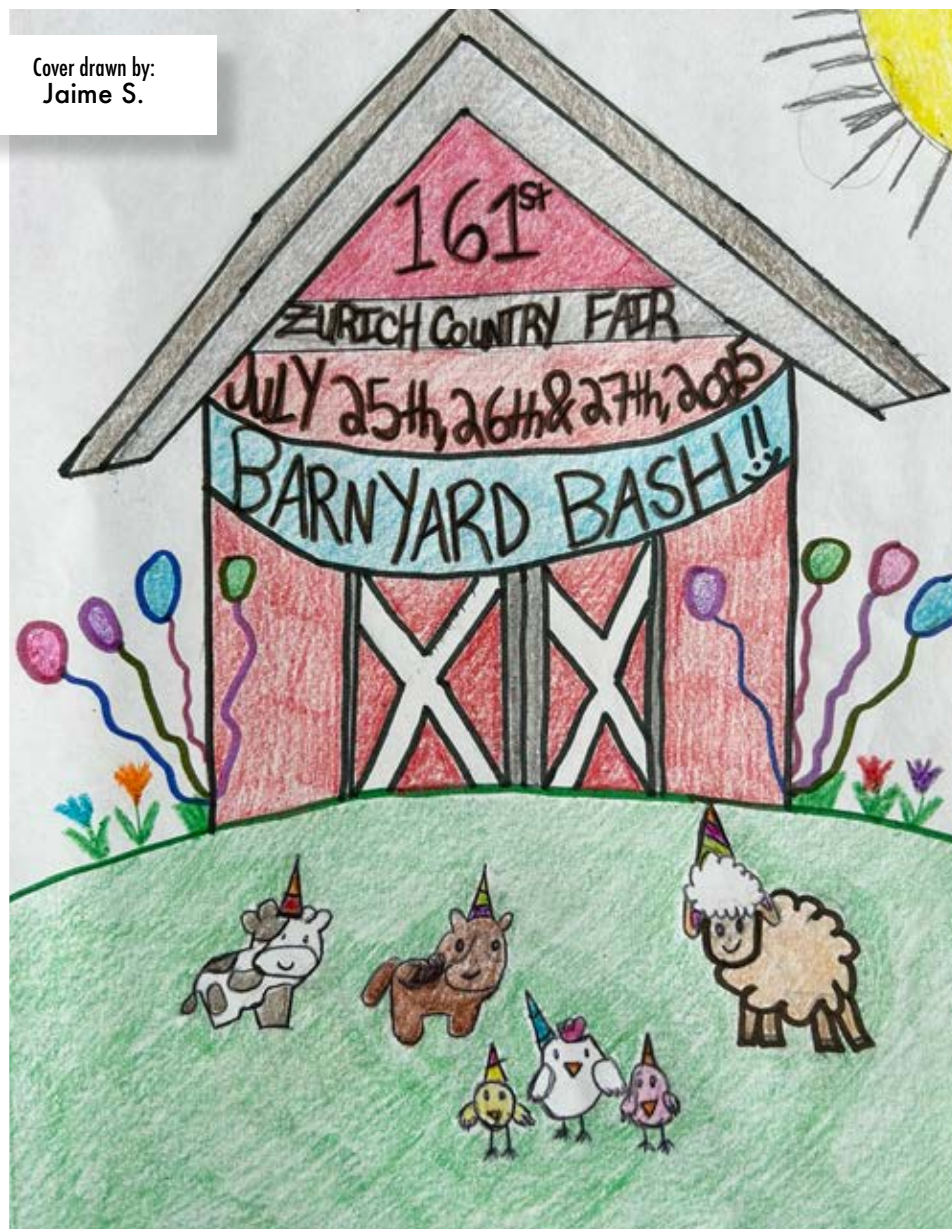


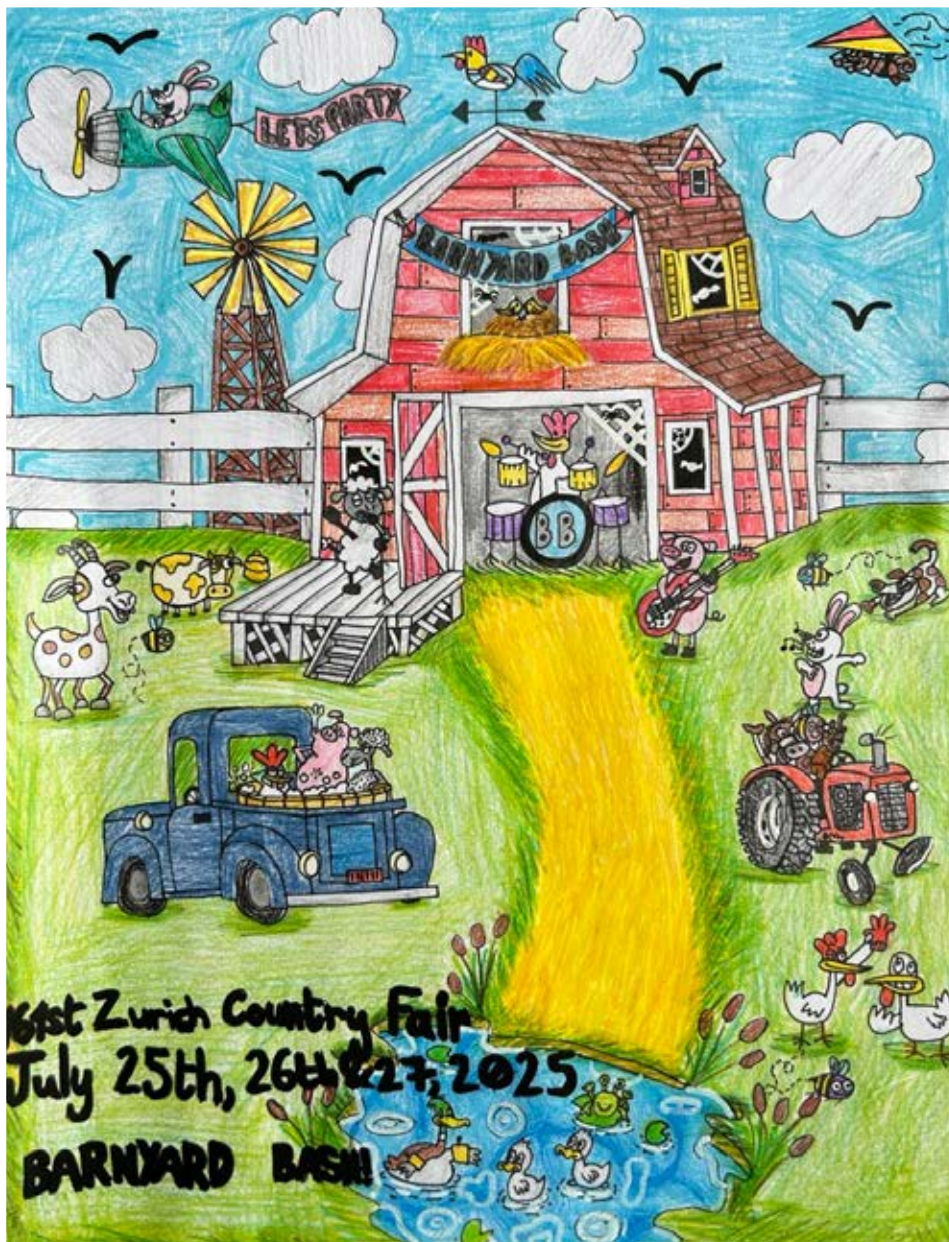
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161st Zurich Country Fair
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President's Message

