

SUPERINTENDENT: Libby Wilson

SR. 4-H LEADERS: Danielle Ekovich, John Langford

BLDG. LOCATION: Last 4 Buildings – North of Main Entrance

CHECK-IN TIME: Saturday, July 5th, 2025, 8:00 - 10:00am

4-H HORSE & PONY

JUDGING TIME: Saturday thru Saturday of Fair (See Following Pages)

RELEASE TIME: Saturday July 12th, 2025 – Time TBD

(Read General Information)

GENERAL RULES:

1. Members encourages to attend the county monthly meetings held each month on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except July, August, September.
October starts the 4-H year.
2. Five year members and under are encouraged to attend 4 clinics each year
3. Members are encouraged to give a demonstration.
4. Members must pay dues to the Club Treasurer.
5. All E-Z Rider members shall be enrolled in 4-H of La Porte County only.
6. Record Books are to be turned into Senior Adult Leaders before the fair.
7. Project enrollment required for the project year and Horse/Pony enrollment forms are due by May 15th of the project year.
8. All horses and ponies must be on the grounds prior to fair classes beginning.
9. Each member is limited to one entry per class.
10. All animals must conform to health regulations and vaccinations. All horses and ponies must be vaccinated for Tetanus, Eastern and Western encephalomyelitis, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Rabies and Strangles by June 1st. (See Livestock Health Rules in the front of this book).
11. In order to show, parent/guardian and child must acknowledge the Behavior Consent through 4-H Online.
12. Members are encouraged to help at one work session at the fairgrounds.
13. Proper attire must be worn in all classes.
14. Boots must be worn whenever handling your horse or pony. Long pants required when riding your horse or pony.
15. Schedule may be subject to change due to weather conditions and/or other mitigating circumstances.
16. Animals 56" & under are considered ponies and those 56" and over are considered horses.
17. See Horse & Pony Policy Manual for further details and rules.
18. Attire
 - A. Western Attire
Attire must be clean and neat. The exhibitor is to wear Western type long pants, a Western-style, long-sleeved, collared shirt and Western boots. A Western style hat may only be worn in Halter & Showmanship at Halter Classes.
 - B. English Attire
Attire shall be neat and clean. The exhibitor is to wear English style long pants, a long-sleeved shirt or blouse (except when wearing a jacket) and an approved hat. Whip/crop optional.

- C. Protective Head Gear
ALL 4-H MEMBERS are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted or driving at a 4-H Horse & Pony event, show, or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy will be in effect beginning with the 2003 program year and applies to all county, area, and state 4-H Horse & Pony events, shows and activities.
ATTENTION!! - PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 4-H MEMBER.
- D. All riders must wear Western style or English Style riding boots when riding or handling your horse in the show or make-up arena. No Exceptions.
- E. No giving rides to non-4-H members will be permitted.
- F. Only 4-H E-Z Riders may ride or drive enrolled horses during Fair Week.
18. Age Brackets
JUNIOR RIDER – 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders
INTERMEDIATE RIDER - 6th, 7th, 8th Graders
SENIOR RIDER – 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Graders
21. Any disrespect shown to a judge or show official will disqualify member from further competition and result in loss of premiums and awards and may result in dismissal from fairgrounds.
22. Once the gate is open you have 2 minutes to report for your class. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any tack changes prior to your class. There will be no exceptions.
23. Performance classes with 24 or more entries may be split at judge(s) and/or the Committee discretion.
24. Stall grading will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day.
25. 4-H members are to maintain a clean environment for their animals on a daily basis (in all barns). The Committee members of each species will make an attempt to encourage 4-H members to clean their pens. If three (3) unsuccessful attempts are made to have the 4-H member (or family member) clean their pens, they will be asked to remove their animals from the barn and sent home.
26. Stall decorations and the Meet My Horse Contest will be judged no earlier than Wednesday of fair week.
27. No exhibitors are allowed to stay in the barns overnight.

SATURDAY, JULY 5th, 2024 – After Check In but not before 12:00pm, Trail Classes will begin at Grandstand.

1001. **EXHIBITION CLASS: Walk/Trot Trail - All Ages, Any Size Animal**
Any member showing in Walk/Trot class cannot show in any other riding classes.
Member may show in Halter and Showmanship

JUNIOR TRAIL 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades

1. Ponies 56" & Under
2. Horses Over 56"

INTERMEDIATE TRAIL 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

- 3. Ponies 56" & Under
- 4. Horses Over 56"

SENIOR TRAIL 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades

- 5. Ponies 56" & Under
- 6. Horses Over 56"

SUNDAY, JULY 6th, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

RANCH HORSE PLEASURE- ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 7. Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 8. Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 9. Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

RANCH HORSE BAREBACK PLEASURE- ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 10. Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 11. Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 12. Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

RANCH HORSE PATTERN CLASS – ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 13. Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 14. Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 15. Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

NOTE: If you compete in Ranch Pleasure and/or Ranch Bareback Pleasure classes, you cannot compete in Western Pleasure or Bareback Pleasure with the same horse.

HORSELESS HORSE CLASSES WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING CLASS #15

DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE AFTER HORSELESS HORSE CLASSES

MONDAY, JULY 7th, 2023 - 9:00 A.M.

Mares will be judged in Arena A / Geldings will be judged in Arena B

ARENA A:

HALTER MARES 56" & UNDER (REGISTERED & NON-REGISTERED)

- 16. Mares 10 Years & Under - Height under 56"
- 17. Mares 11 Years & Older - Height under 56"

HALTER MARES OVER 56" (NON-REGISTERED)

- 18. Mares 5 Years & Under
- 19. Mares 6-10 Years
- 20. Mares 11-15 Years
- 21. Mares 16 Years & Older

HALTER MARES OVER 56" (ALL REGISTERED)

- 22. Mares 5 Years & Under
- 23. Mares 6 -10 Years
- 24. Mares 11-15 Years
- 25. Mares 16 Years Old & Older

ARENA B:

HALTER GELDINGS 56" & UNDER (REGISTERED & NON-REGISTERED)

- 26. Geldings 10 Years & Under - Height under 56"
- 27. Geldings 11 Years & Older - Height under 56"

HALTER GELDINGS OVER 56" (NON-REGISTERED)

- 28. Geldings 5 Years & Under
- 29. Geldings 6-10 Years
- 30. Geldings 11-15 Years
- 31. Geldings 16 Years & Older

HALTER GELDINGS OVER 56" (ALL REGISTERED)

- 32. Geldings 5 Years and Under
- 33. Geldings 6 -10 Years
- 34. Geldings 11-15 Years
- 35. Geldings 16 Years Old & Older

JUNIOR WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER (ANY SIZE ANIMAL)

- 36. Juniors in 5th Grade
- 37. Juniors in 4th Grade
- 38. Juniors in 3th Grade

INTERMEDIATE WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER (ANY SIZE ANIMAL)

- 39. Intermediate in 8th Grade
- 40. Intermediate in 7th Grade
- 41. Intermediate in 6th Grade

SENIOR WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER (ANY SIZE ANIMAL)

- 42. Seniors in 12th Grade
- 43. Seniors in 11th Grade
- 44. Seniors in 10th Grade
- 45. Seniors in 9th Grade

ENGLISH SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER- ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 46. Junior Exhibitor (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 47. Intermediate Exhibitor (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 48. Senior Exhibitor (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP

- 49. Supreme Showmanship:
Open to any Senior Exhibitor (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) interested in participating in the Supreme Showmanship Competition

Attire: Members may wear Western or English showattire

- 50. **EXHIBITION CLASS: Hunter In Hand** - All Ages, Any Size Animal

MONDAY EVENING: Not before 6:00pm

SAFE TO JUMP SESSION: Any member who wants to enter a Jumping Class on Tuesday will need to ride in the 'Safe To Jump Session'. During this session, you will be provided the height level you and your horse/pony will be eligible to safely jump.

TUESDAY, JULY 8th, 2024 9:00AM

ENGLISH PLEASURE

- 51. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 52. Ponies 56" & Under - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 53. Ponies 56" & Under – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 54. Horses Over 56"- Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 55. Horses Over 56"- Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 56. Horses Over 56"- Senior Riders (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

ENGLISH EQUITATION

- 57. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3th, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 58. Ponies 56" & Under – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 59. Ponies 56" & Under – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 60. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 61. Horses Over 56" – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 62. Horses Over 56" – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

ENGLISH BAREBACK – ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 63. Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 64. Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 65. Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

HUNTER HACK

Read State Handbook for State Fair Requirements

RIDER CAN ONLY EXHIBIT IN ONE CLASS HEIGHT

- 66. Ponies 56" & Under – ANY AGE RIDER
Maximum Jump Height Cross Rails
- 67. Horses Over 56" – ANY AGE RIDER
Maximum Jump Height Cross Rails
- 68. Ponies 56" & Under – ANY AGE RIDER
Maximum Jump Height 2'
- 69. Horses Over 56" – ANY AGE RIDER
Maximum Jump Height 2'

HUNTER OVER FENCES

Jumps at STATE FAIR will be 2', 2'6' & 3' depending on the division

RIDER CAN ONLY EXHIBIT IN ONE CLASS HEIGHT

- 70. Ponies 56" & Under – Any Age rider
Maximum Jump Height CROSS RAILS"
- 71. Horses Over 56" – Any Age rider
Maximum Jump Height CROSS RAILS
- 72. Ponies 56" & Under – Any age rider
Maximum Jump Height 2'
- 73. Horses Over 56" – All age rider
Maximum Jump Height 2'
- 74. Ponies 56" & Under – All age rider
Maximum Jump Height 2'3"
- 75. Horses Over 56" – All age rider
Maximum Jump Height 2'3"

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES

RIDER CAN ONLY EXHIBIT IN ONE CLASS HEIGHT

- 76. Any Size Animal – Any Age Rider
Maximum Jump Height – CROSS RAILS
- 77. Any Size Animal – Any age Rider
Maximum Jump Height – 2'
- 78. Any Size Animal – Any Age Rider
Maximum Jump Height – 2'3"

DRESSAGE – ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 79. Junior- Walk-Trot
- 80. Intermediate- Walk- Trot
- 81. Senior - Walk-Trot-Canter

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

WESTERN PLEASURE

- 82. Ponies Under 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
 - 83. Ponies Under 56" – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
 - 84. Ponies Under 56" – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
 - 85. Horses Over 56" - Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
 - 86. Horses Over 56" - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
 - 87. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
 - 88. WALK/TROT- All Ages, Any Size Animal
 - 1002. **EXHIBITION CLASS: Walk/Trot Horsemanship** - All Ages, Any Size Animal
- Any member showing in a Walk/Trot class cannot show in any other riding classes.**
Member may show in Halter and Showmanship.

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

- 89. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 90. Ponies 56" & Under - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 91. Ponies 56" & Under – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 92. Horses Over 56" - Junior Rider in (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 93. Horses Over 56" - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 94. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

BAREBACK PLEASURE

- 95. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 96. Ponies 56" & Under - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 97. Ponies 56" & Under – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 98. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 99. Horses Over 56" - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 100. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

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DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE AFTER CLASS #100

FREESTYLE WILL FOLLOW DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE

FREE STYLE RIDING TO MUSIC – ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 101. Junior Rider – 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades
- 102. Intermediate Rider -6th, 7th, 8th Grades
- 103. Senior Rider – 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades

THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

REINING- ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 104. Junior Division (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 105. Intermediate Division (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 106. Senior Division (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

SPEED & ACTION

- 107. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 108. Ponies 56" & Under - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 109. Ponies 56" & Under – Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 110. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 111. Horses Over 56" – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 112. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

VERSATILITY- ANY SIZE ANIMAL

- 113. Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 114. Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 115. Senior Rider (9th, 10th Grades)
- 116. Senior Rider (11th, 12th, Grades)

NOTE: Judge's decision whether ALL judged events for ALL classes will run first with the 'Contesting' portion of all classes running together after the judged events.

SUPREME SHOWMAN CONTEST

**" HORSE SHOWING SECTION" HELD IN HORSE & PONY ARENA IN THE EVENING.
(INFORMATION AVAILABLE)**

FRIDAY, JULY 11th, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE

- 117. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 118. Ponies 56" & Under – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 119. Ponies 56" & Under - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 120. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 121. Horses Over 56" - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 122. Horses Over 56" –Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

FLAG RACE

- 123. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 124. Ponies 56" & Under – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 125. Ponies 56" & Under - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 126. Horses Over 56" - Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 127. Horses Over 56" – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 128. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

POLE BENDING

- 129. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 130. Ponies 56" & Under – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 131. Ponies 56" & Under -Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 132. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 133. Horses Over 56" - Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 134. Horses Over 56" –Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

FRIDAY EVENING: BATTLE OF THE BARNS

SATURDAY, JULY 12th, 2024 - 8:00 A.M.

STAKE RACE

- 135. Ponies 56" & Under – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 136. Ponies 56" & Under – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 137. Ponies 56" & Under - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)
- 138. Horses Over 56" – Junior Rider (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
- 139. Horses Over 56" – Intermediate Rider (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)
- 140. Horses Over 56" - Senior Rider (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades)

DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE BEFORE AWARDS PRESENTATION

AWARDS PRESENTATION after Drill Team Performance

Project Release after CLEAN stall check. Stall checks will include any tack stalls and surrounding areas. Release time to be announced.

Classes without sufficient entries & classes with too many entries may be combined/divided at the discretion of 4-H Horse & Pony Committee.

ALL DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE