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President's Message

On behalf of the Zurich Agricultural Society, I'd like to warmly invite everyone to come out and enjoy the Zurich Country Fair!

Our fair is a great chance to celebrate our roots, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy everything that makes our community special. From livestock shows and exhibits to great food, entertainment, and activities for all ages, there's something for everyone.

This fair wouldn't happen without the amazing support from our volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, and community. We're incredibly grateful for the time and effort they put in each year.

We hope you'll join us at the fairgrounds, take in the fun, and make some great memories. We look forward to seeing both familiar faces and new ones!

See you at the fair!



President, Zurich Country Fair

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

All exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW***
Assist Expo program; paper entries will not be accepted

Online Entries ~ Assist Expo.

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Assist Expo  **NEW**
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1. ***NEW*** Entry instructions will be available on the Zurich Fair website prior to the fair. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting complete and accurate information on **Assist Expo** by the posted deadline.
2. Exhibit tags need to be filled out by exhibitors. Tags will be available before the Fair at the Library and available at the Zurich Community Complex during Exhibit drop off.
3. ***NEW*** Exhibits not entered online using the **Assist Expo** program by the deadline will need to be entered at time of drop off for judging.
4. Exhibitors must pay an Annual Membership fee of \$5.00. This fee allows the exhibitor to compete in all competitions in the prize book. Zurich Agricultural Society accepts cash or e-transfer. E-Transfers can be made to: **zurichcountryfair@outlook.com**
No entry fee required for Younger Generation Classes
5. All articles and animals must be the 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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. 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
All exhibits must be entered online using the *NEW* Assist Expo program; paper entries will not be accepted *Online Entries ~ Assist Expo*.
10. Location of exhibits: Bluewater Community Centre – Zurich Arena at 15 East St. in Zurich. Livestock Shows will be displayed on the fairgrounds behind the Bluewater Community Complex – Zurich Arena.
11. 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.
12. The Society will not hold themselves responsible for any accidents that may occur on the grounds or in the buildings during the fair.
13. 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.
14. All entries must be made strictly in accordance with the Zurich Agricultural Society's Rules and Regulations. Personal information

collected on the Entry will be used for the purpose of processing payment of prize money and publication of the winners' names in local papers. By submitting an Entry on Assist Expo, the exhibitor consents to this information being used for these purposes.

15. 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 24TH 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.

All exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW***
Assist Expo program; paper entries will not be accepted
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Grains, Seeds & Gatherings

Seeds to be shown in a pint or 500ml jar. Hay to be shown in a bushel size box/container. Eggs to be shown in a carton.

CLASS 22

Prizes: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00

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|----------------|---|
| 1. Fall Wheat | 7. Kidney Beans |
| 2. Barley | 8. Any Other Beans |
| 3. Oats | 9. Hay - 1st Cut (bushel size container) |
| 4. Grain Corn | 10. Hay - 2nd Cut (bushel size container) |
| 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: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$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: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$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: \$3.00, \$2.50, \$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, "Stirrup Some Fun"
14. "Grandma's Treasures" - Old fashioned flowers in a suitable container

Culinary Arts

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH 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.

All exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW* Assist Expo program**; paper entries will not be accepted

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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: \$5.00, \$4.00, \$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)
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: \$4.00, \$3.00, \$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 2025. 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

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CLASS 52A

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

1. Strawberry Rhubarb Pie
2. Cinnamon Rolls, iced, 3
3. Sourdough 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. Rhubarb Crisp, 8" or 9" pan
6. Apple 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 24TH 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. 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.
4. Name labels must be covered.

All exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW***
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**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. Shirt with Sleeves
6. 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. 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. Christmas Wreath (any media), up to 15"
2. Christmas Stocking (any media)
3. Christmas Garland - 3 ft long
4. Christmas Tree Ornaments, (3)
5. Snowman (any technique), up to 24"

6. Christmas Quilted Wall Hanging
7. Christmas Centrepiece, over 6"
8. Christmas placemats, two (2)
9. 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 2026. The winning 2026 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 2027.
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

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

Photography *continued*

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 “STIRRUP”
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 2026 fair and submitted.

If interested, please contact Sara Steeper or Jenna Becker
Photos must be submitted by **September 1st, 2026.**

**Volunteer Photographers
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We're looking for **volunteer / amateur photographers**
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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 2026

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” exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW* Assist Expo program**; paper entries will not be accepted. Entry instructions will be available on the Zurich Fair website prior to the fair. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting complete and accurate information on Assist Expo by the posted deadline.
5. Exhibit tags will need to be filled out by the Exhibitor prior to judging. Available at the Zurich Community Complex during drop off or the Library before the Fair.
6. 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 a.m.** and remain on display until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair weekend.
7. Exhibits that were not entered online using the ***NEW* Assist Expo program** by the deadline will not be accepted for judging.
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. Exhibits must be entered online using the ***NEW* Assist Expo** program (see **General Rules**).