Welcome to the Zurich Country Fair!

It's my pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to this year's fair. Whether you're a long-time attendee or visiting for the first time, we're thrilled to have you join us for a weekend of fun, entertainment and community spirit.

This year, we have an exciting lineup of events, including livestock shows, tractor pulls, live music, kids' activities and so much more! There's something for everyone, so be sure to check out the full schedule and make the most of your time here.

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated directors and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this fair a success. Your hard work and commitment do not go unnoticed and we couldn't do it without you.

To our generous sponsors—your support is invaluable. Because of you, we're able to continue bringing this cherished event to our community year after year.

Enjoy the fair, make great memories, and thank you for being part of this wonderful tradition!

Jeff Thiel

President, Zurich Country Fair

2024 Volunteers

Every year the Fair can't go on without the help of all our Volunteers. Your acts of kindness may be small, but the impact they will leave in the world will be huge. Because of your volunteer work, the event went so smoothly; thank you so much for arranging such a great event. Looking forward to seeking your help more in the future.

A Special Thanks to the Staff of the Municipality of Bluewater, for all their help and hard work leading up to the fair!

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Rules & Regulations

- Entry form and membership fee may be submitted to the Zurich Agricultural Society - Jenna Becker or Sara Steeper.
 - Entry tags may be obtained before the fair from the Huron County Library, Zurich or Zielman's Goods & Gifts, Zurich.
1. Exhibitors must pay an Annual Membership fee of \$5.00. This fee allows the exhibitor to compete in all competitions in the prize book.
No entry fee required for Younger Generation Classes
 2. Entry forms MUST be completed and mailed or given to the Treasurer at the time of entry in order for prize money to be awarded. The Younger Generation, Junior Students do not complete an entry form.
 3. All articles and animals must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Names of exhibitors, prize tickets or medals may not be exhibited on any article or animal until judging of the class or section is completed.
 4. Exhibitors may make only one entry in each section in the inside department. Articles for classes for inside departments must be received and ready for judging, by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the fair, or Thursday evening, immediately prior to the first day of the fair from 6pm-8pm, if unable to enter on Friday morning.
 5. Inside exhibits may not be removed from the building until 4pm on the Saturday of the fair weekend or the exhibitor will forfeit any prize money.
 6. All exhibits in the inside department must be the work of the exhibitor. Judges are instructed to discard all soiled and old work and award prizes to new and up-to-date work. Exhibits awarded prizes at previous Zurich Fairs, OAAS District competitions or OAAS Convention competitions may not be awarded prizes in the current fair year.
 7. Livestock exhibitors may make two entries in a section. Note times in the prize book for judging livestock entries. All livestock exhibitors must have liability insurance and complete section re. Insurance on

entry form. All livestock on the grounds must be under control at all times and no abuse of livestock will be permitted. Violators forfeit any prizes and will be asked to leave.

Livestock Traceability rules will be in effect and must be followed

8. Location of exhibits: Bluewater Community Centre – Zurich Arena at 15 East St. in Zurich. Craft, Culinary Arts, Produce and Plants and School exhibits will be displayed indoors at the complex. Livestock and Horse Shows will be displayed on the fairgrounds behind the Bluewater Community Complex – Zurich Arena.
9. Prize money will be paid out at the fair or after if the winner is not present to receive. The Zurich Agricultural Society reserves the right in the case of a deficit to pay only such a portion of the prize money as conditions of the funds warrant.
10. \$5.00 of exhibitor's prize money will be retained as membership for the following year as well as 10% of winnings unless noted otherwise.
11. The Society will not hold themselves responsible for any accidents that may occur on the grounds or in the buildings during the fair.
12. The Directors of the Zurich Agricultural Society will take every precaution to secure the safety of the exhibits sent to the Fair. The owners must take the risk of exhibiting and should any exhibit be accidentally broken, lost or stolen; the Directors will give all assistance in their power towards recovery, but will not make any payment to the value thereof.
13. All entries must be made strictly in accordance with the Zurich Agricultural Society's Rules and Regulations. Personal information collected on the entry form will be used for the purpose of processing payment of prize money and publication of the winners' names in local papers. By submitting and signing an entry form, the exhibitor consents to this information being used for these purposes.
14. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 5 pts, 2nd - 3 pts, 3rd - 1 pt, unless noted.

SPECIALS

1. Several Classes of competition offer specials for most points or a specified Category within a class.
2. A complete list of prizes will be available at the fair.
3. Classes with Specials will be noted, with the details involved.

Produce and Plants

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH JUDGING @ 12 P.M.

