

4-H, FFA & OTHER YOUTH FAIR PREMIUM BOOK



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September 15 - 21, 2024

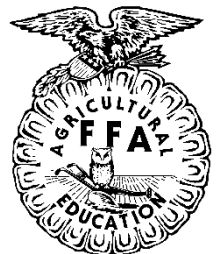
St. Joseph County Grange Fair

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Welcome to the 174th St. Joseph County Grange Fair
St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association

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Fair Admission, Ticket and Camping Information

2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Gate Admission Passes

Fair gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, September 24.

Adults.....	\$10.00
Children 11-16 years old.....	\$5.00
Children 10 years and under.....	FREE

Flex-Pass (7 admission passes into the fair):

- Purchased before Sept. 1..... \$50.00
- Purchased Sept. 1 and after..... \$60.00
- Early Bird Special (one flex pass and one grandstand ticket to each grandstand event) \$120.00

Parking (Sunday through Saturday)..... FREE

Special Day Prices (8:00 a.m. to closing)

- Monday - Kids Day, 18 and under FREE
- Tuesday - Hometown Hero Day (Firefighters, EMT, Dispatch, Victim Services, Medical, Law Enforcement) \$5.00
- Wednesday - Seniors Day (62 and older).... \$5.00
- Friday - Veterans' Day (including spouse)... \$5.00

Grandstand Show Tickets

No refunds on show tickets. No smoking is allowed in grandstands or bleachers. No laser lights are allowed in the grandstand or track.

Harness Racing (Mon. & Tues. at 12 p.m.).....	FREE
Antique Tractor Pulls (Friday at 8 a.m.).....	FREE
DeWayne Spaw (Saturday & Sunday).....	FREE
Fireworks & Admission Sunday, September 22..	FREE

Grandstand Shows:

	<u>Pit Passes</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child (5-12)</u>
Sunday - Farm Truck Pulls & Semi Pulls at 3 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Monday - Super Kicker Rodeo at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Tuesday - Too Hot to Farm Tractor Pulls, Semi Pulls, and National Truck Pulling Legends (NTPL) at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Wednesday - TNT Bump N Run & Demo Derby at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Thursday - KOI Dirt Drags at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Friday - Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.			
	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00
	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Saturday - Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.			
	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00

Michigan State Law Regarding Fair Admissions: Any person who shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fairgrounds contrary to the rules of said society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than twenty-five (25) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

Fair Camping

Reserve your campsite now for \$275.00 for all non-upgraded electrical sites and \$325 for all upgraded electrical sites for two weeks of camping. Call the fair office at 269-467-8935 for reservations! All prices are subject to change.

- Week Admission Pass (limit 3 per campsite) \$35.00/person

St. Joseph County Grange Fair camping rules (in accordance with the Michigan Health Department):

- The electric company requires all extension cords to be 12 ga. or larger.
- All campers in the upgraded area will require a 30amp RV plug or adapter.
- All campers, including pre-registered campers MUST check in with the camping office upon arrival to fill out papers and get passes.
- All campers MUST pay upon arrival
- All campers MUST have a permit
- All campers use Nottawa Drive-in Gate
- NO Gray Water pits
- No campfires or fire pits allowed
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on fairgrounds
- Each person in the camper must have a season pass, which can be purchased from the camping superintendent.
- All pets brought to the Fairgrounds must have appropriate papers and shots and be confined to the immediate campsite area. Pets may NOT accompany owners into commercial buildings, livestock barns, or on the grounds outside of the owner's campsite. Violation will be grounds for expulsion from the Fairgrounds and campsite with no refund.
- All pets shall be on a 6' leash and never unattended
- Only one (1) car per campsite
- NO refunds to persons leaving early.
- Camping superintendent has the authority to ask campers to move or leave the grounds.



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Carcass Beef Evaluation..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11

Dog Skill-A-Thon 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

4-H Cat Show 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 13

Poultry Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Rabbit Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Sheep Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Swine Check-In 4:30 p.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14

4-H Dog Show 8:30 a.m.
Beef & Dairy Beef Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Goat Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Sheep Check-In..... 8:00 a.m.
Swine Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 8:00 a.m.
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4-H Poultry Interviews 2:00 p.m.
4-H Rabbit Interviews 2:00 p.m.
4-H Dairy Cattle Interviews..... 3:00 p.m.
*Skill-A-Thons and Interviews will end at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15

4-H Horse Show (Day 1)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Rabbit Show..... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Poultry Show 10:30 a.m.
4-H Swine Interviews 9:00 a.m.
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4-H Sheep Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Beef Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 16

4-H Horse Show (Day 2)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Goat Show 8:30 a.m.
4-H Swine Show 9:30 a.m.
Open Class Goat Show 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 17

4-H Horse Show (Day 3)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H & Open Class Beef Cattle Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Beef Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Sheep Show..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

4-H & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show 10:00 a.m.
4-H Demonstrations/Performances/
Public Speaking/Illustrated Talks..... 3:00 p.m.
4-H Animal Project Demonstrations. 3:00 p.m.
4-H "Style Revue" 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

4-H Small (Market) Animal Sale..... 10:00 a.m.
4-H Large (Market) Animal Sale 10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 20

4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship
Contest..... 7:00 p.m.
4-H Fun Night..... 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

4-H Horse Show (Day 4) 8:00 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest..... 10:00 a.m.

**** ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****



...To Make the Best Better.

St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

4-H Youth Division Code of Conduct for Exhibition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Sponsorship: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is the non-formal youth educational component of Michigan State University Extension, which is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association and the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Many St. Joseph County businesses, civic organizations and private individuals provide materials and financial support for the 4-H program.

4-H Clubs: 4-H clubs are comprised of groups of five or more young people between the ages of 5 and 19 years in urban, suburban, small town and rural settings. 4-H clubs carry out a wide variety of educational projects in civic and community service, agriculture, home economics and other areas. Volunteer adult leaders and older 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Teen Leadership project give 4-H members direction and leadership.

4-H clubs function democratically. 4-H members run their own clubs with the guidance of adult leaders, elect officers, help plan and hold meetings and select educational projects. Each club drafts its programs to suit its members and the localities in which they live.

Current Situation: 121 Cloverbud members ages 5-7 and 546 4-H members ages 8-19 are enrolled in 4-H this year (2024). These youth are members of one or more of the 19 4-H clubs in the county. These 4-H members have planned and conducted meetings and completed projects with the help and guidance of over 175 adult volunteer leaders and 11 teen leaders.

Emblem Colors and Pledge: The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green and white. The white background on the 4-H flag symbolizes purity. The green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national 4-H pledge reads as follows:

I pledge My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Contributions made by local businesses, civic organizations and private individuals help provide 4-H citizenship, leadership and "life skills" development activities throughout the year.

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In an effort to promote high standards of character and service to the community, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development, and the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council endorse the following code of conduct, which represent:

Conduct Expectations: Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by all exhibitors and fair attendants. **Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show manager, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.**

Members:

All 4-H members in St. Joseph County MSU Extension activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse, profanity or threatening behavior.
- Comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws.
- Abstain from criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances or use any form of tobacco at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds

Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in discipline and penalties as stated on page 9.

Volunteers:

All 4-H Volunteer Leaders in St. Joseph County MSU Extension Activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse or profanity.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid criminal activities.

- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension program to develop an effective, county, state and national program.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds.

All MSU Extension volunteers must comply with the MSU Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct.

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St. Joseph County Grange Fair 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division

General Rules

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division is open to all youth ages 8-19 by January 1 (Cloverbud members ages 5-7 by January 1) of the current year who are duly enrolled (at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office) members of a St. Joseph County 4-H club or FFA chapter, or any other youth. Members must be enrolled in 4-H Online by May 1.
 - A. 4-H/FFA & Other Youth members will herein be referred to as "exhibitors". All youth exhibitors must adhere to the rules in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book regardless of terminology. 4-H will be used as an identifier for superintendents and procedures within this youth division as managed by the MSU Extension office.
2. **Exhibit Eligibility:** Following are the rules governing exhibit eligibility:
 - A. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class, unless otherwise noted.
 - B. The youth exhibitor must complete all exhibits.
 - C. School projects are not eligible as 4-H exhibits.
 - D. Exhibitors may not exhibit in a class that they have exhibited in at another fair during the current year.
 - E. Youth exhibitors may not enter an exhibit that has been exhibited at another fair.
 - F. Exhibitors may not participate in St. Joseph County Sweepstakes if participated in a sweepstakes contest in another county in the current year.
3. **Liability:** The following is the policy of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association:
 - The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association, its agents, volunteers and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
 - Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to all at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair,

- but the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board/Association shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or loss from any other cause.
4. **Final Entries:** Each exhibitor must complete and submit a 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division Entry Form by Monday, August 12, 2024. **Horse entry forms are due by August 1, 2024.** Both deadlines are subject to change. Forms available online for download at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair.
 5. **Still Project Excused Absence:** exhibitors who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their still exhibits evaluation must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a one-page "Absentee Project Report Form" for each still project.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the fair during the regular still exhibit project evaluation time.
 6. **Livestock Excused Absence:** exhibitors who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their livestock evaluations must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a Market or Breeding record book for each livestock project for which he/she is enrolled.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and Market or Breeding record book delivered to the 4-H Program Coordinator by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2024.
 - D. Make up Skill-A-Thon.
 7. **Emergency Absence:** Emergency absences should be brought to the attention of the 4-H Program Coordinator **in writing** as soon as possible for approval.
 8. **Fair Passes and Exhibit Tags (subject to change):**
 - A. Exhibitors (11-19 years of age), registered 4-H leaders (approved by the 4-H Program Coordinator), and FFA advisors will be issued a fair admission pass.
 - B. Still project exhibitors must have their exhibit tag(s) in hand before starting through the project evaluation process. Exhibit tags can be picked up in Building #46 (red barn), unless otherwise stated on Saturday, September 14, 2024 starting at 8:30 a.m.
 9. **Judging:**
 - A. The judge's decision is final.
 - B. All animal and still project exhibits will be judged according to the "Danish" (A, B, C) judging system unless otherwise noted. Each exhibit will be judged on its individual merit and an A, B or C ribbon and associated premium awarded accordingly.
 - C. All other classes will be judged in competition against each other and 1st-8th place "placing" ribbons and premiums awarded as indicated for each class.
 - D. Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit the work they complete in their 4-H groups or clubs. The setting must be noncompetitive, with equal recognition given to all participants. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants in Cloverbud classes.
 10. **Premiums:** Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for a given class), and refer to one of the premium payment tables inside back cover of the fair book. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

General Exhibitor Livestock Rules

Introduction: The 4-H program is educational by design. Its first priority is to help youth develop character, community service and skills in preparation of serving others in society. All youth exhibitors will be held to the same standard and should strive to present the animals they have in the best manner possible. Each exhibitor should willingly teach others the things they have learned and are learning in their project experience. Because of the priority of developing high character and service to others, all livestock exhibitors and families will care for and prepare their animals for showing in the areas designated by the appropriate livestock superintendent so that all exhibitors and families can learn from each other.

Preparation, Care & Exhibition of Animals

1. **Animals will be treated Humanely:** All animals shall be brought to the fairgrounds in a clean and presentable fashion. All exhibitors and families shall provide feed and water daily between **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** All exhibitors and families shall not inflict undue pain for any purpose. If there is a question about the appropriateness of any treatment of an animal, the member or family members should get permission from the superintendent before implementing the practice. Abusive use of show aids will not be tolerated. Parents may intervene if safety or excessive handling is observed.
2. **“Report to Superintendent Immediately”** tags will be placed on any pen where animals have not been properly cared for by the exhibitor; *Explanation of tagging process:* 1st yellow tag = warning - verbal. 2nd yellow tag = written warning. Red tag results in loss of privileges and may result in loss of monies. Refer to the project Animal Certification/Care form for full details.
3. **Proper Fitting and Representation of Animal Information:** The exhibitor is responsible for preparing their animal for presentation during the show. Immediate family members, grandparents, legal guardians, other current-year St. Joseph County 4-H members, or St. Joseph County 4-H leaders may **assist** them during fair week. However, the **exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal** as well. It is expected that the animals will be washed and clipped as allowed in species rules. Tampering with the color or quality of the animal's coat is not allowed unless species rules provide an exception. If there is a question about the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique the appropriate superintendent should be consulted for approval prior to using the technique. Tampering or misrepresentation of ownership, breeding, age, preparation, or other irregularity in exhibiting will be considered fraud and deception. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the fair facilities is prohibited. Violation of this rule, as determined by the appropriate 4-H Species Superintendent and the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animals will not be sold at the auction.

