - Individual Demonstration (9-13 years old)

Class 7352 - Individual Demonstration (14 years old & over)

Class 7353 - Team Demonstration

Youth In Action Demonstrations

Informal presentation led by exhibitor with audience participation. Exhibitors will receive an A, B or C ribbon and premium.

Class 7354 - Demonstration

Talent Show

The Talent Show will be on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. Youth between the ages of 6-19 are invited to participate. Possible entries include dance, instrumental, vocals, mime, clowning, poetry, or a short speech. Acts should be between 2-5 minutes in length. A penalty will be assessed if an act is over 5 minutes. For singing performances, please bring music without vocals. Vocal Arts will also be penalized if music accompaniment has vocals.

Performing Arts Coordinator:

Paul Callens (269-808-4774)

1. Exhibitors may enter only one in the performing arts program. One individual act or one group act.
2. All participants must complete both of the following:

An application form which includes a description of the act (DUE 6/15) - Fair registration form. Be sure

to list the correct class numbers on your fair registration form or you will not receive a premium.

3. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon.

Class 7355 - Mime Clowning - Any Age

Class 7356 - Voice - Ages 6-8 - Group or Individual

Class 7357 - Instrument - Ages 6-8 - Group or Individual

Class 7358 - Dance - Ages 6-8 - Group or Individual

Class 7359 - Voice - Ages 9-13 - Group or Individual

Class 7360 - Instrument - Ages 9-13 - Group or Individual

Class 7361 - Dance - Ages 9- 13 - Group or Individual

Class 7362 - Voice - Ages 14-19 - Group or Individual

Class 7363- Instrument - Ages 14-19 - Group or Individual

Class 7364 - Dance - Ages 14-19 - Group or Individual

Class 7365 - Oratory (Speech/Poetry) Ages 6-19

DEPT. 90 - YOUTH PARADE

Saturday, July 25

Division I

Youth Parade Contest

Line up at 5:45 p.m. Parade begins at 6:00 p.m.

Location – Large Livestock Arena

Dogs and cats participating in the Youth Parade will be allowed on the grounds 1 hour before the parade and must be removed 1 hour after the parade. Dog and cats must show current proof of vaccinations.

Entries to be returned to Mary Darling, or the Fair Board Office by 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 19. Please enter in classes 9001-9004. Grand Prize will be awarded at the time of the parade.

Class 9000 - Grand Prize ... \$25

Class 9001 - Costume, Pet (Small Animals)

Class 9002 - Costume, Pet (Large Animals)

Class 9003 - Costume, Bicycle

Class 9004 - All Others

Prizes for Class 9000 will be: \$25.00 and Grand Champion Ribbon

Prizes for classes 9001-9004 will be:

1st - \$8.00 and placing ribbon

2nd - \$6.00 and placing ribbon

3rd - \$4.00 and placing ribbon

4th - \$2.00 and placing ribbon

5th - Placing ribbon

DEPT 102 - PONY PULLING PONY PULL CONTEST

Thursday, July 23 - 1:00 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer – Gina Sattison 296-4481

Rules of the Michigan Pony Dynamometer Association to govern. (on file at fairgrounds office)

1. Classification of Ponies will be 49 in. and under, 53 in. and under.
2. All contests are open to the world, unless specified by the Fair Board
3. Entry Fee - \$10 per team.
4. Admission to grounds limited to 2 persons per team.
5. All horses must have a negative Coggins Test.

A copy of the Coggins test must be given to the Fair Board to be placed on file.

Division I - Pony Pulling Pony Pulling Contest

Class 10200 and 10201 receive 1st place trophies

Premiums for classes 10200-10201

1 st	\$140	9 th only	\$100
		class 1417	
2 nd	\$135	10 th only	\$95
		class 1417	
3 rd	\$130		
4 th	\$125		
5 th	\$120		
6 th	\$115		
7 th	\$110		
8 th	\$105		

Lightweight Class Heavyweight Class

Class 10200 – 49” and Under

Class 10201 53” and Under

Special – Record Breaker

49” (2750#) 53” (3175#)

Class - 10202 - \$50.00

Class - 10203 - \$50.00

DEPT 103 - FARM STOCK TRACTOR PULLING

Monday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Co-Superintendent:

Mendy Trowbridge (269)217-9050)

Co-Superintendent: Robert Trowbridge

Division I - Farm Tractor Contests

General Rules

1. Farm Stock - a stock appearing farm tractor of standard make used for competitive pulling events.
2. Standard Make - not materially altered from original factory specifications. Tractors may not operate more than 15% over factory rated R.P.M. and horsepower or may not exceed 6 miles per hour.
3. Contest is open to all residents of Van Buren County and all adjoining counties. Two people per tractor allowed in grounds free, all others must pay gate admission.
4. Only tractors will be allowed within the track area.
5. All tractors to be weighed at the VBCYF Grounds starting at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the day of the pull. All tractors in line at 5:00 p.m. will be allowed to weigh in.
6. All weights will include driver.
7. Limit two drivers per tractor per class – Two (2) classes only.
8. Tractor may pull in more than one class but must scale immediately after pull or be disqualified.
9. All pulls will be made with weight transfer machine.
10. All pulls will start with a tight chain, NO JERKING
11. Pull will be over when forward motion stops, as deemed by flagman. No tire digging allowed.
12. Failure to acknowledge flagmen at either end of the track will result in disqualification.
13. Driver must remain seated at all times during the pull and have at least one hand on the wheel at all times.
14. The first driver of each weight class will be designated the test puller and will have the option of accepting the pull or may drop to third in the class.
15. Only one pull will be allowed, unless there is a tie.
16. All tractors must be in park or neutral with driver’s hands in the air during hooking the sled.
17. All tractors will be operated with muffler or straight pipe, minimum of 18" above the hood.

18. Any part of the tractor that comes off and falls to the ground or excessive loss of fluid while hooked to the sled, will be an automatic disqualification.
19. Any tractor operated in an unsafe manner will be cause for disqualification.
20. In case of disqualification, no refund of entry fee.
21. Decisions on all matters and operations of the pull will be that of the competition committee and will be final. There will be no protest.
22. Drivers are required to wear appropriate attire during the pull. Shirts, pants, work boots or closed toed shoes are required. Flip flops and sandals will not be allowed.
23. The Van Buren Fair, Board Members, Pull Superintendent, the Competition Committee, nor the Sled Operator will be held liable or responsible for injury, theft or damage incurred while participating in this event. Signature at time of entry to the pits to this effect will be required.

Farm Stock Rules

Monday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m.

1. Engine number must match for model of tractor.
2. Tractor can only place one time per class. (i.e. same tractor with different driver cannot take two placings for prize money)
3. Contest is open to all residents of Van Buren County, and all adjoining counties.
4. Contest is open to all wheeled farm tractors with bar type tread only. Farm Stock tractors are not allowed to add weight of any kind if any parts of the 3-pt. hitch are removed.
5. R.P.M.'s will be checked by Superintendent's discretion of all stock classes.
6. Dual Wheels are optional.
7. 4-wheel drive or front assist allowed should Contact Superintendent.
8. Tires must be of original condition with no cut or shaved areas.
9. Stationary drawbar to be 20" or less without weight transfer or hydraulic control assist. Hitch point must be a minimum of 18" from the center of rear axle. Measurement to be taken at center of clevis.
10. Clevis with a 3 1/2" or larger and a draw pin of 3/4" diameter minimum must be furnished by competitor.
11. Weights must not extend past the rear of the tractor.
12. Weights must not interfere with hook up.
13. Shift on the go as long as forward motion is not stopped is allowed.

14. Drivers will be allowed to stop and change gears in the first 75 feet of pull one time only.
15. Tractor must be identified by manufacturer model number and have original style hood, fenders, and/or cab in place.
16. Tractors must have a working p.t.o.
17. All tractors must have working brakes.
18. Any tractors not meeting rules will only be allowed for exhibition pulls.
19. Driver must be 16 years of age or older, with valid driver's license or have parents' signature.

Entry Fee \$15.00 per Class - Entry Fees Non-Refundable

Farm Stock

- Class 10300 - 0 to 6,000 pounds
- Class 10301 - 6,001 to 8,000 pounds
- Class 10302 - 8,001 to 10,000 pounds
- Class 10303 - 10,001 to 13,000 pounds
- Class 10304 - 13,001 to 16,000 pounds
- Class 10305 - 16,001 to infinity and beyond

1st place trophy and premium for places 1-5 in classes 10300-10304

1 st	\$85.00	4 th	\$55.00
2 nd	\$70.00	5 th	\$50.00
3 rd	\$65.00		

Class 10306 - 12,000 lb. Altered Farm Stock

For Rules Contact Superintendent, Mendy Trowbridge

EXHIBITOR RULES

ALL Exhibitors and ALL Animal Species.

Any animal shown in a market class may not be shown in a breed class, with the exception of beef.

1. Youth who are enrolled members of a registered Van Buren County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or Boy & Girl Scout organization and all youth 6 years of age up to and including 19 years of age as of January 1, current year may enter at the Van Buren Youth Fair. HRH is open to persons age 6-26 years of age as of January 1st of the current calendar year.

Differently Abled exhibitors may continue to exhibit until the age of 26. Differently Abled exhibitors must be 6 to 26 years of age by January 1 of the fair year who have been determined to be eligible for special education services by the local school district. Exhibitors may participate in classes under the educational projects and demonstration projects. Exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species/exhibit/class. If they choose to participate in a regular class (instead of the Friday Differently Abled Show which allows for some small market animals), they should enter the Differently Abled Showmanship class for the species to be shown. The exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age class for their species. Differently Abled exhibitors ages 19 to 26 will show their exhibit in the highest senior showmanship class. Superintendents will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy. Differently Abled exhibitors (ages 6 to 26) may show in market classes ONLY if the exhibitor owns the market animal to be exhibited.

Any exhibitor entering large livestock (beef and dairy steers, beef and dairy feeders, producing dairy cows, sheep, swine) or a small market animal (market goat, producing dairy goat, poultry, rabbits) will be required to fill out a W-9 Form and turn it in with their June 15th preregistration forms.

- All exhibitors are required to have a Social Security No.

2. All exhibitors that are awarded a trophy, banner, prize or sells an animal during an auction at the Van Buren Youth Fair are required to submit a thank you note for the trophy, banner, prize sponsor or auction buyer by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of the fair to the 4-H office in the still exhibit building. Failure to submit the thank you note will result in premium and/or auction check being held until thank you note is received.

Thank you notes not received by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday of fair must be taken to the Van Buren County MSU Extension before checks will be released.

3. An exhibitor may earn up to a maximum of \$75.00 in premium money. This does not include the sale of market animals. Youth may enter as many exhibits as each department allows.
4. The exhibitor must have taken an active part in the production of the project from which the exhibit is selected and must be able to submit evidence to this effect if asked to do so. For market livestock, exhibitor must be the owner.
5. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY JUNE 15. All registration forms must be completed online. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com. See page 6 for instructions.
6. All equine must have a current negative Coggins Test and present it to show officials to enter fairgrounds. A copy of the Coggins test must be given to the Fair Board to be placed on file. All horses must be checked by the veterinarian and have a negative Coggins Test. It is preferred that all haul-in equines be vet checked the Sunday of fair week between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Equine State health papers issued from a licensed Veterinarian can be used in place of the vet check, this method is not recommended but will be accepted. Equine State health certificates must be valid during fair week.

- Equine State health certificates should be submitted before or at the Thursday set-up/cleanup meeting. If a health state certificate is being used in place of the preferred vet check and a pony and/or miniature horse is being exhibited the licensed veterinarian needs to write the actual height as part of the equine description.
7. All exhibits must remain on display Monday through Sunday morning of Fair week to qualify for premiums except for horse exhibits registered for the "Daily Haul-In Option."
 8. Exhibit release time:
 Still Exhibits: Sunday, July 26, 2026, 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Small animals: Sunday, July 26, 2026, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
 Breeding Stock: Saturday, July 25, 2026, 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Breeding animals for dairy, beef, and sheep ONLY.
 BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP, SWINE: Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 26.
 Trucks loading for slaughter/market haul preferences at loading docks. All other trucks must wait.
 Animals shown in the market classes and/or sold through the livestock auction may ONLY leave at this time.
 HORSES: Sunday, July 26, 2026- 12:01 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 9. The Fair Association will not be responsible for exhibits left at the fairgrounds after 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2026.
 10. There must be an entry tag for each exhibit as required by rules.
 11. Each exhibitor will assume all risks in making an exhibit entry.
 12. Animal exhibit superintendents and assistant superintendents will act as supervisors of exhibits in their respective divisions.
 13. No exhibits other than those provided for in the following premium list will be accepted.
 14. The decision of the judge is final in all classes. Any harassment of the judge by a parent or individual will result in immediate dismissal from the grounds. If the person does not leave voluntarily, he/she will be escorted off the fairgrounds by a Law Enforcement Official.
 15. The current Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors Judges' Committee contracts all judges for the fair.
 16. Ribbons and Rosettes will be awarded as stated in each department.
 17. If funding is not available from the State of Michigan, the Fair reserves the right to pro-rate all Premiums.
 18. No youth exhibitors except those authorized by Division Superintendents and the Fair Management are permitted to stay overnight in the barns.
 19. Exhibit halls close at 11:00 p.m. each day of the fair week.
 20. All youth exhibitor passes will be pre-sold. When a youth submits their June 15th Fair Pre-registration they need to pay \$15.00 for their fair pass. Youth will then pick up their pass on Saturday or Sunday after they have entered their exhibit at the Fair.
 21. Current 4-H Leaders and 4-H Leader Spouses will be able to purchase their passes on Saturday, July 18 or Sunday, July 19 for \$20 and \$25.
 22. Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents are given picture badges to be used as admittance to the Fair. Spouses may purchase a week pass for \$25.00.
 23. Posse members are admitted with Sheriff's badges and ID's. Posse spouses may purchase a week pass for \$25.00.
 24. Adult Draft Horse Exhibitors may purchase a week pass for \$20.00. Spouses may purchase a week pass for \$25.00.
 25. For fire and pedestrian safety, all vehicles parked near buildings and other exhibit areas must be moved to the parking lot by 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. each day.

26. Youth entering a contest of any kind during Fair Week are under the jurisdiction of the Fair Association and do so at his/her own risk.
27. Anyone needing the service of a Veterinarian or a Medical Doctor shall be responsible for cost of services rendered.
28. Posters are not required with notebooks unless specified in the Entry Guidelines for that category.
29. An exhibit that clearly demonstrates two different areas may be judged in both classes. For example, an entomology exhibit – may be judged by entomology (insects) and woodworking (display case). An exhibit that demonstrates two similar crafts or types of needlework cannot be judged twice. For example: A ceramic Santa Clause may not be entered under both “Ceramics” and “Holiday Crafts.”
30. An exhibitor who is unable to present on judging day should attach a short description of how he/she made the exhibit and what he/she learned.
31. An exhibitor is not eligible for a Merit Award or a Best of Show if he/she is not present for the judging of the exhibit.
32. Still exhibit projects must be made during the past year.
33. Showmanship Classes are required for all species, any animal used for showmanship must be entered in a market, breed or exhibition class. The exhibitor must comply on a species basis. If they do not, then they will be deemed ineligible to participate in any and all activities for that particular species, i.e. Market Classes and Auction. Sale Animals must remain housed on the fairgrounds and taken care of by the exhibitor until Sunday AM check out. The removal of the animal at that time is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
34. The Fair Board of Directors shall have complete control of the Youth Fair including all activities, exhibits, rules and shows.
35. All youth exhibiting animals (cats, dogs, draft horses, horses, large livestock, or small animals) at the Van Buren Youth Fair are REQUIRED to have completed an approved educational class to be eligible to exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair. Documentation is due by June 15.
36. Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents are appointed annually by the Fair Board of Directors. They are required to sign a contract and have a criminal history check.
37. The Van Buren Youth Fair is committed to the humane, respectful, and ethical treatment of all animals participating in or present at the fair. Animal welfare is a top priority and abuse; neglect or mistreatment of any kind will not be tolerated. What are animal welfare and willful acts of abuse?
- Animal welfare as defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association is, “a human responsibility that encompasses all aspects of animal well-being, including proper housing, management, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, responsible care, human handling, and when necessary, humane euthanasia.”
- A willful act of abuse is someone hurting an animal on purpose. Abuse could be but not limited to forcefully hitting, inappropriate gate use, inappropriate animal restraint as well as withholding feed and water for long periods of time.
- Any exhibitor that is seen willfully abusing an animal may:
- drop in show placement
 - warning from the judge or show ring officials
 - ejection for the show
 - further action by the Fair Board, if necessary
38. The fair has legal authority to require animal drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in Section 40(3): “A fair exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show”.
- a. **AT THE FAIR:**
- i. Verify the animal you are about to test, identify any tattoos, ear tags or ear notches that are on the animal. Whenever possible use USDA official identification vs. farm identification. Be sure to include this information on the “Sample Tag.”

- ii. Present the container for examination to the animal representative/exhibitor, making sure to verify with the animal representative that the security seal has not been previously broken. If the sample container is rejected for any reason, use another container, and return the defective one to the laboratory. *NOTE: The animal representative must remain with the animal at all times during the sample collection process.*
 - iii. Record the seal# in the top right box of the "Sample Transmittal Packing List."
 - iv. Open the container by pressing upward on the tab marked open, breaking the seal.
 - v. Place the container in the catching stick; fold the lid back and anchor it under the metal finger welded on the handle.
 - vi. If a urine sample cannot be obtained, a Michigan Licensed Veterinarian/Veterinarian Technician may collect five tubes of blood from the animal. Each tube of blood must be identified with one of the six small sticker tags provided on the "Sample Tag." Place the five labeled blood tubes inside a plastic sample container and seal as described below.
 - vii. After collecting the sample, close the lid and snap it completely shut. Loop the barbed plastic strip on the sample container through the two holes in the container tabs and pull snug. Apply a short piece of evidence tape across that protruding end of the plastic barbed strip and also across the lid and down sides of the container.
 - viii. Complete the information on a "Sample Tag" substituting the name of the fair for "Track", the name of the animal (Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Swine, etc.) for "Horse" and ear tag number or other unique identification number for "Tattoo". After the animal representative has watched the sample collection and sealing, they must sign under "Witness" on the sample tag. The person collecting the sample must sign under the "Sample By" and the "Sample Tag".
 - ix. Place one completed large sticker tag from the top of the "Sample Tag" on the top of the sample container over the evidence tape and the other completed large sticker tag on the side of the container. The remaining portion of the completed "Sample Tag" must be kept and NOT returned to the lab.
 - x. Lock the sealed and labeled sample container in a metal can. *NOTE: Once the can is locked it cannot be opened until it reaches the lab.*
 - xi. Samples must be held secure and cold until transferred to the laboratory. *NOTE: Urine may be frozen. Blood must be kept refrigerated and never frozen.*
 - Any discarded needles should be placed in an approved "Sharps" container by the veterinarian/veterinarian technician.
 - When all sample collection has been completed, fill out the "Sample Transmittal Packing List." The packing list must identify the tag number of all samples included in the case.
 - Enclosed the completed "Sample Transmittal Packing List," any unused supplies and regenerated/refrozen freezer packs in the case and seal it with the provided intact case seal.
- b. **AFTER SAMPLE COLLECTION IS COMPLETED:**
- i. Transport samples to the lab either in person or by overnight express. Arrange samples to arrive at the lab during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) The lab is located on the campus of Michigan State University at: 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.
 - ii. Collect and retain signed Animal Certification Forms and the remaining portion of the completed "Sample Tag". *NOTE: Both of these documents should be kept in a secure place for cross-reference when sample results are received. In the event of a positive result these documents must be kept as evidence.*
- Any and/or all expenses incurred regarding drug testing will be the responsibility of the exhibitors. If a claim regarding the drug testing is found to be false, the person that filed the complaint will be responsible for expenses incurred.

39. Complaint and Appeals Procedure: Any exhibitor may file a written complaint regarding any of the following:

- Conflict of interest of the judge
- Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor
- Exhibitor, group leader or superintendent behavior
- Eligibility of the exhibit.

The complaint must be accompanied by a \$75.00 fee payable to the Van Buren Fair Board Association within ten (10) days after the end of the fair. The Fair Board Association will review, investigate, and issue a notice of findings and recommended actions within ten (10) days of the date of the filed complaint. If the exhibitor is not satisfied with the Fair Board Association's decision they may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture within forty-five (45) days of filing the initial complaint with the Fair Board Association. The Michigan Department of Agriculture shall have sixty (60) days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the Association. If the complaint is found to be a false accusation, the \$75.00 filing fee will remain with the Fair Board Association. If the complaint is found to have merit, the exhibitor filing the complaint will be refunded the \$75.00 filing fee. The person whom the complaint was filed against will be responsible for any and/or all expenses incurred.

40. Late Entry Appeal Process

Youth Responsibility

Step 1-

If a youth misses a deadline they have 3 days to contact the current person in charge of fair registrations at forms.vbyf@gmail.com. All emails must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the third day to be eligible for step 2. Subject line: Late Entry. Email must include youth's name, parent/guardian names, phone number. If there are multiple children from the same family, all names must be listed.

Step 2

Youth (if age and ability allows) or, parent or guardian must email a letter to forms.vbyf@gmail.com explaining why they missed the deadline and a brief explanation of why they feel

they should be allowed to exhibit; the letter is due by 11:59 p.m. on the date listed in the chart below. If the letter is not received, the youth is not able to appeal on the stated date. Each youth is expected to provide their own age appropriate, signed letter even if the entire family is appealing a missed deadline.

Step 3

The appeal committee will meet on the dates in the chart each year. Youth and parent/guardian must attend. Youth will need to speak to the committee; this will be based on age and ability. It could be stating their name and project they hope to exhibit, or it could be the youth introducing themselves and providing the details of their appeal.

Other important information

- The appeal committee will notify the youth within 24 hours of the meeting with their decision. The decision made by the committee is final, no other appeals will be entertained by the VBYF Board or its sub-committees.
- Youth need to bring a person to also speak on their behalf, this is in addition to their parent/guardian. (i.e., 4-H leader, teacher, family friend, fair superintendent, etc.)
- Each appeal will have 10 minutes to speak to the appeal committee. Approximately 3 minutes per person. The committee reserves the right to extend the time to ask and have answered any lingering questions that may arise.

Completion of the appeal process does not guarantee the appeal will be approved and the youth will be able to exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

Deadline Date	Step 1- Email deadline	Step 2- letter	Step 3- Appeal meeting
December 31	January 3	January 5	January 7
May 1	May 4	May 6	May 8
June 15	June 18	June 20	June 22

LARGE LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT RULES

Barn Superintendent: Nick Mead (269) 655-5145

Assistant Barn Superintendents:

Cody Shannon (269) 808-9033

Kaeleb Mead (269) 436-0072

Exhibitors shall observe the following rules for all market and breed livestock species.

All animals will be checked by the Veterinarian appointed by the Fair Board before entering the Fair. The Veterinarian will make the determination if the animal's health meets the standards and are not showing clinical signs of disease.

1. Tagging of all livestock shall be done by ownership deadlines using the tag numbers assigned to the individual families. Each exhibitor will sign a statement agreeing to follow the rules set forth in the Fair Book, and that they are the owners of the tagged animals.

Species	Tagged	Entered	Weight
Beef Breeding	RFID tag	1 per class	
Beef, dairy or cross Market Animal	Total of 4, one must be a dairy steer	Any combination up to 2 live steers and 1 carcass	1000# and up
Feeder calf- Beef, dairy or cross	3 (beef, dairy or cross)	Any combination up to 2	250#-676#
Sheep Breeding	Scrapies tag	1 per class	
Market Lambs	Total of 4	2 live sheep and 1 carcass	84# and up
Market Swine	Total of 4	2 live and 1 carcass	220#-300#

Tagging deadlines:

December 31- Market Beef and Van Buren County Born & Raised

May 1- Beef Breeding, Feeder Calves, Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Market Hogs and Dairy Ownership Record

*See Rule 7 regarding information on finished/unfinished animals.

2. Advanced entries for all animal exhibits shall be made on or before June 15th. All registration forms must be completed online. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com. See page 6 for instructions.
3. Any exhibitor entering large livestock (Beef/Dairy Market Animal, Beef/Dairy Feeders, Swine, Sheep, and Producing Dairy Cows) will be required to fill out a W-9 Form and turn it in with their June 15th Pre-registration forms. A 1099 will be mailed to all exhibitors who earn more than \$2,000.00 as required by the IRS.
4. All exhibitors in the large livestock areas will be assessed a \$20.00 exhibit fee per animal exhibited. This includes beef, feeders, swine, sheep, dairy and breeding stock for all species. The \$20.00 exhibit fee will be collected as follows:
 - a. All animals sold through the auction will have the \$20.00 per animal deducted from the auction checks along with the 3% commission and other fees as stated in the Fair Premium Book. If an exhibitor chooses the option not to sell through the auction, the \$20.00 exhibit fee is required to be paid no later than the stated deadlines for choosing the option not to sell as stated in the Livestock Exhibit Rules #12.
 - b. Dairy exhibitors will have the \$20.00 exhibit fee deducted from the "Gallon of Milk" auction check. The total number of dairy animals exhibited times \$20.00 will be deducted from the auction proceeds before the profits are distributed according to the schedule stated in the Fair Premium Book.
 - c. Breeding stock in all species will be required to pay the \$20.00 exhibit fee per exhibitor per animal.
5. Animals exhibiting any of the following conditions, symptoms, or behavior shall not be permitted to enter the shows.
 - a. Animals (Steers, Beef Breeding, Feeders Calves, Dairy Jr. Calf and older and sheep) shall have no

- horns or any growth on head more than 3/4" long or they will be sent home.
- b. All male livestock, except for breeding bulls calves, must be castrated. This includes swine, beef, dairy, beef/dairy feeders, and sheep. Male livestock born during the current fair may remain for fair week.
 - c. External parasites, lice, ticks, mange or other obviously disease or unthrifty animals (all species) bleeding, open sores & wounds will not be allowed to enter.
 - d. Failure to lead or be handled by the exhibitor in or out of the show ring (all species at halter, collar or lead strap).
6. As part of the entry process, exhibitors shall report to the species superintendent upon arrival at the arena or stabling area. The Beef, Feeder, Swine, Sheep and Dairy Superintendents shall be responsible for ruling on qualifications of animals to be entered in their respective divisions. An exhibitor wishing to challenge a superintendent's decision shall do so in writing to the Fair Management before 10:00 p.m. Monday of fair.
 7. At weigh in a panel consisting of large livestock superintendents shall identify the market animals not eligible to sell in the finish market animal sale and explain their reasons to the exhibitor.
 8. Market and Non-Market Livestock Record Books shall be turned into Division Superintendents. All interviews will be held on Friday.
 9. All Beef, Sheep and Dairy need to be stabled or penned on Saturday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Swine and exhibitors participating at the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE) will check in on Sunday, July 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. MLE exhibitors must provide proof of participation at MLE. MLE Exhibitors must complete the additional paperwork due on June 15 with entry forms.

Swine that have been exhibited at MLE or any other exhibition that has occurred less than 14 days prior to swine check-in will not be permitted to exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair.

10. All State Health and Sanitation requirements must be met by all exhibitors. Refer to Health Regulations website at www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
11. All market animals will be weighed upon arrival at the designated times:
 - Beef/Dairy Market Animal, Feeders and Sheep: Saturday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Dairy Cows and Heifers: Saturday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Swine and MLE Exhibitors: Sunday, July 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All pure bred market swine MSUT show registration paperwork to qualify at check-in.
 - All market sheep must be shorn between June 15 and check-in.
 - All covers must be removed at weigh-in to allow the vet easy access to check the animals.
 - Wool breeding sheep must be shorn for the last time by April 1.

All animals will be weighed one time only. If all of an exhibitor's animals do not make weight, the exhibitor may choose one of their animals to show in showmanship provided there is space available, but they will not be allowed to participate in market classes or Large Livestock Auction.

The first two animals of each species per exhibitor that make weight will be the animals that stay on the fairgrounds. Any other animals of that species brought by that exhibitor will not be weighed.

12. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals (Beef/Dairy Market Animal, Lamb, Swine) must be sold at the Market Livestock Fair Auction. All other eligible exhibitors with Market Livestock shall have the option to sell or not sell. They must notify and turn in the Non-Market Animal Form with the exhibitor's fee to the respective superintendent no later than Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. except for sheep. Sheep must notify the superintendent and turn in the Non-Market Animal Form no later than Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. if they choose not to sell. If any exhibitor chooses to sell at the auction, the animal becomes the property of the buyer at the time the auctioneer recognized the buyer. Any animal pulled from the sale will become

the responsibility of the exhibitor to arrange for necessary trucking.

The exhibitors of beef, swine, sheep and beef/dairy feeders or gallon of milk sold through the Livestock Auction bought by any buyer (including exhibitor buy backs) is required to pay a \$20.00 exhibitor's fee and a 3% commission fee to the Large Livestock Auction. The commission fees will be deducted from the gross amount of each exhibitor's auction check. The commission fee includes accounting costs, advertising, awards, auctioneer gift cards, large livestock scholarships, herdsmanship awards, office supplies, printing of sale bills, and trucking. In addition, the following items will be deducted from each exhibitor's auction check: Chuck Wagon, Beef, Lamb, and Swine check-off and photographs, amounts to be determined.

All auction bills are expected to be paid in full within 60 days of July 23, 2026. After that date, a fee of 2% will be added monthly to unpaid balances and financial collection proceedings will be sought.

Failure of any buyer to make payment in full, including accrued interest, by June 1, 2027, will result in ineligibility to participate in the 2027 auction.

All out of state buyers must provide a Bank Letter of Credit or have payment approved by the fair prior to the commencement of the auction.

A maximum of one re-sale is permitted per animal.

A gallon of milk will be sold during the auction. The profits will be divided as follows:

- 25% goes to the Grand Champion Dairy Cow
- 15% goes to the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cow
- 10% goes to the Grand Champion Heifer
- 5% goes to the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
- 42% will be divided with the non-champion dairy animals with 3% going to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund. If there are less than 9 non-champion animals, each animal will receive 4% with the remaining amount being donated to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund.

If there is no exhibitor in the above categories, the amount will be donated to the Milk Exhibitor's Fund, which is used to purchase supplies and milking equipment.

13. Exhibitor must be 9 years old to exhibit a mature beef or dairy female. No animals other than those shown in the market classes shall be sold at the Fair Auction.
14. All animals in the livestock classes must be properly cared for throughout the entire period of the Fair. All morning chores will be completed by 9:00 a.m. Animals need to be fed in the evening between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with the exception of the dairy cattle, who will determine their schedule based on the milking schedule. All evening chores should be completed by 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors must wear appropriate foot attire during chores and when working with their animals.
15. TB Testing for cattle is to meet the movement requirements in the State of Michigan as per the current MDA Health Regulations. Information can be found at www.michigan.gov/mdaexhibitorinfo.

All Sheep are required to have a USDA Ear Tag or Tattoo.

All bovine and swine must have a RFID ear tag before entering the VBYF. The animal will not be allowed off the trailer without a RFID tag being present in the animal's ear.

16. Native Michigan swine are not required to have a pseudorabies test to exhibit at the fair. Out of state swine—see the current MDA health regulations on file in the computer office.
17. Livestock checks will be sent out as soon as incoming funds are available, but no later than August 31st. Sunday Clean-Up is expected to be done by the exhibitors or a superintendent approved representative. Exhibitors or representative must be at the livestock barn at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. A clean up charge of \$25.00 per animal will be charged to any exhibitor who fails to assist with the barn and grounds cleanup as recorded by the species superintendents.

18. Showmanship classes are required for all species, any animal used for showmanship must be entered in a market or breed class. The exhibitor must show the animal tagged in their name for the showmanship class. The exhibitor must comply on a species basis. If they do not, they will be deemed ineligible to participate in any and all activities for that particular species. i.e., Market Classes and Auction Sales.
19. All animals must remain housed on the fairground and shall be taken care of by the exhibitor until the scheduled exhibit release times as outlined in rule #29. The removal of the animal at the time is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
20. Showmanship Age Divisions are: (Age as of January 1 of the current calendar year)
 Pee Wee I Division - 6 to 7
 (born 7/1-12/31) years old
 Pee Wee II Division - 7
 (born 1/1 – 6/30) to 8 years old
 Young I Division - 9 to 10 years old
 Young II Division - 11 to 12 years old
 Junior Division - 13 to 14 years old
 Senior I Division - 15 to 16 years old
 Senior II Division - 17 to 19 years old
21. Exhibitor must be present during grooming unless they are actively showing.
22. All animals shown at the Van Buren Youth Fair must be properly cared for or the premium money will be withheld. This includes animals being fed and watered at least twice a day. The stall and animals should be kept clean. If the requirements are not met, there will be two warnings issued. After the third warning, the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the fair and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the following year. Final dismissal shall rest with the Species Superintendent, Barn Superintendent, and the Large Livestock Committee. This process will be documented with the exhibitor's signature as acknowledgement. The exhibitor will be asked to leave if he/she refuses to sign.
23. During livestock shows, there **MUST BE AT LEAST TWO AND NOT MORE THAN FOUR ADULTS** in the show ring (not the parents of the exhibitor), unless determined by the species superintendent more are needed for safety reasons. As a safety precaution the superintendents are requesting the following:
 Swine: The superintendents would like all parents to sit in the stands and not be in the staging area.
 Beef: The superintendents would like one adult per animal in the staging area. Then once the exhibitor and animal are in the ring, we ask that the adults meet the exhibitor and animal at the exit gate to go back to the barn.
 Feeders: The superintendents would like to have one adult in the staging area with exhibitors, especially the Pee Wee Classes. Then please meet your exhibitor at the exit gate to help return the animals to the barn.
 Sheep: The superintendents will notify parents if they need to leave the staging area.
 Dairy: The superintendents will notify parents if they need to leave the staging area.
24. The following “age” rules shall apply for all Market Livestock:
 a. Market Lambs: Born Dec.1 or after the year of fair.
 b. Market Beef: under 24 months of age at fair time. If female, there will be a vet/superintendent administered blood test at check-in to determine if pregnant (at no cost to the exhibitor). If the pregnancy test is positive, the animal will not be allowed to show as a market animal.
 c. Beef & Dairy Type Feeder Calves: 250# to 676#
 d. Swine: 220# to 300#
25. Breed or weight classification champion rosettes, trophy, or banners will not be awarded when in the opinion of the judges the exhibit animal does not merit the award.
26. No youth exhibitor, except that authorized by Division Superintendents and the Fair Management, is permitted to stay overnight in the barn.
27. Exhibit release times for all animal exhibits are:
 BEEF/DAIRY MARKET ANIMAL, FEEDERS, SHEEP & SWINE: Saturday, July 25 from 11:00 p.m. to Sunday at 3:00 a.m.
 BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP BREEDING ANIMALS: Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 BUYER PICK UP: Sunday, July 26 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

All animals shown in the market classes and/or sold through the livestock auction may NOT leave at this time. Animals are to be released only with Superintendent's continued approval and acknowledgement. All sale destinations are final at noon on Saturday. No exceptions.

