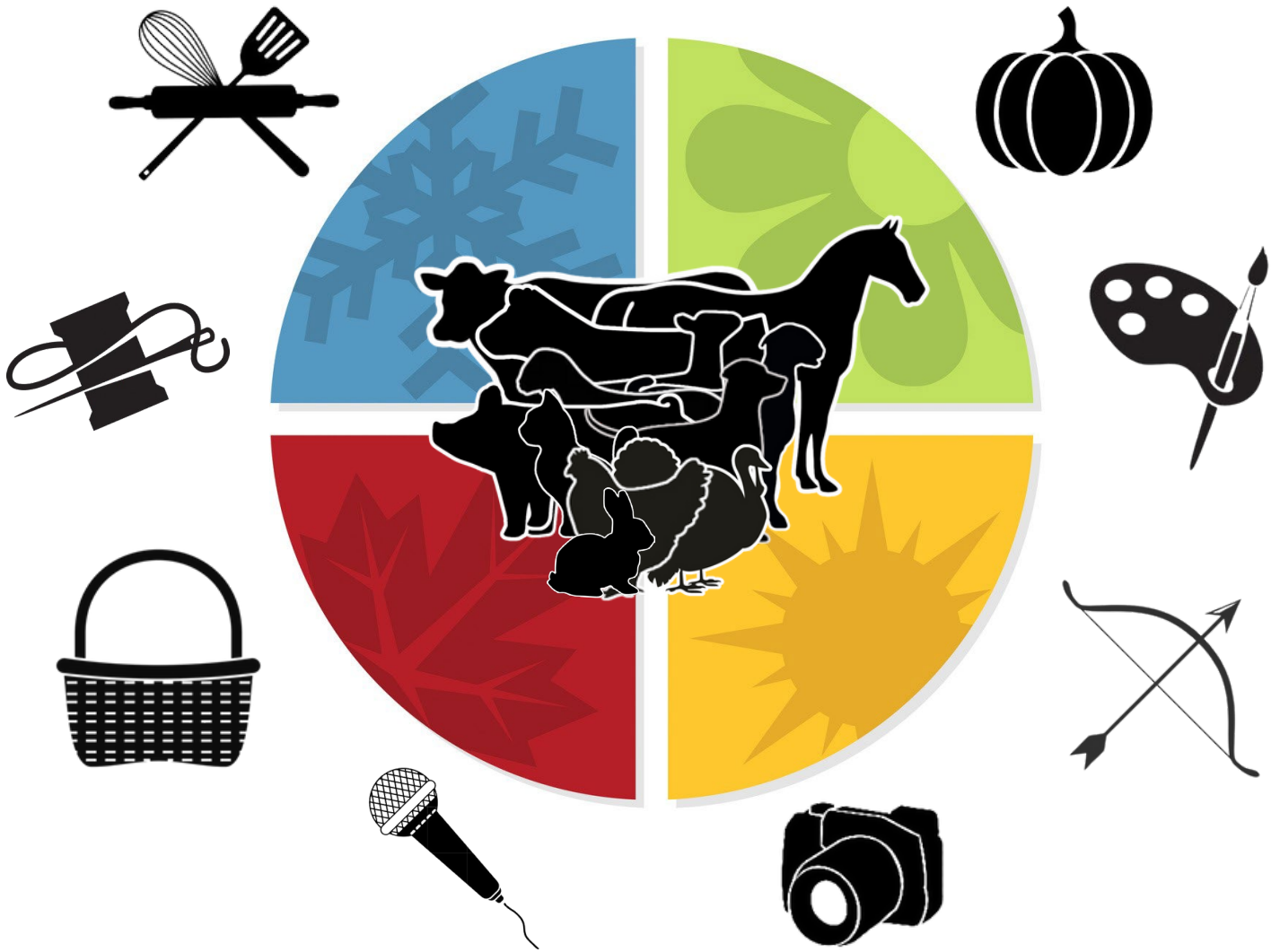


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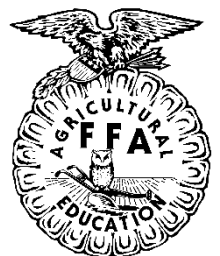
St. Joseph County Grange Fair

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

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The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association is a member of Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions, International Association of Fairs & Exhibitions, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, United States Trotting Association, Michigan Harness Horsemen Association, Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, Sturgis Chamber of Commerce and National Independent Concessionaires.

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 Sheep Evaluation..... 6:30 p.m.
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 Livestock Skill-A-Thons* 2:00 p.m.
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.
4-H Goat Interviews 9:00 a.m.
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:

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- 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

1536 - Reserve Champion Heavyweight Pen. (TR)

Section F - Championship Market Rabbits

1. To be chosen from the winners of Classes 1519-1527 and 1528-1536.

Class

- 1537 - Grand Champion Pen Market Rabbits. (PR)
1538 - Reserve Grand Champion Pen Market Rabbits. (PR)

Section G - Crossbred Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All breeding stock rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession, identified by a legible tattoo in the left ear, and registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **August 11** of the current project year. Exhibitors may tattoo **only six** breeding stock rabbits.
2. Crossbred rabbits that meet American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed standards may be moved to show as Purebred Rabbits at the judge's discretion.
3. **BREEDING STOCK RABBITS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 BY 8:00 A.M.**

Class

- 1539 - Senior Doe, 7 months of age or older.
1540 - Junior Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
1541 - Champion Crossbred Doe. (TR)
1542 - Reserve Champion Crossbred Doe. (TR)
1543 - Senior Buck, 7 months of age or older.
1544 - Junior Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
1545 - Champion Crossbred Buck. (TR)
1546 - Reserve Champion Crossbred Buck. (TR)
1547 - Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit. (PR)
1548 - Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred Rabbit. (PR)

Sections H and J - Purebred Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All breeding stock rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession, identified by a legible tattoo in the left ear and registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **August 11** of the current project year. Exhibitors may tattoo **only six** breeding stock rabbits.
2. Purebred rabbits must meet American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed standards to be eligible. No papers required.
3. Consult American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) "Standard of Perfection" guide to determine which class (Junior or Senior) a given rabbit should be entered in.
4. **BREEDING STOCK RABBITS MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 BY 8:00 A.M.**

Section H - Fancy Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1549 - Senior Doe, 7 months of age or older.
1550 - Junior Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
1551 - Champion Fancy Purebred Doe. (TR)
1552 - Reserve Champion Fancy Purebred Doe. (TR)
1553 - Senior Buck, 7 months of age or older.
1554 - Junior Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
1555 - Champion Fancy Purebred Buck. (TR)
1556 - Reserve Champion Fancy Purebred Buck. (TR)

- 1557 - Grand Champion Fancy Purebred Rabbit. (PR)
1558 - Reserve Grand Champion Fancy Purebred Rabbit. (PR)

Section J - Commercial Breeding Stock Rabbits (Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1559 - Senior Doe, 7 months of age or older.
1560 - Junior Doe, 6 months of age and younger.
1561 - Champion Commercial Purebred Doe. (TR)
1562 - Reserve Champion Commercial Purebred Doe. (TR)
1563 - Senior Buck, 7 months of age or older.
1564 - Junior Buck, 6 months of age and younger.
1565 - Champion Commercial Purebred Buck. (TR)
1566 - Reserve Champion Commercial Purebred Buck. (TR)
1567 - Grand Champion Commercial Purebred Rabbit. (PR)
1568 - Res. Grand Champion Commercial Purebred Rabbit. (PR)

Section K - Market Rabbit Kindling Report (A, B, C premium table = 2)

Educational Objective: To show knowledge gained throughout Kindling Project.

1. This section is optional and open to exhibitors who kindled their pen of 4-H market rabbits from their own breeding stock (see Section D).
2. Exhibit two (2) 11" x 14" posters with six (6) 4" x 6" photographs and captions of the following: one photograph each of housing facility, buck, and doe. Three photographs showing the progress and growth of litter. (Poster board available at St. Joseph County MSU Extension office.)

Class

- 1569 - Exhibit completed 4-H Market Rabbit Kindling Report and 11" x 14" poster containing six photographs
1570 - Best-of-Show Mkt. Rabbit Kindling Report. (TR)

Department 16 - Horses & Ponies

Danielle Sackrider, Superintendent
Racheal Hartman, Assistant Superintendent

General Rules and Information

1. Horse Project members and their parents/guardians are responsible for knowing and obeying the rules governing the exhibition of horses and ponies in the youth Horse Department at the fair including the [Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations](#). Members may be disciplined by loss of privileges including, but not limited to, loss of fair premium monies and awards; dismissal from a given class(es), and removal of project animal(s) from the fairgrounds. For current year horse project rules and patterns see www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony.
2. All project animals must be registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by May 1 of the current project year. All exhibitors may only show animals signed up in exhibitor's name at the St. Joseph County fair. Members are responsible for supplying the following information, on registration forms, regarding each project animal: name, sex, age, breed, **3 1/2" x 2 1/2" FULL BODY sideview color photo**.