11. **4-H Livestock members DO NOT need a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification on file at the MSU Extension office for 2024.**
12. **Ribbons/Rosettes:** Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes as specified in the Departments, Sections, and Classes detailed in this book.
13. **Trophies/Plaques:** exhibitors who have been awarded a trophy, plaque or other special award **must** write a “thank you” note to each donor(s) in order to take the award(s) home at the conclusion of fair week.
The “thank you” note must be properly addressed, stamped and submitted in exchange for the award in Building No. 43 **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 21, 2024. The 4-H St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council sells special 4-H “thank you” note cards (including a pre-stamped envelope) at the 4-H Fair Office. The cost is \$2.00 per card/envelope "set".
14. **Special Awards:** Special awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques, gift certificates, etc.) will be given only for those exhibits judged worthy of this recognition by the judge.
15. **Special Award Codes:**
 - (P) = plaque
 - (R) = rosette appropriate to class
 - (T) = trophy
 - (PR) = plaque & rosette appropriate to class
 - (TR) = trophy & rosette appropriate to class
16. **Project Guidelines:** Refer to specific project guidelines (where they exist) for information on exhibit requirements.
17. **Exhibit and Animal Release:** All still project exhibits will be available to take home **10:00 - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 21, 2024 and **9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** on Sunday, September 22, 2024. All animal project exhibits will be released at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2024. **Attention: All exhibits MUST BE GONE by Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** per the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
 - A fine will be assessed against any and all premiums earned on any and all exhibits removed prior to the published release times without the permission of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
18. **Unclaimed Exhibits:** Any project exhibit not picked up by October 31 will either be donated to charity or disposed of as appropriate.
19. **Solicitations:** Solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except by contracted concession or commercial rental spaces are prohibited.
20. **Advertising/Free Merchandise:** No person will be permitted to post or display signs, or distribute handbills or merchandise except under fair contract.
21. **Pets:** No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
22. **No Smoking Regulation:** No smoking in any building or tent on the fairgrounds by order of the fire marshal.
23. **Golf/ATV/Off-Road Vehicles Policy:** Please check with the St. Joseph County Grange Fair at (269) 467-8935.
24. **Open Class:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board passed the following rule regarding cross-over into open class: youth exhibitors may enter the same animals in appropriate classes in the Open Class division for goats and horses. The 4-H exhibitor will pay entry fees and housing fees.

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4. **Fraud and Deception:** Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to any exhibit. Fraud and/or deception is defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
 - A. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to non-livestock projects (i.e., a non-livestock project may only be exhibited one time at the Fair).
 - B. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to but is not limited to animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling).
 - C. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in letter (D) below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to letters (A) & (B) above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
 - D. MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples that may be collected from any animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including any steroids, drug or chemical affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.
 - E. Species superintendent team may file documentation without filing fees if rules A - D are not followed.
5. **Animal Exhibitor Dress Code:** Exhibitors may not wear any item that promotes their club's name or logo, a farm name, award(s) won by the exhibitor or species or breed associations while exhibiting in animal classes at the fair. **Note:** Volunteers working at the fair in support of a livestock show must also follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code during the show. Exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for shows and evaluations as specified in the St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book under each species' requirements.
6. **Substitute Exhibitor:** An exhibitor/parent/guardian may request permission **in writing** for a substitute showman from the project superintendent **prior to** the class being shown. Some valid reasons are: personal emergency or an approved scheduling conflict that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show their own animal. The substitute exhibitor must be a current-year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member. Substitute showmen are not allowed in Showmanship classes.
7. **Assistant Animal Handlers:** Assistant handlers are allowed when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a market class. The assistant handler must be a current-year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member.
8. **Accommodations for Youth with Disabilities:** Accommodations in judging will be given to exhibitors identified on fair entry forms prior to fair in writing as having a disability (physical, mental, emotional and/or learning) that affects their ability to compete effectively with exhibitors without disabilities. Youth with disabilities may be assisted, as necessary, during project evaluation and/or in the show ring by a parent/guardian, 4-H leader or other current St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA member. It will be the responsibility of the "assistant" to inform the judging clerk (in the case of project evaluation) or the show superintendent (in the case of animal science classes) of the reason for his/her presence at the evaluation or in the show ring.
9. **Coaching is prohibited:** Coaching of an exhibitor while they are in the show ring or participating in the evaluation of their project work is prohibited. Coaching is any behavior intended to direct the actions of a given exhibitor during the show or evaluation. Exhibitors determined to be the recipient of coaching may be disqualified from the class at the discretion of the 4-H project superintendent, judge and/or St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. * Parents may intervene if safety or excessive animal handling is observed.
10. **Examination and Testing of Project Animals:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council, St. Joseph County 4-H Livestock Association, St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors, and St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff reserve the right to order the examination or testing of any animal for any reason by officials or veterinarians appointed by any of the above-mentioned organizations.
11. **All youth livestock exhibitors** will be held responsible for cleaning and tearing down their project pen/stall at the end of fair. Individuals or clubs may be assessed a \$50.00 fine for failure to do so.
12. All pen/stall cards must be above pen/stalls by **Sunday September 15, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.** Any pen/stall without signs will be yellow tagged.

Filing a Rules Related Complaint

The following procedure will be followed regarding the handling of a rule violation complaint:

1. Contact the appropriate superintendent or assistant superintendent and discuss your concerns with them to determine if rules have been violated. The superintendent may then choose to consult with local St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. If you are not satisfied with the results of this process, you may file a complaint, see rule 2 and following.
2. Any person interested in bringing a rule violation complaint against an exhibitor must complete, sign and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 24 hours of the alleged violation or becoming aware of the situation and within the seven (7) day fair time frame. Every effort should be made, if possible, to submit a complaint prior to an animal exhibition in a show. This does not guarantee removal of the animal from the show. If an alleged violation happens after exhibition, a complaint form must be submitted no later than the last Saturday of the current fair week by 12:00 p.m. A \$100 cash filing fee per complaint form is due and payable at the time the complaint is filed. If the complaint is upheld, the filing fee will be refunded. If the

complaint is not upheld, the filing fee will go to the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council.

