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The 173rd Cass County Fair

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July 1, 2025

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year again, Michigan—time to grab your family and friends and enjoy a Michigan county fair. From the expansive livestock barns of the Allegan County Fair to the demolition derby at the Armada Fair, Michigan's county fairs are full of educational opportunities and entertainment for the whole family.

There's something truly special about our communities coming together each year for their county fairs and celebrating what makes Michigan such a great place to live—our vibrant communities, rich agricultural heritage, and hardworking families. Whether you're enjoying local foods, cheering on the next generation of 4-H stars and future leaders of Michigan's agricultural industry, or just soaking in the excitement, I have no doubt that you will have a great time at your local county fair.

As your Governor, I am proud of the hard work and passion that goes into the exhibits and projects showcased at our county fairs. Whether you are a sponsor, exhibitor, or fairgoer, thank you for supporting your community and I hope you enjoy one of Michigan's many county fairs this summer!

Sincerely,

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Daily Gate Admission.....	\$9.00
Children ages 6 through 12 (free Kiddies Day on Tuesday).....	\$3.00
Children ages 5 and under.....	FREE
Sunday Gate Admission – Free	FREE
Monday, - Veterans' Day – Veterans with ID, free all day	FREE
Tuesday, - Kiddies' Day – Children 6-12, free all day	FREE
Wednesday, - Law Enforcement Day – Law Enforcement Officers, free all day with ID	FREE
Thursday, - Seniors' Day - Adults 60 years & over with Medicare card or driver's license free all day	FREE
Friday, - Frontline Friday / Health Care Providers Day - free all day with ID	FREE
Saturday, - Family Day – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	\$1.00

Season Pass – purchase at the fair office.....	\$30.00
Open Class Exhibitor – available at registration tent or fair office on Saturday, Sunday & Monday ONLY	\$15.00
Youth Exhibitor Season Pass (all ages) – purchase at the registration tent.....	\$5.00
Volunteer Leader – purchase at the registration tent.....	\$5.00
Parents Season Pass	\$30.00

ALL PIT PASSES (No one under 16).....	\$20.00
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ELLIOTT 'S AMUSEMENTS AMUSEMENT RIDE SPECIALS

Tuesday – open 2:00 p.m.	\$20 Armband
Wednesday – open 3:00 p.m.	\$25 Armband
Thursday – open 3:00 p.m.	\$25 Armband – HANDICAPABLE 2pm-3pm
Friday – open 3:00 p.m.	\$25 Armband
Saturday – open 12:00 noon	\$1 Per Ride, noon to 3:00 p.m. –OR- \$25 Armband All Day

New Mega Pass Deals (Does NOT include gate admission)

**Ride 1 day for \$20 –
online only**
**Ride 3 days for \$55 –
online & Fair Office**
OR
**Ride 5 days for \$75 –
online and Fair Office**

FREE Grandstand Attractions

Sunday.....	5:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies & Parade (grandstand will be cleared after parade)
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m.	Night Moves – Bob Seger Tribute

ON-LINE TICKET SALES AVAILABLE FOR GRANDSTAND – GO TO FAIR WEBSITE!**Grandstand Admission ~ All Seats \$5 if purchased before July 27th, on July 27th all seats \$10**

Sunday.....	7:00 p.m.	Street Legal Pickup Truck & Semi Tractor Pulls
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Grandstand Admission ~ Adults \$10 / Children 6-12 \$5 / 5 & under \$1 – Before July 27th
Starting July 27th – Adults \$15 / Children 6-12 \$10 / 5 & under \$6.00

Monday.....	7:00 p.m.	TNT Demolition Derby
Tuesday.....	7:00 p.m.	NTPA Superstock and Modified Tractor and Truck Pulls
Wednesday.....	7:00 p.m.	Super Kickers Bulls & Barrels
Friday	7:00 p.m.	TNT Demolition Derby
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Mud Mitten Race Series / Mud Truck Racing

Association Membership

Voting privilege, association memberships are available at the Secretary's office only until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5th - \$5.00

Parking

Auto Parking	FREE
Camper/RV Parking for 2026 (includes two (2) season passes & one (1) vehicle pass)	\$275

No livestock trailers allowed on grounds during fair week prior to 6:00 a.m. Sunday at the end of fair.

Parking in the areas around the barns is prohibited. Reserved spaces will be provided for vehicles with barn parking passes in the area west of the beef barn until 9:00 a.m. Campers will receive a special parking sticker for one vehicle only, and should enter the fairgrounds from the South Gate. **Vehicles without stickers are prohibited from parking in the camping area.**

Note: Camping fees may increase.

EXHIBITS & CONCESSIONS OPEN 11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

2025 CASS COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE**FRIDAY, July 25**

6:00 p.m.	Youth Dog Agility, Cloverbud/Pee Wee, Costume	SA
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SATURDAY, July 26

8:00 a.m.	Entry of Open Class Home Arts & Fine Arts Exhibits	EC
9:00 a.m.	Registration & Judging of All Youth Projects & Entry of Non-Livestock Exhibits	
12:00 noon	Open Class Exhibits must be in place	EC
12:00 noon	Youth Dog Showmanship & Obedience	SA
2:00 p.m.	Youth Non-Livestock Exhibits must be in place	EC
7:00 p.m.	27 th Annual Fair "ROYALTY" Contest	GS

SUNDAY, July 27, FREE GATE ADMISSION

7:00 a.m.	Livestock may enter the fairgrounds	
12:00 noon	Entry of Open Class Floriculture & Horticulture	EC
2:00 p.m.	Youth Livestock Exhibits must be in place	
2:30 p.m.	Youth Still Exhibit Auction	CB
4:00 p.m.	Open Class Floriculture & Horticulture must be in place	EC
5:00 p.m.	Youth Draft Horse Evaluations	DHB
5:00 p.m.	FAIR OPENING CEREMONIES / PARADE (Grandstands will be cleared after parade)	GS
7:00 p.m.	STREET LEGAL PICKUP TRUCK & SEMI TRACTOR PULL	GS

MONDAY, July 28 - PAID ADMISSION BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M. –**VETERANS' DAY – FREE ADMISSSION - Must Show ID***No Rides on Monday*

8:00 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Dairy Show	SA
8:00 a.m.	Youth Halter, Western & Ranch Showmanship, English Showmanship, Keyhole, Speed & Action	HR
8:30 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Sheep Show	SA
10:00 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Cat Show	CB
3:30 p.m.	Youth Dairy Feeder Steer Show	SA
6:00 p.m.	Draft Horse Pulling Contest	DHR
7:00 p.m.	TNT DERBY	GS

TUESDAY, July 29 - KIDDIES' DAY - CHILDREN 6-12 FREE ADMISSION

8:00 a.m.	Scales open for Farm Tractor Pull	IF
8:00 a.m.	Youth Horse Showmanship Championships, English Equitation, English Pleasure, Hunter Over Fences, Flags, Cloverleaf	HR
9:00 a.m.	FARM TRACTOR & ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL	GS
9:00 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Swine Show	SA
1:00 p.m.	Kiddies' Day Program (1:00-2:30 p.m.)	CB
2:00 p.m.	Carnival Opens	MW
5:00 p.m.	Open & Youth Draft Horse Cart & Youth Team classes	DHR
7:00 p.m.	NTPA TRACTOR & TRUCK PULLS	GS

WEDNESDAY, July 30 - LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

8:00 a.m.	Youth Horse & Pony – Western & Ranch Horsemanship, Western & Ranch Pleasure, Versatility	HR
8:00 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Rabbit Show	Show Tent
9:00 a.m.	Youth Beef Show	SA
10:00 a.m.	Draft Horse Halter Classes	DHR
1:30 p.m.	Youth Goat Show <i>(All classes except cart, obstacle, and costume)</i>	SA
3:00 p.m.	Carnival Opens	MW
6:30 p.m.	Youth Draft Horse Showmanship, Decorating, Bareback Riding	DHR
7:00 p.m.	SUPER KICKERS RODEO	GS

EXHIBITS & CONCESSIONS OPEN 11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

2025 CASS COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, July 31 - SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY (60 & OLDER)

8:30 a.m.	Youth Horse & Pony Show – English/Western Riding, Reining, Free Style Reining, Kegs, Poles	HR
9:00 a.m.	Youth & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Poultry Show	Show Tent
9:00 a.m.	Senior Citizens Day Program – Presented by Cass County Council on Aging	CB
10:00 a.m.	Youth Market Livestock Auction – Beef, Dairy Feeder, Lambs, Milk, Swine	SA
	NOTE: Buyer Dinner will be provided during the auction with no organized break	
3:00 p.m.	Carnival Opens	MW
3:00 p.m.	Euchre Tournament	CB
6:00 p.m.	Draft Horse Utility Classes followed by Obstacle Class	DHR
7:00 p.m.	NIGHT MOVES – BOB SEGER TRIBUTE BAND	GS

FRIDAY, August 1 - FRONTLINE FRIDAY / HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DAY

8:00 a.m.	Youth Horse & Pony - Trail, Dressage, Gymkhana Championships	HR
10:00 a.m.	Pedal Pull	IMPL. ROW
10:00 a.m.	Youth Livestock Judging Contest	SA
1:00 p.m.	Youth Interviews & Demonstrations	CB
2:00 p.m.	Ag Olympics	SA
3:00 p.m.	Carnival Opens	MW
4:00 p.m.	Youth Goat Costume, Cart, & Obstacle Show (following Ag Olympics)	Show Tent
4:00 p.m.	Small Animal Sweepstakes	SA
6:00 p.m.	Showmanship Sweepstakes	SA
7:00 p.m.	TNT DERBY	GS
At Dusk	FIREWORKS (rain date: Saturday)	GS

SATURDAY, August 2 - FAMILY \$1 DAY, NOON TO 3:00 PM

9:00 a.m.	Youth Horse & Pony – Costume, Cloverbud/Pee Wee, Award Ceremony, Last Ride	HR
9:00 a.m.	Youth Small Animal Auction – Rabbits, Eggs, Poultry, Goats	SA
10:00 a.m.	(Drive In) Open Draft & Light Draft Cart & Hitch Show	DHR
12:00 noon	Carnival Opens	MW
3:00 p.m.	Adult Alumni Horse Show Fundraiser	HR
7:00 p.m.	MUD MITTEN RACE SERIES – MUD TRUCK RACING	GS
8:45 p.m.	Home Arts Quilt Raffle Drawing	FO

SUNDAY, August 5

Exhibits Released

9:00-12:00 Noon	Release of 4-H Still Exhibits, Open Class Home Arts, Fine Arts, Horticulture, and Floriculture Exhibits	EC
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Note: Youth exhibits remaining in the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex after this time will be held at the MSU Extension office for two weeks, and disposed of after that time. Neither the Fair Association nor MSU Extension is responsible for projects left on the grounds.

NO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED PRIOR TO 6:00 A.M. WITHOUT SPECIAL FAIRBOARD APPROVAL.

NO LIVESTOCK TRAILERS ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS PRIOR TO 6:00 A.M. LAST SUNDAY OF FAIR.

Exception being those livestock sold during auction being hauled by commercial carrier.

BB – Bergman Building	GS – Grandstand
CB – Agnes Gregarek Community Bldg.	GZ – Gazebo
DHB – Draft Horse Barn	HR – Horse Ring
DHR – Draft Horse Ring	IF – Infield
EC – Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex	PB – Poultry Barn
FO – Fair Office	SA – Show & Sale Arena

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Cass County Fairgrounds Map



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Welcome to the 173rd Cass County Fair



Cass County Fair Association officers & directors:

Front Row (L-R): Stephanie Bender-Breseman, Zelda Cloud, Shane Harris, Dave Bratton, Ben Waldschmidt, Neil Bowman. Back Row (L-R) Daryl Keesler, Jim Teter, Sara Johnson, Mike Frushour, Rob Eubank, David Gleason, Rob Carpenter, Gail Peterson, Rodney Waldschmidt

Notice to holders of the 2025 Cass County Fair Book

A great deal of work and money is involved in publishing this fair book, which is a vital tool for exhibitors, judges, superintendents, leaders and many others involved in fair activities. The Board of Directors of the Cass County Fair Association would appreciate your cooperation in supporting the firms carrying advertisements in this book, who make its publication possible.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many business firms who have supported this fair book year after year and the advertisers who participated for the first time this year. Our appreciation also goes to you, the holder, in advance for patronizing these businesses that have designated themselves as supporters of the Cass County Fair.

Information as presented in this Fair Book may be subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider..

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Cass County Fair Board at PO Box 56, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 to make arrangements.

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Cass County Fair Livestock Department List

Specie	Superintendent	Liaison	Assistants
Cat	Brooke Lamb	Dave Bratton	Danielle Lamb, Tina Konrath
Dog	Brooke Lamb	Dave Bratton	Jenny Pegura, Tina Konrath, Mary Tharp, Devon Sanchez-Ossorio, Zoe Scott
Beef	Jeff Peterson	Gail Peterson	Dennis Peterson, Nikki Williams, Joline Lock, Erica Boulanger
Dairy	Randy Bowman	Zelda Cloud	Marilyn Bowman, Joel Preston
Dairy Feeder	Vicki Schoetzw	Zelda Cloud/ Rob Carpenter	Nick Dussel, Don Irwin, Tracie Irwin, Jimmy Strukel, Preston Bartow
Draft Horse Youth	Suzanne Suseland	Daryl Keesler	Amanda Bergen, Amy Pike
Draft Horse Open	Sara Heuer	Daryl Keesler	Brian Kuemin, Ed Dohm, Joe Fedore, Dave Rogers
Goats	Karen Wright	Sara Johnson	Hali Jones, Michelle Schuur, Mary Wright, Nicole Osban-Peck
Horse	Tim Miller	Dave Bratton /Shane Harris	Nikita Mehaney, Karlee Thornburgh, Heather Burchfield
Poultry	Melissa Town	Jim Teter	Bridget Lemon, Nathan Town, Micah Says
Rabbit	Jon Blough	Neil Bowman	Laura Blough, Rex Pomranka, Beth Noles
Sheep	Kris Sweitzer	Shane Harris	Jayna Sobecki, Callie High, Jena Bradley
Swine	MacKenzie Hartsell	Stephanie Bender-Bresemann	Jeremiah Hartsell, Cameron Hayden, Colin Kelley, Mike Kelley
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Cass County Fair Operational Department List

Operation	Chair	Members
Building & Grounds	Daryl Keesler / Rob Eubank	Mike Smego, Dave Bratton, Rodney Waldschmidt, Mike Frushour, Jim Teter, Neil Bowman, Ben Waldschmidt
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Carnival	Mike Frushour	Rodney Waldschmidt, Daryl Keesler, Zelda Cloud, Brenda Smego
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Grandstand Entertainment	Rodney Waldschmidt / Daryl Keesler	Jim Teter, Sara Johnson, Zelda Cloud, Mike Smego, Brenda Smego
Grounds Entertainment	Zelda Cloud / Daryl Keesler	Rodney Waldschmidt, Brenda Smego, Mike Smego, Neil Bowman
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Cass County Fair Other Department List

Operation	Chair	Members
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Floriculture/Horticulture		Zelda Cloud
Home Arts	Lisa Withers	Kim Barnes, Barb Guse, Sue Knapp, Virginia Kraft, Kristine Rehberger Carolyn Withers, Lynn Schantz, Jeff Withers
Trophies & Ribbons	Patty Dohm	Diane Skibbe, Brenda Smego, Hilary Hunt
Royalty	Ashley Sampson/Whitney Sposato	Brooke Ward, Brenda Smego
Large Animal Sweepstakes	Callie High	
Small Animal Sweepstakes	Melissa Town	Erin Ridenour, Ercia Thomas
Small Animal Auction	Marie Fair/Linda Hertsel	Elizabeth Waldschmidt, Tom Gear, Shane Harris, Gail Peterson, Ben Waldschmidt, Small Animal Superintendents
Still Exhibits	Deb Deubner	Joyce Miller, Elizabeth Waldschmidt, Hannah Hoff, Hilary Hunt
Large Animal Auction	Marie Fair/Linda Hertsel	Elizabeth Waldschmidt, Tom Gear, Shane Harris, Gail Peterson, Ben Waldschmidt, Large Animal Superintendents
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Parade	Shane Harris	Pauline Harris, Stephanie Bender-Bresemann
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CASS COUNTY FAIR PARADE

Sunday – 5:00 p.m.

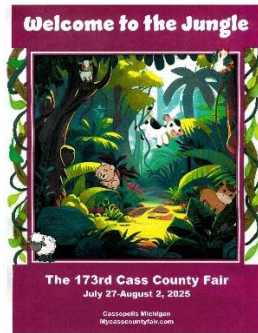
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NO PREMIUMS FOR PARADE ENTRY
Theme- see fair book cover.
Entry is made through the Cass County Fair Association Office.

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173rd Annual Cass County Fair



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Parade Entry Form

Sunday, July 27, 2025

5:00 pm

2025– “Welcome to the Jungle”

Name of Organization/ Group/ Business _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Type of entry _____

Description of entry _____

Pageant Committee Please Provide Names of your Queen & Court _____

This year the fair will hold classes for the best parade entry using the 2025 logo/theme. Winners will be announced following the parade. This parade entry form will be used as your class entry.

Note: Parade Line up will begin at **4:00 p.m.** on the South Side of the track

Please submit to by:

Email: casscountyfair@gmail.com

Mail: Cass County Fair PO Box 56 Cassopolis, MI. 49031

Or Bring to Fair Office.

Questions may be referred to Fair Office 269-445-8265

Forms are due back by email, mailing or bring to the Fair Office by July 27, 2025

"GRANDSTAND ATTRACTIONS"

Street Legal Pick-Up Trucks & Semi Tractor Pull

Sunday,
July 27
7:00 PM



Free Gate Admission

\$5 Grandstand Admission if
purchased **prior to** July 27th

July 27th all seats \$10

Note: Grandstands will be
cleared prior to this event.





DEMOLITION DERBY

For a complete list of rules go to:
TNTDEMORDERBY.COM



DEMOLITION DERBY

Monday, July 28
7:00 p.m.

Before July 27th tickets are:

Adults \$10.00

Childres 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 & under \$1.00

Starting July 27th tickets
 are:

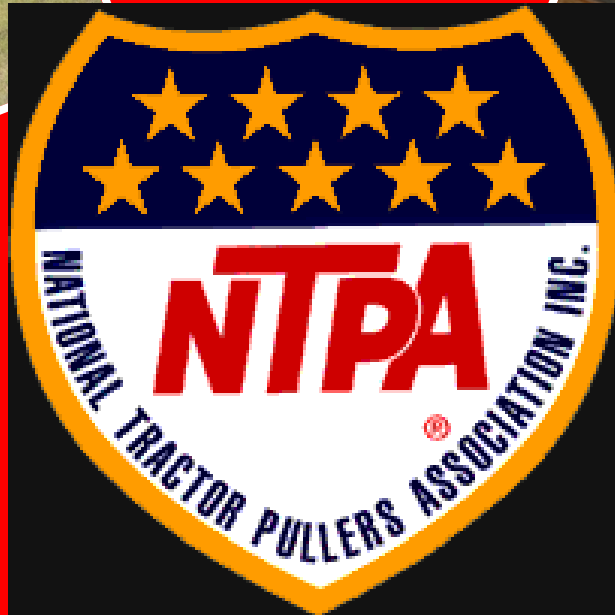
Adults \$15.00

Children 6-12 \$10.00

Children 5 & under \$6.00

NTPA Superstock & Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls

Tuesday, July 29



Before July 27th tickets are:

Adults \$10.00

Children 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 & under \$1.00

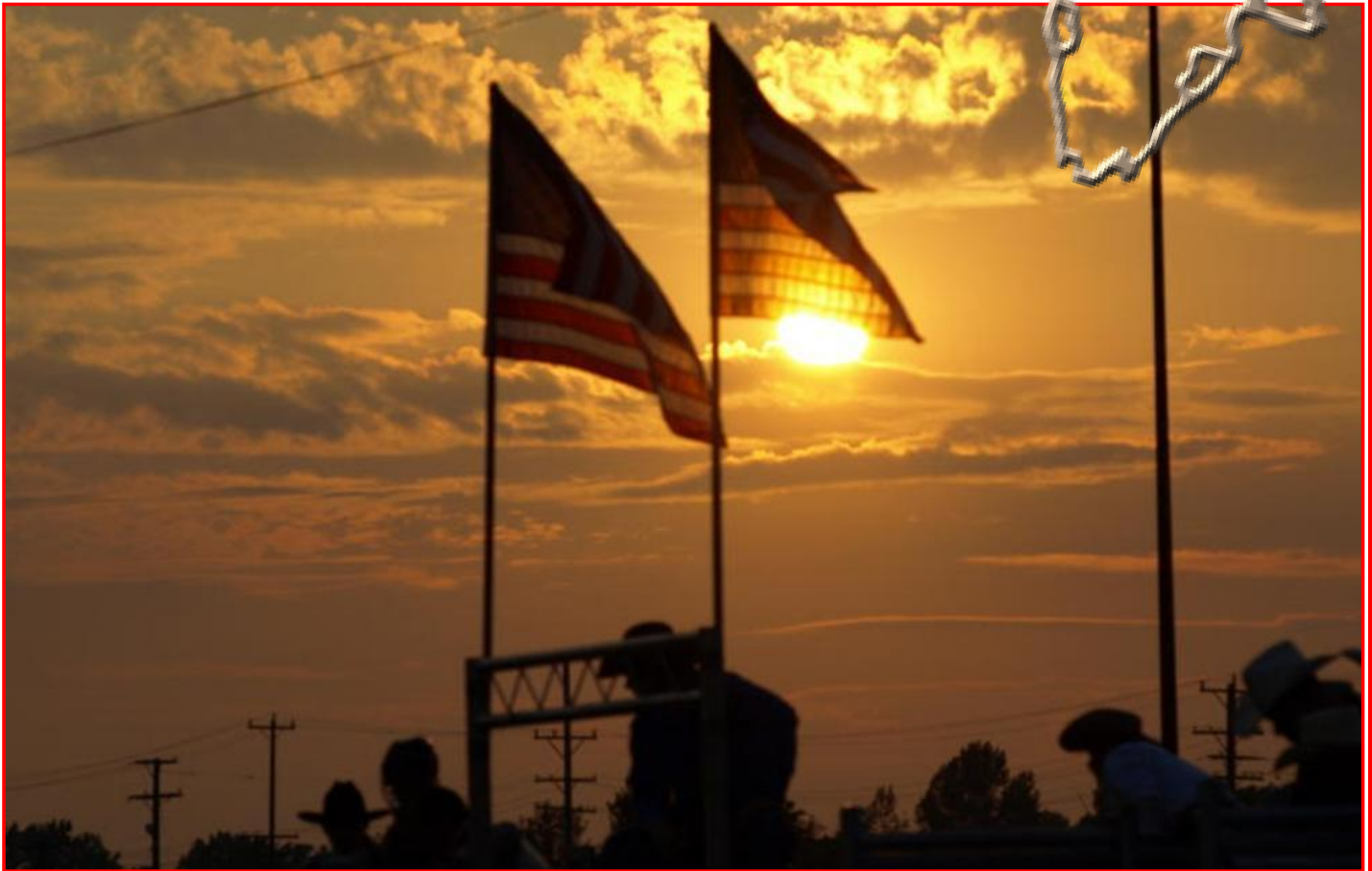
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Super Kickers Rodeo



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Wednesday,

July 30

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 31, 2025
7:00 p.m.



**FREE
ENTERTAINMENT!!**



DEMOLITION DERBY



DEMOLITION DERBY

Friday, August 1
7:00 p.m.

Before July 27th tickets are:

Adults \$10.00
Childres 6-12 \$5.00
Children 5 & under \$1.00

Starting July 27th tickets
are:

Adults \$15.00
Children 6-12 \$10.00
Children 5 & under \$6.00

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Mud Truck Racing



**Saturday, August 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

Before July 27th tickets are:

Adults \$10.00

Children 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 & under \$1.00

Starting July 27th tickets are:

Adults \$15.00

Children 6-12 \$10.00

Children 5 & under \$6.00

Daily Entertainment

Monday: Spread Eagle

Tuesday: Al Mott Band



Fill the fair with Music!

Thursday: The Heavy Load

Friday: Rebel Pride

Saturday: Whiskey Retreat

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. daily!

DRAFT HORSE PULLS



Monday – 6:00 p.m.
Draft Horse Arena

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY



Monday, July 28

Free Admission – Show ID

Kiddie's Day



**Tuesday
July 29**

**\$20.00 Pay-One-Price
All Day Rides
Rides start at 2:00 p.m.**

**Kids 6-12 Free
Admission**

**Kids Make-It Take-It
Crafts 1:00-2:30 p.m.**



Fun!!!

**Sponsored by:
Cass Public Library**



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday, July 30

Free Admission - Show ID

Senior Day

Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Seniors 60 and older admitted free all day!

(With Medicare card or driver's license)

Get ready to swoon and swing!

**Simply Sinatra
with
Dean Martin & Friends**

**Bringing the golden age of Vegas
back to life is the world-renowned
Dean Martin impersonator**

Steve London

**And an all-star cast of
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**Enjoy timeless hits, smooth charm, and unforgettable fun.
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Come join us for a morning of wonderful entertainment,
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M-60 & Decatur Road

Cassopolis, MI 49031

(269) 445-8110 or (800) 323-0390

Thursday, July 31

a very special day at the Cass County Fair

For some extraordinary people!



**HANDI-CAPABLE
DAY**

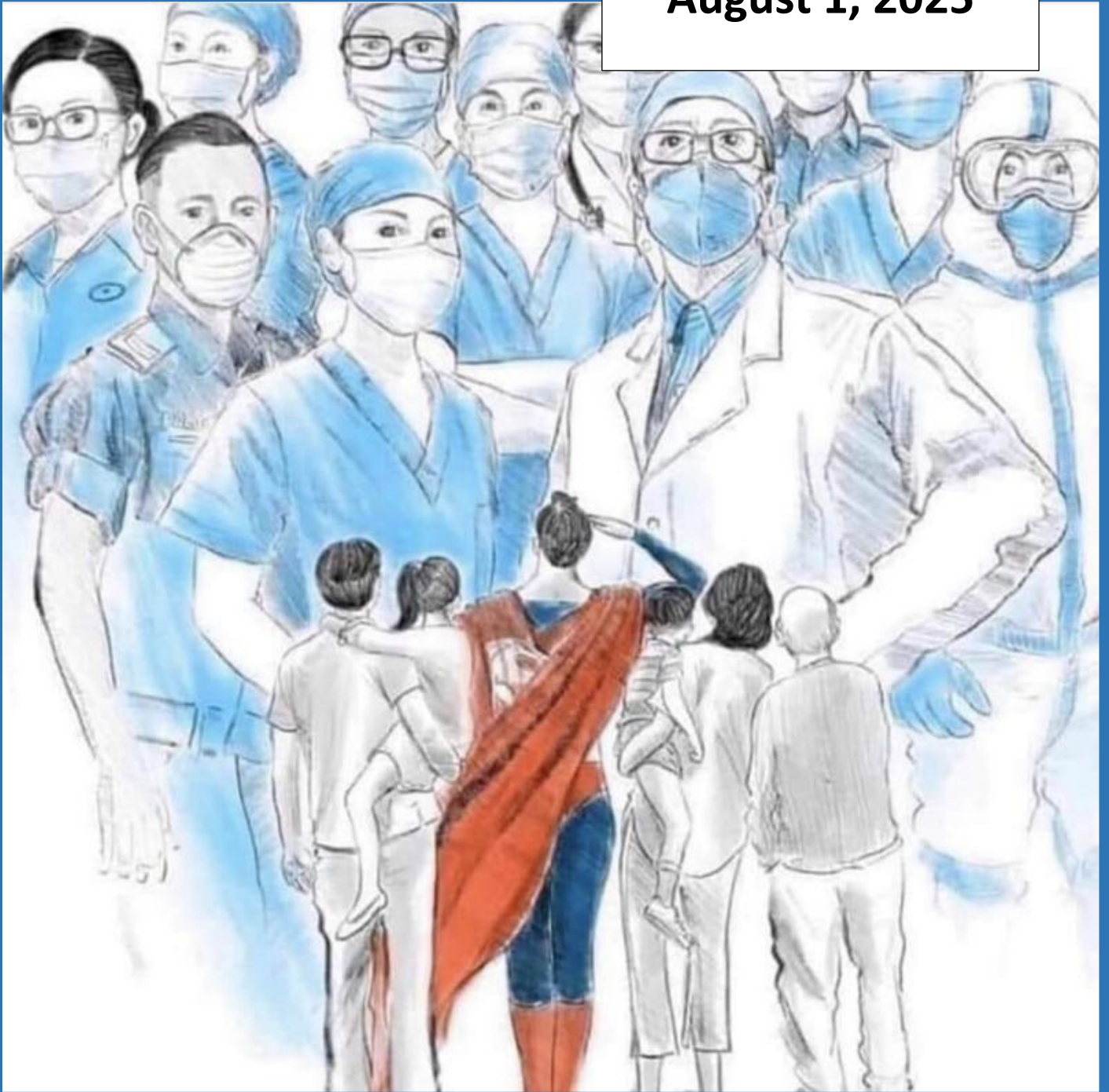
6th Annual Cass County Fair Handi-Capable Day for individuals who are living with physical and intellectual disabilities. Contact the Fair

Office at 269-445-8265

for more information on how to participate!

casscountyfair@gmail.com

**Friday
August 1, 2025**



Front Line Friday
Health Care Providers Day
Free Admittance All Day with ID

Family Day



Saturday

August 2

12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

\$1

- **Gate Admissions!!**
- **Food!! (special food items offered by most vendors)**
- **Rides!!**

ALUMNI HORSE SHOW

**Saturday, August 2nd
3:00 p.m.
Show Arena**

**Come join your fellow alumni friends
and ride for a great cause.
All proceeds raised will go to improvements
to the light horse program.**



**Sign up your leader...
friend... or yourself at the
horse entry booth during
fair week for \$25**

2024 CASS COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY



Photo Courtesy: Whitney Sposato

King – Stephen Linton
1st Runner Up – Isaac Walker

Prince – Colton Shively
1st Runner Up – Lincoln Colestock

Queen – Anna Ives
1st Runner Up – Khloe Miller

Princess – Lyla Baker
1st Runner Up – Cheyenne Wilson

Jr. Teen Queen – Ella Baker
1st Runner Up – Cheyenne Davidson

Fair King & Queen contest is open to all young men & women between the ages of 15 & 19. Fair Prince & Princess contest is open to all young boys & girls between the ages of 9 & 13. All interested contestants need to be a resident of Cass County or active in a Cass County 4-H club. Contestants are judged on personal interview, stage presence, and personality.

Entry applications are available online at: mycasscountyfair.com and are due by June 17, 2025. No paper forms will be accepted.

CASS COUNTY FAIR
**YOUTH LIVESTOCK
JUDGING CONTEST**

participants will evaluate live sheep,
swine, goats and beef cattle and
answer questions about each class.



Animal evaluation allows young people to explore animal science by learning to critically evaluate livestock project animals. Participants can learn to select both market and breeding animals based on breed character, production factors, structure and carcass desirability. Participants will get to polish their animal knowledge, gain valuable insight into what the judge is thinking during classes and win fun prizes!

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION CLOSER TO FAIR WEEK!

**Friday, August 1st
10:00 a.m.
Show Arena**



PEDAL PULL

Gene Deubner, Superintendent

Rules:

1. Sign up starts at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pedal Pull starts at 10:00 a.m.
3. NPPR official decisions on judging rules and results are final.
4. Parents must enter child and sign liability release form.
5. NPPR reserves the right to limit the number of entries per class.
6. Entrants ride only tractors and pull skid supplied by NPPR.
7. 1st and 2nd puller in each class will be asked to repull if the weights or course are altered.
8. Pull can be resumed if foot slips off pedal.
9. No standing up to pedal.
10. No hooking feet under pedals.
11. No backing up or jerking the skid chain.
12. Tractor leaving track boundaries ends the pull.
13. Stopped forward motion ends the pull.

**Friday, August 1, 2025
10:00 a.m. ~ Implement Row**

Age categories:

5-6 years Girls & Boys

7-8 years Girls & Boys

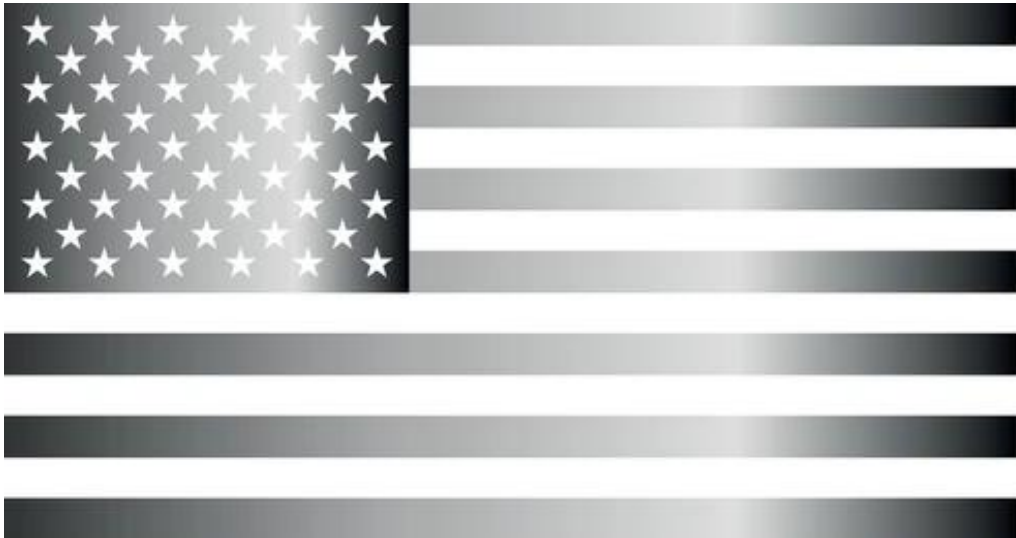
9-10 years Girls & Boys

11-12 years Girls & Boys

New location for pedal pull – Implement Row!

**Sponsored by:
Cass County Tractor Pullers**

WRIGHT POLE BUILDINGS



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Jason Wright, Managing Member
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2025 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GROUND

Co-Chairs: Daryl Keesler

1. All persons involved in the following will be expelled from the grounds, may not be readmitted, and will be subject to prosecution to the full extent of the law
 - a. Fence jumpers, gatecrashers and other trespassers
 - b. Persons passing fair passes through fences or by other means to the outside.
 - c. Possession of marijuana and/or other illegal drugs.
 - d. Vandalism to or larceny from vehicles, buildings, tents, displays, other property or persons.
 - e. Fights or disorderly persons.
 - f. All illegal activity.
- g. **Disobeying 11:30 p.m. fairgrounds curfew for all youth 17 and under unless accompanied by an adult.**
2. No unauthorized persons are allowed in barns, exhibit areas or midway after closing.
3. No alcoholic beverages allowed on grounds *except those purchased and consumed in designated beer garden area only.*
4. Overnight parking or sleeping on the fairgrounds is not allowed except for:
 - a. Carnival workers in their designated areas.
 - b. Campers in camping section.
 - c. Security and fire personnel – in the special camping section.
 - d. Emergency or special cases, i.e. vehicle breakdown, etc. These must be cleared through the Cass County Mounted Division office.
5. Dogs are not allowed on the fairgrounds Saturday before the fair through Saturday of the fair, and will not be allowed in camping areas, unless entered in and participating at shows or exhibitions, or leashed in the designated areas.
6. Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, scooters or any motor driven cycles are not allowed on the fairgrounds. They must be parked in designated fenced areas located at the entrance gates. The only exceptions to this rule are motorcycle type vehicles used for security or fair business designated by a fair director. Persons having exhibits or concessions are not considered on fair business.
7. **No “golf carts”** allowed on the grounds, except for directors and their spouses, emergency personnel and others authorized by permit from the Fair Board.
8. Persons handicapped and/or disabled will be allowed to have battery-powered wheelchairs and/or battery powered three-wheeled scooters.

CAMPING

Co-Chairs: Mike Smego & Jerry Zachary

1. **ALL CAMPERS / RV'S MUST BE ACCESSIBLE FOR QUICK HOOK-UP AND REMOVAL, PER FIRE MARSHALL.**
2. 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.

3. Campsites must have adult supervision at all times.
4. Campers will be allowed on grounds after Thursday noon, prior to fair week at an additional charge of \$30.00 per day Thursday & Friday.
 - a. Any camper on grounds before noon on Thursday without *PRIOR* approval of camping committee will result in a penalty charge of \$40.00 plus the per day charge.)
 - b. All “early in’s” will check in and pay at the North Gate. Do **NOT** go directly to the campsite.

Early in hours: Thursday – 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
5. One immediate family unit (camper or tent) per campsite. Screen tents / shelters are allowed for storage, dining, etc., but not sleeping. **Person renting camp lot must be person staying at campsite.**
6. Only one vehicle with sticker will be allowed at campsite. All other vehicles are to be parked in the parking lot.
7. ALL campers must be parked in the camp lots parallel to burn marks (not vertical or on an angle unless approved by camp committee).
8. ANY DUMPING OF GRAY WATER OR WASTE WATER ON GROUND
9. Keep grounds neat and clean around camper. Trash receptacles (barrels) will not be placed in the camping area and should not be moved there. Campers are responsible for disposal of trash in designated dumpster containers.
10. Quiet hours: 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Any camper or campers may be asked to leave for being disorderly.
11. **Absolutely no early** removal of campers unless authorized by camp committee. (This can result in forfeiting your camp lot.)
12. All campers are to be off of the fairgrounds by Sunday (end of the fair week).
13. **Campsite Renewal Registration** – Monday through Saturday of the fair, at the fair office – deadline is 9:00 p.m. Renewal fee for all campsites includes two (2) season passes.
14. **NO CAMP FIRES OF ANY KIND, PER FIRE MARSHALL.**
15. Any camper not following the above rules is subject to being re-tagged, which will affect their eligibility for campsite renewal.

CAMP

Co-Chairs: Mike Smego & Jerry Zachary

1. **NOTICE:** The camping fee for a campsite at the Cass County Fair includes two season passes. All campers must provide a season pass or the regular admission price in order to gain admittance onto the fairgrounds.
2. **Campsite registration for sites available, and not renewed during the previous fair** will be done by lottery at 9:00 a.m. the last Saturday of June. Immediately before the drawing, those wishing to rent a site will be given a number (one number per family). At 9:00 a.m. a number will be randomly selected to determine who has first choice of available sites. Additional numbers will be randomly selected until all available campsites are taken or all present at 9:00 a.m. have selected a campsite. Those arriving after 9:00 a.m. will wait to select a number until

all those present at 9:00 a.m. have selected campsites, as available.

3. **There is a \$50 registration fee (cash only) to sign up for the lottery. This fee will go toward the purchase of the lot. Can only sign up once for the lottery.**
4. Must be at least 18-years-old to register for a lot.
5. Photo ID is required to register for lottery.
6. Person registering or authorized representative must be present at the time of the drawing. (This means authorized by the fair office PRIOR to the lottery.) If you are not present for the drawing, your deposit is non-refundable.
7. If your name is drawn in the lottery and you do not want a lot, you will forfeit your deposit.
8. No switching, changing or reselling of lots is permitted. Original purchaser of lot must notify the camping committee by June 16 of their intention not to use the campsite to obtain a refund, so it can be resold at open registration.
 - a. If you would like to change your existing lot, you must have your name in the drawing. If your name is drawn and you decide not to switch, your money will not be refunded.
9. Fair Board members are allowed one lot only, before registration.
10. Superintendents will be in a separate lottery once starting in 2016.
11. One (1) campsite will be allowed per family.
12. It is the camper's responsibility to see that the camper or unit fits within the designated camping area before renting.
13. The Cass County Fair Association is not responsible for any electrical service over 30 amperes for campers.
14. In the event that no lots are available in the drawing, the remaining names will be placed on a waiting list through the beginning of the fair. If at that time, you did not receive a lot, a refund will be issued by August 15th. Refunds will only be issued if you did not receive a lot.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

1. **NOTICE:** All vendors / commercial exhibitors are reminded that the contracting of space does not allow for gate admittance to the Cass County Fair. Vendor / commercial exhibitors are provided a specific number of service passes, as noted in their rental contract. Each service pass allows one person unlimited access to the fair. If you need additional passes for people to assist you with your booth activities, 4 additional passes may be purchased at \$20 each. No persons affiliated with a vendor / commercial exhibitor will be allowed admittance without a pass or the payment of the regular admission price. No refunds will be made to those people not having their pass upon entry. No passes may be left at the ticket gates. Vendors / commercial exhibitors are responsible for distributing passes to workers / volunteers in advance of entry to the fair.
2. Any vendor or solicitor on the fairgrounds shall have contracted for space and shall confine himself to the space assigned. Failure to do so will subject him to forfeiture of his privilege.
3. All food concessions will be governed by Michigan Department of Agriculture Regulation No. 445 enacted February 18, 1981. Copies available at the secretary's office.
4. All concessionaires shall post in a conspicuous manner at the front entrance of place of business a sign showing the price to be

charged for rides, meals, lunches, drinks, or other articles offered for sale.

5. All people serving food must show insurance or sign a release of liability.
6. Booth construction will not restrict the view of adjacent booth. Four (4) feet in height or see-through material could be used. The sidewall height is limited to four feet unless see-through material is used.
7. Loudspeakers or amplifiers must meet the approval of the executive committee.

GENERAL

1. The association will carefully preserve all articles and protect all livestock on exhibition during the fair, as far as possible, but will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur.
2. Persons having claims against the association must present them at the secretary's office by Saturday (end of fair week), before 6:00 p.m.
3. **EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY:** Every person who is subject to these rules herewith exempts and discharges the Cass County Fair Board, its agents, servants and employees, from liability for any loss, damage or injury to himself or to his property whether caused by the said board, its agents, servants and employee, or by any other cause.
4. The fair has legal authority to require 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."

APPEALS & COMPLAINTS

1. A fair participant or visitor compelled to bring a complaint regarding conflict of interest, disqualification, another fairgoer, exhibitor, group leader or superintendent's behavior, or eligibility shall make a formal complaint to the Cass County Fair Processes & Appeals committee at the time of the incident or no later than 10 days following the end of the fair. All complaints will be referred to an appointed Review Committee, which shall review the complaint with interested parties and give all involved parties an opportunity to submit evidence. The Board will then take action based on the findings and evidence presented.

Complainant may file an appeal to the Department of Agriculture within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the complainant is not satisfied with the association's action. The Department of Agriculture shall have 60 days after receipt of an 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.



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General Youth Exhibitor Rules

It is the responsibility of all exhibitors and the parents/guardians/responsible persons of each exhibitor to read and comply with all the Cass County Fair General Rules and General Youth Exhibitor Rules set out in this Fair Book.

1. The act of entering an animal exhibit, or still exhibit, is the giving of consent by the exhibitor, and their parent/guardian, or responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the Cass County Fair Association, for violation of any rules and/or regulations stated within this Cass County Fair Book, without recourse. In addition, the act of entering an exhibit in the Cass County Fair is the giving of verification by the exhibitor, and their parent/guardian, or responsible person that he or she has read the Cass County Fair Book and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the rules and regulations stated in this Fair Book. It is further consented that any action that contravenes these rules and regulations and is also in violation of federal or state statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
2. All classes in the following Youth Department sections are open to all boys and girls living in Cass County and/or belonging to a volunteer youth group in Cass County that have reached the age of seven (7) by January 1st of the current year through the age of nineteen (19) by January 1st of the current year, except in designated livestock departments and subject to the following:
 - a. All requirements of the Michigan Persons With Disabilities Civil Rights Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and all other applicable laws.
 - b. All youth exhibiting at the Cass County Fair will be required to declare county of residency or proof of membership in a volunteer club if they do not belong to a Cass County 4-H club. Contact the MSU Extension office at 269-445-4438 to make sure your volunteer youth group participation is acceptable.
 - c. For information on joining 4-H, contact the MSU Extension office at 120 N. Broadway, Suite 116, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031. Phone 269-445-4438.
 - d. See each livestock department for age limitations showing livestock.
3. Youth and/or exhibit (includes livestock) entering in any other fair that requires housing or boarding of youth or livestock (or exhibit) for more than one (1) day, prior to or during the Cass County Fair are ineligible to show at the Cass County Fair except:
 - a. Jackpot shows and open shows are excluded from this rule.
 - b. MLE is excluded from this rule.
4. Class placement will be determined by the exhibitor's age as of January 1st of the current calendar year.
5. All projects must be pre-registered on-line by midnight, June 17th in order to exhibit at the Cass County Fair. **There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. Exhibitors must have taken an active part in the production of the project from which the exhibit is selected, and be able to submit evidence to this effect if requested. Violation of rules will not be tolerated. Disciplinary actions may include removal of awards, expulsion from the fairgrounds and/or not being allowed to exhibit at future Cass County Fairs.
7. The Cass County Fair Association expects courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and attendants. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show managers, staff, superintendents, or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.
8. **Code of Conduct.** The following conduct by an exhibitor or an exhibitor's parents/guardians/responsible persons are PROHIBITED:
 - a. Disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike behavior.
 - b. Profanity, vulgarity or lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or communications made physically, verbally, in print or electronically that is directed at any exhibitor, attendee, or office/employee of the Cass County Fair Association (Fair).
 - c. Physical abuse or conduct that threatens or endangers the health, safety and/or well-being of any person/animal.
 - d. Any verbal or physically threatening or assaultive conduct directed toward any person(s).
 - e. Theft or malicious damage, or destruction of property of any person or the Fair.
 - f. Possession, use or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, or marijuana in any form.
 - g. Unauthorized entry use or occupancy of any Fair facility.
 - h. Conduct that threatens or interferes with the maintenance of appropriate order and discipline of Fair activities or business or invades the rights of others.
 - i. Dishonesty in connection with any event by cheating or knowingly furnishing false information.
 - j. Obstruction or disruption of any Fair event/activity or aiding or encouraging other persons to engage in such conduct.
 - k. Failure to comply with the directions of Fair officials and event superintendents.
 - l. Failure to comply with still exhibit, horse and livestock check out procedures.
 - m. Undermining the authority of Fair officials, including event superintendents.
 - n. Failure to comply with dress code.
 - o. Possession or the use of firecrackers, gun powder, firearms (except for firearms in authorized events), chemicals or other materials

that can be used to create an explosion or cause harm to others.

- p. Misuse, reckless or negligent handling or use of authorized firearms.
- q. Misuse or false use of fire alarms or fire suppression equipment.
- r. Failure to have parent/guardian/responsible person adult supervision overnight on the campgrounds.

9. **Penalties.** Failure to comply with any provision(s) of the Code of Conduct may result in:

- a. Reduction or suspension of privileges at the Fair.
- b. Removal from the Cass County Fairgrounds. In the case of youth, the parent(s)/guardian(s)/responsible person(s) will be contacted to arrange transportation home.
- c. Disqualification from all current Fair events and/or future Fair events.
- d. Such additional penalties as may be determined by the Cass County Fair Board.
- e. Enforcement of this Code of Conduct does not waive the Fair Board's right to enforce penalties or pursue additional civil relief.
- f. In some cases, the Fair may report an incident to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

10. **Procedural Process for filing a Code of Conduct complaint.**

Exhibitors, members, leaders, volunteers, Fair officials (superintendents, Fair Board members, fair staff, etc.) and/or parents/guardians/responsible persons of exhibitors must first notify an event superintendent of a complaint. If the complaint cannot be immediately resolved by the event superintendent, the complainant(s) may file a written complaint with the Fair Board immediately but no later than 10 (ten) calendar days after the date of the close of the Fair. If a complaint involves serious acts of misconduct, a complaint may be filed immediately and directly with the Fair Board. A complainant must sign and date the written complaint and state in the complaint the specific Code of Conduct violation(s), the facts supporting the complaint, and list witnesses and attach all materials or documents that support the complaint. A written complaint may be sent to other applicable parties or agencies. Anyone against whom a complaint is filed will be provided a copy of the complaint. The Fair Board will: review the complaint in a closed meeting, which all parties involved may attend and present any facts or arguments; investigate the complaint; determine whether sufficient evidence exists to support the complaint; and, if applicable, assess any one or more of the appropriate penalties set out in the Rules. Depending on the circumstances, one or more penalties may be assessed against an exhibitor or the parents, guardians or responsible persons of the exhibitor. After the appropriate penalty has been determined, the Fair Board will notify the parties involved of the Board's findings and penalty, penalties assessed, if any within five (5) calendar days of the date of the Fair Board's decision. The person(s) receiving the penalty/penalties has the right to grieve the penalty. See Appeal Procedure below.

11. **Appeal Procedure.** Exhibitors, and/or parents/guardians/responsible persons have the right to appeal the Fair Board's

assessment of a penalty or penalties according to the following process: (1) the person(s) penalized has forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the complaint was filed with the Fair Board to file an appeal with the Michigan Department of Agriculture; (2) the Department of Agriculture has sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of an appeal to investigate the appeal and issue its findings, recommendations, or actions.

12. **Dress Code.** Your appearance is important as to how the public views both our program and our members. You are expected to dress appropriately throughout your fair week experience.

Guidelines for appropriate dress:

- a. Conspicuously thin garments; bare midriffs and muscle shirts are not acceptable.
- b. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, short shorts and mini-skirts are not acceptable.
- c. No exposed undergarments are permitted.
- d. Shirts should be collared during shows & exhibitions.
- e. Pants must be appropriately fitted and should be clean. No sags.
- f. Clothing displaying profanity or vulgar suggestions will not be permitted.
- g. Appropriate footwear is required including leather and closed-toe shoes where necessary for the safety of exhibitor.
- h. Cell phones and other personal electronic devices should not be present on the exhibitor when showing or selling.
- i. Any other items of clothing or decoration which impede the exhibitor's vision (sunglasses), hearing or mobility or which may distract the exhibited animal will not be allowed.

Event superintendents will have the discretion to determine appropriate attire under, and enforce, the Dress Code.

- 13. Judging – Exhibits will be placed A, B, C. Blue (A) ribbons will be awarded to those who do outstanding work; red (B) ribbons to those who do good work; and white (C) ribbons to those who do fair work. **There will be no premiums awarded.**
- 14. Exhibitors should follow Cass County 4-H project guidelines available at the MSU Extension office. If fair book regulations or 4-H project guidelines are not followed, grades may be lowered at the judge's decision.
- 15. No awards will be made for inferior work based on the judge's decision.
- 16. The Fair Board reserves the right to reject any exhibit deemed unworthy.
- 17. **Judge's decision is final.**
- 18. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one entry per project section area, except in Department H – Livestock, where each exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) entries per class; and except as otherwise provided in specific departments and/or sections.
- 19. No displays (including livestock), other than those provided for in the following fair book, will be accepted for exhibit or awards, unless prior approval by Fair Board.

Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules

(Rules & Regulations for Youth Livestock Exhibition)

Exhibitors of livestock at the Cass County Fair shall at all times present themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standard of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. These guidelines apply to all exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition.

All Fair Board members, superintendents, MSU Extension staff, key leaders, 4-H leaders, youth leaders, project leaders, FFA advisors, parents, and guardians working with all exhibitors, are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than 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.

1. **THERE WILL BE NO PREMIUMS FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS.**
2. Make sure you have read and understand **all** the Youth Exhibitor Rules. All livestock to be exhibited at the fair must adhere to the following possession dates:
 - a. All Beef and dairy beef steers – first Saturday in December prior to the fair
 - b. Dogs - June 15
 - c. Dairy Feeder Steers - third Saturday of April
 - d. Dairy, Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine – May 1
 - e. Beef Feeders and Beef Breeding Stock – first Saturday in May
 - f. Breed rabbits – June 1
 - g. Cats – June 15
 - h. Market rabbits – July 1
 - i. Poultry - first Sunday in July
3. All Market Beef, Beef Feeder Steers, Dairy Feeder Steers, Market Lambs, Market Rabbits, Swine, and Market Goats will be required to attend the respective animal validations (see schedule below) in order to obtain a show specific tattoo/tag and be assigned a number and/or picture identification.
 - a. All validations will take place on the Cass County fairgrounds.
 - b. No market animal will be allowed as an exhibit at the fair unless it was validated and properly identified during the official validation for that specie. In case of extenuating circumstances, exhibitors are to contact the respective superintendent **prior to** the validation date for other arrangements.
4. Mandatory validation dates (tagging and/or tattooing):
 - a. All Market Beef – the first Saturday in December prior to the fair – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Beef Feeder Calves – first Saturday in May (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
 - c. Dairy Feeder Steers – third Saturday in April (10:00 – 1:00 p.m.)
 - d. Sheep – first Saturday in May– 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the following Sunday, – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- e. Market Goats – first Saturday in May – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the following Sunday – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- f. All Swine – First Saturday in May (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- g. **Market Rabbits** – First Saturday after July 4. 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OR** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

All Breed Rabbits, Showmanship & Cloverbud/Pee Wee – First Sunday after June 1, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OR** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

5. All exhibitors (livestock and still exhibit) must complete the Fair Entry Form (link on Cass County Fair website) by midnight, June 17th. No paper entries will be accepted. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
6. **Livestock over and underweight limits: Livestock MUST be at this weight (Showmanship Minimum) or above to remain on the fairgrounds for the week of fair at weight in. ALL animals that exhibit potential health or wellness concerns at check-in at the arrival on the fairgrounds will be subject to evaluation by a veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Specie	Showmanship Max #	Market & Auction Max	Market & Auction Min	Showmanship Min#
Mkt Beef Steer	No Max	1600	950	855
Beef Feeder Steer	No Max	600	250	225
Dairy Mkt Steer	No Max	1800	1200	1080
Dairy Feeder Steer	No Max	650	400	360
Mkt Swine	No Max	290	230	210
Mkt Lambs	No Max	No Max	90	80
Mkt Goats	No Max	No Max	40	35

7. Light horse exhibitors must complete the Cass County Fair horse online Horse ID Sheet no later than June 17 with current negative Coggins test. **Late registrations will not be accepted.**
8. All Cloverbud/Pee Wee livestock exhibitors must complete the Cass County Fair on-line identification sheet by June 17th.
9. All Cat & Dog Exhibitors must complete the Cass County Fair on-line identification sheets by June 17th.
10. See individual livestock divisions for changes in ages (pee wee/Cloverbud) for eligible exhibitors.
11. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Market livestock exhibitors must be the owner of the animal(s) being exhibited. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
12. Animals shall be presented to the Cass County Fair where they will enter the food chain free of *violative drug residues*. The use of any drug or chemical compound that is *not approved* by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat animals is prohibited. The *illegal administration of approved drugs and compounds* is also prohibited. The act of entering an animal in the Cass County Fair is the giving of, consent by the exhibitor for fair management, FDA and/or USDA to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, tissue, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. A positive test will result in disqualification. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility for any violation of regulations related to drugs and medications to include withdrawal times and condemnation of carcasses

due to drug rule/regulations violations. The exhibitor shall be held directly responsible for auction animals that are rejected at a processing center due to the presence of foreign residues. The seller shall be liable to the buyer in accordance with the law. If, for any reason, any part of a meat animal carcass must be removed by the FDA or USDA inspectors, the market price of the animal will be discounted.

13. Any or all animals that are aggressive or have shown aggressive action in the past: i.e. kicking, biting, rearing or butting may be barred from being shown on the fairgrounds in all classes.
14. Only livestock to be shown may be housed at the fair (exceptions: doe and kid, cow and calf, or mare and foal).
15. All livestock will be inspected by the specie superintendent during unloading. A veterinarian will be on-call in case of any questionable animal condition and will walk through the barns after all animals have been stalled in order to observe the animals.
16. Animals will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the fair. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS BEFORE 7:00 A.M.** All animals are to be in place by 2:00 p.m.
17. Weigh-in schedule for Sunday of the fair. These weights will be used to assign the exhibits to weight classes for the show and selling weights for the auction:
 - a. All Market Beef & Beef Feeder Steers – during check-in 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Dairy Feeder Steers – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. before you enter the barn.
 - c. Goats – during check-in 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - d. Swine – during check-in – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - e. Sheep – during check-in – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - f. Rabbits – during check-in – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - g. Poultry – during check-in – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
14. All livestock must be dehorned, except junior calves and some breed class goats – see goat section rules for complete rule.
15. No unaltered males, except beef bull calves born after January 1 of the current year, dogs, rabbits and poultry will be allowed at the fair. (Stallion foals at their mother's side will also be allowed.)
16. Any surgical procedure, artificial fill, or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
17. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
18. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair management, superintendents, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, superintendents, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and

respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

19. Showmanship participants will receive 1-6 place ribbons; beginning showmanship participants not receiving a 1-6 place ribbon will receive a participation ribbon; no premiums are paid for showmanship classes. Market livestock participants will receive 1-6 place ribbons in sub-weight classes.
20. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal for both showmanship and species classes. Showing exception is made in a species class where more than one animal is shown, exhibitor is absent due to illness or exhibitor is showing in concurrent class: Second animal is shown by another exhibitor or someone eligible to show in the youth department.
 - a. Exhibitor must notify the respective superintendent that a substitute will be exhibiting his/her animals.
 - b. Substitute exhibitor must wear correct ID number of the exhibitor.
21. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the Cass County Fair is prohibited. At all times that grooming is taking place, the exhibitor is expected to be present and actively participate in the process. Any individual who is not directly and actively involved in the Cass County Fair program is prohibited from grooming or otherwise preparing the exhibitor's livestock project for show during fair week. Approved persons to assist with the actual grooming of an animal include: the exhibitor of the animal, other current exhibitors at the Cass County Fair, current Cass County 4-H leaders and FFA Advisors and/or immediate family members of the exhibitors. Resource personnel (excluding professionals as stated above) may be used to verbally instruct the youth or approved persons while grooming is taking place, approval should be given by superintendents for any involvement of resource personnel. Resource personnel in violation of this rule may be asked to leave the grooming/barn area per the direction of the superintendent. Other violations of this rule, as determined by the Fair Board may result in action taken by the Cass County Fair (i.e. the disqualification of the animal(s), exhibitor may not be allowed to show in that species in the upcoming year(s) or the auction sale price of the animal (excluding resale) may be forfeited by the exhibitor). When appropriate, the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animal(s) will not be sold at the auction. If a violation or infraction is under review following the conclusion of the fair, it is up to fair board to determine what actions should be taken at that time. (Adopted 10/14/2015)
22. Any questions, (or when in doubt), regarding the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique, the exhibitor *must* consult the appropriate livestock superintendent for approval, prior to using the technique.
23. All livestock exhibitors are responsible for attending or completing any mandatory educational programs, certifications, tests, evaluation books and/or workouts as outlined in the fair book and coordinated by specie superintendents.
24. No animal may be shown in both breeding classes and market classes.
25. Showmanship contest is open to all youth exhibiting an animal in a breeding, market or performance class.

26. Any market or breeding class animals that enter the fairgrounds, upon entering the show ring, must complete the entire show through the Grand Champion drive/placing.
27. **It is a violation for any person(s) to remove an animal/project from the fairgrounds, before 6:00 a.m. Sunday after fair without prior approval of the Fair Board.** Further, animals for resale will not be marked prior to 9:00 p.m. the day before (with the appropriate specie Superintendent present.). Further, commercial animal transporters will not be allowed to load until AFTER midnight. There will be NO trailers allowed on the premises during fair week and prior to 6:00 a.m. the last Sunday of fair for loadout.
28. Exhibitors must inform barn superintendent or auction office as soon as possible after the show if their market animal(s) are not to be sold in the auction.
29. The superintendent of the species has the authority to run their respective shows. They may divide classes according to weights, ages or other means for judging if necessary due to the number of exhibits in the class.
30. Exhibitors must display stall cards or signs above each of their livestock exhibits. Completed cards should be posted by 10:00 a.m. Monday of the fair and remain posted or replaced if necessary throughout fair week until the barn superintendent authorizes removal at the conclusion of the fair.
31. Herdsmanship – All exhibitors are required to keep their stalls, pens and/or cages clean and well bedded at all times. All animals are to be fed, watered, exercised and kept clean (in and out of the show ring). In order to ensure exhibitors are taking proper care of their animal(s), the superintendent(s) will be using the following Cass County Herdsmanship Policy. If any situation involving improper care is not corrected, the Fair Board may request the exhibit be removed from the fair.
 - a. Animals must be fed twice a day & watered as needed.
 - b. Stalls, pens and/or cages must be thoroughly cleaned every day by 10:00 a.m. and further manure removal as needed by 6:00 p.m. (Exception – Horse stalls and barns must be cleaned every day by 8:00 a.m.)
 - c. Failure to have animals cared for within proper time limits will result in Barn Herdsmanship notices being posted on stalls, cages and/or pens in the following sequence:
 - i. Yellow – Reminder
 - ii. Orange – Attention
 - iii. Red – Warning & Final Notice
 - d. Exhibitors receiving above notices will be required to take appropriate action as posted on the notification and return the signed notice to the superintendent.
 - e. Superintendent will be required to keep an informational log regarding all barn notices given and the actions taken.
 - f. Exhibitors failing to comply with the Herdsmanship Policy may be removed from the fairgrounds by the Fair board.
32. Barn parking will be allowed ONLY for unloading each day prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.
33. Superintendents will be allowed to post barn rules that will be clearly visible within their respective barns. These rules will be reviewed by the fair board and are to be followed by exhibitors.

PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD LIVESTOCK

1. **ALL PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD CLASSES ARE LISTED WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS –at the end of the showmanship classes.**
2. It is the intent of the Cass County Fair Association to provide an educational opportunity for youngsters ages 5 to 6 in Pee Wee/Cloverbud programs with dogs, cats, goats, sheep, rabbits, covies, poultry, swine, horses/ponies, pocket pet, dairy calves, and still exhibits classes, as specified by the following rules and department rules.
3. All Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors are required to care for their own animals at the fair.
4. All Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors are required to check-in with the Superintendent during the regular weigh-in/check-in, show date, or penning assignment time before housing the animal(s)
5. All Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors must meet possession dates, validation deadlines & requirements, on-line registration and any other requirements set forth by Fair Board.
6. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in Division 1 – Livestock. (Which means you may sign up for 2 classes.)
7. **No exhibitor may show in both the Youth Division and the Pee Wee/Cloverbud Division.**
8. Animals shown in Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes **may** be shown in Youth Division classes, (Completed permission forms must be on file with the fair office for those animals shown in both youth classes and Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes by due date.)
9. If there are limited pens/stalls available, the Pee Wee/Cloverbud livestock may not be housed during the fair week, and will only be exhibited/displayed on the show day indicated.
10. **SPECIAL NOTATION FOR HORSE EXHIBITORS. LIMITED CLASSES FOR 8 YEAR OLDS ARE LISTED UNDER DIVISION 9. YOUTH THAT ARE AGE 7 – WILL SHOW UNDER THE PEE WEE/ CLOVERBUD CLASSES FOR HORSE AND PONY ONLY, and must complete the online horse ID sheet by June 17.**

LIVESTOCK SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Performed by a veterinarian/authorized representative

NOTE: Any animal entered in any class at the fair may be subjected to drug testing at the discretion of the Fair Board / livestock superintendent. The fair's veterinarian / authorized representative may collect urine, blood, hair, tissue and/or other test samples as needed.

Prior to the fair

1. Request the animal drug testing supplies from the MDA Laboratory Division, at least thirty days prior to the event. The request must be made by mail or fax (517)337-5094. For questions or information contact Gina Dewitt, Equine Drug Testing Section at (517)203-1356 or (517)337-5082.

At the fair

1. 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".
2. 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.*
3. Record the seal number in the top right box of the sample transmittal packing list.
4. Open the container by pressing upward on the tab marked open, breaking the seal.
5. Place the container on the catching stick; fold the lid back and anchor it under the metal finger welded onto the handle.
6. If a urine sample cannot be obtained, a Michigan licensed veterinarian/veterinarian technician may collect five types 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.
7. 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 the protruding end of the plastic barbed strip and also across the lid and down the sides of the container.
8. Complete the information on a "Sample Tag" substituting the name of the fair for "Tract", the name of the animal (Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Swine, etc.) for "Horse" and the 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 "Sampled By" on the "Sample Tag".
9. 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.

10. 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.*
11. Samples must be held secure and cold until transferred to the laboratory. **NOTE:** *Urine may be frozen, blood must be kept refrigerated and never be frozen.*
12. Any discarded needles should be placed in an approved "sharps" container by the veterinarian/veterinarian technician.
13. 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. Enclose 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.

After sample collection is completed

1. Transport samples to the lab either in person or by overnight express. Arrange for 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. 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.*

2025 Health Requirements For Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

All livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development

Exhibitors can access the requirements at:

www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,1607,7-125-1571_7075---,00.html

Youth Livestock Auctions

1. **All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold at auction.** Champion and Reserve Champion market animals do not have to sell.
2. Animals to be sold through the auction must be shown in their respective market class in the youth division
3. Animals that are not well-finished will not be sold through the auction sale. The show judge will make final decision.
4. It shall be the responsibility of all exhibitors wishing to sell their animals to get their animals to the sale ring as scheduled.
5. Exhibitors must inform barn superintendent if their market animal(s) are not to be sold in the auction.
6. All animals sold at the auction will be settled for by check to the exhibitor by the Cass County Fair Association after the closing of the fair.
7. Only animals awarded an "A" or "B" ribbon will be allowed to sell at the auction.
8. Note – **auction check will be mailed to the address listed on the fair registration form.**

THURSDAY AUCTION

1. Exhibitors will be limited to a total of four (4) sale orders in the Thursday Livestock Auction. Exhibitors may sell one (1) of each specie, with the exception of beef, which can sell two (2) animals. **(Note: the only way to exceed the 4-animal sale limit is if ALL of the exhibitor's animals are chosen as Grand and Reserve Grand Champions.)**
2. Exhibitors are allowed, **but not required**, to sell Champions and Reserve Champions. If an exhibitor has a second Champion or Reserve Champion in a specie they may sell both, but they will have to eliminate another animal, or milk to remain at 4 lots.
3. Exhibitors who choose to exhibit more than one (1) animal of a particular species, with the exception of market beef, need to arrange for the return home of the additional animal after the conclusion of the fair or shipment to market. If this information is not received by the auction office by noon on Wednesday of the fair, the exhibitor is responsible to take the animal home.
4. Exhibitors must inform the auction office which animal they will be selling in the auction and the destination for the secondary animal by noon on Wednesday of the fair, with the exception of the beef species, which is allowed to sell two (2) beef animals in the sale. If an exhibitor has not informed the auction office by the deadline, the highest placing animal will automatically be included in the auction bill. If both animals have placed the same, the animal with the heaviest weight will then be sold at the auction.
5. Auction office could arrange for personal sales if interest exists. Exhibitors must make these arrangements with the auction office prior to, or immediately after the conclusion of their species show.

6. All livestock sold at the Thursday auction must be sold by the pound.
7. A three (3) percent commission will be deducted from the total sale price.

SATURDAY AUCTION

1. Exhibitors are allowed to sell 1 of each species and limited to three (3) sale orders. Example:
 - a. 1 goat and 1 rabbit and 1 poultry
2. A six (6) percent commission will be deducted from the total sale price of rabbits, poultry and goats to be used for insurance and promotion.

Thursday Sale 10:00 a.m.

Sale Order:

**Beef
Dairy Feeder
Lambs
Milk
Swine**

Saturday Sale 9:00 a.m.

Sale Order:

**Rabbits
Eggs
Poultry
Goats**

**SEE YOUTH LIVESTOCK RULES
FOR MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM
WEIGHTS FOR LIVESTOCK**

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 MARSHALL RICHEY
 MARTY & AMANDA SMEGO
 MATT & RANDI CADY & FAMILY
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DEPARTMENT 1 YOUTH DAIRY

Randy Bowman, Superintendent
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Judging – Monday, 8:00 a.m. – Show Arena

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per class and an overall limit of eight (8) animals in this division, **each listed separately on entry form. Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.**
2. An informative dairy barn rules/guidelines meeting will be held on the first Sunday of the fair at 4:00 p.m.
3. All dairy exhibitors will be required to participate in the dairy showmanship classes listed below. All showmanship participants must be present throughout the entire class.
4. All cattle participating in the Cass County Fair are required to have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture inserted in left ear.

Section A – Holstein

Class

- 101 Junior heifer calf, born after 3/1/2025
102 Intermediate heifer calf, born 12/1/2024 to 2/29/2025
103 Senior heifer calf, born 9/1/2024 to 11/30/2024
104 Junior yearling heifer, born 3/1/2024 to 8/31/2024
105 Senior yearling heifer, born 9/1/2023 to 2/28/2024
106 **Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 101-105)
107 **Reserve Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 101-105 and second place animal in Junior Champion's age class)

Class

- 108 Cow, two years old, born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
109 Cow, three years old, born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022
110 Cow, four years old, born 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021
111 Aged cow, five years or older, born before 9/1/2020
112 **Senior Champion Female**.....Rosette
(from winners of classes 108 – 111)
113 **Reserve Senior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 108 – 111 and second place animal in Senior Champion's age class)
114 **Grand Champion Holstein**..... Trophy & Rosette
(From winners of classes 106, 107, 112 & 113)
115 **Reserve Grand Champion Holstein**Trophy & Rosette
(from winners of classes 106, 107, 112, & 113, except Grand Champion animal)

Section B – Jersey

Class

- 121 Junior heifer calf, born after 3/1/2025
122 Intermediate heifer calf, born 12/1/2024 to 2/29/2025
123 Senior heifer calf, born 9/1/2024 to 11/30/2024
124 Junior yearling heifer, born 3/1/2024 to 8/31/2024
125 Senior yearling heifer, born 9/1/2023 to 2/28/2024
126 **Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 121-125)
127 **Reserve Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 121-125 and second place animal in Junior Champion's age class)

Class

- 128 Cow, two years old, born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
129 Cow, three years old, born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022
130 Cow, four years old, born 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021
131 Aged cow, five years or older, born before 9/1/2020
132 **Senior Champion Female**.....Rosette
(from winners of classes 128 – 131)
133 **Reserve Senior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 128 – 131 and second place animal in Senior Champion's age class)
134 **Grand Champion Jersey**..... Trophy & Rosette
(From winners of classes 126, 127, 132 & 133)
135 **Reserve Grand Champion Jersey**Trophy & Rosette
(from winners of classes 126, 127, 132, & 133, except Grand Champion animal)

Section C – Any Other Purebred Breed

Class

- 136 Junior heifer calf, born after 3/1/2025
137 Intermediate heifer calf, born 12/1/2024 to 2/29/2025
138 Senior heifer calf, born 9/1/2024 to 11/30/2024
139 Junior yearling heifer, born 3/1/2024 to 8/31/2024
140 Senior yearling heifer, born 9/1/2023 to 2/28/2024
141 **Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 136-140)
142 **Reserve Junior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 136-140 and second place animal in Junior Champion's age class)

Class

- 143 Cow, two years old, born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
144 Cow, three years old, born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022
145 Cow, four years old, born 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021
146 Aged cow, five years or older, born before 9/1/2020
147 **Senior Champion Female**.....Rosette
(from winners of classes 143 – 146)
148 **Reserve Senior Champion Female** Rosette
(from winners of classes 143 – 146 and second place animal in Senior Champion class)
149 **Grand Champion Any Other**..... Trophy & Rosette
(From winners of classes 141-142, 147-148)

- 150 **Reserve Grand Champion Any Other**Trophy & Rosette
(from winners of classes 141-142, 147-148, except Grand Champion animal)

Section D – Combined Classes, All Breeds

Class

- 151 Best three females, owned by one exhibitor.
152 Produce of dam, two females from the same dam, owned by one exhibitor.
153 Dam & daughter, owned by one exhibitor
154 **Best individual udder.....**Trophy & Rosette
Lactating animals only – NO DRY COWS

Section E – Dairy Showmanship

Judging – Monday, 8:00 a.m. – Show Arena

Trophy & 6 Rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 161 Senior Showmanship, 16 & older
162 Intermediate Showmanship, 13-15
163 Junior Showmanship, 10-12
164 Beginner Showmanship, 7-9
165 **Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Showmanship...**
.....Trophy and Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 161- 164 and 2nd place showman of class where champion is picked)

Winner of this class will go on to compete as the dairy representative in Showmanship Sweepstakes

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will award show halters to the winners of each of the showmanship classes (not including Pee Wee/Cloverbud).

Pee Wee / Cloverbud Dairy Showmanship

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud age for dairy showmanship will be 5-6 years.
3. Dairy exhibitors will be allowed to show either their own **junior, intermediate or senior aged heifer calf**, or an animal from another exhibitor that was shown in either class 101, 102, 103, 121, 122, 123, 136, 137 or 138..

Class

- 180 Dairy heifer calf

DEPARTMENT 2 YOUTH DAIRY FEEDER STEER

Vicki Schoetzow, Superintendent
Nick Dussel, Don Irwin, Tracie Irwin, Jimmy Strukel
Assistant Superintendents

Weigh-In - Sunday, during check-in
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Dairy Feeder Barn
Judging – Monday, 3:30 p.m. – Show Arena

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. Dairy Feeder Steers must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor no later than the third Saturday in April of the current year.
2. Dairy Feeder Steers must be 100% dairy breeding.
3. Dairy Feeder Steers must be validated and weighed the third Saturday of April. Times will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cass County fairgrounds. **All Dairy Feeder Steers must be vaccinated for respiratory diseases at validation for a small fee.**
4. All youth will be required to pay a \$10.00 exhibitor fee. Fee will be deducted from exhibitor's auction check.
5. Dairy Feeder Steers must be tagged with Cass County Fair tags on the validation day.
6. **Dairy Feeder Steers must weigh between 400-650 lbs. at fair weigh-in to be sold in the auction or to be considered for champions. They must weigh at least 360 pounds at check-in to remain on the fairgrounds.**
7. Exhibitors may show two (2) Dairy Feeder Steers, of which only one (1) may sell through the livestock auction. (*Exception* – if one exhibitor would have both the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, both animals must be sold at the auction). **Each animal must be listed separately on entry form.**
8. Dairy Feeder Steers must be castrated (must be banded/castrated, not clamped) and if they had horns, must be dehorned, no later than June 1 of the current calendar year. In the event of regrowth, absolutely no horns or scurs longer than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch will be allowed at the fair.
9. **Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors** in the Dairy Feeder division. ***Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.***
10. **No fans allowed in the aisles during the fair.**
11. All cattle participating in the Cass County Fair are required to have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag approved by MDARD inserted in left ear.
12. All dairy feeders must be house in the dairy feeder barn.

Section A – Dairy Feeder Steer

Class

- 201 Dairy Feeder Steer
- 202 **Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Dairy Feeder Steer**.....Rosette to each
- 203 **Champion & Reserve Champion Light Medium-weight Dairy Feeder Steer**..... Rosette to each
- 204 **Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Dairy Feeder Steer**.....Rosette to each
- 205 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavy Medium-weight Dairy Feeder Steer**..... Rosette to each
- 206 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Dairy Feeder Steer**Rosette to each
- 207 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer**.....Trophy & Rosette to each
(first place steers from classes 202-206 and second place animal in class where Grand Champion is picked)

Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in up to fifteen (15) weight groups.

Charlie Dohm Memorial Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer

- 225 **Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Steer Showmanship**.....Trophy & Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 221, 222, 223, 224 and 2nd place showman in the class where Champion is picked)
Winner of this class will go on to compete in Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Section B – Rate-of-Gain

- Official beginning weights will be recorded at the countywide weigh-in, held at the Cass County fairgrounds.
- Placing will be as follows (ADG = Average Daily Gain) determined in pounds:
 - 2.25 ADG & over.....A premium
 - 1.80– 2.24 ADGB premium
 - 1.79 ADG & under.....C premium
- Official ending weights will be determined at weigh-in for the animals that have completed the possession /validation and tagging requirements, and are exhibited at the current fair.
- Animals must be listed separately on entry form.**

Class

- 211 Dairy Feeder Steer Rate-of-Gain
- 212 **Champion Dairy Feeder Steer Rate-of-Gain**.....Trophy & Rosette
- 213 **Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Steer Rate-of-Gain**.....Trophy & Rosette

Section C – Dairy Feeder Steer Showmanship

Trophy and 6 rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 221 Senior Showmanship, 16 and over
- 222 Intermediate Showmanship, 13-15
- 223 Junior Showmanship, 10-12
- 224 Beginner Showmanship, 7-9



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DEPARTMENT 3 YOUTH BEEF

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Check-In – Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Between Beef Barns

Judging – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – Show Arena

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. All cattle participating in the Cass County Fair are required to have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag approved by MDARD inserted in left ear.
2. Exhibitors must have reached the minimum age of nine (9) through the age of nineteen (19) by January 1 of the current year to enter cattle in Sections A – Beef Breeding Stock, B – Beef Market Cattle, and C – Dairy Market Steers. Exhibitors must have reached the minimum age of seven (7) through the age of nineteen (19) by January 1 of the current year to enter cattle in Section D – Beef Feeder Calves and specifically Class 309/310 of Section A – Beef Breeding Stock.
3. Exhibitors will be limited to two (2) entries per class, each listed separately on entry form with the following limitations: A combined total of two (2) entries total from Section B – Beef Market Cattle and Section C – Dairy Market Steers. Two (2) entries total from Section D – Beef Feeder Calves. Six (6) entries total from Section A – Beef Breeding Stock, and an overall limit of eight (8) animals in Department 3. **Each animal must be listed separately on entry form.**
 - a. **Seven- and eight-year-olds are limited to two (2) beef cattle total at the fair. They may show two (2) Breeding Stock (class 309); two (2) Beef Feeders; or one (1) Beef Feeder and one (1) Beef Breeding Stock (class 309).**
4. **All Beef Cattle** must be unloaded from trailers and taken directly to scales for check-in, health inspection and weigh-in on the first Sunday of the fair, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **DO NOT TAKE CATTLE INTO BARNs UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN CHECKED IN.** Any cattle with a *questionable health issue or status* shall be sent immediately back to their respective trailer until such time as they may be examined by the Cass County Fair veterinarian.
5. All exhibitors & parents are to meet on Sunday at 3:00 p.m., for the beef cattle meeting held at the barns.
6. Beef Breeding Stock sign-in shall be held immediately following the beef meeting. All Beef Breeding Stock exhibitors & parents need to be present with completed cattle records and information (breed, birthdate, sire, class, type, *example: cow, calf, heifer*).
7. No grooming chutes in the barns. Grooming chutes will NOT be allowed in beef weigh-in area, between the two (2) beef barns, until after 3:00 p.m. Sunday of the fair.
8. Fans will not be allowed behind the cattle or in the aisles unless suspended overhead.

9. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to read and familiarize themselves with the Cass County Fair Beef Barn Rules. Beef Barn Rules are posted in the Beef Barns and/or available from the Beef Superintendents.
10. Generators will not be allowed during the entire week of fair.

Section A – Beef Breeding Stock

(Section includes all purebred beef breeds and all crossbreeds)

1. All Beef Breeding Stock must be owned, and in the possession of the exhibitor, with a numbered farm ear tag ID, no later than the first Saturday in May of the current year. Forms need to be turned into the Extension office (or superintendent) by the first Friday in May.
2. Only two (2) entries per class. Maximum of six (6) breeding animals allowed in this section.
3. If a calf is shown as part of class 301, it may also be entered and shown in class 309. A cow may be entered either in class 301 or 303, **but not both.**

Class

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| 301 | Cow, with natural calf at side, calved after Jan. 1 of the current year. | |
| 302 | Champion & Res. Cow with Calf..... | Rosette to each |
| 303 | Cow, 2 years of age or older | |
| 304 | Champion & Reserve Cow | Rosette to each |

Class

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| 305 | Yearling heifer, less than two years of age and born prior to 6/30 of the previous year | |
| 306 | Champion & Reserve Yearling Heifer..... | Rosette to each |
| <i>Class</i> | | |
| 307 | Summer yearling heifer, calved between 7/1 and 12/31/previous year | |
| 308 | Champion & Reserve Summer Yearling Heifer | Rosette to each |
| 309 | Junior calf (any sex) calved after 1/1 of the current year | |
| 310 | Champion & Reserve Junior Calf..... | Rosette to each |
| 311 | Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Stock | Trophy & Rosette to each |

Placings 1-6 will be given to each breeding stock class.

Section B – Beef Market Cattle

1. All Beef Market Cattle must be owned, and in the possession of the exhibitor, no later than Beef weigh-in, before the upcoming fair. All Beef Market Cattle must be brought to the Cass County Fairgrounds with completed Beef Market Cattle Validation Form, and enroll in the rate-of-gain program, and have official ear tag IDs inserted, on the first Saturday of December (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. before the upcoming fair. All Beef Steers must be **dehorned and castrated prior to validation.**
2. Only two (2) entries per class allowed, maximum of two (2) animals total in Sections B and C.
3. Classes 321-322 – Any animals containing any beef breeding.
4. Beef Market Cattle weighing less than **950** pounds and more than **1600** pounds are eligible to show, but cannot compete for

champions or be sold in the auction. Beef Market Cattle weighing less than **855** pounds at weigh in will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. *Miniature Beef Cattle are exempt from weight restrictions.*

5. Beef Market Cattle must have adequate finish to produce a desirable carcass for slaughter, or they will be ineligible to sell in the auction. This is to be determined by the judge and/or superintendent on show day.
6. Exhibitors may sell a maximum of two (2) Market Beef sale orders, in any combination coming from Section B – Beef Market Cattle and Section C – Dairy Market Steers, only. Exhibitors who sell two (2) Market Beef sale orders will be limited to **no more than four (4) total sale orders in the Thursday Livestock Auction.**
7. Purebred market cattle will be shown by breed.

Class

- 321 Beef Market Cattle
 - 322 Miniature Beef Market Cattle
 - 323 **Champion & Reserve Miniature Beef Mkt ...Rosette to each**
 - 324 **Champion & Reserve Market HeiferRosette to each**
 - 325 **Champion & Reserve Lightweight Beef Market Steer**
.....Rosette to each
 - 326 **Champion & Reserve Light Medium Weight Beef Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 327 **Champion & Reserve Medium Weight Beef Market Steer**
.....Rosette to each
 - 328 **Champion & Reserve Heavy Medium Weight Beef Market SteerRosette to each**
 - 329 **Champion & Reserve Heavy Weight Beef Market Steer**
.....Rosette to each
 - 330 **Champion & Reserve Crossbred Market Cattle**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
 - 331 **Champion & Reserve Purebred Beef Market Cattle**
.....Rosette to each
 - 332 **Champion & Reserve Purebred Beef Market Cattle**
.....Rosette to each
 - 333 **Champion & Reserve Purebred Beef Market Cattle**
.....Rosette to each
 - 334 **Champion & Reserve Purebred Beef Market Cattle**
.....Rosette to each
 - 335 **Champion & Reserve Overall Purebred Market Cattle**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
 - 336 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Beef Market Cattle**
..... Trophy & Rosette to each
- (Winners of classes 328 and 333 will compete in this class.)*

Peterson Farm

sponsors the traveling trophy for class 336

Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in up to 18 weight groups.

Section C – Dairy Market Steers

1. All Dairy Market Steers must be owned, and in the possession of the exhibitor, no later than the first Saturday in December, before the upcoming fair. All Dairy Market Steers must be brought to the Cass County Fairgrounds with completed Market

Beef Validation Form, and enroll in the rate-of-gain program, and have official ear tag IDs inserted, on the first Saturday of December, (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) before the upcoming fair.

2. Only two (2) entries per class allowed, **maximum of two (2) animals total in Sections B and C.**
3. Class 341 – Animals that are 100% dairy breeding.
4. Dairy Market Steers weighing less than **1,200** pounds and more than **1800** pounds, are eligible to show, but cannot compete for champions or be sold in the auction. Dairy Market steers weighing less than **1080** pounds at weigh in will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
5. Dairy Market Steers must have adequate finish to produce a desirable carcass for slaughter, or they will be ineligible to sell in the auction. This is to be determined by the judge and/or superintendent on show day.
6. Exhibitors may sell a maximum of two (2) Market Beef sale orders, in any combination coming from Section B – Beef Market Cattle and Section C – Dairy Market Steers, only. Exhibitors who sell two (2) Market Beef sale orders will be limited to **no more than four (4) total sale orders in the Thursday Livestock Auction.**

Class

- 341 Dairy Market Steer
 - 342 **Champion & Reserve Lightweight Dairy Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 343 **Champion & Reserve Light Mediumweight Dairy Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 344 **Champion & Reserve Mediumweight Dairy Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 345 **Champion & Reserve Heavy Mediumweight Dairy Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 346 **Champion & Reserve Heavyweight Dairy Market Steer.....Rosette to each**
 - 347 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Mkt Steer**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
- (from winners of classes 342 - 346)*

Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in up to fifteen (15) weight groups.

Section D - Beef Feeder Calves (Steer or Heifer)

1. All Beef Feeder Calves must be owned, and in the possession of the exhibitor, no later than the first Saturday of May of the current calendar year. All Beef Feeder Calves must be brought to the Cass County Fairgrounds with completed Beef Feeder Calf Validation Form, weighed, and enroll in the rate-of-gain program, and have official ear tag IDs inserted, on the first Saturday of May (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) of the current calendar year.
2. All Beef Feeder Calves must be **dehorned and castrated prior to validation.**
3. All Beef Feeder Calves will be vaccinated at time of validation, by superintendent(s). **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
4. Maximum of two (2) entries per class allowed. Maximum of two (2) animals in Section D.
5. Classes 341 – 345 – Any beef animals containing any beef breeding.
6. Beef Feeder Calves weighing less than **250** pounds or more than **600** pounds are eligible to show, but cannot compete for

champions or be sold in the livestock auction. Beef feeder calves weighing less than **225** pounds at weigh in will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

7. Exhibitors will be limited to a maximum of (1) sale order for Beef Feeder Calves, coming from Section D – Beef Feeder Steers. This sale order is separate from Market Beef sale orders.
8. Beef Feeder Calves may **NOT** be shown in any Breeding Stock classes.

Class

- 351 Beef Feeder Calves
- 352 **Champion & Reserve Lightweight Beef Feeder Calf**.....Rosette to each
- 353 **Champion & Res. Mediumweight Beef Feeder Calf**.....Rosette to each
- 354 **Champion & Res. Heavyweight Beef Feeder Calf**.....Rosette to each
- 355 **Champion & Res. Champion Over-All Beef Feeder Calf**.....Rosette to each

Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in up to nine (9) weight groups

Section E – Rate-of-Gain

1. Rate-of-Gain is mandatory, and exhibitors are required to sign up for this class during registration.
2. Official beginning weights will be recorded on the **mandatory** countywide weigh-in validation day(s) held at the Cass County fairgrounds.
3. Official ending weights will be determined on Sunday of the fair at weigh-in at the beef barns, with ALL Market Beef and Beef Feeder Calves, for the cattle that have completed the possession / validation / tagging requirements, and are exhibited at the fair.
4. Placing will be as follows (ADG – Average Daily Gain) determined in pounds:
 - 2.25 & over ADG A Premium
 - 1.80– 2.24 ADG B Premium
 - 1.79 & under ADG C Premium

Class

- 361 Beef Market Cattle ROG
- 362 **Champion & Reserve Beef Market Cattle ROG**....
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
- 363 Dairy Market Steer ROG
- 364 **Champion & Reserve Dairy Market Steer ROG**
..... Trophy & Rosette to each
- 365 Beef Feeder Steer ROG
- 366 **Champion & Reserve Beef Feeder Steer ROG**
..... Trophy & Rosette to each

Section F – Beef Showmanship

1. Exhibitor may only use Beef Cattle entered in his/her own name in Showmanship.

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 371 Senior Showmanship, 16 & over
- 372 Intermediate Showmanship, 13-15
- 373 Junior Showmanship, 10-12
- 374 Beginning Showmanship, 7-9
- 375 **Champion & Reserve Champion Beef Showmanship**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 371-374 and 2nd place showman in class where the champion is picked)
Winner of this class will go on to compete in the Showmanship Sweepstakes

Leonard Becraft Traveling Trophy
will be awarded to the Champion Showman

DEPARTMENT 4 YOUTH SHEEP

Kris Sweitzer, Superintendent
Jayna Sobacki, Callie High, Jena Bradley
Assist. Superintendents

Judging – Monday, 8:30 a.m. – Show Arena

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. Exhibitors are limited two (2) animals in Department 4. Each will be shown as individuals. Only one (1) animal will sell through the auction. **Each must be listed separately on entry form. Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.**
2. All animals in Department 4 must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor no later than May 1 of the current year.
3. There will be a \$10 stall fee per exhibitor.
4. All lambs exhibited at the Cass County Fair must have a USDA official Scrapie tag, tagged in either ear. See the MDARD requirements for exhibition sheep.
5. No muzzles allowed.
6. No unaltered male sheep allowed.
7. Market lambs must be weighed and tagged at the mandatory county validation on the first weekend in May of the current year. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 or Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Rate-of-Gain participation is optional. If you are entering the Rate-of-Gain class, make sure you enter class 421 on your fair entry

form. Weights from the mandatory validation will be used to determine the ROG winners.

8. All market lambs weighing under **90** pounds are eligible to show in a light lightweight class, but cannot compete for champions or be sold in the auction. Market lambs weighing less than **80** pounds at weigh in will not be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds.
9. **Showmanship is mandatory.** In order to show in any market class and sell in the auction, you must show in your appropriate showmanship class.
10. **Exhibitors should sign up for class 401 (for each lamb shown)..** Animals will be classified and placed into their breed class at weigh-in on Sunday. There will need to be at least 4 animals to make a class, otherwise they will show in AOB class.
11. At weigh-in, sheep will need to have tubes and blankets off for classification and inspection.
12. Sheep will be released after 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning. All sheep should be removed from the sheep barn by noon on Sunday.

Section A – Market Lamb

Class

- 401 Single Market Lamb
- 402 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Blackface Cross**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 403 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Natural Color**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 404 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Hampshire**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 405 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Shropshire**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 406 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Suffolk**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 407 **Ch. & Res. Ch. Whiteface Cross**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 408 **Ch. & Res. Ch. All Other Breeds (AOB)**Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 409 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**.....
.....Trophy and Rosette to each

**Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in up to thirty (30)
weight groups**

Sweitzer Family Traveling Award
will be presented to the winner of class 408

Section B– Rate-of-Gain

1. Official beginning weights will be recorded at the mandatory countywide weigh-in validation days held at the Cass County fairgrounds.
2. Official ending weights will be determined at weigh-in for the lambs that have completed the possession/validation requirements and are exhibited at the fair.

Class

- 421 Market Lamb Rate-of-Gain
- 422 **Champion & Reserve Market Lamb ROG**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each

Section C – Showmanship

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 431 Senior Showmanship, 16 & over

- 432 Intermediate Showmanship, 13-15
- 433 Junior Showmanship, 10-12
- 434 Beginning Showmanship, 7-9
- 435 **Champion & Reserve Champion Sheep Showmanship**
.....Trophy and Rosette to each
(From winners of classes 431-434)
Winner of class 435 will compete in Showmanship Sweepstakes.

PeeWee/Cloverbud Lamb

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud age for sheep exhibitors: 5-6.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud lamb exhibitors may use a lamb from another lamb exhibitor to show in the Pee Wee / Cloverbud class. Pee Wee / Cloverbud lambs must have a USDA official scrapie tag, tagged in either ear. Lambs only showing in the Pee Wee/Cloverbud class do not have to be validated and tagged at the mandatory county validation, however lambs should be checked in with the Superintendent upon arrival at the fair and before penning.
4. Possession date for Pee Wee/Cloverbud sheep is June 17.
5. Must complete Fair Entry class registration by June 17.

Class

- 436 Lamb (ewes or wethers only)

DEPARTMENT 5 YOUTH GOATS

Karen Wright, Superintendent
Nicole Osban-Peck, Hali Jones, Michelle Schuur, Mary Wright
Assistants

Judging –

***Showmanship, Breed Goats, & Market Goats:
Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.– Show Arena***

***NOTE: Show arena will be split in two, 2 judges will be utilized and
shows will run simultaneously for the Wednesday show.***

***Costume, Cart & Obstacle classes on Friday,
after Ag Olympics – Show Tent next to Show Arena***

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. Market goats must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor no later than May 1 of the current year. Breed goat exhibitors must own OR acquire use of animals to be shown no later than May 1 of the current year.
2. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per class, per breed, in breeding section, with an overall limit of 6 animals, **each listed separately on entry form.** Only one (1) entry allowed in cart,

obstacle, and costume classes. **Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.**

3. Breed animals will be placed in classes based on age of animal.
4. No bucks allowed.
5. Horned goats will only be allowed if their breed standards include it (Boer) in their conformation scoring for breed classes. **No horned goats allowed on market goats.**
6. All market goats will be required to attend market validations to be assigned an animal number. A maximum of three (3) animals can be validated. Goats will be validated on the first Saturday of May in the goat barn at the Cass County fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and the first Sunday in May from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
7. No market goat will be allowed into the fair unless it is validated on validation day, unless extenuating circumstances exist and the superintendent is contacted **prior to the validation day** for other arrangements.
8. Market goats must be weighed-in by their exhibitor at check-in on Sunday of the fair. These weights will be used to assign exhibits to weight classes for the show and for determining selling weights for the auction.
9. There is no maximum weight for market goats, the minimum weight to show and sell in the auction for market goats is **40** pounds. Market goats must weigh at least **35** pounds at weigh in to be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
10. No goats due to kid at fair. No goats just kidded at fair.
11. **All goats entering the goat barn MUST follow federal scrapies law.** Accepted methods of identification:
 - a. **Goats are scrapie tagged in the ear.**
 - b. **ONLY** earless goats may have a permanent collar with scrapie tag attached.
 - c. Goats are tattooed or microchipped with scrapie tag number. If either of these methods are used, the corresponding scrapie tag must be present on the goat's collar OR a copy of the animal's registration paper must be presented to the superintendents to keep at check-in. If goats are microchipped, the owner/showman is responsible for having a chip reader that is readily available to identify animals throughout fair week.
12. Best Individual Udder: Milk-out will be left up to the judge.
13. Dairy showmanship attire: white, black or khaki pants/skirt and white shirt. Non-dairy showmanship attire: dark colored jeans/slacks/skirt and dress type shirt. Closed toe shoes for all exhibitors. No cutoffs, logos or bare midriffs.
14. Showmanship classes will be separately judged as Dairy Type and Non Dairy Type. Champion Showmanship exhibitor will be chosen by the meat judge in even years, and the dairy judge in odd years.
15. You will be allowed tack area space for **TACK BOXES ONLY**. All bedding, hay, feed and supplies must be contained in tack box. **If space is limited, tack may be asked to be removed.**
16. Any animal shown in showmanship must also be shown in a market or breed class. No "showmanship only" goats allowed at fair.
2. Market goats (does/wethers) may be shown in Market, Showmanship, Obstacle, Cart, Costume and 4-H Club Herd classes. Market animals may **NOT** show in Breed Classes. This includes section D, wethers.
3. A limit of two (2) market goats per exhibitor may be exhibited.
4. All market goats must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds in order to show in market classes and sell in the auction. Underweight animals may show in a light lightweight class but are **NOT** eligible for auction.
5. Market goat weights will be as follows. Each will be divided into heats as needed:
 - a. Lightweight
 - b. Mediumweight
 - c. Heavyweight
6. All market goats must be born after January 1st of the current project year.
7. Dairy type market goats must be 100% dairy.
8. Crossbred type market goats are those that are 50% or more dairy, crossed with any meat type.
9. Meat type market goats are those that are purebred or more than 50% meat cross.
10. Superintendents have final say to assure all exhibits are in their correct class.

Note: Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given up to 30 heats

Class

- 511 Market Goat (dairy type)
- 512 **Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Market Goat (dairy type) Rosette to each**
- 513 **Champion & Reserve Champion Mediumweight Market Goat (dairy type) Rosette to each**
- 514 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Goat (dairy type)Rosette to each**
- 515 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat (dairy type)Trophy & Rosette to each**
(Open to winners of classes 511 – 514)

Winner of this class will receive the Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat traveling trophy sponsored by Just-A-Wee Farm

- 516 Market Goat (meat type)
- 517 **Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Market Goat (meat type).....Rosette to each**
- 518 **Champion & Reserve Champion Mediumweight Market Goat (meat type).Rosette to each**
- 519 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Goat (meat type)Rosette to each**
- 520 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat (meat type)Trophy & Rosette to each**
(Open to winners of classes 517-519)

Winner of this class will receive the Jim Mesko Memorial Grand Champion Meat Market Goat traveling trophy sponsored by TJ Boer Goats

- 521 Market Goat (crossbred type)
- 522 **Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Market Goat (crossbred).....Rosette to each**
- 523 **Champion & Reserve Champion Mediumweight Market Goat (crossbred).....Rosette to each**

Section A – Market Goats

1. Either does or wethers may be shown in market classes.

- 524 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Goat (crossbred).....Rosette to each**
 525 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat (crossbred)**
Trophy & Rosette to each
(Open to winners of classes 5221-524)

Winner of this class will receive the Grand Champion Crossbred Market Goat traveling trophy sponsored by Mesko Farm

Section B –Dairy Breed Goats –

**(LaMancha, Nubian, Saanen,
Toggenburg, Alpine, Oberhasli, etc.)**

Note: 1-6 placing ribbons will be given in each breed (non-championship) class.

Class

- 530 Doe, 5 years & over
 531 Doe, 3 to under 5 years
 532 Doe, 2 years
 533 Yearling milker, 1 year & under 2 years
Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Doe
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 530-533)
 534 Best Individual Udder
 535 Best Mother-Daughter (both must be owned by exhibitor)
 536 Doe, 1 year and under 2 years, dry
 537 Senior doe born January 1 to February 28 of current year
 538 Intermediate doe born March 1 to March 31 of current year
 539 Junior doe born after April 1 of current year
Champion & Reserve Champion Dry Junior Dairy Doe
 Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to winners of classes 534 & 539)
 540 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Doe**
Trophy & .Rosette to each

Winner of this class will receive the Grand Champion Dairy Doe Breed Goat traveling trophy sponsored by Quarter Mile Nubians

Section C – Any Other Non-Dairy Breed Goats

(Boer, Pygmy, Fainting, etc.)

Note: 1-6 placing ribbons will be given in each breed (non-championship) class.

- 541 Doe, 5 years & over
 542 Doe, 3 years & under 5 years
 543 Doe, 2 years & under 3 years
 544 Doe, 1 year & under 2 years
 545 **Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Doe**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 541-544)
 546 Get of Sire (3 does sired by same buck)
 547 Best Mother-Daughter (both must be owned by exhibitor)
 548 Doe, 9-12 months
 549 Doe kid, 6-9 months
 550 Doe kid, 3-6 months

- 551 Doe kid, under 3 months
Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Doe
 Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 548-551)
 552 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Doe**
Trophy & Rosette to each

Winner of this class will receive the Grand Champion Doe Meat Breed Goat traveling trophy sponsored by BZY Livestock

Section D - Wethers

1. Wethers can be of any age.
2. Wethers will be shown in their respective show (dairy breed or any other non-dairy breed).
3. Class placement (where the classes are placed within the show) will be at the discretion of the superintendent.

Note: 1-6 placing ribbons will be given in each breed (non-championship) class.

Class

- 580 Wether – Dairy breed
 581 Wether – Any Other Non-Dairy Breed

Section E– Costume Class (Friday)

Theme – “Books”

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class.

Class

- 591 Costume Class, 13-19
 592 Costume Class, 7-12

Trophy : Best overall costume in each age division

Rosettes awarded in each age division as follows:

- Most original costume
- Funniest costume
- Best interpretation of theme
- Best use of materials
- Best coordination of animal & handler

Section F – Cart Class – (Friday)

1. Cart animals less than 2 years may show in cart class with harness and reins only.
2. Animals that have been in cart more than 2 years must show under cart, harness and be able to drive.
3. If needed, an exhibitor may have a lead person assisting any cart entry.

Six rosettes offered in each class.

Class

- 601 Goat Cart Class

Section G—Obstacle Course – (Friday)

1. Limited to one entry in this section.
2. A collar and lead are required.

Six rosettes offered in each class.

Class

- 612 Goat Obstacle Course ages 13-19 (no pack allowed)
613 Goat Obstacle Course ages 7-12 (no pack allowed)

Section H – Rate-of-Gain

1. Official beginning weights will be recorded at the mandatory countywide weigh-in validation day held at the Cass County fairgrounds.
2. Official ending weights will be determined at weigh-in for the goats that have completed the possession/validation requirements and are exhibited at the fair.
3. Animal must be entered into Market Class to be eligible for Rate-of-Gain.
4. Limit of three Market Goats will be validated, two Market Goats allowed to exhibit at the fair.
5. Each goat must be entered separately into Rate-of-Gain class.

Class

- 621 Market Goat (meat type) Rate-of-Gain
622 Champion & Reserve Market Goat ROG Rosette to each
623 Market Goat (dairy type) Rate-of-Gain
624 Champion & Reserve Market Goat ROG Rosette to each
625 Market Goat (crossbred) Rate-of-Gain
626 Champion & Reserve Market Goat ROG Rosette to each

Section I – Goat Showmanship – (Wednesday)

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 631 Senior Showmanship Dairy Type, ages 16 & older
632 Senior Showmanship Non-Dairy Type, ages 16 & older
633 Intermediate Showmanship Dairy Type, ages 13-15
634 Intermediate Showmanship Non-Dairy Type, ages 13-15
635 Junior Showmanship Dairy Type, ages 10-12
636 Junior Showmanship Non-Dairy Type, ages 10-12
637 Beginning Showmanship Dairy Type, ages 7-9
638 Beginning Showmanship Non-Dairy Type, ages 7-9
639 **Champion & Reserve Champion Dairy Type Goat ShowmanshipTrophy & Rosette to each**
(1st & 2nd place winners of classes 631, 633, 635, 637).
640 **Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Dairy Type Goat ShowmanshipTrophy & Rosette to each**
(1st & 2nd place winners of classes 632, 634, 636, 638,).
641 **Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Goat Showmanship**
.....Trophy & Rosette to each
Winner of this class will go on to compete in Showmanship Sweepstakes

The Gayle Sherburn Traveling Trophy
will be presented to the overall showmanship winner

PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD GOATS

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud age for goat exhibitors: 5-6.
3. Goat exhibitors will be allowed to show either their own goat, or one owned in the Youth Division.

Class

- 642 Showmanship – single doe or wether goat, any breed

DEPARTMENT 6

YOUTH SWINE

Mackenzie Hartsell, Superintendent

Jeremiah Hartsell, Cameron Hayden, Colin Kelley, Mike Kelley,
Assistant Superintendents

Swine Show – Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Show order: Cloverbuds – Showmanship - Market

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. The Cass County Fair Youth Swine Show is a non-terminal show.
2. Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.
3. Market hogs must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor no later than May 1 of the current calendar year.
4. All youth exhibitors ages 7-19 will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training prior to the fair.
5. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) animals in Division 4. Both animals will be shown as individuals. Only one (1) animal will sell through the auction. **Each must be listed separately on entry form.**
6. **Hogs fed ractopamine (in feed or top-dressed) at any time during their growth will not be allowed to be exhibited at the Cass County Fair.**
7. There will be a mandatory swine validation at the Cass County Fairgrounds the first weekend in May. Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All hogs will be tagged with a fair tag during this time.
8. As required by Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD), all hogs shown at exhibition (including the fair) are required to have an official animal identification (ID). Official animal ID approved by MDARD and accepted by the fair are 840 tags or PIN tags.
9. All hogs will be vaccinated for swine influenza at validation. Hogs that have previously been fully vaccinated by producer/breeder will be exempt from additional swine influenza vaccine at validation, if a Swine Flu exempt form has been signed by the producer/breeder and submitted to the Cass County Swine Superintendent online prior to validation. A

Swine Flu exempt form can be found on the Cass County Fair website.

10. All market hogs will be weighed upon arrival at the fair on Sunday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. No re-weighing of the hogs will be permitted.
11. There will be a \$10.00 per exhibitor fee, which will be deducted from auction checks.
12. All hogs must have a minimum hair length of ¼-inch over their entire body, except the head or tail. Superintendents will not evaluate the hair length on the head or tail of the hogs.
13. No clipping of hogs will be allowed after entering the fair.
14. Market hogs weighing less than **230** pounds or more than **290** pounds cannot compete in the market show or be sold in the livestock auction, but will be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds and be used for showmanship. Market hogs weighing less than **210** pounds at weigh in will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
15. Registration paperwork for purebreds must be in the exhibitor's name and brought to fair weigh-in for verification and determination of purebred class eligibility. There will need to be 5 animals to make a class, otherwise they will show in AOB class.
16. Shavings must be used as bedding in the swine barn.
17. Self-waterers may be used **with prior approval** of the Swine Superintendent.
18. All stall signs must be filled out and be in place above the pens by 8:00 p.m. Sunday of check-in and remain in place above the pens until the load-out is complete at the end of the fair the following Sunday.
19. Small clip-on feeders on the gates will be allowed to remain in the pen at all times. All other feed pans must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every morning and 8:00 p.m. every night.
20. All hogs exhibited at the Cass County Fair are subject to testing for usage of unapproved products. Please see the current year health requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan as defined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development. These are accessible at:
www.michigan.gov/mdard

NOTE: Swine exhibited at the Cass County Fair must comply with the Michigan Pseudorabies Health Regulations. Any swine found to be exhibited or removed from exhibition in violation of any provision of these rules may be quarantined or ordered slaughtered, destroyed or disposed of by the MDARD State Veterinary without being eligible for indemnification.

Section A – Market Hogs

Class

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| 701 | Market Hog | |
| 702 | Champion & Reserve Lightweight Barrow |Rosette to each |
| 703 | Champion & Reserve Medium Lightweight Barrow | Rosette to each |
| 704 | Champion & Reserve Mediumweight Barrow | Rosette to each |
| 705 | Champion & Reserve Medium Heavyweight Barrow | Rosette to each |
| 706 | Champion & Reserve Heavyweight Barrow... |Rosette to each |

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| 707 | Champion & Reserve Champion Barrow.... |Trophy & Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 702 – 706) |
| 708 | Champion & Reserve Lightweight Gilt..... | Rosette to each |
| 709 | Champion & Reserve Medium Lightweight Gilt |Rosette to each |
| 710 | Champion & Reserve Mediumweight Gilt ... |Rosette to each |
| 711 | Champion & Reserve Medium Heavyweight Gilt | Rosette to each |
| 712 | Champion & Reserve Heavyweight Gilt | Rosette to each |
| 713 | Champion & Reserve Champion Gilt ... |Trophy & Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 708 – 712) |

Section B – Purebred Hog

1. Registration paperwork for purebreds must be turned in at weigh-in at the fair.
2. Purebred Market Hogs will be divided into breed classes after weigh-in (need 5 to make a class).
3. Barrows and gilts will show together in the purebred hog division.
4. To make an individual breed class in the purebred division, there must be 5 of that breed, otherwise the breeds will be combined into a class of any other register breed (AORB).
5. Ear notches will be checked against registration paperwork at check-in at the fair. If they do not match, the hog will be entered into a crossbred class.

Class

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| 714 | Purebred Market Hog | |
| 715 | Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Mkt Hog |Trophy & Rosette to each |

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| 716 | Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog (Barrow and/or Gilt) | Trophy & Rosette to each
(from winners of classes 707, 713, & 715) |
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Placing ribbons 1-6 will be given in 30 weight groups in the swine division.

Swartz Farms

sponsors the traveling trophy for class 714

Section C– Swine Showmanship

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Pee Wee / Cloverbud showmanship class will show prior to the Senior Showmanship class.

Class

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| 731 | Senior Showmanship, 16 & over | |
| 732 | Intermediate Showmanship, 13-15 | |
| 733 | Junior Showmanship, 10-12 | |
| 734 | Beginning Showmanship, 7-9 | |
| 735 | Champion & Reserve Champion Swine Showmanship | Trophy & Rosette to each |

*(from winners of classes 731 – 734 and the 2nd place showman in the class where the Champion is picked)
Winner of this class will compete in Showmanship sweepstakes*

Champion and Reserve Champion Showman Trophies

Sponsored by
Lester Skibbe Family
PEE WEE/CLOVERBUD SWINE

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitor age: 5-6.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud swine exhibitors **will not** be allowed to bring animals to the fair. They must make arrangements with another youth (7-19) swine participant to borrow an animal for the showmanship class. It is recommended that a Pee Wee/Cloverbud participant use an animal from an older family member, fellow 4-H member in their club (or from another 4-H club/youth group).

Class

736 Single hog (barrow or gilt) showmanship

DEPARTMENT 7 YOUTH POULTRY

Melissa Town, Superintendent – 574-707-5714 text or call
Assistant Superintendents

Nathan Town – 574-707-5713 text or call
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Facebook Page: Cass County Michigan Poultry

Judging – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – Poultry Barn

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. **Maximum of 14 total entries in Department 7, which includes showmanship, each entered separately on entry form. Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.**
2. Exhibitors are limited to sign up for two (2) entries in each class in section A (Market Poultry). **However, exhibitors are limited to showing two (2) total Market Poultry.**
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per class in sections B (Standard Breeds), C (Bantam Breeds), and E (Other Fowl Breeds); and one (1) entry in sections D (Hen and Chicks) and G (Showmanship).
4. Poultry exhibits must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor no later than the first Sunday in July.
5. All poultry (with the exception of ducks, geese, pigeons, and doves) must be certified as Pullorum Typhoid free. Pullorum testing will be done during check-in at the fair.

6. Any bird with spurs exceeding ½ inch in length or deemed sharp or pointed will be prohibited.
7. Each bird exhibited cannot be shown in more than one class. (Example: individual hen cannot also be shown as part of a Production Pen; and individual breed duck cannot also be shown as a market duck.) Exception – **the bird used for showmanship must be shown in a breed or market class** (excluding birds used by exhibitors showing in the Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship class).
8. **All Poultry must be presented clean and dry** for proper inspection by the superintendents before caging on entry day. No unhealthy birds, including those with lice or mites, or open wounds, will be allowed to enter the fair. Check-in personnel may refuse to check in poultry until the bird is in acceptable condition. Check-in personnel are not required to re-check birds rejected due to live lice or mites or open wounds. The fair is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury to any birds exhibited.
9. **There will be a short mandatory meeting the first Sunday of the fair at 3:30 p.m. for all poultry exhibitors.**
10. Market poultry must be hatched in the current year.
11. All Market Chickens will be weighed and banded before caging on entry day. Broiler class will include birds weighing 3.5 lb. to 4.99 lb. Roaster class will include birds weighing 5.00 lb. to 6.49 lb. Heavyweight class will include birds weighing 6.5 lb. to 8.00 lb.
12. Market Ducks minimum weight is 4.00 lb.
13. Market Turkey minimum weight is 10.00 lb.
14. Market Goose minimum weight is 8.00 lb.
15. Each exhibitor is expected to show and sell their own poultry projects. If an exhibitor is unable to do so for any reason, prior notification and approval must be made to the poultry superintendent. Exhibitors that are not present and do not have prior approval will be scratched from the show or auction.
16. All exhibitors must have a completed small animal tag hanging above their cages after check-in. These tags must remain in place until load-out is complete the Sunday after the fair. It is strongly suggested to use the wire above the cages to hang signs so the birds cannot tear them down.
17. **Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their poultry cages and providing fresh water and feed by 10:00 a.m. daily, and as needed.** Cage cups for feed and water will be provided.
18. **All exhibitors must sign up for one hour of barn duty.**
19. Feed should be removed from **all cages** the night before show (Wednesday) and **all market cages** the night before auction (Friday) in order to keep exhibitors, birds, tables, and show arena clean. Please return feed to cages as soon as birds are done showing and selling.
20. All birds will be released after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fair. Early release is not permitted and will result in loss of premium unless prior arrangements are made with the poultry superintendent. All market poultry require leg band verification and check-off before being released to owner/buyers.
21. Exhibitors are responsible for thoroughly cleaning out their cages and returning feed and water cage cups clean and dry to the superintendent **clean and dry** on Sunday after the fair.

Section A – Market Poultry (to be sold at auction)

1. Class 811 will be judged in three (3) weight classes: broilers (3.5 lb. to 4.99 lb.), roasters (5.00 lb. to 6.49 lb.), and heavyweights (6.50 lb. to 8.00 lb.).
2. All chickens entered in Class 811 (Market Chickens will be commercial breeds bred specifically for meat (Cornish Cross, Freedom Rangers, Red Broilers); dual purpose chickens are not suitable for this class.
3. Weight classes will be determined when birds are weighed in at the fair.
4. **An exhibitor may enter 2 birds in classes 811, 815, 817, or 819 with a limit of two (2) total market poultry.**

Class

- 811 Market Chicken
- 812 **Champion & Reserve Champion Broiler Chicken**
.....Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 813 **Champion & Reserve Champion Roaster Chicken**
.....Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 814 **Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Chicken**..... Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 815 Market Duck
- 816 **Champion & Reserve Champion Market Duck**
..... Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 817 Market Goose
- 818 **Champion & Reserve Champion Market Goose**
..... Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 819 Market Turkey
- 820 **Champion & Reserve Champion Market Tom Turkey**
..... Trophy & 6 Rosettes
- 821 **Champion & Reserve Champion Market Hen Turkey**
..... Trophy & 6 Rosettes

Section B – Standard Breeds – (NOT to be sold at auction)

Cock or Hen (one year & over)
Cockerel or Pullet (under one year)

Class

- 831 Cock - Enter breed in notes section online
- 832 Cockerel - Enter breed in notes section online
- 833 Hen - Enter breed in notes section online
- 834 Pullet – Enter breed in notes section online
- 835 **Champion & Reserve Standard American Class**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 836 **Champion & Reserve Standard Asiatic Class**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 837 **Champion & Reserve Standard Continental Class**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 838 **Champion & Reserve Standard English Class**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 839 **Champion & Reserve Standard Mediterranean Class**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 840 **Champion & Reserve All Other Standard Class**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 841 Pen of two production hens (two females over 1 year)
- 842 Pen of two production pullets (two females under 1 year)
- 843 **Champion & Reserve Production Pen ...Trophy & 2 Rosettes**

- 844 One Dozen Eggs (Exhibitors should bring their egg exhibit to the fair on show day (Thursday) to be judged and displayed in the Poultry Barn. Eggs should NOT be refrigerated, and should be in a carton. If the carton has Egg Grading on it, it should be true to the exhibitor's eggs.)

- 845 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Bantam Breeds =(NOT to be sold at auction)

Cock or Hen (one year & over)
Cockerel or Pullet (under one year)

Class

- 851 Cock – Enter breed in notes section online
- 852 Cockerel – Enter breed in notes section online
- 853 Hen – Enter breed in notes section online
- 854 Pullet – Enter breed in notes section online
- 855 **Champion & Reserve Game BantamTrophy & 2 Rosettes**
- 856 **Champion & Reserve Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 857 **Champion & Reserve Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 858 **Champion & Reserve All Other Comb Clean Legged Bantam**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 859 **Champion & Reserve Feather legged Bantam**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes

Section D – Hen and Chicks**Class**

- 867 Standard Hen and Chicks
- 868 Bantam Hen and Chicks

Section E – Other Fowl Breeds– (NOT to be sold at auction)**Class**

- 891 Single Duck
- 892 Single Goose
- 893 **Champion & Reserve Champion Breed Waterfowl**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
- 894 Single Turkey
- 895 Single Pigeon
- 896 Single Game Fowl (pheasant, quail, partridge)
- 897 Single Exotic Fowl (peafowl, guinea, ratites)
- 898 **Champion & Reserve Other Breed Bird**
..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes

Section F– Best Bird of the Barn

- a. Judge's choice of the overall best bird in the barn of all breed classes.

- 905 Gr. & Re. Gr. Champ. Overall Bird.....Trophy & Rosette to each

Section H – Poultry Showmanship

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 911 Senior Showmanship, ages 16 & over
- 912 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 13-15

- 913 Junior Showmanship, ages 10-12
 914 Beginning Showmanship, ages 7-9
 915 **Champion & Reserve Champion Poultry Showman.....Trophy & Rosette to each**
(Winners of classes 911-914 and the 2nd place showman in the class where the Champion is picked)

- PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD POULTRY -

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud Poultry exhibitor age: 5-6.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry in classes 916-919.

Class

- 916 Single chicken
 917 Single duck
 918 Single turkey
 919 Single other poultry

DEPARTMENT 8 YOUTH RABBITS

Jon Blough, Superintendent
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 Laura Blough, Assistant (cell: 574-904-9362)
 Beth Noles, Rex Pomranka— Assistants
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Judging – Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – Show Tent

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

1. All rabbit exhibitors are limited to 10 entries overall, **each entered separately on the fair entry form.** Exhibitor may enter only 2 rabbits total in class 1011 – weight classes will be determined when rabbits are weighed in at the fair. (An exhibitor may NOT enter 2 rabbits as fryers and 2 rabbits as roasters). **Only one entry allowed in fur class.**
2. No does with young.
3. Breed rabbit possession date is June 1. (Includes Pee Wee/Cloverbud and Showmanship animals.)
4. Breed rabbit validation will be the first Sunday on/or after June 1, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the rabbit barn.
5. More rabbits may be validated than entries shown.

6. Market Rabbits must be born in current year – possession date for Market Rabbits is July 1.
7. All market rabbits will be required to attend a market rabbit validation to obtain a show-specific tattoo.
8. Only **market rabbits** will be validated on the first Saturday after July 4th, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the rabbit barn.
9. All rabbits must be presented clean and dry for proper inspection by the superintendents/vet inspector. No unhealthy rabbits, including those with lice or mites, will be allowed to enter the fair. Weigh-in personnel may refuse to check in rabbits until they are in acceptable condition. The fair is not liable for any loss, damage or injury to any rabbits exhibited.
10. Rabbits shall be transported to the fair in standard metal rabbit transport cages to keep rabbits out of their own urine. Pet taxis or carriers, clothesbaskets and cardboard boxes are **highly discouraged.**
11. Entry weights will be used for placing in classes and judging.
12. Market rabbits weighing less than 3.8 pounds or over 9 pounds may only be shown in breed classes, and **will not** sell in the auction. (Note – 3.8 pounds = 3 ½ lbs.)
13. The eight (8) most popular breeds as determined the day of validation will comprise the 10 breed classes at the fair (includes 1 any other 4 class and 1 any other 6 class).
14. Exhibitor must furnish proper food and water receptacles that can be secured to the side of the cage and/or are not able to be tipped over. They should be appropriate in size and relation to the cage.
15. **Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.** See Section E for Pee Wee/Cloverbud Rabbit classes for children 5-6 years of age.
16. Rabbit Barn Clean & Set-up date will be announced in the Cass Clover.
17. In Sections B & C no more than 2 animals in a class per BREED can be signed up. Example for Section C you can sign up for Class 1021 (SR Buck) 2 Mini-Lop, 2 Netherland Dwarf, 2 Dutch... **with no more than 10 total entries for Department 8.**

Section A– Market Rabbit

1. Class 1011 will be judged in two weight classes: fryers 3 ½ - 5 ½ lbs. (3.8 – 5.8 lbs.) and roasters (5.9 lbs. to 9 lbs.)
2. Exhibitors allowed two (2) entries in class 1011. (Weight classes will be determined when rabbits are weighed in at the fair. An exhibitor may not enter 2 rabbits as fryers and 2 rabbits as roasters.)

Class

- 1011 Individual Market Rabbit
 1012 **Champion & Reserve Champion Individual Fryer**
Trophy & 6 Rosettes
 1013 **Champion & Reserve Champion Individual Roaster**
 Trophy & 6 Rosettes

Section B – 4 Class Breed Rabbit

1. The top 10 breeds as determined the day of rabbit validation will comprise the 8 breed classes and 2 classes for any other 4 class and any other 6 class at the fair. If a “tie” would occur in the number of rabbits determining the 8 breeds, then the breed

with the larger number of exhibitors would be the determining factor.

2. 4 class rabbits include: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papiion, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver Martin, Silver, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, and Thrianta.

Class

- 1021 Senior buck (6 months or older)
 1022 Junior buck (under 6 months of age)
 1023 Senior doe (6 months or older)
 1024 Junior doe (under 6 months of age)
 1025 **Champion & Reserve Champion of Breed**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
 (From classes 1021 through 1024)

Section C – 6 Class Breed Rabbit

1. The top 10 breeds as determined the day of rabbit validation will comprise the 8 breed classes and 2 classes for any other 4 class and any other 6 class at the fair. If a “tie” would occur in the number of rabbits determining the 8 breeds, then the breed with the larger number of exhibitors would be the determining factor.
2. 6 class breed rabbits include: American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne D’Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème D’Argent, English Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, Flemish Giant, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, & Silver Fox.

Class

- 1141 Senior buck (9 months or older)
 1142 Intermediate buck (6-8 months of age)
 1143 Junior buck (under 6 months of age)
 1144 Senior doe (9 months or older)
 1145 Intermediate doe (6-8 months of age)
 1146 Junior doe (under 6 months of age)
 1147 **Champion & Reserve Champion of Breed**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
 (From classes 1141 through 1146)

- 1148 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion**
Rabbit Over All Breeds..... Trophy & Rosette to Each

Section D – Fur Class

1. Only one fur rabbit per exhibitor.
2. No meat animals. Must be shown in a breed class.

Class

- 1201 Normal Fur
 1202 Rex Fur
 1203 Satin Fur
 1204 Angora Wool

1205 Champion & Res. Over-All Fur Rabbit... Trophy & 2 Rosettes

Section E – Rabbit Showmanship

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 1211 Senior Showmanship, age 16 & over
 1212 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 13-15
 1213 Junior Showmanship, ages 10-12
 1214 Beginning Showmanship, ages 7-9
 1215 **Champion & Reserve Champion Rabbit Showmanship**
 Trophy & Rosette to each

Roger Locke Memorial Traveling Trophy
 will be presented to the winner of class 1215

- PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD RABBIT -

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud rabbit **must** have a tattoo and validation.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud rabbit exhibitor age: 5-6.

Class

- 1217 Rabbit – buck or doe, any breed

DEPARTMENT 9 YOUTH HORSE

Tim Miller, Superintendent

Nikita Mehaney, Karlee Thornburgh, Heather Burchfield,

Assistant Superintendents

Sunday after 2:00 p.m.

Vet walk-through, pony measurement

Monday, 8:00 a.m.

Halter, Western, & Ranch Showmanship, English Showmanship

Keyhole, Speed & Action

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Showmanship Championships, English Equitation, English Pleasure,

Hunter Over Fences, Flags, Cloverleaf

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

Western & Ranch Horsemanship, Western and Ranch Pleasure,

Versatility

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

English/Western Riding, Reining, Free Style Reining, Kegs, Poles

Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Trail, Dressage, Gymkhana Championships

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Costume, Cloverbud/Pee-Wee, Award Ceremony, Last Ride

All General Rules & Regulations, Youth Department Rules & Regulations, Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Requirements, Horse Barn Rules, and the Guidelines for Exhibition will apply to all youth exhibitors, unless the rules are in conflict with the following departmental rules. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their family to read and familiarize themselves with all the rules & regulations pertaining to them.

The following rules are for the safety, equal playing field and education in youth horsemanship. The vision of the Cass County Fair and 4-H horse rules is for the betterment of knowledge and skills of equestrian youth, with an emphasis on safety and horsemanship, with good sportsmanship for all participants. Remembering at all times, the horse is the sole responsibility of the youth. The horse is the exhibitor's project.

Youth will follow the Cass County Fair rules, and the most recent 4-H Horse & Pony Show Rules & Regulations guidelines unless otherwise stated. A copy of the guidelines can be found at:

https://www.canr.mmsu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_show_rules_regulations

1. Orientation days: All exhibitors participating in the Cass County Horse Program must attend one of the three scheduled CCHP orientation meetings to be eligible for the 2025 Cass County Fair Horse Program. If an exhibitor fails to attend one of the three meetings they will be ineligible to participate in this year's Cass County Horse Program.

- **Saturday, February 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.**

2. Exhibitors are not required to own their horse/pony project, but must acquire the use of their individual horse/pony by May 1, 2025.
3. The Cass County Fair Horse ID Form (Horse I.D. sheet/stall reservation) must be filled out and submitted on-line by May 1 of the current fair year. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Along with the ID sheet, a nonrefundable stall fee of \$20.00 for each exhibitor is due to your club leader by July 10. Leaders shall submit this to the fair office by July 15. Open exhibitors are to turn in their fee, earmarked to the Light Horse Department, to the fair office by July 10.
4. A negative Coggins test (which must be drawn on or after January 1, 2025 for your primary horse must be submitted by May 1 of the current fair year, and should be uploaded at the time your ID Form is uploaded, along with your \$20 non-refundable stall fee. This negative Coggins test is required on all horses entering the Cass County Fairgrounds. All fair light horse exhibitors should be prepared to present copies of their Coggins to fair representatives at each workout prior to the fair and after May 1 of the current year upon request. **If we do not have a copy of your horse's negative Coggins, you will have to leave the fairgrounds immediately.** This document is required by law when a horse is removed from the premises in which the animal is housed.
5. A current health certificate is required by law on all out-of-state horses. A **pre-printed paper copy** must be brought to the horse entry booth on the first Saturday of the fair between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., unless turned in prior to this date with superintendent's approval. **Electronic copies will NOT be accepted.** Please note: health certificates are only valid for 30 days, and must be current during the entire time of the fair. A health certificate is not a substitute for a Coggins test.
6. Youth Horse Show is open to light horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, and utility types. When the term "horse/pony" is referenced, it will also include donkeys and mules. If a utility type is used, it may not enter into any class in Department 10.
7. Age restrictions for Department 9 only:
 - a. Eight-year-olds are allowed in Walk/Trot classes only, which also includes showmanship, introduction to Dressage, Halter, and Costume class.
 - b. Seven-year-olds will be allowed to show in Class 1761 – Showmanship and either 1762 – Walk/Trot or 1763 – Leadline (they will NOT be allowed to show in both class 1762 and 1763).
 - c. All Cloverbud/Pee Wee participants must meet the Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules in Section R. Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes are available for children ages 5-7. Horse/pony participants must also complete the online horse ID sheet by May 1st of current fair year.
8. Only one horse allowed per exhibitor, with the exception of a mare's current year's foal.
9. Only **one** registered back-up horse will be permitted. **You must inform the Superintendent by July 13 if the registered back-up horse is taking the place of the primary.** You must submit a signed vet slip stating the original entry is ill and/or may create a health hazard to other equine at the fair.
10. **No substitutions of horses may take place during the fair week.**

11. A show area clean-up day will take place in July prior to the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate. Points for High Point will be awarded to those that participate.
12. Horses are not to be on the midway, in camping areas, around other livestock wash racks, or the parking lots. Horses are to be washed only in designated wash racks. (Rinsing only of hot horses at the discretion of the superintendents in areas other than wash racks.).
13. Longeing times will be 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in practice and show arenas unless otherwise posted or announced; 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the round pen, unless otherwise posted or announced.
14. No horses or ponies out of the barns before 5:00 a.m. and must be in the barns by 10:00 p.m. unless show is in progress, being washed, or have prior approval of the Superintendent.
15. Horses may be ridden in the practice ring, show ring, and make-up area only.
16. Horses must be led to and from the barns. Riding is NOT permitted.
17. No bareback riding (except in costume classes), no running or racing anywhere on the fairgrounds or arenas. No riding or sitting on a horse except in designated areas, and you must sit your horse properly. Standing on the back of a horse is not permitted. Bridles are required at all times while riding unless being led by a handler during the Costume class.
18. No riding of a horse/pony without approved Western or English boots with a heel that is recommended by the manufacturer for riding (fashion heels are prohibited). No handling of a horse, or entering a stall without an enclosed toed and heel shoe.
19. Proper attire is to be worn at all times when handling any animals. No clothing less than a full-length T-shirt with sleeves and full-length pants (waist to ankle, and without holes) will be worn when riding your project animal. See additional attire requirements in the General Youth Rules.
20. All participants in Hunt Seat, Dressage, Saddle Seat, and Gymkhana classes are required to wear an S.E.I. approved helmet whenever they are riding.
21. Only the exhibitor may ride/drive/lunge their registered project animal during the week. Cloverbuds and alumni riders may practice on Saturday during the specified time. Each exhibitor is expected to do the care and preparation of the horse while on the fairgrounds.
22. Your exhibitor card must be completed and displayed on your stall by 2:00 p.m. the first Sunday of fair.
23. Vet on premises for checks on Sunday (start of the fair) after 2:00 p.m. The fair board, superintendent, vet and/or judge reserves the right to reject any horse from participating in any classes due to unsoundness and/or safety issues.
24. No coaching from the sidelines during a class is allowed. Coaching may result in disqualification of the exhibitor from that class or classes.
25. Any class may be split at the discretion of the superintendent and/or the judge.
26. The Public Address system is a *COURTESY* provided by the fair. ***IT IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AT THE RING, AND READY TO SHOW WHEN THE CLASS IS CALLED.***
27. A two (2) minute gate call will be enforced. Time allowed for entering the class is a maximum of two (2) minutes from the time the gate is opened for the class. **Exception:** Please see the entry booth as soon as possible if the exhibitor has a class in another species, or if a tack change/error occurs,
28. If you have any questions during fair week, first discuss the matter with your club leader. If your question remains unresolved, then please come up to the entry booth.
29. **Pony Information:** *ALL PONIES* will be measured on Sunday (start of the fair) at the wash rack behind the Silver Spurs barn. There will only be a separate pony class for exhibitors aged 9-13. Ponies must measure 56 inches or less at the withers. Shod ponies will be allowed ½-inch for the thickness of the shoes.
30. **Walk-Trot Information:** Any exhibitor aged 8-13 may show in walk-trot classes. There will be a separate walk-trot Showmanship class for 8-year-olds only. Walk-trot exhibitors aged 9-13 will show in their age appropriate Showmanship class. If showing in Walk-Trot classes, the exhibitor is not allowed to enter any canter/lope classes. Walk-Trot high point is open to 8-year-olds only.
31. **Grand Champion Showmanship Class:** Exhibitor must show their horse in the qualified discipline. If the exhibitor qualified in both Western/Ranch and English, the exhibitor may choose which discipline to show in.
32. **Dressage:** Exhibitor may only show in one Dressage test. Only exhibitors showing in Training Level 1 or 2 are eligible for Dressage Equitation,
33. **Hunter Over Fences Information:** Baby Green and Intermediate eligibility will be determined through validation. You will only be allowed to show in one division. Only Intermediate can participate in Equitation. (Jumps for pony are not to exceed 2'3", for horse 2'6"). Jumps may be lowered at the discretion of judge.
34. **Gymkhana Information:** Western attire is required. No practicing the week of fair. Championship Gymkhana classes (6 classes) will be held on Friday, after Dressage.
35. All Hunter Over Fences, Gymkhana, and Versatility exhibitors must pass validation in order to participate in the respective classes. **Validation dates to be determined.**
36. **Western and Ranch Information:** Exhibitors may only sign up for Western **or** Ranch classes, **not both**, during online registration. This includes horse & pony classes.
37. **No class changes/additions permitted during fair week.** Exceptions: clerical errors or entry of comparable classes due to entry of back-up horse. Any changes to be approved by horse Superintendent.
38. Western & Ranch horses/ponies aged 6 & over must be shown in a shanked bit.
39. **Ranch Rules:**
 - a. Exhibitor Attire: All exhibitors must wear traditional western attire that reflects the true ranch lifestyle. Appropriate attire includes a long-sleeved shirt with collar and that has buttons or snaps that must be fastened at the wrist, western hat (or helmet), and boots with heels. Clothing with excessive crystals, glitter, or sequins is not allowed. The addition of protective outerwear is acceptable as dictated by weather conditions.
 - b. Equipment/Grooming:
 - i. Animals to be shown in good working halter (rope, braided, nylon, or plain leather. No silver).
 - ii. Saddles: No silver is to be on saddles beyond conchos, two-inch (2") corner plates and/or cantle name

- plates, horn caps, and silver lacing. Saddles with excessive silver have the option to use duct tape or something similar to cover any excessive silver and will not be penalized.
- iii. Bridles: May be leather, rawhide or a combination thereof; and may have buckles with vaquero style silver, nickel, copper or brass, any type of leather inlaid in cheeks of the bridle or "silver-colored" dots. All bits and spurs are excluded from any silver requirements,
 - iv. Bits: Standard western bits to be used in performance classes. See Horse & Pony Rules and Regulations for details.
 - v. Lip chains, splint boots, leg wraps or bandages are prohibited in showmanship classes.
 - vi. Shin and/or bell boots on front legs and standard sliding rundown boots on rear fetlock optional in working classes.
 - vii. Hair dyes or fresh hoof black, hoof polish and/or oil is not allowed.
 - viii. Clipping in ears, bridle path, roached manes, mane and legs is left to the discretion of the exhibitor and has no bearing on the horse's performance.
 - ix. The horse should be clean and brushed, and should be shown as naturally as possible.
 - x. Banded or braided manes, braided tails, tie-in tails and/or extensions are not allowed.
40. **Versatility Rules:** Open to exhibitors 13-19 years old. Two grooms will be allowed per entry. Classes will consist of English Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, and Barrels. There will be a four minute tack change allowed between classes. Horse and rider must have proper attire for each class. If equipment failure occurs, report immediately to the center of the ring. At the judge's discretion the class maybe stopped for up to 4 minutes for repairs. If repair cannot be made, the participant will be disqualified from the Versatility event., Once the horse and rider enters the arena, neither may leave until completion of the Versatility event. Barrel scores will be used in the event of a tiebreaker, Scores will be given for the top 10 in each class/placing will be 1 thru 10. Disqualifications: More than two grooms in the ring at any time or untacking before and/or after the allowed time. Any participant not ready to compete, in proper tack and attire, at the end of four minutes will be disqualified. If a horse is deemed to be out of control, at the judge's discretion, the exhibitor will be dismissed from the Versatility class.
41. **Freestyle Reining:** Open to exhibitors ages 9-19. If exhibitor performs a routine as a team with other riders, only the one exhibitor shall wear a back number, and it is the one back number only who will be judged. A rider may participate in only one routine, even if the ride was as an unjudged teammate. Equipment is the same as a regular reining class. Limited costume and music allowed, but not required, Entrant will be disqualified if costume is determined a hazard to horse or rider, Class will be judged on execution of pattern, Ni inappropriate or offensive music, costume or dress allowed. Music is allowed but not required and must meet the following guidelines: execution of selection limited to up to 3 minutes, music used must be provided by exhibitor, and if using music, beginning and ending of pattern must be within music selection, The pattern is freestyle, but required maneuvers to be included are defined as follows: minimum one spin to the right, minimum one spin to the left, minimum three stops, minimum one lead change at the canter from right to left, and minimum one lead change at the canter from left to right. Exhibitor will only be judged astride. Exhibitors will be allowed to use either one hand or two hands without penalty. Failure to perform required maneuvers or exceeding time limit will result in a score of 0. Props will be permitted, but must not obstruct judge's view, hinder the performance, and will not add to the score.
42. **High Points and Overall High Points:** Exhibitors must sign up for each high point and overall by June 17. **Exhibitors must sign-up, and show, in a Showmanship class to qualify for ALL High Points.** Points will be awarded from all classes including Champion and Reserve Champion, but will not include versatility, freestyle reining and costume. Points will also be awarded for ring clean-up participation (see rule 11).
43. All traveling trophies are to be returned to the Cass County Fair office by June 1st. Exhibitor is responsible for nameplate engraving, at no charge to the exhibitor. If an exhibitor does not return a trophy by June 1st, the exhibitor no longer qualifies for any traveling/high point trophies for the current fair year. Any exhibitor who wins a traveling trophy will sign an agreement showing that the read and understand the trophy deadline and restrictions.
44. **Barn Herdsmanship Policy will be enforced – see General Youth Rules.**
45. Superintendent reserves the right to revise the show schedule.
46. Horse Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship class will be held on Saturday. Exhibitors may haul in their own horse or use an exhibitor's horse already stabled on the grounds.
47. Stalls must be cleaned at conclusion of fair prior to departure from the grounds. See club leader to check-off for permission to leave grounds. Clubs will incur a \$100 cleaning fee for each uncleaned stall. Open exhibitors must see Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent prior to leaving.
48. Any person can be excused from the fairgrounds for abuse to animals, abusive/foul language, or discourteous behavior towards judges, superintendents, show officials, volunteers, exhibitors, or guests. Such behavior will be evaluated upon review by the Fair Board.

Monday - Starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Section A – Halter (All Horses & Ponies) Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse Class

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| 1311 | Mares (all ages, horses only) Ages 8-19 |
| 1312 | Geldings (all ages, horses only) Ages 8-19 |
| 1313 | Ponies (all ages ponies) Ages 8-19 |
| 1314 | Champion & Res. Champion..... Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1 st & 2 nd place winners in classes 1311-1313) |

Section B – Western & Ranch Showmanship Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class – Western

- 1320 Ages 18 & over
 1321 Ages 16-17
 1322 Ages 14-15
 1323 Ages 12-13
 1324 Ages 9-11

Horse & Pony Class – Ranch

- 1325 Ages 18 & over
 1326 Ages 16-17
 1327 Ages 14-15
 1328 Ages 12-13
 1329 Ages 9-11

Pony Class

- 1330 Western or Ranch 9-13
 1331 Walk/Trot Showmanship (Western or Ranch) Age 8 (Horse & Pony)

Section C – English Showmanship

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1335 Ages 18 & over
 1336 Ages 16-17
 1337 Ages 14-15
 1338 Ages 12-13
 1339 Ages 9-11

Pony Class

- 1340 Ages 9-13
 1341 Walk/Trot Age 8 (Horse & Pony)

Section D – Gymkhana

GYMKHANA NOT TO START PRIOR TO 6:00 p.m.

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Note – 1st and 2nd place winners will compete in championship classes on Friday

Horse & Pony – Keyhole

- 1351 Ages 18 & over
 1352 Ages 16-17
 1353 Ages 14-15
 1354 Ages 12-13
 1355 Ages 9-11

(1st & 2nd place winners of 1351-1355 will compete in class 1580)

Horse & Pony – Speed & Action

- 1357 Ages 18 & over
 1358 Ages 16-17
 1359 Ages 14-15
 1360 Ages 12-13
 1361 Ages 9-11

(1st & 2nd place winners of 1357-1361 will compete in class 1581)

Tuesday – Starting Promptly at 8:00 a.m.

- 1365 **Western Senior Champion & Res. Champion 14 & Over**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of: 1320, 1321, 1322, 1325, 1326, 1327 – champion and reserve will compete in class 1369)

- 1366 **Western Junior Champion & Res. Champion 13 & Under**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of: 1323, 1324, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331 – champion and reserve will compete in class 1369)
- 1367 **English Senior Champion & Res. Champion 14 & Over**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of: 1335, 1336, 1337 – champion and reserve will compete in class 1369)
- 1368 **English Junior Champion & Res. Champion 13 & Under**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners of: 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341 – champion and reserve will compete in class 1369)
- 1369 **Grand Champion & Res. Grand Champion Showmanship**
Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to the 1st & 2nd place winners of: 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368)

**Traveling Trophy will be awarded
 to the winner of class 1369**

**The winner of class 1369 will compete in
 Showmanship Sweepstakes**

Section E – English Equitation

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1384 Ages 18 & over
 1385 Ages 16-17
 1386 Ages 14-15
 1387 Ages 12-13
 1388 Ages 9-11

Pony Class

- 1389 Ages 9-13

Horse & Pony Class – Walk/Trot

- 1390 Walk/Trot Ages 9-13
 1391 Walk/Trot Age 8
 1392 **Champion & Res. Champion.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1384-1389)

Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1392

Section F – English Pleasure

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1400 Ages 18 & over
 1401 Ages 16-17
 1402 Ages 14-15
 1403 Ages 12-13
 1404 Ages 9-11

Pony Class

- 1405 Ages 9-13

Horse & Pony Class – Walk/Trot

- 1406 Walk/Trot Ages 9-13
 1407 Walk/Trot Age 8
 1408 **Champion & Res. Champion.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1400-1405)

Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1408

Section G – Hunter Over Fences

Baby Green cannot enter any other jumping class.

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Jump Heights: See Rule 30 for Department 9.

Horse & Pony Class

- 1420 Hunter Hack – Ages 9-19
- 1421 Intermediate Hunter – Ages 9-19
- 1422 Baby Green Over Fences – Ages 9-19
- 1423 Equitation Over Fences – Ages 9-19

Section H – Gymkhana

GYMKHANA NOT TO START PRIOR TO 6:00 p.m.

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class – Flags

- 1430 Ages 18 & over
 - 1431 Ages 16-17
 - 1432 Ages 14-15
 - 1433 Ages 12-13
 - 1434 Ages 9-11
- (1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1430-1434 will compete in class 1582)*

Horse & Pony Class – Cloverleaf

- 1436 Ages 18 & over
 - 1437 Ages 16-17
 - 1438 Ages 14-15
 - 1439 Ages 12-13
 - 1440 Ages 9-11
- (1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1436-1440 will compete in class 1583)*

Wednesday – Starting Promptly at 8:00 a.m.**Section I – Western & Ranch Horsemanship**

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class – Western

- 1446 Ages 18 & over
- 1447 Ages 16-17
- 1448 Ages 14-15
- 1449 Ages 12-13
- 1450 Ages 9-11

Horse & Pony Class – Ranch

- 1451 Ages 18 & over
- 1452 Ages 16-17
- 1453 Ages 14-15
- 1454 Ages 12-13
- 1455 Ages 9-11

Pony Class

- 1456 Western or Ranch Ages 9-13

Horse & Pony Class Walk/Trot

- 1457 Walk/Trot Horsemanship Western or Ranch Ages 9-13
- 1458 Walk/Trot Horsemanship Western or Ranch Age 8

- 1459 **Senior Champion & Reserve Champion 14 & Over**
.....**Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to the 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1446, 1447, 1448, 1451, 1452, 1453)
- 1460 **Junior Champion & Reserve Champion 13 & Under**
.....**Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to the 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1449, 1450, 1454, 1455, 1456)
- 1461 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion**
.....**Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Winners from classes 1459, 1460)
Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of Class 1461

Section J – Western & Ranch Pleasure

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class – Western

- 1469 Ages 18 & over
- 1470 Ages 16-17
- 1471 Ages 14-15
- 1472 Ages 12-13
- 1473 Ages 9-11
- 1474 **Champion & Res. Champion**.....**Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1469-1473)
Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1474

Horse & Pony Class – Ranch

- 1475 Ages 18 & Over
- 1476 Ages 16-17
- 1477 Ages 14-15
- 1478 Ages 12-13
- 1479 Ages 9-11
- 1480 **Champion & Res. Champion** **Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1475-1479)
Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1480

Pony Class

- 1481 Western or Ranch Pony – Ages 9-13
- 1482 **Champion & Res. Champion**.....**Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in class 1481)
Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1482

Horse & Pony Class – Walk/Trot

- 1483 Walk/Trot Pleasure (Western or Ranch) – Ages 9-13
- 1484 Walk/Trot Pleasure (Western or Ranch) – Age 8

Section K – Versatility

VERSATILITY NOT TO START BEFORE 6:00 p.m.

Trophy & 10 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1490 Versatility – Ages 13 & over
The Dave Bratton Family Traveling Trophy
will be awarded to the winner of class 1490

Thursday – Starting Promptly at 8:30 a.m.**Section L – English/Western Riding**

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1500 Ages 18 & over
- 1501 Ages 16-17
- 1502 Ages 14-15
- 1503 Ages 12-13
- 1504 Ages 9-11

Section M – Reining

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1509 Ages 18 & over
- 1510 Ages 16-17
- 1511 Ages 14-15
- 1512 Ages 12-13
- 1513 Ages 9-11

Section N – Free Style Reining

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1519 Ages 9-19

A buckle sponsored by Brett & Rene Boyer & family
will be awarded to the winner of this class

Section O – Gymkhana**GYMKHANA NOT TO START PRIOR TO 6:00 p.m.**

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class – Kegs

- 1530 Ages 18 & over
- 1531 Ages 16-17
- 1532 Ages 14-15
- 1533 Ages 12-13
- 1534 Ages 9-11

(1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1530-1534 will compete in class 1584)

Horse & Pony Class – Poles

- 1536 Ages 18 & over
- 1537 Ages 16-17
- 1538 Ages 14-15
- 1539 Ages 12-13
- 1540 Ages 9-11

(1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1536-1540 will compete in class 1585)

Friday – Starting Promptly at 8:00 a.m.**Section P – Trail**

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1549 Western/English – Ages 18 & over
- 1550 Western/English – Ages 16-17
- 1551 Western/English – Ages 14-15
- 1552 Western/English – Ages 12-13
- 1553 Western/English – Ages 9-11
- 1554 Walk/Trot Western/Ranch/English – Ages 9-13
- 1555 Walk/Trot Western/Ranch/English – Age 8
- 1556 Ranch Ages 18 & over
- 1557 Ranch Ages 16-17
- 1558 Ranch Ages 14-15
- 1559 Ranch Ages 12-13
- 1560 Ranch Ages 9-11
- 1561 **Champion & Res. ChampionTrophy & 2 Rosettes**
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1549 thru 1553 and 1556 thru 1560)

Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of class 1561

Section Q – Dressage

Exhibitors in class 1570 cannot participate in class 1573.

Trophy & 6 rosettes offered in each class

Horse & Pony Class

- 1570 Introduction to Dressage (no cantering) Ages 8-19
- 1571 Training Level 1
- 1572 Training Level 2
- 1573 Dressage Equitation

Gymkhana Championships**GYMKHANA NOT TO START PRIOR TO 6:00 p.m.**

- 1580 **Keyhole Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1351-1356)
- 1581 **Speed & Action Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1357-1361)
- 1582 **Flags Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1430-1434)
- 1583 **Cloverleaf Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1436-1440)
- 1584 **Kegs Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1530-1534)
- 1585 **Poles Champion & Reserve Champion..**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes
(Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1536-1540)

Saturday – starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Section R – Costume

The following will be awarded in each age division: Trophy for Best Overall Costume. Rosettes for Most Original Costume, Funniest Costume, Best Interpretation of Theme, Best Use of Material, and Best Coordination of Animal & Handler.

NOTE: For safety reasons, all horses and ponies must have a responsible person, 16 years old or older, (dressed appropriately) on lead, in addition to the rider.

Theme: See Fair Book Cover

Horse & Pony Class

1701 Ages 8-19

Section S – Pee Wee / Cloverbud

Judging – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – Horse Arena

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. YOUTH THAT ARE AGE 7 WILL SHOW UNDER THE PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD CLASSES FOR HORSE AND PONY CLASSES ONLY. All other classes the competitor age begins at age 7.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud ages for horse/pony exhibitors: 5-7.
4. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors must complete the Cass County online Livestock ID Sheet no later than May 1 indicating whether they are bringing their own animal or using another exhibitor's animal.
5. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds desiring to show saddle horses or ponies must pre-register, provide proof of a current negative Coggins test and adhere to the same registration and possession dates as specified in the youth division rules.
6. Saddle horses and ponies may be shown by both **youth** exhibitors and **Pee Wee/Cloverbud** exhibitors. A Pee Wee/Cloverbud may not share the horse of another Pee Wee/Cloverbud. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany exhibitors into the arena.
7. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds showing horses/ponies must be at least 5 years of age by January 1 of the current year and are required to wear a S.E.I. approved helmet in **all** classes, **including Showmanship**.
8. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds may not show mares with foals.
9. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds must be at least 7-years-old in order to show in Walk/Trot class.
10. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds must have parental supervision when working with their horse/pony.
11. Pee Wee/Cloverbud horse/pony exhibiting will take place Saturday about 11:00 a.m. following costume classes.
12. Exhibitors hauling a horse/pony in just for the Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes must remove their horse and trailer from the grounds no later than one (1) hour after the conclusion of the final Cloverbud class.
13. **A pass for Pee Wee/Cloverbud horse exhibitors trailering in on Saturday that will include the name of the participant, adult contact name, contact phone number, license plate number of the trailer, the time the permit expires, and directions on**

where parking will be permitted will be available in the fair office.

14. Pee Wee/Cloverbud saddle horse and pony participants are also required to attend workouts as specified per club and must have an approved evaluation by each participant's club.
 - a. Exhibitors not having a club's evaluation must show with a lead line and under no circumstances will they be allowed to show without a lead line.
 - b. Pee Wee/Cloverbud evaluations will be turned in to the Superintendent (for walk/trot class only) at least three weeks prior to the fair.
15. Seven-year-olds may choose Lead Line or Walk/Trot, but **not both**.

Horse & Pony Class

- 1761 Showmanship – Ages 5-7
 1762 Walk/Trot – Age 7
 1763 Lead Line – Ages 5-7

High Point Award Ceremony – 1:00 p.m.

High Point Walk-Trot (8-year-olds)
 High Point Western Pony
 High Point English Pony
 High Point English (Horse Only)
 High Point Western (Horse Only)
 High Point Ranch (Horse & Pony)
 High Point Gymkhana (Horse & Pony)
 Reserve Overall High Point Equine
 Overall High Point Equine

Award Ceremony

Senior Recognition & Last Ride

Adult Alumni Horse Show Fundraiser to follow at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday – Starting at 6:00 a.m. – Haul Out

YOUTH DEPARTMENT 10 YOUTH DRAFT HORSE

Suzanne Suseland, Superintendent
 Amanda Bergen & Amy Pike, Assistant Superintendents

*The following rules pertain
 to all open youth and 4-H exhibiting Draft Horses:*

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Barn Rules.

Note: Final decisions regarding participation in the Youth Draft Horse Program rest with the superintendent and assistant superintendents.

1. All exhibitors are encouraged to be enrolled in 4-H.
2. Draft Horse Exhibitor ages: 8-19
3. Exhibitors are required to attend the orientation meeting in order to participate. If unable to attend this meeting, the superintendent must be notified prior to the meeting to schedule an appointment to fill out the required forms.
4. All exhibitors are required to attend: 7 scheduled workouts (allowed to miss 3); three (3) workouts at the horse owner's house/farm; and highly encourage to attend the one scheduled clinic. In addition, all first year exhibitors are required to attend one (1) of the two (2) scheduled mane & tail clinics during the calendar year.
5. Exhibitors who do not own their own horse will be assigned one by the superintendent, assistant superintendents and the horse owners in order to ensure horses are matched with the exhibitor's abilities.
6. Exhibitors intending to drive or participate in bareback riding classes must make arrangements with their respective horse owners. All first year exhibitors are ineligible to participate in driving and bareback classes, unless they are owners of the horse.
7. Parent and adult supervisors are *REQUIRED* to stay during the entire workout at the fairgrounds unless there is prior approval of the horse owner, superintendent or assistant superintendents to leave. If any exhibitor is left unattended during the workouts, they are ineligible to participate in the program and the fair.
8. Any exhibitor or parent of an exhibitor showing unbecoming conduct to a leader, owner, judge or another exhibitor will not be allowed to complete the draft horse project.
9. Unsportsmanlike conduct rules will be enforced. See General Youth Rules.
10. Proper dress code will be enforced. See General Youth Rules

Section A – Draft Horse Evaluation

1. All exhibitors are required to submit a draft horse evaluation workbook. If no workbook is submitted, the exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the fair events.
2. Youth entering Draft Horse Evaluation classes must also be entered in their respective draft horse showmanship class in Section C, in order to show in other draft horse classes at the fair.
3. Draft Horse Evaluations will be conducted on an appointment sign-up basis, and will be done in the Draft Horse barn on Sunday of fair week starting at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Class – (Mandatory)

- 2001 Senior Draft Horse Evaluation, 15 – 19
 2002 Intermediate Draft Horse Evaluation, 12-14
 2003 Beginning Draft Horse Evaluation, 8-11
 2004 **Best of Show – as deemed deserving by the judge**
 **Rosette to each**

Section B – Draft Horse Youth Cart

Judging – Tuesday following the open cart classes which begin at 5:00 p.m. Youth will start after adult class 1906.

1. Youth must have an adult on vehicle and must have a header at ringside.
2. Cart must be of a suitable two-wheel cart of show type.

Trophy and 6 rosettes offered in each class.

Class

- 2011 Senior Cart
 2012 Junior Cart

Section C – Draft Horse Youth Fitting, Showing, Decorating and Bareback Riding

*Judging – Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Draft Horse Barn/Ring*

1. Animals must be fitted and shown by the youth.
2. Animals must be of acceptable draft type.
3. Youth decorating participants will be required to roll manes and tie tails. Time limit for all decorating classes will be 30 minutes.
4. For decorating, all horses will be decorated in tie/box stalls, with direct adult supervision for safety. **No conversation is allowed between the supervisor, exhibitor or general public.**
5. Bareback riding will be judged at the walk and trot only. **Approved safety riding helmet will be required.**
6. Youth are required to participate in showmanship classes and in their respective horse evaluation classes in Section A in order to show in any other draft horse classes at the fair.

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 2021 Senior Decorating, 15 & over
 2022 Intermediate Decorating, 12-14
 2023 Junior Decorating, 8-11
 2024 Senior Showmanship, 15 & over
 2025 Intermediate Showmanship, 12-14
 2026 Junior Showmanship, 8-11
 2027 **Champion and Reserve Champion Draft Horse Showmanship..... Trophy & Rosette to each (from winners of classes 2024, 2025, 2026 and the second place showman from the class the champion is picked)**
 2028 Draft Horse Bareback Riding
Winner of class 2027 will go on to compete in Showmanship Sweepstakes

Section D – Draft Horse Youth Team

*Judging – Tuesday Evening – Draft Horse Ring
 (immediately following Open Cart classes)*

1. Youth must have an adult on wagon and must have a header at ringside.

- Youth may be required to do individual maneuvers.

Class

2041 Youth Draft Horse Team

Section E – Draft Horse Youth Cart Obstacle

Judging – Thursday 6:00 p.m. following farm utility classes .

2051 Youth Draft Horse Cart Obstacle

DEPARTMENT 11 YOUTH CATS

Brooke Lamb, Superintendent
Tina Konrath & Danielle Lamb, Assistants

*Judging – Thursday, August 3
8:00 a.m. – Gregarek Building Basement
Check-in Time: 7:30 a.m.*

- Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.**
- Each exhibitor may enter no more than 2 cats in any class.
- Cats must be brought to the show in a secure carrier, and remain in carrier when not being shown, unless otherwise approved by show committee.
- Cats must wear a safety harness and leash at all times. Exhibitor should have leash loop around wrist while carrying an individual.
- Possession date for cats is June 15th of the current year.
- Feline ID Form, photo, and attached veterinary vaccination copy are required to be turned in by June 17th of the current year, along with class enrollments. If vaccinations or other medical status changes between June 17th and the show, updated records are to be presented at the show.
- Vaccination series should be complete at least 14 days prior to show. Yearly boosters can be done any time after initial series is complete. Rabies, distemper and leukemia vaccinations are required and flea preventative is strongly encouraged for the protection of your cat. A copy of current vaccines MUST be turned in June 17 or animal will be ineligible to show.
- Feline leukemia positive cats will not be allowed at fair.
- Dress code for exhibitors: **NO** blue jeans. Long sleeve shirt with no logos is required. Recommended – black pants and white shirt or lab coat.
- All toenails must be trimmed or clipped, or animal can be disqualified.

Section A – Showmanship

- Exhibitor may only enter in showmanship once.

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 2201 Senior Showmanship, ages 16 & older
2202 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 13-15
2203 Junior Showmanship, ages 10-12
2204 Beginner Showmanship, ages 7-9
2205 **Champion & Reserve Champion Showman**
.....**Trophy & Rosette to each** (1st & 2nd place of classes 2201-2204 are eligible for Grand & Res. Grand Champion. Grand Champion Showman will represent cats in Small Animal Sweepstakes)

Section B – Cats & Kittens

- Kittens are not eligible for championship.

1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class.

- 2215 Kitten 4-12 months of age
2216 Long hair adult male 1-7 years of age
2217 Long hair senior male 8 years and older
2218 Long hair adult female 1-7 years of age
2219 Long hair senior female 8 years and older
2220 **Champion & reserve long haired cat... Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
2221 Short hair adult male 1-7 years of age
2222 Short hair senior male 8 years and older
2223 Short hair adult female 1-7 years of age
2224 Short hair senior female 8 years and older
2225 **Champion & reserve short haired cat... Trophy & 2 Rosettes**
2226 **Grand & reserve overall feline Trophy & Rosette to each**

Section C- Agility

- Cats competing in agility must have participated in Section A or B.
- 1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class.**

- 2231 Beginner Feline Agility
2232 Intermediate Feline Agility
2233 Advanced Feline Agility
2234 **Champion & Reserve Trophy & Rosette to each**

Section D – Costume Class

Theme – Same as Fair Book cover.

- Cat must also compete in Section A or B in order to participate in this section.

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 2251 Costume class, ages 7-10
2252 Costume class, ages 11-13
2253 Costume class, ages 14 & over
2254 **Champion Overall Costume.....Champion Trophy & Rosette**

Catherine Lamb Memorial Best Purr-sonality Award... **Trophy**

Section F – Cloverbud

PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD CAT

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Must register on Fair Entry by June 17.
3. Class will be a showmanship/breed class combination.
4. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitor age: 5-7.
5. May show the same cat as another exhibitor.

Class

2261 Cloverbud/Pee Wee Cat

DEPARTMENT 12 YOUTH DOGS

Brooke Lamb, Superintendent

Tina Konrath, Jenny Pegura, Devon Sanchez-Ossorio, Zoe Scott, and Mary Tharp Assistant Superintendents

*Clean-up & turn in evaluations & Knowledge Test –
Wednesday, prior to the show– 6:00 p.m. – show arena*

*Judging – Agility, Cloverbud & Costume –
Friday prior to fair
6:00 p.m. – show arena
Check-in 5:30 – 5:45 p.m.*

*Judging - Showmanship & Obedience –
Saturday July 29
12:00 noon – show arena Check-in 11:30-11:45
Evaluation Judging by appointment, scheduled at clean-up*

Exhibitors must read and comply with the Youth Exhibitor Rules and Youth Livestock Exhibitor Rules.

1. The major care and training must be done by the exhibitor.
Competitive exhibitor age allowed is 7-19.
2. All dogs must be registered with the Cass County Fair ID sheet (with photo uploaded) located on the Cass County Fair website and all classes entered in Fair Entry by midnight June 17. No late registration will be accepted.
3. Rabies and DHPP immunization certificates are required; if not presented by June 17, exhibitor will be ineligible to show at the fair. (Vaccination for Lepto, Bordetella (Kennel Cough), and canine influenza is highly recommended.) Forms available online must be completely filled out and on file by all deadlines for the dogs to be eligible to exhibit at the fair including all vaccination certificates and forms, with photo. If vaccinations change between June 17th and show day, updated records must be presented to superintendent at time of check-in. A copy of

current vaccines MUST be turned in June 17 or animal will be ineligible to show.

4. Vaccination series should be completed at least 14 days prior to show. Yearly boosters can be done any time after initial series is complete. Heartworm and flea preventive, Bordetella, Influenza and Lyme vaccinations are strongly encouraged for the protection of your dog.
5. The superintendent and the dog review committee have the authority to disqualify any dog due to undesirable disposition or condition from the youth dog project.
6. All dogs must be checked in with the superintendents prior to the show. For the Friday night show, check in time is between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. For the Saturday show, check in time is between 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Armbands will be available for pick-up at these times.
7. Female dogs in season will only be allowed in obedience, rally, and costume class. They will NOT be allowed to show in agility or showmanship. The exhibitor must note his/her dog is in season when checking in and stay confined in a designated area. They will show at the end of the class. Exhibitor may use substitute dog in this case, upon committee/superintendent approval prior to start of show. Failure to notify a female dog in season will result in dismissal/disqualification from the show.
8. Dogs must remain on lead in hand, or confined, unless in the ring. **No dogs are allowed to be left unattended in vehicles or bleacher area. No dogs will be allowed in the aisle ways between bleachers and rings, nor in bleachers.**
9. **Three-foot rule:** Keep all dogs 3 feet or more away from all other dogs at all times, including dogs they may know. Show day is stressful for dogs and people alike. We strive to maintain a safe environment for all.
10. All obedience and agility judging will be based on a point system as suggested by Michigan State 4-H Dog Show and the 4-H Dog Care and Obedience Project Guide. Scoresheets available at the MSU Extension office and online.
11. Dress Code: **NO** blue jeans, T-shirts, muscle shirts, sweatshirts, halter-tops, low-cut blouses or sweaters, mini-skirts, blue jean shorts or cut-offs. Any clothing which draws undue attention to one's self is unacceptable. Dress shorts, dress jeans and skorts will be permitted, but they must be fingertip lengths. Low-heeled shoes are preferred, and hair must be worn away from face.
12. Exhibitors must receive an "A" ribbon/placing in the qualifying class in order to receive a championship.
13. Participants must pick up after their dogs. If found not doing so, you may be excused from the rest of the show and awards may be held.
14. Awards will be given at the end of each show day. If participant is not present to receive awards, it is their responsibility to make arrangements with the youth office to pick them up. Score sheets will be released at the end of the show Saturday after all equipment has been cleared. After Saturday, the MSU Extension office will hold sheets and awards for the same allotted time as still exhibit items.
15. See other Youth Department rules and regulations.
16. Resources for the MSU 4-H dog program website, including score sheets and rules:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_dog_score_sheets

Section A – Dog Evaluation

1. If doing an evaluation, you must be entered on the youth's exhibit entry form when it is turned in. The evaluation will need to be turned in on Friday, prior to fair at 5:00 p.m. when the exhibitor checks in for the show. Sign up for an interview time on Wednesday prior to show during barn clean-up. Interviews will take place on Saturday morning. Please plan on being in your interview for up to 15 minutes. The location of the interviews for your record books will be announced at check-in.
2. Evaluations are accumulative, exhibitors should compile all their years of involvement in the project area and include them in the evaluation in a binder. General information can be added and/or changed when information is different. Again, this is meant to be accumulative. Evaluation booklets are available at the Extension office. Individuals are encouraged to make the book their own, design is up to participant. Information to include: photos, experience, health record, nutrition, and previous awards or scoresheets.

Class

- 2301 Senior Dog Evaluation, 15 +
 2302 Intermediate Dog Evaluation, 11-14
 2303 Beginning Dog Evaluation, 7-10
 2304 **Best of Show – as deemed deserving by the judge**
 **Rosette to each**

B. High Point Versatility

1. Score is comprised of an accumulation of 6 categories, none of which are mandatory, but all points added into total
 - a. Showmanship – 100 pts.
 - b. Novice A or above (off leash) Obedience – 200 pts.
 - c. Intermediate or Advanced Agility (off leash) – 100 pts.
 - d. Advance Dog Knowledge Test – 100 pts.
 - e. Off-leash Rally – 100 pts.
 - f. Record Books – 100 pts.
2. The same dog/handler combination is required in all the classes.
3. There will be two (2) available testing categories. Beginner (ages 7-14) and Advanced (ages 15 & over). Versatility participants must take the Advanced test regardless of age (the advanced test is open to all ages). Participants may only take one test, which means if an 7-14 year old wishes to compete in versatility and/or the advanced test they may. However exhibitors ages 15 and over **MUST** take the Advanced test. It is the participant's responsibility to prepare themselves for this test. Recommendations for study include: Rules & Guidelines, AKC breeds, vaccinations, general health and care of canines, evaluation book materials, and any learning labs put on by the county.
4. Questions will be prepared ahead of time by an outside source.
5. Be sure to sign up for the Dog Knowledge Test on the fair registration online during registration.
6. Traveling trophy will be awarded at the end of the Saturday show, to allow for scores to be tallied.

7. You may sign up to take the test regardless of showing versatility, but **MUST sign up for High Point Versatility in order to compete in that class day of shows.**

Trophy and six rosettes

Class

2310 Versatility

1-6 rosettes offered

Section C - Dog Knowledge Test

Class

- 2311 Beginning Dog Knowledge Test (ages 7-14)
 2312 Advanced Dog Knowledge Test (all ages)

Section D – Agility

1. Participants may compete in each division (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) until they obtain 3 qualifying scores. They may only compete at the A level once; however B levels may be attempted until 2 qualifying scores are obtained. This applies per dog. Qualifying scores are obtained at any community, county, state or national show, receiving an award and must be reported to the superintendent or committee prior to show. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Classes are divided into "A" and "B" at all levels. "A" being for dogs **and handlers** competing at "A" level for the first year. "B" is for dogs **or handlers** who competed in "A" previously.
3. All rules and considerations outlined in "Agility for 4-H".

http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_dog_agility_manual_4h1647

4. Beginning Agility A & B are on leash, all others are off-leash.
5. Exhibitors showing dogs with agility titles must show at Intermediate B level or higher, depending on titles obtained
6. Classes may be split at the discretion of the superintendent, dog show committee and/or judge.

1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class

Class

- 2320 Beginner Agility A – all ages
 2321 Beginner Agility B – all ages
 2322 **Champion & Reserve Champion Beginner Agility (A&B)**
 **Trophy & Rosette to each**
 2323 Intermediate Agility A – all ages
 2324 Intermediate Agility B – all ages
 2325 **Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Agility (A & B)**
 **Trophy & Rosette to each**
 2326 Advanced Agility A
 2327 Advanced Agility B
 2328 **Champion & Reserve Champion Advanced Agility (A&B)**
 **Trophy & Rosette to each**

Section E – Showmanship

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 2331 Senior Showmanship, ages 16 & older

- 2332 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 13-15
 2333 Junior Showmanship, ages 10-12
 2334 Beginner Showmanship, ages 7-9
 2335 **Grand Champion & Reserve Gr. Champion Showman**
Trophy & Rosette to each (1st & 2nd
 place from classes 2131 – 2134 are eligible for Grand &
 Reserve Champion. Grand Champion Showman will
 represent dogs in the small animal sweepstakes).

Section F – Obedience

1. Beginner-Novice obedience class may only be entered by a first year exhibitor showing a first year dog in 4-H or other.
2. Participants compete in each division (Subnovice to Pre-Novice) until they obtain 3 qualifying scores. They may only compete at the A level once; however B levels may be attempted until 2 qualifying scores are obtained (if A was skipped). Beginner Novice class can only be entered once. Qualifying scores are obtained at any community, county, state or national show, receiving an award and must be reported to the superintendent or committee prior to show. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Exhibitors or dogs with experience must start at the sub-novice B level. If doing so, they may obtain 3 qualifying scores (maximum) before moving on. The same applies to novice and above levels if the exhibitor or dog is beginning at that level achieving 3 maximum qualifying scores in each division (example sub novice, novice, open).
4. Exhibitors wishing to remain at a level once they receive maximum qualifying scores may do so, but they will be non-competitive for placements. However, they will still receive A, B, or C ratings.
5. Classes may be split at the discretion of the superintendent, the dog show committee and/or the judge.
6. Depending on the number of entries, Pre-Novice classes may be divided by age.

1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class

Class

- 2341 Beginner Pre-Novice (1st year dog & handler)
 2342 Pre-Novice A (2nd year dog & handler)
 2343 Pre-Novice B
 2344 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion On Leash Obedience**Trophy & Rosette to each
 2345 Novice A
 2346 Novice B
 2347 Graduate Novice/Advanced Graduate Novice
 2348 Advanced Obedience Classes (Open, Pre-Utility, Utility)
 2349 **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Novice – Advanced** Trophy & Rosette to each

Section G – Rally

1. Rally rules will follow a combination of AKC and the Michigan 4-H State Show Regulations. We will use AKC Rally Signs. Please go to www.akc.org for signs and additional Rally rules and regulations. Classes offered are as follows:
2. Novice A – for dogs who do not have 3 qualifying scores in Novice obedience or Rally and are being shown by an exhibitor

who has not put a Novice Obedience title on ANY dog in any registry including 4-H (therefore have not completed both Novice A & B Obedience levels). This class is for beginning dogs and exhibitor and is completed on leash.

3. Novice B – any dog who does not have a Novice Rally Title in 4-H with members who have put a Novice Obedience title on ANY dog in any registry.
4. Intermediate – all dogs are judged on leash. No jumps.
5. Advanced A – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H who do NOT have a Novice (or higher) Obedience title in any registry.
6. Advanced B – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H and which also have a regular Obedience title in any registry.
7. Excellent A – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H and which do NOT have a Novice (or high) obedience title in any registry.
8. Excellent B – dogs who have a Rally Advance title in 4-H and which also have a regular Obedience title in any registry.
9. Master – all dogs judged off leash. Handlers are NOT allowed to pat legs or clap to encourage dogs. Verbal encouragement and multiple commands are still allowed.

1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class

Class

- 2350 Novice A
 2351 Novice B
 2352 Intermediate
 2353 Advanced A
 2354 Advanced B
 2355 **Champion & Reserve Champion Novice-Advanced Rally**
Trophy & Rosette to each
 2356 Excellent A
 2357 Excellent B
 2358 Master
 2359 **Champion & Reserve Champion Excellent-Master Rally ...**
Trophy & Rosette to each

Section H – Costume Class

Theme – Same as Fair book Cover

1. Dog must be on a lead.
2. Class is judged on creativity and originality.
3. Dog and handler are judged as one unit.

Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class

Class

- 2371 Costume class, ages 7-10
 2372 Costume class, ages 11-13
 2373 Costume class, ages 14 & over
 2374 **Champion Overall Costume.....Champion Trophy & Rosette**

Trophy : Best overall costume in each age division

Rosettes awarded in each age division as follows:

- Most original costume
- Funniest costume
- Best interpretation of theme
- Best use of materials
- Best coordination of animal & handler

Section I – Cloverbud**PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD DOG**

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitor age: 5-6.
3. Pee Wee/Cloverbud may not show female dogs in season at the fair.
4. No Pee Wee/Cloverbud dog showmanship.
5. Pee Wee/Cloverbud dog class will be a combination of obedience and agility.
6. May show a dog being exhibited by another exhibitor.
7. Cloverbud information is available at the MSU Extension office detailing class expectations.

Class

2375 Cloverbud/Pee Wee Dog

DEPARTMENT 13 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WITH DISABILITIES

YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Exhibitors with Disabilities classes are open to those ages 5-26 by January 1 of the current year, which have been determined to be eligible for special education services by the local school district. Exhibitors ages 5-19 have the choice to register in either the age specific showmanship classes of their species or the Exhibitors with Disabilities classes, but they cannot register for both within the same species. Exhibitors over the age of 19 must register for the Exhibitors with Disabilities showmanship classes and are not eligible to show in any market class.
2. Exhibitors with Disabilities ages 7-19 may register for market classes, only if they own their own animal.
3. Exhibitors with Disabilities showmanship classes will be held during the species showmanship portion of the show, with the exception of Light Horses (See Light Horse department.). Order of classes will be determined by superintendent.,
4. Any Exhibitor with Disabilities may designate an assistant to help them in the show ring.
5. All rules and regulations for the individual species must be followed.

Section A Showmanship**Class**

- 2400 Dairy Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2401 Dairy Feeder Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26

- 2402 Beef Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2403 Sheep Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2404 Goat Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2405 Swine Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2406 Poultry Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2407 Rabbit Exhibitors with Disabilities Showmanship, 7-26
2408 Horse Exhibitors with Disabilities ages 8-26
2409 Cat Exhibitors with Disabilities, ages 7-26

Section B – Canine Exhibitors with Disabilities**Sponsored by****Honor Credit Union of Dowagiac***Come Be Part Of It*

1. Exhibitors with disabilities are described as: Exhibitors with a diagnosed cognitive, physical, or emotional disability.
2. Accommodations form (and Medical Physician Statement signed diagnosis optional).
3. Exhibitors may not show in Section I if they have shown in any of the previous sections.
4. Regardless of age, first time exhibitors will begin in Class A in Agility, Obedience and Rally.
5. Exhibitor must earn and 1st or 2nd class placement in Agility and/or Obedience before he/she can advance to the next class.
6. Once the exhibitor has reached class E, he/she will remain in that class until he/she no longer wishes to exhibit, ages out, or has advanced to non-canine exhibitors with disabilities classes.
7. Ages 7-26.

1-6 rosettes offered in each non-championship class

Agility

1. Classes will be scored based on exhibitor, participation, not dog performance, based on Medical Physician Statement and exhibitor accommodation request form.

Class

- 2420 Class A
2421 Class B
2422 Class C
2423 Class D
2424 Class E
2425 Ch. & Res. Champion Agility Trophy & Rosette to each

Obedience

1. Classes will be scored based on exhibitor, participation, not dog performance, based on Medical Physician Statement and exhibitor accommodation request form.

Class

- 2430 Class A
2431 Class B
2432 Class C
2433 Class D
2434 Class E

2435 Ch. & Res. Champion Obedience.....
Trophy & Rosette to each

Rally

1. Rally rules will follow a combination of AKC and the Michigan 4-H State Show Regulations. We will use AKC Rally Signs. Please go to www.akc.org for signs and additional Rally rules and regulations. Classes offered are as follows:
2. Novice A – for dogs who do not have 3 qualifying scores in Novice obedience or Rally and are being shown by an exhibitor who has not put a Novice Obedience title on ANY dog in any registry including 4-H (therefore have not completed both novice A & B Obedience levels). This class is for beginning dogs and exhibitor and is completed on leash.
3. Novice B – any dog who does not have a Novice Rally Title in 4-H with members who have put a Novice Obedience title on ANY dog in any registry.
4. Intermediate – all dogs are judged on leash. No jumps.
5. Advanced A – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H who do NOT have a Novice (or higher) Obedience title in any registry.
6. Advanced B – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H and which also have a regular Obedience title in any registry.
7. Excellent A – dogs who have a Rally Novice title in 4-H and which do NOT have a Novice (or high) obedience title in any registry.
8. Excellent B – dogs who have a Rally Advance title in 4-H and which also have a regular Obedience title in any registry.
9. Master – all dogs judged off leash. Handlers are NOT allowed to pat legs or clap to encourage dogs. Verbal encouragement and multiple commands are still allowed.

Class

- 2440 Novice A
 2441 Novice B
 2442 Intermediate
 2443 Advanced A
 2444 Advanced B
 2445 **Ch. & Res. Champ. Novice-Advanced Rally.....**
Trophy & Rosette to each
 2446 Excellent A
 2447 Excellent B
 2448 Master
 2449 **Ch. & Res. Champ. Excellent - Master Rally.....**
Trophy & Rosette to each

Showmanship

1. Showmanship classes will be divided by disability instead of age so as to accommodate varying diagnosis. Classes will be called by class letter (ex. Class A, B, or C) during the show.
2. Classes may be divided at the discretion of the dog committee so that no more than six exhibitors are entered in each class. In these cases, classes will be divided by Medical Physician Statement suggested cognitive, physical, or emotional age.
3. Classes will be scored and run based upon accommodation request form information.

[Trophy and six rosettes offered in each class](#)

Class

- 2450 Ages 7-19
 2451 Ages 20-26

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DEPARTMENT 14 SMALL & LARGE ANIMAL SWEEPSTAKES

SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Melissa Town, Superintendent

Erin Ridenour and Ercia Thomas, Assistant Superintendents

Exhibitor Test - 9:00 a.m. – Small Animal Tent outside Show Arena

Judging, Friday – 4:00 p.m. - Show Arena

Rules for Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes

1. Participants in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest and their parent/guardian will be required to sign and **return a consent form in order to participate in the event due to sweepstakes superintendent or the 4-H office no later than test time on Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Non-compliance with this rule will result in disqualification from the event.
2. The Sweepstakes contestants shall be comprised of champion winners from the livestock divisions of dogs, cats, poultry, and rabbits.
3. In the event a person wins the champion showman for more than one species, he/she will represent the first specie in which he/she won. If a person wins a second (or more) champion showman, the second place (followed by third or fourth if needed) showman of that specie will enter the sweepstakes as the species' representative.
4. Each sweepstakes contestant shall show competitively against the other three contestants in each respective livestock division and **may not show any of their own animals in any of the classes.**
5. **All animals to be used in sweepstakes will be chosen or supplied by the specie superintendents and/or sweepstakes judges.**
6. This will be a round robin showmanship competition judged by different judges in each species, each contestant will show the same animal, contestants rotating within the room/arena.
7. Included in overall scores will be a short exam comprised of questions pertaining to the health, care, production and/or showing of the species involved in small animal sweepstakes
8. A tie break question will be chosen before exams are given in case of a tie in scoring.
9. There will be a time limit of 10 minutes for the judging of each species.
10. It is the showman's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the other species and shows.
11. Exhibitors are required to wear the T-shirt provided with black pants or long skirt and closed-toed shoes. No blue jeans allowed.
12. Scores will be given by placement, with first receiving 4 points, 2nd – 3 points, 3rd – 2 points and 4th – 1 point in each animal and

test section. Inappropriate dress, unsportsmanlike conduct, attitude and care of animal may result in point deductions or removal from class. Exhibitors are awarded the status as grand champion showman, and therefore, will be held to that standard as an exhibitor at the Cass County Fair in its entirety.

[Trophy and four rosettes offered](#)



Trophy and eight rosettes offered

LARGE ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Callie High, Superintendent
Judging – Friday, 6:00 p.m. – Show Arena

Rules for Showmanship Sweepstakes

1. Participants in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Contest and their parent/guardian will be required to sign and return a consent form in order to participate in the event. Non-compliance with this rule will result in disqualification from the event.
2. The Sweepstakes contestants shall be comprised of champion winners from the livestock divisions of sheep, swine, beef, dairy, goats, horse, draft horse and dairy feeder steers, providing there are eight (8) eligible animals exhibited in the youth division in each species available for sweepstakes.
3. In the event a person wins the champion showman for more than one species, he/she will represent the first specie in which he/she won. If a person wins a second (or more) champion showman, the second place (followed by third or fourth if needed) showman of that specie will enter the sweepstakes as the specie's representative.
4. Each sweepstakes contestant shall show competitively against the other seven contestants in each respective livestock division and **may not show any of their own animals in any of the classes.**
5. **All animals to be used in sweepstakes will be chosen by the specie superintendents.**
6. There will be a round robin showmanship competition judged by different judges in each specie.
7. Each sweepstakes contestant will be placed 1-8.
8. Participants will take an exam prior to the competition, which will be used in the event of a tie. There will also be an award for the participant that scores the highest on the exam.
9. The first three placings will be announced. The remaining placings will be given out upon request of the exhibitor. Competitors will receive their individual score sheets and comments upon request.
10. Animals to be used for sweepstakes will be assigned to contestants as they enter the show arena on Saturday afternoon.
11. There will be a time limit of 15 minutes for the judging of each species.
12. There will be no sideline coaching of any kind (verbal, hand signs, whistles, clicks, signage, etc.) during the entirety of the event. It is the exhibitor's job to prepare for this event in the days leading up to the night of Sweepstakes. The only persons exhibitors may receive help from are the other exhibitors that qualified for the event of the current year.
 - a. In the event an exhibitor is given help from the sidelines, they will be awarded no score for that species.
 - b. If an exhibitor is caught more than once receiving help from the sidelines, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the event and no awards shall be awarded to that exhibitor.

Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes is sponsored by:

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Youth Still Exhibitor Rules

1. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and comply with all the Cass County Fair General Youth Exhibitor Rules, as well as the Fair Entry form (link on Cass County Fair website) by midnight, June 17th. No paper entries will be accepted. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
2. **THERE WILL BE NO PREMIUMS FOR YOUTH STILL EXHIBITS.**
3. Judging of all youth projects will take place on the first Saturday before the fair; from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (**Judging will be closed for lunch**). Youth passes may be obtained at this time.
 - a. All still exhibits must be in place by 2:00 p.m.
4. All exhibitors should be present for judging of their still exhibit projects. If the exhibitor is unable to be present during still exhibit judging:
 - a. Prior notification must be made to the MSU Extension office (269-445-4438).
 - b. Project(s) presented for judging must include an index card with detailed description by the exhibitor explaining construction of project(s).
 - c. Project(s) must be available to be judged during the same judging time described above.
 - d. Projects presented without the exhibitor will receive an A, B or C rating, but will not be eligible for a Best of Show or any special award(s).
5. All non-livestock exhibits shall consist of items made by the exhibitor (in a volunteer group or individually), or an exhibit of skills practiced or knowledge learned in the project area within the last year.
6. Non-livestock exhibits made in connection with schoolwork, classroom requirements or in a class with a paid instructor will be accepted in the Youth Department.
7. Kits may be used.
8. Judging of still exhibits will be face-to-face interviews with a judge. Up to 50% of the A, B, or C rating may be derived from the interview. **The judge's decision is final.**
9. All poster exhibits must meet the following guidelines:
 - a. Photography posters must measure 16 x 20 inches, horizontal measurement being 20 inches. Exhibitors should use photography board to avoid damage to pictures.
 - b. All other posters must measure 14 x 22 inches.
 - c. 3-D exhibits:
 - i. Shall be no larger than 22 x 28 inches and must be firmly backed to be free-standing if made by exhibitor.
 - ii. Purchased 3-D exhibit boards may be used without adjusting the size.
 - d. Only one (1) poster per project exhibit will be accepted.
10. Pictures in all media should be ready to be hung. **No glass is allowed.** Plexiglas or other non-glass may be used.
11. All exhibitors with projects requiring a written explanation, pattern, instructions, recipe, etc. as outlined in the fair book must supply said information. Failure to include the required information may be reflected as a one-grade drop. All project requirements (i.e. correct project dimensions, hangers, posters,

etc.) should be followed for the project to be considered for Best of Show or other special recognition.

12. Best of Show rosettes may be awarded in non-livestock project areas as deemed deserving by the judge.
13. Youth Exhibitors may enter non-livestock exhibits in open class by following open class rules, **providing the same item is not used in both the youth and open classes.** (Example: You can't exhibit chocolate chip cookies in both open class and in the youth department.)
13. Exhibits displayed in the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex will be released on the Sunday following the fair from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Projects remaining in the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex after that time will be held at the MSU Extension office for 2 weeks, and disposed of after that time.
14. Exhibitors are to clearly identify all pieces of their projects in case the pieces are separated.

PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD STILL EXHIBITS

PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD STILL EXHIBIT CLASS NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT (72)

1. Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes are open to any youngster in Cass County between the ages of 5 and 6 years old as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds do not have to belong to 4-H in order to exhibit at the fair, as long as they live in Cass County.
3. It is the intent of the Cass County Fair Association to provide an educational opportunity for youngsters ages 5 to 6 in Pee Wee/Cloverbud programs with dogs, cats, goats, sheep, rabbits, cavies, poultry, swine, pocket pet, dairy calves, horses/ponies and still exhibits classes, as specified by the following rules.
4. Pee Wee/Cloverbud classes are non-competitive classes and as such are not awarded premiums. Participatory ribbons will be awarded to all exhibitors.
5. Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors are limited to two (2) still exhibits to be shown at the Cass County Fair.
6. All registration deadlines and youth rules apply to the Pee Wee/Cloverbud exhibitors.

Department 16

2025 Youth Still Exhibit Auction

1. Still Exhibit Auction is open to all youth exhibitors ages 7-19. *Cloverbuds/Pee Wees are not eligible to participate in the auction.*
2. An exhibitor may sell one lot in this sale.
3. An exhibitor must have received an "A" or "B" on the exhibit to be eligible to sell the item.
4. Exhibitor must register the item to be auctioned immediately after Still Exhibit judging on the Saturday prior to the opening of the fair, no later than 3:00 p.m.
5. Projects eligible for the Still Exhibit Auction: Foods, Fine Arts, Folk Arts, Crafts (no memory book albums), Photography, Artificial or Dried Flower Arrangements, Creative Welding, Recycling, and Scarecrows.
6. It is the exhibitor's (seller's) responsibility to make sure the buyer receives the item exactly as it was represented in the auction. For example, if a picture had a mat and frame, the buyer is to receive the same mat and frame or an exact duplicate.
7. All food items to be sold **must be a duplicate** of what the exhibitor had judged. All food items must be whole or at least a full dozen, and must have a recipe card attached (all ingredients must be listed). All food items must have been properly stored (kept refrigerated if needed).
 - a. **The duplicate food item must be turned in at the time of judging.**
8. If selling a non-food item, a duplicate item may be made by exhibitor to be given to the winning bidder at the auction.
 - a. If a duplicate item is not made for the sale, the exhibitor must indicate on the sale registration that the exhibit will be removed for the auction.
 - b. At the sale, if a duplicate item was not made, the exhibitor will receive a postcard (generated by the MSU-Extension office) that must be given to the person buying the item with instructions on obtaining their purchase.
 - c. The project item must be returned to the Lowe Building and remain on display throughout the entire fair.
9. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to pick up the item when the exhibits are released and deliver it to the buyer, within a reasonable amount of time.**
 - a. When the item is delivered safely to the buyer, the buyer is to mail the postcard back to the MSU Extension office as verification that the buyer has received the item.
 - b. Upon receipt of the postcard, the MSU-Extension office will release the auction check to the exhibitor.
 - c. If the project has not been provided to the buyer by September 30th (the end of the fair's fiscal year) the exhibitor will not receive the auction check.
10. The exhibitor must be present to sell their own project.
11. Five percent will be taken from the sale check of the item sold.
12. The exhibitor **MUST** write a thank you note to the buyer within a reasonable amount of time.

Superintendent – Hannah Hoff
Cheryl Rogers, Zelda Cloud, Shane Harris

Sunday, July 27 – 2:30 p.m.

**Special Thanks to Our
2024 Still Exhibit Auction Buyers
You were wonderful!!!**

Accoe, Dave	Hess, Richie
Barter, Tory	Hetehler, Shane
Bement, Jerry & Julie	Isabel, Karter, Kaleigh & Family
Bement, Jesse & Kim	James, Merielle
Black, Matthew & Dannielle	Kuemin, Brian
Bowman, Neil	Lord, Angelene
Braaksma, Katie	Luke, Keith
Bradly, Mike	Luke, Keith Jr. & Monica
Bradley, Tim	McGuire, Carrie
Brecsel, Mike	Miller, Joyce
Carpenter, Sierra	Peterson, Dennis & Jamie
Coleman, Rebecca	Peterson, Gail
Deubner Family	Peterson, Randy & Angela
Deubner, Zack	Phillips, Steven & Lisa
Dohm, Patty	Pollard, Mike & Tabi
Dopkowski, Becky	Rogers, Cheryl
Durbin & Sons Painting	Sedlar, Josh
Gleason, Cindy	Solloway, Chuck
Gleason, Dan & Sara	Stockwell, Brianna
Grayam, Stacey	Thomas, Ericia
Harris, Shane	Towne, Adam
Hass, Dean	True, Kim
Hayden, Jason	Trussell, Darlene
Hedrick, Denver	Waldschmidt, Ben
Heckman, John	Waldschmidt, Kevin
Hershberger, Jim	Williams, Kristen
	Witham, Roger

DEPARTMENT 17 YOUTH NEEDLEWORK

All General Rules & Regulations, Youth Department Rules & Regulations, Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Requirements, and the Guidelines for Exhibition will apply to all youth exhibitors, unless the rules are in conflict with the following departmental rules. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their family to read and familiarize themselves with all the rules & regulations pertaining to them.

1. All projects must be accompanied by pattern instructions.
2. Must follow age level guidelines available in the MSU Extension office.
3. Exhibitor may enter only one class in section a.
4. Age requirements for Department 17 are as follows:
 - a. Beginner, ages 7-11
 - b. Junior, ages 12-15
 - c. Senior, ages 16-19

Section A – Sewing

Class

- 2601 Beginner sewing, single article (i.e. apron, skirt, shorts, blouse, shirt or vest)
- 2602 Beginner sewing, ensemble articles (i.e. blouse & skirt, shirt with vest, apron & tea towels)
- 2603 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium
- 2604 Junior sewing, single article (i.e. dress, jumper, shirt, vest, pajamas, robe or sportswear)
- 2605 Junior sewing, ensemble articles (i.e. blouse & vest, top & shorts, slacks & shirt)
- 2606 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium
- 2607 Senior sewing, single article (i.e. dress, jumper, shirt, vest, pajamas, robe or sportswear)
- 2608 Senior sewing, complete ensemble (i.e. skirt & blouse, suit, formal wear, jumper & vest)
- 2609 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Creative Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting

1. Exhibitors are allowed one entry per class.
2. Pre-stamped items and/or kits allowed.
3. Gluing is not acceptable as a means of construction.
4. A pattern(s) should be used, instructions must accompany project.

Class

- 2621 Sewing for the home (3 small items or 1 large)
- 2622 Tote, duffel/sports bag or purse
- 2623 Curtains, draperies and/or bedspread
- 2624 Stuffed animals, pillows or toys

- 2625 Machine quilted and/or appliquéd item
- 2626 Holiday items (3 small items or 1 large)
- 2627 Machine knitting, one item made on a machine
- 2628 Afghans, throws and any other item made
- 2629 Knitting (article made i.e. sweater, hat/scarf, mittens, vest, etc.)
- 2630 Crochet (article made i.e. sweater, hat/scarf, mittens, vest, etc.)
- 2631 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Needlework

1. Suggested projects for this section are as follows: candle-wicking, chicken scratch, counted cross-stitch, crewel, pretty punch, ribbon, petite point, etc.
2. Any wall hanging made must be ready to hang, and no glass allowed. Plexiglas may be used.
3. Exhibitors are allowed one entry per class.

Class

- 2641 Beadwork
- 2642 Counted Cross-Stitch
- 2643 Crewel/Needlepoint
- 2644 Pretty Punch
- 2645 Swedish Weaving
- 2646 Any other needlework/embroidery
- 2647 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 18 YOUTH CULINARY ARTS

All General Rules & Regulations, Youth Department Rules & Regulations, Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Requirements, and the Guidelines for Exhibition will apply to all youth exhibitors, unless the rules are in conflict with the following departmental rules. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their family to read and familiarize themselves with all the rules & regulations pertaining to them.

FOOD PRESERVATION

Section A – Canning

1. Only one entry in this section.
2. All jars must be labeled, including name of food and date canned.

- Jars should be uniform in size, unless specified.
- All canned goods must be completed after July 15 of the previous year.
- Jars with rusty lids will be disqualified.
- Must meet MSU food preservation guidelines available in the MSU Extension office.

Class

2651 Poster exhibit illustrating canning safety & techniques, ages 8 & over

Beginner Canning – Ages 7-11

2652 Two jars of any two (2) different combinations of jams, jellies, pickles or relishes

2653 Three jars of any three (3) different combinations of jams, jellies, pickles or relishes

Junior Canning – Ages 12-15

2654 Three-jar variety of hot or cold packed vegetables or fruits

2655 Three-jar variety of preserves

Senior Canning – Ages 16-19

2656 Three jars of three different pressure-cooked meats

2657 Three jars of three different pressure-cooked vegetables

2658 Three jars of three different fruits, properly canned

2659 One jar of each from classes 5107, 5108, 5109

2660 Three jars of different salsa

2661 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Freezing / Drying

- One entry allowed in this section.

Class

2671 Poster exhibit showing freezing process techniques

2672 Poster or 3-D exhibit related to freezing of foods (i.e. equipment used & steps followed)

2673 Display empty frozen food container, date frozen and recipe card explaining process – bring in frozen food for evaluation with photo of product

2674 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

2675 Food Drying – Meats

2676 Food Drying – Fruits

2677 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

FOOD PREPARATION

- Refer to General Youth Rules & Regulations.

Section C – Indoor Cookery

- No mixes may be used in any baked or microwaved product.
- Recipes must accompany all food products on a recipe card provided by MSU Extension office only.

- All ingredients and amounts must be listed on recipe card. Absolutely no “mystery” ingredients allowed.
- No mixes or pre-made pie fillings, etc. may be used.
- No alcohol allowed in any recipe.
- Poster size is 14” x 22” (see Youth Department Rules).
- Exhibitor may enter only one class in this section (**not entered in previous years**).
- A microwave or conventional oven must be used to qualify an item in a baked goods category.
- Judges may or may not be tasting the products presented for evaluation.

Class

Beginning Foods – Ages 7-11

2681 Four drop cookies

2682 Four bar cookies

2683 Four unfrosted cupcakes or cake squares

2684 Four brownies (chocolate or other)

2685 One nutritious snack & poster or 3-D exhibit (include menu, recipe and either a party invitation or decoration)

2686 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Junior Foods – Ages 12-15

2687 Quick bread or four muffins

2688 Fruit upside-down cake in 8” or 9” pan

2689 Loaf of batter yeast bread or four baking powder biscuits

2690 Kneaded yeast bread loaf

2691 Casserole meal poster or 3-D exhibit containing meal or menu and recipe for casserole dish. Casserole must be brought in for evaluation.

2692 Non-yeast coffee cake

2693 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Advanced Foods – Ages 16-19

2694 Four yeast dinner rolls

2695 Four yeast sweet rolls

2696 One yeast coffee cake

2697 One fruit pie (8” or 9” pie plate only)

2698 One layer of cake with top only frosted

2699 Fancy or filled breads

2700 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Classes Open to Exhibitors Ages 7-19

2701 One baked good using member’s own original recipe. Food must be brought in for evaluation

2702 Michigan food – featuring Michigan-grown produce. If food requires refrigeration, a poster or 3-D exhibit must be made for display, complete with recipe and use of Michigan produce.

2703 Any other food items (i.e. hors d’oeuvres, garnish foods, etc.)

2704 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section D – Homemade Candies

1. Recipes on 3 x 5" cards must accompany any and all food products.
2. Five pieces of candy, minimum sizes 1", on a plate.
3. Entries will be judged on appearance, flavor and texture.
4. Exhibitor may enter only one class (***not previously entered in***), in any order.
5. No cereal or noodle candies, such as rice crispy bars or chocolate-coated dried noodles.

Class

- 2710 Beaten (divinity, fondant, etc.)
 2711 Brittle (peanut, English toffee, etc.)
 2712 Dipped
 2713 Fudge (cooked)
 2714 Hard candy (cooked)
 2715 Marzipan
 2716 Mints (solid, filled)
 2717 Nut clusters (turtles, etc.)
 2718 Rolls (pecans, etc.)
 2719 Poured (chocolate, creamy, fruit leathers, fruit-nut, caramel, etc.)
 2720 Pralines or peneuche
 2721 Sugared nuts
 2722 Candy bars
 2723 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section E – Molded Candies

1. Judged on general appearance, flavor, texture.
2. Exhibitors may enter one class in this section.

Class

- 2731 Five molded items, assorted shapes
 2732 Five filled items
 2733 Painted items, one large (3" or larger) or three small (less than 3")
 2734 Two or three stand-up molded items (4" or larger)
 2735 Molded sugar, one large (4" or larger) or three small (less than 4")
 2736 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section F – Cake Decorating

1. Members must exhibit and advance to each level classes per year.
2. Beginning members who are 12 years or older **must** start at Level 3.
3. Exhibit should be made on a doily covered cake board/foam board, as required. No edible cakes to be exhibited.
4. ***All exhibits must include a notebook*** containing work plans, pictures, recipes and new decorating ideas and techniques learned. Member must indicate starting point of new information each year. Notebook will be consecutive years.
5. **No plastic decorations allowed** unless specified.

6. **No glue allowed. Decorations must be adhered with frosting, or other edible substance.**
7. **No commercial, store bought frosting allowed. When level allows, gum paste and/or fondant may be homemade or purchased.**
8. **ALL** exhibitors may be required to make a border and flower (flower required starting at level 3) at the fair in front of the judge. You may bring your own frosting, tips, tubes, etc.; otherwise supplies will be provided for use at the judging station. See individual levels to see what techniques are allowed.

Class

- 2741 Level 1 – ages 7-9. Exhibit: 8" cake board covered, un-iced, on a 10" doily covered cake or foam board. Decorate with border and own design. Simple writing optional.
 2742 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2743 Level 2 – ages 10-11. Exhibit: 8" cake board, iced, on a 10" doily covered cake or foam board. Decorate with simple wording, border, and own design. Simple sugar mold is optional.
 2744 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2745 Level 3 – 12 years & older. Exhibit: 10" round cake dummy displayed on a 12" doily-covered cake or foam board. Dummy must be a minimum of 3" thick. Decorate showing the four basic decorating techniques (border, top & bottom, leaf, flower & writing). Sides must be decorated.
 2746 Level 4 – Continue practice with basic decorating and increase use of more difficult techniques. Exhibit decorated, shaped cake dummy (square, rectangle, star, animal, character, etc.) showing new techniques learned. Any theme (birthday, shower, anniversary, special occasion). Cake dummy must be made of Styrofoam. May use fondant and gum paste techniques.
 2747 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2748 Level 5 – Continue previous techniques learned, and work on learning and mastering more difficult techniques. Exhibit: Simple two-tiered cake. No separation between tiers. Minimum base size of 10". Any theme. Top ornament optional. Plastic figures/ornaments may be used on top only, to carry out theme. Additional frosting techniques may include air brushing and stencils.
 2749 Level 6 – Continue previous techniques learned, and work on learning and mastering more difficult techniques. Exhibit: Decorated, three-tiered wedding cake. Minimum 12" base. Must separate at least one tier. Materials for top may be purchased (figures, ribbon, etc.) or made by exhibitor (sugar bells, flowers, etc.) Plastic decorations permitted to follow out the theme on cake.
 2750 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2751 Level 7 – Continue previous techniques learned, and work on learning and mastering more difficult techniques. Exhibit: Wedding cake, own design. Cake design must be included in notebook. No color-flow fountain. May use stairs, with cake top of own creativity.

- 2752 Level 8-10 – Continue previous techniques learned, and work on learning and mastering more difficult techniques.
- 2753 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section G - Cake Pops, Decorated Cupcakes, Decorated Cookies

1. One exhibit allowed in each class.
2. Cake Pop exhibit must include at least 6 cake pops, in a standing position.
3. Cupcake exhibit must include at least 4 cupcakes.
4. Cookie exhibit must include at least 4 decorated cookies.
5. Items must be edible.
6. Exhibitors will not be required to perform techniques at fair.
7. Exhibitors will be required to include a notebook – see rule #4 above.

Class

- 2754 Cake Pops
- 2755 Decorated Cupcakes
- 2756 Decorated Cookies
- 2757 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge.....**
.....Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 19 YOUTH FINE ARTS

1. Exhibits that are basically a paint-by-number or paint-by-line type of painting will not be accepted.
2. All sketching, drawings and paintings must be done “free hand”.
3. Exhibits will not be accepted that are from pre-cut ready-to-assemble kits.
4. Sketches, drawings and paintings should be appropriately mounted and/or matted and ready to be hung by a **sturdy** hanging mechanism (as you would hang on a wall in a home).
5. No licensed or copyrighted characters.
6. An exhibitor may enter two classes in sections A & B (however, not two exhibits in one class).

Section A – Sketching and Drawing

Class

- 2771 Ink or pencil sketch or drawing
- 2772 Charcoal sketch or drawing
- 2773 Pastel sketch or drawing
- 2774 Any other media sketch or drawing
- 2775 Cartooning
- 2776 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Painting

Class

- 2781 Watercolor picture
- 2782 Oil picture

- 2783 Acrylics picture
- 2784 Tole painting
- 2785 Any other media picture, using painting skills (i.e. tube painting, etc.)
- 2786 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Ceramics

1. Project summary sheet for each year completed must accompany ceramics projects. Sheets are available at the MSU Extension office.
2. Ceramic projects must fall under one of the following categories: one item glazed, one item stained, one item with a decal, one item overglazed, one item under glazed, one item graffito, one item hand-molded pottery, or one item any other technique not listed here.

Class

- 2791 Apprentice, ages 7-11
- 2792 Handyman, ages 12-15
- 2793 Craftsman, ages 16 - 19
- 2794 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section D - Stained Glass Craft

Class

- 2801 Beginner, age 7-11
- 2802 Junior, ages 12-15
- 2803 Senior, ages 16-19
- 2804 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section E - Glass or Plastic Art (includes Glass Etching / Engraving)

Class

- 2811 Beginner, age 7-11
- 2812 Junior, ages 12-15
- 2813 Senior, ages 16-19
- 2814 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 20

YOUTH FOLK ARTS

Section A – Personalization

1. Appliqués, monograms or tie-dyed items cannot be purchased.
2. Garment and accessories to be personalized may be handmade or purchased.
3. Personalization must be done by exhibitor with procedures explained on a 3x5" card, accompanying exhibit. If there is no card, a "C" premium will automatically be awarded.
4. Examples of personalization include: appliqué, patchwork, cross-stitch, monogramming, needle-punch, fabric painting, etc.
5. Exhibitor may enter only one class in this section.

Class

- 2821 Beginner personalized garment, age 7-11
 2822 Junior personalized garment, age 12-15
 2823 Senior personalized garment, age 16-19
 2824 Personalized accessories – (i.e. shoes, purse, scarf, etc.)
 2825 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Jewelry

1. Refer to General Youth Rules & Regulations.
2. Exhibitors are limited to one class in this section.
3. Jewelry must be accompanied by procedures written on 3x5" card.
4. No key chains allowed.

Class

- 2831 Hair jewelry (2 pieces)
 2832 Costume jewelry (maximum of 3 pieces)
 2833 Combination exhibit of hair and costume jewelry (maximum of 5 pieces)
 2834 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Candle Making

1. Contact MSU-Extension office for guidelines.
2. A small candle is less than 5 inches in height or length.
3. A large candle is over 5 inches in height or length.
4. Examples of candle types are as follows: ice, molded, poured, whipped, sand mold, diced, dipped, carved, constructed, bees wax sheet, gel, etc.)
5. Exhibitors are limited to one class in this section.
6. Reminder that all individual pieces need to be properly identified.

Class

- 2841 Beginner, ages 7-11 – 1 large candle
 2842 Junior, ages 12-15 – 1 small and 1 large candles
 2843 Senior, ages 16-19 – 3 candles using at least 2 different techniques

- 2844 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

OTHER CRAFTS

1. Exhibitor may enter only one class in each section.
2. Any exhibitor remaining in the same class for two or more years must show advancing skills.
3. Guidelines available at the MSU Extension office.

Section D – Gift Wrapping

Class

- 2851 Beginner, ages 7-11
 2852 Junior, ages 12-15
 2853 Senior, ages 16-19
 2854 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section E – Basketry

Class

- 2861 Beginner, age 7-11
 2862 Junior, ages 12-15
 2863 Senior, ages 16-19
 2864 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section F – Tin / Copper Punch

Class

- 2871 Beginner, age 7-11
 2872 Junior, ages 12-15
 2873 Senior, ages 16-19
 2874 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section G – Youth Memory Album

1. Scrapbook/photo album, youth memory collection containing photos and memorabilia collected throughout the year(s). This may be a cumulative album that is added to each consecutive year.

Class

- 2881 Beginner – ages 7-11
 2882 Junior – ages 12-15
 2883 Senior – ages 16-19
 2884 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

WOODWORKING

Section H – Wood

1. Hand tools to be used: tri-square, handsaws, hammer, brace and bit, planes, screwdrivers, chisel and sand paper.
2. Apprentice power tools: electric drill, vibrating or reciprocating sander, sabre saw or jig saw.
3. Handyman power tools: power saw, drill press, router, and belt or disk sander.
4. Craftsman power tools: circular saw, jointer, drill press and band saw (under adult supervision).
5. Projects must be dry.
6. Exhibitor may enter only one class in each section.
7. Contact MSU Extension office for current suggested guidelines for wood projects.
8. Ages:
Apprentice – 7-11
Handyman – 12-15
Craftsman – 16-19

Class

- 2891 Apprentice – 1-3 small articles using hand tools – must show at least 3 different skills learned (i.e. simple joints, square corners, etc.)
- 2892 Apprentice – 1-2 objects using power tools – project must show an improvement in skills from first year, plus a new skill
- 2893 Apprentice – 1 simple article showing at least 4 different skills (one must be a new skill)
- 2894 Handyman (1st year only), 1- 3 small articles using power tools
- 2895 Handyman – 1-2 useful articles using power tools showing 3 different skills
- 2896 Handyman – 1 large useful article using any of the tools listed under “handyman” - show an increase of skills over prior year
- 2897 Craftsman – 1st year in project – limited to using simple power tools (leader approval of tools is important) show basic knowledge of hand tools.
- 2898 Craftsman – 1-2 small articles using any of the tools listed above – show 3 advanced skills
- 2899 Craftsman – 1 large complex article using any tools listed. Project to show increasing skills and knowledge, with one new learned skill. If project is of own design, design must accompany project.
- 2900 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section I – Woodburning

Class

- 2910 Woodburning – any age level, one to three articles, depending on skill level, using different skills techniques and textures.
- 2911 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section J – Furniture Refinishing

Class

- 2915 Furniture Refinishing – all age levels
- 2916 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

LEATHERCRAFT

Section K – Leather

1. A small item is 6 inches and under.
2. A large item is over 6 inches.
3. Exhibitor may enter one exhibit in this section.
4. Simple coloring allowed in the third year.
5. Ages:
Apprentice – 7-11
Handyman – 12-15
Craftsman – 16-19

Class

- 2921 Apprentice – 1st or 2nd year – 1-3 small items or 1 large item made showing at least 3 different skills
- 2922 Apprentice – 2nd or 3rd year – two large items made showing at least 3 different skills
- 2923 Handyman (1st & 2nd year exhibitors only) 1-3 small items or 1 large item showing at least 3 different skills
- 2924 Handyman – one large item made, showing at least three or more advances skills, including carving and dyeing
- 2925 Craftsman (1st year only)- one large item showing three or more difficult skills, including carving and dyeing
- 2926 Craftsman (2nd year only) – two small items or one large item showing three or more different skills including carving and dyeing
- 2927 Craftsman – one or two items made showing more advanced skills, with time involved to exceed 20 hours of work.
- 2928 Self-Designed Leather Project – any age level, depending on skill level, using suede or leather, with tooling, stamping, painted, sewn by hand/machine. Not a kit.
- 2929 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section L – Sand Art

1. Exhibitor may enter one exhibit per class.
2. Skills must clearly increase each year in project.

Class

- 2941 Sand Art Exhibit Ages 7-11
- 2942 Sand Art Exhibit Ages 12-15
- 2943 Sand Art Exhibit Ages 16-19
- 2944 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section M – String Art

1. Exhibitor may enter one exhibit per class.
2. Skills must clearly increase each year in project.
3. Any string art that is designed to hang on a wall **MUST** have sturdy hanging mechanism attached to the back.

Class

- 2945 String Art Exhibit Ages 7-11
 2946 String Art Exhibit Ages 12-15
 2947 String Art Exhibit Ages 16-19
 2948 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section N – Diamond Dots

1. Exhibitor may enter one exhibit per class.
2. Any exhibit designed to hang on a wall **MUST** have sturdy hanging mechanism attached to the back.
3. Skills must clearly increase each year in project.

Class

- 2949 Exhibit Ages 7-11
 2950 Exhibit Ages 12-15
 2951 Exhibit Ages 16-19
 2952 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section O– Other Crafts

1. Exhibitor may enter one exhibit per class.
2. Jigsaw puzzles must be sealed.
3. Any exhibit designed to hang on a wall **MUST** have sturdy hanging mechanism attached to the back.

Class

- 2953 Decoupage, Modgepodge, Iconage, etc.
 2954 Fishing Lures
 2955 Bead craft / Needlework
 2956 Jigsaw puzzle
 2957 Duct Tape Class, item made from duct tape.
 2958 Plastic Canvas
 2959 Macrame
 2960 Rubber Stamping
 2961 Rug Hooking
 2962 Homemade Soap/Homemade Lotion
 2963 Perler Beads
 2964 Homemade slime
 2965 Plastercraft/Whiteware
 2966 Any other Folk Art, item made not listed
 2967 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 21 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

All General Rules & Regulations, Youth Department Rules & Regulations, Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Requirements, and the Guidelines for Exhibition will apply to all youth exhibitors, unless the rules are in conflict with the following departmental rules. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their family to read and familiarize themselves with all the rules & regulations pertaining to them.

1. Photography exhibit should be 20 inches horizontal and 16 inches vertical when mounting photos on a photo board.
2. Exhibit must be ready to hang (with or without frame) with a **sturdy** hanger (ready to hang on a wall in a home). This means a commercial type “hanger”, not a taped string, paper clip etc.
3. Frames with glass will not be allowed; however, Plexiglas may be used.
4. One entry in each section allowed.
5. Any project entered in previous years is not eligible to be entered again.
6. All photographs must be taken by exhibitor.
7. Photographs must have been taken since last year’s fair.
8. Maximum size of photograph should be 8x10” not including mounting or frame, except if the photo is a collage (then a larger print is acceptable as long as it does not exceed rule #1).
9. Prints made from a cell phone are acceptable in section B.

Section A – Photography – Film Type Camera

Class

- 2971 Photo Exhibit Ages 7-19
 2972 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Photography – Digital Camera

Class

- 2975 Photo Exhibit Ages 7-11
 2976 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2977 Photo Exhibit Ages 12-15
 2978 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium
 2979 Photo Exhibit Ages 16-19
 2980 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 22 YOUTH AGRICULTURE

Section A – Field Crops

1. One entry per class in Section A only.
2. Field crops collected during previous year are acceptable and needs to be noted on display.
3. One gallon of grain must be displayed in a closed, clear jar, preferably a plastic jar.
4. Hay display should be a quarter bale, tied.
5. All vegetables and fruits displayed should have four (4) examples on a plate, not covered.
6. One vegetable art example is allowed.

Class

2991 Field Crops (corn, soybeans, grains, hay)

2992 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

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DEPARTMENT 23 YOUTH FLORICULTURE

1. Refer to General Youth Rules & Regulations.
2. Flowers exhibited are to be grown by exhibitor unless otherwise stated in specific classes.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit in throwaway containers if possible.
4. Specimen exhibit containers should not be taller than half the length of the stem of specimen exhibits.
5. Some foliage must be left on specimens and collections.
6. Flowers may be of different colors in all exhibits.
7. An exhibitor may have one entry in each class in each section A through F, except section E.
8. Dish gardens, house plants, terrariums, etc. that have been made in connection with some other event will not be accepted.

Section A – Specimen

1. Flowers exhibited in this section, unless otherwise specified, shall be the following size/amount:
 - a. 1 flower over 3 ½" diameter; or
 - b. 3 flowers under 3 ½" in diameter

Class

3001 Annual flowers

3002 Perennial flowers

3003 Rose, any size, one specimen bloom with foliage attached

3004 Dahlias

3005 Gladiolus, any size, one spike with foliage

3006 Any other tuber, bulb or corm

3007 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Bouquets – Mixed

Class

3011 Mixed bouquet of annual and/or perennial flowers, three or more different flowers in one container

3012 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Flower Arrangements – Fresh

1. Exhibitor must arrange live flowers at the show, at table provided.

Class

3022 Flower arrangement

3023 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section D – Flower Arrangements – Dried

1. These classes are open to all exhibitors aged 7 & over.

Class

- 3031 Arrangements or decoration using dried natural materials
 3032 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section E – Flower Arrangements – Artificial

1. Wreaths – base size may be no larger than 14 inches, measured from the outside edges, with overall size not to exceed 24 inches.

Class

- 3041 Beginner arrangement, ages 7-11
 3042 Junior arrangement, ages 12-15
 3043 Senior arrangement, ages 16-19
 3044 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section F – Indoor/Outdoor Container Gardens

1. These classes are open to any exhibitor aged 7 & over.
2. If the exhibit is a hanging plant, plant hanger must be provided by exhibitor.
3. Purchased items need to be repurposed and not just exhibited.
4. One entry per class allowed in Section F.
5. Exhibitor is **required** to care for any live plants for the duration of the fair.

Class

- 3051 Wind Chimes
 3052 Stepping Stones
 3053 Houseplants – one foliage, flowering, indoor bulb, corm or tuber
 3054 Dish garden – using sand
 3055 Terrarium
 3056 Herbs – potted, at least three (3) varieties
 3057 Annual vegetable/floral – potted
 3058 Perennials – potted, at least three (3) varieties
 3059 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section G – Fairy Garden

1. These classes are open to any exhibitor 8-years and over.
2. One entry per class allowed in Section G.
3. Exhibitor is **required** to take care of any live plants for the duration of the fair.

Class

- 3060 Fairy Garden with multiple (100%) artificial plants.
 3061 Fairy Garden with multiple (100%) live plants.
 3062 **Best of show as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 24 YOUTH HORTICULTURE

1. Produce should be grown and cared for by exhibitor.
2. Uniformity is important.
3. Produce should be clean, free of disease & blemishes.
4. Please refer to the open class horticulture section for the ideal number of fruits/vegetables that should make up your exhibit.

Section A – Vegetables

Class

- 3071 Vegetables
 3072 Vegetable Art
 3073 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Fruits

Class

- 3081 Fruit
 3082 **Best of Show as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Scarecrows

1. Scarecrows shall not be taller than 4 feet or wider than 3 feet, and must be constructed so that it can be hung or freestanding on floor. Must be functional for field use (traditional farm apparel and “T” construction recommended).
2. One entry per section.

Class

- 3091 Scarecrow, ages 7-19
 3092 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 25 YOUTH SCIENCES

An exhibitor may enter a maximum of four (4) classes each in sections A and B only.

1. Exhibit should be a notebook/poster or 3-D exhibit related to animal husbandry, feeding, housing, management, genetics and/or related science.

Section A – Large Animal Science

Class

- 3101 Dairy
- 3102 Dairy Feeder Steer
- 3103 Beef
- 3104 Swine
- 3105 Sheep
- 3106 Draft Horse
- 3107 Light Horse
- 3108 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Small Animal Science

Class

- 3121 Goat
- 3122 Poultry
- 3123 Rabbit
- 3124 Cavy
- 3125 Dog
- 3126 Cat
- 3127 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Pocket Pets – Companion Animals

- 1 See Department 28-Q for Pee Wee/Cloverbud pocket pet classes for children 5-7 years old.
- 2 Pocket Pets are to be judged the Saturday prior to the fair, with the still exhibits, and then taken home the same day.
- 3 Each exhibitor may have a maximum of 2 entries in this section.
- 4 Pocket Pets must be brought to the show in a secure carrier, which is the habitat cage in which they live. If habitat is too large, a small carrier may be used.
- 5 Exhibitor should be present while judging takes place.
- 6 An educational poster, which will be displayed in the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex during the week of the fair, must accompany each exhibit.
- 7 All pocket pets must be a non-venomous animal.
- 8 Possession date for pocket pets is June 15th of the current year.

- 9 Must abide by proper MDARD. rules, regulations, licensing or permits for ownership.

Class

- 3131 Rats or Mice, pen of 1 or 2
- 3132 Gerbils, pen of 1 or 2
- 3133 Chinchillas, pen of 1 or 2
- 3134 Hamsters, pen of 1 or 2
- 3135 Cavies, pen of 1 or 2
- 3136 Any Other Pocket Pet (mammal – example: hedgehog, prairie dog, sugar glider, etc.)
- 3137 Any Other Pocket Pet (non-mammal – example: reptile, amphibian, arachnid, etc.)
- 3138 **Champion & Reserve Champion Pocket Pet**
.....Trophy & 2 Rosettes

Section D - Natural Science

1. Only one entry allowed in this section.

Class

- 3141 Plant Science – poster, notebook or 3-D exhibit showing some phase of project work
- 3142 Veterinary Science – poster, notebook or 3-D exhibit showing some phase of project work
- 3143 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section E – Rocketry

1. Only one entry allowed in this section.
2. Rockets should not exceed 3 feet in length.
3. Contact the MSU Extension office for suggested guidelines for rocketry projects.

Class

- 3151 First Year – make a rocket at skill level 1
- 3152 Second Year – make a rocket at skill level 2
- 3153 Third Year – make a rocket at skill level 3
- 3154 Fourth Year – make and display a model rocket of your own personal design
- 3155 Rocket made from own design; include plans
- 3156 Educational Exhibit: demonstrating knowledge of model rockets
- 3157 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section F – Construction & Engineering Science

1. Objects made from construction toys (i.e. Legos, K'nex, Erector sets)

Class

- 3161 Construct & Engineer, 1st & 2nd year
- 3162 Construct & Engineer, 3rd year & over
- 3163 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 26

YOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES

CONSERVATION

Section A – Basic Resources

Class

- 3171 Pheasant Project – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing some phase of the pheasant raising and/or release project
- 3172 Forestry – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts about forest conservation
- 3173 Wildlife – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts about wildlife conservation
- 3174 Aquatic life – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts or phases of aquatic life
- 3175 Soil – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts about soil conservation
- 3176 Water – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts about water conservation
- 3177 Any other resource notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing principles of or facts about conservation
- 3178 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Conservation Appreciation

- Important Note:** Check the Michigan laws regarding protected/endangered species with the DNR, MSUE or the library. Any violations will be disqualified and may be reported. To bring Cass County's 4-H Wildflower project into compliance with the Michigan DNR rules and regulations, the new project rules were phased in (1999) which allowed any wildflowers picked prior to the 1999 fair to be exhibited for that fair using the new (2000) study sheets, available at the MSU Extension office. Starting with the 2000 fair, no actual flower specimens will be allowed (those picked for years prior to 2000 may still be included in the exhibit). The new study sheets require either a photograph or other means of visual positive identification.
- Each exhibit will require a project index and a project summary story.
- Wildflowers and Native Michigan Trees are cumulative projects, meaning the previous year(s) project is added to by:
 - Wildflowers – 20 additional flowers per year
 - Trees – 12 additional leaves per year

Class

- 3181 Wildflowers – 1st year, notebook using study sheets including 20 wildflowers
- 3182 Wildflowers – 2nd year, notebook using study sheets including 40 wildflowers
- 3183 Wildflowers – 3rd year and above, notebook using study sheets including 60 wildflowers for 3rd year and a poster or 3-

D exhibit depicting some principles or facts about wildflowers – 20 additional wildflowers are required for each additional project year

- 3184 Native Michigan trees – 1st year, notebook using study sheets including 12 leaves
- 3185 Native Michigan trees – 2nd year, notebook using study sheets including 24 leaves
- 3186 Native Michigan trees – 3rd year and above, notebook using study sheets including 36 leaves for 3rd year and a poster or 3-D exhibit depicting some principles or facts about Native Michigan trees – 12 additional leaves are required for each additional project year
- 3187 Geology, rock & mineral collection
- 3188 Geology, poster showing rock and/or mineral formation
- 3189 Birds, poster or 3-D exhibit showing identification, habits, food or cover needs of birds
- 3190 Any other poster or 3-D exhibit of any other phase of conservation appreciation learned in the project
- 3191 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Entomology

Class

- 3201 Entomology, 1st & 2nd year – 20 to 50 labeled adult insects representing 5 orders
- 3202 Entomology, 3rd year and above – 50 to 100 labeled adult insects representing 8 orders
- 3203 Entomology, any poster or 3-D exhibit showing some phase of the project (i.e. insect identification, insect control or the life cycle of insects)
- 3204 Beekeeping, poster or 3-D exhibit of beekeeping practices learned in the project, or beekeeping equipment and explanation of its uses
- 3205 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section D – Weather

Class

- 3211 Weather station
- 3212 Notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing cloud formations
- 3213 Weather, poster or 3-D exhibit such as weather records or principles learned in the project
- 3214 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

DEPARTMENT 27 YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

1. Entries in this department must be made on a club entry form, listing club name, leader's name and address (individuals **cannot** enter classes in this section).
2. Only one entry per club, per class allowed
3. Judging will be based on attractiveness, lettering slogan and overall appearance
4. Judging decorations will be during fair week. Exhibitors should be prepared to keep decorations looking great the entire week.
5. Premiums will be paid to the top 6 placings.

Section A – Building Decoration

See Fair Book cover for current year's theme.

Class

- 3221 Interior building decoration using above theme
3222 Exterior building decoration using above theme

DEPARTMENT 28 YOUTH EDUCATION PROJECTS

1. Age requirements for Department 28 are as follows:
 - a. Apprentice – ages 7-11
 - b. Handyman – ages 12-15
 - c. Craftsman – ages 16-19
2. Only one class per section allowed with the exception of sections H, J, K, L, M & P.

ELECTRICAL

Section A – Electric

1. Size for projects are:
 - a. Small article – involves 1-3 electrical techniques.
 - b. Large article – involves 4 or more electrical techniques.

Class

- 3231 Apprentice – 1st year, two small articles made
3232 Apprentice – 1st year, educational display board and 1 small article made
3233 Handyman – 2nd & 3rd year, one large or two small articles made
3234 Craftsman – 1st year, two small articles made

- 3235 Craftsman – 2nd year & above, one large or two small articles made
3236 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Electronics / Computer (Robotics)

Class

- 3241 1st year, notebook and either a poster or one article showing knowledge in computers or electronics
3242 2nd & 3rd year, notebook and either a poster or 2-3 items made showing advanced skills in computers or electronics
3243 4th year & advanced, notebook and either a poster or an exhibit showing principles learned or diagrams of items made in the project
3244 Any age, computer programming – an exhibit showing the skills used in developing/writing your own computer program (using machine language)
3245 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

WELDING

1. No painting of projects allowed.
2. Light application of thin oil is permissible.
3. All classes are determined by years in the project and not by age in this division only.

Learning Objective: Youth will gain fundamental knowledge of welding principles and applications.

Section C – Electric/Acetylene Welding

Class

- 3251 1st year – examples of 5 different welds mounted on a display board (butt, edge, fillet, lap and corner). Grinding of welds is not acceptable. One small item may be optionally shown in addition to the 5 welds.
3252 2nd & 3rd year – article made by individual exhibitor (grinding is allowed)
3253 2nd & 3rd year – article showing examples of cutting with welder
3254 4th year & above- advanced welding techniques in repair and fabricating parts of different types of metals (i.e. cast iron, aluminum, cast aluminum, mild steel, high carbon steel)
3255 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section D – Creative Welding

Class

- 3261 Creative Welding – 1st year article made by an individual
3262 Creative Welding – 2nd year and over, article(s) made by individual
3263 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section E – Forging

Rules for **Forging**:

1. One item made.

3264 Forging

3265 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section F – Vintage Restoration

1. Project must include detailed notebook including pictures of before, during and after project completion. Notebook must also include detailed supply and cost pages.
2. Group project must be listed on leader/teacher's registration sheet and **NOT** an individual's.

Class

3271 Individual project – ages 7-19

3272 Group project

3273 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section G – Recycling

1. Items made from used articles (i.e. flowerpot decorated/alterd, tin can man, wind chimes, wall hangings, etc.)

Class

3281 Beginning Recycling – ages 7-11

3282 Junior Recycling – ages 12-15

3283 Senior Recycling - ages 16-19

3284 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section H – Passport

1. One exhibit per class allowed.

Class

3291 Genealogy – Notebook with poster or 3-D exhibit made on study

3292 Native American Lore – Notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit, examples of Native American lore items (i.e. head dress, peace pipe, beadwork, god eyes, etc.)

3293 Other Heritage Lore – Notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit with examples of heritage items

3294 Community Study or Local Heritage – Notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit on community or government study

3295 State, National or International Study – Notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit on some phase of the life in the history of, or a collection of items about the state, national, international or United Nations government or citizenship

3296 Folk Patterns

3297 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section I – Record Keeping

1. This notebook/record keeping project will be started in your first (or any) year of 4-H and added to each consecutive year.
2. A 3-ring binder is recommended.
3. Neatness and accuracy will be considered in the evaluation.

Class

3301 Beginner – ages 7-11

3302 Junior – ages 12-15

3303 Senior – ages 16-19

3304 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section J – Creative Writing

1. All creative writing projects should be firmly attached to a 14" x 22" poster board.
2. Limited to one exhibit per class.

Class

3311 Prose article written

3312 Poetry, 3 different articles written

3313 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section K – Health

Exhibitors limited to one entry per class.

Class

3321 Health & personal improvement poster, kit or 3-D exhibit (i.e. hand care kit, hair care kit, skin care kit)

3322 First Aid Kit – human care (properly equipped homemade first aid kit)

3323 First Aid Kit – animal care (properly equipped homemade first aid kit)

3324 Any other health-related poster or 3-D exhibit showing skills and information learned in the project

3325 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section L – Home / Recreation Safety

Exhibitors limited to one entry per class.

Class

3331 Shooting Sports – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing some activities of project

3332 Farm & Home Safety – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing some activities of project

3333 Recreational Vehicles – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing some activities of project

3334 Any Other Safety – notebook and/or poster or 3-D exhibit showing some activities of the project

3335 Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge
Rosette only, no premium

Section M – Home Care for Adults and Children

Exhibitors limited to one class per section.

Class

3341 Adult and/or childcare Notebook and homemade toy or record book for use by caregiver (exhibitor)

3342 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section N– Leadership

- 1 Exhibitors required to fill out a teen summary sheet each year exhibiting and include it with the notebook on Saturday for display throughout fair week – available at MSU Extension.
- 2 Exhibit must include an accumulating notebook which includes skills taught, skills learned, success stories from the current year, and potential areas of improvement. Be sure to include photos, short stories, thank you notes, press releases, flyers or bulletins that you have developed.

Class

3351 Apprentice Leader – Ages 12-13

3352 Teen Leader – Ages 14-19

3353 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section O – Farm – Village – Train Display - Collections

1. Floor size can be up to 4 ft. by 4 ft.
2. Examples: farm scene, holiday village, train set display, collection.
3. Everything on the display should be the same scale (example: 1/64, 1/16, etc.)
4. Each year display is shown at the fair, it must be significantly different.
5. Displays must include a notebook which includes (at a minimum): contact the MSU Extension office for notebook sheet.
 - a. Pictures of display during construction.
 - b. Picture of finished display.
 - c. List of materials used.
 - d. How many years you have been making displays.
 - e. How much time was spent on the display.
 - f. What parts of the display were made by you, and what parts were purchased.

Class

3361 Ages 7-19

3362 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section P – Shooting Sports

1. See MSU Extension for guidelines.
2. For the safety of all fairgoers and exhibitors, do not include the following in your exhibit:

- a. Firearm *Live Ammunition* Usable Ammunition * Bow * Complete Arrow * Arrowheads.
- b. Any ammunition or arrows used in your exhibit must be completely inert (unusable).
- c. Project involving firearms bows, arrows, and ammunition may be exhibited as a photographic display on a poster or in a notebook following guidelines and rules.
- d. Handmade items must include information explaining how the project was made and its intended use. A 3x5 card is sufficient.

Class

Archery

3371 **Quiver**

3372 **Arm Guard.**

3373 **Arrow Fletching**

3374 **Bow and Arrow Rest**

Rifle

3375 **Target Holder**

3376 **Gun Case**

3377 **Gun Sling**

Record Keeping

3378 **Record Keeping – Shooting Log**

3379 **Informational Poster**

3380 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

SECTION Q – PEE WEE / CLOVERBUD STILL EXHIBITS

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules.
2. Projects must be age appropriate and completed entirely by the 5-6 year old exhibitor
3. Exhibitor allowed to enter two (2) still exhibits

Class

3391 Still Exhibit

CLOVERBUD POCKET PETS

Judging – Saturday during Still Exhibit Judging

1. See General Pee Wee/Cloverbud rules & Pee Wee/Cloverbud Livestock Rules.
2. Pee Wee/Cloverbud Pocket Pet exhibitor age: 5-6.
3. Pocket Pets are to be exhibited the Saturday prior to the fair during Still Exhibit judging, and then taken home the same day.
4. Pocket Pets are considered "Livestock".
5. Exhibitor is to make a poster about their project to leave on display during fair week.
6. Current vaccination and licensing rules apply, see General Youth Rules.

Class

3392 Pocket Pet (any animal, pen of 1 or 2)

DEPARTMENT 29 YOUTH DEMONSTRATIONS

1. Exhibitors limited to: One individual demonstration or speaking exhibit AND one group demonstration or speaking exhibit.
2. **Judging will be held on Friday in the Gregarek Building from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Exhibitors register for the Friday time slots on Saturday during Still Exhibit judging. (Inclement weather, check with Youth Office for location.)

Section A – Demonstrations

1. Exhibitors are judged upon the following:
 - a. Presentation – 40 points
 - b. Subject Matter – 35 points
 - c. Equipment, Materials & Visuals – 25 points

Class

3401 Individual demonstration – livestock related
3402 Individual demonstration – non-livestock related

3403 Team demonstration – livestock related
3404 Team demonstration – non-livestock related
3405 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section B – Public Speaking

1. All material must be 4-H appropriate.

Class

3411 Individual speaking on any topic
3412 Story telling
3413 **Best of Show, as deemed deserving by the judge**
.....Rosette only, no premium

Section C – Harold Sparks Agricultural Communication Project

1. Youth must turn in outline of presentation no later than Saturday prior to the fair (still exhibit judging day). Sign up for presentation time slot.
2. Judging of entire project will be Friday of fair week.
3. Project consists of:
 - a. Public Speaking – Friday of fair week in front of a panel of judges, guests and general public.
 - b. Winner(s) may be required to make their presentation to an approved classroom or school prior to receiving their final award.
4. Contact the MSU Extension office for guidelines and a copy of the scoring sheet.

Class

3421 Individual
3422 Team
3423 **Excellence in Agriculture Communication Award, as deemed deserving by judges' panel. Monetary award will be presented to the winner upon completion of all requirements, and may be based on accumulation of years in project.**

Section E – Ag Olympics

Marty Smego, Superintendent
Judging – Friday, 2:00 p.m. – Show Arena

1. Pee Wee/Cloverbuds are **not** eligible.
2. Exhibitors wishing to compete in Ag Olympics must contact the superintendents of the animal specie(s) of which they show. Exhibitors of still exhibits should sign up for Ag Olympics on the sign-up sheet on Saturday of judging in the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex.
3. **Ag Olympics is not a class that you sign up for on your Fair Entry form.**
4. All health and permission forms must be filled out entirely, signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the youth office on the fairgrounds by Wednesday of the fair.

Medallions will be presented to the top three teams
Team T-Shirts sponsored by Cass County Farm Bureau

NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS

**THE CLASSES BEFORE THIS POINT
ARE ALL *YOUTH* CLASSES.**

**BEYOND THIS POINT, ARE FOR
OPEN CLASS ENTRIES. WE HOPE
YOU ENJOY THE DESIGN OF THE
FAIRBOOK, AND THAT HAVING ALL
THE YOUTH CLASSES TOGETHER IN
ONE SECTION HELPS CLARIFY
SOME QUESTIONS.**

HAVE A GREAT FAIR!

DEPARTMENT 30 OPEN CLASS DRAFT HORSE

Sara Heuer, Superintendent

1. **NO PREMIUMS WILL BE AWARDED IN THIS SECTION**
2. Horses must be stabled on the grounds the week of the fair in order to be shown. Exception: the hitch show on Saturday will allow drive-in entries on that day only.
3. Drivers exhibiting in cart and hitch classes, other than youth classes, **must be 18 years and older.**
4. All horses must have a current negative Coggins test.
5. Base age of the horse is January 1 of the current year.
6. The superintendent reserves the right to combine classes.
7. Stall fees are not refundable:
 - a. Cass County Draft Horse Club member - \$15.00 per box stall and \$10.00 per tie/tack stall.
 - b. Non-member - \$20.00 per box stall and \$15.00 per tie/tack stall.
8. Exhibitors must have entry forms filled out and turned in to the superintendent or authorized representative, along with entry fees and stall fees by the 2nd Friday of July. No late entries will be accepted. Entry fees and stall fees are not refundable.
9. Horses may be shown in either class 4025 or 4026, but not both.
10. Horses entered in classes 4019 and 4028 must be owned by exhibitor.
11. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry in each of the following classes: class 4020 Produce of Dam (2 animals any age, same dam); class 4021 Get of Sire (3 animals any age, same sire).
12. The same horse cannot be shown in more than one class in classes 4041 through 4044.
13. Horses in classes in Section g (4041-4046) and Section j (4071-4076) must be hitched to a suitable two-wheel cart of show type.
14. Horses in classes 4081-4088, and 4090-4091 must be hitched to a suitable four-wheel show type wagon.
15. Horses in class 4089 must be hitched to an open four-wheeled utility wagon.
16. Hitches may be required to do individual maneuvers.
17. Owners may combine teams for unicorn, 4-horse and 6-horse hitches.
18. Horses may be entered in both hitch and farm classes, however:
 - a. No farm wagons allowed in a hitch class.
 - b. No hitch wagons and/or show harness allowed in a farm class.
19. One (1) driver and (1) swamper allowed while showing in cart and hitch classes.
20. The same driver cannot drive in more than one class in classes 4081 through 4084.
21. Horses in class 4026 will enter class 4089 in Section j.
22. Trophy will be awarded to 1st place winners in classes under Sections A, G, H, I and J. Rosettes to 6 places will be awarded in each championship class.

Section A – Showmanship

Halter Judging – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – Draft Horse Ring

Class

4001 Showmanship.....Trophy & 6 Rosettes

SHOW ORDER FOR HALTER

1ST Other 2nd Belgian 3rd Percheron

Section B – Halter Class - Belgians

Class

4011 Stallion foal
 4012 Filly foal
 4013 Yearling filly
 4014 Mare – 2 years
 4015 Mare – 3 & 4 years
 4016 Mare – 5 years & over
 4017 **Grand & Res. Champ. Mare.....Rosette to each**
 4018 Mare & foal
 4019 Matched pair of mares
 4020 Produce of dam
 4021 Get of sire
 4022 Gelding – 1 year
 4023 Gelding – 2 years
 4024 Gelding – 3 & 4 years
 4025 Gelding – 5 years & over
 4026 Gelding – 5 years & over, *farm type*
 4027 **Grand & Res. Champ. Gelding.....Rosette to each**
 4028 Matched pair of geldings

*The same classes as listed in Section B above
are offered for the following breeds:*

Section C – Percherons

Section D – Clydesdales, Shires & Other Draft Breeds

Section E – Haflingers, Norwegian Fiords, & Other Light Draft Breeds

Section F – Championship

4031 **Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Stallion
Foal over all breeds**
 4032 **Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Mare
over all breeds**
 4033 **Supreme Champion & Reserve Supreme Champion Gelding
over all breeds**

Trophy & rosette to each

Section G – Draft Horse Cart

*Showing & Judging – Tuesday 5:00 p.m.
Draft Horse Ring*

Class

- 4041 Ladies Cart – Draft Horse
- 4042 Ladies Cart – Haflinger, Other Light Drafts
- 4043 Men's Cart – Draft Horse
- 4044 Men's Cart – Haflinger, Other Light Drafts
- 4045 Tandem Cart – Draft Horse
- 4046 Tandem Cart – Haflinger, Other Light Drafts

Youth cart classes to follow class 4044

Section H – Draft Horse Cart Obstacle

*Showing & Judging – Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Draft Horse Ring*

Class

- 4051 Cart Obstacle
- Youth Obstacle will be run at the same time as adult

Section I – Draft Horse Farm Utility

*Showing & Judging – Thursday
Following Draft Horse Cart Obstacle
Draft Horse Ring*

Class

- 4061 Stoneboat Drive
- 4062 Log Skid
- 4063 Wagon Maneuvers

Section J – Draft Horse & Light Draft Breeds Hitch Show

*Showing & Judging – Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Draft Horse Ring*

Drive-In Open Show**Class**

- 4071 Mare Cart – Draft
 - 4072 Mare Cart – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
 - 4073 Gelding Cart – Draft
 - 4074 Gelding Cart – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
-
- 4075 Open Youth Cart– Draft
 - 4076 Open Youth Cart – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
 - 4077 Open Youth Team – Draft
 - 4078 Open Youth Team - Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
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- 4081 2-Horse Hitch- Draft
 - 4082 2-Horse Hitch – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
 - 4083 2-Horse Hitch Ladies – Draft
 - 4084 2 Horse Hitch Ladies – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
 - 4085 Unicorn – Draft

4086 Unicorn – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds

Class

- 4087 4-Horse Hitch - Draft
 - 4088 4-Horse Hitch – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds
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4089 Farm Hitch – Open

4090 6-Horse Hitch – Draft

4091 6-Horse Hitch – Haflinger & Other Light Draft Breeds



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DEPARTMENT 31 HORSE PULLS

Section A – Draft Horse Pulling Contest

Monday – 6:00 p.m. – Draft Horse Ring
Total Premiums \$2,300.00

1. Rules of Michigan Horse pulling Boat Association to govern contest.
2. Entry fee is \$30.00.
3. Trophies to 1st place and Horsemanship.

PREMIUMS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

1 ST	\$350.00	2 ND	\$300.00	3 RD	\$275.00
4 TH	\$250.00	5 TH	\$225.00	6 TH	\$200.00
7 TH	\$175.00	8 TH	\$150.00	9 TH	\$100.00
10 TH	\$100.00	11 TH	\$100.00	12 TH	\$75.00

Class

4101 Draft Horse Pulling

DIRECTIONS TO DRAFT HORSE RING: Enter through north gate on N. O'Keefe Street – Draft Horse Ring will be to the left and then right to the northeast side of the fairgrounds.

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DEPARTMENT 32 OPEN CLASS – HOME ARTS

Superintendent – Lisa Withers

- Exhibits will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. and must be in the Home Arts Department of the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex, and set in place by 12:00 noon on Saturday before fair. No exhibits will be accepted after 12:00 noon, and exhibitors may not be in the building during judging.
- Open to all residents of Cass County and adjacent counties.
- Articles for competition must be work of exhibitor.**
- No entry fee is required.
- Person in charge reserves the right to determine whether an article may be exhibited.
- Exhibits may be picked up from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Sunday (after the fair). Projects remaining in the Darlene B. Lowe Building after that time will be held for one (1) week and then will be disposed of after that time, except any foods, which will be disposed of at noon on Sunday. Contact Home Arts Supervisor to pick up your projects before the disposal date. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED ON SATURDAY**
- ONLY ONE EXHIBIT MAY BE ENTERED IN EACH CLASS.**
- An exhibit **MAY NOT** be entered in a miscellaneous class if a class already exists for that entry. If any miscellaneous item is entered, it **MUST** state on the label and entry form what kind it is.
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT.**
- Stickers showing "A", "B", and "C" will be used to note 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Building open hours are from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. , except on Saturday, when the building will close at 9:00 p.m.**

DEPARTMENT 33 OPEN CLASS - NEEDLEWORK

- Articles purchased from stores or made in factories are not eligible.
- Soiled and unfinished items will not be accepted for competition.
- Any project entered in any previous years is not eligible to be entered again.**
- All sewn items must be on hangers.
- No personal sewing labels or other identification on garments.
- All items exhibited must be the work of the exhibitor.**
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT.**
- Only one exhibit may be entered in each class.

Section A – Knitting

Class

- 4110 Cardigan, coat, pullover or sweater – adult
- 4111 Shawl or wrap – adult
- 4112 Vest or shell – adult
- 4113 Socks
- 4114 Pullover sweater – child
- 4115 Vest or shell – child
- 4116 Baby dress or suit
- 4117 Baby sweater, hat and/or bootie set
- 4118 Toy or doll
- 4119 Doily or table topper
- 4120 Hat, scarf, and/or glove or mitten set
- 4121 Pillow
- 4122 Handspun yarn, any article
- 4123 Any other knitted article not listed
- 4124 Machine knitting, any item
- 4125 **Grand Champion Knitting Exhibit from 4110 – 4124 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section B – Crocheting

Class

- 4135 Cardigan, coat, pullover or sweater – adult
- 4136 Shawl or wrap – adult
- 4137 Vest or shell – adult
- 4138 Dress or suit – child
- 4139 Sweater – child
- 4140 Baby dress or suit
- 4141 Baby ensemble (3 items)
- 4142 Christening set
- 4143 Hat and/or scarf
- 4144 Tablecloth
- 4145 Doily or table topper
- 4146 Pillow
- 4147 Toy or doll
- 4148 Any other crocheted item not listed above
- 4149 **Grand Champion Crocheted Exhibit from classes 4135 – 4148 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section C – Afghans

Class

- 4151 Knitted afghan – larger than 36" x 48"
- 4152 Crocheted afghan – larger than 36" x 48"
- 4153 Baby knitted afghan
- 4154 Baby crocheted afghan
- 4155 Knitted lap afghan – smaller than 36" x 48"
- 4156 Crocheted lap afghan – smaller than 36" x 48"
- 4157 Any other afghan not listed
- 4158 **Grand Champion Afghan Exhibit from classes 4151 – 4157 as deemed deserving by judge Rosette**

Cass County Fair Association Home Arts Quilt Raffle

Drawing to be held in the fair office
Saturday, August 2, 2025
8:45 p.m.

PRIZE: 2024 "Sew Bee It"
Winner Quilt



Won by Kathy Perrino, Dowagiac

The Home Arts Department greatly appreciates
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Note:

The winning quilt blocks from this year will
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the fair in 2026

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facilities & classes.*

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20245Quilt Block Contest Theme
"United We Stand"

Section D – Sewing

Class

- 4161 Dress or suit – adult
- 4162 Party dress or formal – adult
- 4163 Coat, cape or jacket – adult
- 4164 Sportswear – adult
- 4165 Dress or suit – child
- 4166 Party dress or formal – child
- 4167 Coat, cape or jacket – child
- 4168 Sportswear – child
- 4169 Comforter (tied)
- 4170 Pillow
- 4171 Stuffed animals
- 4172 Doll – cloth
- 4173 Any other sewn item not listed above
- 4174 **Grand Champion Sewing Exhibit from classes 4161 - 4173
as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section E – Quilts

Full, Queen, King size (over 320 inch perimeter)

Class

Full, Queen, King size – hand quilted

- 4181 Pieced
- 4182 Hand appliquéd
- 4183 Machine appliquéd
- 4184 Combination
- 4185 Quilted by others

Full, Queen, King size – machine quilted

- 4186 Pieced
- 4187 Hand appliquéd
- 4188 Machine appliquéd
- 4189 Machine Embroidered
- 4190 Combination
- 4191 Quilted by others
- 4192 **Grand Champion Large Quilt from 4181 - 4191 as deemed
deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Twin size (181 to 320 inch perimeter)

- 4193 Pieced
- 4194 Appliquéd
- 4195 Combination
- 4196 Quilted by others

Crib size (180 inch perimeter)

- 4197 Pieced
- 4198 Appliquéd
- 4199 Machine Embroidered
- 4200 Combination
- 4201 Quilted by others
- 4202 **Grand Champion Small Quilt from classes 4193 – 4201 as
deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Wall hanging (181 inch perimeter and over)

- 4203 Pieced
 4204 Appliquéd
 4205 Combination
 4206 Quilted by others

Wall hanging (180 inch perimeter and smaller)

- 4207 Pieced
 4208 Appliquéd
 4209 Combination
 4210 Quilted by others

Miscellaneous Quilts

- 4211 Printed panel quilts
 4212 Theme or novelty quilt (under 210 inches perimeter)
 4213 Theme or novelty quilt (210 inches perimeter and over)
 4214 Mini quilts (96 inch perimeter and smaller)
 4215 Table topper or table runner
 4216 Any other quilted article not listed
 4217 **Grand Champion other quilted item from classes 4203 – 4216 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section F – Quilt Block Contest

The Cass County Fair Quilt Block Contest theme for 2025 is:

“United We Stand”

Note: Fabric kit is required for the contest – only blocks made from the kit may enter. All winning blocks become the property of the Cass County Fair. Kits for the 2026 contest (“Spring Fling”) will be available in the Home Arts building during the 2025 fair week. Price of the kit is \$7.00.

PREMIUMS

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00 & Rosettes

Honorable mention – 7TH – 20TH will receive \$5 and a Rosette, as deemed deserving by judge.

**Up to 6 additional blocks will be chosen
and made into pillows**

Class

- 4221 Quilt Block
 4222 Pillow – The additional blocks, chosen from class 4221 will each receive \$5 and a Rosette. Entries for this class will be determined by judges.

Section G – Counted Cross-Stitch

Pictures should be framed but should NOT have a backing

Class

- 4231 5 x 7 framed picture (any subject)
 4232 8 x 10 framed picture (any subject)
 4233 11 x 14 framed picture (any subject)
 4234 Framed picture (any subject) larger than 11 x 14
 4235 Any other counted cross stitch item not listed
 4236 **Grand Champion Counted Cross-Stitched Exhibit from classes 4231 - 4235 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section H – Miscellaneous Needlework

Pictures should be framed but should NOT have a backing.

Class

- 4241 Doll outfit
 4242 Pillow – any needlework
 4243 Towels – any other not listed
 4244 Doily, embroidered
 4245 Tablecloth, any other not listed
 4246 Wall or door decoration
 4247 Album, decorated
 4248 Personalized garment or accessory
 4249 Toy, any other not listed
 4250 Plastic canvas articles
 4251 Latch hook articles
 4252 Needle punch articles
 4253 Embroidery article
 4254 Needlepoint article
 4255 Crewel picture
 4256 Candlewick picture
 4257 Tote
 4258 Any other miscellaneous needlework not listed above
 4259 **Grand Champion Miscellaneous Needlework from classes 4241 - 4258 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

DEPARTMENT 34

OPEN CLASS

AMATEUR CULINARY ARTS

BAKING

- All Baking items become the property of the Cass County Fair. All baked items must be on a disposable plate or flat surface for judging, except for baked pies. Baked pies may be in a metal pie tin, **NO GLASS**, with your name on the outside bottom of the pie tin. Pie tins will be available for pick up during fair week starting on Monday, after 11:00 a.m.
- All breads may be full size or mini loaves.
- Pies and cakes must be full size.
- All cakes, except decorated cakes, will be cut and sampled by the judge. Cakes will be judged on texture, flavor, and presentation. **NO** whipping cream frostings, fillings or meat products.
- Cake dummies will be allowed for decorated cakes only.
- No cream or custard pies.
- All cakes must be displayed on flat surface (no pans).
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT**.
- No entries requiring refrigeration will be accepted.
- Only one exhibit may be entered in each class.

Section A – Bread***Class***

- 4271 Loaf of white bread
 4272 Loaf of whole wheat bread
 4273 Banana bread
 4274 Zucchini bread
 4275 Dinner rolls – yeast (3)
 4276 Breakfast rolls – yeast (3)
 4277 Baking powder or soda biscuits (3)
 4278 Coffee cake, any
 4279 Muffins, any (3)
 4280 Whole doughnuts (3)
 4281 Any other bread not listed
 4282 Machine bread – white
 4283 Machine bread – other
 4284 **Grand Champion Bread Exhibit from classes 4271 - 4283 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section B – Cakes***Class***

- 4291 Single layer, white (frosted)
 4292 Single layer, chocolate (frosted)
 4293 Single layer, other (frosted)
 4294 Multiple layer, white (frosted)
 4295 Multiple layer, chocolate (frosted)
 4296 Multiple layer, any other (frosted)
 4297 Bundt cake (frosted, glazed or plain)
 4298 Any unfrosted cake
 4299 Angel food or chiffon cake
 4300 Cupcakes, any (3 frosted)
 4301 **Grand Champion Cake Exhibit from classes 4291 - 4300 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section C – Decorated Cakes

- 1 Exhibitor must determine which class cake will be entered in.
 2 Cake dummies are allowed in this section.

Class

- 4311 Wedding or tier cake (tier cakes are more than one layer of different size)
 4312 Holiday (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine, etc.)
 4313 Novelty (dolls, trucks, etc.)
 4314 Decorated cakes, layer, loaf or other
 4315 Decorated cupcakes
 4316 **Grand Champion Decorated Cake Exhibit from classes 4311 - 4315 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section D – Cookies***Class***

- 4331 Sugar cookies (3)
 4332 Oatmeal cookies (3)
 4333 Chocolate chip cookies (3)
 4334 Peanut butter cookies (3)

- 4335 Bar cookies (3)
 4336 Pressed cookies (3)
 4337 Decorated cookies (3)
 4338 Snickerdoodles (3)
 4339 Brownies (3)
 4340 Any other cookie not listed above (3)
 4341 **Grand Champion Cookie Exhibit from classes 4331 - 4340 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section E – Pies***Class***

- 4351 Apple (2 crust)
 4352 Cherry (2 crust)
 4353 Berry (2 crust)
 4354 Any other pie not listed (2 crust)
 4355 **Grand Champion Pie Exhibit from classes 4351- 4354 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section F – Confections***Class***

- 4361 Candy
 4362 Decorated confection
 4363 No-bake cookies
 4364 **Grand Champion Confection Exhibit from classes 4361 - 4363 as deemed deserving by judge Rosette**

CANNING

- Jars used for canning should be standard, colorless jars, sealed with two-piece lacquer lids. **(NO wax seals.)**
- Jars with zinc lids will not be accepted.
- Jellies & jams, etc. must be in standard colorless glasses or jars.
- Tinted glass will **NOT** be accepted.
- Previously entered jars are ineligible.
- Leave bands on jars to be exhibited.
- Exhibitor tags must be secured to jar necks **BEFORE** entering – rubber bands work very well for this.
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT.**
- JARS MAY BE OPENED AT JUDGE'S DISCRETION.**
- Any other item MUST be identified and description of what is in the jar.**

Section G – Vegetables & Miscellaneous***Class***

- 4381 Green beans
 4382 Yellow wax beans
 4383 Beets
 4384 Sweet corn
 4385 Tomato juice

- 4386 Tomatoes
 4387 Fish or meat, identify contents
 4388 Honey, strained pound or dark
 4389 Honey, comb pound or dark
 4390 Maple syrup
 4391 Any other vegetable or miscellaneous canning exhibit not listed, identified
 4392 **Grand Champion Vegetable or Miscellaneous Canning Exhibit from classes 4381 - 4391 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section H – Fruits

Class

- 4401 Pears
 4402 Peaches
 4403 Any other fruit not listed above. Include name of fruit.
 4404 Strawberry jam
 4405 Raspberry jam
 4406 Any other jam not listed above. Include name of fruit.
 4407 Grape jelly
 4408 Apple jelly
 4409 Any other jelly not listed above. Include flavor.
 4410 Preserves, marmalades, conserves
 4411 Applesauce
 4412 Fruit juice, identify flavor or fruit
 4413 **Grand Champion Fruit Canning Exhibit from classes 4401 - 4412 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section I – Pickles & Relishes

Class

- 4421 Bread & butter pickles
 4422 Sweet pickles
 4423 Cucumbers, dill
 4424 Salsa
 4425 Chili or spaghetti sauce
 4426 Corn relish
 4427 Pickle relish
 4428 Pickled asparagus
 4429 Pickled beets
 4430 Any other pickle or relish not listed
 4431 **Grand Champion Pickle or Relish Canning Exhibit from classes 4421-4430 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

DEPARTMENT 35 OPEN CLASS - FINE ARTS

Superintendent – Lisa Withers

- Exhibits will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday before the fair, and must be in the Home Arts department of the Darlene B. Lowe Exhibit Complex and set in place by 12:00 noon, Saturday before the fair. No exhibits will be accepted

after 12:00 noon, and exhibitors may not be in the building during judging.

- Open to all residents in Cass and adjacent counties.
- Articles for competition must be work of exhibitor.
- All articles must be completely finished and pictures must be **FRAMED**.
- Frames with glass will not be allowed; however plexiglass may be used.**
- No entry fee is required.
- Committee in charge reserves the right to determine whether an article may be exhibited.
- Exhibits will be released on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- Only one exhibit per exhibitor may be entered in each class.**
- An exhibit may NOT be entered in a miscellaneous class if a class already exists for that entry.**
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT**.

PAINTINGS

- All painting projects must be **FRAMED**.
- Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT**.

Section A – Oils

Class

- 4441 Animals
 4442 Landscapes
 4443 Seascapes
 4444 Still life
 4445 Portraits
 4446 Figures
 4447 Abstracts
 4448 **Grand Champion Oil Exhibit from classes 4441 - 4447 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section B – Acrylics

Class

- 4461 Animals
 4462 Landscapes
 4463 Seascapes
 4464 Still life
 4465 Portraits
 4466 Figures
 4467 Abstracts
 4468 **Grand Champion Acrylics Exhibit from classes 4461 - 4467 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section C - Watercolors

Class

- 4471 Animals
 4472 Landscapes
 4473 Seascapes

- 4474 Still life
 4475 Portraits
 4476 Figures
 4477 Abstracts
 4478 **Grand Champion Watercolors Exhibit from classes 4471 - 4477 as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Section D – Miscellaneous

Class

- 4491 Pen and ink
 4492 Pencil
 4493 Charcoal
 4494 Chalk
 4495 Crayons
 4496 Adult coloring book – any medium
 4497 Combination of 4491 through 4495
 4498 **Grand Champion Miscellaneous Exhibit from classes 4491 - 4497 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

DEPARTMENT 36 OPEN CLASS - FOLK ARTS

1. Only one exhibit may be entered in each class.
2. Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT.**
3. Any project entered in any previous years is not eligible to be entered again.

CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Section A – Ceramics

Class

- 4511 Clocks, lamps, large items
 4512 Plates, wall plaques, small items
 4513 Animals, statues, etc.
 4514 Decal and hand painting
 4515 Hand painting
 4516 **Grand Champion Miscellaneous Exhibit from classes 4511 - 4515 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section B – Woodcraft

Class

- 4531 Woodburning
 4532 Hand carved
 4533 Toys
 4534 Furniture
 4535 Any other woodcraft item not listed above
 4536 **Grand Champion Woodcraft Exhibit from classes 4531 - 4535 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section C – Holiday Item

Includes Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas

Class

- 4551 Decoration for wall or door
 4552 Holiday ornament – handmade
 4553 Ceramic figurine (single or group)
 4554 Outdoor decoration
 4555 Wreath or swag – any
 4556 Decorated tree skirt or tablecloth
 4557 Table decoration
 4558 Any holiday item not listed
 4559 **Grand Champion Holiday Item from classes 4551 - 4558 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section D – Rustic

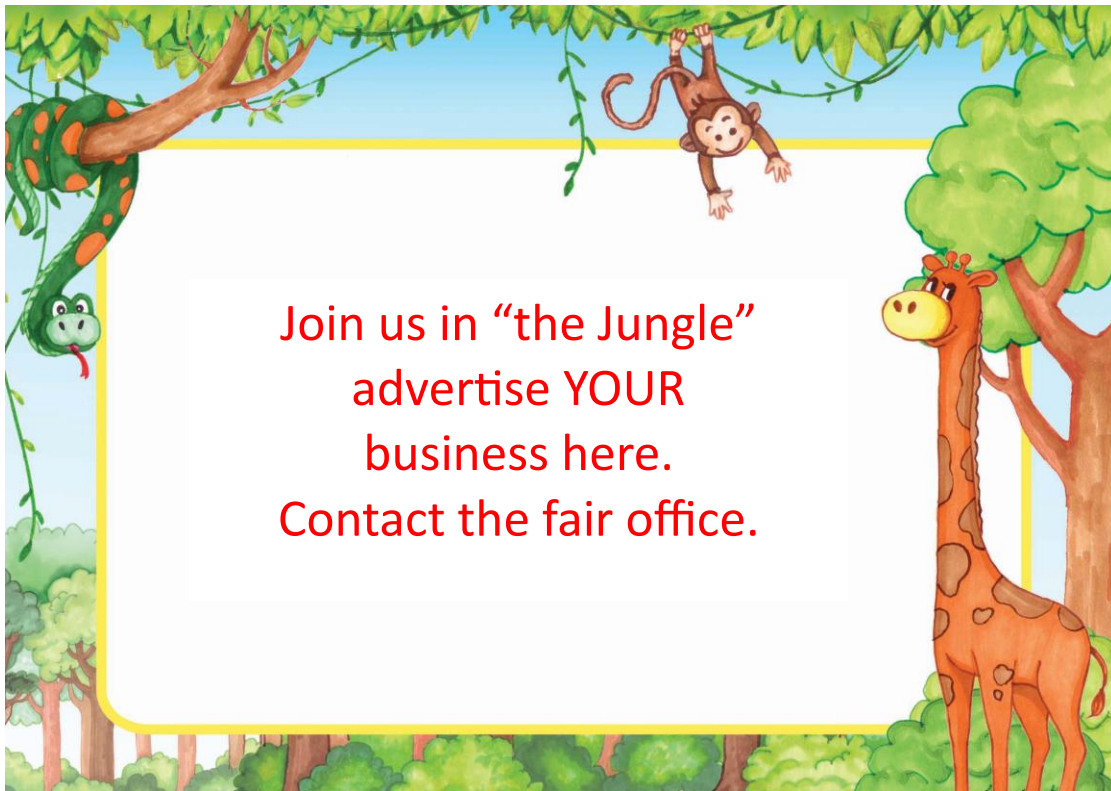
Class

- 4561 Metalcraft, any
 4562 Birdhouse
 4563 Yard Art
 4564 Native American art – wearable or decorative
 4565 Tole painting
 4566 Basketry
 4567 Woven items / Handweaving
 4568 **Grand Champion Rustic Craft from classes 4561 through 4567 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section E – Miscellaneous

Class

- 4569 Glass hand engraving
 4570 Jewelry, any
 4571 Candles, any
 4572 Stained glass
 4573 Hand molded sculpture
 4574 Soap
 4575 Collections
 4576 Recycling
 4577 Leathercraft
 4578 Totes & purses
 4579 Embellished purchased Items
 4580 Scrapbooking
 4581 Silk flowers
 4582 Tied blanket or other project (not sewn)
 4583 Tin punch
 4584 String art
 4585 Door or wall hanger (painted or handcrafted)
 4586 Wreath
 4587 Legos
 4588 Gnomes, handmade
 4589 Any other miscellaneous craft not listed above
 4590 **Grand Champion Miscellaneous Craft from classes 4569 - 4589 as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**



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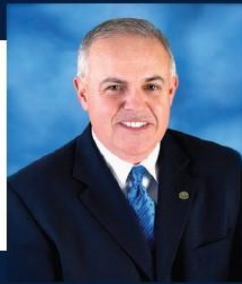
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DEPARTMENT 37 OPEN CLASS AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Exhibit must be ready to hang.
2. Frames with glass will not be allowed; however, Plexiglas may be used.
3. Only 3 exhibits per exhibitor may be entered. Only 1 item per class.
4. Any project entered in any previous years is not eligible to be entered again.
5. All photographs must be taken by exhibitor.
6. Exhibitor tags must be completed with your name in **BOLD PRINT**.

Section A – Black & White Photography

Frame size must be 8x10, but photo can be matted to fit 8x10.
Example: photo can be 4x6, but must be matted to fit 8x10 frame.

Class

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 4601 | Head or figure |
| 4602 | Landscape |
| 4603 | Still life |
| 4604 | Seascape |
| 4605 | Abstract |
| 4606 | Animals |
| 4607 | Birds |
| 4608 | Flowers |
| 4609 | Insects |
| 4610 | Digitally enhanced, any subject – must bring copy of original |
| 4611 | Grand Champion Black & White Photography Exhibit from classes 4601 - 4610 as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette |

Section B – Color Photography

Frame size must be 8x10, but photo can be matted to fit 8x10.
(Example: photo can be 4x6, but must be matted to fit 8x10 frame.)

Class

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| 4621 | Head or figure |
| 4622 | Landscape |
| 4623 | Still life |
| 4624 | Seascape |
| 4625 | Abstract |
| 4626 | Animals |
| 4627 | Birds |
| 4628 | Flowers |
| 4629 | Insects |

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| 4630 | Digitally enhanced, any subject – must bring a copy of original |
| 4631 | Grand Champion Photography Exhibit from classes 4621 - 4630 as deemed deserving by judge
.....Rosette |

Section C – Groupings

Class

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| 4641 | Black & white |
| 4642 | Color |
| 4643 | Grand Champion Photography Exhibit from classes 4641 through 4642 as deemed deserving by judge
.....Rosette |

DEPARTMENT 38 OPEN CLASS - AGRICULTURE

Molly Cass, Superintendent

FIELD CROPS

PREREGISTRATION of ten or more items is greatly appreciated!!

Pick up Open Class Entry form from fair office (269-445-8265)

Registration 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Sunday before fair.

CLOSED for judging – Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

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Section A – Grains

1. Grain displayed in a one (1) gallon glass jar with lid (available at exhibit entry).
2. Should be free from excessive chaff & debris. Any entry containing larvae/insects will not be accepted.
3. Grains exhibited become the property of the fair and will not be returned at the end of fair week.
4. Stickers showing "A", "B", and "C" will be used to note 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
5. Exhibitor containers and/or stickers MUST be picked up Sunday after fair between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Class

- | | |
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| 4651 | One peck wheat – white |
| 4652 | One peck wheat – red |
| 4653 | One peck rye |
| 4654 | One peck oats |
| 4655 | One peck soybeans |
| 4656 | One peck winter barley |
| 4657 | One peck shelled corn |
| 4658 | One peck any other – must name |
| 4659 | Ten ears Indian corn, 1 year old, HUSK PEELED BACK OR REMOVED |
| 4660 | Ten ears hybrid corn, 1 year old, HUSK REMOVED |
| 4661 | Six ears popcorn, 1 year old, HUSK PEELED BACK |

- 4662 Six ears strawberry popcorn, 1 year old, HUSK PEELED BACK
 4663 Six ears sweet corn, HUSK & SILKS REMOVED
 4664 **Grand Champion Grain (from classes 4651 - 4663) as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section B – Hay

- Entry should be 12" section from end of bale, bound by twine.
- Hay entries must be dry enough to mow safely.
- Hay will be judged on the following points:
 - Textures..... 30%
 - Leafiness..... 30%
 - Purity..... 10%
 - Color..... 20%
 - Aroma..... 10%

Class

- 4671 Alfalfa, first cutting
 4672 Alfalfa, second & third cutting
 4673 Alfalfa-brome, first cutting
 4674 Alfalfa-brome, second cutting
 4675 Clover hay
 4676 Clover-alfalfa mix
 4677 Any other – must name

Section C – Eggs

- Limit one entry per class. Exhibit one dozen eggs in carton.
- Specify fowl on entry tag.
- Cracked or broken eggs will not be accepted for entry.
- Should be clean and uniform in size & shape.

Class

- 4681 Eggs - white
 4682 Eggs - brown
 4683 Eggs – any other – must name
 4684 **Grand Champion from classes 4681-4683 as deemed deserving by judge Rosette**

- Absolutely **NO** use of wildflowers protected by Michigan law. (Limited use of butterfly weed is permitted).
- Specimens may be replaced with comparable fresh specimens after midweek to keep exhibits presentable. Please pick up fallen blossoms and leaves as well, to keep displays clean, but **DO NOT MOVE** exhibits.
- Stickers showing "A", "B", and "C" will be used to note 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Exhibitor containers and/or stickers **MUST** be picked up Sunday after fair between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Section A – Specimens (cut flowers)

- All specimens must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Whenever possible, foliage should be attached.
- Must identify name of specimen on entry tag.

Class

- 4691 Salvia, 3 spikes
 4692 Ageratum, 1 spray
 4693 Gladioli, solid color, 1 spike
 4694 Gladioli, bi-color or novelty, 1 spike
 4695 Cleome, 1 spike
 4696 Rose, miniature
 4697 Rose, hybrid tea, 1 bloom
 4698 Roses, other, 1 cluster, floribunda or climber
 4699 Rose bowl or snifter, one or more roses exhibited in an open container with water
 4700 Dahlia, 3 blooms 5" and under in diameter
 4701 Dahlia, one bloom over 5" in diameter
 4702 Celosia, 3 spikes/1 spray
 4703 Zinnia, 3 blooms 2 ½" and under in diameter
 4704 Zinnia, 3 blooms over 2 ½" in diameter
 4705 Marigold, 3 blooms 2 ½" and under in diameter
 4706 Marigold, 3 blooms over 2 ½" in diameter
 4707 Coleus, 3 stems
 4708 Snapdragon, 1 spike
 4709 Daylily, 1 stem
 4710 Hybrid lily, 1 stalk
 4711 Everlasting, 3 blooms or 1 spray, fresh, must name variety
 4712 Phlox, 1 spray
 4713 Sunflower, 1 bloom
 4714 Coneflower, 3 blooms 5" and under in diameter
 4715 Hibiscus, 1 spike/spray
 4716 Annual, any other, 3 blooms 3 ½" and under in diameter
 4717 Annual, any other, 1 bloom over 3 ½" in diameter
 4718 Annual, any other, 3 spikes or 1 spray
 4719 Perennial, any other, 3 blooms 3 ½" & under in diameter
 4720 Perennial, any other, 1 bloom over 3 ½" in diameter
 4721 Perennial, any other, 1 spike or 1 spray
 4722 Fresh herb, annual or biennial, 3 spikes or 1 spray
 4723 Fresh herb, perennial, 3 spikes or 1 spray
 4724 Fresh mint – name variety
 4725 Ornamental grass, under 18", 3 stems, may include 1 seed head. Must name variety
 4726 Ornamental grass, 18" to 3', 3 stems, may include 1 seed head. Must name variety
 4727 Ornamental grass, 3' to 5', 3 stems, may include 1 seed head. Must name variety

DEPARTMENT 39 OPEN CLASS - FLORICULTURE

Superintendent

PRERIGISTRATION of ten or more items is greatly appreciated! Pick up Open Class entry form from fair office (269-445-8265).

Registration 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Sunday before fair.

CLOSED for judging – Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

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- Exhibitor is responsible for providing container with water to display specimens. **The fair will no longer provide containers.**
- An exhibitor is limited to **ONE** entry per class.

- 4728 Hosta – solid color, 3 leaves, may include 1 flower head. Must name variety
- 4729 Hosta - bi-color, 3 leaves, may include 1 flower head. Must name variety

Section B – Arrangements

1. Fresh plant material only.
2. Accessories not permitted unless stated
3. Must be table top size (suitable for fair display)

Class

- 4731 Holiday arrangement, your choice of holiday, accessories permitted
- 4732 Old fashioned bouquet of mixed flowers
- 4733 Arrangement in basket
- 4734 Arrangement suitable for dinner table, candles permitted
- 4735 Arrangement featuring colors on fair book cover
- 4736 Arrangement using evergreens with flowers
- 4737 Arrangement using fruit and/or vegetables, may use flowers and foliage
- 4738 Arrangement of roadside flowers, under 18"
- 4739 Arrangement of roadside flowers, 18-30"
- 4740 Arrangement celebrating an anniversary, accessories permitted. Mark year on entry ticket
- 4741 Arrangement in an unusual container, judged on creativity and originality (must stand firmly and hold water)
- 4742 Arrangement from the herb garden
- 4743 Arrangement in a teacup, with saucer
- 4744 Arrangement featuring red, white & blue
- 4745 Arrangement or bouquet featuring sunflowers
- 4746 Arrangement celebrating graduation
- 4747 Arrangement celebrating baby
- 4748 Arrangement suitable for wedding
- 4749 Bride or bridesmaid bouquet
- 4750 **Grand Champion, classes 4731 through 4749, as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**

Class

- 4761 Miniature arrangement, under 4 inches
- 4762 Miniature arrangement, between 4-8 inches

FOR EXHIBITORS 16 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

Class

- 4763 Arranger's choice, open to youth under 16 years of age. List age on entry tag.
- 4764 Creative characters – create a character using: fresh vegetables and/or fruit. **Limited** use of accessories allowed. Open to youth under 16 years of age. List age on entry tag.

Section C – Dried Exhibit

1. All materials must be natural (not color dyed).
2. Silk flowers **NOT** permitted.

Class

- 4771 Miniature arrangement of dried materials under 4"
- 4772 Miniature arrangement of dried materials 4-8"
- 4773 Arrangement of dried materials over 8"

- 4774 Wreath using dried materials
- 4775 Swag, broom or any other item suitable for wall/door hanging (limited use of accessories permitted)
- 4776 **Grand Champion miniature arrangement, classes 4761, 4762, 4771 & 4772, as deemed deserving by judgeRosette**
- 4777 Potpourri, two cups displayed in a clear jar with removable lid, majority of material must be grown and created by exhibitor
- 4778 Dried flowers, 3 spikes or 1 spray – name variety on tag
- 4779 Wreath, swag or wall hanging using dried herbs
- 4780 Wall hanging using pressed flowers
- 4781 **Grand Champion, dried, classes 4773– 4780, as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

Section D – Container Grown Plants

1. Plants must have been grown by (under exclusive care of) exhibitor for at least 2 months.
2. Plants showing signs of disease will not be accepted for entry.
3. Exhibitor is responsible for watering plants during fair week.

Class

- 4801 Fairy Garden, must contain live plants & at least 1 fairy figure
- 4802 African violet, single crown
- 4803 Begonia, flowering
- 4804 Orchid
- 4805 Any other flowering houseplant, table top size – name variety on tag
- 4806 Any other flowering houseplant, floor size – name variety on tag
- 4807 Hanging planter, must be blooming – name variety on tag
- 4808 Hanging planter, non-blooming – name variety on tag
- 4809 Hanging planter, fern – name variety on tag
- 4810 Foliage planter, table top size – name variety on tag
- 4811 Foliage planter, floor size, name variety on tag
- 4812 Patio planter (3 variety minimum) mixed flowering plants – name varieties on tag
- 4813 Patio planter (3 variety minimum) mixed foliage plants – name varieties on tag
- 4814 Cactus or succulent, single variety – name variety on tag
- 4815 Cactus or succulent, (3 variety minimum) mixed variety planter – name varieties on tag
- 4816 Herb planter, single variety – name variety on tag
- 4817 Herb planter, (3 variety minimum) mixed variety planter – name varieties on tag
- 4818 **Best container grown plant (classes 4801 – 4817), as deemed deserving by judge.....Rosette**

DEPARTMENT 40

OPEN CLASS - HORTICULTURE

PRERIGISTRATION of ten or more items is greatly appreciated! Pick up Open Class entry form from fair office (269-445-8265).

Registration 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Sunday before fair.

CLOSED for judging – Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

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1. Stickers showing “A”, “B”, and “C” will be used to note 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Section A – Potatoes (washed)

1. Uniformity is important
2. Entries should be clean, without blemishes or discoloration

Class

- 4821 Kennebec – best 6
- 4822 Russet – best 6
- 4823 Pontiac – best 6
- 4824 Yukon Gold – best 6
- 4825 Any other variety, all blue, fingerling, etc. – best 6, name variety on tag
- 4826 Sweet potatoes, best 3
- 4827 Sweet potato vine grown on a potato in water jar

Section B – Garden Vegetables

1. Uniformity is important.
2. Entries should be clean, without blemishes or discoloration
3. Entries should have roots removed unless stated

Class

- 4831 Beets, best 3, root vegetable
- 4832 Carrots, best 5, root vegetable
- 4833 Onions, best 3, root & stem removed (clean, not peeled)
- 4834 Cabbage, best one head, loose leaves removed
- 4835 Broccoli, best one head, loose leaves removed
- 4836 Cauliflower, best one head, leaves cut back to show head
- 4837 Eggplant, best one
- 4838 Celery, best stalk
- 4839 Rhubarb, best 3 stalks
- 4840 Cucumber, over 6”, best 3
- 4841 Pickles, 2 ½” – 4”, best 5
- 4842 Bell peppers, best 3, any color
- 4843 Sweet peppers (small fruit), any one variety, best 5
- 4844 Hot peppers, any one variety, best 5
- 4845 Tomatoes, ripe, any color, stems on, best 3
- 4846 Tomatoes, green, stems on, best 3
- 4847 Tomatoes (small fruit), any one variety, best 6
- 4848 Beans, green, best 10 pods
- 4849 Beans, any one variety, best 10 pods
- 4850 Summer squash, yellow, best 3
- 4851 Summer squash, zucchini, best 3
- 4852 Winter squash, any one variety, best one
- 4853 Pumpkin, pie or other small fruit variety, best 3

- 4854 Pumpkin, field or carver variety, best one
- 4855 Gourds, table top size, mixed variety, best 3
- 4856 Any other vegetable not listed (greens should be in jar with water to stay crisp) – must name variety on tag
- 4857 Basket mixed vegetables
- 4858 **Grand Champion Garden Vegetable Exhibit (from classes 4831-4877) as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section C – Giants

1. Limit one entry per class
2. Winner will be determined by weight or length as stated
3. Entries should be clean, without major blemishes

Class

- 4861 Cabbage head, largest by weight
- 4862 Sunflower head, largest by diameter
- 4863 Beet, largest by weight
- 4864 Turnip, largest by weight
- 4865 Potato, largest by weight
- 4866 Tomato, largest by weight
- 4867 Pepper largest by weight
- 4868 Onion, roots & stem removed, largest by weight
- 4869 Cucumber, largest by weight
- 4870 Zucchini, largest by weight
- 4871 Field corn, (husk off, 1 year old) largest by length
- 4872 Sweet corn, (husk & silk off), largest by length
- 4873 Cantaloupe, largest by weight
- 4874 Watermelon, largest by weight
- 4875 Pumpkin, largest by weight
- 4876 Corn stalk, largest by length
- 4877 Sunflower stalk, largest by length

Section D – Miscellaneous

1. Exhibit should be no larger than 5’x5’
2. Exhibit should withstand weather and be functional
3. Exhibit must include hanger
4. Limit one entry per exhibitor

Class

- 4881 Scarecrow, not larger than 5’x5’ (should withstand weather, be serviceable and be able to be hung...
- 4882 **Grand Champion Vegetable Garden Exhibit (from classes 4821-4881) as deemed deserving by judge..... Rosette**

Section E – Container Grown Plants

1. Plants must be grown by (under exclusive care) exhibitor for at least 2 months
2. Plants showing signs of disease will not be accepted for entry
3. Exhibitor is responsible for watering plants during fair week

Class

- 4891 Pepper plant in bucket
- 4892 Tomato plant in bucket
- 4893 Strawberry plant in bucket

FRUITS

1. Uniformity is important
2. Entries should be clean, without blemishes or discoloration
3. Entries of all fruit must be in a plastic container that will not leak
4. Exhibits must be grown by exhibitor

Section F – Fruits

Class

- 4901 Apples, any one variety, best 5
 4902 Apricots, one plastic pint container
 4903 Blackberries, one plastic half-pint container
 4904 Blueberries, one plastic half-pint container
 4905 Nectarines, any one variety, best 5
 4906 Peaches, any one variety, best 5
 4907 Pears, any one variety, best 5
 4908 Gooseberries, one plastic half-pint container
 4909 Plums, any one variety, best 5
 4910 Raspberries, one plastic half-pint container
 4911 Strawberries, one plastic half-pint container
 4912 Any other fruit not listed – name variety on tag

DEPARTMENT 41 OPEN CLASS ORGANIZATIONS

Rob Eubank, Superintendent

Section A – Building Decorations

Building decoration theme –
 See fair book cover for current year's theme.

Class

- 4920 Interior building decoration using featured theme
 4921 Exterior building decoration using featured theme

DEPARTMENT 42 – FARM MACHINERY

DIVISION 1 – TRACTORS

Matt Dohm (269) 591-1629, Mike Freeman (850-210-6320)
 Co-Superintendents

General Rules..... (apply to all classes unless specified)

- 1) Event will be held at the Cass Co Fair Grounds Infield, 590 N. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, MI
 - 2) Registration and scales will open at 7:00 a.m. and close for all classes 8:45 am. Pulling starts at 9 am.
 - 3) Pulling order will be as follows. Antique and Farm Stocks will pull simultaneously on 2 tracks.
 Antique (A) - Light to Heavy - 3,500, 4,500, 5,500, 6,500, 7,500
 Farm Stock (FS) - Heavy to Light - 21,000, 18,000, 15,000, 12,000, 10,000, 8,000
 Fast Tractors (FT) - 10,000 Fast, 12,000 Fast, 12,000 No speed Limit (NSL)
- (12,000 NSL class will be run as part of the Sunday evening Truck Pull.)**
- 4) Official weight will be measured at the conclusion of each competitors pull. After your pull, proceed DIRECTLY to the scales for your official weight to be recorded.
 - 5) No competitors under the age of 16 in (FT). Drivers under 16 will be allowed in (A)&(FS) classes, but only if they have an approved "Tractor Operators Permit". Please contact in advance.
 - 6) \$25 entry fee for all classes. 1st thru 3rd placing in each class will be awarded.
 - 7) All pulls will be made against a weight transfer machine with approximately a 4' chain.
 - 8) Each tractor may only pull in one class, but may pull twice with 2 separate drivers (only the prevailing pull will qualify), unless otherwise announced day of by Track Officials (TO).
- For the Spring Pull Only! Tractors will be allowed to jump up one class. Each tractor will have the possibility to pull up to four times!**
- 9) There will be no test pullers. The only re-pulls will be conducted at the request of TO in the event of a tie or other malfunction.
 - 10) The Hitch Point, or Clevis, must have an opening of 3"W x 3.75"L. Max height of Hitch point for all tractor classes is 20", and must extend a minimum of 18" from centerline of rear axle.
 - 11) Must have functioning exhaust systems. Tractor exhaust must be a minimum of 24" unless otherwise approved by TO.
 - 12) Clear access to the Hitch point must be maintained both horizontally and vertically. Adding weights, bars, toolboxes, etc., that hinder access to the hitch point is prohibited.
 - 13) All vehicles must be in park or neutral, with drivers hands OFF all controls while hooking/unhooking.
 - 14) ANY parts that fall to the ground or excessive loss of fluid while on the track will result in Disqualification (DQ).
 - 15) All tractor classes MUST have sturdy fenders or cabs for drivers protection.
 - 16) MFWD Tractors must be in 2WD mode in all classes, with the exception of 21,000 FS.
 - 17) All speed limit classes will be measured by one of the two following techniques. A visual displayed SPEED BOARD. DQ will occur when the next increment beyond your particular classes' speed limit is displayed. Audible alerts (HORN) will sound when speed limit is exceeded. DQ will occur at the 3rd sound of the

- horn, or if any 1 horn blast exceeds 50' of forward movement on the track. For example, 6.1 MPH is a DQ in a 6.0 MPH class.
- 18) PTO and 3 point hitch deletes will be allowed if deemed secure and safe by TO. If tractors have working PTO, shields must be in place.
 - 19) OE style weights preferred. However, aftermarket or home-made weights and weight brackets are allowed if deemed secure and safe by TO. Fabricated front weight brackets and weights must not extend more than 24" beyond the front of the tractor. Belly bars not to exceed width of tires. Rear weights allowed, but are not to interfere with hooking and unhooking. Clear access to the hitch must be maintained both horizontally and vertically for hooking.
 - 20) Track Officials (TO) ruling are FINAL. TO's have the right to stop/DQ at any point where an unsafe situation is witnessed. This includes behaving disorderly/destructive. If DQ occurs, absolutely no refunds will be issues. Rules may be changed/added as needed with little or no notice. If any rule is in concern, please contact us ahead of time.

Antique & Farm Stock Tractors

1. Antique (A) & Farm Stock (FS) classes will pull on 2 adjacent tracks simultaneously. Tractors must be identified by correct manufacturer, model, etc., and must have appropriate Original Equipment (OE). OE engine blocks only. Stock appearing fuel systems with no propane injection etc., No adding Turbos etc. for Antique classes.
2. Any size, uncut, rubber only tires allowed in A & FS classes.
3. Speed limits : Antique – 3 mph, FS – 6 mph. See General rules #17 for additional speed limit info.
4. RPM's are limited to 10% over manufacturers recommendations. Checks will be made at TO's discretion/request.
5. To qualify as Antique, particular model must have been in production in 1958 or prior.

Fast Tractors

- 1) FT classes will pull on a single track.
- 2) FT classes may have rules that contradict General Rules. Rules listed in this section apply ONLY to FT classes.
- 3) 10 mph class tractors are limited to 3,000 rpm. ISSPRO Single Magnetic RPM sensor attached in accordance to Indiana Pulling League's requirements is mandatory. Top placing tractors will have rpm checked. TO may request rpm checked of any/all tractors in 10 mph class tractors before or after pull as needed.
- 4) Must have 2, 3/8" cross bolts in the exhaust. Exhaust must extend a minimum of 24" above the hood. Must exhaust straight up.
- 5) Must retain OE engine block for particular model. However, changes and additions to fuel, air, displacement, and other systems are allowed. Water injection is allowed.
- 6) FT classes are permitted to run top cut tires, and have no tire size restrictions.
- 7) No sanctioned "super farm" or higher tractors allowed.

- 8) Fast Tractors may jump to NSL class, but are limited to 3,000 RPM.
- 9) Safety features REQUIRED on all Fast and No Speed Limit Tractors.
 - a. Operator controlled fuel shut off valve (dump valve). Injection pump shut off does not qualify for this.
 - b. Sled operated kill switch, or air shut off.
 - c. Wheelie bars.
 - d. Spring to idle throttle. (dead man throttle)
 - e. Steel Flywheel, Bell housing blanket, or other shield approved by TO.
 - f. Seat belt, (helmet optional).
- 10) NSL tractors are required to have OE style ROPS, cage, or other roll bar approved by track officials
- 11) Speed limits will be announced the day of the pull. Speed will be between 10 and 15 MPH..

Section A – Farm Tractor on Clay

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Registration open from 7:00 a.m.to 8:45 a.m.

PREMIUMS

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$150	\$100	\$75

Class

8300	8,000 lb. max. weight
8301	10,000 lb. max. weight
8302	10,000 lb. max weight - Fast Tractors
8303	12,000 lb. max. weight
8304	12,000 lb. max. weight – Fast Tractors
8305	12,000 lb. max. weight – No Speed Limit (Sunday Event Only)
8306	15,000 lb. max. weight
8307	18,000 lb. max. weight
8308	21,000 lb. max. weight

Section B – Antique Tractors on Clay

Class

8351	3,500 lb. max. weight
8352	4,500 lb. max. weight
8353	5,500 lb. max. weight
8354	6,500 lb. max. weight
8355	7,500 lb. max. weight

Section C – Modified & Superstock Tractors

Four classes - will start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Rules for NTPA modified and superstock tractors and trucks

1. Open to the world.
2. Pull to be made on transfer machine.
3. Contest held on the tractor pull strip.
4. Stationary scales in infield. Do not unload tractor until in infield.
5. All IPL. rules will be enforced.

6. Everybody pays at the gate. Each entrant gets two (2) pit passes per tractor or truck, per class, refunded on entry fee.
7. Length of chain – approximately 42”.
8. If any discrepancy, judges’ decisions will be final.

IPL Classes

8371	9,300 lb. Super Farm Diesel Tractors
8372	2,050 lb. Modified Mini Tractors
8373	8,000 lb. Diesel Pro-Stock 4-WD Trucks
8374	8,000 lb. Super Stock Combo



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2025 Cass County Fair
Street Legal Pickup Truck and Semi Tractor Pull

The Cass County Fair and the Cass County Tractor Pullers invite you to participate in this year's Street Legal Pick-up and Semi Pull at the Cass County Fairgrounds, Sunday. Pulling will start at 7:00pm. There will be five (5) individual classes. Please refer to the following chart, and attached rules to determine which class you best qualify for. Good luck!

• Gasoline Pickup class	Street Legal Gas	7,000#
• Diesel Pickup class	Street Legal Diesel	9,000#
• Super Street Diesel	Altered Diesel Trucks	8,100#
• Semi Tractor Class	Street Legal Semi	20,000#
• Farm Tractor	No Speed limit	12,000#

The prize money pay-out for pickup and semi classes will be the same and as follows:

1st Place \$300.00
 2nd Place \$200.00
 3rd Place \$100.00

The prize money pay-out for the Super Street and Tractors will be the same and as follows:

1st Place \$400.00
 2nd Place \$300.00
 3rd Place \$200.00
 4th Place \$100.00

Event Rules

1. \$ 25.00 entry fee for all contestants.
2. One pit pass will be issued to the driver. (No one under the age of 16 will be allowed in the pit area per fair policy.)
3. Inspections and registration will begin at 4:00 pm and closes promptly at 6:00 pm.
4. The event will be limited to the first 75 vehicles of all classes to pass inspection. Registration forms are available at the fair office or on the fair's website: www.mycasscountyfair.com.
5. All vehicles must be inspected and issued a number before registering.
6. All trucks must have current registration and insurance to be eligible. Please bring these documents with you when you register.
7. All drivers must be over the age of 16 with a valid driver's license. Drivers under the age of 18 must have a notarized release signed by legal guardian. Please bring these documents with you when you register.
8. Once a vehicle has passed inspection, it must proceed directly to the line up area and will **NOT** be allowed to leave the infield or return to the pits.
9. Passengers are not allowed while the vehicle is being inspected or when competing.
10. All drivers must handle themselves in a safe manner and wear seat belts when competing.
11. **A driver's meeting will be held @ 6:45 p.m. Attendance by all competitors is mandatory.**

Street Legal Semi Tractors
General Rules

1. Maximum Weight of Vehicle and driver is not to Exceed **20,000#**
2. Open to semi tractors only. (No wreckers, dump trucks, or any other non-semi type trucks.)
3. Semi Tractors must be DOT inspected with current sticker.
4. Drivers in this class must have current medical card and CDL or "F" endorsement.
5. Semis are encouraged to provide your own drawbar with a 3" by 3.5" hole at a maximum height of 20". Cass County Tractor Pullers have 2 semi hitches that will be available if needed.
6. No pressurized add-ons. (Nitrous, propane, etc.)
7. All tires must be DOT approved. Super singles are permitted. (No loaded, cut, tractor, or chained tires.)
8. **Late fee of \$15.00 for competitors not registered before drivers meeting.(Semi's & Farm Tractors ONLY)**

Street Legal Pickup Truck
General Rules

1. Maximum weight for gasoline powered trucks is 7,000#.
2. Maximum weight for diesel powered trucks is 9,000#.
3. Weight may **only** be added to the truck bed, and must be **securely fastened**.
4. Please have cab and bed reasonably free of miscellaneous debris (ex. loose tools, jacks, tires, etc).
5. Tool boxes and other equipment in the truck, must be fastened to the truck.
6. Brush guards, winches, and snowplow brackets are allowed, however; no actual plows, or hanging any other weight from these devices.
7. Trucks must have both bumpers, and must be fastened within 16" of the frame. If rear bumper is not OE, then it must be substantial enough to withstand impact from sled.
8. Hitch point must extend beyond the bumper far enough to be accessible.
9. A minimum of a 3" wide by 3.5" long hitch is required at a maximum horizontal height of 26". Every Vehicle must have a hitch installed at the time of inspection.
10. All tires must be DOT approved. Duals are permitted. No loaded, cut, tractor, or chained tires will be allowed.
11. All engines must be OE stock blocks and run on pump fuel, with no pressurized add-ons such as nitrous, propane, dual fuelers, or other aftermarket injection systems. No increased turbos or other forced air systems.
12. All trucks must have OE stock aspiration and injection systems.
13. Power chips, down loaders, and other computer modified devices are permitted.
14. Aftermarket intake and exhaust manifolds, as well as carburetors, lift pumps, and ignition systems are permitted.
15. Cold air "K&N" style air cleaners are permitted.
16. Free flowing exhaust, of any size, regardless of mufflers, is permitted, as long as it exits **behind** the driver's compartment. Through the hood exhaust, dumps, open headers, or open down pipes will not be allowed.
17. Modified suspension systems, including lifts and traction bars, are permitted if deemed safe by the judges and have a reasonable amount of travel. No welding springs or solid suspensions. There must be a minimum of 1" air gap between the rear axle bump stop at the time of inspection.
18. Modified trucks that operate above the Original Equipment Manufacturer's rating for weight, horsepower, and governed RPM, are encouraged to use some type of drive shaft loops, u-joint shields, and clutch and/or transmission scatter blankets.
19. These modified classes are **NOT** unlimited classes!

Farm Tractor
General Rules

1. Maximum weight of tractor and driver not to exceed 12,000 lbs.
2. Tractor must have ROPS or cage approved by officials.
3. Exhaust must have 2) 3/8" cross-bolts in exhaust, post turbo, must exit straight up with no turn out, and be a minimum of 24" measured from the sheet metal.
4. Tractor must be equipped with a sled operated kill switch.
5. Tractor must be equipped with wheelie bars
6. Bell housing must have protective blanket installed.
7. Single tires only with a maximum tire width of 20.8, tires may be cut or uncut.
8. Draw bar must measure no more than 20" off the ground and no less than 18" from the center of the rear axle.
9. Seatbelt and helmet use is mandatory.
10. Tractors with safety rules not met will be limited to 3,000 RPM.
11. Tractors must utilize OE wide front axles, no tri-cycle front ends will be allowed.
12. **Late fee of \$15.00 for competitors not registered before drivers meeting.(Semi's & Farm Tractors ONLY)**

Super Street Diesel Pickup Trucks
General Rules

1. Maximum weight for this class is 8,100#.
2. Please have cab and bed reasonably free of miscellaneous debris (ex. loose tools, jacks, tires, etc).
3. Truck must have a complete bed with floor, tool boxes and other equipment in the truck, must be fastened to the truck.
4. Brush guards, winches, and snowplow brackets are allowed, however; no actual plows.
5. Front Weights are allowed if deemed safe and approved by the track officials.
6. Trucks must have both bumpers, and must be fastened within 16" of the frame. If rear bumper is not OE, then it must be substantial enough to withstand impact from sled.
7. Hitch point must extend beyond the bumper far enough to be accessible.
8. A minimum hitch opening of 3" wide by 3.5" long is required at a maximum horizontal height of 26". Every Vehicle must have a hitch installed at the time of inspection. Hitch must be inspected and deemed safe by Track Officials.
9. All tires must be DOT approved. Duals are permitted. No loaded, cut, tractor, or chained tires will be allowed.

10. All engines must be OE stock blocks and run on pump fuel. No nitrous or propane add ons. Must have stock appearing turbo.
11. All trucks must have stock appearing aspiration and injection systems.
12. Power chips, down loaders, and other computer modified devices are permitted.
13. Aftermarket intake and exhaust manifolds, lift pumps, and water injection systems are permitted.
14. Cold air "K&N" style air cleaners are permitted.
15. Free flowing exhaust, of any size, regardless of mufflers, is permitted. If using a hood stack, exhaust must have (2) 3/8" cross bolts in exhaust, post turbo.
16. Modified suspension systems, including lifts and traction bars, are permitted if deemed safe by the track officials. No solid welded suspensions. Fully contacted bump stops are permitted.
17. All trucks are strongly encouraged to use some type of drive shaft loops, u-joint shields, and clutch and/or transmission scatter blankets.
18. This is a street legal class allowing for performance alterations, this is **NOT** considered an unlimited class.

All of the above rules, as well as the following disclaimers, are in place to ensure safety and fairness to all competitors as well as spectators.

- If at any time a Track Official deems an event or situation as unsafe, or if any competitor has an unethical advantage, that competitor and vehicle will be disqualified without refund.
- Track Officials have the authority to have drunk or disorderly persons removed from the infield area.
- Track Officials decisions are final and not subject to contest.
- Rules are subject to change with little or no notice if deemed necessary by the Track Officials.
- Judges decisions are final and not subject to contest.

The Cass County Tractor Pullers would like to thank you for your interest and support of this event. We strive to make all our motor sport events entertaining to the audience yet fair and competitive, and above all safe for the drivers behind the wheel.

If you have any questions please call:

Kevin Waldschmidt, Head Track Official
Jesse Bement, Head Inspector

(269) 782-7375
(269) 308-1039

Cass County Fair
Street Legal Pickup Truck & Semi Tractor Pull
Official Registration & Entry Form

Please fill in the following required information prior to registering to speed the registration process.

If you are registering more than one vehicle, please complete a form for each entry.

Location of Event: Cass County Fair Grounds, Cassopolis, Michigan
 Mail completed entry forms to: Cass County Fair Office
 Attn: Truck/Semi Pull Registration
 P.O. Box 56
 Cassopolis, MI 49031

Entry Fee: **\$25** to accompany entry form. Only CASH or MONEY ORDERS payable to Cass County Fair Association will be accepted.

Driver's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

County: _____ **Daytime Phone:** _____ **Age:** _____

Please check one appropriate blank:

_____ Street Legal Gas Pickup _____ Street Legal Diesel Pickup

_____ Tractors _____ Semi

I have read and agree to abide by all rules and procedures stated in this form and attached rules provided for this event (Cass County Fair, Street Legal Pickup & Semi Tractor Pull). I understand that the Officials decisions are final, and that if I am proven to have cheated, or behaved in an unprofessional matter, I may be disqualified without refund. I agree to have my truck at the track and sign in at the registration desk at least one hour prior to show time.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

This section is for Official use only – Driver's License? _____ Proof of Ins? _____ Reg? _____

Endorsements(Semis)? _____ Med Card (Semis)? _____ **Registration #:** _____

The following information will be used by the announcer during the event.

Vehicle – Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____ **Color:** _____

Occupation: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Vehicle Modifications: _____

Interesting Facts: _____

Other Comments: _____

RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

(To be completed if driver is under the age of 18)

State of _____ County of _____
 I, _____ being the parent and/ or legal guardian of _____
 hereby consent
 To permit _____ to enter and participate in the derby being held at Cass County Fair
Grounds and that said minor is under the legal age of this state. and that I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Cass County Fair, its elected officials, officers, board members, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against all claims, including any claimed litigation expense, court costs, attorney fees, arising out of the CASS COUNTY FAIR STREET LEGAL PULLS said use of described property and performance and to indemnify and hold Cass County Fair harmless against any judgement.
 I _____ Parent of Guardian of _____ shall comply with all laws the United States of America and the State of Michigan, and with all ordinances of Cass County and the Village of Cassopolis in its use and will not permit anything to be done on said property in violation thereof.
 Parent and or Legal
 Guardian _____
 Subscribed and sworn to this _____ day of _____
 Notary Public _____ My Commission Expires _____

Driver over 18 Yrs.

State of _____ County of _____
 I _____ hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Cass County Fair, its elected officials, officers, board members, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against all claims, including any claimed litigation expense, court costs, attorney fees, arising out of the CASS COUNTY FAIR STREET LEGAL PULLS Said use of described property and performance and to indemnify and hold harmless against any judgement.
 I _____ shall comply with all laws of the United States of America and the State of Michigan, and with all ordinances of Cass County and the Village of Cassopolis in its use and will not permit anything to be done and said property in violation thereof.
 Driver _____ Date _____

DEMOLITION DERBY RULES ARE LOCATED ON TNT DEMOLITION DERBY WEBSITE:

www.tntderby.com

“If you have any questions with the rules, CALL FIRST. Do NOT assume anything. Do NOT play the grey areas. The official’s decision is final. Call Todd Sorensen at 231-425-6990 for any building questions.”

Rules on website were updated 3/15/2024

Big car Lite Mod -\$1500/700/500

\$75 entry car & driver .

Big car Motor Swap-\$2500/700/500

\$100 entry car & driver .

Bonestock fwd -\$800/300/100

\$50 entry car & driver .

Compacts (small trucks & mini vans can run in this class of built to the rules)

\$800/300/100 .

\$50 entry car & driver .

All cars need to registered and have inspection stick by drivers meeting or you may not run ..

Rules & website tntderby.com

Questions on rules call 231-343-8868 Logan .

Any other info call 231-425-6990 Todd .



Mud Mitten Point Series Rules and Regulations 2025

1. \$100 Onetime fee per class you want to generate points in.
2. Everyone's \$100 will be put into their class for point's payout out at the end of the year party. Along with 50% of sponsorships money will be added to end of the year point's payout. The other 50% will be divided between the races towards added money for that class at each event. Plus the money per person to run in that class goes towards the payout.
3. You do not need to be in the point series to come and run the comp. bogs.
4. Joining the point series will better your odds for winning money at the end of the year every place will be a certain amount of points, if you show up to 5 events you will gain 50 points extra at the end of the year this can help.
5. If you join a class for points and your truck breaks, as long as you show up with a truck that fits that class you can redeem points still. At the same time if you run someone else truck, that truck only takes home one payout per class. Also, if multiple drivers are running same truck in class you can gain points but at the end of the year that truck can only win one spot in point series for that class.
6. Everyone that joins point series will be invited to the Gregory Mudders Christmas party where the point series awards will be presented. With catered food, raffles, door prizes, dj, it's a great time.
7. If you draw #1 in your class you have the option to run again in spot #3 but you scratch your first pass.
8. No passengers allowed in ANY class besides Powder puff, no exceptions!!
9. Payouts will be 50%/30%/20%
10. Drive responsibly in the pit area!
11. Last race of the year will be double points
12. No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions!
13. All classes will cost \$25 to enter per event except, class 5 All motor and class 6 Open plus will be \$40. This will help for bigger payouts.
14. Trucks may place in as many classes as they would like to join.
15. Kids are only allowed in pits when fair grounds allow them (This is out of our control at most races.)
16. You can join in the series any time but points will start accumulating from the time you join going forward.
17. Final say will be up to the Michigan Mud Mitten staff.

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF THE
CASS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
(A Michigan Non-profit Corporation)
Adopted on March 11, 1997

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

Section 1.1 Registered Office. The registered office of the Corporation shall be as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation.

Section 1.2 Business Offices. The Corporation may have business offices at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 2.1 General. The purposes of the Corporation are as set forth in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 3.1 Eligibility. Any person 18 years or older is eligible for membership in the Corporation if he or she is interested in the functions and purposes of the Corporation. A person who is eligible for membership and who wishes to become a Member or renew an existing membership must purchase a Membership Certificate. Purchase or renewal of a Membership Certificate will be limited to the period of time from the day of each annual meeting until 9:00 p.m. of the advertised closing day of the following year's fair. Each Member must purchase his/her own membership. Memberships may not be purchased for others.

All members shall have the same rights, responsibilities and privileges.

Section 3.2 Membership Cost. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, establish the price to be paid by all Members to purchase a Membership Certificate.

Section 3.3 Members. Each Member shall be a Member for a term commencing on the date such person purchases a Membership Certificate and continuing until the close of the next annual meeting of the Members. Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters which Members are entitled to vote upon in Michigan non-profit corporations organized on a membership basis. Each Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.

Section 3.4 Place of Meeting. All meetings of the Members of the Corporation shall be held in Cass County, Michigan, or such other place, either within or without the State of Michigan, as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.5 Annual Meeting of the Members. The annual meeting of the Members, for the purpose of electing the Directors to serve on the Board of Directors and for the transaction of other business that may come before the meeting, shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of October, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next business day following. The time and place for this meeting will be designated by the Board of Directors with proper written or printed notice. If the annual meeting is not held on the date designated therefore, the Board of Directors shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as convenient.

Section 3.6 Orders of Business at Annual Meeting. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Members shall be as follows:

- (a) Reading of notice and proof of mailing,
- (b) Reports of Officers,
- (c) Election of Directors,
- (d) Transaction of other business mentioned in the notice,
- (e) Adjournment,

Provided that, in the absence of any objection, the presiding Officer may vary the order of business at his or her discretion.

Section 3.7 Notice of Meeting of Members. Except as otherwise provided in the Michigan Non-profit Corporation Act (the "Act"), written notice of the time, place and purpose of a meeting of Members shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, to each Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting. If a purpose of a meeting of Members is to vote upon an amendment to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, then the notice of the meeting shall be sent at least twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting to the last known address of each member and shall state the time, place and object of the meeting and shall also set forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.

When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting if the time and place to which the meeting is adjourned are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken and at the adjourned meeting only such business is transacted as might have been transacted at the original meeting. However, if after the adjournment the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each Member of record on the new record date entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 3.8 List of Members Entitled to Vote. The President of the Corporation shall make and certify a complete list of Members and have this available at a Members' meeting or an adjournment thereof. The list shall:

- (a) Be arranged alphabetically, with the address of each Member.
- (b) Be produced at the time and place of the meeting.
- (c) Be subject to inspection by any Member during the whole time of the meeting.
- (d) Be prima facie evidence as to who are the Members entitled to examine the list or to vote at the meeting.

Section 3.9 Inspectors of Election. The Board of Directors, in advance of a Members' meeting, may appoint one (1) or more inspectors of election to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If inspectors are not so appointed, the person presiding at a Members' meeting may, and on request of a Member entitled to vote thereat shall, appoint one (1) or more inspectors. In case a person appointed fails to appear or act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting or at the meeting by the person presiding thereat. The inspectors shall determine the number of Members eligible to vote, the Members represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, and shall receive votes, questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate votes, ballots or consents, determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all Members. On request of the person presiding at the meeting or a Member entitled to vote thereat, the inspectors shall make and execute a written report to the person presiding at the meeting.

Section 3.10 Special Meeting of Members. A special meeting of Members may be called at any time by the President of the Corporation or by a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors then in office, or by not less than ten percent (10%) of the Members entitled to vote at such special meeting. The method by which such meeting may be called is as follows: Upon receipt of a specification in writing setting forth the date and objects of such proposed special meeting, signed by the Chair, or by a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors then in office, or by Members as above provided, the President of the Corporation shall prepare, sign and mail the notices requisite to such meeting.

Section 3.11 Quorum of Members. Unless a greater or lesser quorum is provided in the Articles of Incorporation, in a By-Law adopted by the Members, or in the Act, the presence of fifteen (15) voting Members or the presence of fifty percent (50%) of the average number of Members who attended the two preceding annual meetings of Members (whichever is less) constitutes a quorum at a meeting of Members.

Section 3.12 Vote of Members. Each Member is entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote. A vote may be cast either orally or in writing. Members shall not be allowed to vote by proxy. When an action, other than the election of Directors, is to be taken by vote of the Members, it shall be authorized by a majority of the votes cast by Members entitled to vote thereon, unless a greater plurality is required by the Articles of Incorporation or the Act. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at an election. In the event of a tie vote for the final Director position, a second vote shall be held between the candidates who are tied. If this second vote also results in a tie, then the tie shall be broken by the vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.13 Record Date for Determination of Members. For the purpose of determining Members entitled to notice of and to vote at a meeting of Members or an adjournment thereof, or to express consent or to dissent from a proposal without a meeting, or for the purpose of determining Members entitled to allotment of a right, or for the purpose of any other action, the Board of Directors may fix, in advance, a date as the record date for any such determination of Members. The date shall not be more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, nor more than sixty (60) days before any other action. If a record date is not fixed (a) the record date for determination of Members entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of Members shall be the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or if no notice is given, the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held, and (b) the record date for determining Members for any purpose other than that specified in subdivision (a) shall be the close of business on the day on which the resolution of the Board relating thereto is adopted. When a determination of Members of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of Members has been made as provided in this Section, the determination applies to any adjournment of the meeting, unless the Board of Directors fixes a new record date under this Section for the adjourned meeting.

Section 3.14 Resignation. Any Member desiring to resign shall submit a written resignation to the Board of Directors, which shall accept such resignation.

Section 3.15 Dropping from Membership. Any Member who fails to purchase a Membership Certificate to renew his or her membership, or who does not comply with any of the conditions and requirements for remaining as a Member as established by these Bylaws, shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Functions. Except as specifically provided in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws, all rights, powers, duties and responsibilities relative to the management and control of the Corporation's property, activities and affairs are vested in the Board of Directors. In addition to the power and authority expressly conferred upon it by these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may take any lawful action on behalf of the Corporation which is not by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws required to be taken by some other party.

Section 4.2 Number, Selection and Term. The number of Directors which shall constitute the Board of Directors shall be not less than fifteen (15) and not more than twenty-five (25) persons, as determined from time to time by the Members. Directors will be elected from a list of candidates provided by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President and or nominated from the floor and consisting of a minimum of one candidate for each vacancy to be filled.

Any person eligible for membership in the Corporation may be elected to the Board of Directors, provided, however, that when elected, that person must establish a membership.

Said membership must be established by the close of the year's first meeting of the Board of Directors, and failure to do so will mean automatic forfeiture of directorship. All Directors shall serve three (3) year terms (or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, or until such Director's resignation or removal), with the terms of one-third of the Directors expiring each year. To accomplish this, one-third of the initial Board of Directors shall serve for a one year term; one-

third shall serve for a two year term and one-third shall serve for a three year term, with the incorporators designating which Directors will serve terms of one, two or three years. Thereafter, as a Director's term expires, the person elected to fill that position shall serve for a three year term.

Section 4.3 Meetings.

- (a) The Board of Directors may set the time and place for regular meetings of the Board.
- (b) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be held at a location determined by the Board not less than two (2) weeks following the annual meeting of Members.
- (c) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Secretary of the Corporation upon the request of the President or by a majority of the Directors.
- (d) Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any place or places.

Section 4.4 Notice of Meetings. The annual meeting and regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held pursuant to notice of the time, place and purpose thereof either delivered personally or sent by telephone (including transmission by a facsimile machine) or telecopy to each Director not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and if by telephone or telecopy, confirmed in writing before or after the meeting. Notice may also be sent by first class mail to a Director at least three (3) days before the day on which the meeting is to be held. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no notice need be given to any person who submits a signed waiver of notice before or after a meeting, or who attends a meeting without protesting any lack of notice.

Section 4.5 Resignation. A Director may resign by giving written notice to the President of the Corporation which notice shall be immediately forwarded to the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise specified in the resignation, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt by the President, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4.6 Removal. Any Director may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by vote of a majority of Directors.

Section 4.7 Vacancies. A position occurring in the Board of Directors resulting from a vacancy shall be filled either by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum. A Director elected by the Members because of an increase in the number of Directors shall serve for an initial term that is approved by the Members. If a position on the Board of Directors is to be filled by the vote of the Directors, the person so elected shall serve only until the next election of Directors by the Members. If because of death, resignation or other cause, the Corporation has no Directors in office, an Officer, a Member, an executor, administrator, trustee or guardian of a Member, or other fiduciary entrusted with like responsibility for the person or estate of a Member, may call a special meeting of Members in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 4.8 Quorum. The presence of a majority of the total number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present may reschedule the meeting for a date certain. Notice of the rescheduled meeting shall be given pursuant to the terms of these Bylaws.

Section 4.9 Voting. The vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless a greater vote is required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws. Each Director present shall have one (1) vote.

Section 4.10 Action by Unanimous Consent. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the actions so taken shall be signed by all the Directors.

Section 4.11 Compensation of Directors. The Directors, as such, shall not be compensated for the performance of services for the Corporation, but may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 4.12 Participation in Meeting by Telephone. By written permission of a majority of the Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Directors or of a committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Within fourteen (14) days after a meeting, the Director who participated by telephone or similar communications equipment shall send a written notice to the President of the Corporation confirming that he or she did participate in the meeting. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Officers. The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting and thereafter at each annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time elect or appoint other Officers including Vice Presidents, Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries, as the Board may deem advisable, and such Officers shall have such authority, and shall perform such duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices, except that of President and Secretary, may be held by the same person. In addition to the powers and duties of the Officers of the Corporation as set forth in these Bylaws, the Officers shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as from time to time may be determined by the Board of Directors. No Officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if the instrument is required by law or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws to be executed, acknowledged or verified by two (2) or more Officers.

Section 5.2 President. The President shall be the Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform such other duties and functions as shall be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors. He or she shall be, ex officio, a Member of all standing committees. The President shall, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, possess the power and authority to sign all

certificates, contracts, instruments, papers and documents of every conceivable kind and character whatsoever in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 5.3 Vice President. The Vice President shall have such powers and perform such duties as shall from time to time be assigned by these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors. In the event the President is absent or unavailable, then the Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

Section 5.4 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose and sign, with the President, in the name of the Corporation, all contracts when authorized to do so. The Secretary shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board of Directors shall direct, all of which shall at all reasonable times be open to the examination of any Director, and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the corporation, endorse checks, notes and other obligations for collection on behalf of the Corporation and shall deposit the same to the credit of the Corporation in such bank or banks or depository or depositories as the Board of Directors may designate; sign all receipts and vouchers for payments made to the Corporation; enter or cause to be entered regularly in the books of the Corporation kept for that purpose, full and accurate accounts of all monies received and paid on account of the Corporation, and whenever required by the Board of Directors shall render statements of such accounts; shall, at all reasonable times, exhibit the books and accounts to any Director of the Corporation, and shall perform all acts incident to the position of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.6 Giving of Bond by Officers. All Officers of the Corporation, if required to do so by the Board of Directors, shall furnish bonds to the Corporation for the faithful performance of their duties, in such penalties and with such conditions and security as the Board shall require. The Corporation shall assume the cost of providing any bond required hereunder.

Section 5.7 Compensation of Officers. Officers of the Corporation may, by resolution of the Board, be compensated for the services they perform as Officers and may be reimbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 5.8 Resignations. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the Chair of the Corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5.9 Removal. Any of the Officers designated in Section 5.1 of this Article V may be removed by the Board of Directors, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, by the vote of a majority of the total number of Directors. Any subordinate Officer elected or appointed in accordance with Section 5.1 of this Article V may be removed by the Board of Directors for like reason by a majority of the Directors present at any meeting, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 6.1 General. The Board of Directors may designate standing committees with such duties and powers as it may provide in order to carry out the programs and purposes of the Corporation; and the President shall designate the individuals to serve as chairpersons of said standing committees and these chairpersons shall serve until they resign or until their successors are appointed. Special committees may be appointed by the President or by the Board of Directors. Any Special Committee shall be dissolved as soon as it has fulfilled its functions. Membership on committees need not be confined to those who are Directors of the Corporation.

Section 6.2 Powers. Any committee shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are stated in these Bylaws or as the Board of Directors may, from time to time authorize, including any or all powers and authority of the Board in the management and affairs of the Corporation; however, no committee shall have power or authority to:

- (a) Amend the Articles of Incorporation.
- (b) Adopt an agreement of merger or consolidation.
- (c) Amend the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- (d) Fill vacancies in the Board.
- (e) Fix compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or on a committee.
- (f) Terminate a persons' membership in the Corporation.
- (g) Take any other action prohibited by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 6.3 Rules for Committees. The Board of Directors may adopt rules regarding the conduct of committees and their meetings, including rules for the calling of meetings, quorum requirements and voting. To the extent it is not inconsistent with the rules adopted by the Board of Directors, each committee may establish its own rules to govern the conduct of its activities.

ARTICLE VII - INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS

Section 7.1 Indemnification of Directors and Officers: Claims by Third Parties. The Corporation may, in the complete discretion of the Board of Directors, indemnify in full or in part, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a trustee, Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another Corporation, business Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with

respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

Section 7.2 Actions by or in Right of the Corporation. The Corporation may, in the complete discretion of the Board of Directors, indemnify in full or in part, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a trustee, Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, business, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation.

Section 7.3 Expenses. To the extent that a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Article or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the Corporation may, in the complete discretion of the Board of Directors, indemnify such person against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Section 7.4 Determination of Indemnification. As a condition precedent to any indemnification under Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Article the Board of Directors shall just make a determination that indemnification of the Director, Officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2. Such determination shall be made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum (as defined in Section 3.11 of these Bylaws) consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion. If a determination is made that the person seeking indemnification has met the applicable standard of conduct described in Sections 7.1 and 7.2, then the Board of Directors shall decide the amount the Corporation shall pay for indemnification. If the Corporation's Board of Directors determine that a person seeking indemnification shall be indemnified under Section 7.1 or 7.2 for a portion of expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, but not for the total amount thereof, the Corporation shall indemnify such person for the portion of the expenses, judgments, penalties, fines, or amounts paid in settlement for which the Board of Directors has determined the person is entitled to be indemnified and the Corporation shall not be liable for any additional amounts. The Corporation is not obligated to indemnify such person unless the Board, in its complete discretion, determines that indemnification should be made in the particular case and determines the amount to be paid to such person for indemnification.

Section 7.5 Repayment of Expenses. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding described in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Article may, in the complete discretion of the Board of Directors, be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, Officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation.

Section 7.6 Insurance. The Corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a trustee, Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another Corporation, business Corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him or her or the Corporation and incurred by him or her or the Corporation in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this Article or Michigan law.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

Section 8.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin October 1 and end September 30 each year.

ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 9.1 Contracts, Conveyances, Etc. Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, all conveyances, contracts and instruments of transfer and assignment shall be specifically approved

by the Board of Directors and shall be executed on behalf of the Corporation by such Officers or agents as may be specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.2 Execution of Instruments. Unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors, all Corporation instruments and documents including, but not limited to, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, notes or other obligations or orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the President or by such other Officer of the Corporation as from time to time are designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 9.3 Borrowing. No loans and no renewals of any loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation except as authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. When authorized to do so, any Officer or agent of the Corporation may effect loans and advances for the Corporation from any bank, trust company or other institution or from any firm, Corporation or individual, and for such loans and advances may make, execute and deliver promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness and liabilities of the Corporation. When authorized to do so, any Officer or agent of the Corporation may pledge, hypothecate or transfer, as security for the payment of any and all loans, advances, indebtedness and liabilities of the Corporation any and all stocks, securities and other personal property at any time held by the Corporation and to that end may endorse, assign and deliver the same. The authority contained in this Section 9.3 shall be express and confined to specific instances.

Section 9.4 Deposits. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select. For the purpose of deposit and for the purpose of collection for the account of the Corporation, checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment of money which are payable to the order of the Corporation shall be endorsed, assigned and delivered by such person or persons and in such manner as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 9.5 Method of Giving Notices. Any notice required by statute or by these Bylaws to be given to the Directors, or to any Officers of the Corporation unless otherwise provided herein or in any statute, shall be given by mailing to such Director or Officer at his or her last address as the same appears on the records of the Corporation, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time of such mailing.

Section 9.6 Corporate Seal. The Corporation shall have the right to adopt a corporate seal.

Section 9.7 Headings and Parenthetical Insertions. The article and paragraph headings included in these Bylaws have been used solely for convenience and shall in no event act as or be used in conjunction with the interpretation of these Bylaws.

Section 9.8 Conflict with Statute. In the event any article or section of these Bylaws shall conflict with the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act, the Act shall rule.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

Section 10.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any duly called meeting of the Members, at which a quorum is present, by a majority vote of those present, provided that written notice describing the substance of the proposed amendment has been sent to each Member of the Corporation at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of meeting, unless such notice is waived by all the Members.

These Bylaws may also be altered or amended at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two thirds of all Directors then in office, provided that written notice describing the substance of the proposed amendment has been sent to all Directors at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. Any amendment approved by the Directors shall be effective when approved by the Directors; however, the amendment shall be submitted for approval by the Members at the next annual meeting and if not approved by the Members, then these Bylaws shall revert back to the language that existed prior to such amendment.

Section 10.2 Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors may adopt additional rules and regulations, general or specific, for the conduct of the meetings, and additional rules and regulations, general or specific, for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation provided, however, no such additional rule or regulation shall be inconsistent with or in contradiction of any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

I certify that the foregoing Amended and Restated Bylaws were adopted by the Corporation on the 11th day of March 1997.

James P. Moore, Secretary

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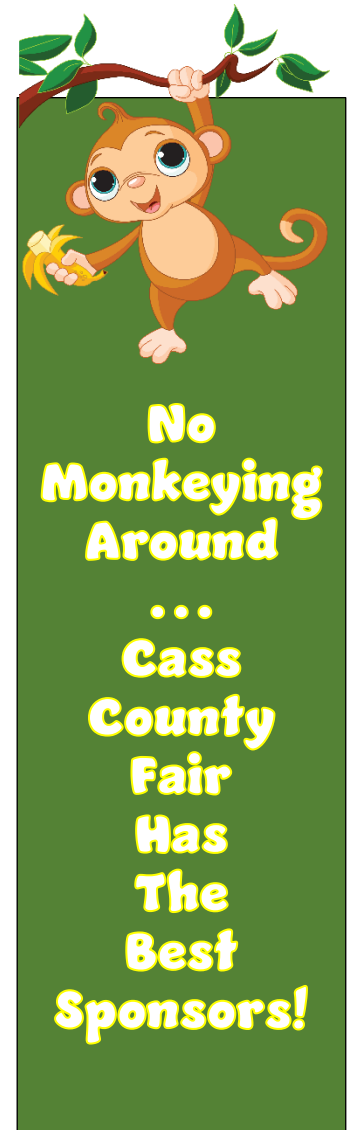
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