3. Exhibitors may register and show up to six project animals at the fair.
4. **Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class.**
*Attention: If you choose to show a given 4-H project animal in **BOTH** a Fitting & Showmanship class and a Horsemanship class, the animal must be shown in the same type of Fitting & Showmanship and Horsemanship classes (i.e., a horse shown in a Gymkhana Fitting & Showmanship class would need to be shown in the corresponding (based on exhibitor age) Gymkhana Horsemanship class, etc.)*
5. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
6. Stallions may not be shown/exhibited at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
7. A pony is any animal 56" and under. A miniature is any animal 38" and under. The pony/miniature must be measured and registered with a St. Joseph County Pony ID number. See current pony measurement list at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony#Pony.
8. The exhibitor must wear appropriate footwear (i.e., riding boots or approved riding shoes with heels) whenever he/she is mounted on a horse. Exhibitor must also wear an approved ASTM-SEI helmet for the following disciplines: Ridden Gymkhana classes and Hunter classes (including any classes where the exhibitor rides "hunt style"), Saddle Seat, Competitive Trail, Jumping, Classical Dressage, Bareback and at all practice events. The helmets must meet the American Society for testing and Materials (ASTM) testing standards, must be manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and must bear the SEI certification label. (See 4-H Bulletin "[Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project Rules and Regulations](#)".)
9. All exhibitors are required to wear the number assigned by 4-H Horse Council (HC) for each corresponding horse/exhibitor combination while being judged in any 4-H class at the St. Joseph County Fair.
10. **All animals must be checked in by exhibitor or 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 the fair.**
11. All horses and ponies must be checked-in and stalled at the fairgrounds **by 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 14, 2024.** HC Executive Board will do a walk through from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Horses must remain in their stalls during this time. Horses and ponies may arrive **Friday, September 13, 2024 per leader permission.**
12. All requests for trailering in are to be made in writing to the 4-H Horse/Pony Project Superintendent, or in their absence to the Assistant Superintendent. For a copy of the form see www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony#Forms.
13. Each club member will be responsible for filling at least one stall at fair. Equine to be stalled must be on file in the county registration book and have a negative Coggins.

Health Requirements

14. See www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions.
15. Michigan law requires that all equine entered in exhibitions, expositions or fairs must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test (**Coggins Test**) within the calendar year, or the previous 30 days, and be able to present proof in the form of an official EIA laboratory report (Coggins Test Report). Proof of testing will be required as follows:

- A. A copy of the Coggins Test Report for each horse/pony to be exhibited at fair must be attached to the exhibitor's Horse Fair Entry Form.
- B. The exhibitor must have the original Coggins Test Report on-site at the fairgrounds and must be prepared to produce the test report upon request.
16. All 4-H project animals intended for exhibition at fair must be physically able to be stalled at the fair for the entire week.
17. Exhibitors who remove their project animal(s) from the fairgrounds without approval will forfeit their related premiums and will not be allowed to exhibit in any remaining fair classes. Once removed, project animal will not be allowed on fairgrounds the remainder of the week. See your leader or Horse Council Board member if removal is needed, as a vet check may be required. Fee for the veterinarian is only assessed if care is provided.
18. All horses and ponies must be fed, watered, and exercised daily.

Fair Rules and Information

19. Exhibitors must stable a 4-H project animal in the 4-H Barns on the fairgrounds unless approved by the HC Board.
20. A given exhibitor in this division may receive premiums for no more than five classes.
21. Classes may be divided at the discretion of the 4-H Horse Project Superintendent and/or MSU Extension. **Note:** Classes may be combined/dropped due to low entry numbers.
22. An award will be awarded in each class provided there is a worthy exhibitor as determined by the judge.
23. Horses and ponies must be ridden using a bridle, hackamore, or bosal.
24. Horses and ponies may not be ridden/driven in the barns or in any of the areas where campers are parked.
25. Horses and ponies may only be led out of the east end of the barns.
26. All stalls must be cleaned daily.
27. Horses and ponies must be returned to their stall each night by 9:45 p.m.
28. Horses and ponies may only be washed in the designated wash areas.
29. Horses and ponies may not be tied to any practice ring or show arena fence at any time.
30. **Horses and ponies, when tied, must be properly and safely secured with a halter and lead rope or trailer tie. Bridles must be removed. No neck tying. Failure to follow this safety rule could result in dismissal.**
31. All **breed standard** grooming techniques (including extensions) are allowed.
32. Exercising of 4-H horses and ponies: 4-H horses and ponies must be on lead while going to and from the designated exercise areas.

Horse Sharing Rules and Information

33. Primary and Secondary participants may not enter the same class (including showmanship) with the exception of one-at-a-time, set patterned classes.
34. Both members hereby agree to meet any guidelines established by the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council, Program Coordinator, and/or specialty leaders.
35. Horse/pony/mini must be registered in both primary and secondary 4-H members' names with photo/Coggin's on file.
36. Members must attend minimum number of workouts as established by specialty area leader(s) to be able to show the shared animal at 4-H shows and/or St. Joseph County Grange Fair in Centreville, MI.

Horse Science: Department 69 - Sciences: Section E.
Some awards are attached to the completion of this project that is judged and exhibited with the still projects.

English High Point Award Rules:

- A. Members must be enrolled and participate in the Classical Dressage and/or the Jumping programs and must show in at least one Jumping or Dressage test class at the St. Joseph County Fair.
- B. A given exhibitor may receive this award one time only.
- C. Points will be awarded from placing in English classes (all dressage classes, all jumping classes, all saddle seat pleasure classes, all saddle seat equitation classes, all hunter under saddle classes, all hunt seat equitation classes, all dressage suitability classes, all dressage seat equitation classes, all English pleasure classes, all English equitation classes, all English riding classes) at the Horse Council sponsored shows and/or at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- D. Points will be awarded as follows: up to 6 placings for Horse Council sponsored shows and up to 8 placings at fair. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- E. In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the highest total accumulated points in the jumping and dressage classes.
- F. Walk/Trot classes are eligible for this award.

The Horse with the Most Heart Award Rules:

- A. Points are accumulated at Horse Council sponsored shows and/or fair based on the number of entries, one point per entry, up to six points at Horse Council sponsored shows and up to eight points at fair. **Points are pro-rated.**
- B. Tiebreaker is the horse and rider team with the most 1st places.
- C. Every 4-H speed event will count for points including gymkhana showmanship and gymkhana horsemanship, but points will be awarded in only one class per show. You may accumulate points for more than one horse/rider combination.
- D. First place can be won repeatedly, but only once with the same horse and rider combination.

Driving High Point Award Rules:

- A. Members must be enrolled and participate in the driving program and must show at the St. Joseph County Fair. Points for this award are accumulated at the St. Joseph County Fair only.
- B. Points will be awarded from the placings in the following five (5) classes: Working Pleasure, Reinsmanship, Drive & Showmanship, Driven Obstacle and highest Driven Dressage points. If a 4-H member is enrolled in more than one dressage class with the same horse, pony or miniature the points will be taken only from the highest placing.
- C. **Points will be pro-rated** by the number of participants in the class.
- D. Exhibitors showing more than one equine will accumulate points on each animal or pair of animals separately; points are on a one-horse/one-driver basis or pair horses/one-driver basis.
- E. This award can be won repeatedly, but only once with the same horse/driver combination.
- F. In case of a tie: The winner will be determined by the exhibitor who beats the most drivers in Driving Reinsmanship. If the tie remains, then the exhibitor who beats the most drivers in working pleasure class will win the award. If a third breaker is required, the exhibitor who beats the most drivers in obstacles will win.

Megan Holt All Around Award

- A. Belt buckles: Buckles to be awarded to the overall Champion and Reserve Champion with the most points earned from 11 show bill classes at the St. Joseph County Fair and Horse Science.
- B. Based on the following show bill classes: showmanship, Western pleasure, English pleasure, bareback, trail, reining, poles, barrels, flags, keyhole, and speed and action.
- C. Walk/Trot classes do not count for this award.
- D. To be eligible for this award the exhibitor must attend and qualify in the gymkhana program and show a minimum of 9 show bill classes at the fair.
- E. Members that complete the Horse Science project at the fair will earn 10 points.
- F. Points are tabulated as follows: Eight points for first place, seven points for second place, six points for third place, five points for fourth place, four points for fifth place, three points for sixth place, two points for seventh place and one point for eighth place.
- G. Points will be counted regardless of the number of entries in the class. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- H. Points will be counted by the HC tabulation/point committee.
- I. Exhibitors showing more than one horse or pony will accumulate points on each animal separately.
- J. This award may be won multiple times but only once with the same horse/rider combination.
- K. Tiebreaker will be the fastest time in speed and action.
- L. The second tiebreaker will be the number of horses beaten in showmanship class.

Prairie Ponies High Point In-Hand Award Rules:

- A. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in four (4) in-hand miniature horse and pony classes in the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Program project area.
- B. The award will be based on the performance of the team of one horse/pony and one handler. All horses/ponies must be 46" and under.
- C. A member may compete with more than one horse/pony combination. The winner will be the horse/pony and handler combination with the highest number of points. The award will not be granted to the same team two years in a row.
- D. This award is to be presented at the 4-H Horse awards event at the St Joseph County Grange Fair on the last weekend of the fair.
- E. The award is a Plaque stating the name of the award and \$50 to enhance the recipient's 4-H experience or toward horse related items/tack.
- F. The recipient will present their intentions to the 4-H Horse Council at a Horse Council meeting where the check will be presented to the recipient.
- G. Points will be accumulated from Horse Council sponsored shows and/or Fair Driving/In-Hand Show.
- H. The four (4) classes eligible for points are: in-hand hunter, in-hand jumping, in-hand trail and showmanship.
- I. Not all classes need to be entered to qualify.
- J. Points will be tabulated as stated and the number of entries in the class does not affect the outcome of points: up to 6 placings at Horse Council sponsored shows and 8 placings at fair. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- K. The Horse Council points committee will tabulate the points. If there is a tie, the In-Hand Jumper class at the fair will be the tie breaker.
- L. All participants' points will be tabulated.

St. Joseph County 4-H High Point Awards Rules:

- A. *Will be awarded for a Champion and Reserve Champion in the following age groups: 13-19 and 8-12.*

- B. Fair and/or Horse Council sponsored show classes are counted for this award. Top five (5) placings in the following classes per show will count for the award. Classes are bareback, Western horsemanship, hunt seat equitation, hunt seat pleasure, showmanship, saddle seat equitation, saddle seat pleasure, trail, Western pleasure, and Western/English riding.
- C. Points are tabulated as follows: up to 6 placings for Horse Council sponsored shows and up to 8 placings for fair. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- D. In the event of a tie, the committee will count the number of 1st places received. If a tie remains, 2nd place will be counted and so on.
- E. Points will be counted by the 4-H Horse Council tabulation/point committee. 4-H Horse Council President will confirm all tallied points.
- F. Walk/Trot classes do not count toward this award.

Walk/Trot Award

- A. An award will be given for each age division (8-11 and 12-19 years old) with the most points earned at Horse Council sponsored shows and/or the St. Joseph County Fair in the walk/trot classes.
- B. Classes eligible for points are Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship, Walk/Trot Pleasure, Walk/Trot English Equitation, Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Walk/Trot Bareback and Walk/Trot Trail.
- C. Not all classes need to be entered to qualify.
- D. **Points are pro-rated based** upon the class size of those that compete in the class.
- E. Points will be counted by the Horse Council tabulation/point committee.
- F. Tie breaker will be the Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship class.
- G. Same rider/horse combination may not win this award 2 years in a row.

In-Hand Gymkhana Award

- A. 4-H Youth must be enrolled in and participate in the in-hand miniature horse/pony gymkhana classes at the St. Joseph County Fair.
- B. Points for this award are accumulated at the St. Joseph County Fair only.
- C. Every in-hand gymkhana speed class will count toward the award, excluding in-hand jumping and in-hand hunter.
- D. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in the in-hand miniature horse and pony classes of the St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Program project area.
- E. All miniature horses/ponies must be 46 inches and under.
- F. The award will be based on the performance of the team (project animal and youth), per age division.
- G. Youth may show more than one miniature horse/pony and will accumulate points on each animal separately.
- H. The award will be presented at the 4-H Horse Awards ceremony at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair or at an alternative scheduled place/time of Horse Council's choosing.
- I. Classes will be timed with placings per class based on fastest time with the least amount of errors/faults.
- J. Points will be awarded based on placing in all the in-hand miniature horse/pony gymkhana classes.
- K. Points will be tabulated as follows: eight points for first place, seven points for second place, six points for third place, five points for fourth place, four points for fifth place, three points for sixth place, two points for seventh place and one point for eighth place. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- L. In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the fastest time in the in-hand cloverleaf class.

- M. Award can only be won by horse/youth combination one time.

St. Joseph County Western High Point Award

- A. Members must be enrolled and participate in the Western Dressage program and must show in at least one Western Dressage class at the St. Joseph County Fair.
- B. Points will be awarded based on placing in Bareback Horsemanship, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Reining, Ranchmanship, Ranch Pleasure, and all Western Dressage tests at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- C. Not all classes need to be entered to qualify.
- D. Points will be tabulated as follows: eight points for first place, seven points for second place, six points for third place, five points for fourth place, four points for fifth place, three points for sixth place, two points for seventh place and one point for eighth place. **Points are not pro-rated.**
- E. In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined based on the highest total points in the dressage classes.
- F. Same rider/horse combination may not win this award 2 years in a row.
- G. Walk/Trot classes are eligible for this award.

Competitive Trail Award

- A. Exhibitor/Horse combination must attend at least two (2) qualifying trail rides before the official judged ride. See horse project rule book.
- B. Trail Ride is completed prior to fair, written test is completed at fair.
- C. Up to 8 placings will be awarded based on the overall ride. Points based on the competitive trail scoring requirements.
- D. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the horse with the lowest pulse & respiration.

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

1. **Attention:** If you choose to show a given 4-H project animal in **BOTH** a Fitting & Showmanship class and a Horsemanship class, the animal must be show in the same type of Fitting & Showmanship and Horsemanship classes (i.e., a horse shown in a Gymkhana Fitting & Showmanship class would need to be shown in the corresponding Gymkhana Horsemanship class, etc.)
2. **Attention:** To participate in a Gymkhana Showmanship class, horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of three gymkhana performance classes.
3. Only one (1) showmanship class will be allowed per horse/rider combination.

Class

- 90001 - Horse/ Pony Showmanship, over 52", exhibitors 15-19
- 90002 - Pony/Mini Horse Showmanship, ponies 52" & under, exhibitors 15-19
- 90003 - Pony Showmanship, over 38" to 56", exhibitors 12-14
- 90004 - Pony Showmanship, over 38" to 56", exhibitors 8-11
- 90005 - Mini-Horse Showmanship, 38" & under, exhibitors 12-14
- 90006 - Mini-Horse Showmanship, 38" & under, exhibitors 8-11
- 90007 - Horse Showmanship, exhibitors 12-14
- 90008 - Horse Showmanship, exhibitors 8-11
- 90009 - Gymkhana Showmanship Horse/Pony, exhibitors 15-19
- 90010 - Gymkhana Showmanship Horse/Pony, exhibitors 12-14
- 90011 - Gymkhana Showmanship Horse/Pony, exhibitors, 8-11
- 90012 - Champion Senior Showman (**Special TR**)
Top horse exhibitor 15-19 years old will compete as the Horse Project representative in the Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.

- 90013 - Res. Champion Senior Showman. **(Special R) 15-19**
 90014 - Champion Junior Showman. **(Special TR) 8-14**
 90015 - Res. Champion Junior Showman. **(Special R) 8-14**

Section B - Western Horsemanship
(Placing premium table = 102)

- Attention:** If you choose to show a given 4-H project animal in **BOTH** a Fitting & Showmanship class and a Horsemanship class, the animal must be shown in the same type of Fitting & Showmanship and Horsemanship classes (*i.e., a horse shown in a Gymkhana Fitting & Showmanship class would need to be shown in the corresponding Gymkhana Horsemanship class, etc.*) **Once this requirement has been met, additional horsemanship classes can be completed. See rule 2.**
- Attention:** In order to participate in a Gymkhana Horsemanship class, horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of three gymkhana performance classes. **Note: There was an updated Gymkhana Horsemanship Pattern starting in 2023. See the pattern in the St. Joseph County Project rule book: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony**

Class

- 90101 - Pony Horsemanship, all ponies, exhibitors All Ages
 90102 - Horse Horsemanship, all horses, exhibitors 13-19
 90103 - Horse Horsemanship, all horses, exhibitors 8-12
 90104 - Gymkhana Horsemanship, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
 90105 - Gymkhana Horsemanship, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12

Section C - Bareback Horsemanship
(Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 90201 - Pony Bareback, all ponies, exhibitors All Ages
 90202 - Horse Bareback Horsemanship, all horses, exhibitors 13-19
 90203 - Horse Bareback Horsemanship, all horses, exhibitors 8-12

Section D - English Equitation
(Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 90301 - Horse Equitation, Hunt Seat, exhibitors 13-19
 90302 - Horse Equitation, Hunt Seat, exhibitors 8-12
 90303 - Pony Equitation, Hunt Seat, exhibitors All Ages

Section E - Western Pleasure
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 90401 - Pony Western Pleasure, all ponies, exhibitors All Ages
 90402 - Horse Western Pleasure, all horses, exhibitors 13-19
 90403 - Horse Western Pleasure, all horses, exhibitors 8-12

Section F - English Pleasure
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

Class

- 90501 - Horse English Pleasure, Hunt Seat, exhibitors 13-19
 90502 - Horse English Pleasure, Hunt Seat, exhibitors 8-12
 90503 - Pony English Pleasure, Hunt Seat, exhibitors All Ages

Section G - Saddleseat
(Placing premium table = 102)

- For appropriate appointments of horse and rider see current 4-H Horse and Pony Show Rules & Regulations.
- See General Rule No. 8 above.

Class

- 90601 - Saddleseat Equitation- exhibitors All Ages
 90602 - Saddleseat Pleasure- exhibitors All Ages

Section J - Gymkhana
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

- Exhibitor must participate in a minimum of two approved workouts, **and/or** gymkhana coordinator approval will be required to participate in any gymkhana event at the fair.
- A breast collar must be used when exhibiting in this section.
- Horse/pony appointments:** All snaffle bits (including "O" rings "D" rings, egg butts), draw bits, gag bits, and hackamore combinations are acceptable in gymkhana classes.
- Exhibitor must show in at least three gymkhana classes at the St. Joseph County Fair on Saturday to be eligible to exhibit in gymkhana horsemanship and showmanship classes on Sunday.
- A 5-second penalty will be assessed for knocking over a barrel, pole, cone or pattern marker.
- Speed and Action Class: Spinning to a stop more than 90 degrees in the box, as determined by the judge, may result in disqualification.
- While mounted, horse/pony may be led into the show area no more than one horse length past the gate in any class in this section.
- The pattern that will be used for the flag race classes will be the Indiana flag race.
- Horse/riders will have one minute to enter the arena. Time starts when horse/rider is called.
- Blindfolding a horse to get into the arena is not acceptable and will result in immediate disqualification.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined with a run-off. The Run-off will be based on the top point earner at fair per age division, for horse and for pony (2 horse, 2 pony). The pattern will be Stakes Race on Even Years and Barrels/Cloverleaf on Odd Years.**
- Refer to the current St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Project Rule Book for additional rules. www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony#County

Class

- 90801 - Horse Speed & Action, exhibitors 13-19
 90802 - Horse Speed & Action, exhibitors 8-12
 90803 - Pony Speed & Action, exhibitors 13-19
 90804 - Pony Speed & Action, exhibitors 8-12
 90805 - Horse Pole Bending, exhibitors 13-19
 90806 - Horse Pole Bending, exhibitors 8-12
 90807 - Pony Pole Bending, exhibitors 13-19
 90808 - Pony Pole Bending, exhibitors 8-12
 90809 - Horse Cloverleaf, exhibitors 13-19
 90810 - Horse Cloverleaf, exhibitors 8-12
 90811 - Pony Cloverleaf, exhibitors 13-19
 90812 - Pony Cloverleaf, exhibitors 8-12
 90813 - Horse Flag Race, exhibitors 13-19
 90814 - Horse Flag Race, exhibitors 8-12