3. The exhibitor and/or parent or guardian against whom a 4-H rule violation complaint has been filed has the right to read the complaint.
4. The animal may be placed under quarantine until appropriate examination and collection of samples for testing are completed.
5. The exhibitor or their parent/guardian against whom the complaint is filed (hereafter referred to as the respondent) is required to complete and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Response Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 12 hours of receiving a copy of the "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" filed against them. The individual who brought the complaint (hereafter known as the complainant) has the right to read the response form.
6. Both the complainant and the respondent will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee for a hearing on the matter. Any youth exhibitor appearing before this committee must have their parents/legal guardians or their designee present and they may speak on behalf of the exhibitor. Each side has a maximum of 10 minutes to present the facts of their case, with the complainant speaking first. Each side also has five minutes for rebuttal. The Committee will deliberate as they determine appropriate and render its decision. **Upon the decision it will be final.**
7. A written copy of the 4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee's decision and penalties assessed, if applicable will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant as soon as possible after a decision has been rendered. If, for any reason, a decision regarding the rule violation cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision.
8. The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors has final authority over decisions involving the Fair per the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee: Committee is comprised of four persons of the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive board, the 4-H Program Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors 4-H Liaison, as well as Livestock Association Committee members as appropriate. The 4-H Youth Council President, or their designee, will serve as the chairperson. If there is a conflict of interest with any of the above representatives, the 4-H Program Coordinator will choose a designee to stand in place of said representative.

Fair Management Rights: The fair management (governing entity of the event) reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud/deception or violation of rules in connection with a given exhibit and take such action as deemed just and proper. It also reserves the right of MSU Extension, FFA, or their affiliated organizations to take action in a situation when behavior inappropriate to the purpose of 4-H or FFA that is not explicitly addressed in these rules has occurred.

4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form: All youth exhibitors exhibiting animals at the fair are required to complete the "4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form" and turn it into their club organizational leader or the MSU

Extension office with fair entry forms by August 12, 2024 (subject to change).

Penalties for Misconduct

When it is determined that a rule has been violated or misconduct has occurred while exhibiting in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken:

1. The exhibit in question shall be barred from the show if determined prior to the show or disqualified if discovered after completion of the class or show. Other animals will be moved up a place. Exception: grand champion drive; champion division animals cannot be moved up because the next overall grand champion animal is not chosen in the ring.
2. Any or all other 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division exhibits of the exhibitor may be disqualified and the animals may be made ineligible for the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Should a rule violation be established after a market animal has been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales, the sale will be voided.
3. Awards and/or premiums earned by said exhibitor **in any or all** 4-H/FFA & Other Youth departments may be forfeited and/or withheld pending final decision.
4. At the discretion of a committee comprised of the 4-H Program Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board 4-H Liaison, the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Board and Livestock Association, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from competition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of up to three years.

Registration and Check-in

1. Ear tags, neck tags, leg bands and wing bands will be supplied, and tattoo numbers assigned by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. 4-H superintendents and FFA advisors may borrow tagging pliers and tattoo kits for a maximum of three (3) days only.
2. All youth exhibitors must follow the identification and registration process at the initial weigh-in/tagging of each species.
3. Initial weigh-in/tagging and fair week weigh-in/check-in dates and times are listed in each appropriate section by species and in Project Information Letters online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_livestock.
4. Reweighing, at the request of the exhibitor, is prohibited.
5. **All animals must be checked in by the exhibitor or an immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check-in times at fair.**

4-H Livestock Association Market Livestock Sales

1. Market animals must be shown at the fair in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth division in order to be sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales.
2. **Goats, poultry, rabbits:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Small Animal Auction unless the

**Section R - Ranchmanship
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

Pattern 1 will be used for odd years, pattern 2 will be used for even years. Patterns available in the Horse Project rule book: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony

Class

- 91501 - Ranchmanship Pattern, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91502 - Ranch Pleasure, exhibitors All Ages.

Section S - Hunter Over Fences

1. Coordinator approval is required for entry in each class.
2. "4-H Jumping Safety Guidelines/Class Requirements" are available for viewing/download at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony regarding jumping equipment requirements, class rules, and number of required "hands-on" 4-H jumping clinics that must be attended in order to be eligible to exhibit in this section.
3. No "Schooling" over jumps at the fairgrounds unless 4-H Jumping Program Coordinator is present to supervise. Schooling may only be done with proper attire and tack.
4. Cross-pole classes may be executed at the trot.

**Performance Classes:
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

Class

- 91601 - Jump to Jazz, exhibitors All Ages.

**Equitation Classes:
(Placing premium table = 102)**

Class

- 91602 - Cross-Rail Equitation, exhibitors All ages - trot only.
- 91603 - Beginning Hunter Equitation, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91604 - Hunter over Fences, exhibitors All Ages.

**Section T - Ridden Dressage
(No premiums)**

1. To enter any Dressage flat classes, Dressage Seat Equitation, and/or Suitable for Dressage at Fair you must do at least one Dressage Test.
2. Entry is limited to two consecutive Dressage test levels.
3. Entry is limited to two consecutive Western Dressage test levels.
4. Dressage Test Patterns are located on the 4-H website: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony#Forms

Class

- 91701 - Walk/Trot Dressage Seat Equitation, All Ages.
- 91702 - Walk/Trot Suitable for Dressage (Pleasure), All Ages
- 91703 - Dressage Seat Equitation, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91704 - Suitable for Dressage (Pleasure), exhibitors All Ages
- 91705 - Intro to Dressage, W/T, Test A, exhibitors All Ages
- 91706 - Intro to Dressage, W/T, Test B, exhibitors All Ages
- 91707 - Intro to Dressage, W/T or W/T/C, Test C, exhibitors All Ages
- 91708 - Dressage Training Level - Test I, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages
- 91709 - Dressage Training Level - Test II, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages

91710 - Dressage Training Level - Test III, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages

91711 - Musical Freestyle, exhibitors All Ages

91712 - Western Intro, Test I, W/T, exhibitors All Ages

91713 - Western Intro, Test II, W/T exhibitors All Ages

91714 - Western Basic, Test I, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages

91715 - Western Basic - Test II, W/T/C, exhibitors All Ages

**Section U - Reining
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Pattern 1 will be used for odd years, pattern 2 will be used for even years. Patterns available in the Horse Project rule book: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony

Class

- 91801 - Reining Pattern, exhibitors All Ages

**Section V - Horse Judging
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Horse Judging this year.

1. Exhibit poster (11" x 14") that illustrates what has been learned about a single aspect of horse judging.

Class

- 91901 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 8-11 years old.
- 91902 - Best Exhibit in class 91901. (R)
- 91903 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 12-14 years old.
- 91904 - Best Exhibit in class 91903. (R)
- 91905 - Horse Judging, exhibitors 15-19 years old.
- 91906 - Best Exhibit in class 91905. (R)

Department 22 - Cats & Dogs

**Cats and Cat Care
Sandy Summey, Superintendent**

General Rules and Information

1. A cat is a feline over one year of age as of the show date. A kitten is any feline four months to one year of age as of the show date.
2. Pregnant cats and kittens less than four months of age are ineligible to show.
3. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter an exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
4. For sections D & E exhibitor is NOT required to exhibit a feline for show.

Health Requirements

5. Felines with infectious, contagious or toxicological disease may not be brought to the 4-H Cat Show (see leaders to learn requirements for receiving a "complete" for the project).
6. The exhibitor is responsible for documenting to their cat leaders that their feline(s) have received the required vaccinations:
 - Cats and Kittens: 3-in-1 vaccination and/or booster within past three years and receive their rabies booster within 12 months of the show or document

from the veterinarian that the cat has received a three-year rabies vaccination within three years of the show date. Feline panleukopenia (distemper), rhinotracheitis and calci vaccinations (3-in-1) and booster 3 in 1 prior to the show.

7. If a licensed veterinarian did not administer vaccinations, the exhibitor must complete the 4-H Feline Vaccination Verification Form and submit it to their cat leader.

Fair Rules and Information

8. Feline must be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated carrier suitable for its size.
9. All cats must be removed from the fairgrounds upon completion of judging.
10. All cats must have their toenails clipped.
11. First-year exhibitors may show only one feline.
12. Second-year exhibitors may show one or two different felines. One entry per class.
13. Third-year and more advanced exhibitors may show up to four different felines. One entry per class.
14. The 4-H Cat Show date: **Thursday, September 12, 2024**, 6:00 p.m. in the Henningsen Show Arena, registration is 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
15. Cat must be shown with collar/harness and leash, and must be under the control of the exhibitor at all times.
16. Cat judging criteria:
 - **Animal:** Eyes clear and moist; ears free of parasites and dirt; well groomed; shiny coat that is free of dirt, dandruff and parasites; clipped nails; strong straight limbs; appropriate weight. No penalty for de-clawing.
 - **Exhibitor:** Handles feline in proper, considerate manner.
17. Reference materials available for download at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project

Section A - Cat Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 601 - Senior Showmanship, exhibitors 15-19 or 3rd year exhibitor and up. (TR)
- 602 - Intermediate Showmanship, exhibitors 12-14 or 2nd year exhibitors ages 13-19. (TR)
- 603 - Junior Showmanship, exhibitors 8-11 or 1st year exhibitors ages 8-12. (TR)
- 604 - Super Showmanship: All previous years' class winners from classes 600 and 601 are eligible to compete. **Pre-registration is required.** (TR)

Section B - Household/Purebred Cats and Kittens (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 605 - Longhair Female Cat.
- 606 - Shorthair Female Cat.
- 607 - Champion Female. (PR)
- 608 - Reserve Champion Female. (R)
- 609 - Longhair Male Cat.
- 610 - Shorthair Male Cat.
- 611 - Champion Male. (PR)
- 612 - Reserve Champion Male. (R)
- 613 - Male/Female Kitten.
- 614 - Champion Kitten. (PR)
- 615 - Reserve Champion Kitten. (R)
- 616 - Purebred Cat/Kitten.
- 617 - Champion Purebred. (PR)
- 618 - Reserve Champion Purebred. (R)

- 619 - Grand Champion. (PR)
- 620 - Reserve Grand Champion. (PR)

Section C - Outstanding Feline Personality

1. Awarded to any cat or kitten entered into the show.
2. This award recognizes a feline for its outstanding behavior and personality.

Class

- 621 - "Feline Personality Award". To be awarded to the feline with the best feline personality. (P)

Section D - Cat Husbandry (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Cat Husbandry Project year.

1. Exhibitors should show knowledge gained from the study of cats and cat care, and should consist of a plastic or 3-ring binder notebook.
2. To obtain a copy of the "4-H Cat Husbandry Guidelines" requirements for each year in the project visit www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project
3. Judging will take place at the Cat Show on **Thursday, September 12, 2024.**

Class

- 622 - Level I
- 623 - Best-of-Show in class 621 (TR)
- 624 - Level II
- 625 - Best-of-Show in class 623 (TR)
- 626 - Level III
- 627 - Best-of-Show in class 625 (TR)
- 628 - Level IV
- 629 - Best-of-Show in class 627 (TR)
- 630 - Level V
- 631 - Best-of-Show in class 629 (TR)
- 632 - Level VI
- 633 - Best-of-Show in class 631 (TR)

Section E - Cage Decorating & Cat Craft (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show creativity and original work encompassing a central theme for your cage or Cat Craft.

1. The exhibitor has the choice of either decorating one of the 4-H cat "holding cages" provided at fair (cage dimensions are 18" high, 24" long, and 24" wide) or his/her own cat carrying or show cage or crate.
2. No costumes on cats/kittens.
3. Decorations must cover the back and sides of the cage. The front of the cage may be covered but the door must be accessible and visible. Coverage on top of cage is optional. A blanket, cushion, etc. should be placed inside the cage for the feline to rest on.
4. Judging to be based on originality and neatness.
5. The exhibitor must change the theme for cage decorating each year.
6. All cat crafts and decorated cat cages will be kept and displayed during fair week.
7. Judging will take place at the Cat Show on **Thursday, September 12, 2024.**

Class

- 634 - Decorated cage
- 635 - Best-of-Show in class 633 (TR)
- 636 - Creative Cat Craft. (No premium)
- 637 - Best-of-Show in class 635 (TR)

Dog Care and Training

Katy Myers, Superintendent

General Rules and Information

1. The exhibitor must have access to the project dog on or before May 1 of the current project year.
2. The exhibitor must train the dog from May 1 through the fair.
3. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter an exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
4. Dog must be trained in a St. Joseph County, Michigan 4-H dog club and attend at least one-half of the meetings/workouts offered by the dog club they are enrolled in, of the current year.
5. Each project animal will be judged on whether it has been properly conditioned, groomed and fit for show in any and all 4-H dog classes.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit no more than two dogs per class. The exhibitor must be prepared to complete the sits and downs in either a separate class or both dogs at the same time. If both dogs are in the same class handler must show both dogs with no handler assistance.
7. The judge's decision is final.

Health Requirements

8. The exhibitor must present his/her 4-H dog club organizational leader with documentation that his/her project dog has current license and required vaccinations, documented with the St. Joseph County Canine Immunization and License Form. The club organizational leader is responsible for providing all completed forms to the Superintendent by June 1 of the current project year.

Fair Rules and Information

9. Each exhibitor is required to participate in the dog project skill-a-thon on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024** (see section P).
10. **Registration for ALL show classes will be Saturday, September 14, 2024, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. in the Henningsen Show Arena.** Project dogs will be brought into the show arena, shown, and taken home following the show.
11. Cloverbuds, Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Agility, Grooming Inspections, Exhibitor Interviews, and presentation of Husbandry Notebooks will take place on **Saturday, September 14, 2024 starting at 8:30 a.m.**
12. All dogs exhibited at the fair must be kept on a leash when not being shown in the ring.
13. Exhibitors may use "slip" collars when exhibiting in 4-H dog obedience and/or rally classes at fair. No pinch collars, "halties" or other similar type of collars allowed. "Gentle" leaders may be used in the beginner Novice class and/or the Pre Novice-A classes. In Pre-Novice classes, leashes must be 6-foot long. In all other Obedience and/or Rally classes the leash need only be long enough to provide adequate slack for heeling in Obedience and to perform all Rally exercises. For Agility, see Agility guidelines.

14. **No outside the ring coaching allowed.** If coaching is observed, the judge can and will deduct points at their discretion.
15. Any dog showing excessive aggression as determined by show officials is to be reported to the Superintendent. Members may be asked to remove the dog from the show area and may be told the dog cannot be shown.
16. If an exhibitor's female dog is "in season" the day of the show, the following rules apply:
 - a. Exhibitors must notify 4-H Dog Project Superintendent at least ½ hour prior to the start of the show that the dog is in season.
 - b. Exhibitors must keep the dog outside the show arena building until called by the ring steward to show in a given class. The dog must then be taken back outside the building until called for the next class. Dogs must be shown in one of the show rings inside the show arena.
 - c. Obedience class competition will be done on an individual basis after all other obedience classes have been completed, regardless of where obedience class in question is in "order of show".
 - d. If a given showmanship class line-up includes an "in season" female, the class will not be held until all obedience classes in the show have been completed. Therefore, the Dog Project Superintendent under this circumstance may change the published order of showmanship classes.
17. In obedience classes, if exhibitor's dog received less than 50% on the total score, he/she may remain in the same class the following year. **Exception:** If class has "A" and "B" divisions, exhibitor must advance to "B" division. Total years in class not to exceed 2 consecutive years. (i.e., One year in "A" and one year in "B" **or** two years in "B".) If they received less than 50% on three or more exercises, they do not qualify for a trophy and/or award. In Rally classes if a dog fails three (3) or more stations they do not qualify for a trophy and/or award.
18. In Obedience, Agility, and Rally classes the exhibitor must show his/her dog at the next highest level at which the dog/dogs have received a qualifying score in any 4-H or non-4-H show.
19. In obedience classes, once a dog has advanced to the next higher-class level, it may not be dropped back to a lower-class level to show except if a new member is showing the dog, it may drop back multiple classes with approval of superintendent.
20. In any dog project classes, exhibitor must have an "A" rating in order to qualify for any trophy and/or award.
21. Each dog entered in any class of the Dog Project, must be judged on grooming on Saturday, September 14, 2024 in the Henningsen Show Arena as part of the scoring process. Any dog not judged on grooming will result in not being eligible to participate in the 4-H Dog Show for the current year.

Section F - Dog Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Classes may be divided at the discretion of Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
2. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
3. All rules listed above apply to Dog Fitting & Showmanship.
4. Show lead with attached chain is **not** allowed.

5. To obtain a copy of the “Dog Project Dress Code” for information on dress code requirements for this section go to www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.

Class

- 701 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 15-19 (TR)
 702 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 13-14 (TR)
 703 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 11-12 (TR)
 704 - Dog Fitting & Showmanship, exhibitors 8-10 (TR)
 705 - Top Dog Showman - Open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 700 - 703. (Special T & R, U.S. Savings Bond)

Section G - Dog Obedience (Placing premium table = 102)

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Obedience Project Guidelines** (available on the 4-H webpage at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Obedience Project.
2. Given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in “A” level classes one time.
3. A given dog may only be exhibited in “B” level classes one time unless the dog starts at the “B” level, and it had a non-qualifying score the first time it was exhibited at the “B” level.
4. The exhibitors 4-H Dog Project Leader, based on the observation of the exhibitor and their dog, determine eligibility for all obedience classes.

Class

- 706 - Beginner Novice
 707 - Best in Class 706 (R)
 708 - Pre-Novice A (on leash), exhibitors 8-12 years old
 709 - Pre-Novice A (on leash), exhibitors 13-19 years old
 710 - Best of Show in classes 708 and 709 (R)
 711 - Pre-Novice B, exhibitors 8-12 years old
 712 - Pre-Novice B, exhibitors 13-19 years old
 713 - Best of Show in classes 711 and 712 (R)
 714 - Beginner Overall Champion (TR)
 715 - Novice A
 716 - Novice B
 717 - Best of Show in classes 715 and 716 (R)
 718 - Graduate Novice A
 719 - Graduate Novice B
 720 - Best of Show in classes 718 and 719 (R)
 721 - Intermediate Overall Champion (PR)
 722 - Advanced Graduate Novice A
 723 - Advanced Graduate Novice B
 724 - Best of Show in classes 722 and 723 (R)
 725 - Open A
 726 - Open B
 727 - Best of Show in classes 725 and 726 (R)
 728 - Pre-Utility A
 729 - Pre-Utility B
 730 - Best of Show classes 728 and 729 (R)
 731 - Utility A
 732 - Utility B
 733 - Best Exhibit in classes 731 and 732 (R)
 734 - Advanced Overall Champion (PR)

Section H - Dog Husbandry (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Dog Project year.

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Husbandry Project Guidelines** for specific notebook requirements for each year of the Dog Husbandry Project at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.
2. Plastic or 3-ring binder notebook must be added to each year and must be divided by year.
3. Dog Husbandry project evaluations will take place in the Henningsen Show Arena **Saturday, September 14, 2024**. Notebooks and posters will be left with the Dog Superintendent. Results of the judging of the notebooks and posters will be available in the still exhibit barns throughout the week.

Class

- 735 - 1st-Year. See Rule 1
 736 - Best Exhibit in class 735 (R)
 737 - 2nd-Year. See Rule 1
 738 - Best Exhibit in class 737 (R)
 739 - 3rd-Year. See Rule 1
 740 - Best Exhibit in class 739 (R)
 741 - 4th-Year. See Rule 1
 742 - Best Exhibit in class 741 (R)
 743 - Best of Show in Beginner Division in classes 736, 738, 740, & 742 (TR)
 744 - 5th-Year. See Rule 1
 745 - Best Exhibit in class 744 (R)
 746 - 6th-Year. See Rule 1
 747 - Best Exhibit in class 746 (R)
 748 - 7th-Year. See Rule 1
 749 - Best Exhibit in class 748 (R)
 750 - 8th-Year. See Rule 1
 751 - Best Exhibit in class 750 (R)
 752 - Best of Show in Intermediate Division in classes 745, 747, 749, & 751 (TR)
 753 - 9th-Year. See Rule 1
 754 - 10th-Year. See Rule 1
 755 - Best Exhibit in classes 753 and 754 (R)
 756 - 11th-Year. See Rule 1
 757 - Best Exhibit in class 756 (R)
 758 - Best of Show in Advance Division in classes 755 & 757 (PR)

Section J - 4-H Leader/Service Dog Puppies (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 759 - Performance trial appropriate for type of service dog.

Section K - 4-H Leader/Service Dog “Puppy Program” Educational Exhibit (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 760 - Plastic or 3-ring binder notebook and 11” wide and 14” tall poster showing knowledge gained from study of a specific service dog puppy-training program. Notebook should contain information on the history of the service dog program in question, plus information on obtaining, socializing and training a puppy. The exhibitor must report on a different program each year.

761 - Best Exhibit in class 760. (R)

Section L - Specialty Classes
(A, B, C premium table = 6)

1. The team is composed of four dogs and handlers, with each dog showing at Novice level or higher in the obedience classes at the current year's fair. All exercises will be executed at the same time except the "recall".
2. The team may be composed of exhibitors from more than one club.
3. Each team member must make an entry in the Team class.
4. Each team class member will receive an A, B or C premium according to the team A, B or C rating.
5. Each member of the 1st place team will receive an award.
6. Brace is composed of two dogs coupled or uncoupled, handled by one handler during Novice exercises. Dogs must be novice level or higher (no Pre-novice).

Class

762 - Team (See rules 1 - 4).

763 - Champion in Class 762. (Special TR)

764 - Brace (See rule 1 and 6).

765 - Champion in Class 764. (PR)

766 - Veteran's Class - obedience class for dogs seven years old or older by January 1 of current year. Exercises to be performed and judged at the Novice level. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in any class in Sections G or M. Dogs can be shown in any other class at highest level the handler and/or dog is qualified for. Documentation of dog's age must be provided to dog project leader.

767 - Champion in Class 766. (PR)

Section M - Agility
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. 4-H Dog Project Leader(s) determine eligibility. First year exhibitors and/or dogs must complete and show a pre-novice obedience class in order to be eligible for agility class(es).
2. Dogs over seven (7) years old must have a signed veterinarian approval turned in to the club organizational leader by July 1, 2024.
3. Agility competitors must attend 50% of available agility sessions offered before the fair.
4. **Agility Levels/Classes:** There are four levels of competition within the St. Joseph County 4-H Agility Program: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Graduate. Each level is further divided into class "A" and "B". "A" is for handlers and/or dogs that will be competing at a given agility level for the first time. "B" is for handlers and/or dogs that have competed previously in the "A" class of the agility level.
5. A given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
6. A given dog may only exhibit in "B" level classes with the same handler one time unless the dog and/or handler starts at the "B" level.
7. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Agility Project Guidelines** for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Agility Project at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project.
8. Dogs will wear a flat buckle collar for all agility classes. Beginner Agility class participants will use a 3 foot leash. Dogs are not permitted to wear any collar tags.

Class

768 - Beginner A.

769 - Best in Class - Beginner A (R)

770 - Beginner B.

771 - Best in Class - Beginner B (R)

772 - Beginner Overall Champion. (PR)

773 - Intermediate A.

774 - Best in Class -Intermediate A (R)

775 - Intermediate B.

776 - Best in Class - Intermediated B (R)

777 - Intermediate Overall Champion. (PR)

778 - Advanced A.

779 - Best in Class - Advanced A (R)

780 - Advanced B.

781 - Best in Class - Advanced B (R)

782 - Graduate A.

783 - Best in Class - Graduate A (R)

784 - Graduate B.

785 - Best in Class - Graduate B (R)

786 - Advanced Overall Champion. (PR)

Section N - Rally Classes
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. See St. Joseph County **4-H Dog Rally Project Guidelines** at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project for specific requirements for each class of the Dog Rally Project.
2. A given dog and/or handler may exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
3. In all Rally classes handler and dog must receive a minimum score of 70 to qualify for trophy.
4. In all Rally classes if the handler and dog receive a non-qualifying score (less than 70) they may stay in same class at B level not to exceed 2 consecutive years.
5. **Rally Levels/Classes:** There are four (4) levels of competition within the St. Joseph County 4-H Rally Program: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Excellent. Each level is further divided into class "A" and "B". "A" is for handlers and/or dogs that will be competing at a given rally level for the first time. "B" is for handlers and/or dogs that have competed previously in the "A" class of the rally level.
6. A given dog and/or handler may only exhibit in "A" level classes one time.
7. A given dog may only exhibit in "B" level classes with the same handler one time unless the dog and/or handler starts at the "B" level.
8. Intermediate, Advance and Excellent classes will be shown off-leash.

Class

787 - Beginner A Rally.

788 - Best in Class - Beginner A Rally (R)

789 - Beginner B Rally.

790 - Best in Class - Beginner B Rally (R)

791 - Beginner Overall Champion. (TR)

792 - Intermediate A Rally.

793 - Best in Class - Intermediate A Rally (R)

794 - Intermediate B Rally.

795 - Best in Class - Intermediate B Rally (R)

796 - Intermediate Overall Champion. (PR)

797 - Advance A Rally.

798 - Best in Class - Advance A Rally (R)

799 - Advance B Rally.

800 - Best in Class - Advance B Rally (R)

- 801 - Excellent A Rally.
- 802 - Best in Class - Excellent A Rally (R)
- 803 - Excellent B Rally.
- 804 - Best in Class - Excellent B Rally (R)
- 805 - Master A and Master B.
- 806 - Best in Class – Master A and Master B (R)
- 807 - Advanced Overall Champion (PR)

**Section P - Dog Project Skill-A-Thon
(No premiums - Ribbon only)**

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of dog project must participate in the 4-H Dog Project Skill-A-Thon. Failure to complete the appropriate skill-a-thon will result in their dog project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their dogs from the fairgrounds on show day.
2. The dog project skill-a-thon will take place at the fairgrounds in the Henningsen Show Arena on **Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

- 808 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old (R)
- 809 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old (R)
- 810 - Dog Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old (R)

Department 60 - Needlework

**Section A - Crocheting
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

1. Section A - Crocheting is limited to personal garments only. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in the appropriate garment construction class.
2. Beginning Crocheting (8-11 years old) - Crochet skills to be utilized by members at this level include: chain, single crochet, and double crochet.
3. Intermediate Crocheting (12-14 years old) - Garment made may include a simple crocheted-in design requiring the use of two or more colors and types of yarn.
4. Intermediate Crocheting - A member exhibiting in Crocheting for the first time should select a garment suitable for their ability and may select a simple garment listed under Beginning Crocheting.
5. Advanced Crocheting (15-19 years old) - Garment made should require use of more advanced crocheting skills than those used previously.
6. Advanced Crocheting - A member exhibiting in Crocheting for the first time should select a garment suitable for their ability and may select a simple garment listed under Beginning or Intermediate Crocheting.
7. Exhibitors must have their names on the back of their project(s).

Class

- 6001 - Beginning Crocheting - First-Year - one crocheted garment. Suggested garments: scarf, hat, or vest. Only one solid color or variegated worsted yarn.
- 6002 - Best Exhibit in class 6001. (R)
- 6003 - Beginning Crocheting - Second-Year - Suggested garments: first-year projects not completed in previous

year and a simple sweater, or shawl. More than one color of yarn and/or type may be used.

- 6004 - Best Exhibit in class 6003. (R)
- 6005 - Beginning Crocheting - Third-Year - suggested garments not completed in 1st or 2nd year projects.
- 6006 - Best Exhibit in class 6005. (R)
- 6007 - Intermediate Crocheting - Crocheted garment(s). See 4-H Crocheting Project Guidelines. Suggested garments may be: poncho, sweater, bed socks, mittens or legwarmers.
- 6008 - Best Exhibit in class 6007. (R)
- 6009 - Advanced Crocheting - Crocheted garment(s). See 4-H Crocheting Project Guidelines. Suggested garments may be: skirt, vest, dress, hat, mittens and scarf or create original pattern or design. Exhibitor's choice.
- 6010 - Best Exhibit in class 6009. (R)

**Section B - Creative Crocheting
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

1. Open to exhibitors of all ages.
2. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in this section.
3. Limited to baby outfits and crocheted articles other than garments.
4. A pattern should be used where available. If a pattern is being used, pattern must accompany project at judging.
5. Exhibitors must have their names on the back of their project(s).

Class

- 6011 - Item(s) made with crochet thread (i.e., doilies, place mats, dresser scarf, etc.).
- 6012 - Item(s) made with crochet yarn (i.e., stuffed animal, pillow, toy, baby outfit, etc.) (2 or more items)
- 6013 - Afghan.
- 6014 - Best Exhibit in classes 6011, 6012 & 6013. (R)
- 6015 - Best-of-Show in classes 6002, 6004, 6006, 6008, 6010 & 6014. (TR)

**Section C - Knitting
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

1. Section C - Knitting is limited to personal garments only. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in the appropriate garment construction class.
2. Beginning Knitting (8-11 years old) - Knitting skills to be utilized by members at this level include: cast on, knit, purl, rib, and bind off.
3. Intermediate Knitting (12-14 years old) - Garment made may include a simple knit-in design requiring the use of two or more colors of yarn.
4. Intermediate Knitting - A member exhibiting in Knitting for the first time should select a garment suitable for their ability and may select a simple garment listed under Beginning Knitting.
5. Advanced Knitting (15-19 years old) - Garment made should require use of more advanced knitting skills than those used previously (i.e., use a different type yarn; a knit-in design; an original pattern or design; combine patterns, or alter a pattern to achieve a different look). If you use a pattern, it must accompany the project at judging.
6. Advanced Knitting - A member exhibiting in Knitting for the first time should select a garment suitable for their ability and may select a simple garment listed under Beginning Knitting or Intermediate Knitting.

Premium Tables
4-H & Other Youth Fair Premium Book
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Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for specific classes), and refer to the premium tables listed below. The premium table for a given section applies to all classes in the section. **Exception:** No premiums are awarded in Best Exhibit, Best-in-Class, Best-of-Show, Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion classes. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

A, B, C Premium Tables			
Table No.	"A" Rating	"B" Rating	"C" Rating
1	3.00	2.00	1.00
2	4.00	3.00	2.00
3	5.00	4.00	3.00
4	6.00	5.00	4.00
5	7.00	6.00	5.00
6	8.00	7.00	6.00
7	10.00	5.00	3.00
7a	11.00	7.00	4.00
8	15.00	10.00	----
9	15.00	10.00	5.00
10	18.00	11.00	7.00
11	25.00	15.00	----
12	25.00	15.00	10.00
12a	25.00	18.00	11.00
13	35.00	25.00	----
14	35.00	25.00	15.00

Placing Premium Tables								
Table No.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
101	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
102	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
103	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
104	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
105	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
105a	12.00	10.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
106	15.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
107	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00



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