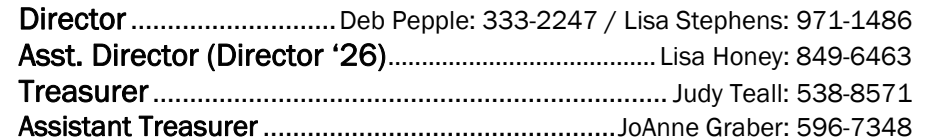


Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds
Elkhart County Community Center
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Welcome to the Home & Family Arts Department!

We are excited to welcome all of you returning and first-time exhibitors to the Home and Family Arts Department for the 2025 Elkhart County 4-H Fair. We hope you have been planning and working on what you will be exhibiting in open class.

This year is turning out to be a very exciting one for us as we are experiencing many new and promising changes. The biggest of these is our move from the building that we have been housed in for over 50 years to the brand new addition to the ECCC building. This will bring many improvements such as air conditioning, a new kitchen, a movable stage, and an environment free of dust and insects. There will be changes in the way many of our entries are exhibited. Many of the solutions and changes are still up in the air as of this writing since we haven't yet seen our new exhibit space. We will be using some items from our old building as well as adding new ones. We want to assure you that we will continue our policy of protecting your entries to the best of our abilities. We will be continuing our special contests and have some new categories in which you can enter. ***Be sure to check out the rules and requirements in this book as some have changed.***

This year as you walk through the Home and Family Arts exhibits, you will be able to continue on through the building to look at the wonderful 4-H exhibits. We hope you will plan to attend and participate in the many contests and opportunities that the 2025 fair will offer that make us one of the best county fairs in the nation. We invite you to Taste the Flavor and Share the Fun!

Extension Homemakers believe in the present and its opportunities, the future and its promises, the joy of living and helping others, and passing on to others that which has benefitted us in improving and enlarging the greatest institution in the world—our homes. Hope to see you at the 2025 Elkhart County 4-H Fair!

Deb Pepple & Lisa Stephens
HFA Co-Directors, 2025 Elkhart County 4-H Fair
Elkhart County Extension Homemakers

Elkhart County Extension Homemakers



As an Extension Homemaker you have opportunities to....

- Learn** Meet with friends and neighbors in educational and social settings. Share experiences and information. Keep up-to-date on new knowledge and research.
- Grow** Experience personal growth and develop skills. Form lasting friendships while sharing leadership responsibilities for programs and projects.
- Care** Making a difference in today's world is important to us. We proudly support projects which help children and families live better lives.

Elkhart County currently has 18 Extension Homemaker Clubs with more than 170 members. If you'd like to learn more about membership or are interested in attending a meeting, contact the Extension Office at 574-533-0554 or speak to one of the Extension Homemakers working in the HFA Department during fair.



General Rules

1. Open to anyone.
2. Children age 7 and under before December 31, 2024 may enter "Children's Corner." Participants age eight (8) and above by December 31, 2024 may enter exhibits the same as adults. No entry fee will be charged and ribbons will be given at check-in (no competition, no prize money).
3. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Items must be entered within specified time frame.
4. Exhibits must be made/prepared within the past three years by the exhibitor and entered in his or her own name. All exhibits shall have never before been shown at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. (Exception: See special rule in the Quilting Department; exception for Culinary Arts department.)
5. **No duplicate entries.** Example: If you have two exhibits that fit in the same class, you cannot enter the second exhibit as "other than above." **Only one entry per class.** Example: If you would like to enter three loaves of bread in the Quick Bread section, you can enter one loaf of bread in each class: one in B67, one in B68, and one in B69.
6. **Exhibits entered in the wrong class will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know which department, section, class name and number to enter.** Example: Food Preservation Canning is the department, Meat is the section, and the class number is C28 Beef.
7. **Size limitations apply.** Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. nor larger than 36" in its largest dimension except where otherwise stated.
8. All foods exhibitors must follow Food Safety Regulations and recipe requirements as stated under Culinary Arts-Baking Department rules.
9. Exhibits for which there is no classification will not be accepted.
10. The Fair Board will NOT be responsible for damage or theft of articles.
11. Exhibits will be mixed within departments to make best use of space and create a more interesting display.
12. Entries must be clean and free of odors and insects.

How to Enter

1. Bring your entries to the ECCC (Elkhart County Community Center) on the day of check-in. NO PRE-REGISTRATION.
2. Entry fee is \$2.00 per entry, paid at time of entry.
3. No refunds will be made.

Check-In Times

General Entries (*everything except baking and cake decorating*)

Monday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Late entries not accepted.)

Baking and Cake Decorating

Thursday, July 17 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. (Late entries not accepted.)

Judging and Awards

1. General entry judging is CLOSED.
2. Baking and Cake Decorating will be judged Thursday, July 17 at noon. The public may observe the foods judging; however, contestants are asked not to converse with judges, or their exhibit will be disqualified. Judging order will be: President's Item, Children's Food, Baking, and Cake Decorating. THE REST OF THE BUILDING IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
3. All food entries will be photographed. Photographs will be displayed instead of actual entry item.
4. With the exception of Children's Corner, premiums are: 1st: \$3 and ribbon; 2nd: \$2 and ribbon; and 3rd: \$1 and ribbon. A Sweepstakes ribbon will be awarded in each section and a \$10 "Grand Champion" awarded in each department. The judges are instructed not to award premiums unless the articles are deemed worthy of merit. If you don't want your ribbons, kindly refuse them and they will be repurposed.
5. Only first, second, and third place will be awarded in each category.
6. Judging will be based on workmanship, preparation of articles for exhibit, suitability for purpose, beauty and originality of design as well as harmony of colors, materials, and cleanliness. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

Exhibit Release

1. No pick-up until stated time.
2. Exhibits removed without permission will forfeit any premiums awarded.

Items not claimed will be discarded. Exhibit release is:

Sunday, July 27 from noon to 3 p.m. **and**

Monday, July 28 from noon to 5 p.m.

If you are unavailable, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibit and envelope.

State Fair Entries

Any current Indiana resident can enter exhibits in the Home and Family Arts Building at the Indiana State Fair. Online entry begins early spring and can be completed by visiting indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair Inquiries can be submitted on their website or you may call 317-927-7515. Indiana State Fair, 1202 East 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Special arrangements can be made for release of exhibits going to the Indiana State fair, please notify the volunteers at check-in.



Antiques/Vintage

Check in: M, July 14— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(Closed judging)

Awards by
Maple City Market

See general rules on page 4. Be prepared to share information with an approximate date and background information. **Items must be 50 years old or older.**

- AV01. Children's picture book
- AV02. Darning egg/gourd
- AV03. Hand drill
- AV04. Wall vase (no larger than 12 inches)
- AV05. Perfume bottle with stopper
- AV06. Graniteware plate

Creative Arts

Check in: M, July 14 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed Judging)

Awards by
Hawkins Water
Tech, Inc.

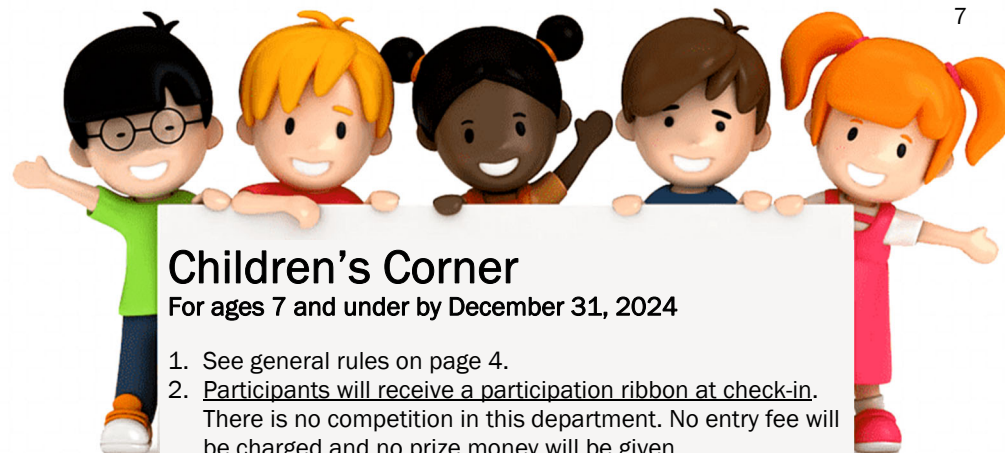
1. See general rules on page 4.
2. **This department is for drawings and paintings.**
3. All hanging exhibits must be properly installed with screw hooks and wire that will hang one inch from the top center. Frames are not required. Wet paintings will not be accepted.
4. The Fair Board will not be responsible for hanging fragile works.
5. Paintings should not be larger than 36"x36" including the frame.
6. Pastels and charcoals should be covered with glass or Plexi-glass for protection.
7. Names must be covered through judging.

Adult (18 and over)

- CA01. Crayon art (any item)
- CA02. Drawing animal (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA03. Drawing portrait (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA04. Drawing landscape (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA05. Drawing still life (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA06. Animals (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA07. Portraits (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA08. Landscape (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA09. Still life (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA10. Abstracts
- CA11. Saws—painted
- CA12. Wooden items—painted
- CA13. Digital computer generated
- CA14. Mixed media (watercolor, charcoal)
- CA15. Other than above

Youth (17 and under)

- CA16. Crayon art (any item)
- CA17. Drawing animal (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA18. Drawing portrait (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA19. Drawing landscape (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA20. Drawing still life (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA21. Animals (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA22. Portraits (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA23. Landscape (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA24. Still life (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA25. Abstracts
- CA26. Saws—painted
- CA27. Wooden items—painted
- CA28. Digital computer generated
- CA29. Mixed media (watercolor, charcoal)
- CA30. Other than above



Children's Corner

For ages 7 and under by December 31, 2024

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Participants will receive a participation ribbon at check-in. There is no competition in this department. No entry fee will be charged and no prize money will be given.
3. Only one (1) entry per class.
4. **CHECK-IN:** All entries (with the exception of cookies) are to be brought to the ECCC building on the fairgrounds between 11am and 7pm, Monday, July 14; judging closed to public. Cookies must be brought to the ECCC building on the fairgrounds between 7:30 and 11:00 am, Thursday, July 17.
5. Exhibit not to exceed 12" at its largest dimension.
6. No food preservation/no canned goods.

Classes

- CHD01. Cookies, plate of 6
- CHD02. Creative art, painting or drawing
- CHD03. Handicrafts, any item
- CHD04. Needlework, any item

Culinary Arts—Baking

Check in: Th, July 17 — 7:30 to 11 a.m. (Open Judging: noon)

Awards by
Baked by Vi

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. After entering your items, please park outside the fairground gates.
3. Food items must be covered. Covers/containers must be labeled with participant's name. Items will be sitting for some time prior to judging. Entries need to be on a sturdy surface stable enough for the entry to be moved several times.
4. Bread entries must be standard size loaves, no minis. Entries need to be whole items (ex. whole pies).
5. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Recipes should be complete and typed or neatly written on one side of an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of paper.
6. On the back side of the recipe, be sure to include your name, complete address and phone number as well as the year, the section and category. These recipes will become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers with the right to use them for fair publicity. All baked items will be photographed and photos will be displayed.
7. Baked items may be taken home following the judging. Any food remaining after

3 p.m. will be destroyed unless arrangements were made at check-in.

Food Safety Regulations

1. For food competitions: Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, (whether uncooked or cooked) are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, or whipped cream as the nature of these products increases the moisture content and water activity of the food. Foods with a higher moisture content and water activity can be ideal growing conditions for foodborne pathogens, even if the ingredient is part of a batter and baked.
2. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/egg whites that have been cooked to 160° F (i.e. pasteurized or included as part of a batter and baked) are acceptable.
3. No home-canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted in products.
4. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Contestants should not prepare food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness.

Cakes, Unfrosted

- B01. Angel food, white
- B02. Angel food, other than white
- B03. Chiffon, sponge or sunshine
- B04. Coffee cake
- B05. Other than above

Cakes, Multiple Layer, frosted

- B06. Devil's food
- B07. German Chocolate
- B08. Spice
- B09. White cake
- B10. Other than above

Cakes, Single Layer (in or out of pan)

- B11. Applesauce (frosted)
- B12. Butter (frosted)
- B13. Chocolate fudge (frosted)
- B14. Gingerbread (unfrosted)
- B15. Pound, loaf or bundt
- B16. Sour cream (frosted)
- B17. Using fruit(s)
- B18. Using vegetable(s)
- B19. Other than above

Candy (6 pieces)

- B20. Brittle, any kind
- B21. Chocolate fudge
- B22. Divinity
- B23. English toffee
- B24. Maple
- B25. Peanut butter fudge
- B26. Other than above

Cobbler/Crisp

- B27. Apple
- B28. Blueberry
- B29. Cherry
- B30. Peach
- B31. Other than above

Cookies (plate of 6)

- B32. Bar
- B33. Biscotti
- B34. Brownies
- B35. Chocolate chip
- B36. Filled
- B37. Holiday
- B38. Oatmeal
- B39. Peanut butter
- B40. Sugar
- B41. Other than above

Crackers (plate of 6)

- B42. Anything goes

Cupcakes, Frosted (plate of 6)

- B43. Chocolate
- B44. White/Yellow
- B45. Other than above

Gluten Free (create an entry that is completely gluten free [no wheat, barley, rye]. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and adherence to all gluten free ingredients)

- B46. Bread
- B47. Cakes
- B48. Cookies
- B49. Other than above

Heart-Healthy (reduced fat, salt or sugar, or containing a sugar substitute.)

- B50. Granola
- B51. Anything goes

Honey-Baked Items (sweetener in recipe must be at least 51% honey, which includes any glazes, etc.)

- B52. Anything goes

Mixes (Use a commercial mix to create an item that is not what the mix was made for)

- B53. Bread
- B54. Cookies
- B55. Other than above

Muffins (plate of 6)

- B56. Fruit
- B57. Vegetable
- B58. Whole grain/grains
- B59. Other than above

Pies (no cream pies)

- B60. Apple
- B61. Apricot
- B62. Berry
- B63. Cherry
- B64. Peach
- B65. Pecan
- B66. Other than above

Quick Bread, Loaves

- B67. Banana
- B68. Cornbread

- B69. Date
- B70. Nut
- B71. Pumpkin
- B72. Zucchini
- B73. Other than above

Scones (plate of 6)

- B74. Anything goes

Yeast Bread, Loaves

- B75. Batter bread
- B76. Herb
- B77. Raisin
- B78. Sour dough
- B79. White
- B80. Whole wheat (at least half the flour is whole wheat)
- B81. Other than above

Yeast Rolls, Not Sweet

- (plate of 6, any flour)
- B82. Cloverleaf
- B83. Crescent
- B84. Onion
- B85. Parker House
- B86. Whole wheat
- B87. Other than above

Yeast, Sweet (out of the pan)

- B88. Batter bread
- B89. Cinnamon rolls, plate of 6
- B90. Coffee cake
- B91. Rolls (not cinnamon) plate of 6
- B92. Tea ring
- B93. Other than above

Culinary Arts—Cake Decorating

Check in: Th, July 17— 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Awards by
Supportive Local
Business

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Cake exhibit, including decorations and stand, not to exceed 24" high.
3. Cake board not to exceed 18" in diameter. Cake can be a dummy.
4. Exhibitor must notify at time of check-in if they will be picking up their exhibit.
5. Exhibitor must check in completed cake.
6. Must be decorated with some type of bag and tip or rolled fondant.

Decorated Cakes

- CD01. Bridal or anniversary
- CD02. Shower or birthday (non-tiered)
- CD03. Three-dimensional
- CD04. Welcome to the fair

Decorated Cupcakes

- CD05. Cupcakes

Culinary Arts—Food Preservation Canning

Check in: M, July 14 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Woldruff's
Footwear and
Apparel

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. **PLEASE USE CURRENT CANNING TECHNIQUES FROM USDA/NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOME FOOD PRESERVATION: [HTTPS://NCHFP.UGA.EDU](https://NCHFP.UGA.EDU); CALL (202) 720-2791 OR EMAIL ASKUSDA@USDA.GOV**
3. All canning must have been completed within the last year.
4. All canned goods must be in colorless standard canning jars with a two-piece lid and band. All jelly, jam, preserves, and butters should be in a standard jelly glass or pint jar with a two-piece lid. Leave the band on the jar.
5. All containers must be sealed to be judged; **no canned goods will be opened.**
6. **Entries must be labeled on top of jar with product name, date of preparation, processing method, and processing time. (See label example.)**
7. Electronic programmable pressure cookers can not be used for canning.

Label Example

Item
Date: Year
Processing method: _____
Processing time: _____

Quality Criteria:

Safety is of utmost importance. Any entry exhibiting spoilage or not in compliance with judging guidelines must be disqualified. Quality criteria are based on visual judging only.

Filled Jar:

- **Headspace must correspond to instructions from the reference guides listed. The top of the project or liquid covering product must provide adequate headspace as stated in approved guidelines.**
- Air bubbles must be kept to a minimum. (Gas bubbles denote spoilage and can be identified by movement of bubbles to the surface of the product while the jar is stationary. Products indicating gas bubbles are present WILL be disqualified.)
- Band should remain in place to transport preserved food and display.

Heat Process:

- Method used to heat process food must comply with current preserving guidelines as stated in the approved reference guides. The boiling-water process for acid food and pressure process for low-acid food are the only recommended methods.
- Times for heat processing food correctly vary depending on each specific recipe or food type. Processing time must be in agreement with the approved reference guides.

Product Appearance:

- Produce should be free from blemishes, disease, and spoilage. Recipes prepared with stems, pits and peels intact are acceptable if the recipe is in keeping with all other preserving guidelines.
- Liquid must be clear and free from cloudiness and small particles unless recipe ingredients have a natural affect on product clarity.
- Color of the finished product should be as close as possible to its natural characteristics or that for cooked product.



- Texture is affected by heat processing; however, the finished product should not appear over-cooked or easily break down.
- Ingredients should retain their shape and size based on the type and preparation method. Cut pieces of uniform size should be packed evenly in the jar yet allow adequate room for liquid to circulate throughout the jar.

Section and Classes

Elkhart County Gift Container

(Theme container displaying 6 home-made canned products of either jelled or pickled fruit, vegetables or syrups.)

C01. Six products of your choice

Fruit

- C02. Applesauce
- C03. Berries
- C04. Peaches
- C05. Pears
- C06. Sour cherries
- C07. Sweet cherries
- C08. Tomatoes
- C09. Other than above

Fruit Butters

- C10. Apple
- C11. Peach
- C12. Pear
- C13. Other than above

Jams/Preserves

- C14. Cherry
- C15. Peach
- C16. Raspberry, red or black
- C17. Strawberry
- C18. Other than above

Jellies

- C19. Apple
- C20. Grape
- C21. Raspberry, red or black
- C22. Strawberry
- C23. Other than above

Juices

- C24. Apple
- C25. Grape
- C26. Tomato
- C27. Other than above

Meat

- C28. Beef
- C29. Fish
- C30. Poultry

C31. Sausage

C32. Other than above

Peppers

- C33. Hot
- C34. Mixed
- C35. Sweet and bell
- C36. Other than above

Pickled Products

- C37. Beets, pickled
- C38. Bread and butter pickles
- C39. Dill pickles
- C40. Mixed pickles or last of garden
- C41. Sweet pickles
- C42. Other than above

Pie Filling

- C43. Apple
- C44. Cherry
- C45. Peach
- C46. Other than above

Relishes

- C47. Corn relish
- C48. Sweet relish
- C49. Other than above

Sauces

- C50. Salsa - fruit, vegetable
- C51. Sauce - chili, taco
- C52. Spaghetti
- C53. Tomato ketchup
- C54. Other than above

Soup

- C55. Bean
- C56. Tomato
- C57. Vegetable and meat
- C58. Other than above

Vegetables

- C59. Beans, green or yellow
- C60. Beets, red
- C61. Carrots
- C62. Corn
- C63. Potatoes
- C64. Other than above

Culinary Arts—Food Preservation, Miscellaneous

Check in: M, July 14 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Hahn
Auctioneers Inc.

1. See general rules on page 4. No canned goods will be opened.
2. JAR TOPS SHOULD BE DATED and LABELED WITH CONTENTS.
3. Samples are required for all jerky, vinegar, honey and syrup entries. Samples are not returned.
4. Heating dried jerky strips to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F in an oven is recommended to decrease the risk of foodborne illness.

Dried Fruit (pint jar - filled)

- C65. Apples
C66. Apricots
C67. Bananas
C68. Candied fruits
C69. Peaches
C70. Tomatoes
C71. Other than above

- C80. Onions
C81. Peppers
C82. Potatoes
C83. Soup mix
C84. Squash
C85. Sweet corn
C86. Other than above

Dried Herbs (1/2 pint jar - filled)

- C72. Dill, pint or quart
C73. Mint
C74. Oregano
C75. Parsley
C76. Other than above

Flavored Vinegars **Sample required**

- C87. Herb
C88. Raspberry
C89. Other

Dried Meat **Sample required**

- C77. Beef jerky, 6 pcs. minimum
C78. Other than above, 6 pcs. Minimum

Honey **Sample required** Can be exhibited in standard honey jars or canning jars.

- C90. Comb honey
C91. Extracted honey (1 lb jar)

Dried Vegetables (1/2 pint jar - filled)

- C79. Green beans

Syrups **Sample required**

- C92. Maple
C93. Other flavored syrup

Handicrafts

Check in: M, July 14— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Welcome Home
Farm

1. No holiday or paper art.
2. See general rules on page 4.
3. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension, except where otherwise stated.
4. Must be ready to hang with hangers.

Baskets (No Holiday)

- H01. Basket of natural materials (as Grapevine, Willow, Sweetgrass)
H02. Basket with lid
H03. Coiled (pine needle, naturals, or rag)
H04. Flat reed basket 10" & under, not including handle
H05. Flat reed basket 11" & over, not including handle
H06. Rib (heavy, round reed as spokes)
H07. Round reed basket 10" & under, not including handle
H08. Round reed basket 11" & over, not including handle
H09. Specialty type basket (as wagon,

- cradle, sleigh)
H10. Other than above – gourd vessels, art form

Button Art (No Holiday)

- H11. Necklaces
H12. Pins
H13. Picture
H14. Other than above

Carving (No Holiday)

- H15. Animal
H16. Figurine
H17. Canes (Up to 48")
H18. Group of 3 to 5 related pieces

- H19. Wall plaque
H20. Other than above

Ceramics (No Holiday)

- All items should be less than 24" tall, including accessories. Limit of 5 pieces.
H21. Airbrushed (all finishes)
H22. Doll
H23. Hand-formed (all finishes)
H24. Over-glazed (use of decals, mother-of-pearl, gold, China painting)
H25. Painted bisque
H26. Other than above

Clocks (No Holiday)

- H27. Decorated/painted
H28. Mantle
H29. Wall

CNC (Computer Numerical Control)

Machine Items (No Holiday)

- H30. Metal
H31. Wood
H32. Resin
H33. Other than above

Dolls (No Holiday)

- H34. Cloth doll
H35. Handcrafted, using China parts
H36. Pair of dolls
H37. Other than above

Floral Design/Decoration (artificial or natural—No Holiday)

- H38. Centerpieces
H39. Decorated hat
H40. Door/wall/wreath, hanger required
H41. Dried nature arrangement (not to exceed 18"x18")
H42. Silk bridal bouquet
H43. Silk flower arrangement (not exceeding 24" H x 20" W x 24" L)
H44. Other than above

Garden Art (No Holiday)

- H45. Angels and/or animals
H46. Bat, bird, or other animal houses
H47. Bird feeder
H48. Stepping stones
H49. Other than above

Homemade Soap (No Holiday)

- H50. Three (3) bars
H51. One (1) pound granulated
H52. Decorative soap

In Remembrance (No Holiday)

- H53. Collectable
H54. Life story
H55. Special interest

Jewelry (No Holiday)

- H56. Bracelet
H57. Earrings
H58. Necklace
H59. Pins
H60. Other than above

Forged Metal Art (No Holiday) - Traditional blacksmithing methods with fire heat and beat. No visible modern welding or fabrication.

- H61. Cutting tools (hatchets, axes, knives, etc.)
H62. Tools
H63. Sculpture art
H64. Other than above

Miscellaneous Crafts (No Holiday)

- H65. Decorated eggshell, painted or carved, in holder
H66. Gourd
H67. Leather
H68. Stained glass
H69. Padded picture
H70. Pebble art
H71. Other than above

Polymer Clay (No Holiday)

- H72. Figurines
H73. Jewelry
H74. Other than above

Pottery (Redware, Raku, Low-fire, Whiteware, Stoneware— No Holiday)

- H75. Sculpture
H76. Wheel-thrown
H77. Other than above

Recycled (No Holiday)

- H78. Household item
H79. Jewelry (No paper)
H80. Other than above

Sports (No Holiday)

- H81. Hand tied fish flies
H82. Decoys
H83. Fishing lures
H84. Other than above

Stuffed Animals (No Holiday)

- H85. Bear
- H86. Monkey
- H87. Rabbit
- H88. Other than above

Wearable Art (No Holiday)

- H89. Free-hand painted
- H90. Machine embroidery
- H91. Other than above

Wood Items (No Holiday)

- H92. Bowls, all sizes and kinds
- H93. Canes—up to 48"
- H94. Decorated, sitting or standing
- H95. Hanging decoration
- H96. Toy, up to 12" long
- H97. Toy, over 12" long
- H98. Other than above

Wonder Where It Goes (No Holiday)

- H99. Not an existing category

Holiday Handicrafts & Paper Art

Check in: M, July 14 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Sweet-Em's
Cake Shoppe

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension.
3. Must be ready to hang with hangers.
4. Scrapbook judging is based on neatness, creativity, and originality. Spreads must include some journaling (handwritten or computer generated). Two pages only, tied together face to face.

Christmas Only Projects

- HP1. Angels
- HP2. Centerpiece (single pc., max 18" x 24")
- HP3. Creche or manger
- HP4. Figurines, limit 3, freestanding, max 20" H
- HP5. Stocking
- HP6. Tree skirt
- HP7. Decorated tree
- HP8. Door/wall decoration or wreath—ready to hang
- HP9. Tole painting (any object or fabric)
- HP10. Tree ornament (ready to hang)
- HP11. Wooden item
- HP12. Jewelry
- HP13. Dolls
- HP14. Other than above, limit 6 pcs.

Holiday Other Than Christmas (specific holiday on back)

- HP15. Angel
- HP16. Centerpiece (single pc., max 18" x 24")
- HP17. Figurines, limit 3, freestanding, max 20" H
- HP18. Decorated tree
- HP19. Door/wall decoration or wreath—ready to hang
- HP20. Tole painting (any object or fabric)

- HP21. Wooden item
- HP22. Jewelry
- HP23. Doll
- HP24. Other than above

Ceramics (All items must be less than 24" tall, including accessories. Limit 5 pcs.)

- HP25. Airbrush (all finishes)
- HP26. Doll
- HP27. Hand formed (all finishes)
- HP28. Over-glazed (use of decals, mother of pearl, gold, china painting)
- HP29. Painted bisque
- HP30. Other than above

Paper Art

- HP31. Bookmarks
- HP32. Cards
- HP33. Boxes
- HP34. Special folds
- HP35. Other than above

Patriotic Items

- HP36. Table decoration
- HP37. Wall/door decoration or wreath
- HP38. Wearable
- HP39. Other than above

Pottery (Redware, Raku, Low-fire,**Whiteware, Stoneware)**

- HP40. Sculpture
- HP41. Wheel-thrown
- HP42. Other than above

Scrapbooking, 12" x 12" Must be exhibited in plastic sleeve. Double page layout, one side displayed. Pages need to be tied together with ribbon or yarn.

- HP43. Baby (newborn to 12 months)
- HP44. Children (13 months to 5 years)
- HP45. Birthday
- HP46. Heritage
- HP47. Holiday, specify holiday on back of tag
- HP48. Pet(s) / 4-H animals
- HP49. School / activities
- HP50. Travel / vacation
- HP51. Wedding or anniversary
- HP52. Other than above

Scrapbooking, Mini Themebook

- HP53. Accordion
- HP54. Three-ring binder
- HP55. Other than above

Snow/Winter

- HP56. Free-standing snowman
- HP57. Table decoration
- HP58. Wall/door decoration or wreath
- HP59. Wearable
- HP60. Other than above

Stamping

- HP61. Bookmark, gift tag or box

- HP62. Greeting card (no technique/simple)
- HP63. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
- HP64. Rubber stamping masking
- HP65. Special folding technique
- HP66. Other than above

Stamp Embossing (Dry)

- HP67. Bookmark, gift tag or box
- HP68. Greeting card (simple)
- HP69. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
- HP70. Special folding technique
- HP71. Other than above

Stamp Embossing (Heat)

- HP72. Bookmark, gift tag or box
- HP73. Greeting card (simple)
- HP74. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
- HP75. Special folding technique
- HP76. Other than above

Water Color Stamping

- HP77. Bookmark, gift tag or box
- HP78. Greeting card (simple)
- HP79. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
- HP80. Special folding technique
- HP81. Other than above

Wonder Where It Goes

- HP82. Not an existing category

Needlework

Check in: M, July 14— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Maple Corner
Boutique & Gift
Shoppe

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension, except where otherwise stated.
3. Comforters should be pieced by exhibitor, but may be knotted by a group.
4. Finishing of exhibits such as framing and sewing (finishing) of pillows can be done by someone other than exhibitor.
5. All sets should be securely fastened together.
6. Soiled articles will be disqualified.

Section and Classes

Holiday (decorated trees and figures not to exceed 24")

- N01. Holiday door or wall decoration, other than wreath
- N02. Holiday figures, limit 3 pcs.
- N03. Holiday wreath

- N04. Crèche - manger
- N05. Decorated holiday tree
- N06. Decorated stocking
- N07. Tree ornament - single, ready to hang
- N08. Tree skirt
- N09. Tree top
- N10. Plastic canvas - 1 to 6 pcs.
- N11. Other than above - limit 6 pcs.

Counted Cross Stitch (may be a framed item, pillow, or decorative item.)

- N12. Afghan
- N13. Animals
- N14. Birds
- N15. Buildings
- N16. Figures
- N17. Flowers and plants
- N18. Sampler
- N19. Sayings, poems
- N20. Scenery
- N21. Other than above

Crocheted (Yarn)

- N22. Afghan—1 color or variegated
- N23. Afghan—2 colors
- N24. Afghan—3 colors
- N25. Baby Afghan (limit 36" x 45")
- N26. Cape, poncho or shawl
- N27. Children's apparel
- N28. Doll clothing
- N29. Infant set—3 pieces: sweater, booties, mittens, cap, hood
- N30. Scarf—mittens, gloves, or hat
- N31. Socks
- N32. Sweater—1 color or variegated
- N33. Sweater—2 or more colors
- N34. Vest
- N35. Other than above

Crocheted, Thread

- N36. Doily
- N37. Other than above

Fine Beading

- N38. Jewelry
- N39. Other than above

Hand Embroidery (any fiber)

- N40. Picture

- N41. Other than above

Knitted

- N42. Afghan—1 color or variegated
- N43. Afghan—2 colors
- N44. Afghan—3 colors
- N45. Baby Afghan (limit 36" x 45")
- N46. Cape, poncho or shawl
- N47. Children's apparel
- N48. Doll clothing
- N49. Infant set—3 pieces: sweater, booties, mittens, cap, hood
- N50. Scarf—mittens, gloves, or hat
- N51. Socks
- N52. Sweater—1 color or variegated
- N53. Sweater—2 or more colors
- N54. Vest
- N55. Other than above

Machine Embroidery

- N56. Clothing
- N57. Household items
- N58. Other than above

Felted

- N59. Bags
- N60. Hats
- N61. Other than above

Miscellaneous Needlework

- N62. Latch hook

Needlepoint

- N63. Picture - ready to hang (max. 36"x30" can be on dowel rod)
- N64. Pillow stuffed
- N65. Other than above

Recycled

- N66. Clothing
- N67. Other than above

Rugs

- N68. Hooked, primitive
- N69. Woven
- N70. Other than above

Wool

- N71. Table mat
- N72. Penny rugs
- N73. Other than above

Photography

Check in: M, July 14— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
The Nut Shoppe

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Participants are limited to a maximum of 8 photography entries.
3. Any person who derives more than one-half of their income from photography cannot enter photography at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. These individuals are encouraged to participate in the professional division in the Home and Family Arts Building at the Indiana State Fair (postmarked by July 1st).
4. **Dimensions:** The photograph itself must be a minimum of 8" x 10" and a maximum of 11" x 14" with total thickness of exhibit being no more than 3/16" thick.
5. **Mount:** Each photo must be permanently mounted ON a solid photographic mount board or foam core with NO frame. Board must be exactly 11 x 14. MASONITE, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD OR THIN POSTER BOARD IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. All entries will be displayed in a plastic sleeve with closure at the bottom of the photo. Exhibitors can purchase sleeves at check-in for \$1 each.
6. **Presentation:** Overlay mats are acceptable as long as the total thickness of exhibits does not exceed 3/16". Overlay mats must be attached on all four sides. NOTE: double-faced tape or a thin layer of spray glue won't hold up in high heat and humidity.
7. All prints must be made from negatives, transparencies, or digital images exposed after June 2022.
8. The Home & Family Arts Director reserves the right to disqualify prints deemed to be in poor taste and the right to remove items after hung if public complaint.
9. Portraits displaying nudity will not be accepted.
10. Names must be covered.

Classification Explanations:

1. **Action**—showing someone or something in action. (color only)
2. **Animals/Insects**—Any living creature not human, such as pets, domestic or wild animals, fish, bugs, birds, insects (including macro) etc.
3. **County Fair Theme**—Pertaining to the current county fair theme.
4. **Human Interest**—Candid, people interacting, action shots, storytelling
5. **Nature—Flora**—flowers, plant life (including macro)
6. **Nature—Scenic**—Landscapes, water, sunsets, etc.—identify location
7. **Portrait**—head and shoulder or full length of person(s) posed or informal (not candid)
8. **Unclassified**—Abstracts, still life, buildings or other not fitting in any other category
9. **Creative or Experimental**—Non-professional, black and white, toned, color, hand colored, or computer generated, an "anything goes" category. Must comply with overall dimensions and hanging guidelines. There will not be a separate Grand Champion for this class, but prints may be considered for this award.

Section and Classes

Black and White or Toned

- P01. Animals / insects
- P02. County Fair Theme
- P03. Human interest
- P04. Nature—flora
- P05. Nature—scenic
- P06. Portrait
- P07. Unclassified

- P12. Nature—flora

- P13. Nature—scenic

- P14. Portrait

- P15. Unclassified

Creative or Experimental

- P16. Anything goes
- P17. Canvas prints

What judges look for:

Impact • Center of interest
Composition • Technique
Print quality • Presentation • Story
telling • Universal appeal •
Creates a feeling or emotion

Quilts & Quilted Items

Check in: M, July 14— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. All quilts must be hand quilted or machine quilted through 3 layers.
3. Small quilts are under 60". Large quilts are not accepted this year (see below).
4. There are two departments: Department I – Individual: All work is completed by one person. Department II – Team or Group quilts: All work is completed by more than one person.
5. There will be a Grand Champion award in each department (total of 2).

Due to the move to our new area in the ECCC building, we are removing the large quilts from our quilt department for 2025. We will only be accepting the items listed below. We fully intend to add back the categories in the future once we have had some experience in our new space and can decide how best to appropriately display the larger quilts. We thank you for your patience as we endeavor to meet the needs of our open class exhibitors.

Department I – Individual Quilts

Small Quilts – Pieced

- Q01 Hand pieced
Q02 Machine pieced
Q03 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Small Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q04 Applique – cotton or wool
Q05 Hand embroidery
Q06 Machine embroidery
Q07 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Hand-Quilted Awards by Cross Hart Farms
& Machine Quilted Awards by
The Quilt Shop @ Essenhause

Miscellaneous Quilted Items

- Q08 Clothing item – hand or mach. qlt'd
Q09 Pillow – hand or mach. qlt'd
Q10 Table runner/topper – hand or mach qlt'd
Q11 Purse/Bag
Q12 Other – hand or mach. qlt'd

Department II – Team or Group Quilts

Small Quilts – Pieced

- Q13 Hand pieced
Q14 Machine pieced
Q15 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Hand-Quilted Awards by Cross Hart Farms
& Machine Quilted Awards by
The Quilt Shop @ Essenhause

Small Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q16 Applique – cotton or wool
Q17 Hand embroidery
Q18 Machine embroidery
Q19 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Sewing

Check in: M, July 14 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

See general rules on page 4. No undergarments. No dolls.

WEARABLE

Children's Clothing

- S01. Active sportswear
S02. Costume
S03. Dress
S04. Dress, special occasion
S05. Infant Christening
S06. Pants
S07. Pants or skirt with coordinated top
S08. Sleepwear
S09. Suit or coat
S10. Top
S11. Other than above

Doll Clothes (any size)

- S12. Costume
S13. Dress
S14. Sleepwear
S15. Other

Dresses

- S16. Dress with jacket
S17. One-piece dress
S18. Special occasion, any length
S19. Wedding

Men's

- S20. Active wear
S21. Necktie
S22. Shirt
S23. Other than above

Women's

- S24. Active wear
S25. Blouse
S26. Coat/Jacket, lined
S27. Coat/Jacket, unlined
S28. Separates - two or more
S29. Skirt
S30. Suit with pants, skirt
S31. Vest
S32. Other than above

NON-WEARABLE

Bags

- S33. Backpack
S34. Multiple pockets
S35. Purse with accessory set
S36. Simple (no pockets)
S37. Other than above

Fabric Techniques (not quilted)

- S38. Quiet book
S39. Placemats or table runners
S40. Other than above

Home Decorating

- S41. Comforter
S42. Pillow
S43. Quilted Item

Wearable
Awards by
Sew Creative
Threads

Non-Wearable
Awards by
Sew Creative
Threads

Apron Contest

Check in: M, July 14 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

1. See general rules on page 4 (exception: you are not limited to one entry per class in this contest.)
2. Individuals may enter as many aprons as they choose. An overall winner will be chosen in each category.
3. Entries must be constructed by exhibitor, however, a pre-printed panel can be used in designing the apron. Use your own design or a commercial pattern.
4. Consider entering your aprons in the Fashion Show. See pages 26-27 for rules.

- AC01. **Fashionable**—there's no need thinking "practical" in this category. You can use any type of decoration. Have fun!
AC02. **Functional**—must be a fully useable.

Prizes:

- 1st place, AC01
- 1st place, AC02
- Grand Champion, overall winner

Awards by
Sew
Creative
Threads

Special Contest Rules

These special contests are to promote the use of Michiana grown agricultural products. The Home and Family Arts staff encourages you to be creative!

1. Open to anyone over the age of eight (8) years in the Michiana area.
2. The following contests do not require pre-entry. Entry fee is your admission paid at the gate.
3. Participants are limited to one entry per contest in each category.
4. Previous first place recipes are not eligible.
5. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Recipes should be complete and typed or neatly written on one side of an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of paper.
6. On the back side of the recipe, be sure to include your name, complete address and phone number as well as the year, contest and category.
7. These recipes will become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers with the right to use them for fair publicity.
8. Entries should be kept at proper temperatures at all times to ensure safety.
9. Prizes are listed in each section.
10. Entries to be picked up following judging.

Special Contest Sponsors

Beef Cook-off Contest — Elkhart County Beef Cattle Association
Best of Michiana Ribs — Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co.
Bursting with Blueberries — Home & Family Arts
Charcuterie Board — Richmond's Feed Service
Cookie Stacking — Creative Homemakers Extension Club
Dairy Delicious — Elkhart County Dairy Directors
Fastest Fingers — Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn
Lamb Cook-Off — Elkhart County Sheep Breeders Association
Metal Yard Art — Richmond's Feed Service
Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling — Kercher's Sunrise Orchard
Pork Cook-Off — Elkhart County Pork Producers
President's Item — Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board
Senior Citizen's Cookies — Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board
Unique Birdhouse — Dutch Maid Bakery
Year of the Pea — Belly Acres

Metal Yard Art

Award Donor—Richmond's Feed Service

This year we are sponsoring a special contest for Metal Yard Art that is too large to exhibit inside our building. These projects **DO NOT** have to adhere to the published size and weight requirements, however individuals will be responsible for setting up their own exhibit in an outdoor area designed by the committee. Individuals will be able to bring their item on **Monday, July 14** during our normal entry hours. There will be a **\$2.00 entry fee**. The projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 15 and awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Judging will be closed. In addition to this judging, from July 18-25 there will be People's Choice voting. A ballot box will be inside our building where the public can cast their votes. The winner will be awarded a special prize announced on the last day of the fair. Individuals will be responsible for removing their projects during the hours of check-out on either Sunday or Monday following the fair.



President Randi Yoder

Cheesecake

Award Donor—Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board

Check-in at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Judging begins around noon

Prize - \$10

Cheesecake can be any flavor! It will be judged on cheesecake ingredients; not toppings. Toppings can be included, but do not affect judging. See Special Contest rules. Any items brought in after 11:00 a.m. will not be accepted. Contestants may enter only one item.



This is a special contest this year with a short window for check-in and judging, so food safety will not be an issue. These entries could be something that's created and stored in the refrigerator and then allowed to warm like a cheese ball or spread or it could be a prepared food item that is cooked or baked and then brought for judging.

Thursday—17

Charcuterie Board

Award Donor—Richmond's Feed Service

Check-in at 11:30 a.m. Judging begins around noon.

Anything goes on a no larger than 9"x13" board. See Special Contest rules.



Saturday—19

Dairy Delicious

Award Donor—Elkhart County Dairy Directors

Check-in: 4:30 p.m.

Judging begins around 5 p.m.

Categories:

- DD01. Party foods
- DD02. Main dishes
- DD03. Desserts



Description: Recipes for either one of these categories must contain at least two dairy foods, such as: milk, cream, cream cheese, cheese, ice cream, etc. Entry should be a minimum of 6 servings.

This is a special contest this year with a short window for check-in and judging, so food safety will not be an issue. These entries could be something that's created and stored in the refrigerator and then allowed to warm like a cheese ball or spread or it could be a prepared food item that is cooked or baked and then brought for judging.

Fastest Fingers

Award Donor—Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn

Check-in at 11:30 a.m. Judging begins around noon

Categories:

- FF1. Crochet the fastest!

Yarn and needles will be provided. Crochet the longest chain during this timed contest.



Year of the Pea

Award Donor—Belly Acres

Check-in at 6:00 p.m. Judging around 6:30 p.m.

- 1. See Special Contest rules.

Categories:

- Y01. Anything Goes with Peas



Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling

Award Donor—Kercher's Sunrise Orchard

Check-in at 11 a.m., Contest begins at 11:15 a.m.

1. Adults only. For safety reasons, no children.
2. No scoring of apple.
3. Must use apple and knife provided. Apple will be room temperature.
4. Time limit is **30 mins.** once peeling begins. If peel breaks, you can begin again from the same apple.
5. Judging will be determined from the longest continuous peel from one apple. Decision of judge is final. Peel must be free from apple.



41st Annual Senior Citizen's Cookies

Award Donor—Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board

Check-in 9:00 to 11 a.m.

(62 years of age and over)

Judging begins around 11:30 a.m.; pick up entry by 1 p.m.

Each category will be awarded a 1st place - \$3, 2nd place - \$2, 3rd place - \$1

1. See Special Contest Rules.
2. There are 3 categories: Bar, Drop, and Formed (*no brownies*). One entry per category.
3. Exhibit consists of six cookies on a plate.



Cookie Stacking

Award Donor—Creative Homemakers Extension Club

Check-in at 11:30 a.m. Judging begins around noon.

Age groups 3 and up may compete and they'll be divided into groups. Contestants will be judged on how many cookies they can stack in a set time limit.



Unique Birdhouse

Award Donor—Dutch Maid Bakery

Check-in at 6:00 p.m. Open judging begins at 6:30 p.m.

See Special Contest rules. See #7 on page 4 of General Rules on size limitations. Be as creative as you want!



Bursting with Blueberries

Award Donor—Home & Family Arts

Check-in at 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Judging begins around noon

Anything goes! The more blueberries the better!



Best of Michiana Ribs

Award Donor—Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co.

Check-in at 9 a.m.
Judging begins around noon
Champion Best Ribs: Gift Certificate

Any kind of ribs and anything goes! Must follow the same guidelines for the outdoor cooking contest, except ribs can be par-boiled at home prior to barbecuing or smoking. One entry per participant.



Byler Lienhart Cook-Off

Award Donors—Elkhart Co. Pork Producers,
Elkhart Co. Beef Cattle Assoc., & Elkhart Co. Sheep Breeders

Check-in: 9 a.m.
Judging begins at 11:30 a.m.
Location: Lamb Barn



1. Two copies of the recipe used for each entry must be submitted.
2. A minimum of 80% of the entrée preparation must be done at cook-off site.
3. Each contestant is responsible for furnishing the meat, recipe, ingredients, utensils and cooking source for the preparation of the entrée. Presentation is the responsibility of the exhibitor and should include 6 servings.
4. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with all food being ready for judging at 11:30 a.m. If the item being prepared requires a longer cooking time, you can begin cooking prior to 9 a.m., gates remain open, but you must begin at the cook-off site.
5. Please enter gate 5. Once your equipment has been unloaded, you will be given further instructions.
6. Contestants may enter one item in each category.

Categories:

Cut—Any fresh, pure, lean cut with at least 3-oz. of meat per serving.

Ground—Fresh ground, at least 80% lean.

OC1. Beef - cut	OC2. Beef - ground
OC3. Lamb - cut	OC4. Lamb - ground
OC5. Pork - cut	OC6. Pork - ground

Judging: Entries will be judged using the following guidelines:

A. Cut Selection	15 points
B. Excellence of preparation	45 points
C. Appearance and presentation	20 points
D. Overall appeal	20 points

Prizes:

Beef and Lamb categories will be awarded:

1st place—\$25 2nd place—\$15 3rd place—\$5

Pork categories will be awarded:

1st place—\$50 2nd place—\$30 3rd place—\$25
4th place—\$20 5th place—\$15 6th place—\$10

Grand Overall Pork - Elkhart Co. Pork Producers

Cook-Off Grand Prize - Tracy Byler & Mary Ann Lienhart Cross



Elkhart County 4-H Fair Open Class Fashion Show

Entry deadline - July 1st
Judging - Thursday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.
Open House Show - Thursday, July 17, 6:30 pm
Elkhart County Community Center (ECCC)
Award Donors—To Be Announced



1. All residents of Elkhart County and/or people who participate in Elkhart County Extension activities are eligible to participate.
2. Garments modeled must have been newly constructed after September 1, 2024. Any suitable fabric or technique (knitting, crocheting, etc.) may be used.
3. Contestants may enter in multiple categories.
4. Contestants must model their own garment EXCEPT in categories with the "sewing for others" designation.
5. Participants are encouraged to enter their garments in the Sewing section of the Home and Family Arts Department. Garments entered in open class clothing construction must be returned following the public show.

Registration and Award Process

1. Complete registration form and a short narrative of the outfit to be modeled on a separate paper. This will be reviewed at judging. See form on page 29. This MUST be submitted by July 1. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!
2. Contestants attend two events: 1) judging, 2) public fashion show.
3. A judging schedule and information will be mailed to all participants.
4. The public fashion show will be held during the Open House. Results will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Written comments will be made on a score sheet and will be available for pick up from the announcer after the fashion show.

Awards

Awards will be presented during the Open House Fashion Show. A prize will be awarded to the first-place winner in each division. A prize will be awarded to the Grand Champion for the best overall entry.

Scoring

Following is a summary of the score sheet that the judges will use. The score sheet has been developed to help you understand the points the judges are looking at:

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| I. The Contestant - appearance, posture, poise, and grooming | 35% |
| II. The Costume on the Contestant - becoming, fit, style, texture, fabric, effect of undergarments, and accessories | 40% |

- III. **The Constructed Article** - fabric and trimmings, workmanship, related values, and the quality of work as it contributes to the overall look as it is modeled 25%

Categories

- Aprons** One or more aprons that you have sewn.
- Coats or Suits** (1 person modeling) Separate coat for your wardrobe, to be solely a coat with its own accessories. Suits being two or more pieces (i.e., skirt or pants with jacket, cape, or vest of the same fabric, shown with or without its own blouse or shirt). Jacket, coat, cape or vest must be lined.
- Dresses** (1 person modeling) One or two piece. Includes a dress with own jacket, coat, vest or jumper and blouse.
- Family Outfits**— Person wearing outfit she/he has made, plus any other individuals wearing garments sewn for them with a coordinated or themed look.
- My Choice**— (1 person modeling) Active wear (i.e., tennis wear/swimwear), western, loungewear or costumes (such as historic, dance, international or Halloween) which do not fit in the other classes listed. (No bridal gowns— see wedding gowns)
- Embellished w/Hand or Machine Embroidery** — (1 person modeling) Any garment that has been constructed and that is embellished by hand or machine embroidery. Refer to line #2, as this garment cannot be store bought, but has to have been made and then embellished by hand or machine embroidery.
- Separates** (1 person modeling). True coordinates. May be 2, 3, or more garments selected and modeled together for a complete look. All garments must be worn. Each piece should be important enough to stand on its own with other garments. Accessory items such as a sweater, blouse or shirt may be a purchased garments.
- Sewing for Others/Children Birth to Age 5** (as of January 1) One child's garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- Sewing for Others/Children Ages 6-12** (as of January 1) One child's garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- Sewing for Others/Teen Ages 13-17** (as of January 1) One teen's garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- Sewing for Others/Adult Over Age 18** (as of January 1) One adult's garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- Wedding Gowns** (1 person modeling). Seamstress of the garment must be present at the judging.
- Bridesmaids or Formal Dresses** (1 person modeling) Seamstress of the garment must be present at the judging.

Attend the Open House & Public Fashion Show
Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 pm in the
Elkhart County Community Center (ECCC).

Home & Family Arts Department Location ECCC (Elkhart County Community Center)



**NEW
LOCATION!**

Fashion Show Entry Form

1. Please use a separate form for each entry.
2. All forms are due July 1 so that a judging schedule can be developed.

Name: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Categories

- _____ A. Aprons (Elkhart County only)
- _____ B. Coats or suits
- _____ C. Dresses
- _____ D. Family outfits
- _____ E. My choice
- _____ F. Embellished w/hand or machine embroidery
- _____ G. Separates
- _____ H. Sewing for others/children birth to age 5
- _____ I. Sewing for others/children ages 6 to 12
- _____ J. Sewing for others/teens ages 13 to 17
- _____ K. Sewing for others/adult over age 18
- _____ L. Wedding gowns
- _____ M. Bridesmaids or formal dresses

Please copy front and back of pattern envelope and attach to this form with a sample of the fabric.

Description of the garment - neckline, sleeves, skirt, kind of closing, pockets, etc.: _____

Pattern company _____ Pattern number _____

Fabric Information: Color, kind, fiber content:

Description of accessories: Color, shoes, jewelry, other:

If sewing for others, please complete the following:

Name of Model: _____

Age: _____ Relation: _____

Name of Model: _____

Age: _____ Relation: _____

Return to:

Purdue Extension Elkhart County
Fashion Show Entry
17746 County Road 34 STE E
Goshen, IN 46528-6898

HFA Department Schedule July 2025

Date	Event
1	Open Class Fashion Show entry deadline
10	Open Class Fashion Show judging (pg. 26)
14	Check-in for Exhibits and Food Preservation
14	Check-in for Metal Yard Art Special Contest (pg. 21)
15	General Entries Judging at 9:00am (Closed Judging)
17	Check-in for Culinary Arts-Baking/Cake Decorating
17	Baking/Cake Decorating Judging at Noon
17	President's Item: Cheesecake (pg. 21)
17	Open House - Open Class Fashion Show: 6:30 pm
18-26	Craft & Needlework Demos, ECCC Bldg. 1 to 3 & 4 to 6 pm
19	Charcuterie Board Special Contest (pg. 21)
19	Dairy Delicious Special Contest (pg. 22)
21	Fastest Fingers Special Contest (pg. 22)
21	Year of the Pea Special Contest (pg. 22)
22	Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling Special Contest (pg. 23)
22	Senior Citizen's Cookie Special Contest (pg. 23)
23	Cookie Stacking Special Contest (pg. 23)
24	Unique Birdhouse Special Contest (pg. 24)
24	Fiber Art Demonstration, 10 am
25	Bursting with Blueberries Special Contest (pg. 24)
26	Best of Michiana Ribs Special Contest (pg. 24)
26	Byler Lienhart Cook-off Special Contest (pg. 25)

Exhibit Release

All exhibits must be picked up. Items not claimed will be discarded.

If you are unavailable, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibit and envelope.

- (Su) July 27 — Exhibit release from noon to 3 pm
- (M) July 28 — Exhibit release from noon to 5 pm

Premiums and awards not claimed by the last business day in August become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers.