

OPEN CLASS PREMIUM BOOK

176TH HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR

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SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 3

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Terms Expiring Annual Meeting 2027

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Terms Expiring Annual Meeting 2028

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Jerry Richards	Camden
Jack Randall	Camden
Bob Flynn	Hillsdale

EXHIBIT HOURS

1 PM - 10 PM - SATURDAY, SEPT 26

10 AM - 10 PM - SUNDAY, SEPT 27 - SATURDAY, OCT 3

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Delivery trucks will not be allowed on concession grounds after 10:00am each morning.
2. The Board reserves the right to make changes they deem necessary in premiums as stated in the premium book.
3. **All Exhibitors, Livestock and Still Exhibits, must pay into the treasury an entry fee of ten (\$10) dollars. Exhibitors may enter articles or animals for competition subject to the rules and regulations of this Society except as otherwise provided.**

Entry Fee \$10 Per Exhibitor

4. **All open class Livestock Exhibitors must pay exhibitor fee listed above, which shall entitle such exhibitors to enter animals for competition. Livestock exhibitors must pay per head/stall/pen fees as indicated by departments entered. All Open Youth Livestock Exhibitors ages 13-15 will receive a weekly walk-in pass. All passes will be given upon placing animals for exhibit, unless a pass is issued by the Youth Fair Department.**
5. **Still Exhibits – All exhibitors entering Still Exhibits must pay the exhibitors fee as indicated above. Your exhibitor fee allows entry into any combination of departments. The number of articles entered is limited only by each department's rules. Exhibitors will receive one admission ticket given by department staff upon presenting article(s) for competition.**
6. Late entries may be accepted if space is available. \$25 in addition to the regular entry fees is required. Entries received after 4:00PM, August 31, 2026, or post marked after August 31, 2026, are considered late.
7. No articles can be entered except in the name of the bona fide owner. Ownership is not required for an exhibitor to show in any animal classes other than market classes.
8. The entry books will be open by the first business day in August, at the office on the grounds, and each day thereafter until the entries close.
9. Society reserves the right to reject entries when available space in buildings is taken, or for any other reasonable cause.
10. The Society will not accept exhibits unless accompanied by exhibitor or attendant.
11. No bull shall be allowed to enter the grounds or remain thereon without being safely secured and having a person present to manage it. If over one year old, a substantial ring must be in the nose.
12. Any exhibitor in any department interfering in any way with the decision of the judge shall forfeit all rights to premium.
13. The Society will furnish no forage or straw for any show classes of stock. Exhibitors will see to the watering and feeding of their own stock.
14. No animal or article shall be removed from the grounds before 10:00PM on the closing day of the fair, except with written permit of the superintendent of the department.
15. Any person violating any of the rules of the Society, or any exhibitor attempting to deceive the Superintendent or

Judge of any department as to age, ownership or eligibility of any animal, or bird, or the ineligibility of any article to compete for premiums under the rules of the Society, shall forfeit his or her right to compete for premiums.

16. The Board of Directors may impose any form of discipline that it deems appropriate for a violation of the Articles, By-Laws, rules, or regulations of the Society.
17. It shall be the duty of the division superintendent to take charge of arranging the articles of their respective divisions, to keep order, and assist in the care of the property in their divisions, and to assist the judges in keeping their books, attaching premium cards, or ribbons, and return the record of awards to the Secretary.
18. The Superintendent of Safety shall have the entire supervision of the police and marshals and shall have the power to establish such police arrangements as he or she may deem necessary. It shall be the duty of the police and marshals to execute the orders they may receive from time to time from the superintendent of safety, guard against the infringement of any rule, the jumping of fences, or driving automobiles, golf carts or motorized vehicles on the track or grounds without permission. **A golf cart permit must be obtained from the fair office. A fee of \$100 and proof of insurance is required.**
19. The superintendent will carefully make records in the entry books of their respective departments of all awards on articles or animals. A premium card or ribbon placed on the exhibit is no guarantee of awards. It is governed by the records in the Judge's books.
20. Judges will in no case award a premium where there is evident fraud in entry, or the articles or animals are not worthy, neither will they award two premiums to an exhibitor on articles competing, except in selected sections in Departments 1 to 19.
21. Judges will not recommend or make awards on more articles or animals than there are premiums offered in the official printed list unless authorized by Superintendent and Secretary.
22. The records of awards as offered in the official premium list and returned by the superintendents and judges of different departments shall be authority recognized by the Secretary in drawing premium orders.
23. Premiums and awards will be distributed for all places as listed for each class in Premium Book, unless otherwise specified.
24. The payment of premiums will commence on Monday AM of fair week or thereafter as soon as possible and continue through October following each annual fair.
25. Premium checks will be available at the Hillsdale County Fair Office on the third Monday after the closing date of fair for pick-up. Those checks not picked up by fourth Monday after the closing date of the fair will be mailed. Checks must be cashed within 90 days. Those checks not cashed within 90 days of date of issue shall be considered as a donation to the Hillsdale County Agricultural Society, subject to Michigan Unclaimed Property Law.

26. PROTEST – All protests must be made in writing and state the specific cause of the complaint or appeal. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:

- (a) Conflict of interest of the judge
- (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor
- (c) Exhibitor, group leader or superintendent behavior
- (d) Eligibility of exhibit.

The result of the decision by the judge(s) is final. Exhibitors have 10 days from the close of the fair to file a complaint or appeal with the Fair Office. All protests will be considered by the Board of Directors at the October or December meeting following each annual fair. The Board of Directors will then issue a notice recommending action on the findings. The exhibitor has 45 days from the date that the complaint was filed with the fair to file an appeal with the Department of Agriculture. The department has 60 days to investigate the appeal and issue a report on the findings. In each case of protest the party protesting must deposit with the superintendent of their department the sum of \$25, which sum shall, in the event of the protest being sustained, be returned to the complainant, and if the protest shall not be sustained, then said sum shall be forfeited.

27. Reasonable care will be taken of all articles and animals on exhibition, but in no case will the Society be responsible for any loss or damage to the same.
28. The Hillsdale County Agricultural Society maintains what is considered an adequate police force and night watch on the grounds but does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage of goods or exhibits by fire or theft and upon these condition entries will be received.
29. No roaming solicitations allowed including leaflets, flyers, or distribution of any materials.
30. No Bicycles, Rollerblades, Roller Skates and Skateboards are permitted on the grounds during fair week.
31. All Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited on the fairgrounds, except at special events where alcoholic beverage use has been approved by the Board of Directors.
32. Reptiles or animals are not allowed on the fairgrounds during fair week unless the animal has been preregistered as part of an entertainment show, a youth fair division animal, an open class animal, pulling contest animal, and animal registered with a party camping on the fairgrounds, an animal with the Sheriff Mounted Division, an animal being used by a person under the American Disability Act or an animal or reptile approved by the Manager of the fair.
33. CATTLE – Refer to the cattle section of the MDARD Health Requirements for Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) & RFID electronic tags regulations.
34. SHEEP & GOATS – Refer to the sheep and goat section of the MDARD Health Requirements for scrapie's tagging regulations.
35. EQUINE except foals under six (6) months and nursing their dam must present proof of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the 12 previous months and have papers checked prior to unloading. Refer to Equine section of the MDARD Health Requirements for further regulations.
36. DRUG TESTING POLICY – Any animal entered in any class at the fair may be subjected to drug testing at the discretion of the Fair Manager, Superintendent, or his/her designated representative. The Fair's

veterinarian/authorized representative may collect urine, blood hair and/or other test samples for cause. Refer to Livestock Sample Collection Procedures in this premium book for details.

37. Open Class premiums shall not be awarded in an animal class where an exhibitor is less than 6 years of age by December 31 of the fair exhibition year.
38. OPEN CLASS YOUTH AGE POLICY – Participants are limited to youth who are 19 years of age by December 31 of the fair/exposition year or younger.
39. YOUTH FAIR AGE POLICY – Refer to Youth Fair Department Premium book for eligibility requirements.
40. The Fair reserves the right to photograph and record your exhibits.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

Entry Form Located on pg.45 or ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE AT HILLSDALECOUNTYFAIR.ORG

1. Use the entry form enclosed with premium book or request entry forms from the Fair Office. Photocopies are acceptable. Please use two entry forms when entering both livestock and still exhibits.
2. Write your name and address plainly.
3. Make entries conform to premium list rules and classifications.
4. Give department, division, class, and description of entry.
5. In livestock entries, give age, sex and breed required by premium book rules.
6. Send list by mail as early as possible, including entry and stall or pen fees as listed in premium book. All animals and articles must be in place for judging by the times listed at the beginning of each department.
7. Read the rules in the premium book.
8. Make all entries according to the rules of the department.
9. Livestock entries close when filled by no later than the entry deadline for Open Class. Late entries may be accepted if space allows, subject to a late fee of \$25, plus entry fees.

2026 EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

(Replaces All Previous Editions)

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions/resources-for-exhibitions>

DEPARTMENT 1 DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent – Scott Deck – 517-673-4357
Assistant Superintendent – Julie Blonde

Rules:

1. Entries close August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee - \$5 per head and a one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In Place – Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging – Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 10:00am.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on closing day of Fair.
6. The Society will not furnish hay or bedding for stock.
7. All cattle entered must be eligible to register in a recognized herd book; exhibitors must furnish certificates of registry for all animals over one year of age, as well as certificates of transfer when not bred by exhibitor, if requested to do so by the Superintendent.
8. Quality of animals and fitness for breeding (meaning neither too fat or too lean nor showing signs of bareness, with justness of proportion), to be considered, next after establishing purity of blood.
9. All cows, 2 years old or over, shall show signs of producing a calf within 9 months.
10. Only one herd shall be shown by the same exhibitor where there is no competition.
11. Animals may be shown for both single and herd premiums.
12. Animals competing for sweepstakes will be allowed to compete for single premiums.
13. First and second place winners qualify to show for champion and reserve champion.
14. If animals and stalls are not kept clean and bedded, premiums may be withheld.
15. An Exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any individual class and only one money in group classes.
16. Any stall not occupied by livestock may be used for bedding and supplies with approval from the department superintendent.
17. All cattle moving to a show, sale or exhibition are required to have an official RFID ear tag. Refer to the MDARD Health requirements in this premium book for further information.

The following Premiums and Classes apply to Division 1 through 6

Premiums:	1st 36.30	2nd 33.00	3rd 28.60	4th 25.30
	5th 22.00	6th 18.70	7th 16.50	

Division 1	Holstein
Division 2	Jersey
Division 3	Guernsey
Division 4	Ayrshire
Division 5	Brown Swiss
Division 6	Milking Shorthorn

BULLS

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1		100	Bull Calf – Born after 9/1/25 (over 4 mo.)
1		101	Yearling Bull – 9/1/24 – 8/31/25
Do not enter classes 102 through 105, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1		102	Junior Champion Ribbon
1		103	Reserve Junior Champion Ribbon
1		104	Grand Champion Rosette
1		105	Reserve Grand Champion Rosette

JUNIOR FEMALES

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1		115	Spring Heifer Calf – Born after 3/1/26
1		116	Winter Heifer Calf – 12/1/25 – 2/28/26
1		117	Fall Heifer Calf – 9/1/25 – 11/30/25
1		118	Summer Yearling – 6/1/25 – 8/31/25
1		119	Spring Yearling – 3/1/25 – 5/31/25
1		120	Winter Yearling – 12/1/24 – 2/29/25
1		121	Fall Yearling – 9/30/24 – 11/30/24
1		122	3 Best Junior Females, Bred by Exhibitor
Do not enter classes 123 & 124, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
1		123	Junior Champion Ribbon
1		124	Reserve Junior Champion Ribbon

SENIOR FEMALES

(Milk out at the discretion of the Judge)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1		134	Sr Yearling, in Milk – Born 9/1/24-2/2/25
1		135	Junior 2 Yr. Old – Born 3/1/24-8/31/24
1		136	Senior 2 Yr. Old – Born 9/1/23-2/28/24
1		137	Junior 3 Yr. Old – Born 3/1/23-8/31/23
1		138	Senior 3 Yr. Old – Born 9/1/22-2/28/23
1		139	4 Yr. Old – Born 9/1/21 – 8/31/22
1		140	Aged Cow 5 Yrs. & Older, Born before 9/1/21
1		141	Dry Cow Class – Any Age
Do not enter classes 142 through 146, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
1		142	Senior Champion Ribbon
1		143	Reserve Senior Champion Ribbon
1		144	Grand Champion Rosette
1		145	Reserve Champion Rosette
1		146	Best Udder of Breed Rosette

GROUP CLASSES

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1		155	Produce of Dam – shall consist of two animals, either sex or any age, the produce of one cow. The Dam must be named on the entry form, and each exhibitor is limited to one entry per Dam. Animals need not be owned by the same exhibitor.
1		156	Best Three Females – shall consist of three females any age, all to have been bred, and at least two to be owned by exhibitor. One entry per exhibitor.
1		157	Dam and Daughter
1		158	Herd of Four Females that have freshened

DIVISION 7: SPECIAL SUPREME CHAMPION

Do not enter Section 7, AWARDED BY JUDGE

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
1	7	160	Supreme Champion Banner
Grand Champion from each breed class #144 qualify for this class			

**NEW THIS YEAR:
ALL LIVESTOCK
MUST BE IN PLACE
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
BEFORE NOON**

DEPARTMENT 3 BEEF CATTLE

Superintendent – Scott Deck – 517-673-4357
Assistant Superintendent – Julie Blonde

Rules:

1. Entries close August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee - \$5 per head and a one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In Place – Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging – Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 10:00am.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on closing day of Fair.
6. All cattle shown except in group classes must be property of the exhibitor when entered.
7. All beef breeding cattle entered must be eligible to be registered. Exhibitors must furnish certificates of registration for all animals, if requested to do so by the Superintendent. We recognize the beef industry has crossbred cattle for many years and would honor crossbred calves from registered dams.
8. First & second place winners qualify to show for Champion and Reserve Champion.
9. If animals and stalls are not kept clean and bedded, premiums may be withheld.
10. Dry cows must have weaned calf by side.
11. An exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any individual class and only one money in group classes.
12. Any stall not occupied by livestock may be used for bedding and supplies with the approval of the Superintendent.
13. All cattle moving to a show, sale or exhibition are required to have an official RFID ear tag. Refer to the MDARD Health requirements in this premium book for further information.
14. Showmanship classes will be done at the end of the beef show. Sign up on show day. Classes will be split by the Superintendent. Ribbons only.

The following premiums and classes apply to divisions 17 through 23

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	36.30	33.00	28.60	25.30	22.00	18.70	16.50

Division 17 - Hereford

Division 18 - Angus

Division 19 - Shorthorn

Division 20- Simmental

Division 21- Limousin

Division 22- Other Exotic Breeds, 75% or more of one breed

Division 23- Crossbred Cattle, less than 75% of one breed

BULLS

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
3		300	Junior Calf – 7/1/26 and after
3		301	Junior Calf – 5/1/26 – 6/30/26
3		302	Junior Calf – 3/1/26 – 4/30/26
3		303	Junior Calf – 1/1/26 – 2/28/26
3		304	Winter Calf – 11/1/25 – 12/31/25
3		305	Senior Calf – 9/1/25 – 10/31/25
Do not enter classes 306 and 307, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
3		306	Junior Calf Champion Ribbon
3		307	Junior Calf Reserve Champion Ribbon
3		308	Late Summer Yearling – 7/1/25 – 8/31/25
3		309	Early Summer Yearling – 5/1/25 – 6/30/25
3		310	Spring Jr Yearling – 3/1/26 – 4/30/25
3		311	Junior Yearling – 1/1/25 – 2/28/25
3		312	Senior Yearling – 9/1/24 – 12/31/24
Do not enter classes 313 through 316, AWARDED BY THE JUDGE			
3		313	Junior Champion Bull Ribbon
3		314	Reserve Jr. Champion Bull Ribbon
3		315	Grand Champion Bull Rosette
3		316	Reserve Champion Bull Rosette

FEMALES

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
3		326	Junior Calf – 7/1/26 and after
3		327	Junior Calf – 5/1/26 – 6/30/26
3		328	Junior Calf – 3/1/26 – 4/30/26
3		329	Junior Calf – 1/1/26 – 2/28/26
3		330	Winter Calf – 11/1/25 – 12/31/25
3		331	Senior Calf – 9/1/25 – 10/31/25
Do not enter classes 332 and 333, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
3		332	Junior Calf Champion Ribbon
3		333	Junior Calf Reserve Champion Ribbon
3		334	Late Summer Yearling – 7/1/25 – 8/31/25
3		335	Early Summer Yearling – 5/1/25 – 6/30/25
3		336	Spring Junior Yearling – 3/1/25 – 4/30/25
3		337	Junior Yearling – 1/1/25 – 2/28/25
3		338	Senior Yearling – 9/1/24 – 12/31/24
Do not enter classes 339 through 340, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
3		339	Junior Champion Yearling Ribbon
3		340	Reserve Champion Yearling Ribbon
3		341	2 Yr. Old Cow & Calf – 3/1/24 – 8/31/24
3		342	Three-Year-Old and Over Cow and Calf
Do not enter classes 343 through 346, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
3		343	Senior Champion Cow Ribbon
3		344	Reserve Sr. Champion Cow Ribbon
3		345	Grand Champion Cow Rosette
3		346	Reserve Champion Cow Rosette

GROUPS

(Any animal show in the following group classes must have been shown in the above individual classes.)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
3		356	Junior Get of Sire (Not included in AHA Classes) a. 3 animals – both sexes represented b. Bulls from classes 300 through 312 c. Heifers from classes 326 through 338
3		357	Two Bulls a. Any age – owned by exhibitor b. From classes 300 through 312
3		358	Pair of Yearlings a. One Bull and One Heifer b. Bull from classes 308 through 312 c. Heifer from classes 334 through 338
3		359	Pair of Calves a. One Bull and One Heifer b. Bull from classes 300 through 305 c. Heifer from classes 326 through 331
3		360	Produce of Dam – 2 of either sex
3		361	Breeders Herd – One Bull and three Cows or Heifers Females must be bred and raised by the exhibitor
3		362	Pair of Females – Any age

Division 24: Beef Showmanship

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
3	24	100	Showmanship, 16 & Over Ribbons
3	24	101	Showmanship, 14-15 yrs Ribbons
3	24	102	Showmanship, 12-13 yrs Ribbons
3	24	103	Showmanship, 9-11 yrs Ribbons
3	24	104	Showmanship, 7-8 yrs Ribbons

“SHOW CLOTHES” are not required for showmanship.

Division 25: Special Supreme Champion

Do Not Enter Section 25, AWARDED BY JUDGE

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
3	25	370	Supreme Bull Banner (Grand Champion from each breed champion in class 315)
3	25	371	Supreme Cow Banner (Grand Champion from each breed champion in class 345)

DEPARTMENT 5 SHEEP

Superintendent Bart Marshall – 517-937-4241

Rules:

1. Entries close August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee - \$2 per head and a one-time Exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry.**
3. **In place – Saturday, Sept 26, 2026 before Noon.**
4. Judging – Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 9am.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on closing day of fair.
6. The Society will furnish no hay or bedding for stock.
7. The date for computing the age of sheep is September 1st, except for junior lambs which are born after January 1st.
8. Market lamb judging will be at **NOON ON SHOW DAY.**
9. All sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making entry.
10. No animals shall be entered for more than one Premium except in flocks.
11. An exhibitor is not entitled to draw more than two moneys in any one class and only one money in group classes.
12. All sheep entered must be eligible to registry in a recognized flock book. Exhibitors must be prepared to furnish a certificate of registry of all animals over 1 year of age, and certificate of transfer if not bred by exhibitor, if requested to do so by the Superintendent (Exception: Section 41).
13. Wether Type Breeding Sheep are limited to entries in Section 41 only.
14. All sheep/goats moved within Michigan shall be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification program tags prior to movement off the farm. Contact the USDA at 866-873-2824 for ear tags. Refer to the MDARD Health Regulations for updated information.
 - a. USDA Official Ear Tag-tagged in either ear OR
 - b. USDA Official Ear Tag number tattooed in the ear, flank, or tail web. If tattooed, the end of the Scrapie tag should be cut off so it can't be reused. The cut Scrapie tag must be carried with the goat whenever it is moved. OR
 - c. USDA approved breed association registry tattoo. The breed registration certificate, which includes the tattoo characters, must accompany the goat when moved. USDA approved breed association include: the American Boer Goat Association, the American Dairy Goat Association, the American Goat Society, the Cashmere Goat Registry, the International Boer Goat Association, the International Fainting Goat Association, the National Pygmy Goat Association, the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association, the Pedigree International, and the Pygora Breeders Association. OR
 - d. Pygmy goats registered with the National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA) can use the NPGA microchips. They must carry the NPGA registration certificate with the goat when moved. Owners using the ID are required to provide a microchip reader. OR
 - e. Sheep that are part of the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program can use the Scrapie Flock Certification Program tag. OR
 - f. Sheep that are part of the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program tag in the ear or flank. If tattooed, the tag must be carried with the animal whenever it is moved.

**The following Premiums and Classes apply for
Divisions 36 through 53**

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
	18.15	15.95	13.20	11.00	8.80	7.70	6.60

Division 36	Shropshire
Division 37	Dorset
Division 38	Tunis
Division 39	Hampshire
Division 40	Suffolk
Division 41	Wether Type Breeding Sheep
Division 42	Shetland
Division 43	Natural Colored Shetland
Division 44	Romney
Division 45	Natural Colored Romney
Division 46	Lincoln
Division 47	Natural Colored Lincoln
Division 48	Corriedale
Division 49	Soay
Division 50	Commercial Border Leicester
Division 51	Commercial
Division 52	Karakul
Division 53	All Other Breeds

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
5		500	Ram One Year Old	
5		501	Senior Ram Lamb	
5		502	Junior Ram Lamb	
5		503	Pair of Ram Lambs	
5		504	Ewe One Year Old	
5		505	Pair of Yearling Ewes	
5		506	Pair of Yearlings – Ram & Ewe	
5		507	Senior Ewe Lamb	
5		508	Junior Ewe Lamb	
5		509	Pair of Ewe Lambs	
5		510	Pen of Four Lambs – Flock	
5		520	1 Ram Any Age, 2 Yrlg. Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs	
Do not enter Classes 530 through 533, AWARDED BY JUDGE				
5		530	Champion Ram	Rosette
5		531	Reserve Champion Ram	Rosette
5		532	Champion Ewe	Rosette
5		533	Reserve Champion Ewe	Rosette

Division 55: Special Sweepstakes

Do not enter classes 554 through 556, AWARDED BY JUDGE

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
5	55	554	Sweepstakes-Best Ram of All Breeds	Banners
5	55	555	Sweepstakes-Best Ewe of All Breeds	Banners
5	55	556	Best Fitted Pair Ram & Ewe Of Any Breed	Banners

Division 56: Market Lambs

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
5	56	565	Individual	Ribbon
5	56	566	Pen of Two	Ribbon
Do not enter classes 567 and 568, AWARDED BY JUDGE				
5	56	567	Champion Individual	Rosette
5	56	568	Champion Pen	Rosette

**NEW THIS YEAR:
ALL LIVESTOCK
MUST BE IN PLACE
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
BEFORE NOON**

Division 57: Wool & Fleece Show

Assistant Superintendent – Penny Swearingen & Willis Plank

Rules:

1. Entries close August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee - \$1 per fleece, limit two entries per class. A one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be included with the entry form.**
3. **In Place – Fleece entries submitted Noon until 4:00pm, Saturday, September 26, 2026.**
4. Judging – Wednesday, September 29, 2026.
5. Removal – The fleeces will be displayed in the Open Sheep barn for the duration of the fair to be released Saturday 10:00pm to Midnight and Sunday, 7:00am to 10:00am. Any fleeces left after 10:00am Sunday will be disposed of by Wool Show.
6. Fleeces shall be displayed individually in plastic bags and should be skirted and free from excessive tags, foreign material or badly damaged or discolored fiber. All fleeces should be labeled with breed, Ram or Ewe and weight. Any fleeces offered for sale should be labeled as such with price noted. All fleeces must stay through the entire week even if sold.
7. The Judge of the Fleece show reserves the right to move fleeces into appropriate classes if so determined, disqualify fleeces, make awards to qualify fleeces only and/or combine or close classes in the case of insufficient numbers.
8. The intent of the Wool Fleece Show is to:
 - a. Demonstrate to the Public a very active segment of the sheep industry in Michigan.
 - b. Provide education to sheep producers and the public on wool properties to be selected.
 - c. Opportunity for sheep producers to showcase their breeds' fleeces.
 - d. Provide a great educational display with some hands-on and active demonstrations on wool fleeces.
9. Wool breed examples:

Fine-Merino
Medium-Hampshire, Suffolk, Cheviot, Shropshire, Rambouillet, Dorset, Corriedale, Cormo (down breeds)
Long-Romney, Blue-Face & Border Leicester, Coopworth, Wensleydale
Classic-Shetland, Icelandic, Navajo Churro, Black Welsh
Braid – Lincoln, Cotswold, Leister Long Wool (Gotland)

The following Premiums and Classes apply to Section 57

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
	7.70	6.60	5.50	4.40	3.30	2.20

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
5	57	570	Fine White
5	57	571	Fine Colored
5	57	572	Medium White - Wool Breeds
5	57	573	Med. White Meat Breeds
5	57	574	Medium Colored
5	57	575	Long White
5	57	576	Long Colored
5	57	577	Classic White
5	57	578	Classic Colored
5	57	579	Braid White
5	57	580	Braid Colored
Do not enter Classes 590 or 591, AWARDED BY JUDGE			
5	57	590	Best of Show Rosette
5	57	591	Reserve Best of Show Rosette



DEPARTMENT 7 GOATS

Superintendent – Bart Marshall - 517-937-4241

Rules:

1. Entries close August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry fee - \$2 per head and a one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In place – Saturday, September 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging – Friday, October 2, 2026, at 9:00am.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on closing day of the Fair.
6. The exhibitor must supply own feed and bedding.
7. No more than two goats may be entered in each class under the same exhibitor.
8. Youth entries must pay the open class fees to show.
9. The exhibitor is responsible for always keeping the exhibit area clean.
10. Milk disposal is permitted in the Dairy Barn only. Further information will be available at check-in.
11. All goats must be the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
12. Overcrowding will not be allowed.
13. Goats are to be free of horns or scurs longer than an inch, unless otherwise specified by that breed's standards.
14. All goats for exhibition must be free of symptoms of infectious/contagious disease. Any goat exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed to unload & must be removed from the grounds.
15. All goats are subject to inspection by the Superintendent(s) and/or veterinarian.
16. Absolutely no drugs or medication are to be given to goats at the fair without the superintendent's permission.
17. Decisions as to how many individuals or farms will exhibit shall be left to the superintendent and the decision is final.
18. There must be a minimum of two inches of wood shavings. Pens can be topped with a layer of straw.
19. Exhibitors must provide a water bucket that fits inside a box 11"x11.5".
20. All goats moved within Michigan or interstate shall be identified with official with official USDA Scrapie program identification prior to movement off the farm. For USDA Scrapie identification guidelines refer to rules in sheep section, open class.

Division 1: Goat Showmanship

"SHOW CLOTHES" are not required for showmanship.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
7	1	100	Showmanship, 18 & Over (Including adults)	Ribbons
7	1	101	Showmanship, 15-17 yrs	Ribbons
7	1	102	Showmanship, 13-14 yrs	Ribbons
7	1	103	Showmanship, 9-12 yrs	Ribbons
7	1	104	Showmanship, 7-8 yrs	Ribbons

The following premiums and classes apply to

Division 63 Through 77

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
	18.15	15.95	13.20	11.00	8.80	7.70	6.60

Dairy Breeds

Division 63	Alpine
Division 64	Lamancha
Division 65	Nubian
Division 66	Oberhasli
Division 67	Saanen/Sable
Division 68	Toggenburg
Division 69	Nigerian Dwarf
Division 70	Other Dairy Breeds (including Golden Guernsey and Dairy Crossbreeds). Crossbreeds must be ONLY of dairy breed lineage. Crossbreeds derived from any other, non-dairy genetic origin will enter under meat or fiber crossbreed categories.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
7		700	Jr Kid, born 4/1 or after, current yr.
7		701	Sr Kid, born 1/1 – 3/31, current yr.
7		702	Dry Yearling, under 2 yrs. old, not in milk
		Do not enter classes 703 or 704, AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7		703	Junior Champion Ribbon
7		704	Reserve Junior Champion Ribbon
7		705	Yrlg. Milker, under 2 yr at judging date
7		706	Milker, 2 yr & under 3 yr
7		707	Milker, 3 yr & under 4 yr
7		708	Milker, 4yr and older
		Do not enter classes 709,710,711 & 712 AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7		709	Senior Champion Ribbon
7		710	Reserve Senior Champion Ribbon
7		711	Grand Champion Rosette
7		712	Reserve Grand Champion Rosette
7		713	Dam & Daughter
7		714	Goat Herd, 3 Does
7		715	Best Udder Ribbon

Meat Breeds

Division 71	Boer Kiko
Division 72	Myotonic
Division 73	Meat Crossbreeds

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
7		730	Jr Kid, born 4/1 or after, current yr.
7		731	Sr Kid, born 1/1 – 3/31, current yr.
7		732	Dry Yearling, under 2 yrs. old, not in milk
		Do not enter classes 733 or 734, AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7		733	Junior Champion Ribbon
7		734	Reserve Junior Champion Ribbon
7		735	2 yr & under 3 yr
7		736	3 yr & under 4 yr
7		737	4 yr and older
		Do not enter classes 739,740, 741 & 742 AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7		738	Senior Champion Ribbon
7		739	Reserve Senior Champion Ribbon
7		740	Grand Champion Rosette
7		741	Reserve Champion Rosette
7		742	Dam & Daughter
7		743	Goat Herd, 3 Does

Division 75: Pygmy

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
7	75	750	Doe Kid, under 1 yr
7	75	751	Doe, 1 yr and under 2 yr
7	75	752	Doe, 2 yr and under 3 yr
7	75	753	Doe, 3 yr – 4 yr
7	75	754	Doe, 4 yr and over
7	75	755	Dam & Daughter
7	75	756	Goat Herd, 3 Does
		Do not enter classes 757 or 758, AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7	75	757	Grand Champion Doe Rosette
7	75	758	Reserve Champion Doe Rosette

Division 76: Fiber Breeds

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
7	76	760	Doe Kid, under 1 yr
7	76	761	Doe, 1 yr and under 2 yr
7	76	762	Doe, 2 yr and under 3 yr
7	76	763	Doe, 3 yr – 4 yr
7	76	764	Doe, 4 yr and over
		Do not enter classes 765 or 766, AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7	76	765	Grand Champion Doe Rosette
7	76	766	Reserve Champion Doe Rosette

Division 77: Wethers, 2 Years & Under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
7	77	770	Dairy Wether
7	77	771	Meat Breed Wether
7	77	772	Pigmy Wether
7	77	773	Fiber Breed Wether
		Do not enter classes 774 or 775, AWARDED BY JUDGE	
7	77	774	Grand Champion Rosette
7	77	775	Reserve Champion Rosette

Division 78: Special Award

7	78	780	Best of Show Banner
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DEPARTMENT 11 POULTRY

Superintendent – Kodi Poling 517-398-7225

Rules:

1. Entries Close August 31, 2026, or when pens are full.
2. **Entry Fees: \$1 per bird and a one-time \$10 exhibitor fee must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In Place: Friday, September 25, 2:00-7:00pm and Saturday, September 26, 8:00-11:00am**
4. Judging -Sunday, September 27, 10:00am
5. Removal – 10:00-11:00pm closing day of the fair and on Sunday, day after fair, from 9:00am to Noon, otherwise premium will be forfeited. Management will not be responsible for animals left after this time.
6. The current edition of the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection will be used as the authority for all judging.
7. **Exhibitors must supply feed and care for their own animals. Absolutely NO FEED will be supplied by the Society.**
8. Pigeons not seamless banded will be shown as old birds.
9. ONLY animals exhibited will be allowed to be sold.
10. The management reserves the right to determine whether an entry is worthy of exhibition.
11. Premiums will be given from the awards marked in the judge's records and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the cages.
12. The fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted to the number of cages available.
13. The show management will use every precaution to safeguard all specimens against sickness or disease; however, they will not be responsible for any specimens lost.
14. All chickens and turkeys must show documentation of a negative Pullorum test in the previous 90 days or a valid NPIP number. Proof may be requested at any time.

Poultry

The following premiums and classes apply to divisions 100 through 2000

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.30	2.75	2.20

Best of Breed: 4.40 **Reserve:** 3.30
Division Champ: 6.60 **Reserve Division Champ:** 4.40
 Do not enter Division Champ/Res classes listed in each division

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
11	101	Cock, Old Drake, Old Gander, Tom	
11	102	Hen, Old Goose	
11	103	Cockerel, Young Drake or Gander, Jake	
11	104	Pullet, Young Goose	
Do not enter classes 105 or 106, awarded by judge			
11	105	Best of Breed	
11	106	Reserve Best of Breed	

Enter using form on pg.45
 or online @
hillsdalecountyfair.org

Large Fowl Divisions (100-602)

Do not enter any Division Champion/ Reserve Class
 Best of breeds will compete there.

American Breeds Divisions

- 100 Plymouth Rock
- 101 Rhode Island Red
- 102 Any Other American Breed

105 Division Champion/Reserve

Asiatic Breeds Divisions

- 200 Cochin
- 201 Any Other Asiatic Breed

205 Division Champion/Reserve

English Breeds Divisions

- 300 Australorp
- 301 Orpington
- 302 Any Other English Breed

305 Division Champion/Reserve

Mediterranean Breeds Divisions

- 400 Sicilian Buttercup
- 401 Spanish
- 402 Any Other Mediterranean Breed

405 Division Champion/Reserve

Continental Breeds Divisions

- 500 Maran
- 501 Any Other Continental Breed

505 Division Champion/Reserve

Any Other Standard Breed Divisions

- 600 Ameraucana
- 601 Any Other Standard Breed Not Listed above

605 Division Champion/Reserve

Division 650: Large Fowl Champion

Do not enter class 100 or 101.
 Birds awarded as Division Champions will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	650	300	Large Fowl Champion	16.50
11	650	301	Large Fowl Reserve	11.00

Bantam Divisions (700-1150)

Do not enter any Division Champion/ Reserve Class
 Best of breeds will compete there.

Game Divisions

- 700 Modern
- 701 Old English
- 702 American Game

705 Division Champion/Reserve

Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL) Divisions

- 800 Serama
- 801 Any Other Single Comb Clean Legged

805 Division Champion/Reserve

Rose Comb Clean Legged (RCCL) Divisions

- 900 Rosecomb
- 901 Sebright
- 902 Any Other Rose Comb Clean Legged

905 Division Champion/Reserve

Any Other Comb Clean Legged Divisions

- 1000 Cornish
- 1001 Any Other Comb Clean Legged

1005 Division Champion/Reserve

Feather Legged Divisions

- 1100 Belgian Bearded d'Uccle
- 1101 Cochin
- 1102 Silkie
- 1103 Any Other Feather Legged

1105 Division Champion/Reserve

Division 1150: Bantam Champion

Do not enter class 100 or 101.
 Birds awarded as Division Champions will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	1150	300	Bantam Champion	16.50
11	1150	301	Reserve Bantam Champion	11.00

Land Fowl Divisions (1200 -1350)

1200	Turkey- Any Breed
1300	Guinea- Any Breed

Division 1350: Land Fowl Champion

Do not enter class 100 or 101.

Birds awarded Best Turkey and Best Guinea will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	1350	300	Land Fowl Champion	16.50
11	1350	301	Land Fowl Reserve Champion	11.00

Waterfowl Divisions (1400-2100)

Duck Divisions

1400	Heavy Duck- Any Breed (Pekin, Muscovy, etc.)
1500	Medium Duck- Any Breed (Buff, Cayuga, etc.)
1600	Light Duck- Any Breed (Campbell, Runner, etc.)
1700	Bantam Duck- Any Breed (Call, Mallard, etc.)

1800 Division Champion/Reserve

Geese Divisions

1900	Heavy Goose- Any Breed (African, Emden, etc.)
2000	Medium Goose- Any Breed (Pilgrim, Sebastopol, etc.)
2100	Light Goose- Any Breed (Chinese, Egyptian, etc.)

2200 Division Champion/Reserve

Division 2250: Waterfowl Champion

Do not enter class 100 or 101.

Birds awarded as Division Champions will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	2250	300	Waterfowl Champion	16.50
11	2250	301	Waterfowl Reserve Champion	11.00

Division 2300: Special Award

Do not enter class 100 or 101.

Birds awarded Large Fowl, Bantam, Land Fowl and Waterfowl Champions will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	2300	400	Overall Champion of Show	Banner
11	2300	401	Reserve Champion of Show	Rosette

NEW THIS YEAR:

**ALL ANIMALS
MUST BE IN
PLACE
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
BEFORE NOON**

Pigeons

The following premiums and classes apply to divisions
2200 through 3100

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2.20	1.65	1.10
Best of Breed:	3.30	Reserve of Breed:	2.20
Division Champ:	5.50	Reserve Div. Champ:	3.30

Dept. Div. Class Description

11	101	Cock
11	102	Hen
11	103	Cockerel
11	104	Pullet

Do not enter classes 105 or 106, awarded by judge.

11	105	Best of Breed
11	106	Reserve Best of Breed

Dove Group Divisions:

3000	Diamond Dove
3001	Ringneck Dove

3005 Division Champ/Reserve

Color Group Divisions:

3100	Archangel
3101	Starling
3102	Any Other Color Group Breed

3105 Division Champ/Reserve

Cropper and Pouter Group Divisions:

3200	Any Cropper Breed
3201	Any Pouter Breed

3205 Division Champ/Reserve

Form Group Divisions:

3300	Any Homer Breed
3301	Any Other Form Breed

3305 Division Champ/Reserve

Owls and Frills Group Divisions:

3400	Any Owl Breed
3401	Any Frill Breed

3405 Division Champ/Reserve

Structure & Syrian Group Divisions:

3500	Any Structure Breed
3501	Any Syrian Breed

3505 Division Champ/Reserve

Tumblers, Rollers, and

High Flyers Group Divisions:

3600	Any Tumbler Breed
3601	Any Roller Breed
3602	Any High Flyer Breed

3605 Division Champ/Reserve

Trumpeter & Wattle Group Divisions:

3700	Any Trumpeter Breed
3701	Any Wattle Breed

3702 Division Champ/Reserve

Division 3800: Special Award

Do not enter class 100 or 101.

Birds awarded Division Champions will compete here.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
11	3800	400	Overall Champion of Show	Banner
11	3800	401	Reserve Champion of Show	Rosette

DEPARTMENT 13 RABBITS and CAVIES

Superintendent – Kodi Poling 517-398-7225

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee –\$1 per head and a one-time \$10 exhibitor fee must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In place – Friday, September 25, 2026- 2 – 7pm and Saturday, September 26, 2026- 8-11am**
4. Judging – Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 9:00am
5. Removal – From 10:00 – 11:00pm closing day of the fair and on Sunday, day after fair, from 9:00 – Noon. THIS INCLUDES SOLD ANIMALS -NO EXCEPTIONS!! Otherwise, premiums will be forfeited. The fair will not be responsible for animals left after this time.
6. BREEDS of rabbits and Cavies accepted by the current edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection.
7. Only Animals exhibited will be allowed to be sold.
8. All rabbits must be legibly and permanently tattooed in the left ear.
9. The show management will use every precaution to safeguard all specimens against sickness or disease; however, the management will not be responsible for any specimens lost.
10. This show will be governed by the latest standards of the American Rabbit Breeder's Association. All prizes will be awarded strictly in accordance with the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
11. **The Exhibitor will be responsible for care, feeding and cleaning of pens.**
12. Cavies need permanent ear tag in left ear for identification. Exhibitors who wish to feed and water their animals need to let the Superintendent know at check in.
13. Sold rabbits that are removed before 9p.m. closing day of fair will forfeit premium.

Cavies

The following premiums and classes apply to divisions 70 - 82

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.30	2.75	2.20
70 Abyssinian		71 Abyssinian Satin	
72 American		73 American Satin	
74 Coronet		75 Peruvian	
76 Peruvian Satin		77 Silkie	
78 Silkie Satin		79 Teddy	
80 Teddy Satin		81 Texel	
82 White Crested			

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
13		1000	Senior Boar
13		1001	Senior Sow
13		1002	Intermediate Boar (6-8 Months)
13		1003	Intermediate Sow (6-8 Months)
13		1004	Junior Boar (3-6 Months)
13		1005	Junior Sow (3-6 Months)
Do not enter classes 1015 and 1016, awarded by judge			
13		1015	Best of Breed 12.10
13		1016	Best of Breed Opposite 9.90

Division 85: Cavy Special Awards

Do not enter Division, awarded by judge

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
13	86	1041	Overall Champion Banner
13	86	1042	Reserve Champion Rosette

Rabbits

The following premiums and classes apply to Rabbits Divisions 1 - 22

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.30	2.75	2.20

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
13		1000	Senior Buck
13		1001	Senior Doe
13		1002	Intermediate Buck (6-8 Months)
13		1003	Intermediate Doe (6-8 Months)
13		1004	Junior Buck (3-6 Months)
13		1005	Junior Doe (3-6 Months)
Do not enter classes 1015 and 1016, awarded by judge.			
13		1015	Best of Breed 12.10
13		1016	Best of Breed Opposite 9.90

Division	Breed
1	Argente Brun
2	Californian
3	Champagne D'Argent
4	Dutch
5	Dwarf Hotot
6	English Lop
7	Florida White
8	French Lop
9	Holland Lop
10	Lionhead
11	Mini Lop
12	Mini Rex
13	Mini Satin
14	Netherland Dwarf
15	New Zealand
16	Polish
17	Silver Fox
18	Standard Chinchilla
19	Tan
20	Dwarf Papillion
21	Any Other 4 Class
22	Any Other 6 Class

Division 60: Rabbit Special Awards

Do not enter Division, awarded by judge

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
13	60	1041	Overall Champion Banner
13	60	1042	Reserve Champion Rosette

**NEW THIS YEAR:
ALL LIVESTOCK MUST
BE IN PLACE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
26 BEFORE NOON**

DEPARTMENT 15 PONIES

Superintendent – Tom Young – 517-270-0225

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026, or when stalls are full.
2. **Entry Fee – \$7.00 per head and a one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry.**
3. **In place – Saturday, September 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging –
Pony Halter – Tuesday, Sept 29 - 9:00am
Pony Carts, Hitches & Special Pony Youth, Tuesday, September 29, 30 min. after completion of Pony Halter.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on the closing night of the fair.
6. The age of ponies shall be computed from January 1st.
7. The Society will not furnish hay or bedding for stock.
8. All ponies must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making entry.
9. No animal can be shown in more than one class except that single entries may also compete in spans, and under saddle.
10. All animals shown must be sound, free from blemish and score a minimum of three (3) on the equine health scale.
11. No premium will be awarded if the animal is not worthy, even though there may be no other competition.
12. Equine Activity Liability Waiver must be signed by all participants.
13. The fair reserves the right to limit the number of entries per exhibitor based on available stall space.
14. All Equine, except foals under six (6) months and nursing their dam, must present proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the previous 12 months. An official EIA laboratory report constitutes such proof. Have paper checked prior to unloading. Refer to the MDARD Health requirements in this premium book.
15. Exhibitor numbers to be issued on the day of the show.

**The following premiums and classes apply to
Divisions 1 - 3 and Division 5
Unless otherwise noted as ribbon or rosette class**

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	17.05	14.30	12.10	9.90	7.70

Division 1: Pony Under Halter (Not to exceed 36 inches in height)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
15	1	100	Stallion, 3 years old or over	
15	1	101	Stallion, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	1	102	Gelding, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	1	103	Gelding, 3 years old or over	
15	1	104	Broodmare, Foal by side	
15	1	105	Suckling Foal	
15	1	106	Mare, 4 years old or over	
15	1	107	Mare, 3 years old	
15	1	108	Mare, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	1	109	Best Matched Span (Harness Optional)	
Do not enter classes 118 thru 121, awarded by judge				
15	1	118	Grand Champion Gelding	Rosette
15	1	119	Grand Champion Stallion, any age	Rosette
15	1	120	Grand Champion Mare, any age	Rosette
15	1	121	Overall Champion	Halter

Division 2: Pony Under Halter (37"-46" inches in height)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
15	2	200	Stallion, 3 years old or over	
15	2	201	Stallion, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	2	202	Gelding, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	2	203	Gelding, 3 years old or over	
15	2	204	Broodmare, Foal by side	
15	2	205	Suckling Foal	
15	2	206	Mare, 4 years old or over	
15	2	207	Mare, 3 years old	
15	2	208	Mare, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	2	209	Best Matched Span (Harness Optional)	
Do not enter classes 218 thru 221, awarded by judge				
15	2	218	Grand Champion Gelding	Rosette
15	2	219	Grand Champion Stallion, any age	Rosette
15	2	220	Grand Champion Mare, any age	Rosette
15	2	221	Overall Champion	Halter

Division 3: Pony Under Halter (47"-58" inches in height)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
15	3	300	Stallion, 3 years old or over	
15	3	301	Stallion, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	3	302	Gelding, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	3	303	Gelding, 3 years old or over	
15	3	304	Broodmare, Foal by side	
15	3	305	Suckling Foal	
15	3	306	Mare, 4 years old or over	
15	3	307	Mare, 3 years old	
15	3	308	Mare, Yearling, or 2-year-old	
15	3	309	Best Matched Span (Harness Optional)	
Do not enter classes 318 thru 321, awarded by judge				
15	3	318	Grand Champion Gelding	Rosette
15	3	319	Grand Champion Stallion, any age	Rosette
15	3	320	Grand Champion Mare, any age	Rosette
15	3	321	Overall Champion	Halter

Division 4: Showmanship

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
15	4	400	Youth Shmnsnship, 12 & Under	Ribbons Only
15	4	401	Youth Shmnsnship, 13-19	Ribbons Only
15	4	402	Adult Shmnsnship 20 and up	Ribbons Only
15	4	403	Any Pony Under Saddle, Led by Parent, Age 8 and under	Ribbons Only
15	4	404	Any Pony Under Saddle, Age 9-16	Ribbons Only

Division 5: Pony Carts

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
15	5	500	Pony in Harness NTE 36"	Rosette
15	5	501	Pony in Harness 37" to 46"	Rosette
15	5	502	Pony in Harness 47" – 58"	Rosette
15	5	503	Ladies Driving Cart – Any pony	Rosette
15	5	504	Youth Driving Cart – Any pony	Trophy

Division 6: Pony Hitches

Premiums:		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th	
		42.34	40.15	36.30	30.25	24.20	
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description				
15	6	624	Best Dressed Team NTE 36"				Rosette
15	6	625	Best Working Team NTE 36"				Halter
15	6	626	Best Dressed Team 37" – 46"				Rosette
15	6	627	Best Working Team 37" – 46"				Halter
15	6	628	Best Dressed Team 47" – 58"				Rosette
15	6	629	Best Working Team 47" – 58"				Halter

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or online @
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DEPARTMENT 17 DRAFT HORSES

Superintendent – Todd Johnson – 517-673-5667
Assistant Superintendent – Ralph Tobalske

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026, or when stalls are full.
2. **Entry Fee – \$25 Stall Fee and a one-time exhibitor fee of \$10 must be sent with entry.**
3. **In place – Saturday, September 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging –
Draft Horses Halter Classes – Wednesday, Sept 30 - 10am.
Draft Horses Hitch Classes – Thursday, Oct 1st - 1pm in the Show Arena. Must be hitched to a suitable wheeled vehicle.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on the closing night of the fair.
Early removal may result in the forfeit of premiums.
6. All horses entered, except geldings, must be eligible to enter a recognized Stud book. Exhibitors must be prepared to furnish Certificate of Registry of animals over one year of age.
7. Limit two entries per class per exhibitor.
8. All Equidae, except foals less than six (6) months and nursing their dam, must present proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the previous 12 months. An official EIA laboratory report constitutes such proof. Have paper checked prior to unloading. Refer to the MDA Health Requirements in this Premium Book.

**The following premiums and classes apply to
Divisions 20 - 22**

Unless otherwise noted as ribbon or rosette class

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	36.30	33.55	31.35	27.50	25.30

DIVISION 20	Belgian
DIVISION 21	Percheron
DIVISION 22	Clydesdale

Halter Classes

Dept. Div. Class Description

Stallions

17		901	Stallion, 3 years and older
	Do not enter classes 902 and 903, Awarded by Judge		
17		902	Senior Champion Stallion Ribbon
17		903	Reserve Senior Champion Stallion Ribbon
17		904	Stallion 2 years old

17		905	Stallion 1 year old
17		906	Stallion Foal
	Do not enter classes 907 through 910, Awarded by Judge		
17		907	Junior Champion Stallion Ribbon
17		908	Reserve Junior Champion Stallion Ribbon

17		909	Grand Champion Stallion Halter & Rosette
17		910	Reserve Grand Champion Stallion Rosette

Mares

17		911	Mare, 10 years and older
17		912	Mare, 5-9 years old
17		913	Mare, 4 years old
17		914	Mare 3 years old
	Do not enter classes 915 and 916, Awarded by Judge		
17		915	Senior Champion Mare Ribbon
17		916	Reserve Senior Champion Mare Ribbon

Mares Continued

17		917	Mare, 2-year-old
17		918	Mare, 1 year old
17		919	Filly Foal
	Do not enter classes 920 through 923, Awarded by Judge		
17		920	Junior Champion Mare Ribbon
17		921	Reserve Junior Champion Mare Ribbon
17		922	Grand Champion Mare Halter & Rosette
17		923	Reserve Junior Champion Mare Rosette

Group Classes

17		924	Mare and Foal
17		925	Produce of Dam, Two Animals Any Age
17		926	Get of Sire, Three Animals Any Age
17		927	Breeders Herd, Stallion, and Three Mares
17		928	Matched Pair of Mares

Geldings

17		929	Gelding, Three Years and Under
17		930	Gelding, Four Years and Over
17		931	Matched Pair of Geldings

Division 23: Herdsmanship Award

Awarded by Superintendent – Do Not Enter

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	23	935	Exhibitor Herdsmanship Award Banner

Division 24: Youth Showmanship

(Must enter to participate)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	12.10	11.00	9.90	8.80	7.70

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	24	961	Youth Showmanship 12 years & under
17	24	962	Youth Showmanship Ages 13-19

Halters will be awarded along with premium for 1st place entries
in Division 25 Classes

Division 25: Multiple Hitches

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6-7 th
	60.50	43.45	33.00	19.25	13.20	6.60

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	941	1-Horse Hitch, Men's Cart
17	25	942	1-Horse Hitch, Ladies Cart
17	25	943	1-Horse Hitch, Junior Driver 19 & under

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
	115.50	86.90	69.30	61.60	54.45	39.60	26.40

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	944	2-Horse Hitch, Men's
17	25	945	2-Horse Hitch, Ladies

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	149.60	115.50	86.90	75.90	60.50

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	946	3-Horse Hitch

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	173.80	149.60	115.50	97.90	95.70

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	947	4-Horse Hitch

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	323.40	264.00	201.30	173.80	155.10

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	948	6-Horse Hitch

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6-10 th
	48.40	42.35	36.30	30.25	24.20	18.15

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	949	2-Horse Farm Hitch (Includes Mules)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6-10 th
	36.30	30.80	24.20	22.00	18.70	12.10

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
17	25	950	Draft Horse Under Saddle
17	25	951	Riding Class Bareback – to include mules
17	25	952	Lead Line Class – to include mules

DEPARTMENT 19

MULES AND JACKS

(Jacks and Jennies)

Superintendent – Todd Johnson - 517-673-5667

Assistant Superintendent – Ralph Tobalske

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026, or when stalls are full.
2. **Entry Fee – \$25.00 stall fee and a \$10 one-time exhibitor fee must be sent with entry form.**
3. **In place – Saturday, September 26, 2026, before Noon.**
4. Judging –
Halter – Wednesday, Sept 30th - 11am
Driving – Thursday, Oct 1st – 1pm with the draft horses.
5. Removal – 10:00pm last day of fair. Early removal may result in the forfeit of premiums.
6. All Equidae, except foals less than six (6) months and nursing their dam, must present proof of a negative test to Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the previous 12 months. An official EIA laboratory report constitutes such proof. Have paper checked prior to unloading. Refer to the MDA Health Requirements in this Premium Book.

The following premiums and classes apply to Divisions 1-12, except championship classes

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	24.20	18.70	14.30	9.90	5.50

Division 1: Miniature Donkeys 36" and Under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	1	100	Foal
19	1	101	Yearling
19	1	102	Jennet
19	1	103	Jack
19	1	104	Gelding
Do not enter class 110, awarded by judge			
19	1	110	Grand Champ of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 2: Standard Donkeys over 36" and under 54"

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	2	200	Foal
19	2	201	Yearling
19	2	202	Jennet
19	2	203	Jack
19	2	204	Gelding
Do not enter class 210, awarded by judge			
19	2	210	Grand Champ. of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 3: Mammoth Donkeys over 54"

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	3	300	Foal
19	3	301	Yearling
19	3	302	Jennet
19	3	303	Jack
19	3	304	Gelding
Do not enter class 310, awarded by judge			
19	3	310	Grand Champ. of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 4: Donkey Supreme Champion

Grand Champion Donkeys from Divisions 1-3 compete for Supreme Champion
Do not enter class 400, Awarded by judge

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	4	400	Supreme Champion Banner & Rosette

Division 5: Showmanship

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	5	500	Showmanship – 19 & Under Trophy
19	5	501	Showmanship – 20 & Over Trophy

Division 6: Pony Mules – under 54"

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	6	600	Foal
19	6	601	Yearling
19	6	602	Molly Mule
19	6	603	John Mule
Do not enter class 604, awarded by judge.			
19	6	604	Grand Champ. of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 7: Saddle Mules – over 54"

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	7	700	Foal
19	7	701	Yearling
19	7	702	Molly Mule
19	7	703	John Mule
Do not enter class 704, awarded by judge.			
19	7	704	Grand Champ. of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 8: Draft Mules

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	8	800	Foal
19	8	801	Yearling
19	8	802	Molly Mule
19	8	803	John Mule
Do not enter class 804, awarded by judge.			
19	8	804	Grand Champ. of Division Halter & Rosette

Division 9: Mule Supreme Champion

Grand Champion Mules from Divisions 6-8 compete for Supreme Champion
Do not enter class 900, Awarded by judge

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	9	900	Supreme Champion Banner & Rosette

Division 10: Group Classes

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	10	1000	Produce of Dam-Donkey
19	10	1001	Produce of Dam-Mule
19	10	1002	Get of Sire-Donkey
19	10	1003	Get of Sire-Mule
19	10	1004	Best Matched Pair-Donkey
19	10	1005	Best Matched Pair-Mule

Division 12: Riding Classes

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	12	1200	Donkey and Mules under saddle
19	12	1201	Lead-Line for youth (With Drafts)
19	12	1202	Costume Class for youth and adults

Division 13: Driving Classes

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	42.35	31.35	26.40	20.90	19.25

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	13	1300	Single driving mules or donkeys Halter
19	13	1301	Youth (19 & under) single driving Trophy
19	13	1302	Team driving mules or donkeys Halter
19	13	1303	Youth (19 & under) team donkeys Trophy
19	13	1304	Unicorn Hitch Mules or Donkeys Halter
19	13	1305	Four Hitch Mules or Donkeys Halter

2-Head Farm Hitch Enter under Draft Horses Dept. 17 Class 949

Division 14: Herdsmanship Award

Awarded by Superintendent – Do Not Enter

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
19	14	1400	Exhibitor Herdsmanship Award Banner

**NEW THIS YEAR:
ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN
PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
26 BEFORE NOON**

OPEN CLASS NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT PLACEMENT TIMES

Dept #	Date	Time	Location
38 Wine & Beer	Thurs. 24 th	6-8pm	Grange Hall
	Fri. 25 th	9am - 8pm	
40 Needlework	Fri. 25 th	3-7 pm	Floral Hall
	Sat. 26 th	9am - Noon	
41 Culinary Arts	Fri. 25 th	4-6pm	Log Cabin
	Sat. 26 th	8am - Noon	
42	Fri. 25 th	Noon – 9pm	Floral Hall
43			
45			
44 Photography	Thurs. 24 th	10am – 7pm	Photography Building
46 Agriculture	Fri. 25 th	9am - 6pm	Grange Hall
	Sat. 26 th	9am – 4pm	
47 Floriculture	Sat. 26 th	8am – 4pm	Women's Congress Basement
48 Horticulture	Fri. 25 th	4pm – 7pm	Women's Congress Basement
	Sat. 26 th	8am – 4pm	
49 Apiary	Fri. 25 th	4pm – 7pm	Women's Congress Basement
	Sat. 26 th	8am – 4pm	



ATTENTION:

TIMES FOR PLACING YOUR EXHIBITS IN MOST DEPARTMENTS HAVE CHANGED!

Please note those changes in EVERY department you enter.

DEPARTMENT 38 WINE & BEER

Superintendent – Shelly Wirick 419-553-9131

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10.**
3. **In place – Exhibits (wine & beer) must be brought in Thursday, September 24 6:00pm – 8:00pm and Friday September 25 9:00 am-8:00pm to the Grange Hall.** No wine or beer will be accepted after this date. Contact Superintendent if you cannot make this date.
4. Judging – Saturday, September 26, 2026.
5. Removal – No exhibit removed before 10:00pm on closing day of fair or Sunday, day after fair from 9:00am and Noon. The empty bottles can be picked up at the same time.

Wine Show

Rules:

1. The competition is open to all winemakers aged 21 & over.
2. Wines may be made from grapes, other fruits, vegetables, grains, or other suitable ingredients (Must be indicated on exhibitor's ticket.)
3. Ingredients may be fresh, canned, dried, concentrate, or otherwise preserved.
4. All wines in the division must be made by the exhibitor named.
5. The named exhibitor may enter two entries in each class.
6. Two bottles with labels will be required for each entry: one for taste judging and one for unopened display and label judging.
7. Bottles should have nearly straight sides and a top that can be removed without tools except for a corkscrew.
8. Exhibits should be submitted in smooth glass of approximately 26oz. capacity and filled within 1" to 2" of the fully installed cork or cap.
9. Labels may be used on bottles to identify wine.
10. Awards – Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and a Medallion for Best of Show.
11. No commercial vintners accepted.
12. If you add honey to any wine, it needs to be entered into the honey mead category.

The following are acceptable types of wines to enter:

Dry white wine from grapes, sweet white wine from grapes, red dry wine from grapes, red sweet wine from grapes, rose wine from grapes, white/rose wine from flower petals, red dry non-grape vegetable wine.

Enter using form on p9. 45
or online @
hillsdalecountyfair.org

following premiums apply to Divisions 1-6:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	8.00	6.00

Division 1: Grape Wine

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	1	100	White-Dry (single grape)
38	1	101	White-Medium (single grape)
38	1	102	White-Blend
38	1	103	Blush Rose
38	1	104	Red-Dry (single grape)
38	1	105	Red-Medium (single grape)
38	1	106	Red-Blend

Division 2: Fruit Wine

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	2	200	Seeded Fruit-Light (Apple, Strawberry, Pear)
38	2	201	Seeded Fruit-Dark (Blackberry, Blueberry, Elderberry, Raspberry, Cranberry, Current, Boysenberry)
38	2	202	Stone Fruit-Light (Peach, Apricot, Nectarines)
38	2	203	Stone Fruit-Dark (Cherry and Plum)
38	2	204	Exotic (kiwi, Papaya, Mango)

Division 3: Vegetable Wine

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	3	300	Vegetable (Dandelion, Rhubarb, Tomato)

Division 4: Honey Mead

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	4	400	Mead

Division 5: Dessert

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	5	500	Dessert

Division 6: Ice

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	6	600	Ice, made with frozen grapes
38	6	601	Ice, made with frozen concentrate

Division 7: Best of Show

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	7	700	Best of Show (do not enter – awarded by judge)

Division 8: Wine Bottle Label

(All labeled wines will automatically be entered and judged in this category)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	8	800	Best of Show (do not enter – awarded by judge)

**Exhibitor tags will be
available beginning
September 18th,
at the Fair Office
8am – 4pm**

Beer Show

Rules:

1. All entries in the division must be prepared and bottled by the exhibitor.
2. Must be 21 and older to enter this division.
3. Submit three (3) 10 to 14oz. bottles per entry. Meads and Ciders can be in larger bottles.
4. The named exhibitor may enter two entries in each class.
5. Three bottles will be required for each entry: two bottles with no label for taste judging and one with label for display and label judging.
6. Entry/Recipe form for each entry must be completed and submitted with bottles on the day of judging. Form is available on the fair website.
7. Awards-Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and a Medallion for best of show.
8. No commercial beer accepted.
9. This event follows the BJCP guidelines as outlined at www.BJCP.org.

Beer Show AHA/BJCP Sanctioned Competition

The following premiums apply to Divisions 10-17:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	8.00	6.00

Division 10: Lagers

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	10	1000	Pale Lager (American, International, German Pils)
38	10	1001	Amber Lager (International, Vienna, Cali. Common)
38	10	1002	Dark Lager (International, Munich)

Division 11: Ales

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	11	1100	Pale Ale (Cream, Blonde, American)
38	11	1101	IPA (English, American, Double)
38	11	1102	Amber Ale (Bitter, Scottish, Irish, American)
38	11	1103	Brown Ale (British, American)

Division 12: Porters & Stouts

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	12	1200	Porter
38	12	1201	Stout

Division 13: Wheat/Rye

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	13	1300	Wheat/Rye (American Wheat, Weissbier)

Division 14: Belgian/French Ale

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	14	1400	Belgian/French Ale

Division 15: Fruit/Vegetable/Spice/Herb Beer

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	15	1500	Fruit/Vegetable Beer
38	15	1501	Fruit & Spice Beer
38	15	1502	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer

Division 16: Mead

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	16	1600	Any Beer Made with Honey

Division 17: Cider

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	17	1700	Any Beer Made with Cider

Division 18: Best in Show

(Must have a minimum of five (5) class winners to award)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	18	1800	Best of Show (Do not enter, awarded by judge)

Division 19: Beer Bottle Label

(All labeled beers will be automatically entered and judged in this category)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
38	19	1900	Label Best in Show (Do not enter, awarded by judge)

DEPARTMENT 40 NEEDLEWORK

Superintendent – Jeannie Peter - 517-398-4389

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In place – Exhibits must be brought on Friday, September 25 from 3:00 – 7:00pm or Saturday, September 26 from 9:00am – Noon at FLORAL HALL.**
*No entries will be accepted after Noon on Sat.
4. Judging – Saturday, after Noon.
5. Removal – After 10:00pm on closing day of fair, or Sunday, the day after the fair from 9:00am until Noon.
6. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class but receive only one premium per class.
7. All work to have been completed since the last fair.
8. Articles stained or soiled will be disqualified and will be displayed at Superintendents discretion.
9. Judge may award “Best in Division” ribbon in Divisions 1-20, no premium.

The following premiums apply to Divisions 1-20:

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00

Division 1: Afghans/Bedspreads

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	1	100	Fancy Crochet
40	1	101	Afghan Stitch
40	1	102	Ripple Stitch
40	1	103	Shell Stitch
40	1	104	Granny Squares
40	1	105	Granny Variation
40	1	106	Novelty
40	1	107	Knit
40	1	108	Any Other

Division 2: Quilts/Comforters/Spreads

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	2	200	Hand Piece Quilting
40	2	201	Machine Appliqued
40	2	202	Embroidered
40	2	203	Machine Piece Quilting
40	2	204	Novelty and Scrap
40	2	205	Hand Quilt and Connecting
40	2	206	Home Machine Quilting
40	2	207	Long Arm Machine Quilting- Amateur
40	2	208	Lap Quilt not to exceed 60in x 60in
40	2	209	Mixed Technique, 2 or more (applique, embroidered, embellished)
40	2	210	Any Other

Division 3: Home Sewing

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	3	300	Hot Pads
40	3	301	Pillowcases
40	3	302	Towels -Hand Embroidered
40	3	303	Towels – Machine Embroidered
40	3	304	Towels - Sewn
40	3	305	Any Other

Division 4: Runner/Doily/Centerpieces

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	4	400	Sewn Table/Buffer Runner
40	4	401	Sewn Centerpiece
40	4	402	Knit Table/Buffer Runner
40	4	403	Knit Doily/Centerpiece
40	4	404	Crochet Table/ Buffet Runner
40	4	405	Crochet Doily/ Centerpiece
40	4	406	Any Other

Division 5: Knit Item - Small

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	5	500	Hat
40	5	501	Scarf
40	5	502	Gloves
40	5	503	Socks
40	5	504	Shawl/ Wrap
40	5	505	Any Other

Division 6: Crochet Item - Small

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	6	600	Hat
40	6	601	Scarf
40	6	602	Gloves
40	6	603	Socks
40	6	604	Shawl or Wrap
40	6	605	Any Other

Division 7: Accessories

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	7	700	Bag or Luggage
40	7	701	Purse or Wallet
40	7	702	Apron
40	7	703	Jewelry
40	7	704	Belt / Sash
40	7	705	Any Other

Division 8: Seasonal Item

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	8	800	Stocking
40	8	801	Tree Skirt
40	8	802	Costume
40	8	803	Any Other

Division 9: Adult Wearing Apparel

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	9	900	Dress
40	9	901	Ladies or Man's Sweater, Slip Over
40	9	902	Ladies or Man's Cardigan
40	9	903	Cape, Coat or Stole
40	9	904	Any Other

Division 10: Infants Department

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	10	1000	Quilt or Comforter
40	10	1001	Afghan
40	10	1002	Sweater
40	10	1003	Dress
40	10	1004	Layette Set (3 Pieces)
40	10	1005	Hat
40	10	1006	Booties
40	10	1007	Any Other

Division 11: Children's Department

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	11	1100	Coat
40	11	1101	Hat
40	11	1102	Knit Item
40	11	1103	Crocheted Item
40	11	1104	Doll Clothing
40	11	1105	Toy or Stuffed Animal
40	11	1106	Any Other

Division 12: Specimen of Hand Work

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	12	1200	Tatting
40	12	1201	Embroidery
40	12	1202	Rug
40	12	1203	Canvas Novelties
40	12	1204	Cross Stitch
40	12	1205	Any Other

**Exhibitor tags will be available
beginning September 18th,
at the Fair Office
8am – 4pm**

DEPARTMENT 41

CULINARY ARTS

Superintendent – Mindy Poole mindypoole@frontier.com
Assistant Superintendent – Kathie Ackerman

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Friday September 25 4 - 6 pm and Saturday, September 26 8:00am – Noon at the LOG CABIN.**
Refrigeration is available. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEALINE.
4. Judging – Not to start before 1 pm Saturday, Sept 26 and continue to Sunday morning if necessary.
5. Removal – Pies, cakes and bread may be picked up after judging is complete and display samples have been taken. If not picked up they will be thrown out. A slice must be left for display. No other exhibits may be removed before 10:00pm on the closing day of the fair or Sunday, the day after the fair, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Exhibits removed before release time will forfeit premiums.
6. Tags MUST already be in place on items by the exhibitors.
7. Whole baked items are considered a display, i.e.: whole loaf of bread, whole cake, etc. unless stated otherwise.
8. A dinner plate is the maximum plate display sized due to limited spacing.
9. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS BY EACH EXHIBITOR.
10. Please identify items entered in the “any other” class.
11. The management reserves the right to determine whether an article is worthy of exhibition. Entries must be made in the home kitchen. No purchased mixes, crust, fillings, etc.
12. ALL BAKED GOOD ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A RECIPE. No recipe required for decorated cakes or icing on decorated cakes.
13. Cash premiums will be given from the awards marked in the judge’s records and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibit.
14. Best in Division winners in 1-16 & 20-29 receive RIBBONS ONLY.

CANNING RULES:

1. Products must have been completed since last year’s fair.
2. Products to be shown in clear glass canning jars only.
3. Canned goods must be labeled with the following:
 - a. Date canned (month, day, year)
 - b. Raw or Hot packed processing method.
 - c. Bath Canner or Pressure Canner, if pressure canner, include pounds of pressure used.
 - d. Length of time processed.
 - e. Products containing multiple ingredients should be accompanied by a recipe, i.e.: sauces, jams, etc.
4. Do not place decorative coverings over canning lids. Please leave metal screw bands (rings) on jars to protect jars.
5. ALL CANNED GOODS MUST BE PROCESSED IN A HOT WATER CANNER, STEAM CANNER, OR PRESSURE CANNER.
6. Use up to date canning directions and processing times as specified in an updated Ball Blue Book, extension bulletins, or SO EASY TO PRESERVE canning book published by the Cooperative Extension of the University of Georgia. These are available online or at the MSU Extension office.
7. Modern canning methods recommend that canned tomatoes have lemon juice or citric acid added to ensure preservation safety.
8. Dried food labels must include the method used and date dried.
9. Any unclaimed exhibits will be disposed of after 30 days.

Division 13: Pillows

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	13	1300	Fabric
40	13	1301	Crochet
40	13	1302	Knit
40	13	1303	Embroidered
40	13	1304	Needlepoint
40	13	1305	Quilted
40	13	1306	Any Other

Division 14: Wall Hangings (Must be ready to Hang)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	14	1400	Counted Thread- Overall, Large Over 8x10
40	14	1401	Counted Thread – Overall, Small Under 8x10
40	14	1402	Counted Thread – Regular, Large Over 8x10
40	14	1403	Counted Thread – Regular, Sm. Under 8x10
40	14	1404	Embroidery
40	14	1405	Quilted or Sewn No larger than 48”x48”
40	14	1406	Any Other

Division 15: Wool Articles

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	15	1500	Clothing
40	15	1501	Flat Items – Blankets, Afghans, Scarves & Shawls
40	15	1502	Gloves, Socks, Caps
40	15	1503	Needle Felting
40	15	1504	Wet Felting
40	15	1505	Hand Spun Yarn
40	15	1506	Any Other Wool Article

Division 16: Hand Weaving

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	16	1600	Tote or Purse
40	16	1601	Table Runners, Place Mats, Towels, Etc.
40	16	1602	Rugs
40	16	1603	Pillows
40	16	1604	Any Other

Division 17: Work of Exhibitor 75 years or Older Must attach age to entry.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	17	1700	Quilt
40	17	1701	Afghan
40	17	1702	Knit Item
40	17	1703	Crochet Item
40	17	1704	Hand Sewn Item
40	17	1705	Machine Sewn Item
40	17	1706	Any Other

YOUTH DIVISIONS

Division 18: 13-18 years old Needlework

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	18	1800	Clothing, any item
40	18	1801	Machine Sewing, any item
40	18	1802	Knitting, any item
40	18	1803	Crocheting, any item
40	18	1804	Embroidery, any item
40	18	1805	Needlepoint, any item
40	18	1806	Counted Cross Stitch, any item
40	18	1807	Cross Stitch, any item
40	18	1808	Quilt, hand pieced
40	18	1809	Quilt, machine pieced
40	18	1810	Any Other

Division 19: 12 years old & Under Needlework

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
40	18	1900	Clothing, any item
40	18	1901	Machine Sewing, any item
40	18	1902	Knitting, any item
40	18	1903	Crocheting, any item
40	18	1904	Embroidery, any item
40	18	1905	Needlepoint, any item
40	18	1906	Counted Cross Stitch, any item
40	18	1907	Cross Stitch, any item
40	18	1908	Quilt, hand pieced
40	18	1909	Quilt, machine pieced
40	18	1910	Any Other

Dept. 41- Culinary Arts – Continued

The following premiums apply to Divisions 1-4:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	5.00	4.00	3.00

Division 1: Breads and Muffins

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	1	100	White
41	1	101	Whole Wheat
41	1	102	Sour Dough
41	1	103	Machine Bread, any kind – identify
41	1	104	Cinnamon Bread
41	1	105	6 Yeast Dinner Rolls
41	1	106	6 Cinnamon Rolls
41	1	107	Any other yeast bread
41	1	108	Corn Bread
41	1	109	Banana Bread
41	1	110	Zucchini Bread
41	1	111	Coffee Cake
41	1	112	Any other quick bread - identify
41	1	113	6 Baking Powder Biscuits or Scones
41	1	114	6 Soda or Sour Milk Biscuits
41	1	115	6 Muffins
41	1	116	6 Yeast Raised Doughnuts
41	1	117	6 Cake Doughnuts
41	1	118	Any other – identify

Division 2: Pies & Cobblers

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	2	200	Apple
41	2	201	Berry
41	2	202	Cherry
41	2	203	Lemon
41	2	204	Mince
41	2	205	Peach
41	2	206	Pumpkin
41	2	207	Pecan
41	2	208	Cream (Banana, Coconut, etc.)
41	2	209	Rhubarb
41	2	210	Healthy Choice (sugar free, etc.)
41	2	211	Any other – identify
41	2	212	Cheesecake, any kind – identify
41	2	213	Cobblers, any kind – identify

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Division 3: Cakes

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	3	300	Angel Food, unfrosted
41	3	301	Applesauce
41	3	302	Banana
41	3	303	Upside-Down, unfrosted
41	3	304	Coconut
41	3	305	Devils Food
41	3	306	German Chocolate
41	3	307	Molasses or Ginger
41	3	308	Spice
41	3	309	Jelly Roll
41	3	310	Carrot
41	3	311	Pound, unfrosted
41	3	312	Sheet
41	3	313	Bundt
41	3	314	Any other, identify

Division 4: Cookies, Etc.

(Please have 6 cookies on a paper plate in a plastic bag)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2.00	1.50	1.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	4	400	Fruit
41	4	401	Sugar
41	4	402	Coconut
41	4	403	Ice Box
41	4	404	Molasses
41	4	405	Peanut Butter
41	4	406	Any flavor chip cookie(chocolate, butterscotch, etc.)
41	4	407	Oatmeal
41	4	408	Filled
41	4	409	No Bake
41	4	410	Brownies
41	4	411	Bar
41	4	412	Any other, identify

Division 5: Gluten Free

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	5.00	4.00	3.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	5	500	Bread
41	5	501	Muffins
41	5	502	Cake
41	5	503	Cookies
41	5	504	Any other, identify

Division 6: Candy

(Display 6 pieces on a paper plate in a plastic bag)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	4.00	3.00	2.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	6	600	Cooked Chocolate Fudge
41	6	601	Uncooked Chocolate Fudge
41	6	602	Peanut Butter Fudge
41	6	603	White Fudge
41	6	604	English Toffee
41	6	605	Brittle
41	6	606	Any other, identify

Division 7: Decorated Cakes and Cookies

(Large cake can be artificial. No recipe required.)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	7.00	6.00	5.00

CAKES

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	7	700	Decorated Wedding
41	7	701	Decorated Adult Birthday
41	7	702	Decorated Child Birthday
41	7	703	Decorated Anniversary
41	7	704	Decorated Holiday
41	7	705	Any other, identify

COOKIES

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.50	1.50
41	7	706	Decorated Cupcakes
41	7	707	Decorated Cookies

The following premiums apply to Divisions 9-15.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2.00	1.50	1.00

Division 8: Canned Fruit

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	8	800	Cherries – Red and or Sweet
41	8	801	Apples or Apple Rings
41	8	802	Applesauce
41	8	803	Peaches
41	8	804	Plums
41	8	805	Blueberries
41	8	806	Pineapple
41	8	807	Rhubarb
41	8	808	Mixed Fruit
41	8	809	Fruit Pie Filling, any kind – identify

41	8	810	Grape Juice
41	8	811	Tomato Juice
41	8	812	Apple Butter
41	8	813	Pears
41	8	814	Any other fruit, identify
41	8	815	Any other fruit juice, identify

Division 9: Canned Vegetables

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	9	900	Asparagus
41	9	901	Beans – Yellow & Green
41	9	902	Bean Soup
41	9	903	Beets
41	9	904	Carrots
41	9	905	Sweet Corn
41	9	906	Peas
41	9	907	Pumpkin
41	9	908	Mixed Vegetables
41	9	909	Sauerkraut
41	9	910	Red or Yellow Tomatoes (Specify: water/no liquid/juice pack)
41	9	911	Vegetable Soup
41	9	912	Any other, identify

Division 10: Dried Products

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	10	1000	Dried Fruit, any kind – identify
41	10	1001	Fruit Roll-up or Leather, identify
41	10	1002	Dried Vegetable, any kind – identify
41	10	1003	Vegetable Roll-up or Leather, identify
41	10	1004	Meat Jerky, identify
41	10	1005	Herbs, identify
41	10	1006	Any other, identify

Division 11: Pickles

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	11	1100	Beet
41	11	1101	Bread & Butter
41	11	1102	Chunk
41	11	1103	Dill
41	11	1104	Green Tomato
41	11	1105	Peach
41	11	1106	Watermelon
41	11	1107	Mixed
41	11	1108	Zucchini
41	11	1109	Whole Sweet
41	11	1110	Dilly Beans
41	11	1111	Any other, identify

Division 12: Relishes & Sauces

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	12	1200	Corn Relish
41	12	1201	Cucumber Relish
41	12	1202	Beet Relish
41	12	1203	Pepper Relish
41	12	1204	Green Tomato Relish
41	12	1205	Sweet Pickle Relish
41	12	1206	Zucchini Relish
41	12	1207	Any other relish, identify
41	12	1208	Barbecue Sauce
41	12	1209	Chili Sauce
41	12	1210	Catsup
41	12	1211	Tomato Sauce
41	12	1212	Pizza Sauce
41	12	1213	Salsa
41	12	1214	Spaghetti Sauce (No Meat)
41	12	1215	Any other sauce, identify

Division 13: Canned Meats

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	13	1300	Beef
41	13	1301	Pork
41	13	1302	Chicken
41	13	1303	Rabbit
41	13	1304	Venison
41	13	1305	Spaghetti Sauce with meat
41	13	1306	Meat Stew
41	13	1307	Any other, identify

Division 14: Jams, Jellies and Miscellaneous

(Single Jar)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	14	1400	Strawberry Jam
41	14	1401	Raspberry Jam
41	14	1402	Cherry Jam
41	14	1403	Peach Jam
41	14	1404	Any other jam, identify
41	14	1405	Apple Jelly
41	14	1406	Berry Jelly
41	14	1407	Grape Jelly
41	14	1408	Cherry Jelly
41	14	1409	Any Other Jelly – Identify
41	14	1410	Fruit and or Berry Syrup
41	14	1411	Maple Syrup
41	14	1412	Any Other-Identify (judged by color & clarity)
41	14	1413	Marmalade

Division 15: Displays

Three different kinds as listed below

Displays cannot compete for single premium

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	4.00	3.00	2.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	15	1500	Jam
41	15	1501	Jellies
41	15	1502	Pickles
41	15	1503	Relish
41	15	1504	Sauces
41	15	1505	Canned Fruits
41	15	1506	Canned Vegetables
41	15	1507	Canned Meats
41	15	1508	Dried Fruits
41	15	1509	Dried Vegetables
41	15	1510	Drive Herbs
41	15	1511	Jerky
41	15	1512	Apple Products i.e.: boiled cider, apple butter, cider jelly

ATTENTION:
TIMES FOR PLACING
YOUR EXHIBITS
IN MOST DEPARTMENTS
HAVE CHANGED!

Please note those changes
in EVERY
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**Exhibitor tags will be available
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at the Fair Office
8am – 4pm**

DEPT 41 Continued YOUTH DEPARTMENT CULINARY ARTS

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Friday September 25, 4 - 6 pm and Saturday, September 26, 8:00am – Noon at the LOG CABIN.**
Refrigeration is available. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.
4. Judging – Saturday, Sept 26 not to begin before 1pm and continue Sunday morning if necessary.
5. Removal – Pies, cakes and bread may be picked up after judging is complete and display samples have been taken. If not picked up, they will be thrown out. A slice must be left for display. No other exhibits may be removed before 10:00pm on the closing day of the fair or Sunday, the day after the fair, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Exhibits removed before release time will forfeit premiums.
6. Tags MUST already be in place on items by the exhibitors.
7. All entries in the youth section must be in Youth's name.
8. Department Divisions 20-29 are for youth not to exceed the age of 19 years of age by December 31st of the current year. Exhibits made must be entirely of their own preparation and/or making. Items must have been completed since last year's fair. The requirements must be satisfactorily established before premiums are awarded. Youth entering articles not enumerated in this department will compete thereon in same classes as if they were made by older person.
9. All baked good entries must be accompanied by a recipe. No recipe required for decorated cakes or icing on decorated cakes.
10. NO PURCHASED MIXES, CRUSTS, FILLINGS, ETC.
11. See Department 41 Culinary Arts Rules for additional directions and for canning guidelines.

Division 20: Breads & Muffins – Youth

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	20	2000	White Yeast Bread
41	20	2001	Quick Bread (any kind) – Identify
41	20	2002	Machine Bread (any kind) – Identify
41	20	2003	6 Dinner Rolls
41	20	2004	6 Muffins (any kind) – Identify
41	20	2005	Any Other – Identify

Division 21: Cakes – Youth

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	4.00	3.00	2.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	21	2100	Chocolate Cake
41	21	2101	Coffee Cake
41	21	2102	Upside Down Cake (unfrosted)
41	21	2103	Sheet Cake (any kind) – Identify
41	21	2104	6 Cupcakes (any kind) – Identify
41	21	2105	Any Other – Identify

Division 22: Cookies and Candies – Youth

(Please have 6 cookies on a paper plate in a plastic bag.)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2.00	1.50	1.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	22	2200	Ginger Snaps
41	22	2201	Sugar Cookies
41	22	2202	Peanut Butter
41	22	2203	No Bake Cookies
41	22	2204	Oatmeal Cookies
41	22	2205	Bar Cookies
41	22	2206	Brownies (any kind) – Identify
41	22	2207	Any flavor chip cookie – Identify (chocolate, butterscotch, etc.)
41	22	2208	Any Other– Identify
41	22	2209	6 Pieces Candy – Identify

Division 23: Pie 9" Pan – Youth

Pies are to be picked up Sunday, after judging, leaving a slice for display

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	4.00	3.00	2.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	23	2300	Cherry
41	23	2301	Apple
41	23	2302	Pumpkin
41	23	2303	Any other – Identify

Division 24: Decorated Cakes & Cookies – Youth

Large Cake can be artificial. No recipe is required.

Cakes

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	7.00	6.00	5.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	24	2400	Decorated Birthday
41	24	2401	Decorated Holiday
41	24	2402	Any other decorated cake – Identify

Cookies

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.50	1.50
41	24	2403	6 Decorated Cupcakes
41	24	2404	6 Decorated Cookies

The following Premiums apply to divisions 25 - 28

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2.00	1.50	1.00

Division 25: Canned Fruit – Youth

Single Jar

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	25	2500	Applesauce
41	25	2501	Cherries, Red
41	25	2502	Peaches
41	25	2503	Pears
41	25	2504	Any other – Identify
41	25	2505	Jelly – Single Jar – Identify
41	25	2506	Jam – Single Jar – Identify

Division 26: Canned Vegetables – Youth

Single Jar

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	26	2600	Beans, Green or Yellow
41	26	2601	Beets
41	26	2602	Carrots
41	26	2603	Sweet Corn
41	26	2604	Tomatoes
41	26	2605	Tomato Juice
41	26	2606	Any other – Identify

Division 27: Pickles, Relishes and Sauces – Youth

Single Jar

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	27	2700	Pickled Beets
41	27	2701	Pickled Cucumbers
41	27	2702	Pickled – Any Other – Identify
41	27	2703	Dill Relish
41	27	2704	Zucchini Relish
41	27	2705	Relish – Any Other – Identify
41	27	2706	Salsa
41	27	2707	Pizza Sauce
41	27	2708	Sauce – Any Other – Identify
41	27	2709	Pickles – Any Other – Identify

Division 28: Canned Meat – Youth

Single Jar

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	28	2800	Any Kind – Identify

Division 29: Displays – Youth

Three Different Kinds as Listed Below

Displays cannot compete for single premiums

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	4.00	3.00	2.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
41	29	2900	Canned Fruits
41	29	2901	Canned Vegetables
41	29	2902	Canned Meats
41	29	2903	Dried Fruits
41	29	2904	Dried Vegetables
41	29	2905	Dried Herbs
41	29	2906	Jerky

DEPARTMENT 42

FINE ART

Superintendent – Mike Nye – 517-320-3187
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Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – EXHIBITS MUST BE BROUGHT IN ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026, BETWEEN NOON AND 9:00PM TO THE FLORAL HALL BUILDING. NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26 OR ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27.**
4. Judging – Sunday, September 27, 8am to Noon.
5. Removal – Removal of exhibits will be between 10:00pm and 11:00pm, closing day of the Fair and on Sunday, day after fair, from 9:00am to Noon.
6. **All photographs, general art items, watercolor paintings, oil paintings, and acrylic paintings must be ready to hang with a wire and screw eyes attached to the frame. THIS INCLUDES YOUTH EXHIBITS. Paintings and photographs may be framed without matting but still require screw eyes & wire for hanging.**
7. No art piece can be larger than 28 x 36 INCLUDING THE FRAME or any part that extends over the frame.
8. An individual cannot enter more than two entries per class and can only receive one premium in any class.
9. No article can be entered in this department that has competed for a premium within the previous two years of this year's fair.
10. Best in division ribbon may be awarded.
11. A professional is an exhibitor who has sold any works in this division. Works include prints of works.
12. Each exhibitor is limited to 25 entries in this Department.
13. The management, by the department superintendent, reserves the right to determine whether an article is worthy of exhibition and reserves the right to refuse to accept any exhibit not properly prepared for display.
14. Cash premiums will be given from the awards as marked in the judge's records and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits.
15. ALL ART ENTERED MUST BE ENTERED BY THE PERSON THAT MADE OR PAINTED THE ENTRY.
16. YOUTH – not to exceed the age of 19 by December 31st of the current fair year.
17. BEST IN DIVISIONS - Awarded by the judges.
18. YOUTH ONLY – All Paint by Number must be entered in Division 20 Class 2009.
19. ALL OTHER CLASSES MUST BE ORIGINAL – NO KITS. ANY ENTRY THAT IS A PROVEN COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.

**Exhibitor tags will be available
beginning September 18th,
at the Fair Office 8am – 4pm**

The following Premiums apply to divisions 1-52, 60 & 61:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Division 1: General Art – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	1	100	Chalk
42	1	101	Charcoal Work
42	1	102	Pencil Sketch
42	1	103	Pen and Ink Sketch
42	1	104	Multimedia Art
42	1	105	Pastel Landscape
42	1	106	Pastel Portrait
42	1	107	Pastel Seascapes
42	1	108	Pastel Flowers and Fruit
42	1	109	Pastel Animal(s)
42	1	110	Pastel Bird(s)

Division 2: General Art – Amateur

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	2	200	Chalk
42	2	201	Charcoal Work
42	2	202	Pencil Sketch
42	2	203	Pen and Ink Sketch
42	2	204	Multimedia Art
42	2	205	Pastel Landscape
42	2	206	Pastel Portrait
42	2	207	Pastel Seascapes
42	2	208	Pastel Flowers and Fruit
42	2	209	Pastel Animal(s)
42	2	210	Pastel Bird(s)

Division 3: Watercolor Paintings – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	3	300	Landscape
42	3	301	Marine
42	3	302	Flower or Fruit
42	3	303	Figure
42	3	304	Animals
42	3	305	Still Life

Division 4: Watercolor Paintings – Amateur

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	4	400	Landscape
42	4	401	Marine
42	4	402	Flower or Fruit
42	4	403	Figure
42	4	404	Animals
42	4	405	Still Life

Division 5: Oil Paintings – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	5	500	Landscape, Summer
42	5	501	Landscape, Fall
42	5	502	Landscape, Spring
42	5	503	Landscape, Winter
42	5	504	Marine or Water
42	5	505	Flower(s) or Fruit
42	5	506	Seascape
42	5	507	Portrait
42	5	508	Building
42	5	509	Abstract or Modern
42	5	510	Bird(s)
42	5	511	Animal(s)
42	5	512	Still Life

Division 6: Oil Paintings – Amateur

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	6	600	Landscape, Summer
42	6	601	Landscape, Fall
42	6	602	Landscape, Spring
42	6	603	Landscape, Winter
42	6	604	Marine or Water
42	6	605	Flower(s) or Fruit
42	6	606	Seascape
42	6	607	Portrait
42	6	608	Building
42	6	609	Abstract or Modern
42	6	610	Bird(s)
42	6	611	Animal(s)
42	6	612	Still Life

Division 7: Acrylic – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	7	700	Landscape, Summer
42	7	701	Landscape, Fall
42	7	702	Landscape, Spring
42	7	703	Landscape, Winter
42	7	704	Marine or Water
42	7	705	Flower(s) or Fruit
42	7	706	Seascape
42	7	707	Portrait
42	7	708	Building
42	7	709	Abstract or Modern
42	7	710	Bird(s)
42	7	711	Animal(s)
42	7	712	Still Life

DEPT 42 – Fine Art – Continued**Division 8: Acrylic – Amateur**

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	8	800	Landscape, Summer
42	8	801	Landscape, Fall
42	8	802	Landscape, Spring
42	8	803	Landscape, Winter
42	8	804	Marine or Water
42	8	805	Flower(s) or Fruit
42	8	806	Seascape
42	8	807	Portrait
42	8	808	Building
42	8	809	Abstract or Modern
42	8	810	Bird(s)
42	8	811	Animal(s)
42	8	812	Still Life

Division 9: Painted China – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	9	900	Plate
42	9	901	Bowl
42	9	902	Any Other

Division 10: Painted China – Amateur

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	10	1000	Plate
42	10	1001	Bowl
42	10	1002	Any Other

Division 11: Ceramics – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	11	1100	Vase, Bowl, or Plate
42	11	1101	Animal
42	11	1102	Figure
42	11	1103	Fowl or Bird
42	11	1104	Christmas, Nativity Scene or Other Holiday
42	11	1105	Comic Character
42	11	1106	Lamp
42	11	1107	Miscellaneous

Division 12: Ceramics – Amateur

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	12	1200	Vase, Bowl, or Plate
42	12	1201	Animal
42	12	1202	Figure
42	12	1203	Fowl or Bird
42	12	1204	Christmas, Nativity Scene or Other Holiday
42	12	1205	Comic Character
42	12	1206	Lamp
42	12	1207	Miscellaneous

Division 13: Handmade Pottery – Adult

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	13	1300	Vase, Bowl, or Plate
42	13	1301	Animal
42	13	1302	Figure
42	13	1303	Fowl or Bird
42	13	1304	Christmas, Nativity Scene, or Other Holiday
42	13	1305	Comic Character
42	13	1306	Lamp
42	13	1307	Miscellaneous

Division 14: Photography – Professional**Black/White and Color Prints**

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	14	1400	Architecture
42	14	1401	Flowers and/or Fruit
42	14	1402	Plants and/or Trees
42	14	1403	Wildlife
42	14	1404	Seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer)
42	14	1405	Events
42	14	1406	Individuals or Groups
42	14	1407	Miscellaneous

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, GENERAL ART ITEMS, WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS, OIL PAINTINGS AND ACRYLIC PAINTINGS MUST BE READY TO HANG WITH A WIRE AND SCREW EYES ATTACHED TO THE FRAME. THIS INCLUDES YOUTH EXHIBITS. PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE FRAMED WITHOUT MATTING, BUT STILL REQUIRE SCREW, EYES & WIRE FOR HANGING.

YOUTH FINE ART

Division 20: General Art – Youth 12 & under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	20	2000	Chalk Sketch
42	20	2001	Charcoal Sketch
42	20	2002	Color Pencil Sketch
42	20	2003	Color Marker Sketch
42	20	2004	Crayon Sketch
42	20	2005	Pencil Sketch
42	20	2006	Pen & Ink Sketch
42	20	2007	Pastel Sketch
42	20	2008	Finger Paint Sketch
42	20	2009	Paint by Number Sketch

Division 21: General Art – Youth 13-18

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	21	2011	Chalk Sketch
42	21	2012	Charcoal Sketch
42	21	2013	Color Pencil Sketch
42	21	2014	Color Marker Sketch
42	21	2015	Crayon Sketch
42	21	2016	Pencil Sketch
42	21	2017	Pen & Ink Sketch
42	21	2018	Pastel Sketch
42	21	2019	Finger Paint Sketch
42	21	2020	Paint by Number Sketch

Division 22: Watercolor Paintings – Youth 12 & Under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	22	2200	Landscape
42	22	2201	Marine or Water
42	22	2202	Flower (s) or Fruit (s)
42	22	2203	Figure or Portrait
42	22	2204	Animal (s)
42	22	2205	Still Life
42	22	2206	Bird (s)
42	22	2207	Building (s)
42	22	2208	Abstract or Modern

Division 23: Watercolor Paintings – Youth 13-18

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	23	2300	Landscape
42	23	2301	Marine or Water
42	23	2302	Flower (s) or Fruit (s)
42	23	2303	Figure or Portrait
42	23	2304	Animal (s)
42	23	2305	Still Life
42	23	2306	Bird (s)
42	23	2307	Building (s)
42	23	2308	Abstract or Modern

Division 24: Oil Paintings – Youth 12 & Under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	24	2400	Landscape
42	24	2401	Marine or Water
42	24	2402	Flower(s) or Fruit(s)
42	24	2403	Figure or Portrait
42	24	2404	Building
42	24	2405	Abstract or Modern
42	24	2406	Bird(s)
42	24	2407	Still Life

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Division 25: Oil Paintings – Youth 13-18

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	25	2500	Landscape
42	25	2501	Marine or Water
42	25	2502	Flower(s) or Fruit(s)
42	25	2503	Figure or Portrait
42	25	2504	Building
42	25	2505	Abstract or Modern
42	25	2506	Bird(s)
42	25	2507	Still Life

Division 26: Acrylic – Youth 12 & Under

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	26	2600	Landscape, General
42	26	2601	Marine or Water
42	26	2602	Flower(s) or Fruit (s)
42	26	2603	Figure or Portrait
42	26	2604	Building (s)
42	26	2605	Abstract or Modern
42	26	2606	Bird(s)

Division 27: Acrylic – Youth 13-18

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	27	2700	Landscape, General
42	27	2701	Marine or Water
42	27	2702	Flower(s) or Fruit (s)
42	27	2703	Figure or Portrait
42	27	2704	Building (s)
42	27	2705	Abstract or Modern
42	27	2706	Bird(s)

Division 28: Ceramics – Youth

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	28	2800	Vase, Bowl, or Plate
42	28	2801	Animal
42	28	2802	Figure
42	28	2803	Fowl or Bird
42	28	2804	Christmas, Nativity, or Other Holiday
42	28	2805	Comic Character
42	28	2806	Lamp
42	28	2807	Miscellaneous

Division 29: Handmade Pottery – Youth

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
42	29	2900	Vase, Bowl, or Plate
42	29	2901	Animal
42	29	2902	Figure
42	29	2903	Fowl or Bird
42	29	2904	Christmas, Nativity, or Other Holiday
42	29	2905	Comic Character
42	29	2906	Lamp
42	29	2907	Miscellaneous

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DEPARTMENT 43 FOLK ART

Superintendent – Mike Nye - 517-320-3187
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Assistant – Marti Rice

(For complete set of rules go to the start of Department 42)

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Division 50: Creative Arts – General

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
43	50	5000	Leathercraft
43	50	5001	Plaque or Tray
43	50	5002	Coral Specimen – Fossils
43	50	5003	Coral Specimen – Shells
43	50	5004	Styrofoam
43	50	5005	Silk Screen Print
43	50	5006	Plaster
43	50	5007	Decoupage
43	50	5008	Diamond Dot Art
43	50	5009	Tole Painting
43	50	5010	Holiday Ideas or Gifts
43	50	5011	Decorative Handmade Picture
43	50	5012	Handmade Jewelry – Adult
43	50	5013	Handmade Metal Item
43	50	5014	Handmade Wood Item
43	50	5015	Porcelain Doll – Professional
43	50	5016	Porcelain Doll – Amateur
43	50	5017	Dolls – Any Other
43	50	5018	Recyclable Art – Adult
43	50	5019	Handmade Basket
43	50	5020	Stained Glass
43	50	5021	Plastic Canvas Art
43	50	5022	Wreath and Swag – Adult
43	50	5023	Handmade Glass Item
43	50	5024	Painting on Metal
43	50	5025	Graphic Design
43	50	5026	Taxidermy – Small animal or fish
43	50	5027	Scrap Book – Adult
43	50	5028	Candle Making
43	50	5029	Sculpture
43	50	5030	Woodcarving – Professional
43	50	5031	Woodcarving – Amateur
43	50	5032	Woodcarving – Youth
43	50	5033	3D Printing Must not exceed 12"x12"
43	50	5034	Miscellaneous

Division 51: Woodworking – Professional

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
43	51	5100	Lamp
43	51	5101	Furniture
43	51	5102	Bird House or Feeder
43	51	5103	Christmas or Other Holiday
43	51	5104	Scroll Saw
43	51	5105	Box
43	51	5106	Toy
43	51	5107	Picture Frame
43	51	5108	Wood Burning
43	51	5109	Lathe or Machine Turned Item
43	51	5110	Miscellaneous

DEPT 43 – Folk Art- Continued**Division 52: Woodworking – Amateur**

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
43	52	5200	Lamp
43	52	5201	Furniture
43	52	5202	Bird House or Feeder
43	52	5203	Christmas or Other Holiday
43	52	5204	Scroll Saw
43	52	5205	Box
43	52	5206	Toy
43	52	5207	Picture Frame
43	52	5208	Wood Burning
43	52	5209	Lathe or Machine Turned Item
43	52	5210	Miscellaneous

YOUTH FOLK ARTS**Division 60: Creative Arts General – Youth**

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
43	60	6000	Handmade Jewelry
43	60	6001	Recyclable Art
43	60	6002	Wreath or Swag
43	60	6003	Lego Kit – age 3-7
43	60	6004	Lego Kit – age 8-13
43	60	6005	Lego Kit – age 14-17
43	60	6006	Lego Original Creations – age 3-7
43	60	6007	Lego Original Creations – age 8-13
43	60	6008	Lego Original Creations – age 14-17
*** FOR CLASS 6003-6008 NO LARGER THAN 12x14 IN SIZE			
43	60	6009	Scrap Booking
43	60	6010	Plastic Model (not Lego)
43	60	6011	Educational Hobby or Item
43	60	6012	Holiday Item
43	60	6013	Sculpture
43	60	6014	3D Printing age 3-7
43	60	6015	3D Printing age 8-13
43	60	6016	3D Printing age 14-17
**- FOR CLASS 6014-6016 NO LARGER THAN 12x12 IN SIZE			
43	60	6017	Miscellaneous

Division 61: Woodworking – Youth

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
43	61	6100	Lamp
43	61	6101	Furniture
43	61	6102	Bird House or Feeder
43	61	6103	Christmas or Other Holiday
43	61	6104	Scroll Saw
43	61	6105	Box
43	61	6106	Toy
43	61	6107	Picture Frame
43	61	6108	Wood Burning
43	61	6109	Lathe or Machine Turned Item
43	61	6110	Miscellaneous

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DEPARTMENT 44

PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent – John Zinser - 517-990-7898

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Exhibits must be brought to the PHOTOGRAPHY BUILDING on Thursday, September 24, 2026, 10am – 7pm. NO PHOTOS WILL BE ALLOWED IN AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME.**
4. Judging – Saturday, September 26, 2026.
5. Removal – No exhibit can be removed before 10pm on the closing day of fair, or Sunday, the day after the fair, from 9am to Noon. Any exhibit removed before this time will forfeit premium money. Any unclaimed photos will be kept in the fair office for one week and then discarded.
6. Open to amateur photographers only. An amateur is defined as someone who does not earn income from photography as a business, profession, or primary source of compensation. Individuals who are paid for photography services, operate a photography business, sell photography regularly, or derive significant income from photography are considered professionals and must enter Department 42- Fine Arts.
7. Professional photographers may not submit work under another person's name.
8. **Youth Division:** Exhibitors not to exceed age 19 by December 31, 2026.
9. Exhibitors may enter one (1) photo per class.
10. The same image may not be entered in more than one class. This includes edited, cropped, filtered, or altered versions of the same photograph.
11. Entries placed in an incorrect class may be disqualified and returned.
12. Once a photo has been exhibited at the fair it may not be entered again in future years.
13. Please enter only the items fully intend to bring. Excess entries create unnecessary administrative work.
14. Exhibitor tags must be picked up at the Fair Office beginning September 22 (8:00am – 4:00pm) and brought with you at drop-off. Do not attach tags yourself. The Superintendent will attach them.
15. **Single photo** must be 8"x10" and mounted securely on mounting board not to exceed 12"x14".
16. **Photo Story** must contain 6 to 12 photographs mounted on a single 16"x20" mounting board. Each individual photo must be 3"x5" or larger.
17. A border of 2 inches per side is recommended for all photographs. No photographs will be displayed in frames of any kind. Photos are secured to walls with the use of staples on each corner. Some staples penetrate mounting boards. Please be aware and choose mounting boards accordingly.
18. Photos are not to be framed or under glass.
19. Photographs are judged by experienced photographers. Evaluation is based on: composition, focus and clarity, lighting and color quality, creativity and originality, technical skill and overall visual impact.
20. Cash premiums are awarded based on the judge's official records and not ribbon placement alone.
21. Basic photo editing such as cropping, exposure adjustment, color correction, and minor retouching is permitted in all categories.
22. Extensive digital manipulation, compositing, added elements, or special effects are permitted only in the Creative Digital Editing Class.
23. Fair management reserves the right to determine exhibit eligibility and appropriateness for display. Photographs must be suitable for viewing by a general family audience.

The following Premiums apply to divisions 1 - 4:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00

44	2	231	Starts with the Letter T
44	2	232	Best Use of Color: BLUE
44	2	233	Photo Story

ADULT DIVISIONS

Division 1: Black/White Prints

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
44	1	100	Architecture
44	1	101	Rural Life
44	1	102	City Life
44	1	103	Waterscapes
44	1	104	Landscapes
44	1	105	Kids
44	1	106	Posed Portrait
44	1	107	Candid/ Life in Action
44	1	108	Generations
44	1	109	Details Up Close
44	1	110	Abstract, Pattern & Texture
44	1	111	Silhouettes & Shadows
44	1	112	Creative Digital Editing
44	1	113	Still Life
44	1	114	Night & Low Light
44	1	115	Sunrise & Sunset
44	1	116	Animals (Domestic/Pet/Zoo)
44	1	117	Wildlife
44	1	118	Insects
44	1	119	Plants
44	1	120	Seasons
44	1	121	Sports & Recreation
44	1	122	American Spirit
44	1	123	Farm to Table
44	1	124	Make Me Laugh
44	1	125	Hillsdale County
44	1	126	Michigan
44	1	127	Hillsdale County Fair
44	1	128	Religious
44	1	129	Transportation
44	1	130	Weather
44	1	131	Starts with the Letter C
44	1	132	Black & White Contrast
44	1	133	Photo Story

Division 2: Color Prints

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
44	2	200	Architecture
44	2	201	Rural Life
44	2	202	City Life
44	2	203	Waterscapes
44	2	204	Landscapes
44	2	205	Kids
44	2	206	Posed Portrait
44	2	207	Candid/ Life in Action
44	2	208	Generations
44	2	209	Details Up Close
44	2	210	Abstract, Pattern & Texture
44	2	211	Silhouettes & Shadows
44	2	212	Creative Digital Editing
44	2	213	Still Life
44	2	214	Night & Low Light
44	2	215	Sunrise & Sunset
44	2	216	Animals (Domestic/Pet/Zoo)
44	2	217	Wildlife
44	2	218	Insects
44	2	219	Plants
44	2	220	Seasons
44	2	221	Sports & Recreation
44	2	222	American Spirit
44	2	223	Farm to Table
44	2	224	Make Me Laugh
44	2	225	Hillsdale County
44	2	226	Michigan
44	2	227	Hillsdale County Fair
44	2	228	Religious
44	2	229	Transportation
44	2	230	Weather

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YOUTH DIVISIONS

Division 3: Black/White Prints

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
44	3	300	Architecture
44	3	301	Rural & City Life
44	3	302	Landscapes & Waterscapes
44	3	303	People
44	3	304	Generations
44	3	305	Details Up Close
44	3	306	Abstract, Pattern & Texture
44	3	307	Silhouettes & Shadows
44	3	308	Night & Low Light
44	3	309	Animals (Domestic/Pet/Zoo/Wildlife)
44	3	310	Insects
44	3	311	Plants
44	3	312	Seasons (Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer)
44	3	313	Sports & Recreation
44	3	314	American Spirit
44	3	315	Sunrise & Sunset
44	3	316	My Hometown
44	3	317	Michigan
44	3	318	Hillsdale County Fair
44	3	319	Religious Photo
44	3	320	Transportation
44	3	321	Weather
44	3	322	Starts with the Letter M
44	3	323	Black & White Contrast
44	3	324	Photo Story

Division 4: Color Prints

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
44	4	400	Architecture
44	4	401	Rural & City Life
44	4	402	Landscapes & Waterscapes
44	3	403	People
44	3	404	Generations
44	3	405	Details Up Close
44	3	406	Abstract, Pattern & Texture
44	3	407	Silhouettes & Shadows
44	3	408	Night & Low Light
44	3	409	Animals (Domestic/Pet/Zoo/Wildlife)
44	3	410	Insects
44	3	411	Plants
44	3	412	Seasons (Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer)
44	3	413	Sports & Recreation
44	3	414	American Spirit
44	3	415	Sunrise & Sunset
44	3	416	My Hometown
44	3	417	Michigan
44	3	418	Hillsdale County Fair
44	3	419	Religious
44	3	420	Transportation
44	3	421	Weather
44	3	422	Starts with the Letter F
44	3	423	Best Use of Color: RED
44	3	424	Photo Story

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DEPARTMENT 45 ANTIQUES

**Superintendent – Mike Nye - 517-320-3187
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Assistant – Marti Rice**

Rules:

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4. Judging – Sunday, September 27, 8am to Noon.
5. Removal – Between 10pm – 11pm on closing day of the fair and on Sunday, day after fair, from 9am – Noon.
6. An individual cannot enter more than two entries per class and can only receive one premium in any class.
7. Each exhibitor is limited to 30 total entries in this department.
8. The management, by the department Superintendent, serves the right to determine whether an article is worthy of exhibition and reserves the right to refuse to accept or judge any exhibit not properly presented for displaying.
9. Cash premiums will be given from the awards as marked in the judge's records and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits.
10. EACH ITEMS MUST BE MORE THAN 50 YEARS OLD except for division 9.
11. No article can be entered in the department that has competed for a premium within the previous two (2) years.
12. BEST IN DIVISIONS - Awarded by the judges.

**The following Premiums apply to divisions 1 – 9:
(Unless otherwise stated)**

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd
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Division 1: General

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	1	100	Kitchen Furniture
45	1	101	Living Room Furniture
45	1	102	Bedroom Furniture
45	1	103	Furniture – Other
45	1	104	Household Items, Wood
45	1	105	Household Items, Other
45	1	106	Wood Carving or Wood Burning
45	1	107	Match Holder
45	1	108	Woven Basket
45	1	109	Butter Stamp
45	1	110	Miniature
45	1	111	Salesman's Sample
45	1	112	Hatpin Holder
45	1	113	Hatpin
45	1	114	Necklace
45	1	115	Ring
45	1	116	Bracelet
45	1	117	Pin
45	1	118	Pair of Earrings
45	1	119	Watch – Men's
45	1	120	Watch – Women's
45	1	121	Novelty Candy Container
45	1	122	Occupied Japan

45	1	123	Snuff Bottle or Container
45	1	124	Milk Bottle
45	1	125	Bottle
45	1	126	Canning Jar
45	1	127	Glass Doorstop or Paperweight
45	1	128	Celluloid
45	1	129	Flower Frog
45	1	130	Tea Tiles other than China
45	1	131	Kitchen Item – Glass
45	1	132	Kitchen Item – Wood
45	1	133	Kitchen Item – Other
45	1	134	Bell
45	1	135	Bank
45	1	136	Soapstone Warmer
45	1	137	Soapstone Carved
45	1	138	Musical Instrument – String
45	1	139	Musical Instrument – Wind
45	1	140	Musical Instrument – Other
45	1	141	Music Box
45	1	142	Writing Accessory
45	1	143	Personal or Grooming
45	1	144	Sewing Accessory
45	1	145	Lace and Bobbin
45	1	146	Thimbles – 6 Minimum
45	1	147	Clocks – Mantel
45	1	148	Clocks – Wall or Floor
45	1	149	Picture Frame with Picture
45	1	150	Doll
45	1	151	Game
45	1	152	Toy
45	1	153	Currency
45	1	154	Coin
45	1	155	Tobacco Tin/Container
45	1	156	Smoking Accessory
45	1	157	Firearm – Pistol
45	1	158	Firearm – Other
45	1	159	Firearm Accessory
45	1	160	Hunting Accessory
45	1	161	Fishing Accessory
45	1	162	Military or War Period Item
45	1	163	Jack Knife
45	1	164	Indian Relic
45	1	165	Cane
45	1	166	Scale
45	1	167	Lantern
45	1	168	Small Farm Tool or Implement
45	1	169	Tool
45	1	170	Automotive Accessory
45	1	171	Advertising Glass or China
45	1	172	Advertising Paper or Cloth
45	1	173	Advertising Metal or Wood
45	1	174	Hillsdale County Memorabilia
45	1	175	Hillsdale Fair Item
45	1	176	World's Fair, State Fair or Other Fairs/Events Collectible
45	1	177	Movie, Radio, or TV Memorabilia
45	1	178	Sports Memorabilia
45	1	179	Christmas or Other Holiday
45	1	180	Churn
45	1	181	Political Pin or Other Badge (no more than 10)
45	1	182	Restored Antique
45	1	183	Any Other General Antique not listed

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Division 2: Paper & Cloth

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	2	200	County History Book or Atlas
45	2	201	Book or Magazine – General
45	2	202	Hillsdale County Newspaper
45	2	203	Post Cards – Hillsdale County
45	2	204	Post Cards – Holiday
45	2	205	Post Cards – Other
45	2	206	Photograph
45	2	207	Stamp Collection
45	2	208	Tin Type Picture
45	2	209	Album
45	2	210	Quilt
45	2	211	Coverlet
45	2	212	Old Linen or Doily
45	2	213	Women's Clothing
45	2	214	Women's Clothing Accessory
45	2	215	Beaded Purse
45	2	216	Men's Clothing
45	2	217	Men's Clothing Accessory
45	2	218	Children's Clothing
45	2	219	Pair of Shoes
45	2	220	Embroidered Wall Hanging (Framed)
45	2	221	Any other paper or cloth item not listed.

Division 3: Silver & Other Metals

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	3	300	Silver Flatware
45	3	301	Silver Hollowware
45	3	302	Silver
45	3	303	Pewter
45	3	304	Copper
45	3	305	Brass
45	3	306	Bronze
45	3	307	Steel or Other Metal
45	3	308	Tin
45	3	309	Aluminum
45	3	310	Graniteware
45	3	311	Doorstop
45	3	312	Caster Set
45	3	313	Iron Bank – Still
45	3	314	Iron Bank – Mechanical
45	3	315	Forged Iron or Cast Iron
45	3	316	Trivet
45	3	317	Match Holder
45	3	318	A.B.C. or Child Plate
45	3	319	Mesh Purse
45	3	320	Kitchen Item
45	3	321	Metal Oil Lamp
45	3	322	Any Other Metal Not Listed

Division 4: China

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	4	400	Tea Set
45	4	401	Tea Pot
45	4	402	Bowl & Pitcher
45	4	403	Figurines
45	4	404	Mugs – Shavings
45	4	405	Mustache Cup
45	4	406	Cups & Saucers
45	4	407	Bread & Milk Cup
45	4	408	R.S. Prussia Item
45	4	409	Bavarian Item
45	4	410	Pitcher – Large
45	4	411	Pitcher – Small
45	4	412	Plate
45	4	413	Advertising Plate
45	4	414	Bowl or Serving Dish
45	4	415	Salt & Pepper Set
45	4	416	Toothpick Holder
45	4	417	Vase
45	4	418	Cracker Jar
45	4	419	Cookie Jar
45	4	420	Cream & Sugar Set
45	4	421	Match Holder

Division 4: China - Continued

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	4	422	Stein – Large
45	4	423	Stein – Small
45	4	424	Oil Lamp
45	4	425	Butter Dish
45	4	426	Covered Cheese Dish
45	4	427	Relish or Pickle Dish
45	4	428	Calendar Plate
45	4	429	Chocolate Pot
45	4	430	Chocolate Set
45	4	431	Hand Painted Nippon
45	4	432	Flo-Blue
45	4	433	A.B.C. or Child's Plate
45	4	434	Sugar Shaker
45	4	435	Salt Dip
45	4	436	China Basket
45	4	437	Pair of Shoes
45	4	438	Syrup
45	4	439	Condiment
45	4	440	Wall Pocket
45	4	441	Head Vase
45	4	442	Lithopane
45	4	443	Tea Tiles
45	4	444	Any other China, not listed

Division 5: Pottery

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	5	500	Lusterware
45	5	501	Majolica
45	5	502	Lamp
45	5	503	Crock – Large
45	5	504	Crock – Small
45	5	505	Jug – Large
45	5	506	Jug – Small
45	5	507	Jug – Miniature
45	5	508	Vase
45	5	509	Kitchen Item
45	5	510	Cookie Jar
45	5	511	Spongeware
45	5	512	Bennington
45	5	513	Ironstone
45	5	514	Mugs
45	5	515	Pitcher – Large
45	5	516	Pitcher – Small
45	5	517	Serving Dish
45	5	518	Plate
45	5	519	Wedgewood
45	5	520	Fiesta ware
45	5	521	Wall Pocket
45	5	522	Any Other Pottery Not Listed

Division 6: Cut Glass

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	6	600	Bowl or Serving Dish
45	6	601	Sugar & Cream Set
45	6	602	Decanter
45	6	603	Pitcher – Large
45	6	604	Pitcher – Small
45	6	605	Vase
45	6	606	Perfume Bottle
45	6	607	Knife Rest
45	6	608	Two matching Salt Dips
45	6	609	Salt & Pepper Set
45	6	610	Relish or Pickle Dish
45	6	611	Tumbler or Goblet
45	6	612	Cruet
45	6	613	Celery Vase or Dish
45	6	614	Candle Holder
45	6	615	Toothpick Holder
45	6	616	Condiment
45	6	617	Compote
45	6	618	Jelly Dish
45	6	619	Cake Stand
45	6	620	Any Other Cut Glass Not Listed

DEPT 45 – Antiques - Continued

Division 7: Pressed Glass

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	7	700	Pitcher – Large
45	7	701	Pitcher – Small
45	7	702	Candle Holder
45	7	703	Cream & Sugar Set
45	7	704	Cake Stand
45	7	705	Bread Platter
45	7	706	Butter Dish
45	7	707	Spooner
45	7	708	Celery Vase or Dish
45	7	709	Tumbler or Goblet
45	7	710	A.B.C. or Child's Plate
45	7	711	Berry Dish Set
45	7	712	Jelly Dish
45	7	713	Compote
45	7	714	Relish or Pickle Dish
45	7	715	Bowl or Serving Dish
45	7	716	Vase
45	7	717	Cruet
45	7	718	Salt Dips – 2 Matching
45	7	719	Perfume Bottle
45	7	720	Salt & Pepper Set
45	7	721	Oil Lamp
45	7	722	Miniature Oil Lamp
45	7	723	Miniature
45	7	724	Cordial
45	7	725	Rose Bowl
45	7	726	Basket
45	7	727	Syrup
45	7	728	Toothpick Holder
45	7	729	Cracker Jar
45	7	730	Decanter
45	7	731	Etched Glass
45	7	732	Knife Rest
45	7	733	Condiment
45	7	734	Stein – Large
45	7	735	Stein – Smal
45	7	736	Any Other Pressed Glass Not Listed

Division 8: Colored & Art Glass

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	8	800	Slag
45	8	801	Carnival Red or White
45	8	802	Carnival Green or Smoke
45	8	803	Carnival Marigold
45	8	804	Carnival Blue or Any Other Color
45	8	805	Spatter, End of Day
45	8	806	Black or Amethyst
45	8	807	Flashed or Souvenir
45	8	808	Milk Glass – White
45	8	809	Milk Glass – Blue
45	8	810	Milk Glass – Other
45	8	811	Custard
45	8	812	Miniature Oil Lamp
45	8	813	Oil Lamp – General
45	8	814	Miniature
45	8	815	Opalescent
45	8	816	Bristol
45	8	817	Cranberry
45	8	818	Satin
45	8	819	Green
45	8	820	Ruby
45	8	821	Amber
45	8	822	Amberina
45	8	823	Peachblow
45	8	824	Wave Crest
45	8	825	Camphor Glass
45	8	826	Depression Glass
45	8	827	Cobalt
45	8	828	Figurine
45	8	829	Pair of Shoes
45	8	830	Vaseline Glass
45	8	831	Basket

45	8	832	Goofus Glass
45	8	833	Any Other Colored Glass Not Listed

Division 9: New Collectables 1975 to Present Day

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
45	9	900	Fair Collectable
45	9	901	Comic Character Collectable
45	9	902	Toy or Game
45	9	903	Soft Drink Memorabilia
45	9	904	Miniature
45	9	905	New Colored or Art Glass
45	9	906	Sewing Accessory
45	9	907	Doll
45	9	908	Auto Racing Memorabilia
45	9	909	Jewelry
45	9	910	Movie, Radio, or TV Memorabilia
45	9	911	Sports Memorabilia
45	9	912	Christmas or Other Holiday
45	9	913	Key Chains, General Pins, Magnets, Matchbook Covers, and Other Like Items (At Least 10 Items)
45	9	914	Avon
45	9	915	Political Memorabilia
45	9	916	Stamp
45	9	917	Coin or Currency
45	9	918	Military Item
45	9	919	Lunch Box
45	9	920	Any Other New Collectible Not listed

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DEPARTMENT 46 AGRICULTURE

Superintendent – Gilbert Emens – 517-490-4199

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – at the GRANGE HALL**
Friday, September 25, 2026 – 9am – 6pm and
Saturday, September 26 – 9am – 4pm
4. Judging – Sunday, Sept 27
5. Removal – No exhibit removed before 10pm on the closing day of the fair. May be removed on Sunday, the day after the fair between 9am until Noon.
6. Any individual may enter as many varieties as possible per class but can only receive one premium in any class.
7. The management reserves the right to determine whether an article is worthy of exhibition.
8. Cash premiums will be given from the award marked in the judge's records and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibit.
9. Grains must be grown in the current year by the exhibitor.
10. Each corn exhibit is automatically entered in the Sweepstakes Class #650.

Divisions 1- 13: GRAINS

The following Premiums apply to all Grain divisions 1 - 13:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	5.00	4.00	3.00

Division 1: Corn

(10 Ears Properly Identified)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	1	100	Open Pollinated
46	1	101	Indian – Husks on or off

Division 2: All Varieties of Corn

(10 Ears Properly Identified as to Variety)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	2	200	Any Variety

Division 3: Shelled Corn

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	3	300	One-peck hybrid

Division 4: Corn

(Any Variety)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	4	400	Corn, Single Ear

Division 5: Sweet Corn

(10 Ears Identified as to Variety)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	5	500	Late, Any Variety
46	5	501	Early, Any Variety

Division 6: Popcorn

(10 Ears Identified as to Variety)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	6	600	Yellow
46	6	601	Japanese
46	6	602	Strawberry
46	6	603	Ladyfinger
46	6	604	Other Variety

Do Not Enter Class 650, Awarded by Judge

46	6	650	Sweepstakes, best ten ears in show \$5.00 and ribbon
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Entries in Divisions 7-13 to be displayed in a gallon container

Division 7: Wheat

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	7	700	Wheat, Any Variety

Division 8: Oats

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	8	800	Any Variety

Division 9: Barley

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	9	900	Any Variety

Division 10: Rye

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	10	1000	Any Variety

Division 11: Spelt

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	11	1100	Any Variety

Division 12: Grass Seeds

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	12	1200	Legume Seed (alfalfa, clover, etc.)
46	12	1201	Grass Seed (timothy, orchard, etc.)

Division 13: Beans & Miscellaneous

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	13	1300	Soy
46	13	1301	Buckwheat
46	13	1302	Great Northern Beans
46	13	1303	Sunflower Seeds

Division 20: Hay

Assistant – Jim Caldwell

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Friday, September 25 9am – 6pm and Saturday, September 26, 2025 – 9am – 4pm**
4. Judging – Sunday, Sept 27
5. Removal – No exhibit removed before 10pm on the closing day of the fair. May be removed on Sunday, the day after the fair between 9am until Noon.
6. Only one entry per class by each exhibitor.
7. Management reserves the right to accept or reject exhibits.
8. Cash premiums will be paid from the awards marked in the Judge's records and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibit.
9. A wafer 8" thick from center of bale to be placed in a box provided by the fair. A full bale of like quality to be probed and NIR tested by the fair.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	7.00	5.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	20	2000	Alfalfa 1 st Cutting
46	20	2001	Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting
46	20	2002	Alfalfa 3 rd and 4 th Cutting
46	20	2003	Alfalfa-Grass Mix 1 st Cutting
46	20	2004	Alfalfa-Grass Mix 2 nd Cutting
46	20	2005	Mix 2 nd Cutting
46	20	2006	All Grass Hay

Division 21: Farmyard Art

Superintendent – Gilbert Emens

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Outside of Grange Hall Friday, September 25 9am – 6pm and Saturday, September 26, 2025 – 9am – 4pm**
4. Judging – Sunday, Sept 27, by Noon.
5. Removal – After 10pm on closing day of fair, or Sunday after fair, from 8am – 12pm.
6. Display of welded or fastened assemblies using farm related metal parts and a lot of imagination.
7. The exhibit will be judged on educational value (non-perishable items). Judging will be scored as follows:

Creativity/Imagination	20
Expression	10
Content	10
Variety of Materials	10
Overall Impression	50
TOTAL	100

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	7.00	5.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	22	5300	4ft X 4ft Maximum Size

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	15.00	12.00	10.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	22	5301	10ft X 10ft Maximum Size

**Exhibitor tags will be available
beginning September 18th,
at the Fair Office 8am – 4pm**



DEPARTMENT 47 FLORICULTURE

Superintendent – Bill White – wcwhite@frontiernet.net

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Basement of WOMAN's CONGRESS building, Saturday, September 26, 2026, 8am - 4pm.**
4. Judging – Begins Sept 26 at 5:00pm.
5. Removal – Not before 10pm on closing day of fair.
6. Wilted flowers should be replaced when needed. To avoid flowers from wilting, cut early in morning or late in evening and immerse in warm water immediately and let stand overnight. Flower exhibits not maintained in a presentable fashion will be removed from display.
7. Hanging baskets must hang at the fair.
8. Best of Divisions - awarded by the judge, no premium.

**Exhibitor tags will be available
beginning September 18th,
at the Fair Office 8am – 4pm**

The following Premiums apply to all Floriculture Divisions.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Division 1: House Plants in Pots

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	1	100	Large floor plant size 8" and up
47	1	101	Cacti
47	1	102	Succulents: Sedum, Jade, String Pearls, etc.
47	1	103	African Violets: Pink & White blossoms
47	1	104	African Violets: Purple & Blue blossoms
47	1	105	Begonias: Large Leaf Varieties
47	1	106	Vines
47	1	107	Ferns
47	1	108	Tropical
47	1	109	Orchids
47	1	110	High Light Foliage Plants
47	1	111	Low Light Foliage Plants
47	1	112	Unusual Plant: Mix or one variety in one pot
47	1	113	Water Grown Plants
47	1	114	Any Other House Plant

Division 2: Patio Plants

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	2	200	Marigold Pots
47	2	201	Geranium – Mixed Pots
47	2	202	Tuberous Begonias: nonstop or reigers, rose type flowers.
47	2	203	Fibrous Begonias: wax begonias small flowers
47	2	204	Mixed Pots for a sunny location
47	2	205	Mixed Pots for a shady location
47	2	206	Impatiens
47	2	207	Coleus
47	2	208	Unusual Container of Annuals
47	2	209	Unusual Mix of Annuals
47	2	210	Geraniums: Red
47	2	211	Geraniums: All Other Colors
47	2	212	Petunias
47	2	213	Any Other Flowering Pot Not Listed

Division 3: Hanging Baskets

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	3	300	Petunias
47	3	301	Impatiens: Pink and Red
47	3	302	Impatiens: All Other Colors
47	3	303	Fuchsias
47	3	304	Ivy Geraniums
47	3	305	Nonstop or Tuberous Begonias
47	3	306	Dragon Wings/Regular Begonias
47	3	307	Most Unusual Flowering Basket
47	3	308	Any Other Flowering Basket, Not Listed
47	3	309	Low Light Green Foliage
47	3	310	Medium to High Light Green Foliage
47	3	311	Wandering Jews
47	3	312	Hanging Succulents: Baby Tears, Burro's Tail, Etc.
47	3	313	Hanging Ferns
47	3	314	Most Unusual: Mix or One Variety Green Plant Basket

These rules apply for Divisions 4 – 6

Awards made for cultural perfection.
Cut flower entries shall consist of single stem only,
unless more blooms are requested in a specific class.
Containers are furnished.

Division 4: Cut Flowers for Pleasure

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	4	400	Ageratum – Single Stem
47	4	401	Asters – Single Stem
47	4	402	Calendulas
47	4	403	Celosia, Cockscomb
47	4	404	Celosia, Plumed
47	4	405	Centaurea
47	4	406	Chrysanthemum
47	4	407	Delphinium
47	4	408	Dianthus
47	4	409	Gladiolus Solid
47	4	410	Gladiolus, all tricolors
47	4	411	Gloriosa
47	4	412	Gomphrena
47	4	413	Larkspur
47	4	414	Marigold, Tall Double
47	4	415	Marigold, Dwarf Double French
47	4	416	Marigold, Dwarf Single Variety
47	4	417	Pansies (2) Blooms of Same Color
47	4	418	Phlox, Annual
47	4	419	Salpiglossis
47	4	420	Scabiosa
47	4	421	Snapdragons
47	4	423	Sunflowers (not seed)
47	4	423	Dwarf Snapdragons
47	4	424	Straw Flowers
47	4	425	Verbena
47	4	426	Zinnia, Giant Flowers
47	4	427	Zinnia, Dwarf Flowers
47	4	428	Any Other

Division 5: Dahlias

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	5	500	Dahlias, White or Yellow
47	5	501	Dahlias, Pink or Red
47	5	502	Dahlias, Lavender
47	5	503	Dahlias, Blend
47	5	504	Dahlias, Any Other Colors
47	5	505	Dahlias, Miniatures

Division 6: Petunias

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	6	600	Petunias Single- Ruffled or Variegated (2 blooms)
47	6	601	Petunias Double- (2 blooms same color)
47	6	602	Petunia Collections (3 varieties w/1 bloom each)

Division 7: Roses

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	7	700	Hybrid Tea
47	7	701	Standard Tea
47	7	702	Floribundas
47	7	703	Grandifloras
47	7	704	Miniatures
47	7	705	Collection of Roses, 3 Varieties

Division 8: Bonsai

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	8	800	Bonsai
47	8	801	Wisteria
47	8	802	Kusamono
47	8	803	Black Pine
47	8	804	Sakuka
47	8	805	Judas Tree
47	8	806	Dwarf Bonsai
47	8	807	Any Other Not Listed

Division 9: Flower Arrangements - Experienced

(Grown For Pleasure) Exhibitors furnish containers. If a flower is not specified in the class, such as silk, dried, or fresh, any kind can be used.

Arrangements by person with 4 or more years' experience

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	9	900	Large, 1-sided arrangement - fresh flowers
47	9	901	Large: one-sided arrangement - silk flowers
47	9	902	Round table arrangement: silk, dried, or both
47	9	903	Fall or Halloween arrangement
47	9	904	Any Holiday arrangement - fresh flowers
47	9	905	Vase arrangement - fresh flowers
47	9	906	Vase arrangement - dried flowers
47	9	907	Vase arrangement - silk flowers
47	9	908	Line design - fresh flowers (vertical type)
47	9	909	Line design - silk flowers (vertical type)
47	9	910	Mass arrangement- unusual container- fresh flowers
47	9	911	Basket arrangement - dried, silk or both
47	9	912	Basket arrangement - fresh flowers
47	9	913	Theme arrangement (ex: Birthday, Retirement)
47	9	914	Hurricane arrangement- fresh or silk
47	9	915	Hat arrangement: any type- fresh or silk flowers
47	9	916	Tabletop decorated holiday tree
47	9	917	Any arrangement using a figurine
47	9	918	Table arrangement using candle
47	9	920	Terrarium
47	9	921	Dish Garden
47	9	922	Fairy Garden
47	9	924	Miniatures, 3 inches overall
47	9	925	Miniatures, 7 inches overall

Division 10: Flower Arrangements - Beginner

(Grown For Pleasure) Exhibitors furnish containers. If a flower is not specified in the class, such as silk, dried, or fresh, any kind can be used.

Arrangement by beginners, 3 years or less of experience

47	10	1000	Arrangement using unusual materials (ex. gourds)
47	10	1001	Arrangement using unusual, dried material
47	10	1002	Any Arrangement using unusual container
47	10	1003	Basket Arrangement: Silk, Dried or Both
47	10	1004	Basket Arrangement: fresh flowers
47	10	1005	Fall or Halloween
47	10	1006	Fan type arrangement -fresh flowers
47	10	1007	Fan type arrangement - dried flowers
47	10	1008	Holiday arrangement: silk, dried or fresh
47	10	1009	All around arrangement silk or dried
47	10	1010	Table arrangement using candle
47	10	1011	Large one-sided arrangement fresh flowers
47	10	1012	Large one-sided arrangement silk flowers
47	10	1013	Wall arrangement wreaths
47	10	1014	Wall arrangement not wreaths
47	10	1015	Hat arrangement - any type of flowers
47	10	1016	Any Other
47	10	1017	Terrarium
47	10	1018	Dish Garden
47	10	1019	Fairy Garden
47	10	1020	Miniatures, 3 inches overall
47	10	1021	Miniatures, 7 inches overall

Division 11: Wedding or Formal

(Professional)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	11	1100	All occasion corsage
47	11	1101	Bridal or Bridesmaid Bouquet
47	11	1102	Complete Wedding Ensemble- limit 4 pcs
47	11	1103	Body Flowers
47	11	1104	Flower Jewelry

Division 12: Wedding or Formal

(Beginners)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
47	12	1200	All occasion corsage
47	12	1201	Bridal or Bridesmaid Bouquet
47	12	1202	Complete Wedding Ensemble- limit 4 pcs
47	12	1203	Body Flowers
47	12	1204	Flower Jewelry

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DEPARTMENT 48 HORTICULTURE

Superintendent – Nathan Lambright
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Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10**
3. **In Place – Basement of WOMAN's CONGRESS building: Friday, September 25, 2026, 4pm – 7pm and Saturday, September 26, 2026, 8am – 4pm.**
4. Judging – Begins Saturday, Sept 26, 5pm.
5. Removal – No exhibit removed before 10pm on the closing day of the fair. May be removed on Sunday after the fair between 8am and noon.
6. Only one entry per class per exhibitor.
7. The management reserves the right to determine whether an article is worthy of exhibition.
8. Cash premiums will be given from the award marked in the judge's records and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the exhibit.
9. Best In Divisions - awarded by judge. Select divisions only. No premium.

The following Premiums apply to divisions 1 & 2:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	6.00	3.00

Division 1: Potatoes – Early Varieties

(Potatoes must fill a flat. Flats will be furnished by the fair.)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	1	100	Red Norland
48	1	101	Yukon Gold
48	1	102	Chiefton Reads
48	1	103	Any other correctly named early varieties

Division 2: Potatoes – Late Varieties

(Potatoes must fill a flat. Flats will be furnished by the fair.)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	2	200	Russet Burbank
48	2	201	Katandin
48	2	202	Kennebec
48	2	203	Pontiac
48	2	204	Viking
48	2	205	Sweets
48	2	206	Any other correctly named late varieties

Division 3: Specials

Note: Due to the large number of entries and the increased weight of the Largest Pumpkin/Squash Class, the fair will furnish handling equipment and scales to accommodate the exhibitors of the Largest Pumpkin/Squash class. Entries in the class will be displayed on the lawn outside of the vegetable building.

Premiums:	1 st
	5.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	3	300	Largest Potato
48	3	301	Largest Watermelon
48	3	302	Largest Sunflower
48	3	303	Largest Apple
48	3	304	Largest Tomato
48	3	305	Largest Onion
48	3	306	Largest Cabbage

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	7.00	5.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	3	307	Long Gourd

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	25.00	20.00	15.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	3	308	Largest Pumpkin/Squash

The following Premiums apply to divisions 4 through 27:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Division 4: Potatoes (Early Varieties – Plate of 5)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	4	400	Red Norland
48	4	401	Yukon Gold
48	4	402	Chiefton Reds
48	4	403	Any other correctly named early varieties

Division 5: Potatoes (Late Varieties – Plate of 5)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	5	500	Russet Burbank
48	5	501	Katandin
48	5	502	Kennebec
48	5	503	Pontiac
48	5	504	Viking
48	5	505	Sweets
48	5	506	Any other correctly named late varieties

Division 6: Beans (Green Pods (12) – Shelled (1 quart))

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	6	600	Yellow Wax Pods
48	6	601	Green Wax Pods
48	6	602	Purple Pods
48	6	603	Pole any variety pods
48	6	604	Lima Pods
48	6	605	Baby Lima Pods
48	6	606	Lima Beans Shelled
48	6	607	Red Kidney Shelled
48	6	608	White Kidney Shelled
48	6	609	Beans – Any Other

Division 7: Beets

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	7	700	For Table, 6 each
48	7	701	Red Mangle, 3 each
48	7	702	Sugar Beet, 3 each
48	7	703	Beets – Any Other

Division 8: Broccoli

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	8	800	Any Variety, 1 bunch

Division 9: Brussels Sprouts

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	9	900	Brussels Sprouts, 5 each

Division 10: Cabbage (Outer Leaves On – 1 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	10	1000	Cone Shaped
48	10	1001	Drumhead
48	10	1002	Purple
48	10	1003	Ballhead
48	10	1004	Savoy
48	10	1005	Chinese

Division 11: Carrots – LEAVES ON (6 each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	11	1100	Shorts
48	11	1101	One Half Long
48	11	1102	Long or Stock

Division 12: Cauliflower

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	12	1200	Any Variety, 1 Head

Division 13: Celery – ROOTS OFF (Tops On)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	13	1300	Any Variety, 1 Bunch

Division 14: Cucumbers

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	14	1400	Pickling, 1 dozen
48	14	1401	Slicing, 3 each
48	14	1402	Oriental, 3 each
48	14	1403	Any Other

Division 15: Egg Plant

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	15	1500	Purple, 1 fruit
48	15	1501	White, 1 fruit
48	15	1502	Any Variety, 1 fruit

Division 16: Kohl Rabi (3 each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	16	1600	White
48	16	1601	Purple

Division 17: Melons (2 each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	17	1700	Water, Early
48	17	1701	Water, Late Large

Division 18: Melons (2 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	18	1800	Musk, Early Small
48	18	1801	Musk, Late Large

Division 19: Onions (Half Peck)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	19	1900	Yellow
48	19	1901	Red
48	19	1902	White
48	19	1903	Sweet Spanish
48	19	1904	English Multipliers
48	19	1905	Walla Walla
48	19	1906	Candy
48	19	1907	Any Other

Division 20: Okra – Plate of 5

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	20	2000	Okra, Any Variety

Division 21: Peppers (5 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	21	2100	Green Bell
48	21	2101	Hot Yellow Banana (Hungarian)
48	21	2102	Sweet Yellow Banana
48	21	2103	Jalapeno
48	21	2104	Pimento
48	21	2105	Cayenne
48	21	2106	Hot, Any Other
48	21	2107	Sweet, Any Other

Division 22: Parsnips (6 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	22	2200	Parsnips

Division 23: Turnips (6 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	23	2300	Globe

Division 24: Tomatoes – STEMS ON (6 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	24	2400	Green
48	24	2401	Red
48	24	2402	Pink
48	24	2403	Yellow
48	24	2404	Preserving
48	24	2405	Cherry
48	24	2406	Grape
48	24	2407	Heirlooms

Division 25: Pumpkins (1 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	25	2500	Field
48	25	2501	Pie
48	25	2502	Lumina
48	25	2503	Casper
48	25	2504	Miniature
48	25	2505	Flats
48	25	2506	Knucklehead

Division 26: Squash (1 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	26	2600	Green Hubbard
48	26	2601	Golden Hubbard
48	26	2602	Blue Hubbard
48	26	2603	Summer, Yellow
48	26	2604	Summer, White
48	26	2605	Table Queen or Acorn
48	26	2606	Buttercup
48	26	2607	Butternut
48	26	2608	Banana
48	26	2609	Turpin
48	26	2610	Cushaw
48	26	2611	Zucchini
48	26	2612	Spaghetti
48	26	2613	Sweet Potato Squash
48	26	2614	Sweet Dumpling
48	26	2615	Any Other, Correctly Named

Division 27: Rutabaga (3 Each)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	27	2700	Yellow

Division 28: Display

(Approximately Two Peck Basket – Filler Allowed)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	28	2800	Best Display of Vegetables

Division 29: Novelties

(Approximately Two Peck Basket – Filler Allowed)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	29	2900	Interesting Shaped Vegetables

Division 30: Artistic Vegetable Design**Rules:**

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10.
3. In Place – By 4pm, Saturday, September 26, 2026.
4. Judges will score:
 - 15% Number of varieties
 - 25% Quality of vegetables
 - 40% Attractiveness of design
 - 10% Trueness to type
 - 10% Uniformity
5. Removal- After 10pm closing day of fair or Sunday after Fair 8am – Noon.
6. Must be refreshed Wednesday if vegetables are spoiling.
7. Exhibit space – 4x4ft frame furnished by the fair.
8. Limited to one per exhibitor.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	30	3000	Vegetable Design

**Exhibitor tags will be available
beginning September 18th,
at the Fair Office 8am – 4pm**

DEPT 48 – Horticulture- Continued

Division 31: Gourds – Best Display

Rules:

1. Minimum of 10 gourds display, 1 bushel basket & filler allowed.
2. No coating or artificial color allowed.
3. Baskets will be judged on originality and most decorative.

The following premiums are for Divisions 31 & 32

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	5.00	4.00	3.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	31	3100	Basket of Gourds

Division 32: Home Grown Herb Display

(Judged by Number, Named Varieties, Quality & Attractiveness.)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	32	3200	Green, Edible in Jars
48	32	3201	Dried in Jars
48	32	3202	Dried in 6 Stalk Bunches
48	32	3203	Dried Wreath or Wall Arrangement
48	32	3204	Dried Table Arrangement
48	32	3205	Potpourri
48	32	3206	Basil Plant in Pot
48	32	3207	Scented Geranium Plant in Pot
48	32	3208	Herb Vinegar

Division 35: Artistic Fruit Design

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10.
3. In Place – By 4pm, Saturday, September 26, 2026.
4. Judges will score:
 - 15% Freedom from blemish
 - 25% Color
 - 40% Arrangement and artistic effect
 - 10% Uniformity
 - 10% Trueness of Type
5. Removal- After 10pm closing day of fair or Sunday after Fair 8am – Noon.
6. Exhibit space – 4x4ft frame furnished by the fair.
7. Limited to one per exhibitor.
8. Polishing of fruit is permitted.
9. The fruit may be of any variety or kind shown on plates, in baskets or trays.
10. MUST be REFRESHED on WEDNESDAY if fruit is SPOILING.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description	
48	35	3500	Fruit Display	

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	7.00	5.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	35	3501	Fruit Basket, approximately a half peck. Judged based on most attractive

Division 36: Apples in Trays

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10.
3. In Place – Can be arranged until 4pm, Saturday September 26, 2026, judging day.
4. Judges will score by the following points:
 - 30pts Freedom from blemish
 - 30pts Color
 - 15pts Firmness of pack
 - 15pts Uniformity
 - 10pts Trueness of type
5. Removal – After 10pm closing day of fair or Sunday after fair, 8am – Noon.
6. Flats will be furnished by the fair.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	15.00	10.00	8.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	36	3600	Ida Red
48	36	3601	McIntosh
48	36	3602	Spy
48	36	3603	Jonathan
48	36	3604	Red Delicious
48	36	3605	Golden Delicious
48	36	3606	Snow
48	36	3607	Cortland
48	36	3608	Red Rome
48	36	3609	Empire
48	36	3610	Mutsu
48	36	3611	Jonagold
48	36	3612	Fuji
48	36	3613	Granny Smith
48	36	3614	Spartan
48	36	3615	Paula Red
48	36	3616	Gala
48	36	3617	Honey Crisp
48	36	3618	Arkansas Black
48	36	3619	Haralson
48	36	3620	Any Other Named Variety

Division 37: Apples (Plates of 5)

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	5.00	4.00	3.00
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	37	3700	McIntosh
48	37	3701	Spy
48	37	3702	Jonathan
48	37	3703	Red Delicious
48	37	3704	Golden Delicious
48	37	3705	Cortland
48	37	3706	Red Rome
48	37	3707	Ida Red
48	37	3708	Snow
48	37	3709	Empire
48	37	3710	Spartan
48	37	3711	Mutsu
48	37	3712	Jonagold
48	37	3713	Fuji
48	37	3714	Granny Smith
48	37	3715	Paula Red
48	37	3716	Gala
48	37	3717	Honey Crisp
48	37	3718	Arkansas Black
48	37	3719	Haralson
48	37	3720	Any Other Named Variety

The following Premiums apply to divisions 38 through 43:

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	3.00	2.00	1.00

Division 38: Crab Apples (Plates of 12)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	38	3800	Hyslop
48	38	3801	Any Other Named Variety

Division 39: Pears (Plates of 5)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	39	3900	Bosc
48	39	3901	Bartlett
48	39	3902	Seckle
48	39	3903	Any Other Named Variety

Division 40: Grapes (Plates of 6 Bunches)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	40	4000	Concord
48	40	4001	Niagara
48	40	4002	Any Other Named Variety

Division 41: Berries (Pint)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	41	4100	Red Raspberries
48	41	4101	Blackberries
48	41	4102	Gooseberries
48	41	4103	Strawberries
48	41	4104	Any Other Named Variety

Division 42: Peaches (Plates of 5)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	42	4200	Any Named Variety

Division 43: Eggs (Container of Your Choice)

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	43	4300	Brown Eggs – 6
48	43	4301	White Eggs – 6
48	43	4302	Colored Eggs – 6
48	43	4303	Any Other – 6

The following Premiums apply to Divisions 46 – 49

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	10.00	7.00	5.00

Division 46: Scarecrow (Country Outdoor Garden)

Display of a traditional, field or garden scarecrow using non-perishable materials and imagination.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	46	4600	Scarecrow, MUST BE FREE STANDING and not exceed 3' deep, 5' wide or 7' tall
48	46	4601	Miniature Homemade Scarecrow, 18" or less in height

Division 47: Scarecrow – Youth (Country Outdoor Garden – Youth Class)

Youth not to exceed the age of 19 by December 31st of the current fair year.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	47	4700	Scarecrow, MUST BE FREE STANDING and not exceed 3' deep, 5' wide or 7' tall
48	47	4701	Miniature Homemade Scarecrow, 18" or less in height

Division 48: Jack -O- Lantern

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	48	4702	Carved
48	48	4703	Painted

Division 49: Jack -O- Lantern – Youth

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
48	49	4704	Carved
48	49	4705	Painted

Exhibitor tags will be available beginning September 18th, at the Fair Office 8am – 4pm

DEPARTMENT 49**APIARY**

Superintendent – Nathan Lambright
controltactics08@gmail.com

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026
2. **Entry Fee – One-time exhibitor fee - \$10.**
3. **In Place – Basement of WOMAN's CONGRESS building. Friday, September 25, 2026, 4-7pm and Saturday, September 26, 2026, 8am - 4 pm.**
4. Judging – Saturday Sept 26, 5 pm
5. Removal – Exhibits will be released on the Sunday following the fair between 9am and noon.
6. All applications for space should be made to the Hillsdale County Fair, Hillsdale, MI.
7. Every entry exhibited must be produced in Michigan.
8. A permit for mobbing bees must be obtained from the Department of Agriculture by exhibitors of bees and queens. A permit must accompany the exhibit.
9. Any exhibitor who does not wish to enter the number of classes to warrant displaying an entire booth may enter in one or more classes of Division 29.
10. Where an entry is made by only one exhibitor in a class if in the opinion of the judge, it is not worthy of first premium he may award second, third, fourth, fifth, or not premium at all.
11. If exhibits are taken from the grounds before release time without written permission, the exhibitors shall forfeit their premium awards.
12. Only booth displays can sell their products.
13. Scorecards for each section are available on the website or at the fair office.

Division 25: Exhibits of Bees and Queens

The marked Queen and her bees must be shown in a glass observation hive on one new comb of emerging brood.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
49	25	2500	Italian Bees – Any Other Strain

Division 26: Display of Honey**Rules:**

1. Exhibitors in this class must make prior arrangements for space in advance.
2. The space allotted must not exceed 8 by 8 feet.
3. The display of comb & extracted honey must have been produced in Michigan.
4. The widest possible latitude is given to the exhibitors in this class to compete in the most attractive and showy display of honey to attract the eye of the visitor.
5. There is no limitation to decorations, illumination, design or display of individual ingenuity.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
49	26	2600	Best display of white comb honey, Not less than 24lbs. comb
49	26	2601	Best display of cut comb honey
49	26	2602	Best display of unfiltered white extracted honey, not less than 50lbs.
49	26	2603	Best display of different kinds of extracted honey, not less than 8 varieties
49	26	2604	Best display of unfiltered amber extracted honey, not less than 25lbs.
49	26	2605	Best display of beeswax, at least 15lbs.
49	26	2606	Best display of 12-11lb. jars of creamed Granulated honey
46	26	2607	Best extracting comb, Langstroth size, filled with white honey, in case or cellophane wrap
46	26	2608	Best display of chunk honey, 4 jars, any size

DEPT 49- Apiary Continued**Division 27: Miscellaneous Displays**

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	27	2700	Beekeeping equipment and tools
46	27	2701	Best display of Michigan honey producing plants; pressed, mounted and named

Division 28: Sweepstakes

These displays will be judged on the quality of the educational exhibit.

Beekeeping equipment may be included in the display.

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	28	2800	Best Display at Large

Division 29: Small Exhibits of Honey Products

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
46	29	2900	Liquid Honey: 3 one-pound containers Standard glass honey jars such as Queenline or classic
46	29	2901	Chunk Honey: 3 one-pound containers Glass containers
46	29	2902	Comb Honey: 3 one-pound containers (Clear on top and bottom. Wood sections may be in removable cardboard box Round, section, cassette or cut combo
46	29	2903	Creamed Honey: 3 one-pound Glass Jars
46	29	2904	Beeswax Block: 3 one-pound blocks of any shape
46	29	2905	Artistic Beeswax: one entry, minimum one pound of wax
46	29	2906	Candles: one entry using a minimum 8oz. of wax
46	29	2907	Pollen: one entry in glass jar, minimum 8oz. of pollen
46	29	2908	Propolis: one entry in glass jar, minimum 8oz. of propolis
46	29	2909	Best of Show – Awarded by Judge – Rosette

Entry Form on Page 45 or

Visit our website:

hillsdalecountyfair.org

and complete your entry online!



DEPARTMENT 50 ORGANIZATION- EDUCATION- GRANGE- EXHIBITS

Division 10 - Education Building

Superintendent – Bill White -
wcwhite@frontiernet.net

Rules:

1. Entries are by invitation only. If you are interested in an invitation, contact the Fair Office at 517-437-3622.
2. There is no entry fee.
3. **In Place – EDUCATION BUILDING - Exhibits must be in place no later than 6pm, Saturday, September 26, 2026. Check in at the Fair Office when you are finished setting up. No set up on Sunday.**
4. Judging – May begin after 6pm, Saturday, Sept 26
5. Removal – Saturday, October 3, after 10pm or Sunday from 9am – Noon.
6. Each exhibit may be built around a central theme, or unit with materials exhibited developing the chosen theme.
7. YOUTH – Not to exceed the age of 19 by December 31st of the current fair year.
8. Class entries will be a booth display.
9. Learning Objective – To encourage the youth to work together reaching and exploring to develop a creative, educational, informational display around a chosen fair theme.

The following premiums apply to 500 - 900

Premiums:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th – 10 th
	30.00	27.00	23.00	20.00	10.00

Use the following score card for classes 500, 600 & 700:

• Student body representation	20
• Originality of students work	40
• Neatness	15
• Variety of Media	15
• Creativity in following the theme	10
	TOTAL 100

Class 500: Public & Non-Public Elementary City, Church, and Village Schools

(One entry per school building, representing any grouping of grades desired)

Class 600: High School Clubs and Organizations

(Entries open to any school sponsored organization or club: FFA, FHA, Vocational, etc.)

Class 700: Departmental Organizations

Groups not qualifying for above,
which operate in all or several grades of elementary through high school.
(Music, Art, Science, Language, Scouts, Camp Fire, etc.)

Use the following score card for sections 8 & 9:

• Biblical Interpretation	20
• Express/Clarity or Intended Message	40
• Neatness	15
• Variety of Media	15
• Creativity in following the theme	10
	TOTAL 100

Class 800: Church Schools and Youth Religious Groups

(All exhibits should be marked with the name of the Church School or Youth Group.)

Class 900: Church and Other Organization Exhibits

(All exhibits should be plainly identifiable)

**The 176th Hillsdale County Fair Theme Is:
“RED, WHITE and MOO”
A Barnyard Salute to 250 Years**

Division 20 – Grange Exhibits Superintendent – Gilbert Emens -517-490-4199

Exhibition Only

1. **In Place – All exhibits must be in place by Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 4pm at the GRANGE HALL**
2. Removal – Exhibits will not be released until Sunday following the fair.

Items to be exhibited:

1. Each Grange may use themes if they so desire.
2. POTATOES: early/late potatoes and sweet/yam potatoes.
3. CANNED: home & farm grown products. Quality and appearance, not quantity, display according to size of space.
4. GRAINS AND SEEDS THRESHED: bright, fresh and up to date varieties.
5. PLANTS AND FLOWERS: attractive display.
6. CORN HUSKED: varieties of field, sweet and popcorn.
7. VEGETABLES: quality and attractiveness.
8. SQUASH AND PUMPKINS: attractive display.
9. MELONS: attractive display of musk and watermelons.
10. POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCTS: attractive display
11. POSTERS: slogans and scenic pictures concerning Grange activities.
12. FRESH FRUITS: attractive display of quality fruits.
NEEDLEWORK AND MISCELLANEOUS: small items



Division 30 Antique Tractor/ Equipment Display Contact Evan Blonde – 517-227-9703

Rules:

1. Antique tractors must be in place Saturday, September 26 before Noon at the Historical Museum.
2. Limit 2 tractors per household.
3. No Entry Fee.
4. Tractors can be removed after 10PM last day of the fair

DIVISION 40 VETERANS DAY PARADE/BANDS

Contact –Fair Office - 517-437-3622

Class 1500: Parade Units - Floats

Rules:

1. Entries Close – Day of Parade
2. Entry Fee – No entry fee
3. In Place – By 9:00am, Monday, September 28.
4. Judging – at the midtown parking lot in Hillsdale at 9am.
Parade begins at 10am, Monday, September 2.
5. Units must be commercial or non-commercial.
6. Banners given for 1st and 2nd place. Commercial and non-commercial classes will be combined.

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	40	1500	Parade Units – Floats

Class 1600: Parade Bands

Rules:

1. Entries are by invitation only. For an invitation, please contact the fair office, 517-437-3622.
2. In Place – Mid-Town lot by 9am, Monday, September 28th.
3. Limited to High School Bands from Hillsdale County and the surrounding area.
- 4.

Premiums:	1st-10th
	50.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	40	1600	Parade Band

DIVISION 50 Talent Contest

Coordinator – Vicky Hayes

Rules:

1. Entries Close – August 31, 2026.
2. Entry Fee - \$6.00 per participant.
3. Competition- Sunday, September 27, 2026,
4pm in the Women's Congress building.
4. Entries are limited to forty (40).
5. Classes – The first four (4) entries in each class will be accepted. The remaining openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Entertainers will receive an information packet prior to the event.
6. Contestants must have their own musical accompaniment, props, instruments, and equipment. A piano will be furnished.
7. THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER ACT.
8. Contestants may only compete once, either as an individual or a group.
9. First place winners in each division in the previous fair cannot compete in the same class in 2026.
10. Auditions may be required.

**To Enter, fill out Talent Show entry form
located on page 43 of this booklet.**

Adult Classes

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd
	100.00	75.00	50.00
	Banner		
Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	50	2000	Senior – 17 Years and Over

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd
	125.00	75.00	50.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	50	2001	Senior Bands/Groups, 17 Years and Over

Youth Classes

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd
	75.00	50.00	25.00
	Banner		

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	50	2005	Junior – 11 & under
50	50	2006	Teen – Ages 12 – 16 Years

Premiums:	1st	2nd	3rd
	125.00	75.00	50.00

Dept.	Div.	Class	Description
50	50	2007	Junior Bands/Groups, 11 Years and Under
50	50	2008	Junior Bands/Teens 12-16

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Coordinator – Jack Erwin- 517-474-0539

Secretary – Mary Rivera- 517-607-5002

Rules:

1. Entries Close on the day of tournament at sign in by times listed below.
2. Entry Fee - \$6.00 with \$5.00 per entry returned in prize money, \$1.00 toward pit maintenance and improvements.
3. Cash prizes are given for 1st and 2nd place.
4. To level the playing field all tournaments will now be handicapped based on your average for the first three games and will be cumulative thereafter. Pitchers may start later, based on the number of entries.



Tournament Schedule

DAY TIME PITCHING-

Pitching Times Vary

Monday Sept 28–

Open singles & Veterans only (sign in by 12:30)

Wednesday Sept 30–

Doubles Tournament (sign in by 10am)

Friday Oct 2–

Open Singles (sign in by Noon)

Saturday Oct 3–

Open Doubles (sign in by 10am)

EVENING PITCHING-

Entries will be limited to 24.

Pitching Starts at 6pm

Sunday Sept 27–

Open singles (sign in by 5:30pm)

Monday Sept 28–

Open Singles – Evening (sign in by 5:30)

Tuesday Sept 29–

Open Singles – Evening (sign in by 5:30)

Wednesday Sept 30–

Open Singles – Evening (sign in by 5:30)

Thursday Oct 1–

Open Singles – Evening (sign in by 5:30)

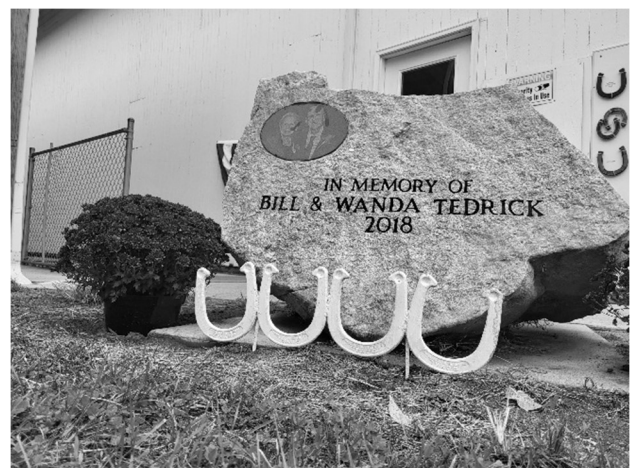
Friday Oct 2–

Open Singles – Evening (sign in by 5:30)

Youth Fun Throw

Rules:

1. Sign-up Monday, September 28 by 10:30am
2. NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED.
3. Competition Monday, September 28.
4. Each participant will pitch 12 shoes, provided by the Fair.
5. Winners will be determined by total scores.
6. Trophies will be given to the first three places in each class.
7. Pitching Distance –
Ages 8-12 pitch 20'
Ages 13-18 pitch 30' or up to 40' (personal choice).



WOMAN'S CONGRESS

For more than a century, the Woman's Congress has been a valued and enriching tradition of the Hillsdale County Fair. Established in 1896, it continues to provide a platform that celebrates local talent, encourages community involvement, and offers fairgoers an opportunity to enjoy a variety of live performances.

The Woman's Congress is a non-political organization dedicated to showcasing the skills and creativity of individuals and groups from across Hillsdale County. Originally focused on oratorical and declamatory contests for local students, the program has evolved to reflect a wide range of talents while continuing its mission of supporting and highlighting local performers. Performances may include music, vocal selections, readings, and other forms of entertainment, all presented in a welcoming and family-friendly setting. Each afternoon during fair week, the Woman's Congress hosts free programs for the public to enjoy, typically held Monday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



2026 OFFICERS			
PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	HISTORIAN
Barbie Keiser	Bonnie Leininger	Jennifer Estel	Cinda Walton Emens **
PROGRAM CHAIR	SUNSHINE CHAIR	DECORATING CHAIR	
Betty Todd	Sarah Morgan	Marjorie Baxter	

MEMBERSHIP – 25 MEMBERS

2026 MEMBERSHIP BY TOWNSHIP/AREA			
ADAMS TWP	ALLEN TWP	AMBOY TWP	CAMBRIA TWP
Sharon Randall	Betty Todd	-	Carol Rosales **
CAMDEN TWP	FAYETTE TWP	HILLSDALE CITY (2)	HILLSDALE TWP
Kathy Fitch	Jennifer Estel	Irene Valentine	Marjorie Baxter **
JEFFERSON TWP	JONESVILLE CITY	LITCHFIELD CITY	LITCHFIELD TWP
Barbie Keiser	Carolyn Petrie	Sarah Morgan	-
MOSCOW TWP	PITTSFORD TWP	RANSOM TWP	READING CITY
Martha Godfrey **	Carol Trine **	Janice Sharpe	Betty Blount **
READING TWP	SCIPIO TWP	SOMERSET TWP	WHEATLAND TWP
-	-	Andrea Woodring	Dawn Johnson
WOODBRIIDGE TWP	WRIGHT TWP	AT LARGE	AT LARGE
Brenda Sunday	Bonnie Leininger	Jeanne McCaskey	Jennifer Weil

** PAST PRESIDENT

Hillsdale County Fair -TALENT SHOW

Sunday, September 27th, 2026 4:00 pm at the Women's Congress

ENTRY FORM

Entry Fee - \$6.00 for each participant

Please include with this application, a completed general entry form from pg.45 in the Premium Book.

Department 50 - Division 50 – Class Number from Below

Any premiums earned will be issued to the name listed here. Groups will only receive one check issued to this name.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (or best form of contact): _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Talent: _____

Signature of Adult Participant or Parent/Guardian of Youth: _____

Guidelines

Please Circle Class for Entry.

Adult Classes

2000- Senior - 17 yrs and over

2001- Sr Bands/Groups 17 yrs and over

Youth Classes

2005- Junior - 11 yrs and under

2006- Teen - Ages 12 to 16 yrs old

2007- Jr Bands/Groups, 11yrs and under

2008- Jr Bands/Groups, 12-16 yrs old

- The first FOUR (4) ENTIREES in each class will be accepted. The remaining openings will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Limited to 40 entries.
- There is a three (3) minute time limit per act.
- Contestants must have their own musical accompaniment, props, instruments, and equipment. A piano will be furnished.
- Performance area is approx. 10' wide X 32' long.
- ENTERTAINERS WILL RECEIVE AN INFORMATION PACKET PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
- All members of a band/group must be under 17 years old to compete in the youth class. If one member is 17 or older, the group will compete in the adult class.
- Contestants may only compete once, either as an individual or in a group.
- First place winners in each division in the previous fair cannot compete in the same class in 2026.
- Auditions may be required.
- **Entry is not complete without the information on the backside of this form filled out.**

Other Group Members: Name and Age (age required for youth only)

List Equipment you will supply:

List any special equipment/staging requirements you may have:

(please be advised that the fair may or may not be able to meet your requirements)

176th HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR

September 26-October 3, 2026

ENTRY FORM-PREMIUM STATEMENT

Exhibitor Number

ENTRY DEADLINE Open Class (adult & youth) Mon, Aug. 31, 2026 - 4:00pm

Exhibitor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact # during Fair Week _____

Hillsdale County Agricultural Society
115 S Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242
517-437-3622

Age of Exhibitor (Youth Only) _____

WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE BY FAIR

Social Security # _____

(only needed if exhibiting Livestock)

ALL PAPER ENTRIES MUST BE ON OFFICIAL OPEN CLASS FORM

Online Entry Available at hillsdalecountyfair.org

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: Please use one entry form per department.

	Dept.	Division	Class	Description	OFFICE USE ONLY
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EXHIBITOR FEE: \$10.00 per exhibitor, all exhibit types included	\$10.00
LIVESTOCK FEES: Total from livestock fee calculator box on pg. 2 of this form	\$
MEMBERSHIP DUES: Add \$10.00 to become a member of or to renew your membership to the HILLSDALE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. *18 yrs or Older	\$
HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR RENOVATION ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION:	\$
TOTAL: Cash, Check and Credit Card Accepted. A 4% fee will be added to all credit card transactions.	\$

INTERESTED IN DONATING YOUR
2026 FAIR PREMIUM MONEY TO THE
HILLSDALE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY:
If so, sign your initials here _____

By signing, you agree to abide by all rules and regulations found in the 2026 Open Class Premium Book. The Fair reserves the right to photograph and record your exhibits for publicity use.

Exhibitors signature: _____

	Dept.	Div.	Class No.	Description	OFFICE USE ONLY
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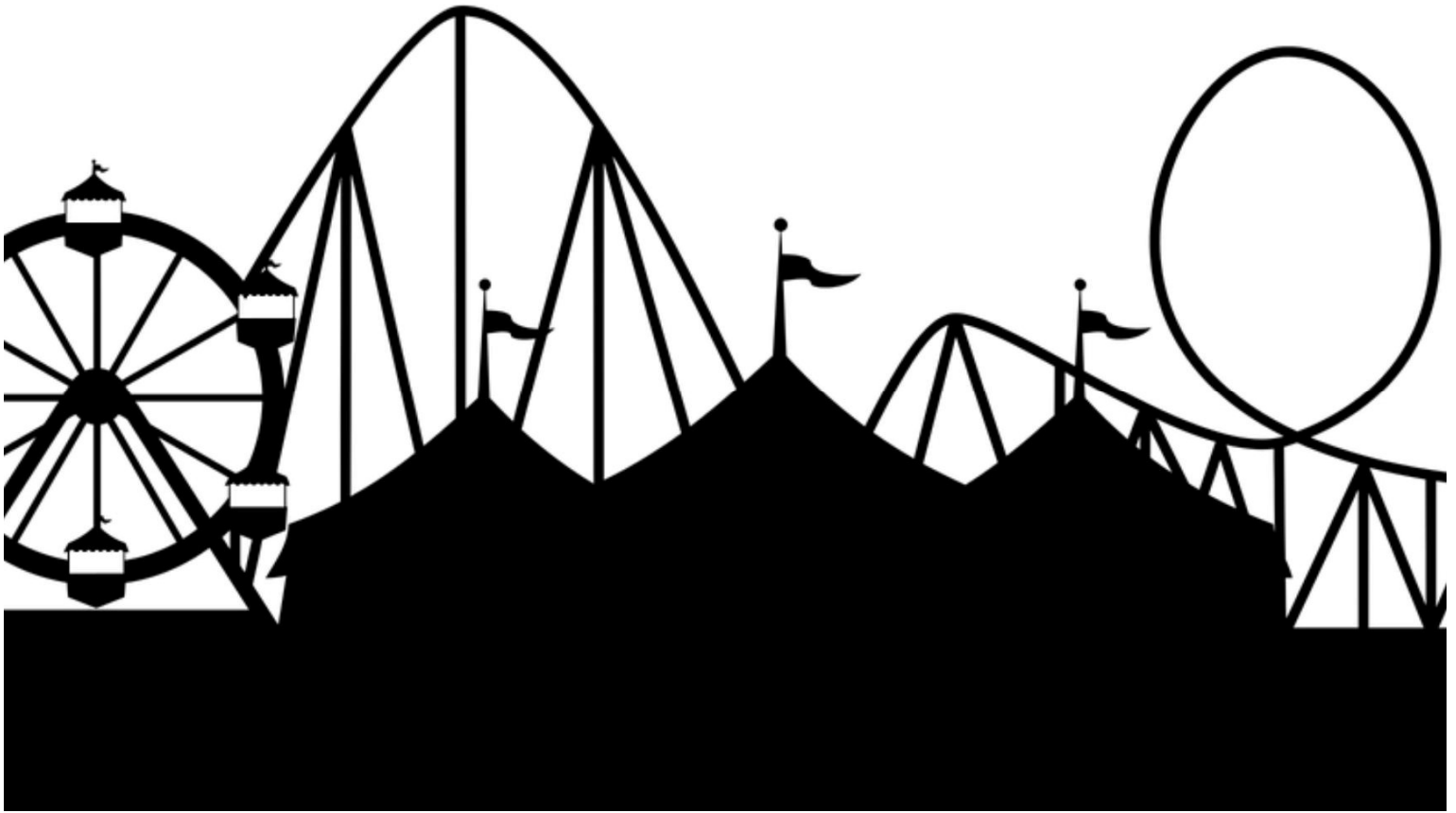
Livestock Fee Calculator: Number of Animals in Species x Head/ Stall Fee = Species Total

SPECIES	FEE	# of	TOTAL
Draft Horses, Mules and Donkeys:	\$25.00 per Stall	X	\$
Ponies	\$7.00 per Head	X	\$
Beef and Dairy Cattle:	\$5.00 per Head	X	\$
Sheep and Goats:	\$2.00 per Head	X	\$
Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies and Wool:	\$1.00 per Head/Item	X	\$
TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK FEES: Transfer # to fee box on front page			\$



OPEN CLASS JUDGING SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Department	Location
Saturday Sept. 26 th		Wine & Beer	Grange Hall
		Photography	Photography Building
	afternoon	Needlework	Floral Hall
	After 1:00pm	Culinary Arts	Log Cabin
	5:00 pm	Floriculture	Basement of Woman's Congress
		Horticulture	
		Apiary	
	6:00 pm	Educational Exhibits	Education Building
Sunday Sept. 27 th		Agriculture- Grains & Farmyard Art	Grange Hall
		Hay Show	Hay Tent
	8:00 am - Noon	Fine Arts, Folk Arts & Antiques	Floral Hall
	9:00 am	Rabbits & Cavies	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
	10:00 am	Poultry	
Monday Sept. 28 th	Line-Up 9:00 am Parade 10:00 am	Fair Parade	Midtown Parking Lot
Tuesday Sept. 29 th	9:00 am	Ponies	Infield Grassy Area
	10:00 am	Beef Cattle	Behind Horseshoe Pavilion
Wednesday Sept. 30 th	9:00 am	Sheep/Wool & Fleece	Sheep Barn Center Aisle
	10:00 am	Draft Horse Halter Classes	Outside Draft Horse Barn
	11:00 am	Mules and Jacks Halter	
Thursday Oct. 1 st	10:00 am	Dairy Cattle	Behind Horseshoe Pavilion
	1:00 pm	Draft Horse & Mule Hitch Classes	Horse Arena
Friday Oct. 2 nd	9:00 am	Goats	Outside the Grange Hall
Saturday Oct. 3 rd	No Judging- ENJOY THE FAIR!		



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