Committee: Carmel Sweeney

SPECIAL: To the Exhibitor winning the most points in each of the Classes 22 to 25 - prizes to be determined.

Grains, Seeds & Gatherings

Seeds to be shown in a pint or 500ml jar. Hay to be shown in a bushel basket. Eggs to be shown in a carton.

CLASS 22

Prizes: 1st - \$3.00, 2nd - \$2.50, 3rd - \$2.00

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Fall Wheat | 7. Kidney Beans |
| 2. Barley | 8. Any Other Beans |
| 3. Oats | 9. Hay – 1st Cut (2 slices) |
| 4. Grain Corn | 10. Hay – 2nd Cut (2 slices) |
| 5. White Beans | 11. Eggs – 1 Dozen (White) |
| 6. Soybeans | 12. Eggs – 1 Dozen (Brown) |

Fruits & Vegetables

All exhibits to be shown on a sturdy plate or tray or suitable container

CLASS 23

Prizes: 1st - \$3.00, 2nd - \$2.50, 3rd - \$2.00

1. Potatoes, 5, early, named
2. Potatoes, 5, red, named
3. Beets, 5, table
4. Carrots, 5, long
5. Carrots, 5, short

6. Beans, 12, yellow
7. Beans, 12, green
8. Tomatoes, 3, green, stems on
9. Onions, 5, yellow
10. Onions, 3, Spanish
11. Green Onions, 5, trimmed
12. Dutch set Onions, 1 pint
13. Peppers, 2, any variety
14. Cabbage, 1 head, early, named
15. Peas, 12 pods
16. Zucchini, 2, 9" to 12" long
17. Cucumbers, 3 slicing, 6" or longer
18. Cucumbers, 5 pickling, approx. 3"
19. English Cucumbers, 2, 6" or longer
20. Rhubarb, 5 stems
21. Raspberries, 1 pint
22. Strawberries, 1 pint
23. Watermelon, any variety
24. Cantaloupe
25. Leaf lettuce in a 6" pot

Plants and Flowers

All plants and flowers must be grown by the exhibitor and attractively displayed. Pots with house plants not to exceed 6". Cut flowers to be shown with their own foliage.

Plants

CLASS 24

Prizes: 1st - \$3.00, 2nd - \$2.50, 3rd - \$2.00

1. African Violet, double, 1 crown
2. African Violet, single, 1 crown
3. Succulent plants in a unique container
4. Begonia, Fibrous, in bloom
5. Begonia, Tuberous, in bloom
6. Geranium
7. Mixed indoor garden in suitable container (no larger than 8")

8. Fern, any variety
9. Culinary herb, named
10. Anthurium Plant

Cut Flowers

CLASS 25

Prizes: 1st - \$3.00, 2nd - \$2.50, 3rd - \$2.00

1. Cornflower bouquet
2. Petunias, single or double, best display
3. Marigolds, best display
4. Sweet Peas, best display
5. Gladiolus, 3 spikes in bloom
6. Pansies, best display
7. Rose, 1 floating on foliage
8. "Only a Rose" in a bud vase with foliage
9. "Baby's Own" Arrangement
10. "Petite" arrangement, not over 4" either way including container
11. Unique vegetable foliage arrangement in a watering can.
12. "A Country Hike", a collection of wild flowers, weeds and/or grasses
13. Fair theme arrangement, "Barnyard Bash"
14. "Grandma's Treasures" - Old fashioned flowers in a suitable container

Culinary Arts

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH JUDGING AT 12 P.M.

Committee: Patti Hunt

1. All food exhibits will be entered in the Bluewater Community Complex Hall.
2. Please note general rules at the front of the book.
3. All food exhibits must be prepared by the exhibitor.

SPECIAL: "ZURICH FAIR CHAMPION COOKS"

To the Exhibitor(s) winning the most points in each of the Classes 50 & 51, prizes to be determined.

Baking

CLASS 50

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

All baking exhibits must be sealed in clean plastic bags (Ziploc or with Twist Ties). Cakes must be removed from their original pan. Cupcake papers must be removed. Tin Foil pie plates must be tempered.

1. Dutch apple pie (cinnamon spice only)
2. Pumpkin pie
3. Rhubarb pie
4. Peach pie with crumb topping
5. Elderberry pie, 2 crust
6. Strawberry pie, 2 crust
7. Raspberry tarts
8. Lemon loaf
9. Zucchini loaf
10. Pumpkin loaf
11. Tea biscuits, (5) plain
12. Date squares, (5) 2"
13. Peanut Butter cookies, (5) 2"
14. Chocolate Chip cookies, (5) 2"
15. Oatmeal cookies, (5) 2"
16. Banana loaf

Canning

CLASS 51

Prizes: 1st - \$4.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00

All canning exhibits must be sealed in clean glass jars, no larger than pint (500ml). Half pint jars (250ml) may be used for jams and jellies. Exhibits may have been canned in 2024. Seals will be opened at time of judging. Must use new rings & lids. Please, no personal labels.

1. Black Cherries
2. Pears
3. Peaches
4. Black Currant Jam, Cooked

5. Blueberry Jam, Cooked
6. Cherry Jam, Cooked
7. Peach Jam, Cooked
8. Raspberry Jam, Cooked
9. Pear Jam, Cooked
10. Strawberry Jam, Cooked
11. 3 Fruit Marmalade, Cooked
12. Grape Jelly
13. Honey
14. Red Currant Jelly
15. Red Pepper Jelly
16. Stewed Red Tomatoes
17. Green Hot Dog Relish
18. Zucchini Relish
19. Corn Relish
20. Dill Pickles
21. Bread and Butter Pickles
22. Sweet Pickles (7 or 9 day)
23. Pickled Beets
24. Chili Sauce
25. Salsa
26. Maple Syrup

****Winning exhibitor of #13 & #26, to enter
District 8 competition in October****

Culinary Arts Specials

CLASS 52A

Prizes: 1st - 5 lbs bag of flour, 2nd - \$5.00, 3rd - \$4.00

1. Mixed Berry Pie
2. Cinnamon Rolls, iced, 3
3. Scones, 5, 3" triangle shape, plain. (no fruit or nuts)

Prizes: 1st - 3 lbs of butter, 2nd - 1 lb of butter + \$2.00, 3rd - \$4.00

4. Shortbread cookies, 5, 2"
5. Themed cake, judged on decoration only

6. Vanilla Fudge, 8 pcs, 1” square
7. Rhubarb Crisp, 8” or 9” pan
8. Cherry Pie with woven lattice top

Country Fair Product Specials

CLASS 52B

- All entrants in the contest must submit entries that were made using the sponsor’s product
- Recipes and a Product Label (if applicable) must accompany each entry
- All entries will be judged on appearance, texture, creativity of recipe and presentation
- Decision of the fair judge will be final
- Photos of the 1st Prize Winner will be submitted, along with recipes & product labels, to the sponsor

1. BUTTER TARTS COMPETITION

5 Butter Tarts, no fruit, no nuts, must be full size tarts

Winning exhibitor to enter District 8 competition in October

Prizes: 1st - \$20.00 plus gift prize, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$5.00

Craft Exhibits

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH JUDGING AT 12:00 P.M.

Committee: Patti Hunt

1. Only one (1) article per exhibitor will be allowed in each section.
2. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitor tags are not to be attached with straight pins & please ensure that all tags are filled out with proper category and item number.
4. Judges will award prizes to new and up to date work and will withhold prizes if articles are not worthy of the same due to being soiled, aged or of poor quality.
5. Name labels must be covered.

**SPECIAL: Prize to the Exhibitor with the most points from
Classes 53-63.**

Sewing

CLASS 53 - Family Clothing

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Girl's Dress
2. Ladies Skirt
3. Child's Sleepwear
4. Child's 2-Piece Outfit
5. Blouse or Shirt with Sleeves
6. Polar Fleece Jacket
7. Toddler's Overalls
8. Child's Summer Hat

Handiwork

CLASS 54

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Fancy Half Apron
2. Pet Clothing
3. Oven Mitts or 2 Pot Holders
4. Tote or Shopping Bag
5. Novelty Cushion
6. Two Placemats (same design)
7. Pillowcase
8. Themed Article

Thread Embroidery

CLASS 55

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Pillowcase, one (1), cross stitched
2. Pillowcase, one (1), hand embroidered
3. Tea towels, two (2)
4. Machine Embroidered Article
5. Counted Cross Stitched item, no larger than 12"x12", not framed
6. Any other hand embroidered article, not listed

Knitting

CLASS 56

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Slippers, one (1) pair
2. Socks, one (1) pair
3. Mitts, one (1) pair
4. Child's Cardigan
5. Adult's pullover with design
6. Child's two (2) piece set - hat, scarf or mitts
7. Adult's two (2) piece set - headband and mitts
8. Dishcloths, two (2) different patterns

Crocheting

CLASS 57

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Slippers, one (1) pair
2. Matching Hat & Scarf
3. Potholders, (2) designs
4. Placemats, (2) designs
5. Dishcloths, (2) patterns
6. Hand Towel, crocheted top
7. Tea Cozy
8. Pillow Case, one (1), crocheted edging
9. Teddy Bear outfit displayed on Teddy Bear
10. Lap Throw, 28" x 36" approximately

Baby Boutique

CLASS 58

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Baby Afghan or Knitted Shawl
2. Baby Afghan or Crocheted Shawl
3. Shoulder Burp Pad
4. Bibs, two (2) different techniques
5. Baby Sweater, Bonnet & Booties, Knitted or Crocheted
6. Car Seat Cover, 35" wide x 40" long

7. Baby toy over 8"
8. Activity mat 36" x 36"
9. Novelty Decoration for Baby's Room

Christmas Corner

CLASS 59

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Decorated Evergreen Wreath, up to 15"
2. Christmas Wreath (any media), up to 15"
3. Christmas Stocking (any media)
4. Christmas Garland - 3 ft long
5. Christmas Tree Ornaments, (3)
6. Snowman (any technique), up to 24"
7. Christmas Quilted Wall Hanging
8. Christmas Centrepiece, over 6"
9. Christmas placemats, two (2)
10. Christmas Tree Topper

60 Years and Over Corner

CLASS 60

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Embroidered Article
2. Quilted Article
3. Crocheted Article
4. Woven Placemat
5. Wood Craft, 15" tall or less
6. Any Hobby or Craft not listed
7. Knitted Article
8. Table Runner

Quilts

ZURICH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The best handmade quilt and the best machine quilted quilt at the Zurich Fair is entitled to enter the O.A.A.S. (Ontario

Association of Agricultural Societies) District 8 Quilt Competition in October 2025. The winning 2025 quilts at the District 8 Competition are eligible to enter the Grand Champion Quilt Competitions at the O.A.A.S. Convention in Toronto in February of 2026.

2. The Two (2) “Best of Show Quilts” will each receive a cash prize amount to be determined, if the quilts are entered in the District 8 Competition. Judges will select a runner-up in both sections. If the runner-up quilts go to the District Competition, they will receive an amount to be determined.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Annual Hand Quilted Championship Quilt

- A) Entries must be solely made and hand quilted by the exhibitor, exhibited, and judged at a local Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (O.A.A.S) fair to be eligible for this competition.
- B) Entry quilts must be a minimum of 324” (820cm) measured on the perimeter (smaller quilts will not be eligible to proceed to the next levels of competition).
- C) The winner’s name and pattern are to be displayed at the Fair on a sign provided by O.A.A.S.
- D) Judging will occur at local fairs and district levels. A Provincial Grand Champion Quilt will be selected at the Annual O.A.A.S. Convention.
- E) Upon making an entry into the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Quilt Competition, the Exhibitor agrees to participate in any promotional activities related to the competition.
- F) The winning Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Champion Quilt will not be eligible to compete in any future District and/or Convention O.A.A.S. competition.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Annual Machine Quilted Quilt Competition

- A) Entries must be solely made and machine quilted by the exhibitor, exhibited, and judged at a local Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (O.A.A.S.) fair to be eligible for this competition.
- B) Quilts to be measured on the perimeter and must be a minimum of 324" (820cm). Note: the quilt can be square, rectangular, etc.
- C) Judging will occur at local fairs and district levels. A Provincial Grand Champion Machine Quilted Quilt will be selected at the Annual O.A.A.S. Convention.
- D) Upon making an entry into the O.A.A.S. Machine Quilted Competition, the Exhibitor agrees to participate in any promotional activities related to the competition.
- E) The winning O.A.A.S. Machine Quilted Quilt will not be eligible to compete in any future District and/or Convention O.A.A.S. Competition.
- F) The winner's name will be displayed at the Fair on a sign provided by O.A.A.S.
- G) Quilt must have visible machine quilting.