- 90815 - Pony Flag Race, exhibitors 13-19
- 90816 - Pony Flag Race, exhibitors 8-12
- 90817 - Horse Keyhole, exhibitors 13-19
- 90818 - Horse Keyhole, exhibitors 8-12
- 90819 - Pony Keyhole, exhibitors 13-19
- 90820 - Pony Keyhole, exhibitors 8-12
- 90821 - Horse Down & Back, exhibitors 13-19
- 90822 - Horse Down & Back, exhibitors 8-12
- 90823 - Pony Down & Back, exhibitors 13-19
- 90824 - Pony Down & Back, exhibitors 8-12
- 90825 - Champion Gymkhana Horse Exhibitor.

(Special TR and Award)

- 90826 - Reserve Champion Gymkhana Horse Exhibitor.
(Special TR and Award)
- 90827 - Champion Gymkhana Pony Exhibitor.
(Special TR and Award)
- 90828 - Reserve Champion Gymkhana Pony Exhibitor.
(Special TR and Award)

**Section K - Green Western/English Pattern
(A, B, C premium table = 2)**

1. Flying lead changes will be weighted more over simple lead changes. Simple lead changes will not be disqualified.
2. Pattern is located in Horse Project Rule Book:
www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony

Class

- 90901 - Western or English Pattern, exhibitors All Ages

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

1. Classes will take place after Champion Showmanship.

Class

- 91001 - Trail, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91002 - Trail, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12
- 91003 - Trail, Horse/Pony, W/T only, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91004 - In-Hand Trail/Obstacles, Horse/Pony 46" & under, exhibitors 13-19
- 91005 - In-Hand Trail/Obstacles, Horse/Pony 46" & under, exhibitors 8-12

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

Educational Objective: To show creativity and original work encompassing a central theme for you and your horse.

1. Class to be divided as Individual (1-2 people/1 horse), or as a group (2 people or more/1 horse or more).
2. If shown as a group, the class is determined by the **oldest** member within that group.
3. To be shown at a walk one way from the arena and lined up in the middle of the arena for final judging.
4. Costume entries must be led, ridden or driven. All youth must wear protective headgear (certified ASTM/SEI helmet) when riding or driving. Harness must be secured and properly fitted, if riding or driving their entry and may utilize one or more of the handlers or horses.
5. The costume must be considered safe.
6. Class is to be judged 75% on originality of costume and 25% on presentation.
7. The 2024 theme is "**Games**".

Class

- 91101 - Costume Class, horse/pony, 8-12.
- 91102 - Costume Class, horse/pony, 13-19.

Section N - Driving

1. Exhibitors must participate in at least two approved driving workouts during the current project year unless otherwise approved by the driving coordinators. Participation must be "hands-on" and include project animal and cart.
2. Exhibitors are eligible to compete in the pair classes their first year of 4-H only with the approval of the 4-H Driving Coordinators.
3. In 4-H pair driving classes only, a given 4-H member may utilize a 4-H horse/pony project animal registered in another St. Joseph County 4-H member's name as the second animal in his/her pair. The resulting pair may only be trained and exhibited by the 4-H member in question.
4. Refer to the current project year rules.
www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony

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

Class

- 91201 - Single Light Horse/Pony Working Pleasure 38" & over- exhibitors All Ages.
- 91202 - Single Draft Horse/Draft Pony Working Pleasure, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91203 - Single Mini-Horse Working Pleasure, under 38", exhibitors 13-19.
- 91204 - Single Mini-Horse Working Pleasure, under 38", exhibitors 8-12.
- 91205 - Pair of Draft Horses/Draft Ponies Working Pleasure, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91206 - Pair of Light Horses/Ponies/Mini Horses Working Pleasure, exhibitors All Ages
- 91207 - Versatility (Drive/Show/Jump) 46" & under, exhibitors All ages.
- 91208 - Drive & Showmanship, Horse/Pony 38" & over, exhibitors All Ages
- 91209 - Drive & Showmanship, Draft Horse/Draft Pony, exhibitors All Ages
- 91210 - Drive & Showmanship Mini Horse, under 38", exhibitors 13-19.
- 91211 - Drive & Showmanship, Mini Horse, under 38", exhibitors 8-12.
- 91212 - Obstacle, Single Miniature, under 38", exhibitors All Ages.
- 91213 - Obstacle, Single Horse/Draft/Pony 38" & over, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91214 - Obstacle, Pairs, exhibitors All Ages.

**Reinsmanship Classes
(Placing premium table = 102)**

Class

- 91215 - Single Light Horse/Pony Reinsmanship, 38" & over, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91216 - Single Draft Horse/Draft Pony Reinsmanship, exhibitors All Ages
- 91217 - Single Mini-Horse, Reinsmanship, under 38", exhibitors 13-19.
- 91218 - Single Mini-Horse, Reinsmanship, under 38", exhibitors 8-12.

- 91219 - Pair of Draft Horses/Draft Ponies Reinsmanship, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91220 - Pair of Light Horses/ Ponies /Mini Horses Reinsmanship, exhibitors All Ages.
- 91221 - Grand Champion Driver Draft Single/Pair. (TR)
- 91222 - Grand Champion Driver Light Horse/Ponies, Single/Pairs. (TR)
- 91223 - Grand Champion Driver Mini Horse Single/Pairs. (TR)

**In-Hand Classes
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Horse/exhibitor must attend a minimum of two (2) workouts unless approved by the in-hand/driving coordinators.

Class

- 91224 - In-Hand Jumping, 38" to 46", exhibitors All Ages.
- 91225 - In-Hand Jumping, under 38", exhibitors 15-19
- 91226 - In-Hand Jumping, under 38", exhibitors 12-14
- 91227 - In-Hand Jumping, under 38", exhibitors 8-11
- 91228 - In-Hand Hunter, 38" to 46", exhibitors All Ages.
- 91229 - In-Hand Hunter, under 38", exhibitors 15-19
- 91230 - In-Hand Hunter, under 38", exhibitors 12-14
- 91231 - In-Hand Hunter, under 38", exhibitors 8-11
- 91232 - In-Hand Cloverleaf, 46" and under, exhibitors 15-19
- 91233 - In-Hand Cloverleaf, 46" & under, exhibitors 12-14
- 91234 - In-Hand Cloverleaf, 46" & under, exhibitors 8-11
- 91235 - In-Hand Poles, 46" and under, exhibitors 15-19
- 91236 - In-Hand Poles, 46" & under, exhibitors 12-14
- 91237 - In-Hand Poles, 46" & under, exhibitors 8-11
- 91238 - In-Hand Scurry, 46" & under, exhibitors 15-19
- 91239 - In-Hand Scurry, 46" & under, exhibitors 12-14
- 91240 - In-Hand Scurry, 46" & under, exhibitors 8-11
- 91241 - In-Hand Down & Back, 46" & under, exhibitors 15-19
- 91242 - In-Hand Down & Back, 46" & under, exhibitors 12-14
- 91243 - In-Hand Down & Back, 46" & under, exhibitors 8-11

**Driven Dressage Classes
(No premiums in any of these classes)**

1. Each Driven Dressage level is divided into "A" & "B" classes.
2. Entry is limited to two (2) consecutive Dressage test levels. Consult with driving coordinator about test levels.
3. 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

- 91244 - Training Level A.
- 91245 - Training Level B.

Section P - Walk/Trot

1. Any project animal/exhibitor combination exhibiting in this section may not sign-up/enter any class that requires a canter/lope.
2. Horse/Rider walk/trot combination may show up to 2 consecutive years.
3. To continue showing after 2 years in walk/trot per horse/rider combination a veterinarian note or Horse Council approval is required.

**Horsemanship/Equitation
(Placing premium table = 102)**

Class

- 91301 - Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91302 - Walk/Trot Western Horsemanship Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8 -12
- 91303 - Walk/Trot English Equitation, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91304 - Walk/Trot English Equitation, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12
- 91305 - Walk/Trot Bareback Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91306 - Walk/Trot Bareback Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12

Pleasure

(A, B, C premium table = 2)

- 91307 - Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91308 - Walk/Trot Western Pleasure, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12
- 91309 - Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 13-19
- 91310 - Walk/Trot English Pleasure, Horse/Pony, exhibitors 8-12

**Section Q - Competitive Trail Ride
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Trail ride is to be done at a walk/trot and is open to walk/trot and walk/trot/canter exhibitors.
2. Contact the trail coordinator to determine training requirements and eligibility requirements.
3. Exhibitor must have participated in appropriate number of 4-H instructional clinics/trail rides as set forth in the project rules in order to be eligible to participate in this section (with the number dependent on both the exhibitor's and the project animal's 4-H trail ride training experience).
4. Eight placings will be awarded based on the overall ride.
5. Points are based on: Grooming, horsemanship skills, cleanliness of tack, horse care, trail equitation, obstacle management. (see website for scoring information: www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony)
6. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the horse with the lowest pulse and respiration at the end of the ride, compared to pulse/respiration at start of ride.
7. The judged Competitive Trail Ride will consist of the following:
 - A. Date of Judged Trail Ride will be announced by Competitive Trail Specialty Leader(s) and held prior to fair.
 - B. **Written test to be taken at Fair.**
 - C. Best score of all ages will be the champion. In case of a tie, the horse with the lowest P/R wins.
 - D. Overall champions cannot win 2 consecutive years with the same horse/rider combo.

Class

- 91401 - Horse/pony, exhibitors 13-19.
- 91402 - Horse/pony, exhibitors 8-12.
- 91403 - Champion Trail Ride Horse/Pony.

**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

Premium Tables
4-H & Other Youth Fair Premium Book
2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

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



4-H Youth Development Program St. Joseph County, Michigan



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.

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