28. All calves must be off the cow by June 15th and tagged by May 1st.
29. Gates between feeder calves are optional. Gates will be required for dividing clubs.
30. When showing more than 1 animal in a class, the person assisting the exhibitor must be a current exhibitor at the Van Buren Youth Fair.
31. All exhibitors are responsible for making sure their market animals meet the acceptable withdrawal deadlines to avoid drug residue.
32. Generators will not be allowed around the livestock barn unless specifically approved by the Fair Board.
33. Appropriate show attire, i.e.: Dress type shirt or blouse. No midriff and/or cleavage showing. Dark or light-colored dress pants or dark jeans with no holes. No shorts or sweat-pants. Leather or safety type shoes are required. No Hats. Fair volunteers are welcome but are expected to set an example regarding dress code and foot attire.
34. All animals must be clearly identified with a sign above the pen before Monday morning of fair week. Exhibitors can obtain an identification sign at weigh-in or from a superintendent. All signs must remain above the pen until Sunday at 6:00 a.m. during cleanup of the barn.
35. The Fair has legal authority to require animal drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended in Section 40(3): "A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show."
See complete rules and instructions under "Exhibitor Rules" Item 37.

36. Exhibitors or immediate family will be given a flyer with important rules and information at educational meetings, club meetings, or via email before check in. The flyer will also be posted in the Large Livestock Barn during fair week. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the flyer and following the rules.
37. Exhibitors shall be advised the fair environment can lead to increased disease susceptibility. Please read the attached MSU Extension bulletin #2841 entitled Biosecurity for Livestock Exhibitors. The Fair Board recommends the suggestions found in this bulletin be utilized for the benefit of both exhibitors and the general public.

Livestock Project Evaluation

Friday, July 24, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Youth will demonstrate livestock knowledge by selecting, maintaining care, and feeding and exhibiting a finished livestock project.

Beef, Dairy, Sheep & Swine Livestock Project Evaluations will be held Friday, July 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibitors should be in the barn by their animals. The Livestock Project Evaluation process is an educational program. It will be based on the following outline:

Interview: 35 Points

Exhibitor will have a short (3-5 minute) interview with the judge. Young exhibitors will be asked questions about caring for their animal(s). Questions for older exhibitors will be more difficult.

Possible topics include:

~Care of the Animal ~ Profit/Loss ~ Retail Meat Cuts ~ Rate of Gain ~ Breeds ~ Health Care/Diseases ~ Feed Efficiency ~ Genetics ~ Animal Industry Trends

Record Book: 35 Points

Exhibitors should present their record book to the judge at the time of the interview. Livestock record books will be judged on:

Completeness ~ Neatness ~ Accuracy of Information

Animal: 35 Points

The live animal will be judged at the time of the interview. The judge will look for:
Evidence of exhibitor's care for the animal ~
Cleanliness

105 Total Points

RATING:

A. 105-80 Points

B. 79-45 Points

C. 44-0 Points

*Record books are available from the Extension Office.

Livestock Exhibitors (ages 6-8) use Pee Wee Record Books
Livestock Exhibitors (ages 9-19) use the Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book:
Three Age Divisions – 9 to 12, 13 to 15 and 16 to 19

Breeding Stock use 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Books:
Three Age Divisions – 9 to 12, 13 to 15 and 16 to 19

Large Livestock Showmanship Sweepstakes

Friday, July 24 - 4:00 p.m.

Sweepstakes Superintendent-

Bev Rajzer (269) 808-2910

Asst. Superintendent -

Taylor Shannon (269) 655-6026

1. There shall be two divisions in the Showmanship Sweepstakes:
Junior - 9 to 14 years of age during the current calendar year.
Senior - 15 to 19 years of age during the current calendar year.
Class 175 Senior Showmanship Sweepstakes
Class 176 Junior Showmanship Sweepstakes
2. The following species shall participate in Showmanship Sweepstakes: (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Sheep, Swine & Feeder Calf). Exhibitors shall be selected from the Young and Junior age groups for the Junior Sweepstakes and from the Senior I and Senior II age groups for the Senior sweepstakes.

3. In each Sweepstakes Division, contestants will show all seven species: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Feeder Calf
4. A short-written test will be administered to all contestants on Friday at 9 a.m. The results of this test will be used in the event of a "tie" in judging. Animals to be used for sweepstakes will be assigned to contestants as they enter the show arena on Friday afternoon.
5. If an exhibitor wins more than one species showmanship run-off, the first-place exhibitor may choose which species to represent. The second-place winner will then represent the species the first-place exhibitor does not wish to represent. In the event there is no alternate showman for a species then the first-place showman must represent that species. Species representatives must inform the Sweepstakes Superintendent of which species they will represent by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. For example: George wins first-place with his hog, and Mary wins second place. George wins first-place with his feeder, and Karen wins second place. George decides to represent feeders in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest. Mary would then represent swine in the competition.
6. Each sweepstakes contestant shall show competitively against the other six contestants in each respective livestock division and may not show any of their own animals in any classes.
7. All animals to be used in sweepstakes will be chosen by a committee of superintendents and turned into the Sweepstakes Superintendent by 8 p.m. on Wednesday.
8. Species will be shown in the following order:
1. Horses 2. Goats 3. Swine 4. Lambs
5. Dairy 6. Beef 7. Feeder Calf
Sweepstakes Superintendents reserve the right to change the show order.
If there are not enough animals to be shown in a particular species during the sweepstakes contest, that particular species will be eliminated. The exhibitors of the eliminated species will still be allowed to participate in the rest of the contest.

9. The Sweepstakes Contests shall be held on Friday at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Livestock Arena. Exhibitors are to report to the Superintendent no later than 3:45 p.m. The Sr. exhibitors will show first followed by Jr. exhibitors in each species. Judges and showman will have designated seating areas in the makeup area of the Large Livestock Show Arena. All parents and bystanders will be asked to sit in the bleachers.

(Parents, bystanders and/or any other spectator will not be permitted to view the show from rail or fence area of the Large Livestock Arena)

10. Appropriate show attire: official sweepstakes showmanship shirt, if provided. If no sweepstakes showmanship shirt is provided, a dress type shirt or blouse (with collar). No midriff showing. Jeans with NO HOLES. No shorts, sweatpants, or hats. You must wear leather or safety-type shoes.
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12. Winners shall be announced at the end of the sweepstakes contest rather than after each species. A trophy will be presented to the champion in each division and all contestants shall receive placing rosettes.
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Large Livestock Record Book Contest

To recognize outstanding achievement in record keeping for large livestock projects, the Van Buren County Farm Bureau will present awards to the top three exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Dairy Division.

Record books will be reviewed and judged by a committee with representatives from the Farm Bureau, the Large Livestock Committee, and the Fair Board. Judging will be based upon completeness, accuracy, and neatness of the record Book.

***Record books are available from the Extension Office.**

Livestock Exhibitors (ages 6-8) use Pee Wee Record Books

Livestock Exhibitors use the Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book:

Three Age Divisions - 9 to 12, 13 to 15, and 16 to 19

Breeding Stock use 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Books:

Three Age Divisions - 9 to 12, 13 to 15, and 16 to 19

Prizes will be awarded in the four age groups for each of the species below.

	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Beef	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Sheep	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Swine	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Dairy	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Feeders	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

Livestock Herdsmanship

Judges will review the barns daily (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Winners will be announced Saturday afternoon. First-Third place awards will be given in each species. Herdsmanship will be judged for Beef, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, and Feeders. The judging will be based on clean well-fitted animals, clean aisle, stall, and tack areas. Judged also on eye appeal of exhibit and identification of your group.

Herdsmanship Awards: (to be paid by Large Livestock Committee)

1st place - \$20.00 check 2nd place - \$15.00 check
3rd place - \$10.00 check

“Ag Olympics”

Information about the Ag Olympics contest will be announced during fair week.

Superintendent – Leah Pillar

Assistant superintendent – Lori Alexander

Susan Melvin Memorial Sr. Swine Showmanship Trophy

To honor the memory of Susan Melvin, Bloomingdale, 1977 Fair royalty Queen and Senior I Swine Showmanship winner, a trophy will be presented to the winner of the Senior Swine Showmanship competition. The exhibitor may keep the trophy in his/her possession until the following year, at which time it is to be returned to the Swine Superintendent. A permanent trophy will be presented to each annual winner thereafter.

Carcass Rules

Live Weigh-In: Sunday, July 12 - 5:00 to 6:20 p.m.
at Van Buren Youth Fairgrounds

Carcass Judging: Tuesday, July 14 - 6:00 p.m. at
Pease Packing

Superintendent:

Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998

Asst. Superintendent:

Dan Hostetler (269) 377-9262

For All Species (Market beef, sheep, swine, goats)

1. All animals must be weighed in from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. on the day of the live evaluation at the fairgrounds.
2. One animal per species may be entered.
3. The show will start at 6:30 p.m. in the following order: Swine, Sheep, Goats and Beef.
4. Show attire must be worn for live and hanging evaluation. Jackets/Sweatshirts are permitted after pictures at the hanging evaluation. No flip flops are allowed.
5. Judging will be 100% judged on hanging score for all species.
6. Exhibitors must be present for both the live and hanging evaluations. (Unless approval has been given by the fair board.)
7. Grand and Reserve placing for all species will be sold at the Large Animal Auction at the Fair. Goat Carcasses will be sold at the Small Animal Auction.
8. Exhibitors are responsible to pay all processing expenses for their animals (except for Grand and Reserve Champion placings). All animals must be processed at Pease Packing.
9. All carcass exhibitors must exhibit at the fair with a breeding or market animal in the species they are showing a carcass animal in.
10. There is a \$10 fee per animal for transporting to the processing plant. This will be collected at the time of the live show at the fairgrounds. Grand and Reserve

Champions will be given their fee back after the awards presentation.

11. All Beef animals must be broke to lead, clipping them is optional. Sheep must be shorn, and Goats must be clipped.
12. Exhibitors will receive Placing Rosettes (1-5 place). First and Second place exhibitors will receive Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Trophies and Banners in each species.

Swine Requirements

1. Carcasses will be measured at the 10th rib for Loin Eye Area. Any LEA measuring less than 4.5 square inches will result in disqualification.
2. Carcasses will be measured for fat depth, which can be no less than .2" and no more than 1.25". Any measurements outside this range will result in disqualification.
3. If the 10th rib fat measurement is less than 0.40" it will be entered into the equation at 0.40" giving no advantage to leaner carcasses.
4. If the judge determines that the carcass is PSE this will also lead to disqualification.

Sheep Requirements

1. Fat Thickness will be measured at the 12th rib, which can be no less than .1". Any measurement less than .1" will result in a disqualification.
2. Any measurement less than 2.10 square inches for the rib-eye area will also result in a disqualification.

Beef Requirements

1. Carcasses ranked by best combination of yield and quality grades.
 - a. Minimum quality grade for Yield grade 1, 2, & 3 carcasses is Choice-. All carcasses achieving the minimum Choice- quality grade and 3.99 yield grades will be ranked by yield grade.
 - b. Select+ quality grade 1 & 2 carcasses ranked next by yield grade.
 - c. Choice- Yield grade 4 carcasses ranked next by yield grade.
 - d. Select- and lower quality carcasses and yield grade 5 carcasses ranked by judge's discretion.

Rate of Gain

Superintendent: Karen Kubisak (269) 254-4085

Asst. Superintendent:

Marcia Sieber (269) 501-0600

For All Species (market beef, sheep, swine, feeder calves):

1. Participation in "Rate of Gain" is encouraged.
2. Official beginning weights will be recorded at the Van Buren Fairgrounds on
 - a. Saturday, December 13, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Saturday, April 25 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - c. Sunday, April 26 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - d. Exhibitors attending the Winter Beef Show at MSU may use those recorded weights as beginning weights but MUST text a picture of their class sheet with weight to the Superintendent (269-254-4085) no later than December 31, 2025.
3. Tagging will be offered for FREE, but exhibitor is responsible to pay the tag fee.
4. Official ending weights will be determined at weigh-in for the species that have completed the requirements and are exhibited at the fair.
5. Rate of Gain Awards will be announced during fair week.

SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBIT RULES

1. All small animal exhibitors must submit a small animal pen reservation for each species and a fair registration form by June 15.
2. All small animal exhibitors must pay a non-refundable \$10.00 per *exhibitor* due on June 15 along with pen registration forms. Payable at the time of online entries. This money goes to SMAC Treasury for cages and needed supplies. If the \$10.00 fee is not paid, the exhibitor(s) will not be allowed to show.
3. All small animal exhibitors showing auction animals must submit a completed W-9 at the time of online entry.
4. All small animals entered must be free of infectious diseases. No animals may be in the barn/put in cages until they are inspected by the Superintendent or designee. Animals that do not pass inspection must be taken home. Animals that develop symptoms during fair week must be taken home. Animals that have lice, ticks, mange, external parasites or other diseases or unthrifty condition will be sent home.
5. All pens must be labeled with at least the exhibitor's name. Identification cards will be available at the time of check-in, or you may provide your own.
6. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and water containers and animals must be fed daily and have water continuously.
7. Small animal exhibitors must provide their own sawdust and/or bedding.
8. Pens and exhibit areas should be kept clean during the week. Pens must be cleaned and put away before leaving the fairgrounds on Sunday at the end of fair week.
9. All exhibitors must attend or be represented at a mandatory Small Animal Exhibitors meeting in the species they are exhibiting as follows: Rabbits, Pocket Pets, Poultry, and/or Goats.
10. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal in showmanship classes.
11. Ownership Deadline: Refer to species rules.
12. Dress code: Long sleeved white shirt with black pants and close-toed shoes. Goat exhibitors must follow rules in the Goat section (page 90). Exhibitors are required to wear show clothes during all small animal classes, for auction pictures, and while selling animals at the SMAC auction. Any exhibitor not in show clothes will not be allowed to participate in the show and/or sell his/her animal(s).
13. Entry time for animals are as follows:
 - a. Pocket Pets - Saturday, July 18 – 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - b. Rabbits -Saturday, July 18 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - c. Poultry - Pullorum Testing/Enter Poultry Saturday, July 18 -7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 - d. Goats- Sunday, July 19 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
14. Only animals entered in market classes may be sold at the Small Animal Auction. A market pen is any commercial breed raised for market.
15. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals must be sold at the auction. All exhibitors may sell their market animals. Any exhibitor that does not wish to sell their market animal(s) must inform the species superintendent by noon on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
16. All market exhibitors are required to be present at the auction. If a conflict arises, the exhibitor must contact the species superintendent by Tuesday, July 21, 2026. All auction decisions are at the discretion of the species superintendent.
17. Release times and cleanup for small animals are Sunday, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors are required to stay until released by their species superintendent.
18. Sunday cleanup is expected to be done by exhibitors or other designated persons. A clean up fee of \$25.00 will be assessed if pens are not cleaned. The fee will be taken from the auction check or be billed to the exhibitor. If the fee is not paid, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show the next year.

19. Small Animal auction checks will be sent to exhibitors as soon as incoming funds are available, but no later than August 31.
20. All market exhibitors are required to hang a personalized thank you to their buyer(s) and send a personalized thank you.
21. Exhibitors' animals will be selected by the Superintendent for Showmanship Sweepstakes. Any exhibitors not wanting their animal chosen must inform the species superintendent at check-in.
22. Accommodations for Special Needs exhibitors will be provided as needed.
23. Any animal sold through the Small Animal Auction bought by any buyer (including donations received) will be charged a 6% commission fee to the Small Animal Committee account. The 6% commission fee will be deducted from each exhibitor's auction check after the auction photo plaque cost is deducted. The commission fee includes accounting costs, advertising, auctioneer gift cards, office supplies, and printing of sale bill.
24. All animals in the small animal classes which are offered for sale and sold at the fair SMAC auction must be properly cared for by the exhibitor throughout the entire period of the fair.
25. Differently Abled exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species. If they choose to participate in a regular class (instead of the Friday Differently Abled Show which allows for some small market animals), they should enter the Differently Abled Showmanship class for the species to be shown. The exhibit will be shown in the showmanship age class for their species. Differently Abled exhibitors ages 19 to 26 will show their exhibit in the highest senior showmanship class. Superintendents will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing at a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy. Differently Abled are not eligible for Small Animal Sweepstakes. Differently Abled exhibitors interested in showing small market

animals without exhibiting their own animal throughout Fair week should work with a teen mentor to enter the Friday Differently Abled Show.

26. All SMAC animals must be entered in an exhibition, market or production class.

Goat Rules

Market Pictures: Sunday, July 19

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mandatory barn meeting will be held 15 minutes following the completion of check-in.

1. Goats must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 of the current year, except for kids born to a doe owned by the exhibitor.
2. All Goats are required to have a U.S.D.A. Ear Tag or tattoo verified by registration papers and/or physical tag. There will be a mandatory market goat tag verification on May 2nd from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
3. No horns allowed on Market goats, Pet wethers or Dairy breed class goats. Non-dairy breed class goats may show in horns. Market goats and pet wethers having more than 1" scurs will be turned away at check-in. No open wounds, lice or mites on animals allowed. Animals shall appear clean and in good healthy weight.
4. Exhibitors will enter and show only Does or Wethers – no Bucks or Buck Kids over 4 weeks of age permitted. Buck kids are not allowed to be shown in the goat show.
5. Does entered in classes 820-821 must have freshened in the current year. Does two years old that have never freshened are not eligible to be entered or shown in the goat show.
6. Exhibitors may enter only one (1) market goat per market class. Market goats are to be born on or after December 1 prior to the current fair year but must be at least 8 weeks of age by enter day. Goats weighing less than 50 pounds will be sent home at time of weigh-in unless also are pre-signed up for an age-appropriate Pet Wether or Doeling class. Goats shown in classes 809-810, 812-813, and 815-816

may be sold at the Small Market Animal Auction (at the discretion of the exhibitor.) Please notify the goat superintendents by noon on Tuesday of Fair Week if you do not want to sell your goat at auction. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market goats shown in classes 811, 814, 817 and 853 (Carcass Class) must be sold at the SMAC auction.

7. Show ring and auction dress code will follow breed standard. Dairy: Black/white pants, white collared, long or short sleeve shirt. NO GRAPHICS
Market: Black/Dark jean pants, Button up long or short sleeve shirt. NO GRAPHICS.
8. Goats within three weeks of kidding will not be allowed.
9. All Market Goats shall have collars. Dairy Goats may be handled in the show ring with COLLARS ONLY. Collars or Halters are permitted on Non-Dairy breed goats.
10. All goats must be broke to lead and be manageable by the exhibitor in and out of the show ring. Unmanageable goats will not be permitted in the show ring.
11. All exhibitors are required to bring bedding, hay and grain and other supplies (buckets, hay feeders, feed dishes, etc.) to care for animals during the week.
12. No parents are allowed past the show ring, the entrance to the show ring, or the show tables. Only approved show help with tags may enter the show area.
13. Grand Champion Milk Bucket will be sold at the SMAC auction with proceeds going to the exhibitor winning Grand Champion of the Senior Dairy Doe class.

Poultry Rules

Market Poultry Interviews-

Sunday, July 19 -12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Market Pictures: Sunday, July 19

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

General Poultry Rules

1. A Mandatory Poultry Meeting will be held prior to the show.
2. Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) requires all poultry (except waterfowl, pigeons, and doves) to originate from pullorum-typhoid clean flock or have a negative official test within 90 days before fair. Proof of Negative Pullorum Test must be shown at check-in. Exhibitors are encouraged to have their birds tested before they arrive at the fair. Birds that arrive untested at check-in will be tested in a designated area outside the poultry barn.
3. No exhibit is to be placed in the building until it has been examined by the Superintendent or representative. Per MDA health rules, All Birds Must be free of Disease, MITES, and LICE. Birds with parasites and/or symptoms of disease will be sent home.
4. All Birds must come into the barn clean on entry day. Dirty, unhealthy, unthrifty, underweight, and overweight birds will not be allowed to enter and will be sent home.
5. Each exhibitor is required to show in only one showmanship and in at least one of the production, market, or exhibition classes.
6. Dress clothes are required for the show and the auction. Long sleeved white shirt and black pants.
7. Twice daily cleaning, feeding, and watering are the responsibilities of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed and bedding.
8. All Market Poultry are required to submit a Market Record Sheet by 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 19th, and a W-9 to be eligible to auction market birds. Forms should be submitted at the time of registration.

9. Exhibitors are required to assist with barn clean-up on Sunday morning. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premiums.
10. Spurs cannot be altered within 10 days of check-in.
11. Market Poultry Interviews are mandatory. If an interview is not completed, the exhibitor will not receive their premium. Completed Market Records can be turned in at this time.
12. No poultry that have been vaccinated against Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) will be allowed to exhibit at fair. Check with producer and ask for paperwork if buying chicks.
13. No shipping or transport crates or cages will be allowed to be stored in the barn or exhibition area.
14. Showmanship will follow Michigan State 4-H Fitting & Showing Guidelines.
15. Exhibitor must use their own bird in showmanship.

Egg Production

1. Shown in pairs and pair must be the same breed.
2. Laying chickens judged mainly on health, color of skin, comb color, distance between pin bones, and uniformity.
3. Pullets must be 3 months old and fully feathered.

Market Poultry

1. A market record must be completed for each market class entered.
2. All market poultry will be banded check-in,
3. Judged mainly on conformation, finish, and uniformity.
4. All Commercial poultry must be hatched after January 1st of the current year.

Exhibition Poultry

1. Classes will be judged according to the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection Guidelines.

2. Must be at least 3 months of age and fully feathered.

Dozen Eggs

1. Exhibitors are limited to one dozen and must be exhibiting a poultry project.
2. Each entry will be judged on the consistency of color, shape and size of eggs, and the quality and effectiveness of notebook and egg presentation.

Rabbit Rules

Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, July 19 - 11:30 a.m.

Market Pictures: Sunday, July 19

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. Rabbit exhibitors may sign up six single and a market pen of three rabbits. Rabbit exhibitors will be allowed to show four single entries and a market pen of three rabbits.
2. All rabbits entered must be free of disease. Animals with signs of illness will be sent home. Rabbits must be clean with nails trimmed prior to check in.
3. All exhibitors must show in a showmanship class. The showmanship rabbit must be one of the single entries or one of the market rabbits.
4. Dress code: black pants with long-sleeved white shirt.
5. Breed class rabbits must be owned by the exhibitors by May 1 preceding the fair.
6. Rabbit market pens shall weigh 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. per rabbit at 69 days of age or younger as of show day. Market pens must be a commercial breed and owned by the exhibitor by June 15 preceding the fair. Underweight and overweight rabbits will not be allowed to enter.
7. Rabbit judging will be based on the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection. Showmanship judging will follow Michigan State 4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Guidelines.
8. All Breed rabbits are to be tattooed. Market rabbits will be identified by the superintendent at check-in on Saturday.

9. No Crossbred rabbits will be allowed to enter.
10. Padlocks on cages are recommended. The Van Buren Youth Fair, superintendents, leaders and S.M.A.C. are not responsible for lost, escaped, or stolen rabbits.
11. Rabbit exhibitors must provide food and wood shavings during fair week.

Pocket Pet Rules

Mandatory Meeting: Saturday, July 18 - 3:00 p.m.

1. A mandatory pocket pet MEETING will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, the day of check-in.
2. Cavies and lab animals must be owned by exhibitor by June 1 preceding fair.
3. Dress code: black pants with long-sleeved white shirt.
4. All pens must be labeled with exhibitor name, age, club, & breed.
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6. Exhibitors may not enter more than eight cavies and no more than six lab animals.
7. Showmanship is a required class.
8. Exhibitor must show his/her own entry in showmanship class.
9. Cavy judging shall be based on ARBA Cavy Standards of Perfection.
10. All cavies must have a tattoo or ear tag. Lab Animal Judging will be based on ARMA Standards of Perfection and the American Hamster Association Standards of Perfection.
11. Showmanship judging will follow Michigan State 4-H Cavy Fitting and Showing Guidelines.
12. Sow and Boars shall be caged separately.
13. Mixed Breed animals may be shown. They should be placed in the Breed Class they most closely resemble.

14. Age/wt. groups are to be according to A.R.B.A. standards for cavies.
15. All cages must be locked. The Van Buren Youth Fair, superintendents, leaders and S.M.A.C. are not responsible for lost, escaped or stolen animals.
16. Lab animal exhibitors must provide their own cage, bedding, and feed during fair week.
17. A pair of lab animals may be either a male & female or two of the same sex.
18. Cavy exhibitors must provide bedding and feed during fair week.

Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes

Friday, July 24 - 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Denise King (269) 271-5052

Asst. Superintendent:

Megan Vasquez (269) 655-6200

1. There shall be two divisions in the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes: Juniors: 13-14 years of age during the current calendar year and Seniors: 15-19 years of age during the current calendar year.
2. First place individuals in each species will be eligible to compete.
3. If an exhibitor wins more than one species showmanship run-off, the first-place exhibitor may choose which species to represent. The second-place winner will then represent the species the first-place exhibitor does not wish to represent. In the event there is no alternate showman for a species then the first-place showman must represent that species. Species representatives must inform the Sweepstakes Superintendent of which species they will represent by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

For example: George wins first-place with his rabbit, and Mary wins second place. George wins first-place with his chicken, and Karen wins second place. George decides to represent chickens in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest. Mary would then represent rabbits in the competition.

An exhibitor must inform the superintendent if he/she chooses not to participate in the Sweepstakes. The next placing will then move into the contest.

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5. The following species shall participate in the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes: Chickens, Other Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, and Lab Animals.
6. In each Sweepstakes division contestants will show all five species.
7. There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday during fair week at 12:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds 4-H Office with all contestants or their proxies present.
8. The Sweepstakes contest will be held on Friday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Participants should be at Barn #7 no later than 9:30 a.m. The Juniors and Seniors will show in a “round robin”.
9. All contestants must wear show clothes during the competition: Long sleeve white shirt with black pants.
10. Scoring in each division contest is as follows:
 - a. Points shall be awarded to contestants based on their placing in each species. First place will receive one point, second place two points, etc.
 - b. After showing all five species, the contestant scoring the lowest total points shall be declared Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes Champion for the Junior and Senior Class.
 - c. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the contest, the contestants involved will be asked to answer the breaking questions selected randomly from a list prepared in advance by the judges/superintendents. The winner will be chosen based on the Judges’ decision. The Judge’s decision is final.
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- drop in show placement
- warning from the judge or show ring officials
- ejection for the show
- further action by the Fair Board, if necessary

DOG RULES

If you are signing up as a differently abled exhibitor, please contact the Superintendent for special accommodations when Fair forms are turned in.

Dog Care and Training Rules

1. All dogs to be exhibited at the fair must be kept on leash or crated except when in the show ring. Exhibitors must present the dog's current Rabies and DHLPP record and license or tag to 4-H Club Leader prior to the show date. Bordatella-Kennel Cough vaccination is highly recommended. Exhibitors must bring a copy of these records to the registration table at the fair.
2. All Dog Registrations must be received by May 1st. Completed forms can be emailed to forms.vbyf@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on May 1 or mailed and received or dropped off to the fairgrounds by 7 p.m. on May 1.
3. Exhibitors should dress appropriately for the show and appear neat and clean in the show ring. Flat shoes are required, no sandals, high heels, or boots. Long hair should be tied back. Slacks are acceptable for showmanship and encouraged for obedience, agility, and rally. For girls' showmanship – skirts, culottes, dresses no shorter than fingertip length recommended. For boys, dress slacks and shirt/tie recommended, jacket/suits optional. Halter tops, low-cut blouses, spaghetti straps, shorts, hats, miniskirts, denim, and bare midriffs are NOT acceptable. Judges will be made aware of the dress code before judging.
4. If the exhibitor is showing an animal not their own, they must have had access to the dog for training from March of the fair year.
5. Exhibit dogs will be kept at the fair one day only, Saturday. All dogs must have a crate available during the show and stay within the designated dog show area.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit one dog in each class.
7. All judge's decisions will be final.
8. If there is only one exhibitor in a particular class, he must make 50% of the TOTAL SCORE to qualify for a trophy.
9. If an exhibitor has advanced, he may not drop back to a lower class with the same dog(s).
10. An exhibitor may remain in the same class for a maximum of three years, except Sub-Novice A and Novice A exhibitors who must move up to Sub-Novice B and Novice B the following year. The exceptions are: if the exhibitor receives a score that is less than 170 for all classes except Sub-Novice A and Novice A. The exhibitor is responsible for keeping their score sheets from the past years for verification by the Superintendent.
11. Any dog or exhibitor showing excessive aggression, determined by show officials, shall be removed from show, and shall not exhibit.
12. Exhibitors will need to check-in with the Superintendent at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday to receive an exhibitor number and final show instructions.
13. Female dogs in season may not participate in the show. If you expect that your dog may come into season at fair time, check with your vet, there is a shot available to prevent the season from starting. If your dog is in season, another dog may be substituted at the fair with proof of required vaccinations and verification the exhibitor has trained this animal. The exhibitor must inform Superintendent as soon as aware.
14. A dog may be shown by only one exhibitor in Obedience classes.
15. Any dog/handler team with an obedience title earned by January 1 of the current year must exhibit in the next highest class or Title Holder's Class. A dog who has earned one or two legs in AKC or UKC obedience competition may compete in that class. Inexperienced Handler/Titled dog should start in Novice A (this is an exception to the Sub-Novice rules). Experienced handler/Titled dog start at the next highest class or Title Holder's Class.
16. Scoring will be done on a point system as suggested by AKC and 4-H Dog Care and Training Project.

17. Show Committee will inspect all dogs prior to entry into the show for health and disposition.
18. In obedience classes a dog must have a slip or buckle collar and a six-foot leather or web lead.
19. Exhibitors must enter a showmanship class.
20. Dogs must be a minimum of 6 months by June 15, current year.
21. Exhibitors entering in Class 692 must be enrolled in either Leader Dogs for the Blind or Paws with a Cause. They must enter a showmanship class. The dog may not enter any other Obedience classes.
22. Questions regarding compliance of these rules should be directed to the Superintendent.
23. Level A classes are for members who will be competing at a level for the first year. Level B classes are for members who have competed in the "A" class previously.
24. An exhibitor can show up to two dogs, but he/she may not have more than one entry per class.
25. Set-up and tear down of the Dog Show is a required part of the completion of the project; eligibility for premiums and high points is at the discretion of the Superintendent.
26. Differently Abled exhibitors may continue to exhibit until the age of 26. Exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species. They should enter the showmanship age class for their species. Differently Abled exhibitors ages 19 to 26 should continue in the senior showmanship class. Superintendent will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing at a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy.

Dog Agility Rules

1. In Agility classes, buckle collars without tags only. Leashes must not be greater than 6'. Leashes must be made of leather or web only.
2. Agility exhibitors must have a minimum of 6 months obedience training with exhibiting dog before the current fair year date and be entered in any obedience class with exhibiting dog to participate in any agility class.
3. Agility exhibitors must be familiar with Agility equipment.
4. Agility walk-through without dog will be done at the beginning of each class.
5. Agility will be scored according to State 4-H Agility rules.
6. For complete guidelines contact the MSU Extension Office.
7. The exhibitor must currently be in or have participated in obedience training.
8. Dog jump height information should be included on the Small Animal Entry form and exhibitors should show their jump height card at Dog Show registration.
9. An experienced handler/new dog or new handler/experienced dog must enter in Beginner B or higher classes.
10. Exhibitors may show only one dog in each class.

Rally Rules

1. Rally exhibitors must have a minimum of six months obedience training before the current fair year date and be entered in any obedience class to participate in any Rally classes.
2. Rally exhibitors must be familiar with rally signage and equipment.
3. Rally walk-through without dog will be done at the beginning of each class.

4. Rally will follow AKC Rally regulations and will use AKC signs. Go to www.akc.org for signs, rules, and regulations.
5. The exhibitor must currently be in or have participated in obedience training.
6. An experienced handler/new dog or new handler/experienced dog must enter in Novice B or higher classes.
7. Exhibitors may show only one dog in each class.

CAT RULES

If you are differently abled, please contact the Superintendent for special accommodations when Fair Forms are turned in.

Cat/Kitten Exhibitor Rules

1. A cat may not be shown by more than one exhibitor for breed class. An exhibitor can show up to two cats/kittens, but he/she may not have more than one entry per class. If an animal is used for more than one showmanship class, the youngest exhibitor must show first.
2. Harnesses with identification tags are mandatory. Collars are appropriate but cat must also be on harness.

For Breed Class, Cats must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1st. All Cat Registration Forms must be received by May 1st. Completed forms can be emailed to forms.vbyf@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on May 1 or mailed and received or dropped off to the fairgrounds by 7 p.m. on May 1.

3. Cats/Kittens must be entered in both Section B & Section C.
4. The exhibitor must be present while judging takes place.
5. An exhibitor's attire should be neat and clean. The show dress code includes a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark colored pants or jeans. Flat shoes are required, no sandals, long hair should be tied back.
6. Class Definitions:
 Cat - older than 12 months on the date of the show.
 Kitten - 4-12 months old on the date of the show.
 Purebred - Conforms to the standard of the breed.
 Registration papers are not required.
 Household - Mixed Breed.
7. Cats/kittens must be checked in at the show area by a superintendent between 3:30-3:45 p.m. on Monday.
8. No obviously pregnant females or kittens less than 4 months of age are eligible to show. No cats in season

are allowed to be shown. All cats should have their nails clipped or be declawed for the protection of the judge and exhibitors.

*NOTE: This is a youth event. Do not have the cat declawed if you plan to enter other shows. This will be a disqualification at some cat shows.

showmanship age class for their species; exhibitors 19+ years, should continue in the senior showmanship class. Superintendent will work with the exhibitor, their family, and the Differently Abled Superintendent to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements may include showing a different time, being accompanied by a teen mentor/adult, etc. Differently Abled exhibitors will receive a special showmanship trophy.

9. Exhibitors must present the cat's current certificates stating that they have had the following inoculations - rabies and distemper/calias/ rhinotrach (Feline 30in01). Rabies must be veterinarian certified; Feline 3-in-1 can be veterinarian certified or must have accompanying documentation including date of purchase, receipt, and bottle labels proving inoculation. It is highly recommended that cats also have feline leukemia and pneumatic inoculations. No feline leukemia positive cats are allowed to show at the fair.
10. Cats infected with lice, fleas, or ear mites will automatically be marked down.
11. Cats must be brought to the show in a carrier on the day of the show and kept under control at all times. Cats will not be kept at the fairgrounds overnight.
12. Animal Science notebooks will be judged on Saturday and must be displayed throughout the fair week. Notebooks are listed in Dept. 72.
13. For cage decorations, exhibitors will use their own cages/carriers and the decorated cage must fit on the table provided. Cage decorations will be judged on creativity, originality, and youth's description of how decorations and/or costumes were personally designed and created.
14. Cat products will be judged on creativity, originality, workmanship, and exhibitor's product design created by them. Scoring occurs in the following categories: Creativity, Originality, Workmanship, Exhibitor Participation, Business Plan, Financials, Promotion, Interview, and Age Consideration.
15. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring a towel or carpet square for their cat to rest on during breed classes.
16. Differently Abled exhibitors may continue to exhibit until the age of 26. Exhibitors shall follow all rules according to their species. They should enter the

HORSE & PONY RULES

Horse Registration Forms due May 1st by 7:00 p.m.

Set up- Thursday, July 16 - 6:00 p.m.

Fair Check-in Time - Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm

Senior Rides/Meet and Greet - Sunday, July 19

4:00 p.m.

Awards/Fun Activity - Saturday, July 18 - 12:00 p.m.

Fair Check-out Time – Sunday, July 26

12:01 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

All Horse Registration Forms must be received by May 1st. Completed forms can be emailed to forms.vbyf@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on May 1 or mailed and received or dropped off to the fairgrounds by 7 p.m. on May 1.

1. All equine exhibitors must read and follow the EXHIBITORS RULES in the Fair Book and the current VBYF Horse and Pony Rules.
2. A negative EIA (Coggins) test that is valid through fair week should be presented to the check-in veterinarian prior to admission to the fairgrounds. An additional copy of this Coggins along with your digital Emergency Card must also be provided, preferably at the pre-Thursday fair set-up meeting. No equine will be admitted unless their Coggins copy is provided no later than check-in. It is preferred that all haul-in equines be vet checked the Sunday of fair week between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Equine State health papers issued from a licensed Veterinarian can be used in place of the vet check, this method is not recommended but will be accepted. Equine State health certificates must be valid during fair week. Equine State health certificates should be submitted before or at the Thursday set-up/cleanup meeting. If a health state certificate is being used in place of the preferred vet check and a pony and/or miniature horse is being exhibited the licensed veterinarian needs to write the actual height as part of the equine description.
3. Stallions will be allowed only during the year foaled.
4. Exhibitors shall lead their animals unless in exercise and show areas. Exhibitors are the only ones allowed to ride their animals. Exercise times are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pee Wee exhibitors must be

accompanied by a responsible adult during exercise time.

5. All exhibitors must participate in a showmanship class; and all equine over 3 years of age must show in an equitation/horsemanship class. In-Hand jumping meets the requirements for In-Hand exhibitors. Consequences for missing either class will be loss of premium, no further classes may be entered, and the equine must remain until 12:01 a.m. Sunday with proper care and exercise. We will do our best to work with you if there is a conflict due to showing other species.
6. The Fair Board's CODE OF CONDUCT will be strictly enforced. Unsportsmanlike conduct or other objectionable behavior will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the horse complex. Also, exhibitors may lose state selection, points, and/or trophies.
7. The veterinarian and/or judge may determine if an equine should be permitted on the fairgrounds or in the show arena. If they are unable, a horse superintendent will locate an alternate qualified person to assist in the decision. The following conditions will be assessed:
 - a. Horses shall not show any signs of contagious disease.
 - b. Horses shall not show obvious lameness.
 - c. Horses shall not be infested with external parasites, fleas, ticks, rain rot or be otherwise obviously diseased or unthrifty.
 - d. Horses shall not be underweight. They need to be in proper condition to undergo the stresses of fair week. Please be sure your horse is being fed properly before, during, and after fair.
8. Any protests or complaints shall follow the guidelines in the Fair Book under "Exhibitor's Rules: Complaint and Appeals Procedure."

Special Awards

4-H High Point Revolving All Around Horse Trophy
4-H High Point Revolving Gymkhana Trophy
4-H High Point Revolving English Horse Trophy
4-H High Point Revolving Western Horse Trophy
4-H High Point Revolving English Pony Trophy
High Point In-Hand Pee Wee Award

High Point In-Hand Junior Award
High Point In-Hand Senior Award
High Point Walk/Trot Award
High Point Junior Award
High Point Senior Award
High Point Ranch Award

Special Memorial Awards

Abby Baker Memorial Revolving Trophy

This is in memory of Abby Baker who died from a brain tumor at the age of 15 in 1988. Abby loved to ride and show her pony for several years prior to her illness. 4-H activities and showing at the fair were an annual highlight. This trophy for High Point Western Pony is sponsored by her family.

Afton Newton Memorial All Around Pony Trophy

Afton's parents want to sponsor this revolving trophy in the loving memory of their daughter who enjoyed riding ponies and helping children. Showing at this fair brought Afton great joy. During her years of showing from 1989 – 2001, she won the overall high point, grand champion equitation, and other awards all while riding a pony. Afton also rode on the Pony of Americas circuit, where she excelled and won many state, national, international, and world championships. Afton's parents want to encourage and reward exhibitors who ride a pony at the fair. They hope other children will enjoy showing their pony as much as Afton.

Jessica Branch Memorial Sportsmanship Award

Each 4-H club nominates one 4-H exhibitor and submits the name to the show superintendent by Friday at noon. All nominated 4-h exhibitors will receive a rosette.

ADULT DRAFT HORSE RULES

1. All draft equines must have negative Coggins test and must provide a copy to be filed at fair board office.
2. All draft equines that will be stabled at the fairgrounds must be preregistered no later than June 15. All registration forms must be completed online. Go to the Van Buren Youth Fair website: www.vanburenyouthfair.com. See page 6 for instructions.
3. Draft equines are to be stabled on Sunday at the beginning of fair week. (8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
4. All draft equines will be checked by the veterinarian before entering the fairgrounds. It is highly recommended that all draft equines receive the tetanus, encephalitis, and flu vaccination before being brought to the fair.
5. Draft equines must be Michigan owned and must be stabled on the grounds the week of the fair in order to be shown.
6. All draft equine exhibit owners must be a member of the Van Buren Draft Club in order for their draft equines to be stabled at the fair.
7. All exhibitors/owners must abide by the Van Buren Draft Club's current guidelines and the Van Buren Youth Fair Association's Code of Conduct.
8. All draft equines stabled in the draft horse barn must have a minimum of 50% bloodline of a recognized draft horse or draft pony breed.
9. Draft ponies must be a minimum of 49" at maturity (5 years and over).
10. Base date of age of animal is January 1 of current year.
11. No stallions allowed after year foaled.
12. Draft equines that are not of suitable body condition will not be permitted to be stabled at the fairgrounds.
13. Entry fee for classes 1802-1822 is \$3.00 per class.

14. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Superintendent.
15. Fun shows for all ages will be announced with minimal entry fees payable at the time of the show. Youth showmanship classes will immediately follow adult halter classes. Youth harness and riding classes will follow the respective classes of the adult classes. (i.e., adult cart classes, youth cart classes, adult two-horse hitch classes, youth two-horse hitch classes.)
 1. Classes are open for either draft horses or draft ponies unless otherwise specified.
 2. Draft mules and draft pony mules may be shown in classes specified for either draft mules or draft pony mules.

YOUTH DRAFT HORSE RULES

1. All draft equines must have negative Coggins test and provide a copy to be filed at the fair board office.
2. Draft equines must be stabled on Sunday at the beginning of fair week. (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
3. All draft equines will be checked by the veterinarian before entering the fairgrounds. It is highly recommended that all draft equines receive the tetanus, encephalitis, and flu vaccination before being brought to the fair.
4. All exhibitors/owners must abide by the Van Buren Draft Club's current guidelines and the Van Buren Youth Fair Association's Code of Conduct.
5. All draft equine exhibit owners must be a member of the Van Buren Draft Club in order to be stabled at the fair.
6. Draft equines stabled in the draft horse barn must have a minimum of 50% bloodline of a recognized draft horse or draft pony breed.
7. Draft ponies must be a minimum of 49" at maturity (5 years and over).

8. No stallions allowed after year foaled.
9. Draft equines that are not of suitable body condition will not be permitted to be stabled at the fairgrounds.
10. Showmanship is a required class for all exhibitors. Halter classes are optional. One adult is to be within easy access to animal of a Pee Wee exhibitor.
11. Limit of 1 exhibitor per horse per showmanship class.
12. All exhibitors must complete and exhibit a "draft equine notebook."
13. All exhibitors must fulfill a daily work schedule during fair week.
14. Exhibitors will show in casual or dress pants, nice top or shirt, leather type boots or shoes.
15. There must be an adult with youth whenever an animal is taken into the arena or is hitched for any reason.

Harness Class

1. Youth must have an adult on vehicle and must have a header at ringside.
2. Horse must be hitched to a suitable vehicle for each class section.
3. No Pee Wee Exhibitors

Riding Class

1. No Pee Wee Exhibitors.
2. Judged at the walk and trot.

2026 Van Buren Youth Fair Award Sponsors

Trophies / Awards

Beef (including feeder calves)

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior II Feeder Calf Showmanship	Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club
Trophy	Senior I Feeder Calf Showmanship	Van Buren Voyagers
Trophy	Junior Feeder Calf Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Young II Feeder Calf Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Young I Feeder Calf Showmanship	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Pee Wee II Feeder Calf Showmanship	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Trophy	Pee Wee I Feeder Calf Showmanship	Chisholm Farm & Trucking LLC
Trophy	Lightweight Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Chisholm Farm & Trucking LLC
Trophy	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush
Banner	Lightweight Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Conklin Family
Banner	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Heavyweight Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Conklin Family
Trophy	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Tom & Pam Stermer
Banner	Heavyweight Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Supreme Champion Beef Feeder	Full Moon Farms
Trophy	Lightweight Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush
Trophy	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Lightweight Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Heavyweight Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Chisholm Farm & Trucking LLC
Trophy	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush
Banner	Heavyweight Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Supreme Champion Dairy Feeder	Full Moon Farms
Trophy	Lightweight Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Lightweight Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Lightweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Heavyweight Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Heavyweight Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Heavyweight Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Van Buren Youth Fair

Item	Description	Sponsor
Award	Supreme Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder	Full Moon Farms
Award	Grand Champion Beef Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Gerri Fleetwood
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Gerri Fleetwood
Award	Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Pat & Melinda Burnell
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Pat & Melinda Burnell
Award	Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Bryan & Marcia Sieber
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Feeder Rate of Gain Feeder	Travis & Kristy Gumpert
Trophy	Grand Champion Beef Breeding Stock	Burnell Farms - Attn Melinda Burnell
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Breeding Stock	Burnell Farms - Attn Melinda Burnell
Banner	Grand Champion Beef Breeding Stock	Burnell Farms - Attn Melinda Burnell
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Breeding Stock	Burnell Farms - Attn Melinda Burnell
Trophy	Senior II Beef and Dairy Market Animal Showmanship	Chisholm Farm & Trucking LLC
Trophy	Senior I Beef and Dairy Market Animal Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Junior Beef and Dairy Market Animal Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Young II Beef and Dairy Market Animal Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Young I Beef and Dairy Market Animal Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beef Market Animal Grand Champion	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Beef Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Chisholm Farm & Trucking LLC
Belt buckle	Beef Market Animal Grand Champion	Farm 44 - Attn Matt Butler
Belt buckle	Beef Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Burnell Farms - Attn Melinda Burnell
Banner	Beef Market Animal Grand Champion	Jill Casanto
Banner	Beef Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Dairy Market Animal Grand Champion	Nicholos & Kristen Mead
Trophy	Dairy Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush
Belt buckle	Dairy Market Animal Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Belt buckle	Dairy Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Dairy Market Animal Grand Champion	Teto's Services - Attn Dustin Teter
Banner	Dairy Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Belt buckle	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Grand Champion	Jarred Dykstra & Bridgett Bush
Belt buckle	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Large Livestock Committee
Banner	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Reserve Grand Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Grand Champion Beef Carcass	Rex & Jennifer DeVries
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Carcass	Van Buren County Mounted Division - Attn Raven Reed
Banner	Grand Champion Beef Carcass	Nicholos & Kristen Mead
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Grand Champion Beef Market Animal Rate of Gain	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Market Animal Rate of Gain	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Award	Grand Champion Dairy Market Animal Rate of Gain	Hostetler Crazy Acres
Award	Grand Champion Dairy Market Animal Rate of Gain	Hostetler Crazy Acres
Award	Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Rate of Gain	Chris & Colleen Overacker
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Beef Dairy Crossbred Market Animal Rate of Gain	Chris & Colleen Overacker

Cats

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Pee Wee Cat Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Young I Cat Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Young II Cat Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Junior Cat Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Senior Cat Showmanship	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Champion Cat Showmanship	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Grand Champion Cat	Eric & Janice Zerbe
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Cat	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Cat High Point	Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic-

Dairy

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior II Dairy Showmanship	Denise Noble
Trophy	Senior I Dairy Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Junior Dairy Showmanship	Grand Acres Farm-Fred & Pat Garrod
Trophy	Young II Dairy Showmanship	Teto's Services - Attn Dustin Teter
Trophy	Young I Dairy Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Pee Wee Dairy Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Grand Champion Heifer	Rex & Jennifer DeVries
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	Charlie & Brittney Hood
Banner	Grand Champion Heifer	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Cow	Charlie & Brittney Hood
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Cow	Grand Acres Farm-Fred & Pat Garrod
Banner	Grand Champion Cow	Grand Acres Farm-Fred & Pat Garrod
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Cow	Van Buren Youth Fair

Item	Description	Sponsor
Banner	Gallon of Milk	Van Buren Youth Fair

Dogs

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Champion Dog Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Senior Dog Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Junior Dog Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Young II Dog Showmanship	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Young I Dog Showmanship	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Pee Wee Dog Showmanship	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Grand Champion Overall Dog Showman	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Overall Dog Showman	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Sub-Novice A Obedience	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Sub-Novice B (6-11 years old) Obedience Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Sub-Novice B (12-19 years old) Obedience Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Novice B Obedience Champion	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Novice A Obedience Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Graduate Novice Obedience Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Brace Obedience Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Costume (6-11 years old)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Costume (12-19 years old)	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Beginner Agility A (6-11 years old) Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beginner Agility A (12-19 years old) Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beginner Agility B (6-11 years old) Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Beginner Agility B (12-19 years old) Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Intermediate Agility A Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Intermediate Agility B Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Advanced Agility Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Veterans Agility Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Novice A Rally Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Novice B Rally Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Advanced Rally Champion	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Excellent- Advanced Rally Champion	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Dog High Point Champion	Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic
Trophy	Dog Reserve High Point Champion	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club

Draft Horses- Adults

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Ladies Cart	Midway Electric, Inc.
Trophy	Men's Cart	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Two Horse Show Hitch	Fast Lane Farm
Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Farm Team Hitch	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Adult Riding	Margie Godines

Draft Horses- Youth

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior Youth Draft Horse Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Junior Youth Draft Horse Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Young Youth Draft Horse Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Pee Wee Youth Draft Horse Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Cart Class (9-13 years old)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Cart Class (14-19 years old)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	2 Horse Hitch (9-13 years old)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	2 Horse Hitch (14-19 years old)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Riding Class	Van Buren Youth Fair

Goats

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior II Goat Showmanship	Melva DeVries
Trophy	Senior I Goat Showmanship	Silver Spurs 4-H
Trophy	Junior Goat Showmanship	Small Market Animal Committee
Trophy	Young II Goat Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Young I Goat Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Pee Wee Goat Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat	Eric & Janice Zerbe
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat	Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club
Trophy	Grand Champion Meat Market Goat	Van Buren Voyagers
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Meat Market Goat	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Grand Champion Dairy Meat Crossbred Market Goat	Wild Reid Ranch
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Meat Crossbred Market Goat	Teto's Services
Trophy	Sr. Champion Dairy Breed Doe	Melva DeVries
Trophy	Sr. Reserve Champion Dairy Breed Doe	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Jr. Champion Dairy Breed Doe	Wild Reid Ranch
Trophy	Jr. Reserve Champion Dairy Breed Doe	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Sr. Champion Meat Breed Doe	Hidden Springs Boer Goats
Trophy	Sr. Reserve Champion Meat Breed Doe	Hidden Springs Boer Goats

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Jr. Champion Meat Breed Doe	Four Seasons Excavating
Trophy	Jr. Reserve Champion Meat Breed Doe	Van Buren Youth Fair
trophy	Best Doe in Show	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Grand Champion Goat Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Goat Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Goat Carcass	Hidden Springs Boer Goats
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Goat Carcass	Hidden Springs Boer Goats

Horses

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Leadline Showmanship	Silver Spurs 4-H Club
Trophy	Pee Wee English Showmanship	Mearing Acres
Trophy	Pee Wee Western Showmanship	Mearing Acres
Trophy	Pee Wee In-Hand Jumping	Fast Lane Farm
Trophy	Pee Wee In-Hand Showmanship	Eric & Janice Zerbe
Trophy	Pee Wee English Equitation	Mearing Acres
Trophy	Leadline Equitation Horsemanship	Fast Lane Farm
Trophy	Pee Wee Western Horsemanship	Mearing Acres
Award	Junior English Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior English Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior In-hand Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior In-hand Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Walk Trot Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior Western Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior Western Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior Ranch Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior Ranch Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior In-Hand Jumping	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior In-Hand Jumping	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Baby Green Over Fences	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Walk Trot English Equitation	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior English Equitation	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior English Equitation	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Walk Trot Western Horsemanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior Western Horsemanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Senior Western Horsemanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Junior Ranch Horsemanship	Brad & Cathy Greene
Award	Senior Ranch Horsemanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion In-Hand Jumping	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion In-Hand Jumping	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Junior English Equitation	Van Buren County Mounted Division

Item	Description	Sponsor
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Junior English Equitation	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Senior English Equitation	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Senior English Equitation	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Junior English Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Junior English Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Senior English Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Senior English Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Junior Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Senior Showmanship	Tom & Carol Newton- In Memory of Afton Newton
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Senior Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Western Horsemanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Western Horsemanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Ranch Horsemanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Ranch Horsemanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Western Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Western Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Grand Champion Ranch Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Ranch Pleasure	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Plaque	High Point All Around Horse (4-H)	Four Seasons Excavating
Plaque	Afton Newton Memorial All Around Pony	Teto's Services
Plaque	High Point Gymkhana (4-H)	Four Seasons Excavating
Plaque	High Point Western Horse (4-H)	Tom & Carol Newton- In Memory of Afton Newton
Plaque	Abby Baker Memorial High Point Western Pony	Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic
Plaque	High Point English Horse (4-H)	Teto's Services
Plaque	High Point In-Hand Award	Van Buren Youth Fair
Plaque	High Point Walk Trot Award	Brad & Cathy Greene
Plaque	Junior High Point Award	Van Buren Youth Fair
Plaque	Senior High Point Award	Brad & Cathy Greene
Plaque	High Point English Pony (4-H)	Van Buren Youth Fair
Plaque	High Point Ranch Horse and Rider	Brad & Cathy Greene
Belt buckle	Belt Buckle- Versatility Senior	Van Buren Youth Fair
Belt buckle	Belt Buckle- Versatility Junior	Brad & Cathy Greene
Belt buckle	Belt Buckle- All Around Pee Wee Horse and Rider	Zantello Family
Rosettes	Jessica Branch Memorial Sportsmanship Award	Van Buren Youth Fair

Pocket Pets

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Pee Wee Cavy Showmanship	Stan & Mary Darling
Trophy	Young Cavy Showmanship	Small Market Animal Committee
Trophy	Junior Cavy Showmanship	Almena Happy Helpers 4-H Club
Trophy	Senior Cavy Showmanship	Van Buren Voyagers
Trophy	Pee Wee Lab Animal Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Young Lab Animal Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Junior Lab Animal Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Senior Lab Animal Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Grand Champion Cavy	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Cavy	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Lab Animal	Elizabeth Teter
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Lab Animal	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Pair of Lab Animal	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Lab Animal	Van Buren Youth Fair

Poultry

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Pee Wee I Chicken Showmanship	Small Market Animal Committee
Trophy	Pee Wee II Chicken Showmanship	Debbie Glover
Trophy	Young I Chicken Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Young II Chicken Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Junior Chicken Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Senior Chicken Showmanship	Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club
Trophy	Pee Wee Other Poultry Showmanship	Denise Noble
Trophy	Young Other Poultry Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Junior Other Poultry Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Senior Other Poultry Showmanship	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Production Poultry	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Production Poultry	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Turkey	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Turkey	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Overall Male Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Male Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Overall Female Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Female Chicken	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Overall Male Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Male Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Overall Female Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Female Waterfowl	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Exhibition Turkey	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Exhibition Turkey	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Overall Best of Show Poultry	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Eggs	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Eggs	Van Buren Youth Fair

Rabbits

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Pee Wee I Rabbit Showmanship	Stan & Mary Darling
Trophy	Pee Wee II Rabbit Showmanship	Small Market Animal Committee
Trophy	Young I Rabbit Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Young II Rabbit Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Junior Rabbit Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Senior I Rabbit Showmanship	Arcadia Chemical
Trophy	Senior II Rabbit Showmanship	Almena Happy Helpers 4-H Club
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Pen of Rabbits	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Pen of Rabbits	Heart of Barnyard - Elizabeth Teter
Trophy	Grand Champion Commercial Rabbit	HOB Rabbitry - Tammy Teter
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Rabbit	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit	Nancy Wheatley- In memory of Beth Williams
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Rabbit	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Plaque	Best of Show Rabbit	Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic

Sheep

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior II Sheep Showmanship	Denise Noble
Trophy	Senior I Sheep Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Junior Sheep Showmanship	Four Seasons Excavating
Trophy	Young II Sheep Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Young I Sheep Showmanship	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Pee Wee II Sheep Showmanship	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Trophy	Pee Wee I Sheep Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Grand Champion Breeding Ewe	Tom & Pam Stermer
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Breeding Ewe	Jill Casanto
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe	Tom & Pam Stermer
Trophy	Grand Champion Wether	Van Buren County Mounted Division

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Wether	Almena Happy Helpers
Banner	Grand Champion Wether	Special K Club Lambs
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Wether	Special K Club Lambs
Trophy	Grand Champion Ewe	Rex & Jennifer DeVries
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Ewe	The Old Grove
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Supreme Champion Lamb	Full Moon Farms
Trophy	Grand Champion Sheep Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Sheep Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Grand Champion Lamb Rate of Gain	Alexander Farm
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Lamb Rate of Gain	Alexander Farm

Swine

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Senior II Swine Showmanship	John & Sue Spivey
Trophy	Senior I Swine Showmanship	Beverly Rajzer
Trophy	Junior Swine Showmanship	Eric & Janice Zerbe
Trophy	Young II Swine Showmanship	Porter Busy Fingers 4-H Club
Trophy	Young I Swine Showmanship	West Valley Livestock 4-H Club
Trophy	Pee Wee II Swine Showmanship	Dan & Carisa Hostetler
Trophy	Pee Wee I Swine Showmanship	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Barrow	Theresa Schmitt
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow	Beverly Rajzer
Banner	Grand Champion Market Barrow	Beverly Rajzer
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow	Beverly Rajzer
Trophy	Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Barrow	Ron & Bonnie Bewer
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Barrow	Rex & Jennifer DeVries
Banner	Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Barrow	Full Moon Farms
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Barrow	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Grand Champion Market Gilt	Almena Happy Helpers 4-H Club
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Market Gilt	John & Sue Spivey
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt	Beverly Rajzer
Trophy	Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Gilt	Van Buren County Mounted Division
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Gilt	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Gilt	Full Moon Farms
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Pure Bred Market Gilt	Four Seasons Excavating
Award	Supreme Champion Swine	Full Moon Farms

Item	Description	Sponsor
Trophy	Grand Champion Swine Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Trophy	Reserve Grand Champion Swine Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Grand Champion Market Swine Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Banner	Reserve Grand Champion Swine Carcass	Van Buren Youth Fair
Award	Grand Champion Market Swine Rate of Gain	Smokin' Terry BBQ
Award	Reserve Grand Champion Swine Rate of Gain	Smokin' Terry BBQ

Sweepstakes

Trophy	Showmanship Sweepstakes Sr. Large Animal	Beverly Rajzer
Trophy	Showmanship Sweepstakes Jr. Large Animal	Brad & Cathy Greene
Trophy	Showmanship Sweepstakes Sr. Small Animal	Paw Paw Veterinary Clinic
Trophy	Showmanship Sweepstakes Jr. Small Animal	Brad & Cathy Greene

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