NOTE: If an Exhibitor wins GRAND CHAMPION or BEST OF SHOW of all eligible hand or machine quilted quilts at other than his/her own fair, or at more than one fair, the Exhibitor must consider the Agricultural Society nearest to his/her home address as the one from which the quilt will be sent to the District meeting. An Exhibitor who wins more than one (1) BEST OF SHOW title with a different quilt at different fairs shall be entitled to enter each winning quilt to compete at the District Competition. FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED PLEASE REFER TO <https://ontarioagsocieties.com/competitions>

CLASS 61 – Quilts

Prizes: # 1 - 6: \$20.00, \$15.00, 10.00

7 - 10: \$12.00, \$10.00, \$8.00

1. Quilt, cotton pieced. Hand Quilted
2. Quilt, more than one (1) technique. Hand Quilted
3. Quilt, pre-printed fabric. Machine Quilted
4. Quilt, any other type not listed above
5. Quilt, single size, 60" x 90". Machine Quilted
6. Crib Quilt, pre-printed fabric, exhibitor's choice. Machine Quilted
7. Crib quilt, original design. Hand Quilted
8. Lap quilt (minimum size 36" x 48"). Hand Quilted
9. Scrappy quilt. Hand Quilted
10. Scrappy quilt. Machine Quilted

Miscellaneous Needlework

CLASS 62

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. Comforter, any size, any technique
2. Quilted Wall Hanging
3. Pieced Wall Hanging
4. Knitted Afghan
5. Crocheted Afghan
6. 3 Quilt Blocks, Mounted, Different Techniques
7. Quilt top only. Minimum 60" x 90" (152 cm x 228 cm)
8. Miniature Quilt, no larger than 24" x 24" (60.96 cm x 60.96 cm)

Arts & Crafts

Committee: Patti Hunt

CLASS 63

Prizes: 1st - \$4.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00

- 1 Article of Wood Work
2. Article Using an Embroidery Hoop
3. Decorated Garden Hand Tool
4. Homemade Birthday Card w/ Envelope (no computer)
5. Article of Decorative Painting
6. 3 Fridge Magnets, Different Techniques
7. Fair Themed Decoration
8. Thanksgiving Decoration

Amateur Photography

Committee: Patti Hunt

CLASS 64

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$4.00, 3rd - \$3.00

1. 4 prints from a Vegetable Garden
2. 1 print, Black & White, Any Subject, Framed
3. 4 prints, Wildlife (animals/birds/insects, in their habitat)
4. 4 prints, Reflections
5. 4 prints, Fireworks
6. 4 prints, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter (1 of each)
7. 4 prints, Buds and Blooms
8. 4 prints, Family Pet(s) with Name
9. 4 Themed Photos "Barnyard Bash"
10. Alphabet Photography: Photos of Nature/Architecture Depicting Letters to Create the Word "BARNYARD"

11. SPECIAL (Prizes: \$8.00, \$6.00, \$5.00)

Photo Essay – minimum of 8 photos mounted on a half sheet of Bristol Board. Let your photos tell the story (wedding, birthday, vacation etc.)

***Colour Prints only, 4 x 6 (unless otherwise specified)

photographed by the exhibitor. All photos must be mounted on Black Bristol Board unless specified. Personal computer produced photos will be accepted on photo quality paper. Presentation of photos will be taken into consideration. ***

O.A.A.S. PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

To help publicize the activities of our fair, all photos to be taken at our 2025 fair and submitted.

If interested, please contact Sara Steeper or Jenna Becker
Photos must be submitted by **September 1st, 2025.**

The Younger Generation

Committee: Sara Steeper & Elisa Petrenko

The Zurich Agricultural Society encourages the participation of youth at the Fair. Exhibitors of The Younger Generation make the annual Zurich Fair an event of interest to all ages. Be sure to visit The Younger Generation Exhibit area.

Youth must enter in the section of the grade they just completed in June 2025

General Rules:

1. Exhibitors may make only ONE entry per article in each section
2. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor
3. No entry fee or membership will be charged
4. All 'Younger Generation' students (CLASS 65 & CLASS 66) must hand in an entry form. Entry forms are available in the Huron County Library- Zurich Branch, Zielman's Goods & Gifts, Zurich, and on our website (www.zurichcountryfair.com) to print at home.
5. Senior students (CLASS 65) must also obtain an entry number during drop off and add to their entry forms.
6. All entries must have an entry tag and must be properly filled out, with the exhibitor's first and last name. Tags can be picked up at the Huron County Library- Zurich Branch, Zielman's Goods & Gifts, Zurich, or on our website (www.zurichcountryfair.com) to print at home.
7. Exhibits must be brought to the Bluewater Community Complex - Zurich Arena on the Thursday before Fair weekend between 6-8:00 p.m. or on the Friday of Fair weekend between 9-11:00 am and remain on display until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair weekend.
8. Exhibits must be removed at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair Weekend (Entries not picked up will be discarded).
9. Prize money will be awarded in September.
10. Vegetable Exhibits must be uniform in size and of excellent quality with tops trimmed to 5cm, displayed on a sturdy disposable plate. Do not scrub or peel onions or potatoes unless noted.

