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2018 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN

The complete set of requirements can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan Department of Agriculture web site at www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo or by contacting the Mecosta County Fair/Exposition staff.

The **2018 MECOSTA COUNTY FAIR BOOK** was published by The Pioneer Group in cooperation with the Mecosta County Fair Board and the MSU Extension Office. The Pioneer wishes to thank John Currie of the Fair Board, and the MSU Extension Office for their work in putting this book together. The book would not have been possible without the many advertisers who choose to market their businesses throughout this book. Please support the businesses who have shown their support of 4-H and its philosophies.

2018 FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Heritage Draft Horse Pull
5:00 pm

MONDAY, JULY 9

Harness Racing Colt Stakes
6:30 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Harness Overnights/Celebrity Race
6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

KIDS DAY

Kid's Pedal Pull **1:00 pm**
Bump & Run Off Road Derby
& Figure 8
7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Livestock Auction
5:00 pm

Superkicker Rodeo
7:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 13

MTTP Truck & Tractor Pulls
7:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Demolition Derby
Compact-Front Wheel Drive Derby
Mini-Van Demo Derby
Compact Off Road Derby
Power Wheel Racing for Kids
7:00 pm

WELCOME TO THE 2018 MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FREE FAIR

Under the auspices and direction of the Mecosta County Agricultural Fair Association
SUNDAY, JULY 8 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 14

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2018 fair season! Our county fairs are a family tradition for many Michiganders. It's an entertainment staple celebrating our agricultural heritage and showcasing the diversity and innovation of our growing food and ag sector.

Millions of Michigan citizens and tourists attend county fairs every year. In fact, agriculture has always been an integral part of our state and its future has never been brighter. It uses cutting-edge technology, incorporates environmental practices, and is an industry filled with career opportunities.

I am proud of Michigan's 4-H program and the tremendous accomplishments of our FFA peers. Thanks to Michigan's local and county fairs, Michigan youth have the opportunity to showcase their hard work while educating fairgoers about the state's food and agriculture industry. Careers in food and agriculture are limitless – everything from veterinarians, soil scientists, and microbiologists to metrologists, food scientists, engineers, and more!

Our county fairs are full of local charm, family fun and agricultural traditions. This year, be sure to visit a local or county fair as part of your Michigan summer travel plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GORDON WENK
DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2018 county fair season!

Millions of people attend Michigan's county fairs each year, and this year's fair season promises to provide the sights, sounds and activities that have become an annual tradition for many of us.

Michigan fairs are an important part of our state's growing food and agriculture industry, helping to reconnect consumers and communities with agri-food traditions while highlighting modern agriculture techniques. Our state's nearly 90 local, county and state fairs provide safe, family-friendly entertainment and celebrate the bounty of our agricultural harvest.

Fairgoers and local businesses support the nearly 50,000 Michigan youth who participate in livestock and community arts exhibitions each year. Many of our exhibitors use the auction proceeds to help fund their college education or vocational training after high school.

Whether you are here as a sponsor or exhibitor, or simply to enjoy the livestock shows, food, midway rides, and entertainment, I wish you great adventures during the 2018 fair season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Wenk", written over a horizontal line.

Gordon Wenk
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We are glad that you will be entering your exhibits in the Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair!

Again, this year we will accept ENTRY DAY REGISTRATION for STILL EXHIBITS (ONLY). These are exhibits that will be placed in the Exhibit Building. You also have the option of pre-registering your still exhibits. All horse and livestock exhibits must be pre-registered by Last Monday in June - NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have any questions about how to enter an exhibit, please contact: 4-H/FFA Youth Exhibits - Mecosta County, MSU Extension Office (231) 592-0795, Open Class Exhibits - (231) 629-8355, please leave a message before 5pm. A registration form is available in the fair book. PLEASE - only 1 exhibitor's entries on a registration form. All Horse and Livestock exhibits and projects must be pre-registered by last monday in June.

Here are a few helpful hints to make it easier to enter your exhibits:

1. Your exhibitor number will be the first initial of your first name and last name, and the last 3 digits of your social security number.

2. Be sure to fill out all the information on the registration form
3. Do not include exhibits for more than one person on an entry form.
4. Some classes are determined by age. Use your age as of January 1st of this year, for 4-H/FFA Youth only.
 - 4-H/FFA Youth Classes - Youth MUST be a registered member in the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Youth Development Program and a member in good standing. Youth must follow all rules and guidelines under the county and state 4-H program for their projects. Preregistered by project deadline.
 - Clover Bud 4-H Members - 5 to 8 years old
 - Little Buddy Project - Youth 6, 7 or 8 years old who are registered by Project Deadline
 - Open Youth - Persons 5 years old to 18 years old. Age is determined as of January 1st.
 - Open Class Adult - Anyone 19 years old and up
 - Golden Years (seniors) - Anyone 60 years old and up
5. If all your exhibits do not fit on one page, staple two forms together.

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6. Double check your entry forms. Be sure you have used the current year's fair book to find your class numbers, sections and class descriptions.
7. Print your information NEATLY and in ink. **DO NOT USE A PENCIL**
8. ALL LIVESTOCK AND HORSE ENTRIES AND REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BEFORE June 15!
9. **DO NOT FAX YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS. DROP IT OFF, OR MAIL IT.**
10. Completed registration forms can be dropped off by Friday June 15 to: the Mecosta County MSU Extension Office, located at 14485 Northland Drive, Big Rapids. Or, mail your entry form to: the Mecosta County Agricultural Fair Association, 540 West Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307.
11. Same day or Entry Day Registrations
 - If you bring items for exhibit on the day of registration, you must bring a completed registration form with you, or fill one out that day to turn in to the registration booth before placement of your exhibit.
- Once you have registered your exhibit you will take your item(s) to the appropriate Department(s) to be checked in by the Department Superintendent.
- Keep your claim ticket(s).
- Same day - exhibit day registrations will be accepted at the Exhibit Building at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds between 9am and 2pm Saturday, July 7th
- **SAME DAY - ENTRY DAY REGISTRATION IS FOR EXHIBITS BEING PLACED IN THE EXHIBIT BUILDING ONLY!!!**
12. All exhibits must be on display for the duration of the fair. Any exhibits removed before, will forfeit all awards and premiums.
13. Every care will be taken to protect the articles exhibits, but the Fair Association will not in any way hold itself responsible for accidents, loss or damage by fire, theft, or whatever the cause may be for the cause of damage or loss sustained.
14. The first initial of the exhibitor's first name and the first initial of the exhibitor's last name along with the last



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3 digits of the exhibitor's Social Security Number will be used for his/her exhibitor number. No premium will be paid by the Fairboard without this information on records per federal guidelines.

15. Ribbons and or rosettes are to be awarded as outlined in the Fair Rules and class descriptions. Ribbons and rosettes will not be replaced if lost, stolen, damaged or eaten.
16. Those camping on the fairgrounds must follow the

general rules listed with their application to camp, and all members of the camping party and visitors must be in their campers and quiet by midnight with the exception of the barn watch crews.

17. NO ALCOHOL BEVERAGES PERMITTED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS OR IN THE BARN.
18. No smoking in or around the barns or Exhibit Building. Mandated by the State Fire Marshall.
19. Animals must stay in designated areas and cannot be taken to camp area.
20. No dogs in barns
21. Goat and sheep kept in barn must be in a closed/ sealed container. Feed can be stored in tack trailers if in bags.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING SALE OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Michigan Department of Agriculture Food Inspection - Division Regulation No. 514 as Amended

Under the authority of the provisions of Act. No. 344, Public Acts of 1917, the following rules and regulations governing the cooking, dispensing, and sale of foods and beverages offered for sale at or tributary to Fairgrounds, circus grounds, carnivals, parks, resorts, and roadside stands within the State of Michigan are hereby established.

1. All stands where food is served to the public shall be constructed of substantial materials and provided with a durable roof.
2. All concessions serving food or drink must have all cooking, processing or preparation areas properly covered so that food will be protected at all times from dust, dirt, insects, rodents and other contamination. All such concessions must be provided with a plentiful supply of hot water for washing dishes and other utensils.
3. Equipment used in the cooking of "hot dogs", "hamburgers", steaks or other foods or in the preparation of other foods such as candy and candy coated apples must be enclosed on at least three sides with covers extending entirely over such equipment.
4. All foods must be kept covered and protected from dust, dirt and insects at all times. Soda straws must be individually wrapped, sugar bowls and condiment containers properly covered. This regulation shall not prohibit the use of individually wrapped or packaged portions of such times.
5. Cooking of foods in the open will not be permitted. No food or drink concession may be operated within 50 feet of a stable, refuse pile or outside toilet not connected to a sewer or septic tank.
6. All garbage must be kept covered in fly-tight, durable containers and removed daily.
7. Beverages and all other drinks except tea and coffee, must be served in sanitary individual cups or closed individual containers. A new cup must be used for each person served. Such beverages must be drawn or served from cooler bottles or closed containers. no dipping of such products will be permitted.
8. All water and ice must be from a tested and approved source of supply. All mills and juice presses shall, while in operation, be covered and protected from dust, dirt, rodents, insects, or other such contamination.
9. All forms of ice, used as part of any food or drink in its preparation, must be cleaned and free from any foreign material or contamination, supplies of such ice must arrive at any fair grounds, carnival or circus grounds, park, resorts or road side stands in clean, closed bags, package, or containers as prepared at the point of manufacture.
10. No cold beverages, other than orange and lemonade, shall be made on any fair grounds, carnivals, parks, resorts or road side stands unless made from syrup which has been registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. (Sec.3, Act. 126, P.A. 1927).
11. All such drinks and any other nonalcoholic beverages that contain "artificial flavor" of any character shall be labeled "imitation", whenever applicable, shall proceed and be in equal size type with the name of the imitated fruit juice following. All display signs must conform to the afore mentioned requirements. (Section 9, Act. 126, PO. 1927).
12. All concessions dispensing food or drinks must be equipped with available hand washing facilities on the immediate premise, individual towels and plenty of soap shall be provided at all times.
13. Adequate refrigeration for perishable foods must be maintained and readily available.
14. All cooked, partially cooked, baked or fried foods must be kept hot (at least 130 degrees F.) or cold (50 degrees F. or less) and may not be displayed openly unless such requirements are maintained, except those products which do not, under good commercial practices, require refrigeration or heating to safeguard their quality.
15. All prepared foods and drinks must be packaged, wrapped or completely protected from contamination when offered for sale, delivered to, or sold within the lot or grounds at location other than where prepared.
16. The provisions of this regulation requiring the covering and enclosure of cooking areas shall not apply to open pit barbecues when such installations are approved by the Department of Agriculture. Michigan Department of Agriculture Food inspection Division Regulation No. 514 as Amended.

2018 MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FREE FAIR LIVESTOCK, HORSE & EXHIBIT BUILDING INFORMATION

BUILDING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

EXHIBITORS REGISTRATION

Deadline for all fair registrations: June 15 OR, Same day registrations for still exhibits on Saturday, July 7th from 9am-2pm.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRO-RATE PREMIUMS IF FUNDING IS NOT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OR IT'S FAIR RECEIPTS ARE INSUFFICIENT TO PAY EXPENSES.

- Register for all classes you may enter exhibits in, even if you are not sure your project will be ready. It is simple to drop a class, but you cannot add one after the June 15 deadline for livestock and horses.
- It is the responsibility of each individual exhibitor to be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations in the classes and divisions they are entering.
- Exhibitors may pick up their exhibit tags on Saturday, July 7th from 9am-2pm at the Exhibit Building when they bring their exhibits. All exhibits must be tagged to be exhibited. Once you have tagged your entry, you can take it to the appropriate display area, and check it in with the superintendent.
- Judges decisions are final. **RIBBONS WILL NOT BE REPLACED.**
- All exhibits must remain place until designated release times. Failure on the part of the exhibitor to conform to this rule will result in revoking all premiums.
- All exhibits must be the current work of the exhibitor and must have been done or completed within the last year - unless otherwise noted in a section.
- Exhibit items may only be entered once for competition. Items enter previously will not be judged.
- Exhibit Building entries may be picked up on Saturday, July 14 9pm-10pm or Sunday, July 15th between 9am and Noon You must have your claim tickets or driver's license to remove exhibits from the fairgrounds.
- All exhibitors enter exhibits at their own risk. The

Mecosta County Fair Board is not responsible for lost, broken or damaged items. (See Fair Entry Rules for more information).

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

- Open Class Adult - Anyone 19 years old and up
- Open Youth - Persons 5 years old to 18 years old. Age is determined as of January 1st.
- Little Buddy Program - Youth ages 6,7 and 8. Must be pre-registered by April 30, 2018 in the Little Buddy Program in Mecosta County.
- Senior Citizen/Golden Years - Persons 60 years old or older.
- 4-H/FFA Youth Classes - Youth MUST be a registered member in the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Youth Development Program and a member in good standing. Youth must follow all rules and guidelines under the county and state 4-H program for their projects. Preregistered by project deadline.

EXHIBIT BUILDING SECTION AREAS

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Exhibit items may only be entered once for competition. Same items re-entered another year will not be judged. All exhibitor numbers will be assigned. All entries must be this year's work or growth.

NOTES:

- Hog, Sheep, Beef, Goat, Poultry, and Dairy shows take place in covered livestock arena
- Horse shows take place in the large open arena
- Rabbit shows take place at the rabbit barn
- All 4-H Livestock Record Books must be reviewed and signed by club leaders and turned into the Exhibit Building at specified times. - NO EXCEPTIONS
- 4-H members will participate in the Face to Face Food Judging on Saturday, July 7th from 9am-2pm. Food exhibits and entries DO NOT need to be in place until the time of judging. 4-H member should bring their food exhibits with them for face to face judging. Face to face food judging will take place, Saturday, July 7th from 9am-2pm, first come first serve basis.

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BY-LAWS OF MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

ARTICLE I This organization shall be known as the Mecosta County Agricultural Fair Association.

ARTICLE II The purpose of this Association shall be to operate a Fair at the Fair Grounds, located in Big Rapids, Michigan, on a strictly non-profit basis.

ARTICLE III The object of the Association shall be the advancement and encouragement of agriculture, horticulture and the mechanical arts, household arts and sciences; to promote 4-H Club work and the FFA activities and all other types of educational work.

ARTICLE IV It shall be the object of this Association to furnish a clean type of entertainment, recreation and amusement in connection with the Fair.

ARTICLE V (REVISED 10/17/92) The governing body of this Association shall consist of a Board of eighteen (18) Directors, six (6) of who shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting for a period of three (3) years.

The number of Directors may be changed at any Annual Meeting.

All Extension Agents, Agricultural teachers and the Fair Manager shall be ex-official members of the Fair Board.

ARTICLE VI The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, from the Board of Directors by said Board at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII The Annual Meeting shall be held the third Thursday of October each year, to elect Directors and transact any other business that may come before the Association. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given in the newspaper and over the local radio station.

The fiscal year shall close September 30th.

Volunteer Directors shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its shareholders or members for monetary damages for a breach of the Director's fiduciary duties; and the Corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the Corporation; its shareholders or its members, for all acts or omissions of Volunteer Directors.

A Volunteer Director is defined by Sec. 110(2) of the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act of PA 1987.

ARTICLE VIII - (REVISED 10/17/12) The President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute the Executive committee and shall transact such business as authorized by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting.

The Manager is authorized to spend up to \$3,000.00 without further authorization and up to \$5,000.00 with authorization of the full Executive Board. Expenditures of over \$5,000.00 shall have the approval of the full Board.

ARTICLE IX Five (5) members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting shall constitute a Quorum for the transacting of business.

ARTICLE X When a vacancy occurs in any office, the Board of Directors shall fill the same at their next regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI The president shall preside at all meetings and shall appoint the various committees and may assign various duties to the members of the Board of Directors, as may be necessary.

ARTICLE XII The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings and perform all the duties assigned to the President.

ARTICLE XIII It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer in conjunction with the Fair manager to keep a record of all transactions of the Association; to receive all monies from all sources; to take care of correspondence that may come to the Fair Association, to draw orders for the payment of all bills incurred by said Association and to prepare an annual report that shall be presented at the time of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XIV The Board of Directors shall provide suitable accommodations for each Fair and prepare the rules and regulations to be observed in the conducting of such.

ARTICLE XV A vacancy may be declared by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors present for malfeasance in office.

Any Board member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings, without just cause, will be dropped from the Board of Directors and replaced by a new member.

Such Board Members will be replaced by submission of names to the Nominating Committee prior to being elected at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE XVI The Board of Directors shall grant retiring Presidents and Directors with 20 years or more service.

Said membership entitles person to annual season passes for self and spouse and children under 21 years of age.

ARTICLE XVII A membership in this organization, by the annual payment of \$25.00 at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, constitutes the right to vote for Directors at the Annual meeting.

Anyone, to be eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors, must be a paid member of the Association 30 days prior to the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII All Directors and spouse shall be provided with a season pass, which shall give them free access to any gate on the fairgrounds.

ARTICLE XIX The By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote.

Dated March 1, 2000

(Recorded with State of Michigan by Harper Law Office)

MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FREE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING RACE HORSE BARNs

**RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE
RENTAL AND USE OF THE HORSE BARNs AND
STABLE AREA AT THE MECOSTA COUNTY FAIR
GROUNDs, AS AMENDED APRIL 1992.**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1987

1. New barn thirty dollars per month per stall
2. Old barn twenty dollars per month per stall.

CONDITIONS

1. All rent shall be paid one month in advance. Example: January rent is due January 1st.
2. Staff rent is to be paid and the stalls to be assigned by stall Superintendent Mike Brown.
3. The trainer is responsible for the stall rent for horses in charge.
4. Rent not paid by the 10th of the month will result in an additional charge of five dollars per stall.
5. Any rental charges that are 30 days in arrears will

result in immediate eviction.

6. Stall areas will be kept clean and neat.
7. Excessive drinking, profanity or fighting will not be allowed.
8. Borrowing of equipment not allowed without owners consent.
9. No cross ties in new barn except for shoeing.
10. Any damage to stalls, stall doors, fencing or to the grounds shall be repaired at the expense of the renter responsible.
11. No stall will be rented for brood mares, colts or other non-racing horses not in training.
12. All jogging will be done on the outside of the track.
13. No dogs allowed on the fair grounds.
14. Horses shall be fed and watered regularly.
15. The last person leaving the barn will turn off lights and radios.
16. Horses will be exercised and/or turned loose only in the designated exercise area. No horse or horses shall ever be turned loose on the track or in the infield, or in the 4-H Show Ring.
17. The horse stalls and the grounds around the horse barns shall be kept clean and orderly at all times. All manure and other litter must be cleaned from the buildings and entranceways and kept away from the buildings.
18. All standard bred harness horses will be required to have a coggins test.

Failure or refusal to comply with any of the above regulations shall be grounds for the immediate removal of the horse or horses from the fair grounds at the owner's expense.

Failure to comply with any of the foregoing conditions will result in dismissal from the grounds and a written report of such citation to the United Trotting Association.

MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FREE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ENTRIES, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

1. The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard there to. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules. It may withdraw all, or pay in part, premiums offered in all departments should an emergency exist and circumstances demand it.
2. Disregard of any rule by exhibitor or concessionaire forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse.
3. The management will use diligence to insure the safety of livestock and articles entered for exhibition or display after their arrival on the grounds but under no circumstances will it be responsible for loss, injury or damage by fire, lighting, wind or by any other agency, to such livestock, articles on exhibition or display, and the Fair and management thereof shall be held harmless by the exhibitors against all legal or other proceedings relating thereto.
4. Exhibitors must place all exhibits under the direction of

- the Superintendent in charge.
5. Exhibitors from the following counties: Osceola, Lake, Newaygo, Montcalm or Isabella must place all exhibits under the direction of Mecosta.
6. Stalls, stables, pens and water are provided for livestock on the Fairgrounds without charge. Exhibitors shall provide their own livestock feed and straw or bedding.
7. In the event of conflict between the general rules and special rules governing the various departments, the special rules will take precedence.
8. **LIVESTOCK MUST BE FIT TO SHOW. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT.**
9. No animal without permission is allowed to leave the fairgrounds prior to stated release time. If animal is removed without permission, exhibitor will lose all premiums, awards, and honors for that year along with being ineligible to show and participate in the following years fair. Permission may be granted by the Fairboard due to emergency situations.
10. Each exhibitor must be present during the sale of



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their animal(s). Any exhibitor not present will not be allowed to sell their animal(s) without permission of the Fairboard which may be granted due to emergency situations.

SECTION 2 - ENTRIES

1. Applications for entries in all departments must be made on entry sheets found in the fairbook. Entry sheets may be dropped off at the MSU Extension Office in Mecosta County Services Building or mailed to Mecosta County Fairboard 540 West Avenue, Big Rapids, MI. Entry sheets must be received by June 15 for livestock and horses. No entries will be accepted at the MSU Extension Office after 5pm on June 15. Still Exhibits deadline is June 15 or walk in registration on Saturday, July 7th from 9am - 2pm.
2. All entries must be made in the name of the bonafide owner or the organization when not individually owned. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the exhibit and result in the forfeiture of any premiums won thereon.
3. All animals for exhibition must be free from any contagious infectious or communicable disease. Refer

to M.D.A. Health requirements.

4. Superintendents will check the animals at the designated check-in times to verify that the animals have met the testing requirements. Cattle, goats, sheep & swine must have approved tag in ear. **ANIMALS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL NOT UNLOAD AND WILL BE SENT HOME.** All market livestock must have the proper Mecosta County Jr. Livestock tag in its ear.
5. All exhibits must be of this season's growth or production, except as noted in some Department's premium listing.
6. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON PER CLASS IS ALLOWABLE.**
7. Exhibit pick-up: Saturday, July 14 from 9-10pm and Sunday, July 15th from 9am - Noon. 4-H members are required to clean the stalls down to the ground. Removal of exhibits prior to these times will result in exhibitor's forfeit of ribbons and premiums. Stalls will be checked for cleanliness.
8. All youth (5-18) may show Open Class. 4-H/FFA Youth; may not exhibit the same item/animal in both an Open

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9. To show under 4-H, you must be a registered Mecosta County 4-H member, or FFA member in Mecosta County and meet all current year project deadlines. For additional 4-H rules see 4-H section of fairbook, and Junior Livestock Handbook, Michigan 4-H State Horse and Pony Regulations and County Horse Project Handbook.
11. Your exhibitor number will be the first initial of your first name, the first initial of your last name and the last 3 digits of your Social Security Number.
12. Mecosta County Junior Livestock Sale participants must be registered in a 4-H/FFA livestock club in Mecosta County.
13. Poultry vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are not allowed at fair.
14. All hogs shall originate from Pork Quality Assurance Farms. PQA Certification for exhibitors shall be on file at the Extension Office.
15. The Mecosta County Jr. Livestock Sale is a terminal sale for all Market Swine. All hogs will go to slaughter on authorized trucks.
16. The right is reserved to reject any exhibit offered. Entry sheets improperly filled out will disqualify the exhibitor.
17. Pen cards must be up by Monday at 6:00 p.m. Exhibitors must leave all identification of owner and animal in the stalls until animals have been removed.

SECTION 3 - JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. Judges will be appointed or hired by the Fair Board.
2. Judges will in no case award a premium where there is no merit, though there be no competition, where there is partial merit an award will be given accordingly.
3. No person will be permitted to interfere with the Judge while he/she is performing his/her duty of examination. The decision of the judge is final on all placing.
4. Third place award will be paid only when three or more exhibitors compete.
5. Premium awards will be designated as follows:
ADULT AND YOUTH OPEN CLASS will be judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd only. **4-H/FFA YOUTH CLAS**s will be judged under the Danish System, receiving A, B, C ratings.
First Place Award - Blue Ribbon; Second Place Award -

Red Ribbon; Third Place Award - White Ribbon

6. Premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor. Premiums may be pro-rated.

SECTION 4 - APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

1. An exhibitor compelled to bring a complaint regarding conflict of interest of the judge, disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor; Exhibitor, group leader or superintendent's behavior, or eligibility of an exhibit shall make a formal protest in writing to the Fair Board no later than ten (10) days following the end of the fair.
2. Protest must be in writing and signed by the parties making the protest.
3. All protests shall be referred to the Executive Board, which shall review the protest with interested parties and give all parties involved an opportunity to submit evidence. The party against whom the protest was filed shall have the right to read the statement of protest.
4. A \$50.00 fee, which will be retained by the Mecosta County Fair Association, must also accompany all protests, if the protest is not sustained.
5. The Rules Interpretation Committee will then hear all protests at a time and place set by the Fair Executive Board.
6. The Rules Interpretation Committee will consist of the General Superintendent from the department being addressed, the Overall Superintendent of the department, the county 4-H Program Coordinator, and a designated representative from the Mecosta County Fair Association.
7. Exhibitors may file an 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 any recommended actions for the Association.
8. The Rules Interpretation Committee must provide a written ruling to all parties concerns within 30 days of the close of the fair.
9. If the exhibitor is not satisfied with the Rules Interpretation Committees findings, the exhibitor may take their protest to the Mecosta County Fair Association's Executive Board.

2018 Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 7

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibit Building open for exhibit placement
Face-to-Face 4-H Food Judging - First come first serve basis
- 4-6 p.m. Exhibit Building Judging
Demonstrations (sign up for time during placement)

Sunday, July 8

- 7-11 a.m. Market and Breedstock check-in for Cattle, Goats, Swine and Sheep
Market Swine weigh-in
- 11 a.m. Market Livestock Weigh-in (order: beef steers, dairy steers, feeders, goats, sheep)
- 4 p.m. Roping and Obstacle Course
- 2-6 p.m. Poultry check-in
Market duck, turkey, and chicken weigh-in
Poultry Record books and project books due to Poultry Superintendent
- 2-5 p.m. Market Rabbit weigh-in
- 2-8 p.m. Rabbit check-in
Rabbit Record Books and Project books due to Rabbit Superintendent
- 5 p.m. Heritage Draft Horse Pull

Monday, July 9

- 9 a.m. Rabbit Show
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m. Poultry Show
- 9 a.m.- noon Dairy Breedstock check-in
- 2 p.m. Horse Fitting and Showmanship Classes
- 4-7 p.m. Record Books Due for Market and Breedstock cattle, goats, swine, and sheep
(sheep books due 4-5 p.m., no exceptions on any late books)
- 6 p.m. Sheep show
- 6:30 p.m. Harness Racing Colt Stakes
- 7 p.m. 4-H Horse Demonstrations
- 8 p.m. Dairy Judging

Tuesday, July 10

- 9 a.m. Market and Breedstock Swine Show
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- Noon Horse Jumping, English, Western, Reining Classes
- 6 p.m. Market and Breedstock Goat Show
- 6:30 p.m. Harness Overnights/Celebrity Race

Wednesday, July 11

- 9 a.m. Beef Show
Horse Trail Classes
- 10 a.m. Horse Cloverbud Classes
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 1 p.m. Market Dairy and Market Feeder show
Kid's Pedal Pull
- 4-5 p.m. Goat Fun Show
- 6 p.m. Ag Olympics
- 7 p.m. Horse Costume Classes
Bump & Run Off Road Derby & Figure 8

Thursday, July 12

- 9 a.m. Dairy Breedstock Show
Horse Versatility, team completion, fun show classes
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- Noon Baby Calf Show
- 4-6 p.m. Buyer's Luncheon-must have ticket to eat
- 5 p.m. Junior Livestock Association Sale
- 7 p.m. Superkicker Rodeo

Friday, July 13

- 8 a.m. Horse English and Western Classes
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m. Livestock Skill a thon
- 6 p.m. Sweepstakes
- 7 p.m. MTTP Truck & Tractor Pulls
- 8-12 p.m. Dance

Saturday, July 14

- 8 a.m. Horse Gymkhana Classes
- 9 a.m. Open Llama Show
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 7 p.m. Demolition Derby, Compact - Front Wheel Drive Derby, Mini-Van Demo Derby, Compact Off Road Derby, Power Wheel Racing for Kids
- 10 p.m. All NON MARKET projects released

Sunday, July 15

- 6 a.m. Market Livestock released on designated trucks
- 9 a.m. All rabbits removed from rabbit barn - no exceptions
- 9 a.m.- noon Exhibit Building open for release of exhibits
- Noon All livestock stalls must be cleaned

LIVESTOCK

NOTE: All class livestock animals — 4-H members receive 1st priority of pens.

Advanced registration must be in Extension Office by June 15.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits shown in youth class may not be shown in open class except in (group) herd entries.
2. Exhibitors are to keep records for the duration of the project. Turn records in to Superintendent.
3. TB Policy for 2018 - For Cattle and Goats
All Cattle and goats must be identified with official identification prior to leaving the premises within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone. Livestock Superintendents will check the animals to verify official identification and to verify that the animals have met the testing requirements. Cattle, Goats and Sheep that do not meet the guidelines will not unload and will be sent home.
4. No horns, except on junior calves and sheep or goats where breed standards dictate.
5. Proof of age (vaccination records, registration papers or other document) is required.
6. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one animal or items in the same class.
7. Animals must be checked in by Species Superintendents. See Fair schedule for times to bring exhibits and exhibit release times.
8. PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION: All livestock shall not have received any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers and analgesics. Furthermore, with respect to any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals that no illegal use of approved chemical/compounds has taken place and that the applicable withdrawal period as recognized by the FDA has expired prior to shipping out of market livestock on any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered.
9. Livestock Drug Testing Policy
The fair has legal authority to require drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in Section 40(3): "A fair, exhibition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition,

exposition or show."

(a.) The Mecosta County Fair shall reserve the right to drug test any or all livestock entered in the Mecosta County Fair if deemed necessary by the Fair Board.

(b.) The Mecosta County Fair Board shall have the right to eject and ban anyone committing an infraction of the rules.

(c.) The expense for drug testing shall go to the person(s) owning the animal(s) if the test result show proof of improper use of drugs. Improper use meaning drugs that have not been prescribed for the specific animal in question or drugs that have not been administered correctly according to amounts and times prescribed by a veterinarian.

(d.) If protest is lodged and drug testing is required, and the test results do not show proof of improper use of drugs - the expense of the drug test shall go to the person(s) lodging the protest.

(e.) Testing Procedure:

All animals may be subject to blood, urine, milk, and tissue tests, and that the Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either alive or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above. Disqualification will result in the placing(s) of the animal in question being voided; the forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s); the assessment of a fine against the total premiums due equal in the amount to the premium(s) earned with the animal(s); voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has been sold in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale and the disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair for a period of three (3) years. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

A designated tester/veterinarian shall be allowed to draw any and all samples appropriate from the animal(s) at the exhibitors expense.

LIVESTOCK SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Performed by a Veterinarian/authorized representative

Prior to the Fair

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

Note: The fair has legal authority to require drug

testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in section 40(3); "A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show."

At the Fair

Verify the animal you are about to test by identifying any tattoos, ear tags or ear notches that are on the animal. Whenever possible use USDA official identification vs. farm identification. Be sure to include this information on the "Sample Tag".

Present the container for examination to the animal representative/exhibitor, making sure to verify with the animal representative that the security seal has not been previously broken. If the sample container is rejected for any reason, use another container and return the defective one to the laboratory.

Note: The animal representative must remain with the animal at all times during the sample collection process.

Record the seal # in the top right box of the Sample Transmittal Packing List.

Open the container by pressing upward on the tab marked open, breaking the seal.

Place the container in the catching stick; fold the lid back and anchor it under the metal finger welded onto the handle.

If a urine sample can not be obtained, a Michigan Licensed Veterinarian/Veterinarian Technician may collect five tubes of blood from the animal. Each tube of blood must be identified with one of the six small sticker tabs provided on the "Sample Tag." Place the five labeled blood tubes inside a plastic sample container and seal as described below.

After collecting the sample, close the lid and snap it completely shut. Loop the barbed plastic strip on the sample container through the two holes in the container tabs and pull snug. Apply a short piece of evidence tape across the protruding end to the plastic barbed strip and also across the lid and down sides of the container.

Complete the information on the "Sample Tag" substituting the name of the fair for "Track" the name of the animal (Grand Champion Steer, etc.) for "Horse" and the ear tag number or other unique identification number for "Tattoo". After the animal representative has watched the sample collection and sealing, they must sign under "Witness" on the "Sample Tag". The person collecting the sample must sign under the "Sampled By" on the "Sample Tag".

Place one completed large sticker tag from the top of the "Sample Tag" on the top of the sample container over the evidence tape and the other completed large sticker tag on the side of the

container. The remaining portion of the completed "Sample Tag" must be kept and NOT returned to the lab.

Lock the sealed and labeled sample container in a metal can. Note: Once the can is locked it cannot be opened until it reaches the lab.

Samples must be kept secure and cold until transferred to the lab. Note: Urine may be frozen; blood must be kept refrigerated and never frozen.

Any discarded needles should be placed in an approved "sharps" container by the veterinarians/vet technician.

When all sample collection has been completed, fill out the "Sample Transmittal Packing List"

The packing list must identify the tag number of all samples included in the case. Enclose the completed "Sample Transmittal Packing List", any unused supplies and regenerated/refrozen packs in the case and seal it with the provided intact case seal.

After Sample Collection is Completed

Transport samples to the lab either in person or by overnight express. Arrange samples to arrive at the lab during normal business hours (7:30am - 5pm, Monday through Friday). The lab is located on the campus of Michigan State University at: 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Collect and retain the remaining portion of the completed "Sample Tag". Note: This document should be kept in a secure place for cross-reference when sample results are received. In the event of a positive result, that document must be kept as evidence.

4-H DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 1

4-H/FFA Youth Dairy

Superintendent - Jennifer Marfio

Rules and Information:

1. The 4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Project is open to all Mecosta County 4-H members ages 9 -19.
2. All members must submit a completed project record book to their 4-H club leader by date and time listed in the fair schedule.
3. Dairy Feeder Calves must be tagged and registered by date set by the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Association.
4. Feeder calves must be castrated AND completely healed by fair. Vet proof required.
5. Feeder calves must be de-horned AND completely healed by fair (a minimum of 6 weeks prior to fair is recommended).
6. Dairy Feeders must weigh no more than 350 lbs at April weigh-in.

7. Minimum weight at fair weigh-in 350 lbs, maximum 950 lbs.
8. Members may register 2 animals; however, only 1 animal may be shown and sold at the Jr. Livestock Market Sale.
9. 4-H members ages 9 -19 will exhibit animals for conformation judging and participate in showmanship classes.
10. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class.

Section A - Showmanship

Jennifer Marfio - Superintendent

Registration forms must be in by June 15.

Rules and Information:

1. Exhibitor dress code: white shirt and white or black pants with boots.
2. All animals will be shown with a Dairy show halter and lead (no rope halters).
3. See Large Animal Requirements & Cattle Health Requirements.
4. Any member competing for Champion Dairy Project must compete in showmanship, judging and record books.

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

101. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)
102. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)
103. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)

4-H/FFA Youth Breed Classes

Class/Description

A 9.00 B 7.00 C 5.00

Section B - Jersey

Section C - Holstein

Section D - Guernsey

Section E - Brown Swiss

Section F - Any Other Recognized Breed

106. Junior Heifer Calf, born after March 1, 2018 and over four months of age at show time
107. Intermediate Heifer Calf, born after December 1, 2017 and Before February 28, 2018
108. Senior Heifer Calf, born after September 1, 2017 and before November 30, 2017
109. Summer Yearling Heifer Calf, born after June 1, 2017 and Before August 31, 2017
110. Junior Yearling Heifer, born after March 1, 2017 and before May 31, 2017
111. Senior Yearling Heifer, born after September 1, 2015 and before February 28, 2017
112. Two Year Old Milking Cow, born before September 1, 2016

113. Three Year Old Milking Cow, born before September 1, 2015

114. Aged Cow over 3 years old

115. Dry Cow (Must have completed one lactation)

Section G - Record Books

Registration form must be turned in by June 15. All Dairy Breedstock Record Books must be turned into Extension Office by July 1, 2018

Class/Description

A 9.00 B 7.00 C 5.00

117. Dairy Breedstock Record Book

Section H - Dairy Judging

Class/Description

A 9.00 B 7.00 C 5.00

119. Junior Dairy Judging (ages 9 - 13)

120. Senior Dairy Judging (ages 14 - 19)

Section I - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 9.00 B 7.00 C 5.00

121. Dairy Notebook

122. Club Exhibit

DEPARTMENT 2

4-H/FFA Youth Beef

Superintendent - Steve Doughty

Rules and Information:

1. Beef steers must have been selected, tagged and registered by the date set by the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Association.
2. Minimum finished weight to sell a market beef animal is: 950 lbs.
3. All market beef steers must be of beef breeding.
4. Steers must be de-horned and completely healed prior to fair.
5. Exhibitors will be limited to one beef market (heifer or steer) or one dairy beef steer to be sold at the Junior Livestock Market Sale.
6. Market Beef records must be turned in by the time indicated in the fair schedule. Records must be complete and signed by the 4-H club leader to be eligible for And to sell at the market sale.
7. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class
8. Chutes must be placed in Fairbook approved area only.
9. Refer to the Mecosta County Junior Livestock Handbook for complete rules and guidelines for the 4-H Beef Project in

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regards to showing and fitting. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to know what the rules are and to follow them.

Superintendent - Jennifer Marfio

Rules and Information:

- All Market Beef rules apply, with the following exceptions outlined in rules 2 through 10.
- Minimum weight to sell: 950 lbs.
- Cattle entered in this class must be of dairy cattle breeding.
- Dairy steers will be shown as a beef steer, using a show stick.
- To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class
- Market dairy beef animals must be tagged, registered and weighed in at December weigh in.

Section A - Market Beef Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

- 201. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)
- 202. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)
- 203. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)

Section B - Market Dairy Beef Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

- 206. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)
- 207. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)
- 208. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)

Section C - Market Feeder Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

- 211. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)
- 212. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)
- 213. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)

Section D - Confirmation

Class/Description

A 9.00	B 7.00	C 5.00
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- 216. Market Beef Confirmation
- 217. Market Dairy Beef Confirmation
- 218. Market Feeder Confirmation
- 219. Non-Market Feeder Confirmation

Section E - Beef Cattle Breed Stock

Class/Description

A 5.00	B 3.00	C 2.00
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- 223. Beef Heifer
- 224. Beef Cow/Calf Pair

Section F - Record Book

Class/Description

A 5.00	B 3.00	C 2.00
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- 228. Market Beef Record Book

- 229. Market Dairy Beef Record Book
- 230. Market Feeder Record Book
- 231. Non-Market Feeder Record Book
- 232. Beef Cattle Breed Stock Record Book

Section G - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 236. Beef Notebook

DEPARTMENT 3

4-H/FFA Youth Swine

Superintendents: Ryan Jernstadt

Rules and Information:

1. All market swine project animals must originate from a Pork Quality Assurance farm. PQA exhibitor certification shall be file at the Mecosta County MSU Extension Office.
2. The Mecosta County Junior Livestock Market Sale is a terminal sale for all market swine. All hogs will go to slaughter on authorized trucks.
3. Market hogs may or may not be clipped. For hogs that have clipped hair - hair length must be a minimum of 1/2 inch - ear line to base of tail. Hogs not meeting this requirement will be disqualified and sent home immediately following swine weigh in. There is absolutely no clipping or shaving of hogs allowed following weigh in.
4. Minimum weight to sell 220 lbs and max weight is 320 lbs.
5. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class
6. Market swine must be selected, tagged and registered before the deadline set by the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Association.
7. Exhibitors are required to follow the market swine project guidelines through the Mecosta County 4-H program. Complete rules for raising and showing swine can be found in the Junior Livestock Handbook.
8. It is each exhibitor's responsibility to follow the guidelines and adhere to the rules as they pertain to their project.
9. All projects must be registered before the June 15 fair deadline.
10. Stall signs must be kept in place in the swine barn until the animal has been placed on a truck to go to slaughter.

Section A - Swine Showmanship

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

- 301. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 10)
- 302. Junior Showmanship (ages 11 - 12)
- 303. Intermediate Showmanship (ages 13 - 14)
- 304. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 16)
- 305. Advanced Showmanship (ages 17 - 19)

Section B - Confirmation

Class/Description

A 7.00 B 6.00 C 5.00

- 306. Market Swine Confirmation

Section C - Record Book

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

- 309. Market Swine Record Book

Section D - Miscellaneous

- 312. Swine Notebook

Section E - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

- 316. Showmanship
- 317. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 4

4-H/FFA Youth Sheep

Superintendent:

Mollie Hogg

Rules and Information:

1. Must be pre-registered by June 15.
2. All sheep must be in exhibitor's possession by April registration date.
3. Exhibitors are expected to groom sheep according to their own breed association guidelines.
4. Market animals will be given first priority for stall space.

Sheep Showmanship

Rules & Information

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
2. Exhibitors should refer to the Mecosta County 4-H Junior Livestock Handbook for complete guidelines on showing and

fitting sheep. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be aware of the rules and follow the guidelines as they pertain to their project.

Market Lamb

Rules and Information:

1. Minimum finished weight - 100 lbs.
2. Project lambs must be registered and tagged for identification by the April registration deadline set by the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Association.
3. Market lambs will be ewes or wethers only.
4. All exhibitors must turn in a completed project record book.
5. Ewe lambs shown in a market class may not be shown in the breed stock class.
6. Lambs shall be slick sheared for show. Wet lambs will be penalized.
7. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class

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Section A - Sheep Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
401. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)				
402. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)				
403. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)				

Section B - Confirmation

Class/Description

A 7.00	B 6.00	C 5.00
406. Market Sheep Confirmation		

4-H/FFA Youth Breed Classes

Section C - Hampshire

Section D - Suffolk

Section E - Polypay

Section F - Romany

Section G - Dorset

Section H - Natural Colored Breeds

Section I - All Crossbreeds

Section J - All Other Breeds

Class/Description

A 7.00	B 5.00	C 3.00
409. Ewe Lamb - under 1 year		
410. Ewe Yearling - over one year, under 2 years		
411. Ewe - 2 years and over		
412. Ram Lamb - 8 months or under		

Section K - Record Book

Class/Description

A 5.00	B 4.00	C 3.00
415. Market Sheep Record Book		
416. Sheep Breed Stock Record Book		

Section L - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 5.00	B 4.00	C 3.00
419. Sheep Notebook		

Section M - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

421. Showmanship
422. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 5

4-H/FFA Youth Goat

Superintendent: Trudy Herzog

Rules & Information:

1. See Open Class Livestock Rules for Further Information.
2. Advanced registration must be in by June 15.
3. Must exhibit for the required period of time as specified. Failure to observe rules will disqualify and forfeit premiums won thereof

unless otherwise stated.

4. No animal may be entered in more than one department, class and lot.
5. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, hay and straw for all livestock and keep exhibits area clean.

Market Goat

Rules and Information:

1. Goats must have been selected, tagged and registered before the official deadline set by the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior livestock Association.
2. Exhibitor must own all wethers and does shown in market confirmation classes. No leases valid.
3. Wethers and/or does weighed in/registered and shown in the market confirmation classes must be a minimum of 50% standard/recognized meat goat breeding.
4. Market goats must be dehorned/disbudded prior to spring weigh in and registration in April. Horns must be under 1 (one) inch and males must be castrated at time of fair check in. The Superintendent will address scurs on a case by case basis.
5. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, project record book, show their animal in showmanship and in the appropriate conformation class
6. Exhibitors are expected to wear a clean western or collared shirt tucked in with a belt, clean jeans and appropriate footwear. Dairy breed stock exhibitors may also wear the traditional white shirt, black pants, belt and appropriate footwear if they choose.
7. The minimum weight to sell a market goat project is 50 lbs. The suggested minimum weight for a finished market goat is 80 to 90 lbs. Animals do not qualify if they have cut their yearling teeth by the spring registration date.
8. Any wether or doe shown in the market class may not be used in a breed stock class.
9. All wethers and does will not be de-wormed any later than 30 days before the fair and exhibitors are not allowed to feed weight weight-producing chemicals to their project animals at any time.
10. All market goats must be tagged with the official scrapies identification tag and must have official identification tags in their ears from the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Association.
11. Exhibitors are required to maintain and complete record books for both breed stock

and market animal projects.

12. Records books are required to be turned in by the deadline.
13. Market goats must be body shaved/clipped prior to fair check in. Three to seven days prior is preferable aesthetically.

Section A - Goat Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
501. Beginner Showmanship (ages 9 - 11)				
502. Junior Showmanship (ages 12 - 14)				
503. Senior Showmanship (ages 15 - 19)				

Section B - Confirmation

Class/Description

A 7.00	B 6.00	C 5.00
506. Market Goat Confirmation		

4-H/FFA Youth Breed Classes

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be turned in before June 15.
2. No animal may be entered in more than one department, section, class or division.
3. Exhibitors are expected to groom animals according to their breed standards.
4. Exhibitors are required to maintain and complete record books for both breed stock and market animal projects.
5. Records books are required to be turned in by the deadline.
6. Exhibitors are expected to wear a clean western or collared shirt tucked in with a belt, clean jeans and appropriate footwear. Dairy breed stock exhibitors may also wear the traditional white shirt, black pants, belt and appropriate footwear if they choose.
7. All animals will be inspected by the superintendent upon arrival and will not be penned unless free from lumps, disease or parasites.
8. All goats must have proper scrapies identification before unloading and being penned. Animals must be checked in by specie superintendent PRIOR to being placed in stalls.
9. Stall space will be given to market animals first.
10. All goats must be tagged with official Scrapies ID tag. Tattoo must be legible & paperwork must be on hand at check-in & fair week.
11. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding, watering, and daily care of their animals, including cleaning pens and stalls daily.

Section C - Nubian

Section D - Alpine

Section E - Toggenburg

Section F - Oberhasli

Section G - Lamancha

Section H - Nigerian Dwarf

Section I - Pygmy

Section J - Angora

Section K - Fainter

Section L - Boer (75% or More)

Section M - Mixed Breed

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

509. Jr. Doe Kid - born after 4/1

510. Jr. Wether Kid - born after 4/1

511. Wether over 1 year

512. Sr. Doe Kid - born 4/1 up to 1 year

513. Sr. Wether Kid - born 4/1 up to 1 year

514. Jr. Doe - 1 to 3 years

515. Senior Doe - over 3 years

516. Doe, never freshened

Section N - Record Book

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

519. Market Goat Record Book

520. Goat Breed Stock Record Book

Section O - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

522. Goat Notebook

Section P - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

525. Showmanship

526. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 6

4-H/FFA Youth Poultry

Superintendent: Jennifer Sylvester

Rules and Information:

1. Must be pre-registered.
2. All poultry must be checked in prior to caging. Superintendent will assign cages.
3. Any animal showing signs of disease, lice, or mites will be dismissed.
4. Poultry (except waterfowl) must have a negative Pullorum-typhoid certificate valid within 90 days before fair AND remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive status. Testing will be available at check-in for \$1 per bird.
5. Poultry vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are not allowed.
6. Exhibitors are required to feed, water and clean their animals by 10:00 am daily.
7. Exhibitor must provide feed, dishes (as

needed), and bedding. Pine shavings are required in wire cages. Sawdust allowed in ground pens only.

8. No pools allowed in waterfowl pens.
9. Animals must stay on exhibit for required period specified.
10. Exhibitor must be in attendance during judging to present his/her own entries. Exceptions may be made for exhibitors with show conflicts that have received approval from the conflicting species superintendents.
11. Award ribbons must be displayed on cage or pen until exhibits are released.
12. 4-H market animal exhibitors receive first priority of pen space.
13. All poultry will be judged by the APA American Standards of Perfection.
14. Birds may only be handled by the exhibitor, barn attendant, fair veterinarian, director, species superintendent, or judge after the bird has been placed in an exhibition coop.
15. The Fair Board reserves the right to cancel all poultry/birds entering the fairgrounds in the event of an outbreak of disease.
16. Cock or hen is an old bird that is one year and older. Cockerel or pullet is a young bird under one year of age. Same ages apply to waterfowl and turkeys.
17. All poultry must have a completed exhibit tag on cage by Monday.
18. The sale of birds on the fairgrounds is by permission of the superintendent only.
19. Animals used in open classes may not be used in 4-H classes.
20. Each exhibitor shall not exhibit more than one (1) entry per class.

Poultry Showmanship

Rules and Information:

1. Showmanship is required for all exhibitors participating in a market and/or breed class project. Exhibitor must show same species as breed/market class (i.e. turkey showmanship, market turkey project). Exhibitors entering any goose for breed class must enter Duck Showmanship.
2. All poultry must have a completed exhibit tag on cage by Monday.
3. Exhibitors entering only the Showmanship class must enter a Poultry Project Book to compete in Showmanship.
4. Proper showmanship attire is required. This includes clean, neat, long pants or slacks – NO holes. Long-sleeved white shirts and/or lab coats. No low cut shirts. Closed-toed shoes. Long hair must be tied back. No glitter, jewelry, or nail polish.
5. Chicken Showmanship includes caging, posing, and examination of the bird.
6. Turkey showmanship includes walking with cane and examination of the bird.

7. Duck showmanship includes posing and examination of the bird.

Market/Production Poultry

Rules and Information:

1. To sell at the Junior Livestock Sale, exhibitors must participate in showmanship (in appropriate age division) of the same species to be eligible to sell their market birds. Market Chicken project exhibitors must provide a Standard or Bantam chicken for showmanship. Market chickens cannot be used for showmanship.
2. To be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Market Sale, all exhibitors must complete the Junior Livestock educational requirements, market record book and receive a premium.
3. A chicken meat pen exhibit consists of three (3) birds, minimum weight 5 lbs. each.
4. A exhibit consists of two (2) birds, minimum weight 5 lbs. each.
5. A turkey meat pen exhibit consists of one (1) bird, minimum weight 12 lbs.
6. All market birds must receive an "A" or "B" rating from the judge to sell.
7. Market birds will be weighed in at poultry check in.
8. All market poultry will be leg banded and recorded at check in.

Poultry Record Keeping

Rules and Information:

1. Exhibitor must attach a still exhibit card to record book.
2. Market bird exhibitors must enter a Market Record book.
3. Breed Class, Eggs and/or exhibitors entering only the Showmanship class must enter a Poultry Project book.
4. A poultry educational notebook is NOT required for market projects.

Eggs (one dozen)

1. Eggs must be from a flock owned by the exhibitor.
2. Egg class exhibitor must enter poultry showmanship (in appropriate age class) and complete a poultry project book.
3. Eggs should be uniform in size, shape and color.
4. Picture of flock is required with egg display.

Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

Section A - Chicken Showmanship

601. Beginner Showmanship (9-11)

602. Junior Showmanship (12-14)

603. Senior Showmanship (15 - 19)

Section B - Turkey Showmanship

606. Junior Showmanship (9-14)

607. Senior Showmanship (15-19)

Section C - Duck Showmanship

609. Junior Duck Showmanship (9-14)

610. Senior Duck Showmanship (15-19)

Section D - Market Project

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

612. Market Chicken Project

613. Market Turkey Project

4-H Poultry Breed Classes

Rules and Information:

1. Breed Class exhibitors must enter a Poultry Project Book and must enter showmanship in the appropriate age class.
2. Market birds may not be entered in Breed classes.
3. Breed class exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship of the same species. Exhibitors entering a goose for breed class must enter duck showmanship.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

Section E - Standard - Laying Breeds

Section F - Standard - Dual Purpose/Meat Breeds

Section G - Standard - Ornamental/Rare & Fancy

Section H - Bantam - Clean Legged

Section I - Bantam - Feathered Legged

616. Cock, 1 year and older

617. Hen, 1 year and older

618. Cockerel, Under 1 year

619. Pullet, Under 1 year

620. Breeding Pair - 1 male, 1 female, same breed

621. Trio - 1 male, 2 females, same breed

622. Mother Hen and Chicks (pen)

Section J - Waterfowl

624. Duck - Female

625. Duck - Male

626. Breeding Pair of Ducks - 1 male, 1 female, same breed

627. Mother Duck and Babies

628. Goose - Gander

629. Goose - Hen

630. Breeding Pair of Geese - 1 male, 1 female, same breed

631. Mother Goose and Babies

Section K - Turkey Breed Classes

633. Tom - male

634. Hen - female

Section L - Record Book

637. Market Chicken Record Book

638. Market Turkey Record Book

640. Poultry Educational Notebook

Section M - Eggs

618. One Dozen Eggs

Section N - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

645. Showmanship

618. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 7

4-H Rabbits

Superintendent: Marie Goltz

Rules and Information:

1. A left ear tattoo is required for all rabbits. No tattoo = no exhibit. No tattooing on fairgrounds.
2. Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding, watering and daily cleaning of cages.
3. Exhibitor must exhibit rabbit projects for the required period of time specified by the Fair Board or they will lose their premiums.
4. Any animal showing signs of illness will be sent home and no replacement will be allowed.
5. No breeding of animals on fairgrounds.
6. All participants must complete a rabbit project book to participate in showmanship or 4-H breed classes.
7. Exhibitors are expected to follow the 4-H Rabbit Project rules and guidelines for Mecosta County.
8. Mixed breeds cannot compete for Best in Show
9. Sale animals must be kept in the sale section and cannot be used for 4-H breed classes.
10. See rules for Department 13.

Section A - Rabbit Showmanship

Rules and Information:

1. All exhibitors participating in the rabbit project are required to participate in showmanship.
2. Proper showmanship attire is required. This includes clean, neat long pants or slacks NO holes. Long sleeve white shirts or lab coats. No low cut shirts. Closed toed shoes. Long hair is to be tied back, no jewelry or nail polish.

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

701. Beginner Showmanship (9-11)

702. Junior Showmanship (12 - 14)

703. Senior Showmanship (15 - 19)

Section B - Market Project

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

705. Market Pen of Rabbits (3)

706. Market Fryer Rabbit (1)

4-H Rabbit Breed Classes

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

Section C – Dutch

Section D – Polish

Section E – Lion Head

Section F – Holland Lop

Section G – Mini Lop

Section H – Mini Rex

Section I – Netherland Dwarf

Section J – Himalayan

Section K – All Other Purebreds

Section L – Mixed Breed

Section O – Californian

Section P – New Zealand

Section Q – Flemish Giant

Section R – Champagne

Section S – Silver Fox

710. Junior Doe, under 6 months

711. Intermediate Doe, 6 to 8 months

712. Senior Doe, over 8 months

713. Junior Buck, under 6 months

714. Intermediate Buck, 6 to 8 months

715. Senior Buck, over 8 months

Section M - Record Book

Record books are due to the Rabbit Superintendent on Sunday by 8:00 pm.

718. Market Rabbit Record Book

719. Rabbit Record Book

Section N - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

722. Showmanship

723. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 8

4-H Cavy

Section A - Showmanship

Class/Description

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th - 10th
7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00

801. Junior Showmanship (9 - 13)

802. Senior Showmanship (14 - 19)

4-H Cavy Breed Classes

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

Section B - American

Section C - Teddy

Section D - Texel

Section E - Longhaired

Section F - Other

805. Junior, under 4 months of age, 12 oz to 22 oz

806. Intermediate, between 4 & 6 months of age

807. Senior, over 6 months or weighs more than 32 oz

Section G - Record Book

810. Cavy Record Book

Section H - Miscellaneous

812. Costume Class

813. Obstacle Course

Section I - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

815. Showmanship

816. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 9

4-H Horses

Horse & Pony Project

Superintendents: Jamie Bissett and Linda Probst
Rules and Information:

1. For complete rules on the Mecosta County 4-H Horse and Pony Project, see the 2018 Mecosta County 4-H Horse and Pony Rule Book.
2. Advanced registration must be in by June 15.
3. Exhibitors entering the following classes, must be enrolled in 4-H in Mecosta County before the December 1st deadline.
4. Horse clubs must participate in the Horse Leaders Committee in order to be a recognized 4-H Horse Club in Mecosta County, during the fair.
5. Project horses and ponies must be registered with the County Extension Office by May 1st of the current year. A current Coggins test must also be on file in the Extension Office by May 1st.
6. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of 2 horses; a mare and foal count as one.
7. A horse's age is determined as of January 1st.
8. No stallions will be allowed; except for those foaled after January 1st of the current year.
9. Influenza, encephalitis and tetanus vaccine (3-1, 4-1) are to be administered between March 15 and June 10. Club leaders are to receive written proof that these have been

administered.

10. Stabled horses and ponies must remain at the fairgrounds from 7pm Monday until 6am Sunday. If all stall space in the horse barns is used, some members may be allowed to trailer their project horses in daily. Leaders will determine those members that may trailer their project horses.
11. 4-H classes will be judged according to the Michigan 4-H publication #1145.
12. Horses will be exercised in designated areas only and at designated times under the direct supervision of club leaders and parents.
13. Barns will close at 11pm Only adults will be allowed in the barns after 11pm
14. Barn aisle way shall be open and unobstructed including alleys at all times. No obstacles, banners or decorations may hang lower than 8 feet.
15. To be eligible for the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show, members must be at least 13 years of age and meet the requirements as outlined in the Mecosta County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Handbook.
16. No trailers will be allowed to be parked next to the barns.
17. One or more leaders (per club), and one exhibitors per pair of horses will be responsible for the club's animals and belongings during regular barn hours.

Horse Demonstrations

Rules and Information:

1. Demonstrations in the Horse and Pony Project area will compete for the Gaynel Mitchell Trophy.
2. The premiums for a "team demonstration" will be paid to the team leader as indicated on the entry form. Only one entry form per team is needed.
3. Exhibitors must follow rules and guidelines for each class as indicated.

Horse Roping and Obstacle Course

Rules and Information:

1. All Mecosta County 4-H Horse and Pony rules apply.
2. All exhibitors must have successfully completed the roping certification project to compete in the following classes.
3. Exhibitors must be pre-registered.

Class/Description

A 9.00 B 7.00 C 5.00

Section A - Fitting and Showmanship

901. 16 & Over

902. 13 to 15

903. 9 to 12

904. Pony

905. Novice

Section B - Hunt Seat Equitation

908. 16 & over

909. 13 to 15

910. 9 to 12

911. Pony

912. Novice

Section C - Saddle Seat Equitation

915. All Ages

Section D - Western Horsemanship

918. 16 & Over

919. 13 to 15

920. 9 to 12

921. Pony

922. Novice

Section E - Record Book

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

925. Horse and Pony Record Book

Section F - Horse Demonstrations

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

927. Horse Demonstration - Individual

Class/Description

A 6.00 B 4.00 C 2.00

927. Horse Demonstration - Team

Section G - Roping and Obstacle Course

Class/Description

A 5.00 B 4.00 C 3.00

930. Ground Stationary Roping

931. Obstacle Course

932. Goat Tying

Section H - Cloverbud

No Awarded. Ribbons Only

935. Showmanship

936. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 10

4-H Club Entries

Learning Objective: Youth will demonstrate their ability to keep barn areas clean for the health and welfare of the animal exhibits.

Rules and Information:

1. One entry per club, per species area. Entry should be made by the club leader and pre-registered June 15. Club entries only.
2. To stimulate interest in good herdsmanship and livestock care, special awards will go to the clubs keeping their animal exhibits in the cleanest, healthiest and most attractive condition throughout fair week. All animals will be examined daily and each club's animal exhibits will be judged daily.

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MONDAY, JULY 9 •

**6:30PM
COLT STAKES**

TUESDAY, JULY 10 •

**6:30PM
HARNESS OVERNIGHTS,
CELEBRITY RACE**



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MONDAY

5-11pm • Armband \$20

TUESDAY

**1-5 pm • Armband \$14
6-11pm • Armband \$20**

WEDNESDAY

Noon-11pm • Armband \$17

THURSDAY

**1-5pm • Armband \$14
6-11 • Armband \$20**

FRIDAY

**1-5pm • Armband \$14
6-11pm • Armband \$20**

SATURDAY

**1-5pm • Armband \$12
6-11pm • Armband \$20**

MEGA ARMBAND PASS:

**\$60 IN ADVANCE*
OR \$70 ON SITE**

*MEGA ARM BAND PASS available for advance purchase at Curries BP, 620 Maple, in Big Rapids. Armbands will be sold until 1 hour before the ending of each session and accepted until the end of each session. Sale of evening session armbands will commence at 5:00 pm and accepted from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Tickets will be offered during all armband sessions at regular pricing. \$1 each or 50 for \$40: rides require 2, 3, or 4 tickets.

3. Clubs are encouraged to have youth members "on duty" in the barns during regular barn hours to keep club areas clean and to be on hand to answer questions.
4. Awards will go to the top 3 clubs in each species area only.
5. The following will be considered and examined during the daily inspection:
 - (a.) Comfort and condition of the animals - including cleanness.
 - (b.) Proper feed and water equipment.
 - (c.) Exhibit area well defined and maintained in a neat condition.

Section A - Herdsmanship

Class/Description

1st 15.00 2nd 10.00 3rd 5.00

1001. Cattle Herdsmanship
1002. Swine Herdsmanship
1003. Sheep Herdsmanship
1004. Goat Herdsmanship
1005. Horse Herdsmanship
1006. Rabbit Herdsmanship
1007. Cavy Herdsmanship
1008. Poultry Herdsmanship

Section B - Club Booth

Class/Description

1st 25.00 2nd 20.00 3rd 15.00 4th 10.00

1010. Club Booth Exhibit

Section C - Litter Barrel

1012. Painted Litter Barrel

DEPARTMENT 11

4-H Cloverbud Still Exhibits

Rules and Information:

1. Pre-registration due by June 15.
2. Must be a registered Clover bud 4-H member in Mecosta County.
3. Must be 5 to 8 years old as of January 1st, of the current year.
4. Clover bud classes are non-competitive and the exhibits are not placed. They are judged for their participation. All exhibits receive rosettes ribbons for their effort.
5. Clover bud participants are allowed to enter up to 10 projects. 2 of which can be animal projects.
6. The Mecosta County Fairboard has adopted and recognizes the MSU Extension Clover bud age policies.

Section A - Cloverbud Still Exhibits

Class/Description

No Awarded. Ribbons only.

1101. Food Exhibit
1102. Artwork
1103. Sewing

1104. Craft
1105. Collection
1106. Model
1107. Vegetable - plate of 3, same variety
1108. Flower Arrangement
1109. Houseplant
1110. Container Garden
1111. Leaf Collection - 10 leaves with identification
1112. Photography - 1 photo, matted, no frames

DEPARTMENT 12

4-H Foods

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15. Same day registration July 7th from 9am-2pm.
2. Food exhibits may only be entered in one class and department
3. All exhibits must be placed on styrofoam trays, paper plates or cardboard cut to size and covered in plastic wrap.
4. No commercial mixes allowed.
5. All entries must stay on exhibit for the entire week of fair.
6. No refrigeration will be provided for food exhibits.
7. All exhibits must be accompanied by a recipe card, which MUST include the complete recipe.
8. All entries must stay on exhibit for the entire fair week.
9. Exhibitors may enter unlimited entries but only 3 per section.
10. All entries are to be placed on styrofoam plates, small plates or cardboard cut to size and covered with clear plastic wrap or a clear zip-lock type food storage bag.
11. 4-H exhibitors are required to participate in Face to Face judging on Saturday, July 7th, 9am-2pm, first come first serve.

Section A - Baking

Class/Description

Premium A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

1201. Cookies (3)
1202. Biscuits (3)
1203. Yeast Rolls (3)
1204. Muffins (3)
1205. Quick Bread
1206. Yeast Bread
1207. Dark Yeast Bread
1208. Sweet Bread
1209. Brownies
1210. Pie
1211. Cake

1212. Any Other

Section B - Decorated

- No commercial mixes allowed
- For decorated cakes, no dummy cake forms allowed. Cake must be decorated.

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

1215. Decorated Cake
1216. Decorated Cupcakes (3)
1217. Decorated Cookies (3)
1218. Any Other

Section C - Novelty

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

1220. Taffy
1221. Divinity
1222. Molded Chocolate
1223. Fudge
1224. Non-Food Preparation Display
1225. Hard Candy
1226. Experimental Food
1227. Foreign
1228. Fried Cakes
1229. Any Other

Section D - Cooking

Class/Description

A 2 B 1.50 C 1.00

1235. Casserole
1236. Meat Dish
1237. Egg Dish
1238. Entrée
1239. Any Other

Section E - Canning

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

1245. 1 Jar of Fruit
1246. 1 Jar of Vegetables
1247. 1 Jar of Tomatoes
1248. 1 Jar of Tomato Juice
1249. 1 Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
1250. 1 Jar of Salsa
1251. 1 Jar of Meat
1252. 1 Jar of Jelly
1253. 1 Jar of Jam
1254. 1 Jar of Pickles
1255. 1 Jar of Relish
1256. 1 Jar of Beans
1257. Maple Syrup
1258. Gift Package of Food (3)
1259. Variety of Canning (3)
1260. Any Other

Section F - Dried Fruit/Vegetables

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1265. Any Dried Fruit (displayed in jar)
- 1266. Any Dried Vegetable (displayed in jar)
- 1267. Any Dried Meat (displayed in jar)
- 1268. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 13

4-H Crafts

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th, 9am-2pm.
2. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Woodworking

- This section includes: refinishing of furniture, wood carving and other major wood projects.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1301. Simple Article
- 1302. Advanced Article
- 1303. Complex Article
- 1304. Wood Burning Article
- 1305. Popsicle Stick Article
- 1306. Furniture Refinishing
- 1307. Furniture Creating
- 1308. Any Other

Section B - Welding

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1310. Small Welded Article
- 1311. Advanced Welded Article
- 1312. Abstract Art Design - Welded or Bolted
- 1313. Metal Article - Formed or Forged
- 1314. Any Other

Section C - Electrical

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1316. Simple Article
- 1317. Advanced Article
- 1318. Abstract Electrical Project
- 1319. Home Lighting Exhibit
- 1320. Any Other

Section D - Creative Crafts

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1325. Stained Glass
- 1326. Basketry
- 1327. Weaving

1328. Metal Craft or Sculpture

1329. Paper Craft

1330. Wreath

1331. Macramé

1332. Plastic Canvas

1333. Decoupage

1334. Recycled Craft

1335. Bead Work

1336. Decorated Bird House

1337. Leather craft

1338. Tole & Decorative Painting

1339. Sand Art

1340. Candle making

1341. Soap Making

1342. Ceramic

1318. Sculpture

1344. Any Other

Section E - Scrapbooking & Stamping

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1347. Entire Scrapbook
- 1348. Single Scrapbook Page
- 1349. Stamping Project

DEPARTMENT 14

4-H Fine Arts

Rules and Information:

1. All pictures must be framed and/or matted and have a wire or heavy cord - securely fastened and be ready to hang.
2. Absolutely no wet paint.
3. No tracing - all work must be original
4. Name, address, etc. on back of work only.
5. Exhibitor must be a registered 4-H member in good standing in the Mecosta County 4-H/FFA Youth Development Program.
6. All exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Drawings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1401. Pencil - Portrait
- 1402. Pencil - Cartoon
- 1403. Pencil - Animal/Bird
- 1404. Pencil - Misc.
- 1405. Pen - Portrait
- 1406. Pen - Cartoon
- 1407. Pen - Animal/Bird
- 1408. Pen - Misc.
- 1409. Any Other Medium

Section B - Paintings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1412. Oil
- 1413. Water Color
- 1414. Acrylic
- 1415. Mixed
- 1416. Any Other

Section C - Ceramics

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 1419. Under glaze
- 1420. Glaze
- 1421. Special Effects
- 1422. Antiqued
- 1423. Glass Inlay
- 1424. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 15

4-H Needlework

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15. Or, same day registration, July 7th.
2. All work must be made by the exhibitor and entered in his/her name.
3. All articles must have been constructed within the last two years, and not previously exhibited at the Mecosta County Fair.
4. Worn or solid articles will not be awarded premiums.
5. Only one entry per person per class is allowable. Two similar articles in the same class will be judged as one entry.
6. Garments entered should be on wire coat hangers.

Section A - Clothing

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 1501. Wearing Accessory
- 1502. Wearing Apparel - Top
- 1503. Wearing Apparel - Bottom
- 1504. Wearing Apparel - Outfit

Section B - Knitting

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 1507. Wearing Accessory
- 1508. Wearing Apparel
- 1509. Table Cloth
- 1510. Pillow/Pillowcase
- 1511. Afghan
- 1512. Any Other

Section C - Crocheting

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
 1515. Wearing Accessory
 1516. Wearing Apparel
 1517. Table Cloth
 1518. Pillow/Pillowcase
 1519. Afghan
 1520. Any Other

Section D - Quilts

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
 1525. Appliquéd
 1526. Pieced - Hand Sewn
 1527. Pieced - Machine Sewn
 1528. Hand Quilted
 1529. Machine Quilted
 1530. Crazy Quilt
 1531. Group Made Quilt
 1532. Quilt - Tied Off
 1533. Quilted Pillow
 1534. Infant/Baby Quilt
 1535. Any Other

Section E - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
 1538. Tye-Dyed
 1539. Painted Clothing
 1540. Fleece Article
 1541. Wall Hanging
 1542. Rug
 1518. Dolls
 1544. Handmade Lace Item
 1545. Holiday Fancies
 1546. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 16

4-H Photography

Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
- Criteria of judging - composition, overall eye appeal, quality of print, execution.
- All photos must be 5 x 7.
- No slides.
- All photos must be mounted or matted, no frames.
- The age of the exhibitor of all artwork and photographs is required on the back of the image/artwork.
- Related Series photographs should be a total of 6 5x7 photographs flush mounted on top of 1-16x20 black or white mat board.
- All photographs must be the original work of the exhibitor.

- A digitally enhanced photo exhibit may be of photo corrections where scratches, blemishes, red-eye are removed, or photo modifications such as color changes, combining separate photos, adding elements, or other artistic alteration have been made. Must include before, and after photo.

Section A - Color

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
 1601. Scenery - Single Photo
 1602. Portrait - Single Photo
 1603. Action Shot - Single Photo
 1604. Animal - Single Photo
 1605. Structure/Building - Single Photo
 1606. Special Effect - Single Photo
 1607. Night Scene - Single Photo
 1608. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
 1609. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
 1610. Any Other Color Photo

Section B - Black and White

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
 1615. Scenery - Single Photo
 1616. Portrait - Single Photo
 1617. Action Shot - Single Photo
 1618. Animal - Single Photo
 1619. Structure/Building - Single Photo
 1620. Special Effect - Single Photo
 1621. Night Scene - Single Photo
 1622. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
 1623. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
 1624. Any Other Black and White Photo

DEPARTMENT 17

4-H Floriculture

Section A - Cut Flowers

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
 1701. Annual Flower
 1702. Perennial Flower
 1703. Rose
 1704. Gladiolus
 1705. Dahlia
 1706. Flower Arrangement
 1707. Dried Flower Arrangement
 1708. Corsage
 1709. Holiday Decoration
 1710. Centerpiece
 1711. Green Foliage, Cut and Arranged
 1712. Any Other Cut Flower

Section B - Indoor Gardening

- Dish Gardens may be woodland, tropical or desert
- Dish gardens and terrariums are to contain a mixture of at least 3 different plants
- No artificial plant materials allowed
- Plant must have growing at least 1 month prior to entry in its present container
- No plant shine is to be used
- Plants must be the property of the exhibitor for at least 3 months
- Accessories are allowed in terrariums
- Plants should be free of disease and insect damage, soil and container must be clean and plant in healthy condition
- Exhibitors must plant their own project and begin caring for it by April 15th.

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
 1715. Houseplant
 1716. Garden/Terrarium
 1717. Hanging Plant
 1718. Any Other

Section C - Silk Flowers

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
 1720. Table Arrangement
 1721. Wedding
 1722. Any Other

Section D - Ornaments

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
 1725. Ornamental Plant in Pot
 1726. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 18

4-H Horticulture

Learning Objective:

Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
- Each exhibitor must be the producer.
- Plants of corn may be exhibited as:
 - 3 stalks of corn with ears and roots attached without soil. Do not remove husks. Must be tied.
 - Ten ears of corn.
- Each exhibitor must be the producer.
- Wash and clean vegetables so they are free from soil.
- Trim root vegetable tips to 4".
- Wrap base of leaf lettuce and greens with wet paper towel or place in a container of water.

8. Display in white cardboard boxes or on white paper plate.
9. When selecting vegetables for exhibit, uniform color and stage of maturity should be considered. Vegetables should be clean with no insect damage and be blemish free.

Section A - Farm Crops

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1801. Corn, 5 Ears
- 1802. Corn, 3 Stalks
- 1803. Corn - Any Variety
- 1804. Oats, Bundle
- 1805. Barley, Bundle
- 1806. Rye, Bundle
- 1807. Soybean, Bundle
- 1808. Wheat, Bundle
- 1809. Any Other Grain, Bundle
- 1810. Clover, Bundle
- 1811. Barley, Bundle
- 1812. Alfalfa, Bundle
- 1813. Any Other Forage, Bundle
- 1814. Sunflower, 3-5 Specimen
- 1815. Gourd, 3-5 Specimen
- 1816. Any Other Crop
- 1817. Silage, Gallon Bag
- 1818. Haylage, Gallon Bag

Section B - Vegetables

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1820. Cabbage, 1 Specimen
- 1821. Cucumbers, 3 Specimen
- 1822. Eggplant, 3 Specimen
- 1823. Lettuce, 1 Specimen
- 1824. Onions, 3 Specimen
- 1825. Peppers, 3 Specimen
- 1826. Radishes, 6 Specimen
- 1827. String Beans, 6 Specimen
- 1829. Sweet Corn, 3 Specimen
- 1830. Potatoes, 3 Specimen
- 1831. Basket of 6 or More Assorted Vegetables
- 1832. Any Other

Section C - Fruit

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1835. Strawberries, 1 Pint
- 1836. Raspberries, 1 Pint
- 1837. Blueberries, 1 Pint
- 1838. Cherries, 1 Pint
- 1839. Any Other, 1 Pint

Section D - Herbs

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Display herbs, either fresh cut tied in 1' diameter bunches in containers of water, or dried tied in 1' diameter bunches on 9' white paper plates, or plants in 4' clay pots with saucer.
3. Herbs should not be exhibited in "full bloom".

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1841. 1 herb
- 1842. 3 types of herbs
- 1843. 6 types of herbs

DEPARTMENT 19

4-H Environmental Education and Conservation

Learning Objectives: Youth will develop an understanding of environmental issues and be able to discuss and demonstrate their increased knowledge about the topics. Rules and Information:

Rules and Information:

1. Pre-registration by June 15, or same day entry registration July 7th.
2. All exhibits must be the original work of the youth exhibitor and must have been completed within the last year.

Section A - Environmental Education

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

- 1901. Bird Display or Poster
- 1902. Wildlife Display or Poster
- 1903. Leaf Collection
- 1904. Wildflower Collection
- 1905. Fly Tying
- 1906. Forestry or Tree Display
- 1907. Entomology Display or Collection
- 1908. Plant Science Display or Collection
- 1909. Any Other

Section B - Taxidermy

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

- 1912. Fish
- 1913. Bird
- 1914. Mammal - Small
- 1915. Mammal - Large
- 1916. Deer
- 1917. Group - 2 or More
- 1918. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 20

4-H Science & Technology

Learning Objective: Youth will increase their knowledge about various forms of energy and use language and writing skills to share their knowledge with others through an educational display or exhibit. To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new events/ occurrences through the studies of the various science.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.

Section A - Rocketry

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 2001. Rocketry Project
- 2002. Aerospace Project
- 2003. Any Other Aerospace Exhibit

Section B - Models

Learning Objectives: To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new events/ occurrences through the study of the various sciences. To encourage youth to comprehend and follow written directions.

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 2005. Lego or Connex Model
- 2006. Model Kit
- 2007. Other Model Display
- 2008. Model with Electronic Working Parts
- 2009. Pinewood Derby Car
- 2010. Any Other Model

Section C - Posters And Displays

Learning Objective: Youth will increase their knowledge about various forms of energy and other technology and use language and writing skills to share their knowledge with others through an educational display. To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new event/occurrences through the studies of the various sciences.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 2015. Astronomy Display
- 2016. Small Mechanics
- 2017. Large Mechanics
- 2018. Electronics
- 2019. Vet Science
- 2020. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 21

4-H Educational Projects

Learning Objective: To encourage youth to explore and investigate and experience new events/occurrences through improving their skills and knowledge related to specific areas of study.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Exhibit registration must include the size of the space needed.
3. Exhibits must be free standing. Wall space is not guaranteed.
4. Exhibit must include the name of the youth - on the back and age.
5. Note special rules in each section.
6. All materials related to the demonstration or exhibit must be left on exhibit the entire week of fair.

Section A - Demonstrations

Learning Objective: Youth will demonstrate their ability to present themselves and their exhibit with confidence. Youth will demonstrate their knowledge on a chosen subject or topic.

- Exhibitor must supply all their own materials and or props needed for demonstration.
- Demonstrations are judged on neatness,

creativity and how well the demonstration relates to the topic.

- Demonstrations should be 3 to 7 minutes long.
- A demonstration should tell the audience "how to do something".
- Materials and props should be directly related to the topic/subject.
- Exhibitor will put the topic or subject of their demonstration on their registration form.
- Public speaking topics can be on any topic. Will be 3 to 7 minutes long.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

2101. Beginner Demonstration (9-11 years old)

2102. Intermediate Demonstration (12-14 years old)

2103. Senior Demonstration (15 to 19 years old)

Section B - Communication Skills

Class/Description

Premium A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

2105. Public Speaking

2106. Illustrated Talk

2107. Performing Arts (includes puppetry, clowning, magic, etc.)

Section C - Language Arts

Learning Objective: To encourage youth to develop and enhance their language and writing skills.

- Writings must be in a folder, binder or notebook.
- Exhibits must include a cover page which tells the name of the exhibitors, age and type of exhibit (poetry, short stories, essays, collection, etc.)
- Original work of the exhibitor is required.
- ALL WRITING EXHIBITS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE MECOSTA COUNTY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE BY June 15 AT 5pm
- Final judging will be at the fair.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

2110. Poetry

2111. Short Story

2112. Essay

2113. Personal Portfolio

2114. Collection of Poems - minimum of 5

2115. Other Creative Writings

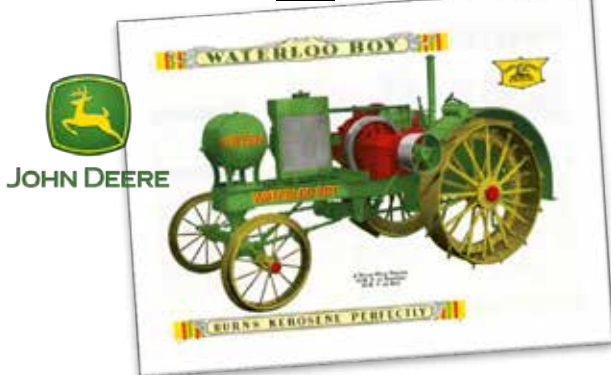
Section D - Leadership Projects

Learning Objective:

Rules and Information:

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2. 4-H Leadership Projects should record and highlight 4-H member's leadership project(s).
3. If making a display, use awards, photos, illustrations, etc.
4. Scrapbooks entered here cannot be entered in any other class or department.
5. Exhibitors will meet with judge for Face-to-Face judging in the 4-H Leadership Project. Exhibitors must sign up for judging time during exhibit entry.
6. A separate prize will be awarded in the 19 Year Old Leadership Category for the winning entry.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50
 2118. Junior (13 - 15 years old)
 2119. Senior (16 - 18 years old)
 2120. Advanced (19 years old)

OPEN YOUTH DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 30

Open Youth Camelids

(Includes Llamas & Alpacas)

Rules and Information

1. All animals must be checked in by the species superintendent before unloading from trailers. Animals in question will be sent home
2. Youth exhibitors may show only one Llama in each class.
3. Exhibitors must furnish all their own equipment and tack.
4. All classes will be judged using criteria set by the ILR (Int. Llama Registry)
5. Pre-registration required by June 15.
6. Animals may be trailered in day of show. Check in is between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
7. Exhibitor dress should be black pants with a white shirt and appropriate foot wear.
8. Superintendent may adjust (split or combine) classes as needed.

Section A - Camelid Showmanship

Class/Description

1st 7.00 2nd 5.00 3rd 3.00
 3001. Youth Camelid Showmanship

Section B - Record Book

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00
 3005. Camelid Notebook

Section C - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00
 3008. Camelid Obstacle Course
 3009. Camelid Costume Class
 3010. Camelid Pack Class

DEPARTMENT 31

Open Youth Goats

Class/Description

1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00

Section A - Nubian

Section B - Alpine

Section C - Toggenburg

Section D - Oberhasli

Section E - Lamancha

Section F - Nigerian Dwarf

Section G - Pygmy

Section H - Angora

Section I - Fainter

Section J - Boer (75% or more)

Section K - Mixed Breed

3101. Jr. Doe Kid - born after 4/1

3102. Jr. Wether Kid - born after 4/1

3103. Wether over 1 year

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- 3104. Sr. Doe Kid - born after 4/1
- 3105. Sr. Wether Kid - born 4/1 up to 1 year
- 3106. Jr. Doe - 1 to 3 years
- 3107. Senior Doe - over 3 years
- 3108. Doe, never freshened

DEPARTMENT 32

Open Youth Poultry

Superintendent: Jennifer Sylvester

1. Must be pre-registered by June 15
2. All poultry must be checked in prior to caging. Superintendent will assign cages.
3. Any animal showing signs of disease, lice, or mites will be dismissed.
4. Poultry (except waterfowl) must have a negative Pullorum-typhoid certificate valid within 90 days before fair AND remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive status. Testing will be available at check-in for \$1 per bird.
5. Poultry vaccinated for infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are not allowed.
6. Exhibitors are required to feed, water and clean their animals by 10:00 a.m. daily
7. Exhibitor must provide feed, dishes (as needed), and bedding. Pine shavings are required in wire cages. Sawdust allowed in ground pens only.
8. No pools allowed in waterfowl pens.
9. Animals must stay on exhibit for required period specified.
10. Exhibitor must be in attendance during judging to present his/her own entries. Exceptions may be made for exhibitors with show conflicts that have received approval from the conflicting species superintendents.
11. Award ribbons must be displayed on cage or pen until exhibits are released.
12. 4-H market animal exhibitors receive first priority of pen space.
13. All poultry will be judged by the APA American Standards of Perfection.
14. Birds may only be handled by the exhibitor, barn attendant, fair veterinarian, director, species superintendent or judge after the bird has been placed in an exhibition coop.
15. The Fairboard reserves the right to cancel all poultry/birds entering the fairgrounds in the event of an outbreak of disease.
16. Cock or hen is an old bird that is one year and older. Cockerel or pullet is a young bird under one year of age. Same ages apply to waterfowl and turkeys.

17. All poultry must have a completed exhibit tag on cage by Monday.
18. The sale of birds on the fairgrounds is by permission of the superintendent only.
19. Animals used in open classes may not be used in 4-H classes.
20. Exhibitor shall not exhibit more than one (1) entry per class.

Breed Classes

Section A - Standard

Class/Description

- | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1st 3.00 | 2nd 2.00 | 3rd 1.00 |
| 3201. Cock, 1 year and older | | |
| 3202. Hen, 1 year and older | | |
| 3203. Cockerel, Under 1 year | | |
| 3204. Pullet, Under 1 year | | |

Section B - Bantam

Class/Description

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1st 3.00 | 2nd 2.00 | 3rd 1.00 |
|----------|----------|----------|

Section C - All Other

Class/Description

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|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1st 3.00 | 2nd 2.00 | 3rd 1.00 |
| 3207. Waterfowl, Duck | | |
| 3208. Waterfowl, Drake | | |
| 3209. Turkey - Hen | | |
| 3210. Turkey - Tom | | |
| 3211. Other - Female | | |
| 3212. Other - Male | | |

Section D - Eggs

Rules and information:

1. Eggs must be displayed in an egg carton.
2. Exhibitor must attach a still exhibit card to carton.
3. Picture of flock is required with egg display.

Class/Description

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|----------------------|----------|----------|
| 1st 3.00 | 2nd 2.00 | 3rd 1.00 |
| 3212. One Dozen Eggs | | |

DEPARTMENT 33

Open Youth Rabbits

Superintendent: Marie Goltz

Rules and Information:

1. All rabbits must be checked in by superintendent before being caged.
2. Exhibitors are required to feed and water their animals daily and clean pens daily.
3. Exhibitor must provide feed bowls and water bottles or bowls.
4. Animals must stay on exhibit for required period specified.
5. Exhibitor must be in attendance during judging to present their own animals.

6. All rabbits are to be in place by 8 p.m. Sunday
7. Pine shavings are required for litter pans. NO sawdust allowed.
8. Animals used in open may not be used in 4-H classes.
9. Only 1 entry per class.

Breed Classes

Class/Description

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1st 3.00 | 2nd 2.00 | 3rd 1.00 |
|----------|----------|----------|

Section A – Dutch

Section B – Polish

Section C – Lion Head

Section D – Holland Lop

Section E – Mini Lop

Section F – Mini Rex

Section G – Netherland Dwarf

Section H – Himalayan

Section I – All Other Purebreds

Section J – Mixed Breed

Section K – California

Section L – New Zealand

Section M – Flemish Giant

Section N – Champagne D'Argent

Section O – Silver Fox

3301. Junior Doe, under 6 months

3302. Intermediate Doe, 6 to 8 months

3303. Senior Doe, over 8 months

3304. Junior Buck, under 6 months

3305. Intermediate Buck, 6 to 8 months

3306. Senior Buck, over 8 months

DEPARTMENT 34

Open Youth Horses

Superintendents: Jamie Bissett and Linda Probst
Rules and Information:

6. Advanced registration is due by June 15.
7. Have proof that horse has received 4 in 1 shot, 30 days prior to fair and submit proof to superintendent the day of the show.
8. Remain at the fair, on the grounds for required period as specified.
9. If barns are full, open class participants will have the option of trailering in the days of the show.
10. All equine entered into exhibitions and/or fairs must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the calendar year. Exhibitors must check-in and submit Coggins test report at announcer's booth before the start of the show.
11. 4-H members may not show in open classes.

Section A - Fitting and Showmanship

Class/Description

- 1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00
3401. Fitting & Showmanship
3402. Fitting and Showmanship Novice

Section B - Hunt Seat Equitation

Class/Description

- 1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00
3405. Hunt Seat Equitation
3406. Hunt Seat Equitation Novice

Section C - Saddle Seat Equitation

Class/Description

- 1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00
3410. Saddle Seat Equitation

Section D - Western Horsemanship

Class/Description

- 1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00
3415. Western Horsemanship
3416. Western Horsemanship Novice

DEPARTMENT 36

Little Buddy

Class/Description

No Premiums Awarded. Ribbons Only

Section A - Little Buddy Chicken

Rules and information:

1. Market chicken project is a pen of 3 birds, minimum 5 lbs. each.
2. Market turkey project is a pen of 1 bird, minimum 8 lbs.
3. All market poultry will be leg banded at check in.
4. Exhibitor must complete Little Buddy record book and participate in showmanship in order to sell at Livestock Auction.
5. Market chicken project exhibitors must provide a bantam chicken for showmanship; market chickens cannot be used.
6. Exhibitor must attach a still exhibit card to record book.

3601. Chicken Project

3602. Record Book

Section B - Little Buddy Turkey

3605. Turkey Project

3606. Record Book

Section C - Little Buddy Rabbit

3610. Rabbit Project

3611. Record Book

Section D - Little Buddy Goat

3615. Goat Project

3616. Record Book

Section E - Little Buddy Sheep

3620. Sheep Project

3621. Record Book

Section F - Little Buddy Swine

3625. Swine Project

3626. Record Book

DEPARTMENT 37

Open Youth Foods

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15. Same Day Registration July 7th, 9am - 2pm.
2. Food exhibits may only be entered in one class and department
3. All exhibits must be placed on styrofoam trays, paper plates or cardboard cut to size and covered in plastic wrap.
4. No commercial mixes allowed.
5. All entries must stay on exhibit for the entire week of fair.
6. No refrigeration will be provided for food exhibits.
7. All exhibits must be accompanied by a recipe card, which MUST include the complete recipe.

Section A - Baking

Class/Description

Premium A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

3701. Cookies (3)

3702. Biscuits (3)

3703. Yeast Rolls (3)

3704. Muffins (3)

3705. Quick Bread

3706. Yeast Bread

3707. Dark Yeast Bread

3708. Sweet Bread

3709. Brownies

3710. Pie

3711. Cake

3712. Any Other

Section B - Decorated

- No commercial mixes allowed
- For decorated cakes, no dummy cake forms allowed. Cake must be decorated.

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

3715. Decorated Cake

3716. Decorated Cupcakes (3)

3717. Decorated Cookies (3)

3718. Any Other

Section C - Novelty

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

3720. Taffy

3721. Divinity

3722. Molded Chocolate

3723. Fudge

3724. Non-Food Preparation Display

3725. Hard Candy

3726. Experimental Food

3727. Foreign

3728. Fried Cakes

3729. Any Other

Section D - Cooking

Class/Description

A 2 B 1.50 C 1.00

3735. Casserole

3736. Meat Dish

3737. Egg Dish

3738. Entrée

3739. Any Other

Section E - Canning

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

3745. 1 Jar of Fruit

3746. 1 Jar of Vegetables

3747. 1 Jar of Tomatoes

3748. 1 Jar of Tomato Juice

3749. 1 Jar of Spaghetti Sauce

3750. 1 Jar of Salsa

3751. 1 Jar of Meat

3752. 1 Jar of Jelly

3753. 1 Jar of Jam

3754. 1 Jar of Pickles

3755. 1 Jar of Relish

3756. 1 Jar of Beans

3757. Maple Syrup

3758. Gift Package of Food (3)

3759. Variety of Canning (3)

3760. Any Other

Section F - Dried Fruit/Vegetables

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

3765. Any Dried Fruit (displayed in jar)

3766. Any Dried Vegetable (displayed in jar)

3767. Any Dried Meat (displayed in jar)

3768. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 38

Open Youth Crafts

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th, 9am-2pm.
2. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Woodworking

- This section includes: refinishing of furniture, wood carving and other major wood projects.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3801. Simple Article
- 3802. Advanced Article
- 3803. Complex Article
- 3804. Wood Burning Article
- 3805. Popsicle Stick Article
- 3806. Furniture Refinishing
- 3807. Furniture Creating
- 3808. Any Other

Section B - Welding

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3810. Small Welded Article
- 3811. Advanced Welded Article
- 3812. Abstract Art Design - Welded or Bolted
- 3813. Metal Article - Formed or Forged
- 3814. Any Other

Section C - Electrical

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3816. Simple Article
- 3817. Advanced Article
- 3818. Abstract Electrical Project
- 3819. Home Lighting Exhibit
- 3820. Any Other

Section D - Creative Crafts

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3825. Stained Glass
- 3826. Basketry
- 3827. Weaving
- 3828. Metal Craft or Sculpture
- 3829. Paper Craft
- 3830. Wreath
- 3831. Macramé
- 3832. Plastic Canvas
- 3833. Decoupage
- 3834. Recycled Craft
- 3835. Bead Work
- 3836. Decorated Bird House
- 3837. Leather craft
- 3838. Tole & Decorative Painting
- 3839. Sand Art
- 3840. Candle making

3841. Soap Making

3842. Ceramic

3818. Sculpture

3844. Any Other

Section E - Scrapbooking & Stamping

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3847. Entire Scrapbook
- 3848. Single Scrapbook Page
- 3849. Stamping Project

DEPARTMENT 39

Open Youth Fine Arts

Rules and Information:

- All pictures must be framed and/or matted and have a wire or heavy cord - securely fastened and be ready to hang.
- Absolutely no wet paint.
- No tracing - all work must be original
- Names, address, etc. on back of work only.

Section A - Drawings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3901. Pencil - Portrait
- 3902. Pencil - Cartoon
- 3903. Pencil - Animal/Bird
- 3904. Pencil - Misc.
- 3905. Pen - Portrait
- 3906. Pen - Cartoon
- 3907. Pen - Animal/Bird
- 3908. Pen - Misc.
- 3909. Any Other Medium

Section B - Paintings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3912. Oil
- 3913. Water Color
- 3914. Acrylic
- 3915. Mixed
- 3916. Any Other

Section C - Ceramics

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 3919. Under glaze
- 3920. Glaze
- 3921. Special Effects
- 3922. Antiqued
- 3923. Glass Inlay
- 3924. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 40

Open Youth Needlework

Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th, 9am-2pm.
- All work must be made by the exhibitor and entered in his/her name.
- All articles must have been constructed within the last two years, and not previously exhibited at the Mecosta County Fair.
- Worn or solid articles will not be awarded premiums.
- Only one entry per person per class is allowable. Two similar articles in the same class will be judged as one entry.
- Garments entered should be on wire coat hangers.

Section A - Clothing

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 4001. Wearing Accessory
- 4002. Wearing Apparel - Top
- 4003. Wearing Apparel - Bottom
- 4004. Wearing Apparel - Outfit

Section B - Knitting

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 4007. Wearing Accessory
- 4008. Wearing Apparel
- 4009. Table Cloth
- 4010. Pillow/Pillowcase
- 4011. Afghan
- 4012. Any Other

Section C - Crocheting

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 4015. Wearing Accessory
- 4016. Wearing Apparel
- 4017. Table Cloth
- 4018. Pillow/Pillowcase
- 4019. Afghan
- 4020. Any Other

Section D - Quilts

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 4025. Appliquéd
- 4026. Pieced - Hand Sewn
- 4027. Pieced - Machine Sewn
- 4028. Hand Quilted
- 4029. Machine Quilted
- 4030. Crazy Quilt
- 4031. Group Made Quilt
- 4032. Quilt - Tied Off

- 4033. Quilted Pillow
- 4034. Infant/Baby Quilt
- 4035. Any Other

Section E - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

- 4038. Tye-Dyed
- 4039. Painted Clothing
- 4040. Fleece Article
- 4041. Wall Hanging

4042. Rug

4018. Dolls

4044. Handmade Lace Item

4045. Holiday Fancies

4046. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 41

Open Youth Photography

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Criteria of judging - composition, overall eye appeal, quality of print, execution.
3. All photos must be 5 x 7.
4. No slides.
5. All photos must be mounted or matted, no frames.
6. The age of the exhibitor of all artwork and photographs is required on the back of the image/artwork.
7. Related Series photographs should be a total of 6 5x7 photographs flush mounted on top of 1-16x 20 black or white mat boards.
8. All photographs must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Color

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 4101. Scenery - Single Photo
- 4102. Portrait - Single Photo
- 4103. Action Shot - Single Photo
- 4104. Animal - Single Photo
- 4105. Structure/Building - Single Photo
- 4106. Special Effect - Single Photo
- 4107. Night Scene - Single Photo
- 4108. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
- 4109. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
- 4110. Any Other Color Photo

Section B - Black and White

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

4115. Scenery - Single Photo

- 4116. Portrait - Single Photo
- 4117. Action Shot - Single Photo
- 4118. Animal - Single Photo
- 4119. Structure/Building - Single Photo
- 4120. Special Effect - Single Photo
- 4121. Night Scene - Single Photo
- 4122. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
- 4123. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
- 4124. Any Other Black and White Photo

DEPARTMENT 42

Open Youth Floriculture

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Only one entry per class per individual exhibitor.
3. The exhibitor must grow all horticulture entries.
4. Flowers in artistic arrangements maybe homegrown, wild or purchased.
5. All floriculture exhibits should be labeled according to variety, including name of specimen.
6. Flower and foliage must be clean, no dust or dirt.
7. Plants on the Michigan Protected list should not be exhibited.
8. No artificial flowers or foliage allowed.
9. Flowers will be exhibited in clear glass bottles. Bottles are available at the Exhibit Building during entry.
10. Stems should be straight.
11. When showing specimen blooms, the same variety, same size bloom and stem length should be chosen.
12. If the bloom is over 3½" diameters, exhibit 1 flower and 1 foliage. If the bloom is less than 3½" in diameter, exhibit 3 flowers and 3 foliages.
13. Do not remove foliage from stems above the water line and do not add any extra stems of foliage.

Section A - Cut Flowers

Class/Description

A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00

- 4201. Annual Flower
- 4202. Perennial Flower
- 4203. Rose
- 4204. Gladiolus
- 4205. Dahlia
- 4206. Flower Arrangement
- 4207. Dried Flower Arrangement
- 4208. Corsage
- 4209. Holiday Decoration

- 4210. Centerpiece
- 4211. Green Foliage, Cut and Arranged
- 4212. Any Other Cut Flower

Section B - Indoor Gardening

- Dish Gardens may be woodland, tropical or dessert
- Dish gardens and terrariums are to contain a mixture of at least 3 different plants
- No artificial plant materials allowed
- Plant must have growing at least 1 month prior to entry in its present container
- No plant shine is to be used
- Plants must be the property of the exhibitor for at least 3 months
- Accessories are allowed in terrariums
- Plants should be free of disease and insect damage, soil and container must be clean and plant in healthy condition
- Exhibitors must plant their own project and begin caring for it by April 15th.

Class/Description

A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00

- 4215. Houseplant
- 4216. Garden/Terrarium
- 4217. Hanging Plant
- 4218. Any Other

Section C - Silk Flowers

Class/Description

A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00

- 4220. Table Arrangement
- 4221. Wedding
- 4222. Any Other

Section D - Ornamentals

Class/Description

A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00

- 4225. Ornamental Plant in Pot
- 4226. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 18

Open Youth Horticulture

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Each exhibitor must be the producer.
3. Plants of corn may be exhibited as:
 - (a.) 3 stalks of corn with ears and roots attached without soil. Do not remove husks. Must be tied.
 - (b.) Ten ears of corn.

Section A - Farm Crops

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1801. Corn, 5 Ears
- 1802. Corn, 3 Stalks
- 1803. Corn - Any Variety
- 1804. Oats, Bundle
- 1805. Barley, Bundle
- 1806. Rye, Bundle
- 1807. Soybean, Bundle
- 1808. Wheat, Bundle
- 1809. Any Other Grain, Bundle
- 1810. Clover, Bundle
- 1811. Barley, Bundle
- 1812. Alfalfa, Bundle
- 1813. Any Other Forage, Bundle
- 1814. Sunflower, 3-5 Specimen
- 1815. Gourd, 3-5 Specimen
- 1816. Any Other Crop
- 1817. Silage, Gallon Bag
- 1818. Haylage, Gallon Bag

Section B - Vegetables

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1820. Cabbage, 1 Specimen
- 1821. Cucumbers, 3 Specimen
- 1822. Eggplant, 3 Specimen
- 1823. Lettuce, 1 Specimen

- 1824. Onions, 3 Specimen
- 1825. Peppers, 3 Specimen
- 1826. Radishes, 6 Specimen
- 1827. String Beans, 6 Specimen
- 1828. Summer Squash, 3 Specimen
- 1829. Sweet Corn, 3 Specimen
- 1830. Potatoes, 3 Specimen
- 1831. Basket of 6 or More Assorted Vegetables
- 1832. Any Other

Section C - Fruit

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1835. Strawberries, 1 Pint
- 1836. Raspberries, 1 Pint
- 1837. Blueberries, 1 Pint
- 1838. Cherries, 1 Pint
- 1839. Any Other, 1 Pint

Section D - Herbs

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Display herbs, either fresh cut tied in 1' diameter bunches in containers of water, or dried tied in 1' diameter bunches on 9' white paper plates, or plants in 4' clay pots with saucer.

3. Herbs should not be exhibited in "full bloom".

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1841. 1 herb
- 1842. 3 types of herbs
- 1818. 6 types of herbs

Section E - Container Garden

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 1845. Container Garden with 1 vegetable
- 1846. Container Garden with 2 or more Vegetables

DEPARTMENT 44

Open Youth Environmental Education & Conservation

Rules and Information:

1. Only one entry per class per individual
2. Open to everyone, amateur or professional.
3. Exhibitors enter exhibits at their own risk.
4. Pre-registration before June 15. Or, day of entry registration, July 7th.

Section A - Environmental Education

Class/Description



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- A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50
 4401. Bird Display or Poster
 4402. Wildlife Display or Poster
 4403. Leaf Collection
 4404. Wildflower Collection
 4405. Fly Tying
 4406. Forestry or Tree Display
 4407. Entomology Display or Collection
 4408. Plant Science Display or Collection
 4409. Any Other

Section B - Taxidermy

Class/Description

- A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50
 4412. Fish
 4413. Bird
 4414. Mammal - Small
 4415. Mammal - Large
 4416. Deer
 4417. Group - 2 or More
 4418. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 45

Open Youth Science & Technology

Learning Objective: Youth will increase their knowledge about various forms of energy and use language and writing skills to share their knowledge with others through an educational display or exhibit. To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new events/ occurrences through the studies of the various science.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.

Section A - Rocketry

Class/Description

- A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00
 4501. Rocketry Project
 4502. Aerospace Project
 4503. Any Other Aerospace Exhibit

Section B - Models

Learning Objectives: To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new events/ occurrences through the study of the various sciences. To encourage youth to comprehend and follow written directions.

Class/Description

- A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00
 4505. Lego or Connex Model

4506. Model Kit
 4507. Other Model Display
 4508. Model with Electronic Working Parts
 4509. Pinewood Derby Car
 4510. Any Other Model

Section C - Posters And Displays

Learning Objective: Youth will increase their knowledge about various forms of energy and other technology and use language and writing skills to share their knowledge with others through an educational display. To encourage youth to explore, investigate and experience new event/occurrences through the studies of the various sciences.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15, 4517 or same day registration July 7th.

Class/Description


- A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00
 4515. Astronomy Display
 4516. Small Mechanics
 4517. Large Mechanics
 4518. Electronics
 4519. Vet Science
 4520. Any Other

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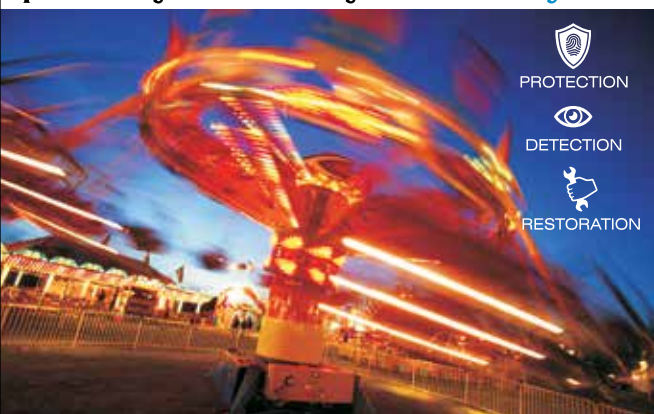
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DEPARTMENT 46

Open Youth Educational Projects

Learning Objective: To encourage youth to explore and investigate and experience new events/occurrences through improving their skills and knowledge related to specific areas of study.

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Exhibit registration must include the size of the space needed.
3. Exhibits must be free standing. Wall space is not guaranteed.
4. Exhibit must include the name of the youth - on the back and age.
5. Note special rules in each section.
6. All materials related to the demonstration or exhibit must be left on exhibit the entire week of fair.

Section A - Demonstrations

Learning Objective: Youth will demonstrate their ability to present themselves and their exhibit with confidence. Youth will demonstrate their knowledge on a chosen subject or topic.

- Exhibitor must supply all their own materials

- and or props needed for demonstration.
- Demonstrations are judged on neatness, creativity and how well the demonstration relates to the topic.
- Demonstrations should be 3 to 7 minutes long.
- A demonstration should tell the audience "how to do something".
- Materials and props should be directly related to the topic/subject.
- Exhibitor will put the topic or subject of their demonstration on their registration form.
- Public speaking topics can be on any topic. Will be 3 to 7 minutes long.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

4601. Beginner Demonstration (9-11 years old)
 4602. Intermediate Demonstration (12-14 years old)
 4603. Senior Demonstration (15 to 19 years old)

Section B - Communication Skills

Class/Description

Premium A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

4605. Public Speaking
 4606. Illustrated Talk

4607. Performing Arts (includes puppetry, clowning, magic, etc.)

Section C - Language Arts

Learning Objective: To encourage youth to develop and enhance their language and writing skills.

- Writings must be in a folder, binder or notebook.
- Exhibits must include a cover page which tells the name of the exhibitors, age and type of exhibit (poetry, short stories, essays, collection, etc.)
- Original work of the exhibitor is required.
- ALL WRITING EXHIBITS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE MECOSTA COUNTY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE BY June 15 AT 5pm
- Final judging will be at the fair.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

4610. Poetry
 4611. Short Story
 4612. Essay
 4613. Personal Portfolio
 4614. Collection of Poems - minimum of 5
 4615. Other Creative Writings



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Section D - Leadership Projects

Learning Objective:

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 5th.
2. Leadership Projects should record and highlight member's leadership project(s).
3. If making a display, use awards, photos, illustrations, etc.
4. Scrapbooks entered here cannot be entered in any other class or department.
5. Exhibitors will meet with judge for Face-to-Face judging in the Leadership Project. Exhibitors must sign up for judging time during exhibit entry.
6. A separate prize will be awarded in the 19 Year Old Leadership Category for the winning entry.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

4618. Junior (13 - 15 years old)

4619. Senior (16 - 18 years old)

4620. Advanced (19 years old)

OPEN ADULT DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 32

Open Adult Poultry

Superintendent: Jennifer Sylvester

1. Must be pre-registered by June 15
2. All poultry must be checked in prior to caging. Superintendent will assign cages.
3. Any animal showing signs of disease, lice, or mites will be dismissed.
4. Poultry (except waterfowl) must have a negative Pullorum-typhoid certificate valid within 90 days before fair AND remain segregated from all poultry of unknown or positive status. Testing will be available at check-in for \$1 per bird.
5. Poultry vaccinated for infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT) are not allowed.
6. Exhibitors are required to feed, water and clean their animals by 10:00 a.m. daily
7. Exhibitor must provide feed, dishes (as needed), and bedding. Pine shavings are required in wire cages. Sawdust allowed in ground pens only.
8. No pools allowed in waterfowl pens.
9. Animals must stay on exhibit for required period specified.
10. Exhibitor must be in attendance during judging to present his/her own entries. Exceptions may

be made for exhibitors with show conflicts that have received approval from the conflicting species superintendents.

11. Award ribbons must be displayed on cage or pen until exhibits are released.
12. 4-H market animal exhibitors receive first priority of pen space.
13. All poultry will be judged by the APA American Standards of Perfection.
14. Birds may only be handled by the exhibitor, barn attendant, fair veterinarian, director, species superintendent or judge after the bird has been placed in an exhibition coop.
15. The Fairboard reserves the right to cancel all poultry/birds entering the fairgrounds in the event of an outbreak of disease.
16. Cock or hen is an old bird that is one year and older. Cockerel and pullet is a young bird under one year of age. Same ages apply to waterfowl and turkeys.
17. All poultry must have a completed exhibit tag on cage by Monday.
18. The sale of birds on the fairgrounds is by permission of the superintendent only.
19. Animals used in open classes may not be used in 4-H classes.
20. Exhibitor shall not exhibit more than one (1) entry per class.

Breed Classes

Section A - Standard

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00

3201. Cock, 1 year and older

3202. Hen, 1 year and older

3203. Cockerel, Under 1 year

3204. Pullet, Under 1 year

Section B - Bantam

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00

Section C - All Other

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00

3207. Waterfowl, Duck

3208. Waterfowl, Drake

3209. Turkey - Hen

3210. Turkey - Tom

Section D - Eggs

Rules and information:

1. Eggs must be displayed in an egg carton.
2. Exhibitor must attach a still exhibit card to carton.
3. Picture of flock is required with egg display.

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00

3212. One Dozen Eggs

DEPARTMENT 33

Open Adult Rabbits

Superintendent: Marie Goltz

Rules and Information:

1. All rabbits must be checked in by superintendent before being caged.
2. Exhibitors are required to feed and water their animals daily and clean pens daily.
3. Exhibitor must provide feed bowls and water bottles or bowls.
4. Animals must stay on exhibit for required period specified.
5. Exhibitor must be in attendance during judging to present their own animals.
6. All rabbits are to be in place by 8 p.m. Sunday
7. Pine shavings are required for litter pans. NO sawdust allowed.
8. Animals used in open may not be used in 4-H classes.
9. Only 1 entry per class.

Breed Classes

Class/Description

1st 3.00 2nd 2.00 3rd 1.00

Section A – Dutch

Section B – Polish

Section C – Lion Head

Section D – Holland Lop

Section E – Mini Lop

Section F – Mini Rex

Section G – Netherland Dwarf

Section H – Himalayan

Section I – All Other Purebreds

Section J – Mixed Breed

Section K – California

Section L – New Zealand

Section M – Flemish Giant

Section N – Champagne D'Argent

Section O – Silver Fox

3301. Junior Doe, under 6 months

3302. Intermediate Doe, 6 to 8 months

3303. Senior Doe, over 8 months

3304. Junior Buck, under 6 months

3305. Intermediate Buck, 6 to 8 months

3306. Senior Buck, over 8 months

DEPARTMENT 35

Open Adult Horses

Superintendents: Jamie Bissett and Linda Probst
Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration is due by June 15.
- Have proof that horse has received 4 in 1 shot, 30 days prior to fair and submit proof to superintendent the day of the show.
- Remain at the fair, on the grounds for required period as specified.
- If barns are full, open class participants will have the option of trailering in the days of the show.
- All equine entered into exhibitions and/or fairs must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the calendar year. Exhibitors must check-in and submit Coggins test report at announcer's booth before the start of the show.
- 4-H members may not show in open classes.

Section A - Fitting and Showmanship

Class/Description

1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00

3501. Fitting & Showmanship
3502. Fitting and Showmanship Novice

Section B - Hunt Seat Equitation

Class/Description

1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00

3505. Hunt Seat Equitation
3506. Hunt Seat Equitation Novice

Section C - Saddle Seat Equitation

Class/Description

1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00

3510. Saddle Seat Equitation

Section D - Western Horsemanship

Class/Description

1st 5.00 2nd 4.00 3rd 3.00

3515. Western Horsemanship
3516. Western Horsemanship Novice

DEPARTMENT 50

Open Adult Foods

Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration must be in by July 7th, 9am - 2pm.
- Food exhibits may only be entered in one class and department
- All exhibits must be placed on styrofoam trays, paper plates or cardboard cut to size and covered in plastic wrap.
- No commercial mixes allowed.
- All entries must stay on exhibit for the entire week of fair.
- No refrigeration will be provided for food exhibits.

- All exhibits must be accompanied by a recipe card, which MUST include the complete recipe.

Section A - Baking

Class/Description

Premium A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

5001. Cookies (3)
5002. Biscuits (3)
5003. Yeast Rolls (3)
5004. Muffins (3)
5005. Quick Bread
5006. Yeast Bread
5007. Dark Yeast Bread
5008. Sweet Bread
5009. Brownies
5010. Pie
5011. Cake
5012. Any Other

Section B - Decorated

- No commercial mixes allowed
- For decorated cakes, no dummy cake forms allowed. Cake must be decorated.

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

5015. Decorated Cake
5016. Decorated Cupcakes (3)
5017. Decorated Cookies (3)
5018. Any Other

Section C - Novelty

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

5020. Taffy
5021. Divinity
5022. Molded Chocolate
5023. Fudge
5024. Non-Food Preparation Display
5025. Hard Candy
5026. Experimental Food
5027. Foreign
5028. Fried Cakes
5029. Any Other

Section D - Cooking

Class/Description

A 2 B 1.50 C 1.00

5035. Casserole
5036. Meat Dish
5037. Egg Dish
5038. Entrée
5039. Any Other

Section E - Canning

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

5045. 1 Jar of Fruit

5046. 1 Jar of Vegetables
5047. 1 Jar of Tomatoes
5048. 1 Jar of Tomato Juice
5049. 1 Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
5050. 1 Jar of Salsa
5051. 1 Jar of Meat
5052. 1 Jar of Jelly
5053. 1 Jar of Jam
5054. 1 Jar of Pickles
5055. 1 Jar of Relish
5056. 1 Jar of Beans
5057. Maple Syrup
5058. Gift Package of Food (3)
5059. Variety of Canning (3)
5060. Any Other

Section F - Dried Fruit/Vegetables

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

5065. Any Dried Fruit (displayed in jar)
5066. Any Dried Vegetable (displayed in jar)
5067. Any Dried Meat (displayed in jar)
5068. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 51

Open Adult Crafts

Rules and Information:

- Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th, 9am-2pm.
- Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Woodworking

- This section includes: refinishing of furniture, wood carving and other major wood projects.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5101. Simple Article
5102. Advanced Article
5103. Complex Article
5104. Wood Burning Article
5105. Popsicle Stick Article
5106. Furniture Refinishing
5107. Furniture Creating
5108. Any Other

Section B - Welding

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5110. Small Welded Article
5111. Advanced Welded Article
5112. Abstract Art Design - Welded or Bolted
5113. Metal Article - Formed or Forged

5114. Any Other

Section C - Electrical

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5116. Simple Article

5117. Advanced Article

5118. Abstract Electrical Project

5119. Home Lighting Exhibit

5120. Any Other

Section D - Creative Crafts

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5125. Stained Glass

5126. Basketry

5127. Weaving

5128. Metal Craft or Sculpture

5129. Paper Craft

5130. Wreath

5131. Macramé

5132. Plastic Canvas

5133. Decoupage

5134. Recycled Craft

5135. Bead Work

5136. Decorated Bird House

5137. Leather craft

5138. Tole & Decorative Painting

5139. Sand Art

5140. Candle making

5141. Soap Making

5142. Ceramic

5118. Sculpture

5144. Any Other

Section E - Scrapbooking & Stamping

- Exhibits must be ready for display.
- No Kits.

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5147. Entire Scrapbook

5148. Single Scrapbook Page

5149. Stamping Project

DEPARTMENT 52

Open Adult Fine Arts

Rules and Information:

1. All pictures must be framed and/or matted and have a wire or heavy cord - securely fastened and be ready to hang.
2. Absolutely no wet paint.
3. No tracing - all work must be original
4. Names, address, etc. on back of work only.

Section A - Drawings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5201. Pencil - Portrait

5202. Pencil - Cartoon

5203. Pencil - Animal/Bird

5204. Pencil - Misc.

5205. Pen - Portrait

5206. Pen - Cartoon

5207. Pen - Animal/Bird

5208. Pen - Misc.

5209. Any Other Medium

Section B - Paintings

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

5212. Oil

5213. Water Color

5214. Acrylic

5215. Mixed

5216. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 53

Open Youth Needlework

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th, 9am-2pm.
2. All work must be made by the exhibitor and entered in his/her name.
3. All articles must have been constructed within the last two years, and not previously exhibited at the Mecosta County Fair.
4. Worn or solid articles will not be awarded premiums.
5. Only one entry per person per class is allowable. Two similar articles in the same class will be judged as one entry.
6. Garments entered should be on wire coat hangers.

Section A - Clothing

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

5301. Wearing Accessory

5302. Wearing Apparel - Top

5303. Wearing Apparel - Bottom

5304. Wearing Apparel - Outfit

Section B - Knitting

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

5307. Wearing Accessory

5308. Wearing Apparel

5309. Table Cloth

5310. Pillow/Pillowcase

5311. Afghan

5312. Any Other

Section C- Crocheting

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

5315. Wearing Accessory

5316. Wearing Apparel

5317. Table Cloth

5318. Pillow/Pillowcase

5319. Afghan

5320. Any Other

Section D - Quilts

Class/Description

A 8.00 B 6.00 C 4.00

5325. Appliquéd

5326. Pieced - Hand Sewn

5327. Pieced - Machine Sewn

5328. Hand Quilted

5329. Machine Quilted

5330. Crazy Quilt

5331. Group Made Quilt

5332. Quilt - Tied Off

5333. Quilted Pillow

5334. Infant/Baby Quilt

5335. Any Other

Section E - Miscellaneous

Class/Description

A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00

5338. Tye-Dyed

5339. Painted Clothing

5340. Fleece Article

5341. Wall Hanging

5342. Rug

5318. Dolls

5344. Handmade Lace Item

5345. Holiday Fancies

5346. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 54

Open Adult Photography

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Criteria of judging - composition, overall eye appeal, quality of print, execution.
3. All photos must be 5 x 7.
4. No slides.
5. All photos must be mounted or matted, no frames.
6. The age of the exhibitor of all artwork and photographs is required on the back of the image/artwork.
7. Related Series photographs should be a total of 6 5x7 photographs flush mounted on top of 1-16x 20 black or white mat boards.
8. All photographs must be the original work of the exhibitor.

Section A - Color

Class/Description

- A 4.00 B 3.00 C 2.00
5401. Scenery - Single Photo
5402. Portrait - Single Photo
5403. Action Shot - Single Photo
5404. Animal - Single Photo
5405. Structure/Building - Single Photo
5406. Special Effect - Single Photo
5407. Night Scene - Single Photo
5408. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
5409. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
5410. Any Other Color Photo

Section B - Black and White

Class/Description

- A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00
5415. Scenery - Single Photo
5416. Portrait - Single Photo
5417. Action Shot - Single Photo
5418. Animal - Single Photo
5419. Structure/Building - Single Photo
5420. Special Effect - Single Photo
5421. Night Scene - Single Photo
5422. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
5423. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
5424. Any Other Black and White Photo

DEPARTMENT 55

Open Adult Floriculture

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Only one entry per class per individual exhibitor.
3. The exhibitor must grow all horticulture entries.
4. Flowers in artistic arrangements maybe homegrown, wild or purchased.
5. All floriculture exhibits should be labeled according to variety, including name of specimen.
6. Flower and foliage must be clean, no dust or dirt.
7. Plants on the Michigan Protected list should not be exhibited.
8. No artificial flowers or foliage allowed.
9. Flowers will be exhibited in clear glass bottles. Bottles are available at the Exhibit Building during entry.
10. Stems should be straight.
11. When showing specimen blooms, the same variety, same size bloom and stem length should be chosen.
12. If the bloom is over 3½" diameters, exhibit 1 flower and 1 foliage. If the bloom is less

than 3½' in diameter, exhibit 3 flowers and 3 foliage.

13. Do not remove foliage from stems above the water line and so not add any extra stems of foliage.

Section A - Cut Flowers

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5501. African Daisy
5502. Any Other Daisy
5503. Astor
5504. Bachelor Buttons
5505. Celosia
5506. Cosmos
5507. Larkspur
5508. Marigold
5509. Nasturtium
5510. Poppies
5511. Snapdragon
5512. Sweet Peas
5513. Zinnia
5514. Impatiens
5515. Geranium
5516 Any Other Cut Flower

Section B - Perennials

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5520. Anchusa
5521. Astible
5522. Baby's Breath
5523. Balloon Flower
5524. Dianthus
5525. Clematis
5526. Columbine
5527. Chrysanthemum
5528. Cone Flower
5529. Coral Bells
5530. Daylilly
5531. Delphinium
5532. Globe Thistle
5533. Lavender
5534. Loosestrife
5535. Heliopsis
5536. Poppies
5537. Monarda
5538. Carnation
5539. Cupid's Dart
5540. Lythrum
5541. Lupines
5542. Painted Daisy
5518. Phlox
5544. Primrose
5545. Shasta Daisy

5546. Gaillardia
5547. Gloriosa Daisy
5548. Geranium
5549. Any Other

Section C - Bulbs, Tubers and Rhizomes

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5555. Allium
5556. Anemone
5557. Begonia
5558. Calla Lilly
5559. Dahlia
5560. Gladiolus
5561. Iris
5562. Any Other

Section D - Arrangements

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5565. Cut Flower Arrangement
5566. Dried Flower Arrangement
5567. Wildflower Arrangement
5568. Wreath
5569. Any Other

Section E - Indoor Gardening

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5575. Houseplant
5576. Garden/Terrarium
5577. Hanging Plant
5578. Any Other

Section F - Outdoor Plants

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5580. Hanging Plant
5581. Potted Plant
5582. Any Other

Section G - Ornamentals

Class/Description

- A 1.50 B 1.25 C 1.00
5585. Ornamental Plant in Pot
5586. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 56

Open Adult Horticulture

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Each exhibitor must be the producer.
3. Plants of corn may be exhibited as:
 - (a.) 3 stalks of corn with ears and roots attached without soil. Do not remove husks. Must be tied.

(b.) Ten ears of corn.

Section A - Farm Crops

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 5601. Corn, 5 Ears
- 5602. Corn, 3 Stalks
- 5603. Corn - Any Variety
- 5604. Oats, Bundle
- 5605. Barley, Bundle
- 5606. Rye, Bundle
- 5607. Soybean, Bundle
- 5608. Wheat, Bundle
- 5609. Any Other Grain, Bundle
- 5610. Clover, Bundle
- 5611. Barley, Bundle
- 5612. Alfalfa, Bundle
- 5613. Any Other Forage, Bundle
- 5614. Sunflower, 3-5 Specimen
- 5615. Gourd, 3-5 Specimen
- 5616. Any Other Crop
- 5617. Silage, Gallon Bag
- 5618. Haylage, Gallon Bag

Section B - Vegetables

Class/Description

A 1.75 B 1.50 C 1.25

- 5620. Cabbage, 1 Specimen
- 5621. Cucumbers, 3 Specimen
- 5622. Eggplant, 3 Specimen
- 5623. Lettuce, 1 Specimen
- 5624. Onions, 3 Specimen
- 5625. Peppers, 3 Specimen
- 5626. Radishes, 6 Specimen
- 5627. String Beans, 6 Specimen
- 5628. Summer Squash, 3 Specimen
- 5629. Sweet Corn, 3 Specimen
- 5630. Potatoes, 3 Specimen
- 5631. Basket of 6 or More Assorted Vegetables
- 5632. Any Other

Section C - Fruit

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 5635. Strawberries, 1 Pint
- 5636. Raspberries, 1 Pint
- 5637. Blueberries, 1 Pint
- 5638. Cherries, 1 Pint
- 5639. Any Other, 1 Pint

Section D - Herbs

Rules and Information:

1. Advanced registration must be in by June 15 or same day registration July 7th.
2. Display herbs, either fresh cut tied in 1' diameter bunches in containers of water,

or dried tied in 1' diameter bunches on 9' white paper plates, or plants in 4' clay pots with saucer.

3. Herbs should not be exhibited in "full bloom".

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 5641. 1 herb
- 5642. 3 types of herbs
- 5618. 6 types of herbs

Section E - Container Garden

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 5645. Container Garden with 1 vegetable
- 5646. Container Garden with 2 or more Vegetables

DEPARTMENT 57

Open Adult Environmental Education & Conservation

Rules and Information:

1. Only one entry per class per individual
2. Open to everyone, amateur or professional.
3. Exhibitors enter exhibits at their own risk.
4. Pre-registration before June 15. Or, day of entry registration, July 7th.

Section A - Taxidermy

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

- 5701. Fish
- 5702. Bird
- 5703. Mammal - Small
- 5704. Mammal - Large
- 5705. Deer
- 5706. Group - 2 or More
- 5707. Any Other

Section B - Fly Tying

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.50

- 5710. Wet Flies
- 5711. Dry Flies
- 5712. Steamers
- 5713. Combination
- 5714. Any Other

GOLDEN YEARS DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT 60

Golden Years Needlework

Section A - Senior Citizen Needlework

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 6001. Hot Mat (2)
- 6002. Afghan, Knitted
- 6003. Afghan, Crocheted
- 6004. Pillow
- 6005. Stuffed Toy
- 6006. Rug, Hooked
- 6007. Rug, Crocheted
- 6008. Any Other Rug
- 6009. Pillow Case, Embroidered
- 6010. Quilt
- 6011. Pot Holders
- 6012. Embroidered Item - Other than a pillow case
- 6013. Other Crocheted Item
- 6014. Other Knitted Item
- 6015. Needlepoint
- 6016. Any Other

DEPARTMENT 61

Golden Years Crafts

Section A - Senior Citizen Crafts

Class/Description

A 2.00 B 1.50 C 1.00

- 6101. Beadwork
- 6102. Painting, Any Medium
- 6103. Woodworking
- 6104. Stained Glass
- 6105. Recycled Craft
- 6106. Needlecraft
- 6107. Folk Art, Any
- 6108. Handmade Toy
- 6109. Handmade Doll
- 6110. Holiday Decoration

DEPARTMENT 62

Golden Years Photography

Section A - Senior Citizen Photography

Class/Description

A 3.00 B 2.00 C 1.00

- 6201. Scenery - Single Photo
- 6202. Portrait - Single Photo
- 6203. Action Shot - Single Photo
- 6204. Animal - Single Photo
- 6205. Structure/Building - Single Photo
- 6206. Special Effect - Single Photo
- 6207. Night Scene - Single Photo
- 6208. Digitally Enhanced - Single Photo
- 6209. Related Series - 6 Photos on 1 Board
- 6210. Any Other Color Photo

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- Class registration closed when prior class enters ring.
- Gate will close TWO minutes after preceding class is dismissed unless there is a requested tack change.
- Maximum 5 minute tack change must be requested at least 2 classes prior to tack change time
- Novice Fitting & Showing does not count as years riding experience.
- Riding classes will be split when there are 15 or more entries as safety dictates
- NO exhibition rides
- Cancellation decision to be made by leaders
- All cloverbuds must wear an SEI-ASTM approved helmet. Bike helmets do not qualify.
- Leadline is for 5-8 year olds only.
- Cloverbuds must have feet in stirrups when on their horse.

FRIDAY, July 13 – 8:00 AM

SATURDAY, July 14 – 8:00 AM

***Huntseat Equitation Open & Novice Open*

9 Huntseat Equitation 16-19

10 Huntseat Equitation 13-15

11 Huntseat Equitation 12 & U

12 Huntseat Equitation Pony

13 Huntseat Equitation Novice

14 Huntseat Equitation Novice W/T

15 Huntseat Pleasure 16-19

16 Huntseat Pleasure 13-15

17 Huntseat Pleasure 12 & U

18 Huntseat Pleasure Pony

19 Huntseat Pleasure Novice

20 Huntseat Pleasure Novice W/T

*** Saddleseat Open*

28 Saddleseat Equitation 15-19

29 Saddleseat Equitation 14 & U

30 Saddleseat Pleasure 15-19

31 Saddleseat Pleasure 14 & U

****English Equitation Championship*

****English Pleasure Championship*

21 English Bareback Equitation 15-19

22 English Bareback Equitation 14 & U

23 English Bareback Equitation Pony

***Western Horsemanship Open & Novice Open*

32 Western Horsemanship 16-19

33 Western Horsemanship 13-15

34 Western Horsemanship 12 & U

35 Western Horsemanship Pony

37 Western Horsemanship Novice

38 Western Horsemanship Novice W/T

39 Western Pleasure 16-19

40 Western Pleasure 13-15

41 Western Pleasure 12 & U

42 Western Pleasure Pony

44 Western Pleasure Novice

45 Western Pleasure Novice W/T

****Western Horsemanship Championship*

****Western Pleasure Championship*

46 Western Bareback Equitation 15-19

47 Western Bareback Equitation 14 & U

48 Western Bareback Equitation Pony

55 Polebending 16-19

56 Polebending 13-15

57 Polebending 12 & U

58 Polebending Pony

59 Stake Race 16-19

60 Stake Race 13-15

61 Stake Race 12 & U

62 Stake Race Pony

63 Speed & Action 16-19

64 Speed & Action 13-15

65 Speed & Action 12 & U

66 Speed & Action Pony

67 Keyhole 16-19

68 Keyhole 13-15

69 Keyhole 12 & U

70 Keyhole Pony

71 Cloverleaf 16-19

72 Cloverleaf 13-15

73 Cloverleaf 12 & U

74 Cloverleaf Pony

75 Flags 16-19

76 Flags 13-15

77 Flags 12 & U

78 Flags Pony

79 Down & Back 16-19

80 Down & Back 13-15

81 Down & Back 12&U

82 Down & Back Pony

Pre-registration for Fair is June 15

****See Fair Book under "Open Horses"**

Classes are open to NON 4-H Members only

Classes will run in this order:

Open Adult

Open Adult Novice

Open Youth

Open Youth Novice

*****Championship classes are open to Mecosta County 4-H members only. Top two exhibitors from each qualifying class will compete**

**MECOSTA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
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CAMPGROUND / TRAILER PARK SITE CONTRACT**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

**Return this completed form to:
TAMMY BELKA
1425 220th Ave
Morley, MI 49336**

I am requesting: _____ Light _____ Sewer _____ Water

My unit has air conditioning: _____ Yes _____ No

My unit is _____ feet in length

**2019 CAMPING SITES
MUST BE RESERVED AND
PAID FOR BY JULY 1ST**

Weekly rates:

Water, electricity, sewer and air conditioning \$100 _____

Water, electricity and air conditioning \$85 _____

Water, electricity and sewer \$80 _____

Water and electricity, only \$75 _____

Total Charges: _____

Date Paid: _____

Check Number: _____

Cash: _____

CAMPGROUND RULES:

All units shall be centered at the stake in the center of the lot.

1. Quiet time begins at 11pm. No noise that can be heard outside your unit will be allowed. This includes radios, TV's and conversation. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Non-compliance will result in expulsion without refund of rent.
2. Sliding doors on vans are to be used with discretion. Repeated opening and slamming shut can be very annoying to surrounding campers.
3. Noise of all kinds - loud, idling car motors, early morning risers who call back and forth, etc. are to be discouraged. Remember too, many people come to their camper to rest or sleep late because of their jobs at the fair. Please be courteous.
4. You must be 16 years of age to drive any motorized vehicle on fairground property. After 9pm, you must be accompanied by parent of guardian. Fairboard members will enforce this rule. and violators will be disciplined with a no warning policy.
5. All campers in 4-H and youth classes must have an adult (parent or a responsible person over the age of 21) staying with them at all times. They cannot stay unaccompanied at night and must be inside and quiet by the 11:00pm "quiet time". All campers must be registered with the camp director for each nights stay.
6. Trash (papers, bottles and cans, etc.) must be kept picked up. Trash containers are situated throughout the grounds for your convenience.
7. Please register and pay your camping fees promptly. When you call ahead and/or reserve a campsite and fail to appear, you will be charged for the site. Sites are at a premium and when it is held for you, it cannot be rented to someone else on the waiting list.
8. NO ATV vehicles or Golf Carts allowed on the fair grounds.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY WHILE STAYING WITH US. WE HOPE THESE RULES WILL
HELP YOUR STAY BE AN ENJOYABLE ONE. HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE FAIR.**

BEEF TROPHY SPONSORS

Beginner Showman
- Voelker Farms
Junior Showman
- Big Rapids Farm & Garden
Senior Showman
- Big Rapids Farm & Garden
Reserve Champion Showman
- Lattimore Cattle Company
Grand Champion Showman
- Voelker Bros. Equipment
Grand Champion Market Steer
- Tom Rorabaugh
Reserve Champion Market Steer
- Lakeview Elevator
Grand Champion Beef Breedstock
- Baumann Farms Remus
Reserve Champion Beef Breedstock
- Jabecty Showstock - Herzog Family
Rate of Gain
- Remus Farm & Garden
Carcass Champion Sponsor
- Lattimore Cattle Company

SWINE TROPHY SPONSORS

Beginner Showman
- Worden Family
Junior Showman
- Marie's Embroidery
Intermediate Swine Showman
- Keen Technical Solutions
Senior Showman
- Mackersie Brothers
Advanced Swine Showman
- Spedowski Farm
Reserve Champion Showman
- Lake Michigan Accounting Services LLC
Grand Champion Showman
- Gravelyn Farms
Grand Champion Market Hog
- Lake Michigan Accounting Services LLC
Reserve Champion Market Hog Project
- S&S Show Swine

SHEEP TROPHY SPONSORS

Beginner Showman
- DeGrins Oer Dairy
Junior Showman
- DeGrins Oer Dairy
Senior Showman
- Big Rapids Farm & Garden
Reserve Champion Showman
- Remus Lumber
Grand Champion Showman
- Lakeview Elevator LLC

Grand Champion Market Lamb
- Marie's Embroidery
Reserve Champion Market Lamb
- Gingrich Tire Center
Best in Show - Breedstock Lamb
- Randall's Old Mill Pet and Farm Center (Letter)

GOAT TROPHY SPONSORS

Beginning Showman
- MMG Goat Farm
Junior Showman
- Big Rapids Farm & Garden
Senior Showman
- Jabecty Showstock-Herzog Family
Reserve Champion Showman
- Riversbend Animal Hospital
Grand Champion Showman
- Ashleigh Oplinger-Higgins
Grand Champion Market Goat
- Big Rapids Family Farm & Home
Reserve Champion Market Goat
- Riversbend Animal Hospital
Best in Show - Breedstock Goat
- Heath & Star Baumann

DAIRY FEEDER STEER TROPHY SPONSORS

Beginning Dairy Feeder Showman
- Remus Lumber
Junior Dairy Feeder Showman
- Remus Repair
Senior Dairy Feeder Showman
- Gloryland Farms
Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Showman
- Mecosta County Farm Bureau
Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Showman
- Chapin Family Farms
Grand Champion Market Dairy Feeder
- Flat Tire Farms
Reserve Champion Market Dairy Feeder
- Maple Crest Farms
Rate of Gain
- Lakeview Elevator

DAIRY MARKET STEER SPONSORS

Beginner Dairy Market Steer Showman
- Mighty Muffler & Brake
Junior Dairy Market Steer Showman
- Spedowski Farm
Senior Dairy Market Steer Showman
- Remus Farm & Garden

Grand Champion Dairy Steer
- Greenstone
Reserve Champion Market Dairy Steer
- GreenStone
Rate of Gain-
- GreenStone

DAIRY SPONSORS

Beginning Dairy Showman-
- Carey Farms
Junior Dairy Showmanship
- Mighty Muffler & Brake
Senior Dairy Showmanship
- Clear Lake Golf Club
Reserve Champion Dairy Showman
- Hopkins Dairy
Grand Champion Dairy Showman
- Vredenburg Farms
Grand Champion Dairy Project Sponsor
- Maple Crest Farms
Junior Dairy Judging Sponsor
- Marie's Embroidery
Senior Dairy Judging Sponsor
- Marie's Embroidery
Reserve Champion Dairy Cow/Heifer
- William Hough Dairy
Grand Champion Dairy Cow/Heifer
- Vredenburg Farms

RABBIT SPONSORS

Grand Champion Meat Pen Rabbit
- Max's Concrete Inc.
Reserve Champion Meat Pen Rabbit
- Goltz Greenhouse
Beginner Rabbit Showman
- DeGrins Oer Dairy
Junior Rabbit Showman
- Chippewa Stone & Gravel
Senior Rabbit Showman
- M&J Hardware
Grand Champion Showman
- Marie's Embroidery
Reserve Champion Showman
- Marie's Embroidery
Grand Champion Fryer Rabbit
- Remus Farm & Garden
Reserve Champion Fryer Rabbit
- H. Gil Rods
Best in Show
- Spedowski Farm

POULTRY SPONSORS

Beginner Poultry Showman
- Big Rapids Farm & Garden
Junior Poultry Showman
- West Michigan Wood Guy
Senior Poultry Showman
- Sylvester Family Farm
Grand Champion Poultry Showman
- Red Fox Market
Reserve Champion Poultry Showman
- Red Fox Market
Grand Champion Broiler Meat Pen
- Jefts Insurance Agency - Carl Jefts
Reserve Champion Broiler Meat Pen
- The Sylvester's
Best in Show
Peaceful Acres
Junior Turkey Showmanship
- West Michigan Wood Guy
Senior Turkey Showmanship
- Family Farm & Home
Grand Champion Turkey Showman
- Remus Repair
Reserve Champion Turkey Showman
- Family Farm & Home
Grand Champion Market Turkey Project
- Family Farm & Home
Reserve Champion Market Turkey Project
- Szots
DUCKS
Grand Champion Showman Duck Project
- In Memory of Neil Kentner
Reserve Champion Showman Duck Project
- Peaceful Acres
Junior Showman Duck Project
- West Michigan Wood Guy
Senior Showman Duck Project
- Randall's Old Mill Pet and Farm Center
CAVY SPONSORS
Junior Showman
- Baumann Farm Remus
Senior Showman
- Baumann Farm Remus
Grand Champion Showman
- Lake Michigan Accounting Services LLC
Reserve Champion Showman
- Heath Baumann & Star
Best in Show
- Six Lakes Farm Market

FAIR WEEK EVENTS FOR HORSE MEMBERS

SUNDAY - JULY 8

4 pm Roping & Obstacle Course

MONDAY - JULY 9

2 pm Fitting & Showmanship Classes
— All Divisions Except Cloverbuds

7 pm Demonstrations

TUESDAY - JULY 10 - JUDGE

12 Noon 105 Crosspoles Open
106 Equitation Over Fences Open
107 Hunter Over Fences Open
25 Hunter Hack Fences Open
24 Crosspoles Hunter Hack Open
48 English/Western Riding Open
49 Reining Open

WEDNESDAY - JULY 11 - JUDGE

9 am 51 Trial 15-19
Practice Arena 52 Trail 14 & U
53 Trail Novice

10 am 54 Cloverbud Trail
Main Arena 7 Lead Line
8 Walk/Trop 7-8
6 Fitting & Showmanship
Costume - Cloverbuds
7 pm Costume 9-19

THURSDAY - JULY 12

9 am 108 Versatility 15-19
109 Versatility 14 & U
Team Competition
Fun Show

FRIDAY - JULY 13

8 am Horse Show — English & Western Classes

SATURDAY - JULY 14

8 am Horse Show — Gymkhana CLasses



Good Luck to All the 4-H Participants!

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