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Exhibitors & Leaders Meeting



Performing Arts | Andrea Boyd

- Becky Reagan has stepped down from volunteering. We would like to thank Becky for all she has done in performing arts, the talent show and throughout the fair.
- **Dance, other class** has been added this year.

Still Exhibits | Beth Perry

- All still exhibit and performing arts exhibitors are required to serve 2 hours of either security detail, pre fair setup or assist the department during fair. An email with opportunities to help will be sent to exhibitors prior to fair.
- The community booth is for independent exhibitors or smaller clubs. It is the responsibility of those exhibitors to set up, display and maintain their projects in the community booth.
- **Proper dress code must be followed in the sale ring.** See dress code in the Board Policies portion of the fairbook.
- Due date for creative literary arts, videography, and youth business will be the **2nd Friday of July.**

Needlework | Jennifer Courtney

- Exhibits entered in classes 62002 through 62004 are eligible to be exhibited in the Modeling Class 60095 in Performing Arts.
- Please see the fairbook for complete list of clothing and creative stitchery rules.

Dairy | Renee McCauley & Darcy Snarski

- Dairy breeding Dry Cow classes have been combined into one, so take a look at the fairbook for a complete list of classes.
- Dairy learning opportunity: Royal Dairy Roundup. **Saturday May 3rd.** from 8:00am to 12:00pm, here on the grounds.

Feeder Calf Sale

- Dairy Feeder calves will not be individually sold in the live auction.
- Exhibitors selling their dairy feeder calves will be paid a guaranteed market floor price.
- All dairy feeder calves sold will be listed on a bid board the week of fair and offered for the buyers to directly purchase for a higher individual floor price.
- The Dairy Market Department will collectively solicit funds to go towards each dairy feeder calf pound sold. This will include introducing all dairy feeder exhibitors and a callout to bidders during the live auction.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to connect with potential supporters to increase their market price via multiple bonus bids on their dairy feeder project.

Beef | Jenna Young & Josh Beukema

- DNA hair samples will be collected by the superintendent, or someone approved by the superintendent, by Jan 1st of the current fair year. Collection will be in November or the Friday and Saturday at the Michigan Winter Classic preceding year of fair.
- A Maintainer Breed class has been added to both the breed and market show.
- Ultrasound and check in will begin at 10am Sunday. We will start at one end of the barn and work to the other end.
- Tie-outs areas will be assigned.
- Finished Market Steers and finished Market Heifers must be born on or after January 1st of the previous fair year. This rule will take effect for the 2026 fair year.

Sheep | Kara Schut & Kendra Lloyd

- Breeders flock/club flock change: 4 animals required can be one aged ewe or yearling ewe, two ewe lambs and one ram lamb.
- Ewe lambs can be shown in both market and breeding classes but **MUST** be entered in both classes by entry deadline.
- Scrapie tags - Place scrapie tag number beginning with state abbreviations in the **Scrapie Flock ID** portion in Fairentry.
- The lamb identifier number found on front and back of tag, enter in the identifier and tag you **Identifier Tag** number in Fairentry.

Identifier (Tag)	123456 (other tag - 2256)
Animal Type	Sheep Breeding
Breed	Hampshire
Scrapie Flock ID	AB1234567
Tag or tattoo	123456 (other tag - 2256)



SHEEP SCRAPIE 2025 INFORMATION

Farm Name



ONLY 840 Tag for Sheep

TAG PREVIEW



Goat | Autumn Beukema & Paige VanderWay

- No does shall be brought to fair who are due to kid within a month of the fair.
- Bred & Owned Class: Please read fairbook rules carefully.
- Showmanship: Exhibitors may show both dairy and market goat showmanship.
- Goat Education: New options to replace our record book.

Superintendent Approved Educational Event

Market Goat Expense Book

Breeding & Exhibition Goat Education Poster

Educational Contest (Online quiz for each age division with general goat show and health questions with age group prizes.)

- Saturday goat check accommodations will be made upon request.
Weigh in will remain on Sunday following Sheep weigh in.

Swine – Heather Everett

- Swine show will be a market breed show with Barrow and Gilts shown together and a Market Cross show with barrows shown separate from Gilts.
- Superintendent will make class corrections at the scale or prior to check in.
- Smaller breed classes may be combined into an AOB class.
- All hogs will be declared with the **840 or NUES# by June 15th** prior to fair. If available, **you must add ear notches**. Please take good Photos.
- Market Breed classes are as follows: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spot, Tamworth, and Yorkshire.
- Market Cross hogs will be judged in two classes: Barrow and Gilt.

Poultry | Mary Crosby & Shelly Johnson

- Minimum weight of market birds has been changed to a minimum of **4 ½ lbs** each.
- All market pens must be determined and tagged per exhibitor prior to check in. Switching birds between family members will not be permitted.
- There are bantam duck classes separate from standard size ducks this year so look in Fairentry for those changes.

Rabbit/Cavy | Andrea Perez & Cathy Nitschke

Please join the
Kent County Youth Fair Rabbit and Cavy
Facebook page

This is your source for rabbit and cavy information from
your superintendent.

Dog | Gail Roderic & Emma Wickstrom

- Pre-Novice Obedience, Novice Rally, Beginner Agility, and Beginner Agility with Tunnels classes will all be divided into the four age groups:
Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
This will allow exhibitors to show with others closer to their age.
- In Fairentry you can enter multiple classes.

Horse | Travis Geerligs

- Horse Declarations Due **May 1st** by **4:00pm**.
- There have been several class changes and awards will be given out differently so please check the horse website and talk to your club leaders.

<https://sites.google.com/view/kentcountyhorseleaders/home>

- Explorers welcome. If you're showing a horse hopefully you have gotten with a club.

Showmanship Sweepstakes

Heidi Zylstra & Jennifer Hall

- Sweepstakes scoring has changed. Participants will be given a score 1 through 12 in each species with lowest total score winning.
- The rule “Communication with the animal handler is prohibited.” has been removed.

Fairentry

- You will now be able to sign up in still exhibit classes all at once instead of one at a time. Also Dog Care & Training, and Poultry Exhibition classes.
Refer to fairbook to see the order of classes.
- **Exhibitor families** must submit their own Fairentry.
Club leaders may no longer submit entries for their members.
- **Club Entries:** There will be no entry fees charged for clubs and no premiums paid out to clubs.

Add-A-Bid class

Every exhibitor, including explorers need to enter the add a bid class to receive add-a-bids.

Add-a-Bid class Department 1
Section 5
Class 50

Fairentry Payments and Checks

Fairentry:

All payments are due by **July 1st in office.**

Auction Checks:

Please be prompt in cashing your checks.

Fairentry tips

Collect all your information before you start.

Make a list of your classes, animals,
appropriate tag information,
good photos of your hogs,
copy of your insurance for atv/golf cart,

RFID tag - Do not leave spaces in your RFID number.

Membership

- Membership can be purchased through Fairentry for \$20.
- Benefits: Members receive one complimentary parking pass for the following year.

Fairweek camping is at a reduced rate of \$100.

for the following year's fair.

Reduced rate on rentals.

Voting rights at the annual meeting the first

Wednesday of November.

Camping & Parking

- Camping: Exhibitor family - \$120.00
Members -\$100.00
- Parking: \$ 20.00 for a weekly pass, \$10.00 daily.
- Golf Cart/ATV: \$30.00 remember to have your insurance ready to upload when you go into Fairentry.

Camping Safety

- Make sure your Lot # is visible from the road.
- Place your generator at least 5 feet from your camper with the exhaust facing out and good ventilation. Do not place anything under it.
- Place gas cans at least 5 feet away from your generator and not by exhaust.

Volunteer Opportunities

Table Washing, Trash Pickup

Check out our volunteer sign up sheet.

Club leaders contact me to schedule work days.

Little Red Barn

Parking

\$50. per person per shift.

\$200. for clubs or groups minimum 4 people.

Each shift is 4 ½ hours. Minimum of 4 attendants per shift.

Two adults (18+) and two at least 15.

One adult at East Gate and other 3 workers at West Entrance.

Volunteers Welcome!

Entertainment

Monday - Hungry Hippos

Tuesday - Lazer Tag, Draft Horse Pull

Wednesday - Video Game Theater, Movie Night,
Antique Tractor Pull

Thursday - Mini Horse Pull, Laser Tag,
Bernadette Kathryn & The Lonely Band

Friday - Axe Throw & Big Throw Down, Rodeo

Saturday - Pedal Pull, Foam Cannons, Rodeo

Carnival and Rodeo

Carnival - Tuesday starting at 6pm,
Wed. through Sat. 2 to 10pm

Tickets \$ 30.00 daily ride band

\$100.00 weekly mega band

\$ 80.00 presale starting June 1st.

Individual tickets can also be purchased during carnival.

Rodeo - Friday and Saturday starting at 7pm

Tickets: \$12.00 online pre sale.

\$15.00 at the gate

Questions?

Thank You!

For getting your entries
in earlier last year.

Entry Deadline is

June 15th

And Hit Submit