11. Baking exhibits must be in clean, clear plastic bags.
12. Photographs 4" X 6" must be mounted on black bristol board, with a 1" margin on all sides.
13. Flowers Exhibits must be displayed in a suitable container

Senior Students (Gr. 7 through Gr. 12)

No entry fee or membership will be charged. Exhibitors must obtain an entry number and hand in an entry form for sections 1 to 43.

CLASS 65

Prizes: 1st - \$4.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00

Crafts

1. Article of needlecraft (crocheting, knitting, embroidery, quilting or sewing)
2. Make a craft from an idea you find online (e.g. Pinterest, Instagram, etc.)
3. Make a string art design on wood, using nails
4. Decorate a cell phone cover, more "bling" the better
5. A painting using watercolour, acrylic, or tempera paint on canvas or paper
6. Design a black and white 'doodle' drawing
7. Trash to treasure- any repurposed item
8. Handmade Jewelry (e.g. friendship bracelets, etc.)
9. Miniature crafting (e.g. figures, scenes, fairy house, mini clay work, etc)
10. Decorate a shoebox and fill with at least 5 non perishable food items or hygiene items to be donated to Blessings Community Store
11. Article of woodworking
12. Create your own slime displayed in a clear jar or clear bag

Photography

13. A Barn
14. Parent or Grandparent Being Silly
15. Your Crazy Pet
16. Selfie of you or you and a Friend/Pet/Animal
17. Nature Up Close

18. Baby or Babies
19. Photo of a Zurich Monument, Shop, Communal Area, Landmark or Attraction

Baking

20. "Barnyard Theme" cupcakes – 3
21. Miniature baking item (e.g. mini cake, mini pie, etc.)
22. Decorated sugar cookies – 3
23. "I make the best..." baking, display 3 on a paper plate, identified on tag
24. Wannabee cookies - cookie ingredients exhibited in suitable jar (must have all dry ingredients included, recipe attached)
25. Trail mix type snack in a small plastic bag, recipe attached

Crops

26. Wheat, in 500ml or pint jar, from most recent harvest
27. Soybeans, in 500ml or pint jar, from most recent harvest
28. White beans, in 500ml or pint jar, from most recent harvest
29. Dry shelled corn, in 500ml or pint jar, from most recent harvest

Vegetables

30. Beets, 5, any variety
31. Carrots, 5, any variety
32. Potatoes, 5, any variety
33. String Beans, 10 pods, yellow
34. String Beans, 10 pods, green
35. Display of 8 homegrown vegetables on a tray, named
36. Tomatoes, 5 green with stems on
37. Cherry Tomatoes, 10, red
38. Garlic, 3, any variety

Flowers

39. Collection of 5 flowers, named, pressed and mounted
40. Marigolds, 5 blooms
41. Petunias, 5 stems
42. Zinnia, 5 stems
43. Cosmos, 5 stems

Junior Students (Pre-school through Gr. 6)

No entry fee or membership will be charged. Exhibitors must hand in an entry form and entry tags with all exhibits.

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Prizes: 1st - \$3.00, 2nd - \$2.50, 3rd - \$2.00

Section O: Preschool & Nursery

1. 'Barnyard' Mud Pie - in foil pie plate & decorated with items from nature
2. Bouquet of wildflowers, weeds, grasses, wheat stalk, etc. in a metal can
3. Tractor painting: Dip toy tractor wheels in paint and drive the tractor across white (8 1/2" x 11") paper to make an interesting design
4. Create a shaker using one paper towel roll, filled with items and decorated
5. An edible necklace using pasta, cereal, candy, etc.
6. With help from an adult, on white paper, trace the adult hand and your own hand. Decorate as farm animals
7. A Lego or similar block creation, no kits, displayed on paper plate or Lego base plate
8. Barnyard Animal drawn on paper, painted using nature (e.g., mud, mashed berries, squished flowers, etc.)
9. Largest green maple leaf, pressed and mounted on cardboard.

Section P: Junior & Senior Kindergarten

1. A leaf rubbing
2. A rock painted and decorated to look like a barn animal
3. Using a quart or litre mason jar, create layers using natural items (e.g., seeds, nuts, corn, etc.)
4. A Lego or similar block creation, no kits, displayed on paper plate or Lego base plate
5. Create a sunflower out of dried pasta, glued on paper
6. Make a candy kabob
7. Teddy bear or stuffed animal dressed up as a barnyard animal

8. Create a colourful, repeating pattern, using buttons /small items glued on paper
9. Create a barnyard animal using clay, plasticine, or other medium

Section Q: Gr. 1, 2 & 3

1. Dress your teddy bear or stuffie as a farmer
2. Group of pet rocks - 6 decorated, displayed in half of an empty egg carton
3. Make a boat that floats, out of things from your recycling bin
4. Any design made from Perler beads or other fused beads
5. Create a robot using candies, cookies, icing, etc.
6. Create a barnyard animal out of Lego/Knex, no kits and originality to count
7. Collect 100 of the same items and display in a quart/1L size jar
8. Create a Mr./Mrs. Potato Head, starting with a real potato, use recycled or craft supplies to decorate, not items from kit
9. Decorate a shoebox and fill with no more than 5 non perishable food items to be donated to Blessings Community Store

Section R: Junior Kindergarten to Gr. 3

1. Potatoes, 3, any variety
2. Beets, 3, any variety
3. Carrots, 3, any variety
4. Garlic, 3, any variety
5. Yellow Onions, 3, do not peel
6. Green onions, 5, washed and trimmed
7. Tomatoes, 3 green, with stems
8. String Beans, 8 pods, yellow
9. String Beans, 8 pods, green
10. Peas, 8 pods
11. Cucumbers, 2 approx. 20cm long
12. Rose, 1
13. Petunias, 3 stems
14. Marigolds, 3 blooms
15. Zinnias, 3 blooms
16. Cosmos, 3 stems
17. Wheat Stalk Arrangement
18. Homegrown Vegetable display, 5 varieties named, in a suitable container

Section S: Gr. 4, 5 & 6

1. Make a miniature scarecrow (no larger than approx. 50 cm)
2. Create a barnyard scene or item from Lego/Knex, on a base, no kits and originality to count
3. Design/make a keychain for your backpack
4. Make a trophy for the Mini Tractor Pull *All entries will be used as prizes for the Mini Tractor Pull*
5. Special Collection- min. of 5 items, on a fixed display, with handwritten note of why it is important to you.
6. Decorate a shoebox and fill with at least 5 hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, etc.) to be donated to Blessings Community Store
7. An article made totally of duct tape
8. Miniature crafting
(e.g. figures, scenes, fairy house, mini clay work, etc)
9. Make a “Can-imal”; a farm animal using a minimum of 2 cans
10. Handmade Jewelry (e.g. friendship bracelets, etc.)

Section T: Gr. 4, 5 & 6

1. Potatoes, 5, any variety
2. Beets, 5, any variety
3. Carrots, 5, any variety
4. Garlic, 5, any variety
5. Yellow Onions, 5, do not peel
6. Green onions, 5, washed and trimmed
7. Tomatoes, 3 green, with stems
8. Cherry Tomatoes, 8, red or green
9. String Beans, 8 pods, yellow
10. String Beans, 8 pods, green
11. Peas, 8 pods
12. Zucchini, 2, approx. 30 cm long
13. Cucumbers, 2, approx. 20 cm long
14. Display of 8 home-grown vegetables, named, in a suitable container
15. Roses, 3
16. Zinnias, 3
17. Petunias, single, 3

18. Marigolds, 3

19. Cosmos, 3

Specials for All Students

YOUTH PLAIN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE COMPETITION

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00

Open to youth ages 10 - 15 years as of December 31, 2025.

Exhibit to consist of 8 plain, uniform, Chocolate Chip Cookies, with no nuts, between 2” and 3”, displayed on a firm disposable plate.

Judging: Presentation - 25 pts, General appearance - 15 pts, Internal appearance - 15 pts, Flavour - 45 pts

First prize entry will be eligible to enter the District 8 Competition in October 2025. District 8 winners will be eligible to enter the Provincial Competition in February 2026.

BUTTER TART COMPETITION

Prizes: 1st - \$10.00, 2nd - \$5.00, 3rd - \$3.00

Full size tarts (5). No nuts or other fruit. Tarts must be on a clean plate in a clear plastic bag. Winning exhibitor to enter District 8 Competition in October 2025.

FARM SAFETY POSTER

Prizes: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd - \$3.00, 3rd - \$2.00, in each Section

Handmade, any media, size 11” X 17” (ledger size). Students are invited to design a poster and slogan to highlight Safety on a Farm.

Section 1 – up to & including Gr. 4

Section 2 – Gr. 5 to 8

Section 3 – Gr. 9 to 12

FAIR PROMOTIONAL POSTER

Prizes: 1st - \$12.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$8.00, in each Section

Section 1 – up to & including Gr. 4

Section 2 – Gr. 5 to 8

Section 3 – Gr. 9 to 12

Poster needs to be 8.5” x 11” min. to 11” x 17” Max., colourful handmade poster to promote the Zurich Country Fair, using any media. Poster must include;

Zurich Country Fair
July 25, 26 & 27, 2025
'Barnyard Bash'

The First Prize Posters in each section will be entered in the District 8 Competition in October 2025.

Fireworks & Food Trucks

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH @ DUSK
Zurich Community Ball Diamonds



All Breed Equestrian Competition

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 9:00 A.M.

Committee: Yvonne O'Brien

Performance & Speed Events:

1. Competitors must wear proper footwear and dress in Western or English attire. Youth competitors 17 years of age and under must wear helmets.
2. Entry Fees: \$5 per class, per horse, \$20 maximum exhibited, plus \$5 Membership Fee to Fair for each competitor. Competitors will pay separate fees, if showing more than one horse.
3. Registration is from 7:30am-8:30am or pre-register by contacting Yvonne O'Brien: obdesign@hay.net or phone 519-868-7103. All competitors must check that horses are registered in appropriate classes.

Prizes 16 & over: 1st - \$20, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$12, 4th - \$10

Prizes 15 & under: 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$7, 4th - \$5

Classes:

1. Showmanship – 16 & over
2. Showmanship – 15 & under
3. Walk, Jog, Trot for Beginner rider 15 & under
4. Lead line – 9 & under.
5. Obstacle Course – 16 & over
6. Obstacle Course – 15 & under
7. Pleasure Class, English/Western – 16 & over
8. Youth Pleasure, English/Western – 15 & under
9. Horsemanship – 16 & over
10. Horsemanship – 15 & under
11. Ranch Riding – 16 & over
12. Ranch Riding – 15 & under
13. Command Class – 16 & over
14. Command Class – 15 & under
15. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – 16 & over
16. Cloverleaf Barrel Race – 15 & under

17. Pole Bending – 16 & over
18. Pole Bending – 15 & under
19. Fun Class – 16 & over
20. Fun Class – 15 & under
21. Flag Race – 16 & over
22. Flag Race – 15 & under
23. Keyhole – 16 & over
24. Keyhole – 15 & under

HIGH POINT SPECIALS:

High Point Speed 16 & over Classes 15, 17, 21, 23
 High Point Performance 16 & over Classes 5, 7, 9, 11
 High Point Speed 15 & under Classes 16, 18, 22, 24
 High Point Performance 15 & under Classes 6, 8, 10, 12
 High Point Prize. All ages in pertaining classes
 Riders riding two horses will be counted for each horse separately.

****Points awarded for these classes are as follows ****

1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 2 points, 4th - 1 point

Haflinger Horse Show

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 10AM

Committee: Jeff Thiel

Entry Fees - 15% of Prize Money.

LINE CLASSES - Show commences approx. 10:00 a.m.

Prizes: 1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$12.00, all others \$10.00

1. Brood mare
2. Foal of current year
3. Yearling filly or gelding
4. Two-year-old filly or gelding
5. Three-year-old mare
6. Yeld mare
7. Three-year-old and over gelding (class may be split at judge's discretion)

8. Small Fry Showmanship (age: 3-10)
9. Youth Showmanship (age: 11-18)
10. Adult Showmanship (age: 18+)
11. Best Haflinger on Grounds – Trophy awarded
12. Walk/Jog

HARNESSE HITCH CLASSES - Show begins at approx. 1:30 p.m.

1. Six Horse Hitch

*Prizes: 1st - \$300.00, 2nd - \$200.00, 3rd \$150.00,
All others \$100.00*

2. Four Horse Hitch

Prizes: 1st - \$200.00, 2nd - \$125.00, 3rd - \$90.00, All others \$50.00

3. Unicorn Hitch

Prizes: 1st - \$150.00, 2nd - \$100.00, 3rd - \$60.00, All others \$25.00

4. Heavy Team

Prizes: 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$40.00, 3rd - \$20.00, All others \$15.00

5. Light Team

Prizes: 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$40.00, 3rd - \$20.00, All others \$15.00

6. Best Matched

7. Best Dressed

8. Heavy Single

Prizes: 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00, 3rd - \$20.00, All others \$10.00

9. Light Single

Prizes: 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00, 3rd - \$20.00, All others \$10.00

10. Junior Driver

Prizes: 1st - \$25.00; All others \$20.00

11. Lady Driver

Prizes: 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00, 3rd - \$20.00, All others \$10.00

Farm Animal Exhibits & Competition

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

Committee: Joan Van Sligtenhorst lhf_joan@yahoo.com

Goats

Open to 4-H Members or Students under the age of 16

1) Confirmation Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$5.00

- Dairy Goats a) Does over one year b) Kids under a year
Boer Goats a) Does over one year b) Kids under one
year

2) Showmanship Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$5.00

- a) Sr. Members
b) Jr. Members
c) Pre-4-H

3) Obstacle Course

Prizes for all Entries!

Sheep

ALL SHEEP MUST BE TAGGED WITH THE FARM IDENTIFICATION TAG (CFIA). UNTAGGED SHEEP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND OR TAKE PART IN THE FAIR

Open to 4-H members

This will be a 4-H Meeting and Learning Day
(not a competition)

1) Confirmation Classes:

2) Showmanship Classes:

Rabbits

- Open to all young people ~ ages 13 and under
- Rabbits or any small animals are welcome for display and awarded prizes.
- They must be exhibited in their own cages.

Opening Ceremonies

ON THE ICE SURFACE @ 12:00 P.M.

Children's Entertainment

PETTING ZOO, INFLATABLES & FACE PAINTING
12 P.M. ~ 4 P.M. ON THE ICE SURFACE

Babies on Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 1:00 P.M.
ICE SURFACE STAGE

Registration @ 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Carmel Sweeney (519-236-4702)

All Babies Welcome from Newborn to 12 months old.
No Judging ~ Lots of FUN!

Prizes Donated & Sponsored by Local Businesses

Mini Pedal Tractor Pull

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 2:00 P.M.
IN FRONT OF THE ICE SURFACE STAGE

Registration @ 1:30 p.m.

Elimination Draw & Dance

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 9 P.M. ~ 1 A.M.
ON THE ICE SURFACE FLOOR

**MUSIC...Follow along on our Website & Socials
to be the First to Know!**

Elimination Draw Ticket Includes: Admission to Dance.
\$20 at the Door

Cash Prizes | Last ticket drawn \$2000

Sweiger's Stoneboat Pullers

www.stoneboatpullers.com

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

Registration 9am Showtime 10am

Admission \$10 | Kids 12 and under FREE

“Fun for all ages and the whole family”



Other Committees

Grounds & Buildings	Jeff Thiel
Livestock Exhibits	Joan Van Sligtenhorst
Entertainment & Attractions	Sara Steeper & Jenna Becker
Stoneboat Pullers	Jeff Thiel
Parade	Jenna Becker
Vendors & Concessions	Sara Steeper
Elimination Draw	Jenna Becker
Baby Show	Carmel Sweeney
All Breed Equestrian	Yvonne O'Brien
Haflinger Horse	Jeff Thiel
Promotions & Advertising	Carmel Sweeney, Jenna Becker & Sara Steeper
Sponsorships	Jeff Thiel & Joan Van Sligtenhorst
Social Media & Website	Sara Steeper & Jenna Becker
School Exhibits	Sara Steeper & Elisa Petrenko
Fairbook & Prize List	Erin Hendrikx

ZURICH COUNTRY FAIR 2025



JULY

FRI 25

DONATIONS WELCOME

PLACEMENT OF EXHIBITS 9-11 AM 🏠
FIREWORKS [AT] DUSK 🎆
FOOD TRUCK 7-10 🍔

SAT 26

ADMISSION
\$5 KIDS

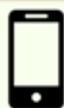
AMATEUR HORSE SHOW [AT] 9 AM 🏠
EXHIBITS, DISPLAYS & LIVESTOCK SHOWS 10-4 🏠
HAFLINGER HORSE SHOW [AT] 10 AM 🏠
FOOD TRUCKS 11 AM-4 PM BEHIND 🍔
BEER TENT 12-4 🍷
GOAT/SHEEP/RABBIT SHOW [AT] 11:30 AM 🏠
OPENING CEREMONIES [AT] 12 PM 🏠
YOUTH GAMES & ACTIVITIES 12-4 🍔
BABY SHOW [AT] 1 PM 🏠
MINI TRACTOR PULL [AT] 2 PM 🏠
INDOOR EXHIBITS REMOVED [AT] 4-5 🏠
ELIMINATION DRAW & DANCE [AT] 9PM-1AM 🍷
>>LIVE BAND: \$20 ADMISSION

SUN 27

ADMISSION
\$10 ADULT, YOUTH FREE

STONEBOAT PULLERS REGISTRATION [AT] 9AM 🏠
STONEBOAT PULLERS [AT] 10AM 🏠
BEER TENT [AT] 11AM & FOOD TRUCK [AT] 10AM 🏠

LOCATIONS:
COMMUNITY BALL DIAMOND
BACK OF FAIRGROUND/COVERALL
ARENA ICE SURFACE
COMMUNITY COMPLEX HALL



TAKE A PICTURE!
SAVE FOR THE WEEKEND!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