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. Special Collection- minimum of 5 things on a display with a handwritten note of why these items are important to you.
5. A painting using watercolour, acrylic, or tempera paint on canvas or paper.
6. Pack a babysitting kit with things that would be helpful and write a list to explain items.
7. Create a homemade windchime for your garden.
8. Handmade Jewelry (e.g. friendship bracelets, etc.)
9. Miniature crafting (e.g. handmade figures, scenes, fairy house, mini clay work, etc).
10. Decorate a shoebox and fill it with at least 5 non-perishable food items or hygiene items to be donated to Blessings Community Store.
11. Article of woodworking.
12. Gifts in a jar: using a 1L or quart size jar layer the edible dry ingredients. Attach recipe (e.g. Cookies, brownies, soups, trail mix, etc.)
13. Any other craft not listed.

Photography

14. Coloured photo, your interpretation of “Stirrup Some Fun”
15. Family Member(s) Being Silly
16. Your Crazy Pet
17. Selfie of you or you and a Friend/Pet/Animal
18. Youth in Action or Sport
19. Something growing in a garden
20. Photo of a Zurich Monument, Shop, Communal Area, Landmark or Attraction

Baking

21. “Horse Theme” cupcakes – 3
22. Miniature baking item (e.g. mini cake, mini pie, etc.)
23. Decorated sugar cookies – 3
24. “I make the best...” baking, display 3 on a paper plate, identified on tag
25. Dessert Pizza (one slice)
26. Brownies - 3

Crops

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

Vegetables

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

Flowers

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

Junior Students (Pre-school through Gr. 6)

No entry fee or membership will be charged. Exhibits must be entered online using the *NEW* Assist Expo program (see General Rules)

CLASS 66

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

Section O: Preschool & Nursery

1. Mud Pie - in foil pie tin & decorated with items from nature
2. Bouquet of wildflowers, weeds, grasses, wheat stalk, etc. in a suitable container
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 a recyclable clear bottle, filled with items and decorated
5. An edible necklace using pasta, cereal, candy, etc.
6. Dress your teddy bear or stuffed animal as a farmer
7. A Lego or similar block creation, no kits, displayed on paper plate or Lego base plate
8. Collect from a walk- 12 items displayed in an egg carton
9. A maple leaf crayon rubbing

Section P: Junior & Senior Kindergarten

1. Leaf rubbings- 3 different tree species- displayed on one page
2. Most unique pet rock
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

5. Create a horseshoe out of dried pasta, cereal, beans, etc. glued on paper
6. Make a candy kabob
7. Teddy bear or stuffed animal dressed up as a farmer
8. Create a colourful, repeating pattern, using buttons /small items glued on paper
9. Create a horse using clay, plasticine, or other medium

Section Q: Gr. 1, 2 & 3

1. Dress your teddy bear or stuffed animal 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. Paper game made by folding a square sheet into finger pockets that are used to move it and reveal hidden messages or fortunes (e.g. "cootie catcher", "fortune teller", "whirly bird")
5. Make a candy kabob.
6. Create a horse 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. Using a pie plate, create a wind spiral twirler- ready to hang.
Decorate.
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. Design a maze for a marble using a box lid and drinking straws (please include marble to test)
2. Create a horse farm 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 (*in need of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, etc*) to be donated to Blessings Community Store
7. A rice krispie creation.
8. Miniature crafting (e.g. handmade figures, scenes, fairy house, mini clay work, etc)
9. Make a toilet paper roll tractor.
10. Make a large sign with the word ZURICH using nature or farm items (e.g. rocks, twigs, grains, seeds, 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
15. Zinnias, 3
16. Petunias, single, 3
17. Marigolds, 3
18. 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, 2026.

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 2026. District 8 winners will be eligible to enter the Provincial Competition in February 2027.

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.

FARM SAFETY POSTER

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

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 24, 25 & 26, 2026
'Stirrup Some Fun'

The First Prize Posters in each section will be entered in the District 8 Competition in October 2026.

Fireworks & Food Trucks

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH @ DUSK
Zurich Community Ball Diamonds



All Breed Equestrian Competition

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH @ 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 & under) must wear helmets.
2. Entry Fees: \$10 per class, per horse, \$40 maximum exhibited, plus \$5 Membership Fee to Fair for each competitor. Competitors will pay separate fees, if showing more than one horse.
3. Registration 7:30am-8:30am or pre-register by contacting Yvonne O'Brien: obdesign@hay.net or phone 519-868-7103

All exhibits must be entered online using the *NEW* Assist Expo program; paper entries will not be accepted
Online Entries ~ Assist Expo.

Link can be found on zurichcountryfair.com

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 25TH @ 10AM

Committee: Jeff Thiel

Entry Fees - 15% of Prize Money.

**All exhibits must be entered online using the *NEW*
Assist Expo program; paper entries will not be accepted
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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
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

HARNESS 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

Best Matched Bag of Mineral | Best Dressed Bag of Mineral

6. Heavy Single

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

7. Light Single

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

8. Junior Driver

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

9. Lady Driver

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

Farm Animal Exhibits & Competition

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

Committee: Joan Van Sligtenhorst lh_f_joan@yahoo.com

Goats & Sheep must be entered online using the ***NEW***
Assist Expo program; *Online Entries ~ Assist Expo.*
Link can be found on zurichcountryfair.com
Rabbits will be registered under Coverall.

Goats

Open to 4-H Members or Students under the age of 18

1) Confirmation Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$7.00, 4th - \$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

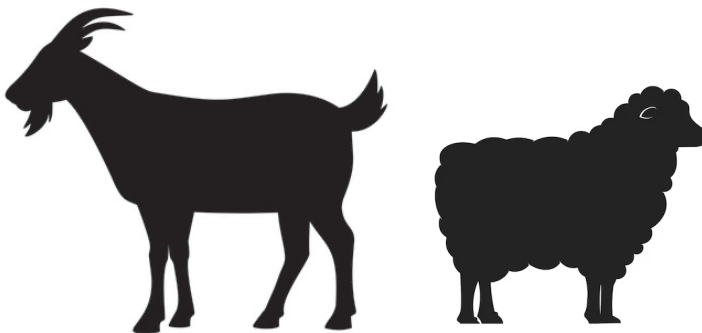
2) Showmanship Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$7.00, 4th - \$5.00

- a) Senior Members
b) Intermediate Members
c) Junior Members

3) Obstacle Course

Donated Prizes



Sheep

Open to 4-H Members or Students under the age of 18

ALL SHEEP MUST BE TAGGED

1) Confirmation Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$7.00

- a) Lambs under one year
- b) Ewes one to two years
- c) Ewes three years and older

2) Showmanship Classes:

Prizes: 1st - \$15.00, 2nd - \$10.00, 3rd - \$7.00

- a) Senior Class
- b) Junior Class

Rabbits

Register in Coverall by the Sheep & Goats

BEFORE 12:00 P.M. SATURDAY

Donated Prizes

- Open to all young people ~ ages 14 and under
- Rabbits must be exhibited in their own cages or containers

Children's Entertainment

PETTING ZOO, INFLATABLES & FACE PAINTING

10 A.M.~ 4 P.M. ON THE ICE SURFACE

Mini Pedal Tractor Pull

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 2:00 P.M.

IN FRONT OF THE ICE SURFACE STAGE

Registration @ 1:30 p.m.

Babies on Parade

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH @ 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

Dancing in the Dirt!

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH @ 5-8 P.M. & 9 P.M. - 1 A.M.
'COVERALL' BEHIND ZURICH ARENA

Featuring: **COPPER SKY**
& **GRAHAM BEDARD**

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 26TH

| 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	Jenna Becker & Cole Strik
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 2026



JULY

FRI 24

WRESTLING ADMISSION:
\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS

PLACEMENT OF EXHIBITS 9-11 AM 🏠
WRESTLING & SNACK FOOD BOOTH [AT] 6:30 PM 🏠
>> DOORS OPEN [AT] 6 PM
FIREWORKS [AT] DUSK ~ DONATIONS WELCOME 🎈

SAT 25

ADMISSION
\$5 KIDS ACTIVITIES
DANCING IN THE DIRT \$20

ALL BREED HORSE SHOW [AT] 9 AM 🏠
EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS 10-4 🏠
HAFLINGER HORSE SHOW [AT] 10 AM 🏠
INFLATABLES, PETTING ZOO & YOUTH ACTIVITIES [AT] 10 AM 🏠
FOOD TRUCKS 10 AM-12 AM BEHIND 🏠
PARADE 11 AM - MAIN STREET > WEST TO EAST
GOAT/SHEEP/RABBIT SHOW [AT] 11:30 AM 🏠
OPENING CEREMONIES [AT] 12 PM 🏠
BEER TENT - ALL DAY 🏠
BABY SHOW [AT] 1 PM 🏠
MINI TRACTOR PULL [AT] 2 PM 🏠
INDOOR EXHIBITS REMOVED [AT] 4-5 🏠
ELIMINATION DRAW & 🏠
DANCING IN THE DIRT > LIVE BANDS 5-8PM & 9PM-1AM

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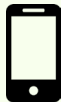
SUN 26

ADMISSION
\$10 ADULT, YOUTH FREE

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

LOCATIONS:

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



TAKE A PICTURE!
SAVE FOR THE WEEKEND!

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