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GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Michigan, welcome to the 2024 county fair season. Our county fairs provide an excellent outlet for education, local charm, and family fun!

Each year, county fairs across Michigan showcase the unique talents, skills, and dedication of our state's farming and agriculture community. County fairs provide excellent opportunities for Michiganders to gather in celebration of our agricultural industry, highlighting modern agriculture processes, and honoring years of traditions.

I guarantee that the exhibits from our 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members will impress you and your family. As you gather with family and friends this fair season, I hope you enjoy the delicious food and family-friendly fun that county fairs provide. I have no doubt that your local county fair will offer entertainment and education for the whole family.

I send my best wishes for a fun and educational fair season. Whether you are a sponsor, exhibitor, or fairgoer, I hope you enjoy Michigan's county fairs this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan



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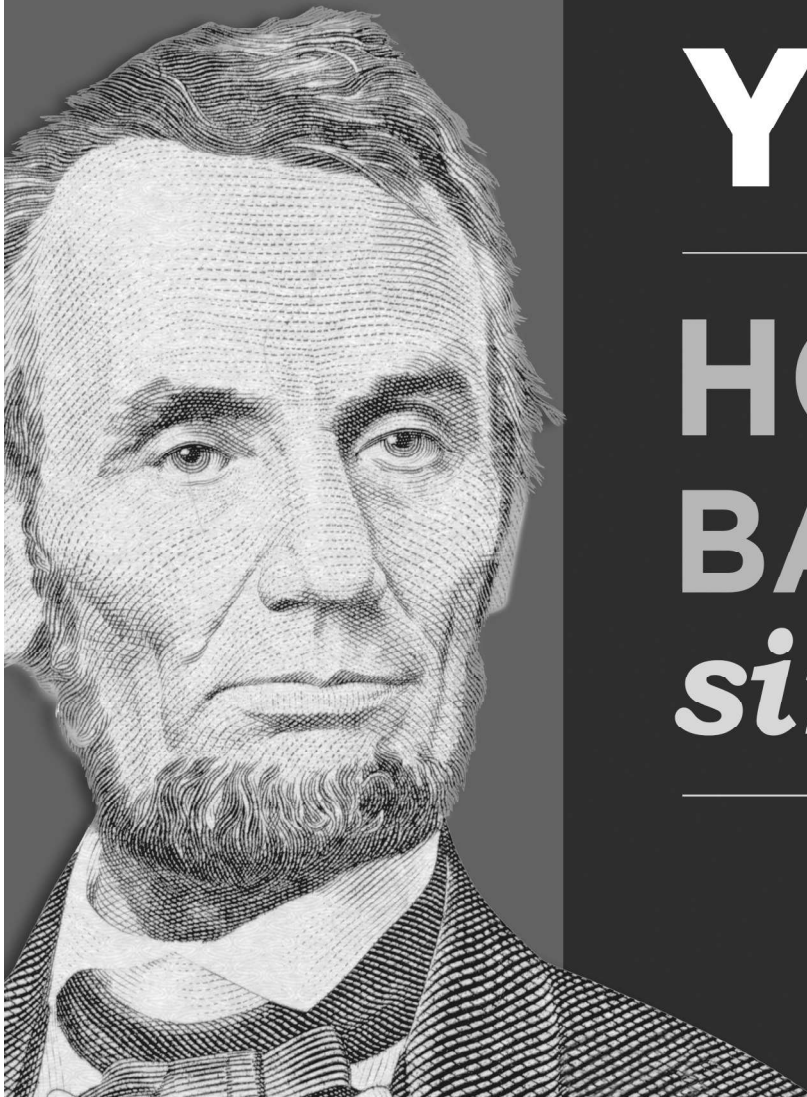
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# IN MEMORIAM

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**Gayla Elsner** of Traverse City passed away on November 10, 2023 at the age of 63. A long time resident of Traverse City she assisted with exhibit supervision in the Tanner Building for the Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture Department. We thank her for her service and she will be missed.

**Glenn Mateer** of Maple City passed away March 13, 2024 just ten days short of his 99th birthday. A lifetime resident of the area he sold steer calves and lambs to 4-H kids providing guidance on how to raise and care for the animals. His influence on our Fair is immeasurable and still felt today.



# 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

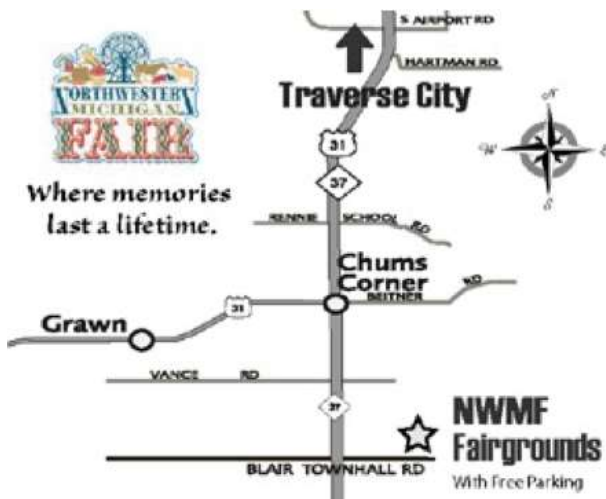
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Thank you to the 2024 Premium Book Cover Creator, Lilly Garno, and all of her hard work!

If anyone is interested in putting together a cover for the 2025 Premium Book, you can start early and email it to:

Tom at [tom.looks@northwesternmichiganfair.net](mailto:tom.looks@northwesternmichiganfair.net)

Items that are needed to be on the cover include: 116th Fair Premium Book, Northwestern Michigan Fair Logo, Arnold's Amusements Logo, the dates of the 2025 Fair: August 3-9, our website: [www.northwesternmichiganfair.net](http://www.northwesternmichiganfair.net), our address: 3606 Blair Town Hall Road, Traverse City, MI 49685, and our phone number: 231-943-4150.



The Northwestern Michigan Fair would like to thank all of our volunteers, sponsors, advertisers, 4-H kids and parents, the Northwest Michigan Livestock Council, and everyone who walks through our gates! Without you, we couldn't have the fantastic Fair that we have!



# MAP OF THE GROUNDS



Map of the Grounds and Building Directory

1. Large Maintenance Barn
2. Small Maintenance Barn Two
3. Horse Arena One
4. Horse Arena Two
5. Grandstands
6. Noble Concession Building
7. Iva Lewis Paillion & Broad Band Stand
8. Goat Barn
10. Evelyn Heim Building
11. Fair Museum
12. Horse Barn One
13. Dairy Feeder/Junior Beef Barn
14. Llama/Alpaca Barn
15. Poultry Barn
16. Rabbit/Cavie Barn
17. Swine Barn
18. Habertein Arena
20. Lamb Barn
22. Steer Barn
23. Draft Horse Barn
24. Horse Barn Three
25. Horse Barn Two
26. Tanner/4-H Exhibit Building
27. Restrooms
28. Gate Two
29. Rosa Arena
36. Nursery/Changing Stalinos
38. Fair Office/Information Tent
39. Commercial Building
40. Front Gate



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### GENERAL ADMISSION

Adults (13 & older)	\$5.00/day*
Children (ages 3-12)	\$3.00/day*

\*Children ages 2 and younger are free  
 \*Sunday, August 4th, general admission for adults and children \$1.00

### WEEKLY PASSES *(No voting rights at the annual meeting)*

Adults (13 & older)	\$20.00
Youth (ages 3-12)	\$9.00

\*Sunday, August 6th, general admission for adults and children \$1.00

\*General admission does not include Grandstand Events or the Arnold Amusement Midway rides.

\*Lifetime Members and Annual Members are required to show their membership card for admission.

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# NORTHWESTERN MI FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT

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Participants in the Northwestern Michigan Fair are subject to the observance of the program rules.

**All Fair Attendees will:**

1. Show respect for, and cooperate with fellow attendees, volunteers & Directors.
2. Follow Livestock Council policies & procedures when participating in any Livestock Council sponsored event.
3. Under no circumstances, attend any activity or event on Northwestern Michigan Fair property under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances (including tobacco, electronic cigarettes, etc.).
4. Under no circumstances, bring dangerous or unauthorized materials (such as fireworks, explosives, weapons, or similar items) to any event or activity that happens on the property of the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
5. Abstain from hazing, harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member (either face-to-face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is based on a person's appearance, race, color, national origin, gender identity, religion, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status or other protected category under Federal Anti-Discrimination Policy.
6. All physical altercations, youth or adult, will be turned over to the Grand Traverse Sheriff and is a violation of this code.
7. By completing the NWMI Fair Registration you agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

**Any participant who violates this Code of Conduct is subject to discipline that may include:**

1. Removal from the activity/event or the property where the event he or she is participating in is being held, including the Northwestern Michigan Fairgrounds.
2. Disqualification from all activities including the fair week and off season events that full calendar year. Zero Tolerance.
3. In cases involving possession or consumption of illegal drugs or possession or consumption of alcohol the proper law authorities will be contacted. Zero Tolerance.
4. During the week of fair the Northwestern Michigan Fair Directors have the right to discipline as they see fit in compliance with the Premium Book.

# ARNOLD FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT



## Mega Bands

Want to enjoy Arnold's rides all week long? Purchase a wristband for \$125 each in advance or \$150 onsite the week of fair! Good for all rides during the week of the 2024 Northwestern Michigan Fair!\*

\*Wristbands valued at \$325 and can be purchased at the time of registration and at [northwesternmichiganfair.net](http://northwesternmichiganfair.net). Must be purchased by Friday, August 2, 2024 by midnight for the advance price. ALL ARMBANDS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.



## MIDWAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4th **\*\*NEW\*\***

\$30 Armbands

Midway open 5:00pm - Close

Monday, August 5th

5 Rides for \$10

\$35 Armbands

Midway open from 6:00 pm - Close

Tuesday, August 6th\*\*

\$30 Armbands - 12pm - 5pm

\$35 Armbands - 6pm - Close

Midway open from 12:00 pm - Close

\*Individual ride tickets are available

Wednesday, August 7th (Kid's Day)

\$30 Armbands - ALL DAY

Midway open from 12:00 pm - Close

\*Individual ride tickets are available

Thursday, August 8th\*\*

\$30 Armbands - 12pm - 5pm

\$35 Armbands - 6pm - Close

Midway open from 12:00 pm - Close

\*Individual ride tickets are available

Friday, August 9th\*\*

\$30 Armbands - 12pm - 5pm

\$35 Armbands - 6pm - Close

Midway open from 12:00 pm - Close

\*Individual ride tickets are available

Saturday, August 10th (Last Blast)

\$35 Armbands - ALL DAY

Midway open from 12:00 pm - Close

\*Individual ride tickets are available

\*\* Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - Rides are closed 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

# GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

## GRANDSTAND SCHEDULE & ADMISSION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR TICKETS AND START TIMES

[www.northwesternmichiganfair.net](http://www.northwesternmichiganfair.net)

### Sunday, August 4th

#### Horse Pulls - 1:00 PM

Adults & Children Free

#### TNT Figure 8 and Demolition Derby

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Monday, August 5th

#### Lawn Mower Races

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Tuesday, August 6th

#### Tough Trucks

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Wednesday, August 7th

#### Truck and Tractor Pulls

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Thursday, August 8th

#### Twisted P Rodeo

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Friday, August 9th

#### TNT Bump & Run and Demolition Derby

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

### Saturday, August 10th

#### Super Kicker Rodeo

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 3-12 \$5.00

Children ages 2 and younger Free

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## ON GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT

### LIVE MUSIC!

Sunday through Friday: Live Bands will be playing in the food court area. Bands will be the Backwoods Band and the 2 Ole Broads & 3 Buddies Band. They start playing in the evening at 5:00pm

# VETERANS MEMORIAL



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# ON GROUNDS ACTIVITIES



## VISIT THE MUSEUM

Since opening in 2012, the museum has become a great place to reminisce over past Fairs and the memories created. Thank you to all of the donors who have donated items to the museum and to all the volunteers who work in the museum during the week of Fair. If you have something you would like to donate or want to be a volunteer in the museum, send us an email to [nwmifair@gmail.com](mailto:nwmifair@gmail.com)



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 4th, 2024

Please join us at the Northwestern Michigan  
Fair for the Pancake Breakfast

Adults: \$5.00, Kids (12 & under): \$3.00

Food served from 8am to 12pm.

See you there!



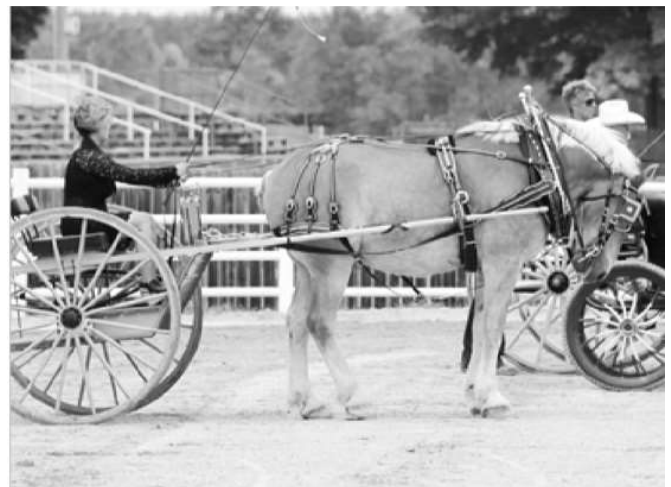
LOCATION: Bingo Tent

WHEN: Aug. 5th - Aug. 10th

TIMES: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

& 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Draft Horse Show  
Sunday, August 4th  
10:00 AM





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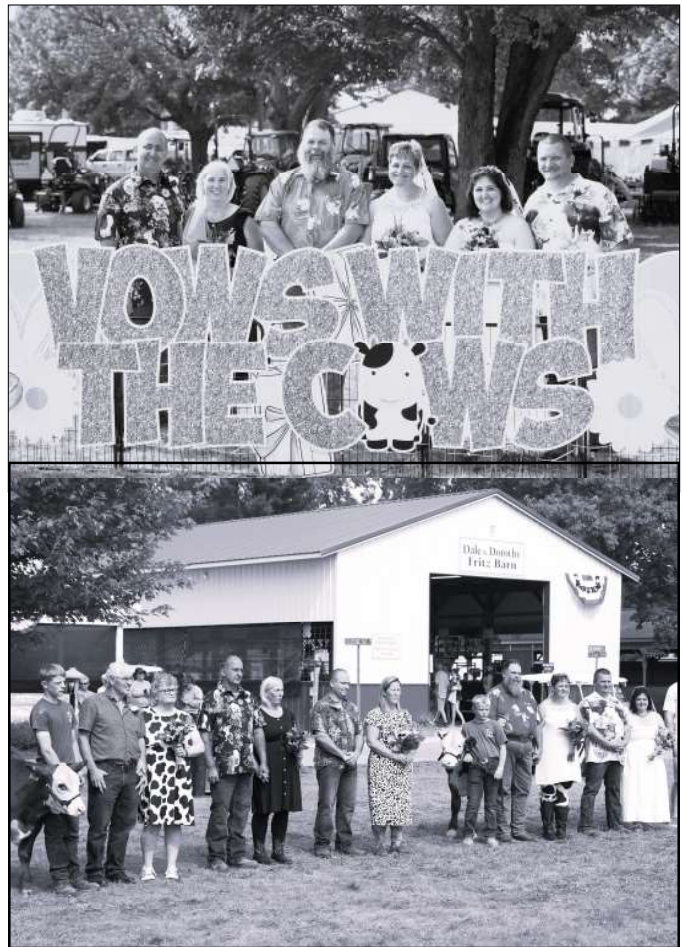


## Vows with the Cows

Monday, August 5th at 4pm  
Sponsored by Blain's

To sign up please email Carolyne Woodhams at [woodhamsc50@gmail.com](mailto:woodhamsc50@gmail.com) and let her know why you should be chosen to participate in Vows with the Cows.

Submission deadline July 14, 2024



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# GREETINGS FROM THE NWMF QUEEN

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Greetings from Kelsey!

I would like to start by sending out a very warm hello to my fair family!

Well, 15 years ago, my parents decided to get our family involved in the fair. I am so very grateful they did! I had the best summers and experiences at our amazing fairgrounds. I was only four years old, and my mom would pull me around the fairgrounds in a wagon filled with pillows and snacks so she wouldn't miss my brother and sister's shows. I still remember getting teased that I just needed a little crown so I could practice being a future fair queen. Even at the age of four I knew that this was something special. Every year the queen candidates would come and have dinner with my 4-H club, the Rickety Ranchers, and I would be in awe of those beautiful, smiling ladies with those sparkly crowns. One year, one of them whispered in my ear that I would be a perfect queen someday. Was she serious or just being sweet? It was in that little moment that gave me the hope, the want, and enough courage to give this opportunity my all.

Here I am now as your 2023-2024 Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen, and it still amazes me that I was chosen to represent one of the best parts of my life. My fair life! Thank you everyone for the kindness and encouragement that I continue to receive! I love sharing my fair stories and experiences with my community and hopefully inspiring others to get involved. I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunities I have been given and earned in this program. Being able to attend events and meet new people has strengthened my confidence, and I am learning valuable skills of networking as well as promoting our fair program. This has been a great experience so far and I am looking forward to new friendships, parades, and many pageants heading our way!

If you are thinking about running for Fair Queen, please don't hesitate! This has been a truly once in a lifetime experience and I am confident that if you have any self-doubts, that once you meet the other candidates those fears will fade. The friendships that I have made the last two years are the best! The support we all have for each other is genuine and I had the best fair week with these ladies. Being crowned your Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen has opened so many great opportunities and I am excited to share my journey with anyone who isn't sure if they can do this. If I can do this, so can you! I wouldn't change a thing!

Thank you always to **Gero's Plumbing and Heating** for sponsoring me and their continued support! I would also like to give a shout out to my friends and family for all their guidance and love. I have the BEST people in my corner and feel very blessed! Here's to a fantastic 2024 fair week! See you soon!

Lots of love, Queen Kelsey





# Northwestern Michigan Fair – Queen Application



Sponsor Fee \$100.00 / Scholarship \$1,000

Sponsored by: Northwestern Michigan Fair

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of 08/12/2023) \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Group / Specie (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 14, 2024.  
Late applications will not be accepted.

**PLEASE MAIL SPONSOR APPLICATION, BIOGRAPHY, CONTRACT, PAYMENT (\$100), AND FOUR WALLET SIZE PICTURES TO: Northwestern Michigan Fair 3606 Blair Townhall Rd Traverse City, MI.**

### Pageant Requirements

1. Applicants must be unwed female between ages 17-20 (**age determined by pageant date**)
2. Applicants must reside in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Antrim or Kalkaska Counties.
3. Applicants must be available to participate in events during the NW MI Fair August 3-10, 2024

### Biography - on a separate sheet, please complete the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be the Northwestern Michigan Fair queen?
2. What involvement have you had with the Northwestern Michigan Fair?
3. What are your educational/career goals?
4. What hobbies, activities, organizations, etc. are you interested in?
5. Please include any additional information you would like to share.



### Important Dates & Judging Information -

- Orientation Meeting - July 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm - NW MI Fair Office.
- Interview Judging - July 31, 2024 at 6:30pm - location TBD.
- Secret judging will take place at various events throughout Fair week.
- Final judging will be held at the Queen's Pageant on August 10, 2024. Candidates will be judged on their delivery of a speech themed, "What the Fair Means to Me." and the answering of impromptu questions. Please select a dress-casual and a semi-formal outfit for the program.

By signing below, I \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have read and signed the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Program 2024 Contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Program – 2024-2025 Contract



1. Entrant must be between the ages of 17 -20 as of August 10, 2024.
2. Entrant must be a single female, never have been married, divorced, or have cohabited with a male in lieu of marriage. She must not be pregnant, nor have any children.
3. All entrants must be present during the week of the Northwestern Michigan Fair, August 3-10, 2024.
4. Entrant agrees to abide by all rules established by the Queen's Committee and must sign the Contestant's Contract to signify this agreement.
5. Entrant must reside in a county eligible to participate at the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
6. Entrant must be of good character and conduct. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Committee may refuse any applicant felt to be lacking in good character or displaying poor conduct.
7. Entrant is not under contract to any person, firm, organization or corporation, nor have any other legal obligations that would prevent participation in the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen Program.
8. Entrant will cooperate with the Program Director as to the format of the Program. Entrant agrees to time, manner, method of judging, which shall be solely within the discretion of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Committee; and the decision of the judges and governing body will be final.
9. Entrant acknowledges that she has never held the Title of Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen.
10. Entrant must never have been convicted of a crime, is not or ever been a willing party to any wrong doing, corrupt financial impropriety.
11. Contestants are not permitted to smoke or drink at ANY TIME during the competition. Contestants are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner so as not to bring discredit to herself, the program, or the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
12. Entrant agrees to dress appropriately when wearing their crowns and/or sashes. (no halter tops, tube tops, short shorts or miniskirts, etc.). Body piercing, other than earrings (not past the second piercing) and visible tattoos are not acceptable when representing the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
13. Entrant agrees to maintain a positive image when posting on all types of social media (i.e. blogs, Facebook, twitter, etc.). She acknowledges that the Queen's Committee may request she remove items of poor taste and/or those that may negatively impact the Fair or Queen's Program and agrees to honor these requests.
14. Contestant authorizes the use of contestants name and likeness for publication as the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen appropriate. This authorization shall include the use of all photographs, recordings, video or audiotapes made during her reign or during a titleholders reign.
15. It shall be understood that any violation of the Contestant's Contract, which includes the above Rules & Regulations, shall cause automatic elimination from further judging, without advance notice.
16. If chosen as the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen, entrant will agree to a 1 year commitment with the Northwestern Michigan Fair and agrees to relinquish any other title presently held.

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**IF selected as the NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR QUEEN, entrant MUST AGREE to the following:**

1. If during the reign as Queen, she no longer meets the requirements of eligibility in the opinion of the Committee, she will forfeit her crown and all awards presented to her.
2. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen and Runner-up will be announced at the pageant on August 10, 2024. Throughout the year the Fair Queen will be required to attend and participate in numerous events. All appearances are scheduled, arranged and supervised by the Queen's Committee or designated agent so as to reflect the values and high standards of the program and to enhance its visibility within our community and state. 1st runner-up will have no continuing obligations, only in the event that the Queen is unable to finish her reign will she be called upon.
3. The Fair Queen shall NOT appear in public as the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen without prior approval of the director, or a designated agent. She will make public appearances only in the presence of a chaperone officially appointed for her by the Director. Furthermore, she will not bring guests along with her while making appearances; this includes family members and boyfriends unless otherwise approved by the Director.
4. Continued failure to attend scheduled functions, violations of her contract, or public conduct which the Queen's Committee deems to be a discredit to the Program or to the Northwestern Michigan Fair, may result in action by the committee to remove the title.
5. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen will receive a large crown, alternate crown, sash, and crown box. The Queen's Crowns are rotating crowns and shall be passed on to the 2025 Queen. Upon the end of her reign, the queen shall receive a keepsake crown and may also keep her sash. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen is responsible for the safe keeping of the crowns, box, and items within the box. Should she should choose to keep a crown, or if any items become lost or stolen, she will be responsible for replacement costs (up to \$150.00).
6. The Fair Queen shall abide by the above stated physical appearance guidelines and agrees not to make any major alterations in physical appearance without approval by the Queen's Committee. This would include piercing (other than the ears), tattoos, dramatic changes in hair color or style, or other alterations that could be considered offensive.
7. The Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to the educational institution of her choice. In the event that the Queen fails to abide by the rules and regulations governing this contest, she will immediately forfeit the aforementioned scholarship, and also forfeit the title of Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen if deemed necessary by the Queen's Committee. In the event that she does not wish to avail herself of the educational advantages of this scholarship, then she shall forfeit this scholarship.
8. If, after accepting the scholarship, she desires to discontinue her education, she shall forfeit any unused portion of this scholarship. In the event that she has not started to use the scholarship fund within one year of the contest, she shall forfeit the entire scholarship fund. The scholarship is non-transferable. Furthermore, it shall be understood that the scholarship will be made in two equal payments over the course of the queen's reign.

In the event that the best interests of a contestant are threatened by enforcing any of the rules or regulations, the rule may be waived by a majority vote of the Queen's Committee, upon written request to the committee.

I attest that the above information is true and correct, and that proof thereof can be produced upon request. As a candidate of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen title, I have met all of the requirements stated in the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen Candidate Contract, and will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Queen's Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)

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Date



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**General Rules  
& Guidelines  
2024**

Animal Exhibits Registration Deadline:  
JULY 1, 2024

NON-Animal Exhibits Registration Deadline:  
JULY 14, 2024



# GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

## GENERAL

**THERE WILL BE NO PARKING INSIDE THE FAIRGROUNDS AUGUST 4TH THROUGH THE MORNING OF THE 11TH. ALL OTHER RULES AND GUIDELINES ARE EFFECTIVE SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2024 AT 6PM. VEHICLES MUST BE OFF THE FAIRGROUNDS BY SATURDAY NIGHT BY 9PM!**

Only entries from the five counties of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau will be accepted.

**Animal registrations need to be submitted by July 1, 2024. Non-Animal registrations need to be submitted by July 14, 2024. There will be NO late registrations accepted. Payment for all fees must be submitted at the time of registration. NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED.**

Exhibitors will be charged an entry fee of \$5.00 for every 10 classes entered. Exhibit tickets will be issued upon arrival. Special rules are given in each division. Please review department, section, and/or class rules for additional entry guidelines.

Every article or animal upon the Fairgrounds will be under the control of the Executive Committee, and every precaution will be taken for their safekeeping but, the Association will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur, and upon this condition entries are received. No unregistered house hold pets will be allowed to be marketed on the fairgrounds.

Dogs camping on the Fairgrounds must be kept on a leash no greater than 6 feet in length, under the immediate control of a responsible person and shall not be allowed to disturb any Fairgrounds visitors or animals. Service dogs are allowed. The handler of any dog shall immediately remove all droppings and deposit in trash receptacle on Fairgrounds. **KEEP DOGS IN CAMP AREA OR ON A LEASH.**

**Minors under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs will be reported to the Sheriff 's Department and prohibited from returning to the Fairgrounds.** Additional sanctions may be imposed by the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council. Refer to Code of Conduct Policy in the 4-H section of this Premium Book.

Trailers, tents, RVs, and buses must acquire their parking spot from the Camp Host before parking.

Vehicle parking in designated areas only! Parking in Fire Lane is not allowed. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

ALL CAMPER VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN NORTH CAMP PARKING LOT OR IN DESIGNATED SIDE LOTS! **THERE IS NO PARKING IN PATRON PARKING LOT!** Any vehicles NOT in designated areas will be towed at owner's expense.

The Fairgrounds are private property: operated by a private entity.

There will be no open carry of firearms or carrying of fixed blade knives permitted on grounds!

**The Fairgrounds are a drug free zone. There will be zero tolerance for the use of any illicit drug including recreational and medical marijuana. Any violator will be immediately removed from property.**

Fighting will not be tolerated and can result in being removed from Fairgrounds in addition to a 1 year ban.

**NO BIKES ARE ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS!** Kids wandering around after 11pm (curfew) will have consequences.

Violation #1: Escorted back to camp.

Violation #2: Parking lot clean up detail.

Violation #3: Parents and child will have a meeting with the Executive Fair and Executive Livestock Council Boards.

## JUDGING

No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, the animal or article may be awarded any award the judge deems appropriate.

Exhibitors having questions regarding placing should check with the Division Superintendent as soon as the judging is completed.

No exhibitor, unless in the presence of the respective Superintendent, will discuss any placing with the respective judge.

## APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS:

An exhibitor compelled to bring a complaint regarding conflict of interest of the judge, disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor; exhibitor or superintendent's behavior, or eligibility of an exhibit shall make formal protest in writing to a Fair Board Executive Committee Member no later than 10 days following the end of Fair. All protests shall be referred to a special committee which shall review the protest with interested parties and give parties an opportunity to submit evidence. Report of findings

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shall be made to the Fair Board for final decision on the protest 14 days following date protest issuance. The party against whom the protest was filed shall have the right to read the statement of protest. Exhibitor may file appeal to the Department of Agriculture within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action.

The Department of Agriculture shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint, and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.

Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.

## **EXHIBITS: NON-ANIMAL**

Non-livestock exhibits will be received Saturday August 3, 2024. Evelyn Heim Building - 10am to 2pm. See page 38. Tanner Building - 12pm to 6pm. See page 47. 4-H Thursday and Friday, August 1st and 2nd - 12pm to 9pm. Saturday, August 3rd - 10am to 2pm. See page 67. Please check department rules for exceptions and other instructions.

In no case shall any article be brought upon the grounds and placed upon exhibition except by and at the expense of their authorized agent.

## **EXHIBITS: ANIMAL**

Please refer to individual departments and sections for additional rules and guidelines.

Exhibitors aged 5-7 years old are required to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in all show rings in order to participate in the class.

RFID tags are required for all Beef projects & Swine projects & 4-H identification tags are required for all market projects. Scrapies tags are required for sheep and goats.

Animals will be received Saturday August 3, 2024, 6:00am to 5:00pm and will remain on the grounds until Sunday August 11, 2024 at 6:00am (poultry department refer to department rules). Animals will not be permitted to leave early without appropriate arrangements. Exhibitors will forfeit the premium awarded if animals are removed before times slated. Exercise, feeding, and cleaning times for animals shall be before 9:00am and between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. All barns will be closed by 10:00pm. All barns and animal pens must be ready for public viewing by 9:00am daily.

An accredited veterinarian shall be on-call during the fair. Any individual services and/or disbursement of medication provided by the veterinarian shall be the responsibility of the individual.

Sawdust bedding will be furnished for all animals, with exception of fiber animals or waiver by veterinarian. Exhibitors are required to furnish all feed and supplies.

Stalls and pens will be provided for animals and assigned in the order of application. All beef and dairy animals will be secured by a nylon rope or chain around the neck and secured by a nylon rope or chain to a secured pipe.

Hay nets/ hay bags will be allowed at the discretion of the barn superintendent. If it poses as a threat to the safety and wellbeing of the animal, the hay net/bag will be removed and returned to the owner. This applies to goats and horses.

Animals occupying stalls and pens must be appropriately entered in the judge's book of the section and shown in competition.

**Due to Bio Security, there will be no animals allowed off the trailer until they are inspected by the Superintendent.**

Any prescriptions written pertaining to care of, special treatment or use of equipment to feed or supply water to any animal on the fair grounds during the week of Fair will be written on an individual basis. No group/family/farm prescriptions will be accepted, i.e. each horse, steer, chicken, etc will have its own individual prescription for care.

Copies of registrations, statement as to breeder, feeding and management of stock will be required from all exhibitors.

**All exhibitors must be neat and cleanly dressed and must put the stalls, pens, and floors in a neat and tidy condition by 9:00am. Tack will be kept out of walkways. Infractions of these rules or other barn rules directed by the Superintendent in charge may result in dismissal of the exhibitor and their animal from the Fairgrounds.**

All Animals entered for exhibition must be placed in the department prior to 5:00pm on Saturday, and if not so placed, the owners will forfeit all rights to exhibit or compete for premiums unless relieved from such results or forfeiture by order of the Superintendent of the department in which they are entered.

4-H market animals to be sold in the auction must be weighed on assigned scales only. Market livestock exhibitors are prohibited from entering NWMI Fair if the exhibitor has entered any 4-H market animal at any other fair in this calendar year.

Any animal suspected of being on tranquilizers or other drugs may be subject to testing at the direction of three or more members of the NWMI Livestock Council and NWMI Fair Board.

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The NWMI Fair may perform livestock testing by an “at random” or “for cause” selection process by following these steps:

1. The initial complaints in writing must be received by the Fair Board detailing complainant’s reason for requesting testing.
2. A written reply from the exhibit owner regarding their response to the complaint must also be received by the Fair Board.
3. The Fair Board will review the case and may, at their discretion, request a licensed veterinarian to collect a sample of urine, blood, tissue or other specimen for testing. If the Fair Board requests a sample be collected, it will be done within 12 hours of the complaint being received by the Fair Board.

The Northwestern Michigan Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either alive or slaughtered, wherein the exhibitor/owner of the animal entered into competition refuses to allow the animal to be tested, or the drug test is positive for substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture or the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This includes, but is not limited to diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers, and analgesics. Exhibitors will notify the Fair veterinarian before administering any medications to any animal brought in for competition. The exhibitor will forfeit auction privileges, premiums, and awards. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

## **Michigan Department of Agriculture** **2024 Health Requirements for Livestock** **Exhibited In Michigan**

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

Exhibitors may access requirements at:

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096\\_49214-401893--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_49214-401893--,00.html)



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# **OPEN CLASS**

## **Animal Exhibits**

Registration Deadline:  
**JULY 1, 2024**

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## **PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE READ THROUGH ALL THE GENERAL RULES**

### **DEPARTMENT 1 - DAIRY CATTLE**

*Superintendent - Sonya Youker*

#### **DEPARTMENT RULES:**

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The superintendent(s) reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
- Premiums and ribbons shall be restricted to one entry per exhibitor per class.
- Heifers that have freshened must be shown in the cow class.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years of age or older. Age computed from January 1st of current year.
- Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
- PREMIUM: Exhibitors will receive ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places. 1st place recipient will receive a premium of \$15.00. Premiums are only paid for classes with 3 or more entries from different homesteads.

#### **SECTION 1: DAIRY BREED CLASSES**

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Bull
2. Heifer Calf
3. Cow
4. Grand Champion Bull - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class Rosette awarded to winner.*
5. Grand Champion Female - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.*

### **DEPARTMENT 3 – BEEF CATTLE**

*Superintendent - Sonya Youker*

#### **DEPARTMENT RULES:**

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The superintendent(s) reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
- Cows 36 months old or over must have produced a living calf within 15 months previous to the exhibition or show satisfactory evidence of being safe in calf, or they cannot compete for premium.
- Bulls a year old must be fastened by a ring in the nose and secured by chains around the neck or they will be barred from remaining on the ground.

#### **DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:**

- Exhibitors must place their names and addresses, also the breed, name and age of each animal exhibited upon a card, in a conspicuous place in the stall.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years or older. **With the exception of the Large Beef which is 13 years or older or 12 years of age with 2 years cattle show experience.** Age computed from January 1st of current year.
- Cattle must be entered by bona fide owners, which of a firm or association must be joint property of such firm and association and not of the individuals thereof
- Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
- Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.
- DAIRY FEEDERS: Calves must be born after January 1 of current year. Calves must be 100% dairy breed: Holstein, Brown Swiss, etc. Minimum weight 350lbs. All cattle must meet TB testing guidelines per MDA
- PREMIUM: Exhibitors will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places. Overall of each section will receive premium of \$5.00.

#### **SECTION 1: BEEF CATTLE CLASSES**

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons.*

*Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

#### **BULLS:**

1. Bull
2. Grand/Reserve Champion Bull - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.*

#### **COWS:**

3. Cow
4. Heifer calf (up to 9 months old)
5. Breeding heifer (10-19 months old)
6. Cow with Calf
7. Grand/Reserve Champion Female - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.*

#### **SECTION 2: LARGE BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons.*

1. Senior Steer Showmanship
2. Intermediate Steer Showmanship
3. Junior Steer Showmanship
4. Beginner Steer Showmanship - **Exhibitor must be 12 years with 2 years in cattle program or 13 years or older**

#### **SECTION 3: DAIRY FEEDER SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

*Steer/heifer must have been born after January 1st of current year.*

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons.*

1. Senior Dairy Feeder Showmanship
2. Intermediate Dairy Feeder Showmanship
3. Junior Dairy Feeder Showmanship
4. Beginner Dairy Feeder Showmanship - *Exhibitors must be 5-7 years of age and accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

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## SECTION 4: LARGE DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons.*

1. Senior Large Dairy Showmanship
2. Intermediate Large Dairy Showmanship
3. Junior Large Dairy Showmanship
4. Beginner Large Dairy Showmanship -Exhibitors must be 12 years old with two years of cattle experience or 13 years and older.

## SECTION 4: JUNIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

*Steer/heifer must have been born after January 1st of current year.*

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons.*

1. Senior Junior Beef Showmanship
2. Intermediate Junior Beef Showmanship
3. Junior Junior Beef Showmanship
4. Beginner Junior Beef Showmanship -Exhibitors must be 5-7 years of age and accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.

## SECTION 5: BREED AND OWN CLASSES

*Open to exhibitors ages 5 and older. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring (Exhibitors 5-11 can only participate in the Jr. Beef Class). Cattle must be born and bred by the exhibitor or their immediate family (parents/guardian and siblings living at the same home). Classes will be placed 1st-6th, with the 1st and 2nd place winners from each class coming back for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Bred and Owned. Cattle will be judged by the judge's preference on, but not limited to, structural correctness, soundness, style and balance.*

1. Junior Beef, less than 1 year old
2. Large Beef, 1 year and older

## SECTION 6: CATTLE PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

*Open to youth ages 5 and under after January 1st. All participants must be able to walk with the calf and be accompanied by an adult. Only Dairy Feeders and Jr. Beef calves may be used in this class.*

1. Peewee Showmanship

## DEPARTMENT 5 - SHEEP

*Superintendent – Nancy Vander Stel  
Assistant Superintendent - Tyler Patterson*

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The Superintendent(s) reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
- All sheep for exhibition must be free from infectious and contagious diseases, and have an official USDA Scrapie Tag.
- Market animals are not eligible for breed classes.
- Humane handling practices of sheep at all times.
- No liquid feeding of lambs.
- Age is computed from January 1st of current year.
- Exhibitors 7 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
- Exhibitors under five can only register for the pee wee class. Registration for any other class will not be accepted.
- Homegrown lambs are lambs born on your farm that you have raised from birth.

### DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:

- **PREMIUM:** Exhibitors will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places, unless otherwise specified. 1st place recipient will receive a premium of \$7.00.

## SECTION 1: OPEN CLASS

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 7 years of age and under must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Homegrown Market Lamb
2. Grand/Reserve Champion Homegrown - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do NOT need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.
3. Pair of Market Lambs (2 Market Lambs that compete as a team)
4. Grand/Reserve Champion Market Lambs - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do NOT need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 2: GRADE SHEEP

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 7 years of age and younger must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Ewe, 2 years & older
2. Ewe, 1 year old
3. Ewe under 1 year
4. Grand and Reserve Ewe to follow
5. Pair of Yearling Ewes
6. Pair of Ewe Lambs under 1 year
7. Champion and Reserve to follow
8. Ram 2 year and older
9. Ram 1 year old
10. Ram under 1 year
11. Grand and Reserve Ram to follow

## SECTION 3: SHOWMANSHIP

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons.*

1. Showman ages 15 and older
2. Showman ages 13-14 years old
3. Showman ages 11-12 years old
4. Showman ages 8-10 years old
5. Showman ages 5-7 years old - Exhibitors 5-7 years old in this class are to be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.
6. Parent/Guardian Showmanship - child can help and coach
7. Pee Wee Showmanship 4 years old and under all Pee Wee exhibitors must be accompanied by an adult and lamb must be on a lead. Ribbon only class.

## DEPARTMENT 7 - GOATS

*Superintendent - Sherri Forton*

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The superintendent(s) reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years of age or older. Age computed from January 1st of current year.

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:

- Exhibitors 5-7 years of age MAY be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
  - ALL GOATS MUST meet the TB/ Scrapie Guidelines per the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD)- NO EXCEPTIONS
- Official Identification Requirements:**
- Goats with tattoos that cannot be read or do not have valid paperwork will not be allowed on the fairgrounds
  - Tattooing and tagging will NOT be done on fairgrounds at or after check-in—is owner’s responsibility to have goats tagged/tattooed prior to fair
  - Microchips are allowed; however, a chip reader must accompany the goat to the fair
  - Scrapie tags must be either in the ear of the goat or accompany the health check forms with the tattoo numbers visible and legible
  - Goat Specific health forms (available on website) must be completed with registration paperwork prior to unloading for check-in.
  - Health forms will be kept with the Superintendent or in the Fair office until check-out. Exhibitors are responsible for picking up from Superintendent at end of week. Any forms not picked up will be left with the Fair Office.
  - Dairy Goats MUST be properly disbudded to be shown in dairy breed classes. If showing in showmanship class ONLY they may have horns.
  - Fiber and Meat goats shown in breed classes and working goats shown in pack classes are allowed to be horned.
  - Horned goats are allowed at fair all week.
  - Fitting—Spot cleaning and touch-ups can be done at Fair. No full body shaving is permitted. Enhancements are permitted for Exhibitors to present their goat(s) in the best of their ability—alterations to change the look of the goat are NOT permitted
  - Dress Code for all participants: Plaid or solid color shirt, nice pants/jeans (no holes or rips). Work or hiking style boots MUST be worn.
  - PREMIUM: 1st- \$6.00. 1st-6th place receive rosettes.
  - **Participants ages 5-7 receive Participation Ribbons.**

## SECTION 1: SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

1. Advanced Showman 16 years old and up
2. Intermediate Showman 13-15 years old
3. Pre-Intermediate Showman 8-12 years old
4. Beginner Showman 5-7 years old
5. Grand/Reserve Champion Showman - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class.*

## SECTION 2: BREED CLASSES

1. Dam and Daughter
2. Junior Meat Breed Doe 4-12 Months
3. Yearling Meat Breed Doe 13-23 Months
4. Senior Meat Breed Doe 24 Months
5. Junior Dairy Breed Doe 4-12 Months
6. Yearling Dairy Breed Doe 13-23 Months
7. Senior Dairy Breed Doe 24 Months Plus
8. Grand & Reserve Champion- Best of Breed
9. Junior Meat Breed Buck 4-12 Months
10. Yearling Meat Breed Buck 13-23 Months
11. Senior Meat Breed Buck 24 Months Plus
12. Junior Dairy Breed Buck 4-12 Months
13. Yearling Dairy Breed Buck 13-23 Months
14. Senior Dairy Breed Buck 24 Months Plus
15. Grand/Reserve Champion – Best of Breed.

*Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class.*

## SECTION 3: PACK OBSTACLE

1. Beginner Showman 5-7 years old
2. Pre-Intermediate Showman 8-12 years old
3. Intermediate Showman 13-15 years old
4. Advanced Showman 16 years old and up
5. Grand/Reserve Champion Showman - *Exhibitors are determined by judge. You do NOT need to register for this class.*

## SECTION 4: FUN CLASSES

1. Game Class
2. Family Member Class

## DEPARTMENT 9 - SWINE

*Superintendent - Todd Brown  
Asst. Superintendent - Tony Saxton*

## DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- The superintendent(s) reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
- All swine for exhibition must be free from infectious and contagious diseases.
- All swine must be vaccinated for Circovirus, Erysipelas, Swine Influenza, and Mycoplasma with booster given 21-28 days following initial vaccination. Vaccinations must be completed at least 60 days before August 3, 2024.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years of age or older. Age computed from January 1st of the current year.
- Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
- Swine arrives between 6am and must be in by 10:30am on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Swine will weigh in on Saturday as they unload.
- 840 Tags are required.

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:

- A certificate of registration will be required and must be supplied to qualify for entry.
- No swine shall be presented for exhibition purposes that have originated from any garbage feeding premises or that are in a quarantined area for the prevention of the spread of vascular exanthema; or if quarantine is on the premises for any reason.
- Swine will be penned with 4-H animal, or if only exhibit 4-H Club. If the open exhibit is not associated with a 4-H Club, pen placement will be determined by the superintendent.
- **PREMIUM:** Exhibitors will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places unless otherwise specified. First place recipient will receive a premium of \$7.00.

### SECTION 1: REGISTERED BREED

*Exhibitors placed 1st-5th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring. Exhibitors must have complete control of their swine.*

1. January & February born Registered Purebred (with breeder papers) Gilt
2. January & February born Registered Purebred (with breeder papers) Barrow
3. Grand/Reserve Champion Registered January & February Purebred Gilt & Purebred Barrow - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.*

## DEPARTMENT 11 – POULTRY

*Superintendent- Al Henning  
Asst. Superintendent - Lynn Henning*

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

Documentation will be accepted by one of the following:

- A. Hatchery source documentation.
  - B. Entire flock or individual bird test report USDA VA 9-2 or VS 9-3.
  - C. Michigan Department of Agriculture pullorum test form with owner certificate.
  - D. Statement provided by pullorum tester and/or accredited Veterinarian.
- Owner certification statement with all of the above forms; providing verification of birds being presented for pullorum test and isolation form unknown status poultry since pullorum test negative.
  - Pullorum testing will be available at the Fairgrounds on first Saturday of Fair from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There will be no charge for pullorum testing.
  - Poultry cannot be entered in both Open and 4-H.
  - All Breed class poultry must be one year of age or older to be judged.
  - Only poultry from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties may be shown.
  - Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
  - Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.

## DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:

- The superintendent reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.
  - Exhibitors must be 5 years of age or older. Age computed from January 1st of current year.
  - Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring.
  - Exhibitors may remove birds from exhibition coop for the purpose of showmanship at the time of showmanship only!
  - Poultry showing any symptoms of disease will be excluded from exhibition
  - Stock must be entered in the name of the actual owner(s).
  - All poultry to be judged by the American Standard of Perfection and Bantam Breed of Perfection.
  - Judges may refuse to award premiums to any bird or animal that does not possess sufficient merit.
  - The poultry terms as follows: Cock and hen are birds one year old and over; Cockerel and pullet are birds less than one year.
  - Birds entered singly cannot compete for pairs or pens. Pairs are male & female of same breed.
  - All exhibits will be banded by the NWMI before exhibiting.
  - Not allowed due to DNR regulations and permit requirement- Hungarian Partridge, Ruffled Grouse, Sharp Tailed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Ducks (all North American species, except Mallards), Geese (Canada subspecies and Blue-Snow Geese), Pheasants (Ringneck, Sichuan and look alikes from the Genius Phasianus), Quail (Bobwhite).
  - ILT vaccinated poultry will not be accepted for entry.
  - **PREMIUM:** Exhibitors will receive ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places, unless otherwise specified. 1st place recipient will receive a premium of \$2.00.
  - Daily attention to poultry exhibits is required.
- Poultry open exhibit rules:**
- Barn duty is required to be signed upon entry.
  - Exhibitors in Open Classes are required to follow the same rules as the Youth Division. To include barn duty, proper care and daily attendance, such as, morning and evening care of their poultry exhibits.
  - Limit 2 entries to class
  - Breed poultry judging will be held after 4-H Youth judging.

### SECTION 1: STANDARD CHICKENS CLASSES

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.*

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Pairs
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.*



# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## SECTION 2: EGGS

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Best Dozen Brown Standard
2. Best Dozen White Standard
3. Best Dozen Other, Standard
4. Best Dozen Brown, Bantam
5. Best Dozen White, Bantam
6. Best Dozen Other, Bantam
7. Best Dozen Quail
8. Best Turkey 1/2 Dozen
9. Best Waterfowl 1/2 Dozen]
8. Best Overall Eggs- Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 3: CHICKENS - BANTAM

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Pairs
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 4: TURKEYS

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Old Tom
2. Old Hen
3. Young Tom
4. Young Hen
5. Pairs
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 5: PIGEONS

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Old Cock
2. Old Hen
3. Young Cock
4. Young Hen
5. Pairs
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 6: DUCKS

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Old Drake
2. Old Duck
3. Young Drake
4. Young Duck
5. Pairs,
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for his class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 7: GEESE

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show area.

1. Old Gander
2. Old Goose
3. Young Gander
4. Young Goose
5. Pairs
6. Grand/Reserve Champion - Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner.

## SECTION 8: CHAMPIONSHIP

Plaques and 1st place rosettes are awarded to winners Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for these classes.

1. Grand Champion Non-Waterfowl
2. Grand Champion Waterfowl

## DEPARTMENT 13: RABBITS & CAVIES

Superintendent - Laura Guerin

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- Rabbits and Cavies must be free from disease or injury
- Official rules of the ARBA will govern all classes. Judging will conform to the American Standard of Perfection. [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)
- All animals must be permanently and legibly earmarked in the left ear. The tattoo is to only contain numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z.
- A permanent tag is required in the cavy's left ear. **\*\*See Specie Chair or Superintendent for correct placement information.**
- We will be using ARBA standards and will be weighing and checking weights in accordance to those standards.
- Only rabbits 12 weeks of age or older are allowed to show.
- The superintendent reserves the right to adjust or arrange classes as numbers see fit.

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## DEPARTMENT RULES CONTINUED:

- Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult in the show ring
- Entries are entered at owner's risk and the FAIR WILL NOT be responsible for loss or injury.
- Rabbits and Cavies to be shown will be brought in on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 9a-5p and will remain until 7am Sunday, August 11, 2024.
- The Superintendent will release animals when cage and area used by Exhibitor is cleaned to the best of the exhibitor's ability
- Rabbits and Cavies need to be checked for fresh water and feed many times daily.

### BARN AND EXHIBITORS CONDUCT

- Cavies must be in escape proof cages. Example: Guinea Pig cage with attached lid.
- Exhibitors with Rabbit and Cavies registered for 4-H Showmanship, breed or market cannot register those same animals and show in Open.
- **PREMIUM:** Exhibitors will receive ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places, unless otherwise specified. First place recipient will receive a premium of \$2.00.

### SECTION 1: RABBIT BREEDS MATURING OVER

**10LBS.** (*French Lop, New Zealand, Satin, Etc.*) Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.

1. Senior Buck (Over 8 Months)
2. Senior Doe (Over 8 Months)
3. Intermediate Buck (6-8 Months)
4. Intermediate Doe (6-8 Months)
5. Junior Buck (3-6 Months)
6. Junior Doe (3-6 Months)

### SECTION 2: RABBIT BREEDS MATURING UNDER

**10LBS.** (*Mini Lop, Holland Lop, Dwarfs, Etc.*) Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.

1. Senior Buck (Over 8 Months)
2. Senior Doe (Over 8 Months)
3. Intermediate Buck (6-8 Months)
4. Intermediate Doe (6-8 Months)
5. Junior Buck (3-6 Months)
6. Junior Doe (3-6 Months)

### SECTION 3: RABBIT CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

*Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Best of Each Breed - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner*
2. Best of Breed Overall - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Grand/Reserve Rosette awarded to winner.*

### SECTION 4: CAVY CLASSES

*All cavies must follow the same rules as rabbits using the ARBA Standard of perfection. [www.arba.ne](http://www.arba.ne)*

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded ribbons. Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Senior Boar (over 6 months or over 32 ounces)
2. Senior Sow (over 6 months or over 32 ounces)
3. Intermediate Boar (4-6 months or 22-32 ounces)
4. Intermediate Sow (4-6 months or 22-32 ounces)
5. Junior Boar (under 4 months or 12-22 ounces)
6. Junior Sow (under 4 months or 12-22 ounces)

### SECTION 5: CAVY CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

*Exhibitors 5-7 years of age must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult in show ring.*

1. Best of Each Breed - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Rosette awarded to winner*
2. Best of Breed Overall - *Exhibitors are determined by the judge. You do not need to register for this class. Grand/Reserve Rosette awarded to winner.*

## DEPARTMENT 15 - HORSES

*Superintendent - Erika Sprenger*

*Asst. Superintendent - David Hadfield*

### DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Registrations must be submitted by July 1, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- All horses and ponies on the grounds must have a negative Coggins test within the calendar year of the Fair. Original proof of negative Coggins must be presented to the Superintendent or designee prior to unloading. We strongly suggest you vaccinate your horse.
- All horses and ponies for exhibition must be free from infections and contagious diseases. The Fair Board reserves the right to remove unfit animals from the grounds.
- Horses and ponies must be sound to compete.
- All horses and ponies shall be in by 3:00pm Saturday August 4, 2024 and will remain until 6:00 am Sunday, August 11th unless appropriate arrangements have been made.
- Horse and rider combinations may only compete in one showmanship class.
- No horse or pony shall be entered in more than one halter class except Championship classes.
- Ages of animals will be computed from January 1st of the current year.
- Exhibitor's age will be computed from January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors must be 6 years of age or older, except the lead line.

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## DEPARTMENT RULES CONT.

- There must be 3 entries to hold a class. Superintendent has the right to reassign classes to control class size.
  - For exhibitors 6 years old & younger (leadline riders), adults must be aware of the youngsters safety. When exhibitors 6 years old and younger are working with horses, assistance must be provided one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on the ground holding the animal's lead rope which is attached to a halter to maximize safety.
  - For exhibitors 6-9 years old (Pee Wee riders) Extra adults should be available to help before classes as well as being available as spotters while the exhibitor is in the ring.
  - For exhibitors 6-9 years old participating in walk/trot classes, exhibitors must have adult volunteers in the ring with them at all times.
  - We encourage adult riders to wear a helmet. Exhibitors 19 years and younger are required to wear a helmet when riding any discipline.
  - Each class entry shall be charged a \$4.00 entry fee except championship classes.
  - Exhibitors of horses and ponies will be required to perform for the exhibit under the direction of the judge. Exhibitors will be required to follow the directions of the judge and announcer. Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification. The judge has the power to rule out of competition all who do not comply with the requirements.
  - A Novice Rider or showman is considered a first year show person.
  - A Rookie Rider is a second year walk/trot rider or is a new rider/horse combination.
  - Pee Wee classes are for ages 6-9.
  - Pee Wee, Novice, or Rookie may use any legal bit that parent or leader feels is safe for the child regardless of age of horse.
  - Bit must be appropriate for the seat.
  - For Special Classes: Leadline must have helmet and use stirrups. Horses must have a halter with lead rope, not just a bridle.
  - All stalls are filled on a first come, first serve basis. This will be based on the pre-registration date received at the Fair Office.
  - The right to split classes is based upon the discretion of the Superintendent and/or judge.
  - When riding you must wear a shoe/boot with a stepped heel.
  - "Unsafe actions" determined by the Superintendent or infractions of these rules, involving an exhibitor is grounds for dismissal of the exhibitor and their animal from the Fairgrounds with all premiums being forfeited.
  - Exercise time will be announced at the barn meeting.
  - Horses may only be handled by the exhibitor or owner unless permission is given by the Superintendent and Species Chair.
  - Horses need to be in stalls or arenas unless otherwise stated by the superintendent.
  - Reference barn rules for additional items.
- ◇ Please reference 4-H rules for anything not covered above.

- **PREMIUM:** Exhibitors will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places, unless specified differently under each class. 1st place recipients will receive a premium of \$10.00.
- Exhibitors showing in Halter, English Pleasure, and Western Pleasure classes will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places. 1st place will receive a medallion and a rosette ribbon.
- For exhibitors showing in English Equitation and Western Horsemanship, 1st place will receive a trophy and rosette. 2nd-6th place winners will receive rosette ribbons.
- Exhibitors showing in all other classes will receive rosette ribbons for their appropriate placing of 1st through 6th places, unless otherwise specified.

## SECTION 1: SADDLE HORSE AND PONY HALTER CLASSES

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.*

1. (Open) Yearlings & 2 year olds
2. Stock Mares, 3 years & older
3. Stock Geldings, 3 years & older
4. Pleasure Mares, 3 years & older
5. Pleasure Geldings, 3 years & older
6. Mini and Pony Halter
7. Draft Halter
8. Grand/Reserve Champion Halter - *Exhibitors are determined by first and second placings in classes 1-7. You do not need to register for this class. Neck rosette awarded to winner.*

## SECTION 2: SHOWMANSHIP

*Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. 1st place also receives a medal. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.*

1. Showmanship - 17 years old & older
2. Showmanship - 14-16 years old
3. Showmanship - 10-13 years old
4. Showmanship - 6-9 years old Pee Wee
5. Showmanship - Rookie
6. Showmanship - Novice (Novice exhibitors may not show in any other showmanship classes)
7. Showmanship - Mini (A mini is classified as being under 38" in height)
8. Showmanship - Draft

# OPEN CLASS ANIMAL EXHIBITS

## SECTION 3: SPECIAL CLASSES

**Leadline must have a helmet and use stirrups. Must have a halter with lead rope, not just a bridle.** Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons, unless otherwise specified. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger, unless otherwise specified.

1. Lead Line (for little riders 6 years old & younger) Each exhibitor receives 1st place ribbon. Exhibitors may not participate in any other classes. Exhibitors must be directly assisted one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on the ground holding the animal's lead rope attached to a halter to maximize safety.
2. Walk Only (for riders 7 years old & older) Exhibitors may be led or have an adult walking beside them. Exhibitors will receive participation ribbons. Differently abled exhibitors are welcome to participate in this class.
3. Driving - Single Draft Horse Cart
4. Driving - Mini Cart

## SECTION 4: ENGLISH EQUITATION

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. 1st place also receives a trophy. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.

1. English Equitation - 17 years old & older
2. English Equitation - 14-16 years old
3. English Equitation - 10-13 years old
4. English Equitation - 6-9 years old Pee Wee
5. English Equitation - Rookie
6. English Equitation - Novice

## SECTION 5: ENGLISH PLEASURE

Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.

1. English Pleasure - 17 years old & older
2. English Pleasure - 14-16 years old
3. English Pleasure - 10-13 years old
4. English Pleasure - 6-9 years old Pee Wee
5. English Pleasure - Rookie
6. English Pleasure - Novice
7. English Pleasure - Championship

Exhibitors are determined by the judge (1st & 2nd places winners from each class in this section except for the rookie, novice, & pee wee classes, compete). You do not need to register for this class. Neck ribbon awarded.

## SECTION 6: WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

**Exhibitors 19 & younger are required to wear a helmet.** Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. 1st place also receives trophy. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.

1. Western Horsemanship - 17 years old & older
2. Western Horsemanship - 14-16 years old
3. Western Horsemanship - 10-13 years old
4. Western Horsemanship - 6-9 years old Pee Wee
5. Western Horsemanship - Rookie
6. Western Horsemanship - Novice

## SECTION 7: WESTERN PLEASURE

**Exhibitors 19 & younger are required to wear a helmet.** Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.

1. Western Pleasure - 17 years old & older
2. Western Pleasure - 14-16 years old
3. Western Pleasure - 10-13 years old
4. Western Pleasure - 6-9 years old Pee Wee
5. Western Pleasure - Rookie
6. Western Pleasure - Novice
7. Western Pleasure - Championship

Exhibitors are determined by the judge (1st & 2nd places winners from each class in this section except for the rookie, novice, & pee wee classes, compete). You do not need to register for this class. Neck ribbon awarded.

## SECTION 8: GAME CLASSES

**Exhibitors 19 & younger are required to wear a helmet.** Exhibitors placed 1st-6th in each class awarded rosette ribbons. Please refer to department rules regarding safety for exhibitors 8 years & younger.

1. Game Class - Walk/Trot/Canter
2. Game Class - Walk/Trot
3. Mini Freedom - A three minute class. Exhibitors have two minutes to perform and one minute to catch. Exhibitors are allowed one additional handler. This is the only time a horse will be allowed freedom in the ring.

## DEPARTMENT 17 - DRAFT HORSE SHOW

Superintendent - Erika Sprenger  
Asst. Superintendent - David Hadfield  
**Start time is 10:00a.m**

For class information or stall reservations, contact  
Patrick McCarry- 231-383-5673  
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## DEPARTMENT RULES:

- Please be sure to read through all the general rules at the beginning of this book.
- Entry fee- \$5.00 per class. Show secretary requests pre-registration by July 1, 2024 but entries will be accepted the day of the show up until one hour before the show starts.
- Stalls must be reserved before July 1, 2024.
- All horses must be free from infectious and contagious diseases. All horses and ponies must have a negative Coggins test within the calendar year of Fair. Original copies must be presented to show Secretary before unloading. The Fair Association reserves the right to remove unfit animals from the grounds.
- In the performance classes, an adult must accompany junior drivers under 19 years of age.
- Exhibitors must be 5 years or older. Age computed from December 31st of past year.