



2026
JEFFERSON COUNTY
FAIR BOOK
EXHIBITORS' GUIDE & SCHEDULE

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JEFFERSON COUNTY RECREATION PARK

Off Highway 69, one-half mile south of Boulder

<http://jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org/>

THE 42ND ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF SHIRLEY VOSSLER

The 2026 Jefferson County Fair, set for Aug. 20-23, is dedicated to the memory of Shirley Vossler, longtime supporter of the Jefferson County Fair, Rodeo, and Recreation Park, the Jefferson County Fair Board announced.

Shirley Vossler was a member of the first Jefferson County Park Board and a visionary who saw the potential in the run-down buildings and grounds of the former State School farm. She worked tirelessly over the years to have the grounds transferred from the state to the county.



"If it wasn't for Shirley, I don't think it would have happened," said Marilyn McCauley, one of the original fair board members. "She never gave up!"

Throughout her life, Shirley was an enthusiastic, steadfast, and positive force for the community. She played key roles in refurbishing and establishing the Boulder River Carousel, bringing a medical clinic to Boulder and organizing the annual 4th of July parade, as well as serving on the Jefferson County Food Share and School Boards. Last year, despite failing health, Shirley rode on the See 'N Save float in the rodeo parade.

"It is truly remarkable to see all Shirley achieved and accomplished for Boulder and Jefferson County," said Fair Board member Terry Minow. "She is an inspiration to all of us to make building a better community a priority – and to have fun and a big smile while doing it!"



General Rules & Regulations

Except for the Kids' Horse Show & Rodeo, which is only open to residents of Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Fair is an 'open' fair, and exhibits in other departments will be accepted from outside the county.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the grounds or in the buildings. The Fair Board asks for the public's cooperation.

Alcoholic beverages permitted in the Rodeo area ONLY.

The Jefferson County Fair Board reserves the right to formulate and announce new rules to meet emergencies that may arise later and/or during the Fair and to adjudicate all matters arising from the Fair.

The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations to arbitrarily determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, connected with or incident to the Fair; and amend or add to these rules as may seem advantageous to the management.

Every exhibit will be under the control of the Fair Board, but while every precaution will be taken for their safekeeping, neither the Fair Board nor any of its officers or agents will be responsible for any loss, damage or accident that may occur, nor will it be held responsible for the safe return of any exhibit to its owner.

The Fair Board reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all vehicles or conveyances within the Fairground and to direct where they shall be driven therein.

Entries must be made on fair entry form (page 4) or www.jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out entry forms online by **Friday, August 14**. Tags are pre-printed when exhibits are brought to the fair. **Late entries WILL be accepted except in the Kids' Horse Show & Rodeo, Livestock, Poultry & Rabbits.** For help filling out entry forms, call 406-225-4015.

Age will be considered when judging Junior & Youth divisions.

- Divisions are:
 - Youth: 7 and under
 - Junior: 8 through 16
 - Adult: Over 16
 - Group: Items/projects/grown/prepared by more than one person
- No article shall compete in more than one lot.
- Exhibits shall be the property of the exhibitor and shall be of his/her own production.
- The Fair Board reserves the right to require an affidavit as to the ownership, producer, and place raised on any exhibit.
- Take note of when entry forms are due. **Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbit entry forms must be submitted by Friday, August 14.**
- Exhibitors erroneously entered may be transferred at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- The Superintendents of the departments will have entire charge of the exhibits in their departments.

- Judges' decisions are final. No disorderly conduct of any kind will be permitted.

Judging will be by merit except in Departments H (Horse Show) and I (Livestock). All entries will be given a blue, red, or white ribbon. Absence of competition will not be a justification for awarding a high placing to an animal or article of medium quality.

A FAIR OF THE HEART, any item featuring hearts, is Class H (Hearts) in Departments B, C, D, E, F, FA, P, and J.

The best exhibit in each class will receive a purple ribbon. Purple ribbon awards are chosen from the blue ribbon WINNERS in each class. In exceptional cases, two purple ribbons may be awarded. Purple ribbon winners will be eligible to compete for Best of Show ribbons in adult and junior/youth divisions in these Departments:

Department B – Crafts
Department C – Floral
Department D – Crops and Gardening
Department E – Needlework
Department AR – Fine Arts
Department F – Foods
Department P – Photography
Department J – Pets

Special "Heart Award" ribbons are awarded by the Superintendents. These awards are the superintendent's choice of special merit and are chosen from entries that have not received a purple ribbon.

- **Youth/ Junior Trophies for:**
 - Overall Livestock
 - Overall Rabbit
 - Overall Poultry
- **Premium money amounts:**
 - Best of Show\$5.00**
 - Purple Ribbon\$10.00**
 - Heart Award.....\$5.00**
- **Livestock premium amounts:**
 - Purple Ribbon\$15.00**
 - Heart Award.....\$5.00**

Premiums will be mailed out. **No exceptions.**
Checks will be void in six months.

"Display Only" Category

Exhibitors enter the "Display Only" (DO) category. The items will not be judged and are ineligible for special ribbons and prizes, but will be displayed during the fair and receive a participant ribbon. Please enter "DO" exhibits in the appropriate department, mark the "DO" category, and bring exhibits at the time indicated in the fair book.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR ENTRY FORM

Boulder, Montana

Please accept the entries indicated below, subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published in your Premium List of the current year, which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting the same and declare that all statements made in connection with said entries are true. The undersigned agrees in consideration of and as a condition for the acceptance of entry or entries herein listed, and that he/she holds full legal care, and control of the property, exhibits and animal entries, and that the Fair Board is only providing him/her with storage during this fair, subject to the Fair Board's right to control the use and operation of its facilities. It is further understood and agreed to by the undersigned that he/she retains the right to remove his/her property and animals from the fairgrounds at any time. The undersigned hereby agrees to release the Jefferson County Fair, Fair Board, its officers, and personnel from all liability for loss, damages, or injury to livestock and/ or exhibits, property, or other property while said property is at the Jefferson County Fair. **Youth/Junior exhibitors, please provide parent or guardian information for premium checks.**

Exhibitor: _____ Age (if youth or junior) _____
(Please Print)

Mailing Address: _____

City & Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Divisions: ☐ Youth (7 and under) ☐ Junior (8-16) ☐ Adult ☐ Group

Crafts (Dept B) and Needlework (Dept E) **only**. Please indicate ☐ Original ☐ Kit

Dept. Letter	Class No.	Lot No.	Description of article/ animal as listed in Fairbook	Breed of Stock	Age of Stock	Exhibit No.

☐ Please check this box if you wish to donate your premium money back to the fair. (You will not receive a premium check)

All Youth/ Junior Divisions entries must have consent of their parents or guardian.

Parents or Guardian: _____

Entries can be made online at www.jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org or on this form. If you need assistance filling out an online form call Holli Woods at 406-225-4015.

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ENTRY SCHEDULE

♥ WEDNESDAY ♥

Crafts, Needlework, Photography, & Fine Arts - *Bring entries between 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM – Fair Headquarters*

♥ THURSDAY ♥

Crafts, Needlework, Photography, & Fine Arts - *Bring entries between 4:30 PM- 7:00 PM – Fair Headquarters*

Livestock, Rabbits, Poultry, & Waterfowl - *Entries must be pre-registered. Bring entries between 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Livestock Barn*

♥ FRIDAY ♥

Kids' Horse Show– Department H: *Entries must be pre-registered. Online entries only. Horse Show Starts at 9:00 AM – Rodeo Arena*

Kids' Rodeo – Department H - \$5 contestant fee: *Entries must be pre-registered. Starts at noon. Pole bending, flag race, barrel race, and boot race.*

Coloring Contest: *Entries can be mailed in or taken to the Fair Office on Friday.*

Floral Design Class: *Friday at 3:30 P.M. at Volunteer Hall. Flowers will be provided. Please bring a container. The veggie creation station will be in the Red Barn at 4 pm.*

♥ SATURDAY ♥

Vegetable Contest: *Squash: Bring entries between 7:30 - 9:30 AM – Red Barn*

Foods – Department F: *Bring entries between 7:30 – 9:30 AM – Red Barn*

Floral, Department C: *Bring entries between 7:30 – 9:30 AM – Volunteer Hall*

Crops & Gardening D: *Bring entries between 7:30 – 9:30 AM – Red Barn*

Kids' Parade: *Line up at 12:50 AM. Parade starts at 12:55 AM – Boulder City Hall and ends at Boulder Community Library. Prizes for all entries.*

♥ SUNDAY ♥

Kids' Stick Horse Rodeo – Department K: *Entries taken between 10:15 – 10:45 AM – Red Barn. Stick Horse Rodeo starts at 11:00 AM*

Kids' Hunt in the Hay: *Ages 8 and under. Starts following Stick Horse Rodeo – near flagpole in Playground Area*

No exhibit may be removed before 2:00 PM on Sunday. If you cannot pick up your exhibit(s) at that time, please arrange to have someone pick them up. Premium will be mailed out. NO EXCEPTIONS.

♥ COLORING CONTEST ♥

A coloring contest will be held for all ages. Ribbons awarded for all entries. One entry per person, please. Coloring sheets are available at the back of this fair book, at local stores, and at jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org. Bring to Fair Headquarters or mail to Jefferson Co. Fair, P.O. Box 313, Boulder, MT 59632, by 2:00 PM Friday, August 21, 2026.

♥ KIDS' PARADE ♥

All kids 12 and under are invited to wear a costume and join the Kids' Parade. Line up by Boulder City Hall starting at 12:50 AM on Saturday. The parade starts at 12:55 PM, goes down Main Street, and ends at the Boulder Community Library. Prizes and ribbons for all! No motorized vehicles, please.

♥ DEPARTMENT H ~ HORSE SHOW & KIDS' RODEO ♥

For more information, please contact Robin Becker (406) 439-0452

Margy McCauley Memorial buckle for Youth & Junior high point contestants (horse show & rodeo *combined* points).

Dick Rennie Memorial buckle for Buckaroo high point contestant. (horse show & rodeo *combined* points).

Compton Ranch sponsored buckle for the Peewee high point contestant. (horse show & rodeo *combined* points).

Entry fee is \$5.00 per contestant. (Payment due at Event)

All classes will be held in the arena on Friday, August 21st.
The Horse Show begins at 9:00 am, and the Rodeo begins at 12:00 pm.

RULES:

1. Contestants must be residents of Jefferson County or former contestants.
2. **Please enter online at fairent.com by Monday, August 17th. No late entries will be accepted.**
3. Horse Show contestants will be given a number at check-in, which must be worn and plainly visible during the show.
4. Classes will run in order listed.
5. Contestants entered in the Walk Trot class may not enter the Lead Line class and vice versa.
6. No person allowed to ride with the contestant.
7. Announcements from the stand will take precedence over printed matter.
8. Boot race open to all and will not count toward all-around points.
9. Parents/guardians will be required to sign a liability waiver for each contestant at the time of entry.
10. Western attire is strongly encouraged.

Divisions:(Contestant's age on day of event)

P = Peewee, 7 & under-lead line, and /or helped while competing.

B = Buckaroo, 7 & under, independent rider

Y = Youth, 8 - 12

J = Junior, 13 - 18

~ HORSE SHOW ~

CLASS 1: Lead Line, Ages 7 & under. (Handler is responsible for the child's safety.)

CLASS 2: Walk Trot, Ages 7 & under

CLASS 3: Showmanship. Halter class, judged on contestant's ability to show horse. (Youth & Junior only)

CLASS 4: Bareback equitation. (Youth & Junior only)

CLASS 5: Western Horsemanship. Western equipment, judged on contestant's ability to control horse. (Youth & Junior only)

CLASS 6: Trail Class - (Youth & Junior only)

~ KIDS' RODEO ~

CLASS 7: Pole bending – OPEN TO BUCKAROO, YOUTH, AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS ONLY!

CLASS 8: Flag race

CLASS 9: Barrel race

CLASS 10: Boot race



♥ DEPARTMENT B ~ CRAFTS ♥

Best of Show Crafts & Best of Show Crafts Youth /Junior

RULES:

1. Entries are received in the Fair Headquarters building from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM on Wednesday and Thursday evening.
2. Every article entered must be entirely the work of the exhibitor.
3. No prizes will be allowed for articles which have been purchased, received as a gift, or borrowed.
4. If an exhibit has been made from a kit, please state so on the exhibit tag.
5. Two articles may be entered in each lot number as long as the items are different types of articles. For instance, in the jewelry lot, one might have 1 bracelet and 1 ring.
6. Entries must never have been exhibited previously at the Jefferson County Fair.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior, 8 through 16
A = Adult
G = Group

Class 1: Woodworking

- 01 Wood Burning
- 02 Woodworking, small item
- 03 Woodworking, large item
- 04 Woodworking, turning
- 05 Hand-carved
- 06 Pieced
- 07 Machine & Hand
- 08 Any other

Class 2: Books

- 09 Bookbinding
- 10 Decorative/ The Med Journal
- 11 Scrapbook
- 12 Themed Sketchbook
- 13 Photo Album
- 14 Any Other

Class 3: Clay

- 15 Ceramic, Chalked
- 16 Ceramic, Glazed
- 17 Ceramic, Stained
- 18 Polymer Clay Creation
- 19 Pottery, Hand
- 20 Pottery, Wheel
- 21 Any other ceramic
- 22 Any other pottery

Class 4: Dolls

- 23 Storybook
- 24 Baby
- 25 Crocheted
- 26 Miniature
- 27 Stuffed
- 28 Any other doll
- 29 Doll House

Class 5: Handweaving & Spinning Fiber

- 30 Garments
- 31 Loom: shaped garments
- 32 Accessories – apron, bag, tablecloths, etc.
- 33 Home furnishings – Afghan, blanket, etc.
- 34 Rugs
- 35 Art loom weaving – tapestry, pictures, etc.
- 36 Any Other

Class 6: Fabric Crafts (Not Sewn)

- 37 Batik
- 38 Felt Creation
- 39 Macrame
- 40 Painted
- 41 Tie Dye
- 42 Liquid Embroidery
- 43 Stamping
- 44 Any Other

Class 7: Models

- 45 Kit
- 46 Original
- 47 Combo (Kit & Original)

A-Auto
AR- Airplanes
M- Military
R- Railroad/ Trains
S- Ship
OP- Operating
M- Miscellaneous

Class 8: Glass

- 48 Stained glass kit
- 49 Stained glass original
- 50 Glass blowing
- 51 Etched glass
- 52 Any other

Class 9: Lego Creations

Class 10: Jewelry

- 53 Kit
- 54 Set
- 55 Beads
- 56 Enamel
- 57 Intaglio or Cameo
- 58 Lapidary
- 59 Metalwork
- 60 Shellwork
- 61 Any other

Class 11: Leatherwork

- 62 Tooled Item, small
- 63 Tooled Item, large
- 64 Braided
- 65 Sewing
- 66 Any other

Class 12: Metal Craft

- 67 Horseshoe
- 68 Yard Decoration
- 69 Toys or Models
- 70 Any other

Class 13: Mosaic

- 71 Steppingstones
- 72 Wall Hanging
- 73 Any other

Class 14: Paper Craft

- 74 Coloring book page
- 75 Construction paper project
- 76 Paper bag craft
- 77 Paper Mache
- 78 Cards
- 79 Stationary
- 80 Any other

Class 15: The P's

- 81 Paint by number
- 82 Pet rock painting
- 83 Pinecone art
- 84 Plastic canvas needlework
- 85 Playdough creations
- 86 Plaster craft
- 87 Popsicle stick craft
- 88 Porcelain craft
- 89 Any other

Class 16: Themed Craft

- 90 Christmas, kit
- 91 Christmas, original
- 92 Other Holiday, kit
- 93 Other Holiday, original
- 94 Ethnic theme, any media
- 95 Wreathes, any media

96 Any other

Class 17: Traditional Arts

- 97 Baskets, natural material
- 98 Calligraphy
- 99 Candles
- 100 Decorations made of natural material
- 101 Fly Tying
- 102 Tole painting
- 103 Textile painting
- 104 China painting
- 105 Quilling
- 106 Soap, bar
- 107 Soap, carving
- 108 Weaving, natural material
- 109 Any other

Class 18: Any Media

- 110 Coaster
- 111 Collage
- 112 Collections
- 113 Diorama
- 114 Educational Project
- 115 Flowers
- 116 Hats
- 117 Mask
- 118 Mobiles
- 119 Picture Frame
- 120 Wall Hanging
- 121 Refurbished item – explain process
- 122 Recyclable craft, made
- 123 Table decoration
- 124 Toys
- 125 Toothpick art
- 126 Yard Decoration
- 127 Any other

Class 19: Miscellaneous

- 128 Beaded craft, not jewelry
- 129 Perler bead craft
- 130 Duct tape craft
- 131 Decoupage
- 132 Dough Craft
- 133 Epoxy resin craft
- 134 Jigsaw puzzles
- 135 Sand creations
- 136 Scratch art
- 137 Shell craft
- 138 String art
- 139 Stenciling
- 140 Mixed media
- 141 Any other

♥ DEPARTMENT E ~ NEEDLEWORK ♥

Bernie Franchi Memorial Quilt Award.

Best of Show Machine Needlework – Best of Show Hand Needlework – Best of Show Needlework Youth /Junior
Best of Show Machine Quilted – Best of Show Hand Quilted – Best of Show Quilted.

RULES:

1. Entries are received in Fair Headquarters building from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM Wednesday & Thursday evenings
2. Articles competing for prizes must be made by the person exhibiting them.
3. All articles should be clean and well-pressed.
4. All needlework will be judged on beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work, and suitability for the purpose for which it is intended.
5. Only 2 entries are permitted in any lot by one exhibitor.
6. Entries must never have been entered previously at the Jefferson County Fair.
7. If an exhibit has been made from a kit, please state so on the exhibit tag.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under

J = Junior 8 through 16

A = Adult

G = Group

CLASS 1: Crocheting

Lot No. - Description

- 1 Adult clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 2 Adult clothing, single item
- 3 Child clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 4 Child clothing, single item
- 5 Doilies or dresser set
- 6 Afghan
- 7 Wall hanging
- 8 Edged pillowcases
- 9 Pillow
- 10 Tablecloth
- 11 Any Other

CLASS 2: Embroidery

- 12 Pillowcases
- 13 Picture or wall hanging, embroidery
- 14 Towels, embroidery
- 15 Tablecloth
- 16 Any other embroidery item
- 17 Picture or wall hanging, crewel
- 18 Pillow, crewel embroidery
- 19 Any other crewel embroidery

CLASS 2A: Cross Stitch

- 20 Pillowcases, cross stitch or counted cross stitch
- 21 Picture or wall hanging, cross stitch or counted cross stitch
- 22 Small picture, wall hanging, cross stitch or counted cross stitch
- 23 Towels, cross stitch or counted cross stitch
- 24 Tablecloth, cross stitch or counted cross stitch

- 25 Pillow, cross stitch or counted cross stitch
- 26 Any other item

CLASS 3: Hand knitting

- 27 Afghan
- 28 Doll clothing
- 29 Adult clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 30 Adult clothing, single item
- 31 Child clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 32 Child clothing, single item
- 33 Shawls, throws or stoles
- 34 Cap or mittens
- 35 Any other item

CLASS 4: Machine Knitting

- 36 Adult clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 37 Adult clothing, single item
- 38 Child clothing, 2 or 3-piece set
- 39 Child clothing, single item
- 40 Doll clothing
- 41 Any other item

CLASS 5: Other Needlework

- 42 Picture or wall hanging, needlepoint
- 43 Any other item, needlepoint
- 44 Any item, petit point
- 45 Multi-stitchery item:
A combination of different types of stitchery
- 46 Any item, tatting
- 47 Any item, bargellow
- 48 Afghan, any other
- 49 Any other type of needlework

- 50 Picture wall hanging, candle wicking item

- 51 Any other candle wicking item

- 52 Any item, machine embroidery

CLASS 6A: Sewing, Adult Garments ~ Lots 53-68

CLASS 6B: Sewing, Child Garments ~ Lots 53-68

CLASS 6D: Serger, Adult Garments ~ Lots 53-68

CLASS 6E: Serger, Child Garments ~ Lots 53-68

CLASS 6F: Serger, Other ~ Lots 53-68

Lot No. - Description

- 53 Two-piece outfit
- 54 Shirt or blouse
- 55 Formal dress
- 56 Dress
- 57 Tailored garments
- 58 Pants, jeans
- 59 Coat or jacket
- 60 Leather garment
- 61 Any other garment
- 62 Clothing construction

Dept. E - Needlework continued

- 63 Doll clothing
- 64 Pillow
- 65 Toy
- 66 Wall hanging or picture
- 67 Tote, purse, bag
- 68 Any other item

QUILTING: * *include lot work type*

For all quilting, include lot work type:

(H) Non-professional Hand Quilted

(PH) Professional Hand Quilted

(M) Non-professional Machine Quilted

(PM) Professional Machine quilted

CLASS 7A: Bed quilts, 65" or larger ~ Lots 69-78

CLASS 7B: Lap quilts, 45-65" wide

~ Lots 69-78

CLASS 7C: Baby/crib quilts, 35-45" wide ~

Lots 69-78

CLASS 7D: Miniature quilts, under 24"

** include lot work type:*

Lot No. - Description

- 69 Hand appliqué
- 70 Machine appliqué
- 71 Hand embroidery
- 72 Machine embroidery
- 73 Hand painted
- 74 Machine pieced
- 75 Multi-technique
- 76 Completed by other exhibitor
- 77 Other than listed
- 78 Group quilt

CLASS 7E: Quilted household furnishing

** include lot work type:*

Lot No. - Description

- 79 Small wall hanging
- 80 Large wall hanging
- 81 Original art, small
- 82 Original art, large
- 83 Table runner
- 84 Placemats
- 85 Pillow

CLASS 7F: Quilted Clothing

** include lot work type*

Lot No. - Description

- 86 Bags
- 87 Hats
- 88 Coats
- 89 Vests
- 90 Other

CLASS 8: Educational Display

♥ DEPARTMENT P ~ PHOTOGRAPHY ♥

Sue Crispin Memorial award, gift certificate of \$25.00 in Nature Photography Adults & Youth /Junior

Best of Show Photography – Best of Show Photography Youth /Junior

RULES:

1. Entries are received in Fair Headquarters building from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM on Wednesday & Thursday evening
2. Snapshots should be less than 5 x 7 inches.
3. All photographs or prints must be mounted, matted or framed.
4. Only 2 (two) items per lot per exhibitor may be entered in any one class. No article shall be entered to compete in more than one lot.
5. All photographs must be sturdily equipped for hanging.

CLASS 1: Black & White Photography ~ Lots 1-14

CLASS 2: Black & White Hand tinting ~ Lots 1-14

CLASS 3: Black & White Snapshots ~ Lots 1-14

CLASS 4: Color Photography ~ Lots 1-14

CLASS 5: Color Snapshots ~ Lots 1-14

CLASS 6: Digitally Enhanced Photography ~ Lots 1-14

Class work type:

F = film or D = digital

Example: A color snapshot taken with a digital camera would be entered in Class 5D.

Lot No. – Description

- 1 Fair and/or rodeo photos, previous Jefferson County weekend events
- 2 People: person or group of persons

6. Photographs may be submitted online through Fair Entry. They will be displayed digitally.

7. Entries must never have been exhibited previously at the Jefferson County Fair.

Divisions:

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A = Adult

G = Group

- 3 Animals, domestic
- 4 Animals, wild
- 5 Floral
- 6 Scenes: view, landscape
- 7 Action
- 8 Antiques
- 9 Open: any other subject
- 10 Close-up
- 11 Photo collage: collection in one frame
- 12 Still life
- 13 Panoramic
- 14 Sketch book

CLASS 7: Educational Display

♥ DEPARTMENT AR ~ FINE ARTS ♥

Raecille Dawson Memorial - Best of Show Fine Arts – Best of Show Fine Arts Youth /Junior

RULES:

1. Entries are received in Fair Headquarters building from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM on Wednesday & Thursday.
2. All paintings or drawings must be mounted, matted or framed.
4. Articles competing for prizes must be made by the person exhibiting them.
5. Only 2 (two) items per lot per exhibitor may be entered in any one class. No article shall be entered to compete in more than one lot.
6. Exhibits may be signed or initialed by the exhibitor.
7. All drawings and paintings must be sturdily equipped for hanging.
8. Entries must never have been exhibited previously at the Jefferson County Fair.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior 8 through 16
A = Adult
G = Group

CLASS 1: Drawing

Lot No. – Description

- 1 Pen & ink, any subject
- 2 Pencil, any subject
- 3 Charcoal, any subject
- 4 Crayon, any subject
- 5 Pastel, any subject
- 6 Marking pen
- 7 Colored pencil

CLASS 2: Oil/Acrylic Painting

(lots 8-12 below)

CLASS 3: Watercolor Painting

Lots 8-12

- 8 Landscape
- 9 Still life
- 10 Portrait
- 11 Animals
- 12 Any other subject

CLASS 4: Miscellaneous Art

Lot No. – Description

- 13 Any other medium
- 14 Abstract: any medium
- 15 Contour line drawing
- 16 Silkscreen
- 17 Linoleum or wood block

18 Computer Art

19 Scratchboard

20 Any Other

CLASS 5: Sculpture

21 Bronze

22 Metal

23 Wood

24 Wax

24 Other

CLASS 6: Educational Display

♥ DEPARTMENT I ~ LIVESTOCK ♥

Trophy awarded to Youth/Junior Overall Livestock

All animals must be in good health.

Superintendents may refuse to allow the entry if the animal(s) appear to be ill or unhealthy.

RULES:

1. **Exhibitors must be present when animals are being judged.**
2. Entry forms must be submitted no later than Friday, August 14.
3. Animals may be entered for competition or for display only. All animals must be admitted to the Superintendent at the Livestock Barn between 4:00-6:00 PM on Thursday.
4. Only 1 animal per exhibitor per lot unless otherwise stated.
5. Due to the availability of space, several hogs or sheep may be penned together. Portable corrals are welcome.
6. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed and pans, and be responsible for feeding and watering their livestock. Woodchips will be available for use.
7. Exhibitors will be responsible for keeping their pens and stall areas clean.
8. Livestock is judged on Thursday after check-in.
9. All animals will receive a first, second, or third placing. The best animal(s) in each class will receive a purple ribbon.
10. No sale of open-class animals is held.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior 8 through 16
A = Adult

CLASS 1: Swine Breeding Stock

1. Classes are open to all breeds, both grade and purebred. State breed on entry blank.

2. A litter is four pigs at least 2 months of age farrowed by 1 sow. To enter the individual lots, separate individuals are required.

3. Every sow 1 year or over must have produced pigs within 12 months prior to this Fair or give evidence of being with pig at the time shown.

Lot No. – Description

- 1 Any gilt, 5-12 months of age
- 2 Sow
- 3 Sow and litter
- 4 Market Hog, 200-280 pounds

No Sale Held.

CLASS 2: Sheep Breeding Stock

1. Every ewe 2 years of age or over must have produced a lamb within 9 months preceding this Fair.

2. Sheep entered in breeding classes will be judged on breeding characteristics, quality, and development for age.

3. Animals in this class must show evidence of grooming and fitting.

4. Only ewes 2 and under, producing their first lambs will be eligible in Lot 8. Judged 50 percent on ewe, 50 percent on lamb(s). Ewe and lamb(s) must be born in the current year.

Lot No. – Description

- 5 Ram lamb
- 6 Ram, 1 year and older
- 7 Ewe lamb
- 8 Ewe, 1 year and older ewe and lamb(s)
- 9 Market lamb, born after Jan 1 of this year

No Sale Held.

CLASS 3: Dairy Cattle, all breeds

1. Entries are open to both grade and purebred of all breeds and shall be shown together. State breed on entry form.

2. Animals in dairy class will be judged on size for age, dairy type, vigor, condition, and milk-producing characteristics.

Lot No. – Description

- 10 Female, 1 month to 12 months
- 11 Female, over 1 year
- 12 Dairy cow and calf

CLASS 4: Beef Cattle Breeding Stock

1. Class is open to all breeds

2. Entries are open to both grade and purebred, and they will be shown together.

3. Lot 16 is judged 50 percent on cow and 50 percent on calf. Cow and calf must stay as a pair and cannot be entered in separate classes. Calf must be born before June 1st of the current year.

Lot No. – Description

- 13 Female, 1 month to 1 years
- 14 Female, 1 year to 2 years
- 15 Bull calf or yearling
- 16 Cow and calf
- 17 Pen of 3 females, 1 to 3 years
- 18 Market steer, minimum weight 950 lbs., must be halter broke. Cannot be born before Jan. 1st of the previous year.

No Sale Held.

CLASS 5A: Dairy Goats ~ Lots 19-24

CLASS 5B: Meat Producing Goats ~ Lots 19-24

CLASS 5C: Wool Producing Goats ~ Lots 19-24

CLASS 5D: Pygmy, Dwarf Goat

- 19 Doe, under 1 year
- 20 Doe, 1 year and under 2 years
- 21 Doe, 2 years and under 5
- 22 Doe, 5 years and over
- 23 Wether under 1 year
- 24 Dairy herd, 3 milking does

IN -COUNTY RODEO

TEAM PENNING - \$45/TEAM

TEAM BRANDING - \$60/TEAM

GOAT TYING - \$20

JUNIOR GOAT TYING - \$20

LADIES BREAKAWAY - \$20

STEER RIDING (16 & UNDER) - \$20

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RIBBON ROPING - \$30/ TEAM

LADIES BARREL RACING - \$20

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (16 & UNDER) - \$20

TEAM ROPING - \$40 / TEAM, ENTER 3X

♥ DEPARTMENT G ~ RABBITS, POULTRY & WATERFOWL ♥

Youth/Junior trophies awarded for Overall Rabbit and Overall Poultry.

RULES:

1. Entry forms must be submitted no later than Friday, August 14.
2. All rabbits and birds must be admitted to the superintendent between 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Thursday.
3. All rabbits and birds will be cooped under their supervision, and no entry may be removed from cages or handled by any unauthorized person except by special permission of the superintendent.
4. Exhibitors are allowed two entries per lot per class if entries are of different breeds/varieties.
5. Poultry and rabbits may be housed in the same building. It is recommended that birds be dusted for parasites 2 weeks prior to the fair.
6. Exhibitors must be present when animals are being judged.
7. Person exhibiting shall provide own feed and water supplies.
8. Entries shall be judged by the latest revisions of the American Poultry Association and/or American Bantam Association and judges' discretion.
9. Rabbits will be judged by current rules and judges' discretion.
10. State Breed/variety on entry forms.
11. All animals must be in good health.
12. Poultry and Rabbits are judged in their pens on Thursday.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior 8 through 16
A = Adult
G = Group

CLASS 1A: Rabbits, Large Breeds ~ Lots 1-7

CLASS1B: Rabbits, Medium Breeds ~ Lots 1-7

CLASS 1C: Rabbits, Small Breeds ~ Lots 1-7

CLASS 1D: Rabbits, Crossbreeds ~ Lots 1-7

Rabbit Lots:

- 1 Buck, over 8 months
- 2 Buck, 6-8 months
- 3 Buck, 2-6 months
- 4 Doe, over 8 months
- 5 Doe, 6-8 months
- 6 Doe, 2-6 months
- 7 Doe and Litter: litter 3 or more, 5 weeks or older

CLASS2A: Standard Poultry, large breed ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 2B: Standard Poultry, medium breed ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS2C: Standard Poultry, small breed ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 3: Bantams ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 4: Turkeys ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 5: Ducks ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 6: Geese ~ Lots 8-13

Poultry/Waterfowl/Bird Lots:

- 8 Male, 1 year and older
- 9 Male, less than 1 year
- 10 Female, 1 year and older
- 11 Female, less than 1 year
- 12 Pair, 1 male and 1 female, same breed and variety
- 13 Trio, 1 male and 2 females

CLASS 7A: Ornamental Birds, pairs ~ Lots 8-13

CLASS 7B: Ornamental Birds, single ~ Lots 14-18

- 14 Pheasant
- 15 Peacock
- 16 Guinea fowl
- 17 Pigeon Dove
- 18 Any other ornamental



♥ VEGETABLE CONTEST ♥

This year's vegetable is Squash! Using Squash, make a person, a bug, whatever! Attach different objects to it. Use your imagination to make a unique creation. The Squash decoration workshop will take place in the Red Barn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2025. Bring your Squash Contest entry to the Red Barn by 9:30 AM, Saturday. Exhibits are judged on Saturday morning. Ribbons are awarded to all.

♥ FLOWER DESIGN CLASS ♥

Friday, 3:00 – 3:30 P.M. Volunteer Hall- Participants are encouraged to come early to look at the designs/arrangements in the fair schedule, decide the arrangement, and choose a container. If there is still time, start filling out the Fair Entry Form. Class instructions on Flower Arranging for 15 minutes. The remaining time will be used for finishing the design/arrangement. Volunteers will be present to assist. The Whitehall Garden Club will provide both fresh and dried flowers for the workshop. Containers will also be provided. The size of the container should be no larger than 4 inches. Examples are coffee cups, tuna and cat food cans (cleaned), and spray paint can lid. Glass vases are strongly discouraged. Adults, Teens, and children are encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to be seated and prepared for class at 3:30.

♥ DEPARTMENT C ~ FLORAL ♥

Margy McCauley Memorial awarded for overall floral exhibit (chosen from Best of Show ribbons)

Adult Division, Floral Department.

Best of Show Cut Flower (classes 1A & 1B) – Best of Show Container Plant (classes 2,3,4)

Best of Show Youth /Junior Floral Design (class A-D) – Best of Show Youth /Junior Floriculture

Best of Show Floral Design (Class A - D)

RULES:

1. Entries are received from 7:30 to 9:30 AM, Saturday, Volunteer Hall.
2. Flowers must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor except in classes 6, floral arrangements. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are permitted.
3. Exhibitor is allowed one entry in each lot.
4. Each exhibit must contain no more or less than the number of stems specified under each lot number; otherwise they will be disqualified.
5. Exhibits cannot be replaced with fresh flowers after they are entered.
6. No noxious weeds, endangered species, or plants on the conservation list will be allowed. A list of these is available from the Jefferson County Extension office.
7. Artificial flowers may not be used in arrangements. Accessories are permitted. Exhibitor must use fresh flowers in each design or arrangement unless otherwise stated.
8. Exhibitors must provide containers for their exhibits. Cut specimens for horticulture should be displayed in clear transparent bottles that are of a suitable size and stability. The fair will not be responsible for containers or accessories lost or damaged, although every care will be taken.
9. Exhibits in Class 1 will be judged on the flowers only, not the container.
10. Wedging, a small, inconspicuous "plug" in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the entry, must be provided by the exhibitor (ex. Saran wrap, small stem, bubble wrap, tape).
11. Fresh plant material cannot be treated in any manner. Treating is changing the surface texture, color, substance by dye, paint, glitter, etc.
12. Volunteer Hall is closed for judging at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under

J = Junior 8 through 16

A = Adult

G = Group

DEFINITIONS:

Bloom: Individual flower, a solitary flower terminating in a stem.

Stem: A single flower one (1) stem with foliage required

Spray: 3 or more flowers per stem with foliage

Spike: Stemless flowers on a long stalk, i.e. gladiolus, liatris, foliage required

Stalk: A stem bearing a terminal cluster of many flowers, foliage required.

Specimen: A typical representative of the genus, species, type or cultivar. Called for when there is a possibility of more than one bloom form in a lot, as in dianthus, or a foliage plant.

HINTS TO EXHIBITORS:

* **Uniformity is very important:** All old blooms, bug-eaten, dead and broken leaves should be removed as carefully as possible. Length of stem, size of flowers, and maturity of flowers all should be as nearly alike as possible. Unless specified in the lot number, it does not matter whether flowers in an exhibit are all the same color. If a certain color is specified, the colors should be as much alike as possible in each flower.

*If plant material is to hold up through the exhibition period, it must be cut no later than a day before it is to be exhibited. Cutting should be done about 4 PM, because at this time there is the greatest amount of sugar in the leaves, and as soon as the flowers are plunged in water they take up enough to overcome any apparent wilting. Plunging stems in water at 100 degrees F is usually best; then set in a cool room, out of any draft, and let the water cool to room temperature. This enables the flowers to retain their rigidity and last much longer.

* Cut stems cleanly at an angle with a sharp knife and place at once in deep water. Foliage should be clean, with any broken or disfigured foliage or petals removed.

* Flowers or branches with wood stems such as phlox and roses should be split, crushed or pounded before being placed in deep water.

* Dahlias should be picked at daylight with a long stem, placed first in cold water, then hot water and set in a cool, dark place during the day. Any flower with milky or colorless fluid in its stem may be seared with a flame or the stem end placed in boiling water for several minutes (blooms should be protected from the steam).

* Flowers to be used in arrangements such as Hosta, vegetable leaves, etc., should be immersed in water overnight.

Horticulture

RULES:

- A. All plant material entered in Horticulture Division must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
- B. Exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than 90 days.
Exception: plants grown from seed, seedling or immature (young) transplants. Combination plantings must have been grown together for no fewer than 6 weeks.

Horticulture

Class 1A: Annual Flowers

- 1. Amaranthus, 1 spike
- 2a. Bachelor Buttons, 1 color, 6 stems
- 2b. Bachelor Buttons, mixed color, 6 stems
- 3. Begonia, 1 bloom
- 4. Bells of Ireland, 3 spikes
- 5a. Calendulas, mixed color, 3 stems
- 5b. Calendulas, 1 color, 3 stems
- 6a. Carnation, mixed color, 3 stems
- 6b. Carnation, 1 color, 3 stems
- 7. Celosia, 1 stem
- 8. Clarkia, 3 stems
- 9. Coreopsis, 3 stems

- 10a. Cosmos, 1 color, 3 sprays
- 10b. Cosmos, mixed color, 3 spray
- 11a. Daisies, Gloriosa, 3 stems
- 11b. Daisies, Painted, 3 Stems
- 12a. Dianthus, single, 3 sprays
- 12b. Dianthus, double, 3 sprays
- 13a. Geranium, Zonal, 1 bloom
- 13b. Martha Washington, 3 blooms
- 14a. Gladiolus, mixed color, 3 spikes
- 14b. Gladiolus, 1 color, 3 spikes
- 15a. Marigold, small, 3 sprays
- 15b. Marigold, bicolor, 3 sprays
- 15c. Marigold, Large, 1 spray
- 16. Nasturtiums, 3 stems
- 17a. Pansy, Giant, over 3", 3 blooms
- 17b. Pansy, Under 3", 3 blooms
- 17c. Pansy, Miniature, 6 blooms
- 18a. Petunias, single, 3 sprays
- 18b. Petunias, double, 3 sprays
- 19. Phlox, annual, 3 sprays
- 20a. Poppy, single, 6 stems
- 20b. Poppy, double, 6 stems
- 21a. Snapdragons, single, 1 spike
- 21b. Snapdragons, double, 1 spike
- 22. Stocks, 3 spikes
- 23. Strawflower, 3 stems
- 24a. Sunflower, under 4", 1 stem
- 24b. Sunflower, 4-6", 1 stem

- 24c. Sunflower, over 6", 1 stem
- 25a. Sweet Pea, 1 color, 3 stems
- 25b. Sweet Pea, mixed color, 3 stems
- 26a. Zinnias, under 2", 3 blooms
- 26b. Zinnias, 2- 4", 3 blooms
- 26c. Zinnias, over 4", 1 bloom
- 27a. Any other annual not listed
- 27b. Any other not listed (Annual)
- 27c. Any other not listed
- 28. Best collection of named annuals
(5 different stems/sprays exhibited in one Container)

Class 1B Perennial Flowers

- 29. Achillea (Yarrow), 1 stem
- 30. Clematis, 1 bloom
- 31. Columbine, 1 spray
- 32. Chinese Lanterns, 1 stem
- 33. Coral Bells, 3 spikes
- 34. Daisy, Shasta, 3 sprays
- 35a. Daylily, single, 1 bloom
- 35b. Daylily, double, 1 bloom
- 36. Delphinium, 1 spike
- 37. Dianthus, (Pink Carnations), 3 sprays
- 38. Echinacea (cornflower), 1 stem
- 39. Gaillardia, (Blanket Flower, 3 stems
- 40. Globe Thistle, 1 spray
- 41a. Hollyhock, single, 1 spike
- 41b. Hollyhock, double, 1 spike
- 42. Hydrangea, 1 spike
- 43. Liatris, 1 spike
- 44. Lily, 1 stem
- 45. Phlox, 1 stem
- 46a. Poppies, Oriental, 1 stem
- 46b. Poppies, Iceland, 1 stem
- 47a. Rose, Hybrid Tea, 1 Bloom w/ Foliage
- 47b. Rose, Floribunda, 1 spray w/ Foliage
- 47c. Rose, other, 1 spray w/ Foliage
- 48. Rudbeckia, 1 stem
- 49. Salvia, 3 stems
- 50. Sweet Pea, 3 stems
- 51. Veronica, 3 stems
- 52. Violas, 3 stems
- 53a. Any other perennial not listed
- 53b. Any other perennial
- 53c. Any other not listed
- 54. Best collection of named perennials
(5 different stems/sprays exhibited in one Container)

Class 2: Herbs- (potted or in a clear vase)

- 55. Basil
- 56. Chives
- 57. Dill
- 58. Garlic
- 59. Lavender
- 60. Lemon Balm

- 61. Mint
- 62. Oregano
- 63. Parsley
- 64. Rosemary
- 65. Sage
- 66. Tarragon
- 67. Thyme
- 68a. Any other herbs
- 68b. Any other herb not listed
- 69. Best collection of named herbs
(5 Different stems/sprays exhibited in one container)

Section C: Dahlia

Class 1C – Dahlia

- 1. Less than 3 inches, 1 stem
- 2. Under 6 inches, 1 stem
- 3. Over 6 inches, 1 stem
- 4. Over 8 inches, 1 stem
- 5. Collection, 5 stems

Class 3: Houseplants

- 70. African Violet, plant in bloom
- 71. Foliage houseplant, 12" or less container
- 72. Flowering houseplant
- 73. Terrarium
- 74. Dish Garden
- 75. Fern
- 76. Novelty Houseplant (cactus, succulent)
- 77. Hanging plant, flowering, 14" or less
- 78. Hanging plant, non-flowering, 14" or less
- 79. Any other houseplant

Class 4: Container Garden/ Planter

- 80. 12" or less
- 81. More than 12."

Educational Display

Class 5: Educational exhibits are designed to instruct as well as please. They may consist of pictures, posters and/or displays, conveying educational facts quickly in an interesting manner. Artificial plant material is not permitted.

82. Water Conservation- Conserving and protecting water sources is important to each of us and our community.

83. Organic Gardening – Go organic for a healthier environment and planet; make your own mulch, compost, and pest sprays from household products.

84. Fire Resistant Landscaping – Use fire-resistant and fire-tolerant plants in our landscape to increase the survivability of your house and property.

DESIGNS: Arrangements

Design Rules

1. Artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are not permitted in the Design Division. The use of fresh plant material is emphasized.
2. Plant material used in a design need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Plant material that has been treated to alter its exterior appearance may be used only in its dried state in the show.
4. Religious symbols, if used, must be displayed in a respectful manner.
5. Tables will be covered with white tablecloths.
6. Creative Line Design: Creative design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by an open silhouette and a minimum of plant material and other components.

Artistic Design subdivisions: Adults Only

N- Novice: A person who is a first-time entrant or who has not won more than two blue ribbons in design classes at this fair.

I – Intermediate: A person who has had prior entries or has won two or more blue ribbons in design classes at this fair.

E- Experienced: A person who has schooling in floral design, judged floral classes, or won two or more purple ribbons in design classes at this fair.

When entering, the exhibitor shall designate the entry with the appropriate level N, I, or E following the chosen division.

CLASS 6A: Arrangements

1. A creative line design using dried plant materials.
2. An arrangement using fresh plant materials.
3. A fresh floral arrangement in white with a white container; foliage need not be white.

CLASS 6B: Arrangements

4. An arrangement of fresh fruit, vegetables, and/or herbs. (No cut produce).
5. The designer's choice of arrangement using dried plant materials.
6. A fresh floral arrangement of the designer's choice.

CLASS 6C: Arrangements - Petites

7. A small design not to exceed 3" in height, width, and depth. Materials must be dried.
8. A design 5" in height, width, and depth using fresh and/or dried plant materials.
9. A fresh floral arrangement featuring one kind of flower, 8" in height, width, and depth, with some water showing.

Class 6D: Arrangements

10. A creative arrangement of dried / and or fresh flowers using a Patriotic Theme.
11. A creative arrangement of flowers using rocks.
12. A creative arrangement of flowers using a Western Theme.

CLASS 6E: Arrangements

Arrangements for the Home with fresh and/or dried plant materials, accessories encouraged.

13. Arrangement for the kitchen.
14. Arrangement for the Living Room or Family Room.
15. Arrangement for the Bedroom

CLASS 7: Arrangements - FOR YOUTH/JUNIOR ONLY

16. Three Flowers in a container
17. Flowers in a Basket
18. Flowers with /in a Toy
19. Flowers in a container

CLASS 8: DISPLAY ONLY

♥ DEPARTMENT D ~ CROPS & GARDENING ♥

Best of Show Gardening - Best of Show Gardening Youth/Junior

RULES:

1. All entries must be received from 7:30-9:30 AM, Saturday in Red Barn.
2. All entries must be current year's crops.
3. All sheaves of grain, forage crops, must be less than 3 inches or more than 5 inches in diameter in at least one place.
4. Grains must be tied in at least 3 places and forage crops in at least one place.
5. Only one exhibit per lot number can be entered, and an exhibit can be entered in only 1 lot.
6. Exhibits must be grown by the person exhibiting them.
7. Threshed grain, 1 quart must be shown.
8. Exhibitors may not replace fresh fruits and vegetables until after the judging has been completed.

9. Apples should not be polished.
10. Place fruits on small paper plate in plastic bag and secure tightly. Use pint container for berries.
11. Exhibits will be judged on uniformity, maturity, varietal characteristics, and freedom from disease and injury. Judging is based on market preference. Most markets prefer a medium sized specimen.
12. All vegetable exhibits should be exhibited in a clear plastic bag fastened with a wire tie (no plastic wrap or paper plates) except for large items such as pumpkins, which do not need to be covered.
13. 10:00 am - 1:00 pm ~ Barn closed for judging.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
 J = Junior 8 through 16
 A = Adult
 G = Group

HINTS TO EXHIBITORS:

- * **Threshold grain:** all samples should be free of dirt, weed seeds, chaff and other grains. There should be no evidence of smut in the sample. The sample should be pure as to variety and class of grain. The grain in the sample should be large, plum, and of a hard, flinty texture. The sample should be free from all kinds of damage such as pin pruning, etc. A deep, yet clear, dark red color is best for milling wheats. In oats and barley, fresh, clean color is very important.
- * **Sheaf grain:** In sheaf grains, the evidence of high yield and quality are of equal importance. A sheaf grain should be pure as to variety. The grain must be the natural green color and the maximum amount of foliage.
- * **Forage sheaves:** Sheaves are judged on their apparent forage, quality, purity and yield. It is essential that the show sample be cured in a way that preserves the natural green color and the maximum amount of foliage.

Department D- Crops and Garden cont.

- * **All root crops:** Cut tops off leaving approximately 1 inch at the top and the roots should be cut off leaving approximately 1 inch, except for beets, on which the root should not be cut. Wash thoroughly, but do not use a brush.
- * **Beans and peas:** Leave ¼ to ½ inch stems and select uniform pods.
- * **Carrots:** Select carrots that do not have green shoulders.
- * **Dry onions:** Approximately 8 days before the Fair, twist tops and remove outer layer of dirty skin, just one layer. Spread out so air can pass over them until fair time. Remove tops approximately 1 inch and clip off roots to approximately 1 inch. Do not peel onions to make them shiny.
- * **Green Onions:** Lift just prior to exhibition, avoiding damage to root node, trim roots and tops, remove outer layer of skin to get dirt off.
- * **Potatoes:** After digging, allow them to dry 20 minutes or so to set the skin; wash gently and avoid rough handling.
- * **Rhubarb:** To remove leaf, cut 1 inch from each side of the stem in triangle pattern to center of leaf vein above. Leave base of stem intact.

CLASS 1: Threshed Grain

Lots 1-5

CLASS 2: Sheaf Grain

- 1 Any variety hard red winter, wheat, named
- 2 Any variety hard red spring, wheat, named
- 3 Any variety, soft wheat, named
- 4 Any variety, oats, named
- 5 Any variety, barley named

CLASS 3: Sheaf Forage

- 6 Alfalfa: 1st cutting
- 7 Alfalfa: 2nd cutting

8 Brome

9 Timothy

10 Clover

11 Wheatgrass

12 Any other forage crop

CLASS 4: Vegetables and Roots

13 Beans: green snap, 6 pods

14 Beans: yellow snap, 6 pods

15 Beets, 3

16 Broccoli, 3 stalks

17 Cabbage 1

18 Cantaloupes/muskmelon, 1

19 Carrot, long, 6

20 Carrot, short, 6

21 Cauliflower, 1

22 Celery, green, 1 bunch

23 Corn, sweet, 3 husked ears

24 Cucumber, pickling, 3

25 Cucumber, slicing, 3

26 Dill, 3 stalks

27 Eggplant, 1

28 Garlic, 1 root

29 Kale, flowering, and/or cabbage

30 Kohlrabi, 3

31 Lettuce, leaf, 1 bunch

32 Lettuce, head, 1

33 Onions, white, 3

34 Onions, green bunching, 3

35 Onions, yellow, 3

36 Onions, red, 3

- 37 Parsley, 3
- 38 Parsnips, 3
- 39 Peas, sugar snap, 6 pods
- 40 Peas, edible pod, 6 pods
- 41 Peppers, green, 3
- 42 Any other pepper, 3
- 43 Potatoes, red 3
- 44 Potatoes, white, 3
- 45 Potatoes, any other, 3
- 46 Pumpkin, 1
- 47 Rhubarb, 6 stalks
- 48 Rutabagas, 3
- 49 Radishes, bunch of 3
- 50 Spinach, 1 bunch
- 51 Squash, zucchini, 8" or under, 3
- 52 Squash, buttercup, 1
- 53 Squash, other winter variety, 1, identify
- 54 Squash, summer, 1, identify
- 55 Tomatoes, red, 3
- 56 Tomatoes, green, 3
- 57 Tomatoes, small ripe, 3
- 58 Any other vegetable

CLASS 5: Largest Specimen

- 59 Beet
- 60 Cabbage
- 61 Carrot
- 62 Cucumber
- 63 Kohlrabi
- 64 Onion
- 65 Potato
- 66 Pumpkin
- 67 Squash
- 68 Tomato

CLASS 6: Oddball Vegetable

- 69 Carrot, unique shape
- 70 Potato, unique shape
- 71 Tomato, unique shape
- 72 Any other oddball vegetable

CLASS 7: Fruit

- 73 Strawberries, pint
- 74 Gooseberries, pint
- 75 Raspberries, pint
- 76 Chokecherries, pint
- 77 Currants, pint
- 78 Black raspberries, pint
- 79 Any other small fruit, pint

- 80 Yellow apples, plate of 3
- 81 Green apples, plate of 3
- 82 Any other apple, plate of 3
- 83 Crab apples, small, plate of 7
- 84 Crab apples, large, plate of 7
- 85 Crab apples, any other variety, plate of 7
- 86 Apple, largest
- 87 Hybrid plums, plate of 5
- 88 Wild plums, plate of 5
- 89 Watermelon, 1
90. Cantaloup, 1
91. Rhubarb, 3 full stems
- 92 Any other large fruit

CLASS 8: Educational Display

CLASS 9: Garden Display

A collection of homegrown vegetables or fruit displayed in a basket or other suitable container. Each entry must display 2 specimens of 5 different vegetables/fruits for a total of 10 specimens.

♥ DEPARTMENT F ~ FOODS ♥

Marion Kosola Memorial Award for Best of Show in Youth/Junior division of Foods Department.
Best of Show Baked Goods – Best of Show Canned Goods – Best of Show Foods Youth/Junior.

RULES:

1. Recipes must accompany entries.
2. Entries must be received by 7:30 - 9:30 AM Saturday in Red Barn.
3. Only two entries per lot per exhibitor.
4. All exhibits in Classes 1 through 8 must be placed on sturdy plates or trays, and placed in clear, clean plastic bags or covered (cakes, pies).
5. No entries with non-cooked dairy products or non-cooked eggs will be accepted.
6. Entries must have the minimum amount listed (i.e. 6 cookies, etc.) or they will be disqualified. Exhibitors may bring more than the minimum for the auction.
7. Canned goods must be in standard commercial canning jars (pints, quarts & jelly jars) according to various canned good headings.
8. All canned goods must be in sealed jars. Follow current USDA standards. Use new rims for jars.
9. All canned fruit, jams, jellies, relishes, salsas, etc. must be processed in boiling water bath. No paraffin.
10. All vegetable & non-acid foods—Class 14, Lots 125-135 must be processed in a pressure cooker.
11. All exhibits must have been made from natural, basic materials by the exhibitor within the last year.
12. The method of processing must be stated on the lid of entry:
P = pressure cooker; W = water bath.
13. No exhibit to be judged will be accepted with the name of the exhibitor showing.
14. All baked goods entered will be auctioned to the highest bidder on Saturday at 3:30 PM. Proceeds will go to the Fair Board for fairgrounds improvements.
15. Plates and pie pans will be sold with the food. Disposable plates and pans are encouraged.
16. 10:00 AM ~ Barn closed for judging.

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior 8 through 16
A = Adult
G = Group

Class Work Type: S = Standard cooking; H = Healthy cooking (recipe has been revised for fat content, calories, etc.)

CLASS 1: Yeast Breads

- 1 Loaf white bread
- 2 Loaf whole wheat bread
- 3 Plain white rolls (no egg), 6
- 4 Whole wheat rolls, 6
- 5 Fancy or party yeast rolls, rich dough, 6
- 6 Cinnamon rolls, no frosting, 6
- 7 Any other, identify

CLASS 2: Quick Bread

- 8 Baking powder biscuits, 6
- 9 Date bread, 1 loaf
- 10 Nut bread, 1 loaf
- 11 Muffin, 6
- 12 Banana bread, 1 loaf
- 13 Carrot bread, 1 loaf
- 14 Zucchini bread, 1 loaf
- 15 Popover, 6
- 16 Any other, identify

CLASS 3: Cakes

- 17 White cake, 2 layers, frosted
- 18 Chocolate cake, 2 layers, frosted
- 19 Angel food, unfrosted
- 20 Spice cake, unfrosted
- 21 Chiffon cake, unfrosted
- 22 German chocolate cake
- 23 Fruit cake, unfrosted
- 24 Jelly roll
- 25 Carrot cake
- 26 Coffee cake
- 27 Upside down cake
- 28 Any other cake, identify

CLASS 3A: Decorated Only

- 29 Decorated cake, judged only on decoration

CLASS 4: Cookies and Small Cake (1 half dozen)

- 30 Oatmeal cookies, drop
- 31 Brownies
- 32 Cutout cookies, rolled
- 33 Peanut butter cookies
- 34 Sugar cookies
- 35 Chocolate chip cookies
- 36 Molasses, rolled
- 37 Lemon bars
- 38 Date bars
- 39 No-bake cereal cookies
- 40 White cupcakes, frosted
- 41 Other cupcakes, frosted, identify
- 42 Doughnuts, plain cake
- 43 Doughnuts, raised

- 44 Other drop cookies, identify
- 45 Other bar cookies, identify
- 46 Other type cookies, identify

CLASS 5: Pies

- 47 Rhubarb
- 48 Cherry, 2 crusts
- 49 Apple, 2 crusts
- 50 Pumpkin
- 51 Mince
- 52 Desserts – cobblers, crisps, etc.
- 53 Lemon
- 54 Combination of 2 fruits
- 55 Two (2) Crust Berry
- 56 Any other, identify

CLASS 6: Candy (1 half dozen)

- 57 Chocolate Fudge
- 58 Caramels
- 59 Divinity
- 60 Peanut butter
- 61 Penuche
- 62 Mints
- 63 Any other, identify

CLASS 7: Microwave cooking

- 64 Bread
- 65 Cake
- 66 Candy, 6
- 67 Cookies, 6
- 68 Jams
- 69 Pies

CLASS 8: Dried Foods

- 70 Dried vegetable, 1 pint
- 71 Dried fruit, 1 pint
- 72 Fruit leather, 3- to 6- inch roll or strips
- 73 Dried fruits, ¼ pint or Ziploc bag

CLASS 9: Wines & Beer

- 74 White table wine
- 75 Red table wine
- 76 Rosé
- 77 Fruit or berry wines
- 78 Liquor
- 79 Beer

CLASS 10: Honey

- 80 Best display, extract honey, ½ pint
- 81 Best display, comb honey, 1 comb

CLASS 11: Canned Foods (Jams,**Jellies, etc.) 1/4, 1/2 or 1 pint**

- 82 Apple Jelly
- 83 Grape Jelly
- 84 Chokecherry Jelly
- 85 Raspberry Jelly
- 86 Other Jelly, identify
- 87 Strawberry Jam
- 88 Raspberry Jam
- 89 Peach Jam
- 90 Strawberry-rhubarb Combination
- 91 Jam, a combination of 3 fruits
- 92 Jam, any other, identify
- 93 Fruit butter
- 94 Fruit syrup
- 95 Preserves
- 96 Marmalade
- 97 Conserve/topping

CLASS 12: Freezer Foods

(Should come to Fair frozen)

- 98 Freezer jam, any fruit, identify
- 99 Pies
- 100 Desserts

CLASS 13: Pickles and Relishes (1/2 or 1 pint)

- 101 Cucumber, sweet
- 102 Cucumber, dill
- 103 Cucumber, bread and butter
- 104 Watermelon
- 105 Beet
- 106 Crab-apple
- 107 Pickle relish
- 108 Vegetable relish
- 109 Any other relish, identify
- 110 Any other pickle, identify

CLASS 14: Canned Fruit and Vegetables (1/2 or 1 pint, or 1 quart)

- 111 Cherries, sweet
- 112 Cherries, pie
- 113 Strawberries
- 114 Apricots
- 115 Pears
- 116 Rhubarb
- 117 Apples
- 118 Applesauce
- 119 Huckleberries
- 120 Plums
- 121 Gooseberries
- 122 Raspberries
- 123 Blackberries
- 124 Peaches
- 125 Corn off cob
- 126 Peas

- 127 Beans
- 128 Beets
- 129 Carrots, whole
- 130 Carrots, diced
- 131 Tomatoes, whole
- 132 Mixed vegetables for soups
- 133 Mixed vegetables for salads
- 134 Sauerkraut
- 135 Mincemeat
- 136 Mixed fruit
- 137 Any other, identify

**CLASS 15: Condiments
(1/2 or 1 pint)**

- 138 Salsa
- 139 Barbeque sauce
- 140 Mustard
- 141 Flavored vinegar
- 142 Other, identify

CLASS 16: Dietary Restrictions

- 143 Baked goods

- 144 Canned goods

CLASS 17:

145 Cookie Jar – A gallon glass jar filled with at least 2 varieties of fresh homemade cookies. Lid to be decorated by exhibitor. List variety of cookies on jar tag. Jars will be auctioned.

CLASS 18: Educational Display

♥ DEPARTMENT K ~ KIDS' STICK HORSE RODEO ♥

The Paula Heide Memorial Buckle is awarded to the all-around winner in Division K, 4 to 6 years.
A stick horse is awarded to the all-around winner in Division D, 3 and under.

RULES:

1. Entries will be taken in the Red Barn, Sunday from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM. **No late entries accepted.** All classes will be held in the flag pole area, starting at 11 AM on Sunday.
2. For kids ages 6 and under, split in two divisions. Stick horses will be available or bring your own.
3. All entries will be given a number at time of entry and must appear in the Stick Horse Rodeo wearing correct number plainly visible.
4. Classes will run in order listed, starting with Division K.
5. Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, third and participant in each class. Purple ribbons will be awarded to overall winners – those with the most points at the end of the rodeo by placing in each class.

Division K: Children ages 4-6

Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl.

Division D: Children ages 3 and under.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Cowboy and Cowgirl

CLASS 1: Bucking Stick Horse Contest.

Stick horse that bucks the best wins.

CLASS 2: Stick Horse Race

Race from one end to the other. Fastest horse wins.

CLASS 3: Team Roundup

Groups of 4 will be called up to pick up all stuffed animals and put them in the corral.

♥ HUNT IN THE HAY ♥

For kids ages 8 & under, following the Stick Horse Rodeo near the flagpole in the playground area.

♥ Department H -PETS♥

1. All classes will be held at the park. Starting at 10:30 am.
2. No intact dogs.
3. Contestant is responsible for cleaning up after the animal.
4. Participants must be the owners of the animal and always have control of their animal.
5. CATS & DOGS ONLY!!

Divisions:

Y = Youth, 7 and under
J = Junior 8 through 16
A = Adult
G = Group

01: Agility
02: Obedience
03: Best Costume
04: Showmanship

A FAIR OF THE HEART!

2026 JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO SCHEDULE, AUGUST 20 – 23

FREE admission to fairgrounds, \$2 per car parking

Friday, August 14

9 pm: Livestock, poultry, and rabbit online entries due

Monday, August 17

4-9 pm - In-County Rodeo entries: 406-531-4581

4-9 pm - Kids' Horse Show & Rodeo entries can be completed at: fairentury.com

Wednesday, August 19

10 am – 4-H Dog Show – Park

10:30 am – Open Class Dog Show – Park

3-6 pm – 4-H Check-in (indoor & animals)

4:30- 7 pm – Arts, Crafts, Photos, Needlework Received - Headquarters

6 pm – Big Rock Barrel Race

5:30- 7:30 pm– 4-H Indoor Project Judging & Interviews – Volunteer Hall

Thursday, August 20

10 am – 4-H Hog Show – Livestock Arena

1 pm – 4-H Cattle Show - Livestock Arena

2:30 pm – 4-H Lamb & Goat Show- Livestock

3:30 pm – 4-H Cats, Rabbits, Poultry- Livestock

4:30-7 pm –Arts, Crafts, Needlework accepted – Headquarters

6 pm – **FREE Big Deal In-County Rodeo**

Friday, August 21 (inflatables 2-6 pm)

7-11 am Breakfast: Rise & Rescue Fundraiser-Arena Concession

9 am –Kids' Horse Show– Arena

12 pm – Kids' Rodeo – Arena

3:30 pm – Floral Design Class, Free for kids!!- Volunteer Hall

4 pm – Squash decorating – Red Barn

4-6 pm – Live Music- Andy Larson – Fair Stage

5:30 pm – 4-H Float Decorating

6 pm – **JCRA NRA Rodeo** – \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids, 6 & under Free!

Saturday, August 22—Exhibits open 11-4.

Exhibits, food, displays, vendors, carousel, inflatables 12-6 pm

7- 11 am – Breakfast: Rise and Rescue Fundraiser – Arena Concession

7:30-9:30 am –Foods, Garden, Crops entries accepted – Red Barn

7:30-9:30 am –Floral accepted –Volunteer Hall

9- 11 am – Rodeo Slack

10:30 am-12 pm – Red Barn, Vol. Hall closed/judging

11 am- *Clown/Magic Show* – Gazebo

12 pm-Parade line up - West Hauser Street

12 pm – *Music by Issac Carroll* – Live on Fair Stage

12:50 pm – Kids' Parade, Main Street - Prizes for All – Kids gather at City Hall; ends at Boulder Library

1 pm- Rodeo Parade - Main Street

1:30 pm- *Music by The Huckleberries* – Live on Fair Stage

2:30 pm – *Tiernan Irish Dancers* – Fair Stage

1-6 pm – *Fiber Fest* - Boiler Building

2-3 pm – 4-H register for bidder numbers

3:00 pm – *Music by Ferrell Hogs* – Live on Fair Stage

3 pm – 4-H Livestock Sale – Outside Livestock Barn

3-6 pm – Beef BBQ by JHS Music Dept., *Music by Rich Mattoon & Mary Popoulos* - White Barn

3:30 pm– **Baked Goods Auction**– Red Barn

4 pm – *Professor Flim Flam* – Fair Stage

4 pm – *Music by Rock & Flower* – Live on Fair Stage

5 pm - *Music by Clayton Herndon* – Live on Fair Stage

6 pm – **JCRA NRA Rodeo** – \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids, 6 & under Free! Followed by Wild Ride!!

8 pm–Barn Dance: *Clint Rieder and The Longhorn Band*, \$2. White Barn

Sunday, August 23—Exhibits open from 10-2.

Exhibits, food, displays, carousel, inflatables 12:30-2 pm.

8 -10:30 am – Carousel Breakfast – Arena Concession

10:15-10:45 am - Stick Horse Rodeo entries received – Red Barn

10:30 am - Clown/fire eater – live at Gazebo

10-2 pm— *Fiber Fest* - Boiler Building

11 am – Kids' Stick Horse Rodeo – Playground

12 Noon –Free Kids' Hunt in the Hay - Park

12:30 pm — *Toni Person Puppets* – Red Barn

12:30 – 2 pm –*Music by John Montoya*– Live at Fair Stage

12- 2:30 pm – Volleyball tournament - Park

1:30 – 2:30 pm – Exhibits released

Fair Info: 406-225-4039,
Jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org

- Rodeo, In-County Rodeo: 406-531-4581
- Kids' Horse Show & Rodeo: 406-439-0452
- Rodeo Parade: 406-461-1482
- Kids' Parade: 406-549-5697

Jefferson County Fair August 20-23, 2026

A FAIR OF THE HEART!



NAME: _____

AGE: _____

(if under 16)

Mail to Jeff. Co Fair, Box 313, Boulder MT or bring to Jeff Co Fair by 2 pm, Friday, August 21.



JEFFERSON County Fair & Rodeo 2026

AUGUST 20-23, 2026 ■ BOULDER, MONTANA

IN-COUNTY RODEO ■ THURSDAY, 6 PM

KIDS' HORSE SHOW & RODEO ■ FRIDAY, 9 AM - 3 PM

RODEO PARADE ■ SATURDAY, 1 PM

NRA RODEOS

Friday, 6 pm

Saturday, 6 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

LIVE MUSIC, EXHIBITS, CAROUSEL, FOOD!

SATURDAY: BBQ 3-6 PM. AUCTIONS: 4-H 3 PM,

BAKED GOODS 3:30 PM

**BARN DANCE WITH MUSIC BY CLINT RIEDER
& THE LONGHORN BAND, 8 PM**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Fair info (406) 225-4039. Rodeo & In-County info (406) 531-4581.

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Entry forms online at www.jeffersonmtfairrodeo.org