

JULY 23-25, 2026



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DAWSON COUNTY FAIR

Glendive, Montana

THURS.-SAT. | 2-5 PM, 6-11 PM

CARNIVAL

\$25 WRISTBANDS
-UNLIMITED RIDES
ALL DAY

3 DAYS!

7/25
Saturday
8 PM



JOSH ROSS

TICKETS \$60
(PRESALE \$50)

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with special guest

Pam Tillis



FRIDAY-SATURDAY -1 PM

Free Stage Entertainment

OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS ACCEPTED | 3-6 PM

TUESDAY 7/21

9 AM | 4-H/ FFA Dog Showmanship, dog obedience,
& dog agility followed up Open Class Dog Show.

10:30 AM | 4-H/FFA Cat Show
followed by Open Class Cat Show

11:10 AM | 4-H/FFA Rabbit
followed by Open Class Rabbit

12:10 PM | 4-H/FFA Poultry
followed by Open Class Poultry

1:30 PM | 4-H/FFA Small Animal Round Robin

OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS ACCEPTED | 9 AM-9 PM

WEDNESDAY 7/22

8 AM | Open Class Horse Show followed by
Driving Horse Show - Approx. 4 PM

OPEN CLASS ACCEPTED | 7-9 AM (HORTICULTURE,
FLORICULTURE, & BAKED GOODS EXHIBITS ONLY)

Gates open @ 1 PM - \$3 admission



THURSDAY 7/23

9 AM | 4-H/FFA Horse Judging & Showmanship

10 AM | Open Class Judging

5 PM | 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging & Showmanship:
Market Goat, Dairy Cow, Cloverbud then Beef

6 PM | Fair Trivia & BINGO

7 PM | OCTANE ADDICTIONS

STREET DANCE TO FOLLOW WITH A DJ

FRIDAY 4-6 PM | WATERMELON GAMES

Bingo FRIDAY/SATURDAY @ 1 PM

Cornhole SATURDAY @ 1 PM

Gates open @ 10 AM - \$3 admission



FRIDAY 7/24

7:30 AM | 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging &
Showmanship: Pigs, sheep, dairy goat, orphan

1-3 PM | Little Miss Dawson County and Mini Miss
Dawson County Pageant

4 PM | 4-H Livestock Sale in grass arena

7 PM | PRCA RODEO

STREET DANCE FOLLOWING RODEO

WITH TANNER LAWS BAND

Gates open @ 10 AM - \$3 admission



SATURDAY 7/25

9 AM | 4-H Large Animal Round Robin

1 PM | 4-H Adult Round Robin

8 PM | Concert - JOSH ROSS

WITH PAM TILLIS

STREET DANCE

TO FOLLOW CONCERT WITH A DJ

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 DAWSON COUNTY FAIR SPONSORS



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GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Dawson County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settles and determines all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.
2. The Board reserves the right to formulate, amend and announce new rules to meet emergencies all matters arising from the fair.
3. The Fair Management reserves the right to exclude from the fairgrounds any person or persons whom it may deem undesirable or who shall violate any of the rules laid down by the management or who shall in any way become offensive.
4. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be made or assessed, or suit instituted and maintained against the Dawson County Fair, its officials, or their agents, or on behalf of any person, firm, corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having licenses or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupying space.
5. Every animal and article on the grounds shall be under the control of the Fair Board, but while every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of the same, neither the Fair Board, its officers nor agents will be responsible in any case for any loss, damage, or accident which may occur.
6. The board reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all vehicles or conveyances within the fairgrounds and to direct where they shall be driven therein. It may prohibit the running of automobiles in any section of the grounds whenever in its opinion common sense or safety demands it.
7. The distribution of handbills, flyers or other advertising matters is strictly prohibited and no tacking or posting of advertising bills, cards, etc., will be permitted on any of the buildings, trees or elsewhere. Exhibitors may advertise and distribute from their booth or exhibit only.
8. The board will carefully guard against extortion in any form practiced on patrons of the fair. A violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of contact and money paid and involves expulsion from the grounds as the management may direct. Any fair patron purchasing goods from an exhibitor dos so at his or her own risk.
9. Soliciting subscriptions: Resolution adopted by the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, January 28, 1986. All fairs holding membership in the RMAF voted unanimously to exclude all sheet writers from every fair in the State of Montana.
10. All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the manager.
11. Protest against an award must be filed before 8 p.m. on the day the award is made and will be given due consideration by the Fair Board.

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS

1. Note individual department sections for any special rules pertaining to that department.
2. The Dawson County Fair will not be liable for any lost or damaged exhibits.
3. Fair management reserves the right to reject any exhibit or display if deemed inappropriate.
4. Static exhibits may be entered in the Dawson County Fair only once. Exhibits entered at previous Dawson County Fairs will not be accepted.
5. All exhibits must be prepared/ grown by the exhibitor from the conclusion of the 2023 Dawson County Fair. >>>Photographs must have been taken within the last 3 years.
6. No exhibitor will be given more than one premium on any one entry.
7. Only one entry in per lot by any one exhibitor.
8. An entry cannot be entered in “Any item not listed” if already entered under another Lot number.
9. Exhibits are expected to be brought to the fairgrounds as per schedule of events. No late entries will be accepted.
10. Online and paper entries are due Monday, July 13>>> Register online at <https://ez-fair.com/fair-events/282/register> >>>Paper forms available at Extension Office or Fairgrounds Office.
11. Printed tags will be available for pick up starting Friday, July 17.
12. Bring your exhibits with tags attached to the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building on either Tuesday, July 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Wednesday, July 22 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. for all exhibits. Thursday, July 23 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., for horticulture, baked goods, and floriculture, only (but can be brought at the other times as well).
13. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23.
14. Superintendent and judges may re-classify wrongly classified articles prior to judging.
15. No premium shall be awarded, nor will any premium be paid on any animal or article not mentioned or classified in Fair Book.
16. No premium will be paid in a newly created “Any other not listed” lot unless there are 3 entries.
17. Deadline to report missed or incorrect premium amounts is 10 days after conclusion of fair.
18. All premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days or they will be forfeited.
19. All exhibits in the Exhibit Hall must remain until 9:00 pm on Saturday or forfeit premiums.
20. Exhibits not removed or arrangements made for their removal within ten days of the closure of the fair will become property of the fair.

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS

JUDGING INFORMATION

1. The single judge system is the policy of the Dawson County Fair and in every case the judges will be selected with the utmost care. The management, however, reserves the right to substitute the three-judge system should circumstances arise where it would prove of mutual benefit to the exhibitor.
2. The American Placing System is used for all judging, with exhibits ranked against one another and only one first place, one second place and one third place award in each class. One entry in a class/ lot does not necessarily warrant a first place.
3. When entries are judged by the *Danish System* all will receive a placing, but this does not mean that a blue ribbon must be awarded if there is no entry deserving of award.
4. Judges are instructed not to award prizes to any unworthy exhibits. It is the intention of management that no premium shall be given to any animal or articles that are undeserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.
5. Classes in which only one exhibitor makes entries, the judge reserves the right to award only one premium and may at his/her discretion withhold any or all premiums where the animal or article is not worthy of award
6. Specific Special Premium Awards will only be awarded if there are at least three exhibitors/ entries in that division/class/lot.
7. If there are no entries in a division/class/lot where there is a specific Special Premium Award assigned; Judge or Superintendent must check with Fair Manager before awarding to a different division/class/lot. (All special premium awards are sponsored by individuals/businesses—some are insistent that they go to designated or area or ask that sponsor money is returned.)
8. Judges may provide written comments on the back of the exhibit tags.
9. Decision of the judges are final. No appeal will be considered except in case of protest. All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the manager.
10. Protest against an award must be filed before 8 p.m. on the of the award was given and will be given due consideration by the Fair Board.
11. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, superintendents, other exhibitors, show officials before, during or after competitive events is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all superintendents, judges, and clerks shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation & respect, no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Any exhibitor who publicly expresses disapproval of the decision of the judges or who by an act of interference shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, shall forfeit the premium and be excluded from further competition.
12. Look for specific rules for each department in the printed fair book.

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS

ONLINE EXHIBIT INSTRUCTIONS -EZ-FAIR

1. Register your entries ONLINE at <https://ez-fair.com/fair-events/282/register>
 - Using the provide link, you will be able to access our fair registration through EZ-Fair.
 - If you prefer, you can pick up paper entry forms at the Extension Office or at the Fairgrounds Office and fill out by hand.
2. ONLINE AND PAPER ENTRIES ARE DUE MONDAY, JULY 13 BY 11:59 P.M.
 - Paper entries can be mailed to 207 W. Bell, Glendive, MT 59330 or dropped off at the Courthouse or the Fairgrounds Office.
3. This program does not require exhibitor to make an account. If multiple exhibitors are in the same family, all will have to register individually. If you make a mistake with an entry, you will need to contact the office.
 - Exhibitors **MUST** register their entries under the appropriate age level.
 - Enter an email address in order to receive confirmation email for the exhibits you are entered in.
4. Enter as many entries as you think you might have- no penalty if you don't bring them.
5. Register all your entries under your name.
 - Be sure to review your entries.
6. Be sure to click SUBMIT button when you have completed & reviewed your entries. Entries are NOT final until they have been submitted!
 - **You will receive an email as long as you entered an email in the “Exhibitor registration information”, listing your entered exhibits.**
7. Tags will be available for pick up starting Friday, July 17TH.
8. Bring your exhibits with tags attached- to the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building on Tuesday, July 21 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Wednesday, July 22rd between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 23 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., for horticulture, baked goods, and floriculture, only (but can be brought at the other times as well).
9. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23rd.
 - No exhibitors will be allowed in the exhibit building during judging.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

GATE ADMISSION

Thursday, July 23, 2026: 1:00 pm // Gate opens // \$3

Friday, July 24, 2026: 10:00 am // Gate opens // \$3

Saturday, July 25, 2026: 10:00 am // Gate opens // \$3

THE KIDS FUN ZONE CARNIVAL

Thursday, July 23, 2026: 2:00-5pm // 6:00-11:00pm

Friday, July 24, 2026: 2:00-5pm // 6:00-11:00pm

Saturday, July 25, 2026: 2:00-5pm // 6:00-11:00pm

Wristbands to be sold in fairgrounds ticket office *Wristbands will be good to ride as many rides/bouncy houses desired during that session* *Additional Pay-To-Play games available*



2026 FAIR SCHEDULE

Tuesday July 21

9 am // 4-H/ FFA Dog Showmanship, dog obedience, and dog agility

Followed up Open Class Dog Show.

10:30 am // 4-H/FFA Cat Show followed by Open Class Cat Show

11:10 am //4-H/FFA Rabbit followed by Open Class Rabbit

12:10 pm // 4-H/FFA Poultry followed by Open Class Poultry

1:30 pm // 4-H/FFA Small Animal Round Robin

3 pm to 6 pm // All Open Class Exhibits Accepted

Wednesday July 22

8 am // Open Class Horse Show followed by Driving Horse Show (Approx. 4pm)

9 am to 9 pm // All Open Class Exhibits Accepted

Thursday July 23

7 am to 9 am // Open Class of Horticulture, Floriculture, & Baked Goods Exhibits (ONLY)

9 am // 4-H/FAA Horse Judging & Showmanship

10 am // Open Class Judging

1 pm // Gate admission \$3

2 pm - 5 pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day

5 pm // 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging & Showmanship: Market goat, dairy cow, cloverbud then
beef

6 pm // Fair Trivia

6 pm // BINGO

6 pm-11 pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day

7 pm // Octane Addictions

Adults \$20 & Youth (6-12) \$5

9 pm // Street Dance with a DJ

9 pm // Grandstand Vendor Booths Close

10 pm // Exhibit Building & Barns Close

2026 FAIR SCHEDULE

Friday July 24

7:30 am // 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging & Showmanship: Pigs, sheep, dairy goat, orphan
10 am // Exhibit Building & Grandstand Vendor Booth Opens
10 am // Gate Admissions \$3
1 pm // Free Stage Entertainment
1 pm - 3 pm // Little Miss Dawson County and Mini Miss Dawson County Pageant
1 pm // BINGO
2 pm - 5 pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day
4 pm // 4-H Livestock Sale in grass arena
4 pm - 6 pm // Watermelon Games on the Free Stage
6 pm -11pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day
7 pm // PRCA Rodeo
 Adults \$20 & Youth (6-12) \$5
9 pm // Street Dance following rodeo with Tanner Laws Band
9 pm // Grandstand Vendor Booth Close
10 pm // Exhibit Building and Barns Close

Saturday July 25

9 am //4-H Large Animal Round Robin
10 am // Exhibit Building & Grandstand Vendor Booth Opens
10 am // Gate Admissions \$3
1 pm // 4-H Adult Round Robin
1 pm // Free Stage Entertainment
1 pm // BINGO
1 pm // Cornhole
2 pm - 5 pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day
6 pm -11pm // Carnival Open /\$25 wristbands-unlimited amount of rides all day
8 pm // Josh Ross / Pam Tillis Concert
 Presale \$50 till 7/19/2026
 Starting week of 7/20/2026 ticket price is \$60
 Street Dance to follow Concert with a DJ
9 pm // Grandstand Vendor Booth Close
10 pm // Exhibit Building and Barns Close

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Photography

Department Specific Rules: *Photos will not be accepted if deemed to be objectionable or unfit for family viewing. *The name of the photographer must be placed on the back side of the photo and mounting. *The judge has the right to reclassify any photo which has been entered in the wrong division/lot. *All snapshots, enlargements, sepia and black/white photos must be mounted on black or white POSTER/TAG board that has 1 inch border around the outside of the photo with the exhibitor's name on the back of the exhibit. Example: For a 4"x6" photo the cut poster/tag board would be cut 6"x8". *No frames. No foam board. No overlays. No mattes. No tabs. No hangers. *Only black or white poster/tag board allowed. *No repeat entry of any photo.

* You **MUST** enter the Professional Department if you are a person who earns money by teaching or owns a business for making the items entered.

Dept: Open Class Amateur Photo: Color (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken from previous year	Nature
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks	Landscape
Makoshika Park/Badlands	Skyscape
Architecture	Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.
Still/Life/Inanimate Object	Seasons: spring, summer, fall & winter
Children (single or multiple)	Holidays
People/Individual (single or multiple)	Sports
Domesticated Animals	Special Occasions: weddings, baptisms, graduations, etc.
Ranching & Agriculture	Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify
Farm Animals	
Wildlife/Birds/Insects	

Dept: Open Class Amateur Photo: Black & White/Sepia (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken from previous year	Nature
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks	Landscape
Makoshika Park/Badlands	Skyscape
Architecture	Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.
Still/Life/Inanimate Object	Seasons: spring, summer, fall & winter
Children (single or multiple)	Holidays
People/Individual (single or multiple)	Sports
Domesticated Animals	Special Occasions: weddings, baptisms, graduations, etc.
Ranching & Agriculture	Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify
Farm Animals	
Wildlife/Birds/Insects	

Dept: Open Class Snapshot: Color (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken from previous year	Nature
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks	Landscape
Makoshika Park/Badlands	Skyscape
Architecture	Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.
Still/Life/Inanimate Object	Seasons: spring, summer, fall & winter
Children (single or multiple)	Holidays
People/Individual (single or multiple)	Sports
Domesticated Animals	Special Occasions: weddings, baptisms, graduations, etc.
Ranching & Agriculture	Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify
Farm Animals	
Wildlife/Birds/Insects	

Dept: Open Class Snapshot: Black & White/Sepia (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken from previous year	Nature
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks	Landscape
Makoshika Park/Badlands	Skyscape
Architecture	Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.
Still/Life/Inanimate Object	Seasons: spring, summer, fall & winter
Children (single or multiple)	Holidays
People/Individual (single or multiple)	Sports
Domesticated Animals	Special Occasions: weddings, baptisms, graduations, etc.
Ranching & Agriculture	Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify
Farm Animals	
Wildlife/Birds/Insects	

Dept: Open Class Photo: Color (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken from previous year	Nature
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks	Landscape
Makoshika Park/Badlands	Skyscape
Architecture	Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms, snowstorms, etc.
Still/Life/Inanimate Object	Seasons: spring, summer, fall & winter
Children (single or multiple)	Holidays
People/Individual (single or multiple)	

Domesticated Animals
Ranching & Agriculture
Farm Animals
Wildlife/Birds/Insects

Sports
Special Occasions: weddings,
baptisms, graduations, etc.
Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify

Dept: Open Class Photo: Black & White/Sepia (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Dawson County Fair & Rodeo taken
from previous year
Glendive/Dawson County Landmarks
Makoshika Park/Badlands
Architecture
Still/Life/Inanimate Object
Children (single or multiple)
People/Individual (single or multiple)
Domesticated Animals
Ranching & Agriculture
Farm Animals
Wildlife/Birds/Insects

Nature
Landscape
Skyscape
Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms
snowstorms, etc.
Seasons: spring, summer, fall &
winter
Holidays
Sports
Special Occasions: weddings,
baptisms, graduations, etc.
Any Other Photo Not Listed-Specify

Dept: Open Class Professional: Color (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County/Glendive Landmarks
Makoshika Park/Badlands
Architecture
Still Life/Inanimate Object
Yellowstone River
Nature
Landscape
Waterscape
Skyscape

Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms,
snowstorms, etc.
Seasons: spring, summer, fall &
winter
Holidays
Children
People
Special Occasions: wedding, baptism
graduations, etc.

Dept: Open Class Professional: Black & White/Sepia (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dawson County/Glendive Landmarks
Makoshika Park/Badlands
Architecture
Still Life/Inanimate Object
Yellowstone River
Nature

Weather Events: lightning, rainstorms,
snowstorms, etc.
Seasons: spring, summer, fall &
winter
Holidays
Children

Landscape
Waterscape
Skyscape

People
Special Occasions: wedding, baptism
graduations, etc.

Dept: Open Class Professional: Portraits (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Color
Black & White
Sepia

Dept: Open Class Professional: Special Color (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Macro
Panoramic
Long Exposure

Computer Enhanced
Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Professional: Special Black & White/Sepia (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Macro
Panoramic
Long Exposure

Computer Enhanced
Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Heritage: Display Only (All)

A "heritage display" generally refers to curated exhibits or specialized furniture designed to showcase, preserve, and honor historical artifacts, memorabilia, or cultural legacy. These displays usually evoke a sense of nostalgia, tradition, and timelessness.

Not judged, display only.

Divisions:

Quilt
Bedding or Miscellaneous stitchery
Clothing
Lighting/lamp/lanterns
Heritage furnishings
Heritage from a barn

Heritage from the kitchen
Heritage in the shop
Heritage in the business district
Photo display
Miscellaneous Heritage Memorabilia

Arts & Crafts

Department Specific Rules: *All of the work must be original; copy work will be eliminated. The same drawing may not be entered in each of the mediums. * All rubber-stamped entries should be in a zip lock bag. Your name or initials should be on the back of your item. NO cellophane envelopes. *All scrap booking pages must be in page protectors. * You may only enter in your age division. * Charcoal or pastel artwork must be sprayed. Fine Arts & Crafts personnel are not responsible for artwork damaged due to not being sprayed. * All entries cannot exceed an outside diameter of 16"x20"

Dept: Open Class Art: Pen or Ink (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Art: Pencil or Colored Pencil (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Art: Crayon or Marker (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Art: Charcoal or Pastel (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Art: Tempera or Watercolor (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Art: Oil or Acrylic (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Landscape	Still/Life
Animal	Mechanical
Portrait	

Dept: Open Class Stenciling (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Pillows, quilts	Wood
Fabric	Metal
Clothing	Any Other Not Listed - Specify
Baskets	

Dept: Open Class Scrapbooking (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Christmas	Fall
Easter	Favorite Pet
Spring	Fourth of July/Patriotic/Military
Birthday	Winter
New Baby	Religious Event
Wedding	Farming & Ranching
Sports	Fair & Rodeo
Vacation	Best Friend
Summer	Two-page layout
School Days	Mini Album: no longer than 6x6/ no more than 10 pages
Thanksgiving	Any Other Not Listed - Specify
Halloween	

Dept: Open Class Digital Scrapbooking (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Winter/Christmas	Fourth of July/Patriotic
Summer/Vacation	Sports/School Days
Fall/Thanksgiving	Wedding
Spring/Easter	Halloween
New Baby or Children	

Dept: Open Class Rubber Stamping (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Bookmark or door hanger	Embossed or Dry-embossed card
Paper bag or gift bag	3-D Card
	Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Metalworking (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Small Metalworking Item

Large Metalworking Item

Dept: Open Class Handicraft (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Any leather creation

Textile Painting

Any tooled leather creation

Wood Burning

Trash to Treasure: Recycled or Upcycled Item

Patriotic Creation

Jewelry

Hair Accessory

Wreath: fabric, burlap, artificial flowers

Bird House

String Art

Duct Tape: Any Item

Fabric doll, animal or toy

Stained Glass

Beadwork: hat bands, belts, etc.

Miniatures: suitable for use in a doll

Candles

house, picture, furniture, rug/quilt, etc

Tin Punch

Any Other Item (1)

Basket Weaving

Any Other Item (2)

Dept: Open Class Furniture/Wood Items (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Chest, handmade

Toy

Cradle, handmade

Wall hanging

Dresser, handmade

Rocking Horse

Any other handmade wood item not listed

Shelf

Refinished item

Wood Craving

Upholstered or Re-Upholstered

Picture frame

Small wood item: sit on tabletop

Scroll Saw Art

Large wood item: stands on floor

Any other wood item not listed

Dept: Open Class Computer Art (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Collage of Photographs

Original drawing using computer

Photo manipulation (caricature)

Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Use of photographs to create greeting cards

Dept: Open Class Graphics (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Charcoal

Wash, ink, pencil, etc.

Pen and Ink

Colored pencil

Lead pencil
Pastel or chalk
Crayon

Combined Media
Any Other Media Not Listed -Specify

Dept: Open Class Sculpture (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Wood and wood carving
Knife handles, no blade
Stone

Metal
Plaster and Paper Mache
Clay

Dept: Open Class Porcelain (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

China Painting
Porcelain wedge wood

Porcelain
Any Other Item Not Listed -Specify

Dept: Open Class Ceramics/Pottery (Adult, Senior, Youth & Junior)

Divisions:

Glaze
Textured Glaze
Underglaze

Airbrush
Any Other Technique- Specify

Dept: Open Class Handicraft (Youth & Junior)

Divisions:

Any leather creation
Any tooled leather creation
Trash to Treasure: Recycled or Upcycled item
Jewelry
Wreath: fabric, burlap, or artificial
String Art
Fabric doll, animal or toy
Duct Tape: Any Item
Clay or Dough Art
Stencil: Any Kind
Model: airplane, car, etc.
Fossil Art
Para Cord: Any creation
Plastic Canvas
Wood Burning
Patriotic Creation
Hair Accessory

Original Story, illustrated
Insect Collection, displayed & labeled
Seed Collection, displayed & labeled
Any Other Collection, displayed & labeled
Stamp or Stencil Art, any kind including a card
Scrapbook Art, 3 pages
Scrapbook Art, at least 6 pages
Scrapbook item (not an album page)
Greeting Card, handmade
Greeting Card, computer made
Scratch Art
Collage of any kind
Christmas decoration
Valentines decoration
St. Patrick's Day decoration

Bird House
Leo Design
Popstick, matchstick, or toothpick art
Decorated picture frame of any kind
Decorated flowerpot
Watercolor, acrylic, tempera
Sketch
Drawing
Pastel
Map
Original Story

Easter decoration
4th of July decoration
Halloween decoration
Thanksgiving decoration
Spring decoration
Summer decoration
Fall decoration
Winter decoration
Any Item Not Listed (1) – Specify
Any Item Not Listed (2) - Specify

Dept: Open Class Handicraft (Tiny Tots)

Divisions:

Alphabet craft
Clay or Dough art
Coffee Filter Butterfly
Coffee Filter Other
Drawing
Egg Carton Animal
Egg Carton Flower
Egg Carton Other
Finger Painting
LEGO

Paper Plate Animal
Paper Plate Flower
Paper Plate Other
Pasta Craft
Rainbow Craft
Tissue Paper Craft
Toilet Paper Roll Craft
Watercolor
Any Other Not Listed (1)– Specify
Any Other Not Listed (2) - Specify

Dept: Open Class Handicraft (Special Needs)

Divisions:

Any leather creation
Any tooled leather creation
Rubber Stamping
Jewelry Craft
Stained Glass
Fabric doll, animal, or toy
String Art
Clay or Dough Art
Stencil: any kind
Model: airplane, car, etc.
Fossil Art
Tie-die: any kind
Plastic Canvas

Hair Accessory
LEGO Design
Pop stick, matchstick, toothpick art
Decorated picture frame
Decorated flowerpot
Watercolor
Drawing
Any collection: displayed & labeled
Scratch Art
Holiday decoration
Any Other Craft Not Listed (1) -Specify
Any Other Craft Not Listed (2)-Specify

Dept: Open Class Glendive Rock Painting (All)

Divisions:

Animal	Inanimate Object
Scenic – Spring	Dr. Suess
Scenic – Summer	Disney
Scenic – Fall	Animated Movie
Scenic – Winter	Story Book
Flowers	House or Cottage
Mandala	People
Religious	Village (4 or more pieces)
Quotes	Any Other Not Listed – Specify
Black & White	

Floriculture

Department specific rules: * All flowers must have at least a 4” stem unless otherwise specified. *Plants must NOT be in the pot from the greenhouse; they must be transplanted. * Displays may be made in containers suitable to the size of the flower and the length of the stem. All flowers must have some foliage. * “Name Variety” is the patented name placed on any variety by the seed company. “Color” refers to the color of the bloom. * No responsibility is assumed by the Dawson County Fair in case of loss or damage to accessories, although due care and caution will be exercised. It is recommended that valuable vases not be used. *Added decorations can be used in entries unless otherwise specified. * Fresh cut plant material must be used in all entries. * Purchased flowers from a greenhouse/ florist will be allowed in the Artistic Design class only. * Cut flowers will not be returned- only vases. * Special prizes will be awarded.

Dept: Open Class Floriculture: Cut Flowers (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Asters, 3 stems	Marigolds (any variety), 3 stems
Baby’s Breath, fresh, 2 stems	Monkshood, 3 stems
Bachelor Buttons, 3 stems	Pansies, 2 stems
Bells of Ireland, 1 stem	Petunias, 3 stems
Begonias, 3 stems	Phlox, 3 stems
Calendulas, 3 stems	Pompous Plume, 1 stem
Carnations, 3 stems	Rose (any variety), 1 stem
Coreopsis, 3 stems	Salvia, 3 stems
Cosmos, 3 stems	Snapdragons, 3 stems
Coxcomb, 1 stem with foliage	Sweet Peas, 3 stems
Daisies (any variety), 2 stems	Sunflower
Day Lily, 1 stem	Water plant, 1 plant
Dianthus or Pinks, 3 stems	Wildflowers, 3 stems

Flowering Shrub, 12" stem
Gaillardias, 3 stems
Hydrangea, 1 stem
Joe Pie Weed, 3 if small, 1 if large
Larkspur, 3 stems
Lily (any variety), 1 stem
Mums, 3 stems

Zinnas, 3 stems
Collection of 5 different perennials in one container, 5 varieties, 1 stem each.
Collection of 5 different annuals in one container, 5 varieties, 1 stem each.

Dept: Open Class Floriculture: Collection of Flowers (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Best collection of annuals, three varieties, one stem of each in one container.
Best collection of perennials, three varieties, one stem of each in one container.

Dahlia (any color)
Gladiolus (any color)

Dept: Open Class Floriculture: Artistic Design (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Sunset/Sunrise in Montana (using appropriate colors)
America the Beautiful (using red, white & blue, flags can be used).
Cowboy/Cowgirl Life (flowers in a boot, hat or other western accents).
Days Gone By (flowers & antiques).
Down on the Farm (using wheat, sunflowers &/or daisies with some farm accents).
Rain is a Good Thing (use old watering can or bucket).
Sweet Memories (wreath or wall hanging of dried materials).
Going Green (arrangement using green foliage or hues of green (no flowers, seeds, or pods).
I want Candy (fresh flowers & candy arrangements).
Whatcha Got Cookin (use of flowers, w/fruit, Vegetables, & some kind of kitchen utensils)

Mother's Day (use of bright colors, bling or other accents)
Father's Day (using choice of colors, with fishing, hunting or sport theme).
Teacup/Tea Pot (your choice of Flowers).
Wreath/Swag (your choice of flowers).
Birdhouse/Cage (use moss, pinecone &/or branches w/choice of flowers).
Any Special Occasion or Holiday (please use appropriate colors & indicate occasion).
Be Creative (ex. coffee table arrangement not over 12" in any dimension).
Artistic Design Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Floriculture: Container Plants (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Patio plantes or basket with

Ivy

blooming flowers
 Planter with no flowering plants
 Herb basket or planter
 Begonias
 African Violet
 Cactus
 Planter with grasses only
 Impatient

Geranium
 Fuchsias
 Coleus
 Surfinia
 Succulent Planter
 Fairy Garden Planter
 Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Floriculture (Youth, Junior, Tiny Tots, & Special Needs)

Divisions:

1 stem (any flower)
 2 stems (any flower)
 Artistic Design
 Container Plants
 Bird House
 Fairy Garden Planter
 Garden Rock Art
 Glass Garden Art

Glass Garden Art
 Patio Planter, with flowering plants
 Recycled Junkyard Art
 Stepping Stone
 Succulent Terrarium Planter
 Wind Chime
 Any Other Not Listed - Specify

AG/Horticulture

Department specific rules: *All sheaves, grain, forage crops and grasses must be at least 5 inches minimum in circumference just below the head. Sheaves measuring less will be eliminated from competition. *Grain sheaves should be snugly tied in at least three places. Forage crops and grass sheaves should be tied securely. Hints to Exhibitors: In judging threshed grains, the points most considered are purity, uniformity and fitness of the sample for the purpose for which the particular grain is used. In Sheaf samples of grain, peas and safflower, the evidence of high yielding ability and the condition of the samples are regarded as important. Sheaves of grain are not judged on their forage qualities. Preparation of Samples: Cut grain a few days before it is ready to combine and after it has lost its green color. Select best heads and cut full length of straw. Be sure that samples never get wet after being cut. Make into sheaves before straw is too dry and brittle. Make sheaves at least 5 inches in circumference just below the heads. Tie snugly in at least three places. Hang with heads down until time to exhibit. Sheaves will be judged on the following basis: Purity: True to variety, free from mixture of weeds, characteristic.....25% Quality and Condition: Of good quality, uniform, in prime condition, free from rust.....55% Arrangement: Sheaf material arranged properly to present neat appearance.....20% Total.....100% Threshed grains: Take samples from bin of threshed grain. Samples should then be thoroughly cleaned, all grain mixtures and weed seeds being removed with a grain grader or by hand. Grain must have been

grown in current or preceding year. Sample can be exhibited at fair only once. Sheaf Forage Exhibits: Select the leafiest types to be found in the field, the best individual specimens obtainable, and cut close to the ground. Lay sample out thinly in dark, airy place or hang in loose bundles head down in dark place to cure. Purpose is to retain darkest color, to be free of any moisture or mildew, and to be as leafy as possible. Remove all coarse, thick stems. Make bundles 5 inches minimum in circumference just below the head and tie them securely. Grain can be grown in 2022 or 2024, but sample to be exhibited at fair only once. Hints to Exhibitors Vegetables at fairs: By Orville W. McCarver Extension Horticulturist The following are a few pointers on how to produce, handle and prepare vegetables for exhibition. All vegetables need sustenance (fertilizer and secondary and trace elements), water, sunlight, air and warm weather. Also, all need adequate growing space. A lack of any of these things can result in low quality vegetables. A stable moisture supply is important for quality as well. Poor type is often caused by uneven watering and by overcrowding. So, the gardener, in their first step of producing quality vegetables, must have good soil, not in the shade, with adequate and frequent chances to supply water. They will need to take pains in spacing at seeding time or thin out the plants later. To avoid defects, they may need to control insects and diseases, hill up underground crops (carrots, beets, radishes, parsnips, rutabagas and potatoes) to avoid sun burning. After producing fine vegetables, they must get them ready for showing off and judging. Emphasis on preparation will vary. For example: Little emphasis can be put on the length of stems because stem length does not add or subtract from the value of a vegetable. However, careless harvesting of vegetables, such as cucumbers and summer squash, cannot only remove the stem, but take part of the flesh from the vegetable. Hence, the leaving of some stems is important. If specimens are effectively displayed, they must be clean. So much emphasis is put on the factor of cleanliness.

For all root crops: Cut the tops off, leaving approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of top intact with the root. Wash roots gently but avoid injury to the skin. If storage is necessary, put them in a cool, moist place. Root crops include beets, carrots, radishes, rutabagas, turnips, parsnips, artichokes, horseradish and others.

Cabbage: Remove only diseased or damaged leaves and wrapper leaves.

Celery: celeriac, Swiss chard and spinach: Remove the roots and underground portion of them but leave the crown. Wash if needed. Keep in a moist and cool place.

Herbs: (parsley, dill, basil, thyme, sage, chives): Five stems. Keep moist unless otherwise specified.

Onions (dry, stem not over 2"): Approximately two weeks before fair, pull and twist tops and remove outer layer of dirty skin only. Spread them in an open shed so air will pass over them until time to take to fair. Remove the tops and strip off roots, but in doing so, avoid damage to the node or basal plate. Choose well-formed bulbs, avoiding "doubles", thick necks or other off type specimens.

Garlic: Should be dried. Same as dried onions. Onions (green, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch diameter or less): Dig immediately prior to going to fair. Avoid damage to node or basal plate. Leave tops on. Remove outer layer of skin to get soil off. Wash. Choose specimens that are well blanched or white. Trim roots to $\frac{3}{8}$ " – $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Trim top 4"-6" above the white stalk.

Leeks: Are treated as green onions.

Sweet corn: Remove part of husk leaving two or three layers for protection against drying. Cut off stem back to the outer layer of husk. Choose well pollinated and well-developed ears with good tip cover and tip fill, in the "milk state."

Cucumbers: Harvest by cutting stems, leaving approximately ¼ inch of stem. Avoid injury to fruit. Wash if necessary. Choose well shaped specimens, those extremely pointed, dumbbells, and badly crooked are looked on as off type.

Eggplant: Leave stem intact with fruit. Choose specimens with skins not dry but firm to the feel, or those which are tender and succulent. Uniformity is important, too.

Kohlrabi: Remove roots but leave ½ inch above ground portion of stem. Remove leaves but avoid injury to the skin. Tenderness is important.

Muskmelon: Leave about 1 inch of stem. Wash if necessary.

Watermelon: Same as muskmelon.

Peas: Choose those that are sweet, moist and tender and not those that are not bitter, dry and tough or woody. Wash if necessary.

Peppers: (sweet): Choose specimens that are firm or meaty. Leave approximately ¼ to ½ inch of stem. Keep in a cool moist place. Avoid injury. Wash if necessary. If premium list calls for green peppers, then do not include ripe or even partially ripe (reddening) specimens.

Lettuce: Leave crown. Remove root.

Potatoes: Immediately after digging tubers, allow them to set on the ground for approximately 20 minutes to allow skin to "set". Avoid rough handling or cuts, skinning and bruising. Wash gently. Select medium to large tubers which are smooth and free of any defect. Red Norland has shallow eyes, smooth skin and an oblong shape. Red Vikings have shallow eyes, a large oblong shape. Red LaSota have smooth skin and a round shape. White Kennebec has shallow eyes, thin smooth skin, and a round shape. White Norgold Russet has shallow eyes, smooth brown skin with golden netting and an oblong shape.

Pumpkins: Cut stem where it naturally attaches to vine. Wash.

Rhubarb: Remove all green portions of leaf. Leave base of petiole (stem) intact. Leave 1 inch of top. Wash. Stalks must be tender and juicy.

Summer Squash: Leave stem. Choose tender specimens. For the long type, they may be 5-8 inches long. For the round type and crooked necks, choose those which are very tender and succulent. Some types are ready for uses as soon as the blossom is withered.

Winter Squash: Same as pumpkin. Tomatoes (ripe): Remove stems. Avoid injury. Choose those free of cracking.

Tomatoes (green): Leave stems. Choose specimens which are not turning red.

Apples and Cherries: Leave stems.

The following is a list of common criticisms by vegetable judge:

1. Beyond optimum use or not prime.
2. Tough vegetables due to inadequate watering and overcrowding.
3. Poor type due to uneven watering and overcrowding.
4. Dirty (uncleaned) onions.

5. Onions that are not dry yet entered as dry onions.
6. Wrong entry. Example white onions entered as brown onions.
7. Worm holes in leafy vegetables. These worms can be controlled with botanical insecticides, such as Tootenone, Dorris, Cube, Pyrethrum and others.
8. Snap bean pods are not well developed.
9. Cabbage and lettuce heads not solid.
10. Green shoulders on carrots. Hill them up.
11. White rings in beets and beets beyond primness. Plant beets at two or three intervals of time.
12. Shriveled roots caused by scraping or abrading the skin.
13. Lacking in uniformity.
14. Radishes that are pithy.
15. Tomatoes with stem punctures.
16. Sweet corn is not well pollinated or with missing kernels.
17. Cucumbers extremely tapered or dumb belled.
18. Broccoli heads with open flowers.
19. Cauliflower that is not white and is "riced".
20. Black heart in celery or celeriac.
21. Potatoes with skin green in color.
22. Maggot and wireworm damage on roots, potatoes and other crops.
23. Vegetables waxed, oiled, dyed or having natural characters obscured.

Judging Factors: Condition, type and uniformity are three main things judges may go by.

Condition includes primness or the optimum stage of maturity for intended use, tenderness or toughness, size, cleanliness, freedom from damage, preparation and freedom from defects caused by insects, diseases and any other thing. Size is important to the extent that a specimen should be large enough to be usable. The sample of largest specimens need not get first prize every time. Type includes trueness in shape to variety name and the degree of toughness or smoothness. Uniformity includes the factors of consistency in type, color, size and quality. Condition and type are often directly related to the actual value (nutritional, palatability or preparability) of the vegetables.

Though the factor of uniformity is demanded on the market today, it adds nothing to the actual value of the vegetables, yet we do not ignore it. Emphasis among the factors of condition, type and uniformity will vary among vegetable species. Primness or stage of maturity is critically important with sweet corn, asparagus, snap beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, peas, spinach and summer squash. Uniformity is especially important for baking potatoes, cucumbers and some others. Type is very important for potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions and others. Therefore, point scoring will vary from one species of vegetable to the next. If possible, include the variety name on entry tag.

Dept: Open Class Horticulture (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Strawberry, 1/2-pint
Raspberries, 1/2-pint

Valiant grapes, 5 clusters
Wild grapes, 5 clusters

Cherries
Chokecherries
Gooseberries
Beta grapes, 5 clusters

Plums, 6
Apples, 6
Crab apples, 6
Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Horticulture (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Strawberries, any variety
Raspberries, gold
Raspberries, red
Compass Cherries
Nanking Cherries
Pie Cherries
Choke Cherries
Gooseberries
Native Berries, 5 clusters
Beta Grapes, 5 clusters
Valiant Grapes, 5 clusters
Wild grapes, 5 clusters
Plums, yellow (5)
Plums, red, other than Hansen-Hybrid (5)

Plums, native (5)
Fruit, new or novelty (5)
Apples, Duchess (5)
Apples, Wealthy (5)
Apples, Anoka (5)
Apples, Harrelson (5)
Apples, Connel Dwarf (5)
Apples, Yellow Transparent (5)
Crab Apples, Whitney (5)
Crab Apples, Dolga (5)
Crab Apples, Sentinel (5)
Crab Apples, Cherry (5)
Apricots (5)
Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Vegetables (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Asparagus, 6 spears
Beans, yellow string, 6 pods
Beans, pole, 6 pods
Beets, long red (3)
Beets, round red (3)
Broccoli, 1 head
Cabbage, flat, one, 1 1/2-3 pounds, 1 head
Cabbage, round, one, 2-5 pounds, 1 head
Cabbage, red, 1 head
Carrots (3)
Cauliflower, 1 head
Celery, one bunch
Cucumbers, burpless (2)
Cucumbers, slicing (2)
Cucumbers, ripe (2)
Cucumbers, pickling, 3-6 inches (2)
Cucumbers, pickling, under 3 inches (2)

Lettuce leaf, 2 plants
Onions, white (3)
Onions, yellow (3)
Onions, red (3)
Peas, garden, 6 pods
Peas, sugar snap, 6 pods
Peas, snow, 6 pods
Potato, red (4)
Potato, white (4)
Peppers, bell, green (3)
Peppers, sweet bell (3)
Peppers, any other (3)
Red Radishes (6)
Icicle Radishes (6)
Radish, any other (6)
Rhubarb, pulled not cut, 6 stalks
Rutabaga (3)

Dill, plants, green (2)
Dill, plants, ripe (2)
Garlic (3)
Horseradish, under 2-inch green tops (3)
Kale (1 plant)
Kohlrabi (3)
Lettuce, head, (1)

Spinach, 3 plants
Tomatoes, ripe (3)
Tomatoes, green (3)
Cherry Tomatoes, green (6)
Turnips (6)
Zucchini (3)
Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Vegetables (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Asparagus, 6 spears
Beans, Yellow String, in pod, pint
Beans, Green String, in pod, pint
Beans, pole, in pod, pint
Beets, round red (3)
Beets, long red (3)
Broccoli (3)
Brussel Sprouts (3)
Cabbage, flat, one, 1.5-3 pounds
Cabbage, round, one, 2-5 pounds
Cabbage, red (1)

Carrots (3)
Cauliflower (1)
Cantaloupe or Muskmelon, green flesh (1)
Cantaloupe or Muskmelon, any variety (1)
Celery, one bunch
Cucumbers, burpless (2)
Cucumbers, slicing (3)
Cucumbers, ripe (4)
Cucumbers, pickling, 3-6 inches (6)
Cucumbers, pickling, under 3 inches (6)
Dill, plants, green (2)
Dill, plants, ripe (2)
Eggplant, purple (2)
Garlic (6)
Horseradish, under 2-inch green tops (6)
Jalapeno Peppers (4)
Kale (1 plant)
Kohlrabi (3)
Lettuce, head, (1)

Parsnips (3)
Peas, garden, in pod, pint
Peas, sugar snap, pint
Peas, snow, pint
Peppers, bell, green (3)
Peppers, sweet bell (3)
Peppers, any other (3)
Radishes, any variety (6)
Rhubarb, red, 4 stalks
Rhubarb, green, 4 stalks
Rutabaga (3)

Onions, green bunching (6)
Spinach (2 plants)
Squash, Hubbard (1)
Squash, Buttercup (1)
Squash, Butternut (1)
Squash, Acorn (1)
Squash, any other variety (1)
Squash, any summer variety (1)
Squash, heaviest (1)
Sweet Corn, yellow, any variety, 3 ears with husks
Tomatoes, ripe (3)
Tomatoes, green (3)
Tomatoes, cherry (3)
Tomatoes, grape (6)
Turnips (3)
Watermelon, oblong (1)
Watermelon, round (1)
Watermelon, heavies (1)

Lettuce, leaf, 2 plants
Okra (6)
Onions, red (3)
Onions, white (3)
Onion, Walla-Walla (3)
Onions, pickling, 1 cup

Melon, honey dew (1)
Zucchini, baking (2)
Zucchini, salad (2)
Any Other Not Listed -Specify

Dept: Open Class Herbs (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Basil
Coriander
Dill
Garlic
Marjoram
Mint
Parsley
Oregano
Rosemary

Sage
Tarragon
Thyme
Display of fresh herbs, 3 varieties, 2 stems each, list names (display in basket, clear jar, or crate).
Any Other Herb Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Herbs (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Basil
Coriander
Dill
Garlic
Marjoram
Mint
Parsley
Oregano

Sage
Tarragon
Rosemary
Thyme
Display of fresh herbs, 3 varieties, 2 stems each, list names (display in basket, clear jar, or crate)
Any Other Herb Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Mr. Potato Head (All)

Divisions:

Tiny Tots (5 years and under)
Juniors (6-10 years)
Youth (11-17 years)

Adults (18-61 years)
Seniors (62 years and older)

Dept: Open Class Eggs (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

White Dozen

Goose Dozen

Colored Dozen
Exotic Colored Dozen
Turkey Dozen

Duck Dozen
Any Other Variety, dozen
Largest Egg by Weight

Dept: Open Class Grain, Grasses, and Legume Sheaves (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Hard Red Spring Wheat
Hard Red Winter Wheat
Durum Wheat
Oats

Barley
Flax
Legumes
Grasses

Dept: Open Class Corn (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Yellow Dent (6 ears)
White Dent (6 ears)
Hybrid (6 ears)

Popcorn (6 ears)
Any Other Variety Not Listed – Specify
(6 ears)

Culinary

Department Specific Rules: *The adult category is age 18 and over, youth ages 11 to 17, and junior ages 10 and under unless otherwise stated. *An entry cannot be entered in “other if already entered under another class or sub-class. Baked Goods: *All food exhibits must be displayed on small paper plates and in small plastic bags. No plastic wrap. *Paper plates may be used on larger exhibits. *Disposable pie pans, NO GLASS, we are not responsible for lost dishes. Preserved Foods: *Labels must be on all canned goods, identifying product and year. All jars must have a ring. *Exhibit canned fruit and vegetables in regulation half-pint, pint, or quart jars. *Preserved foods prepared within the previous year are eligible for judging. *No repeat entry of any preserved foods. *Follow USDA recommendations for proper jar sizes. Some preserved foods are not to be canned in quart jars. If your recipe does not give a time for a jar size, that jar size is not recommended for that product. *All vegetables and meat must be pressure cooked. Fruits may be hot water bathed or pressure cooked. *Pickles, jams, jellies, etc. must be hot water bathed. Dehydrated foods: this includes Jerky, must be labeled as above in clear jars with tight fitting lid. Fruit leathers: need one piece rolled in clear plastic bag. *Note: Legumes should be entered in the Horticulture Department.

Dept: Open Class Baking: Yeast Breads (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

White Bread
100% Whole Wheat Bread
Part Whole Wheat bread
French bread

Fancy rolls (crescent, cloverleaf, etc.)
Orange Rolls
Buns, white
Buns, part whole wheat

Herb/Spice Bread (onion, dill, etc.)
Raisin bread
Rye bread
Caramel rolls
Cinnamon rolls

Noodles
Breadsticks
International Bread
Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Baking: Quick Breads (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Baking Powder biscuits, rolled
White muffins
Bran muffins
Blueberry muffins
Plain Nut bread

Banana bread
Date Nut bread
Pumpkin bread
Cornbread (pan or muffin style)
Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Baking: Sourdough (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Regular Sourdough
Other Sourdough (sweet, focaccia, etc.)

Flavored Sourdough (with add-ins)
Sourdough bread-like items (buns, bagels, naan)

Dept: Open Class Baking: Cakes (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Frosted/Decorated
Unfrosted
Layered
Bundt cake
Coffee Cake

Pound Cake
Jelly Roll
Fruit based Cake
Cupcakes, any variety
Any Other Cake Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Baking: Pies & Pastries (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Apple
Berry
Cherry
Mincemeat
Peach
Pecan
Pecan

Rhubarb
Cake doughnuts (4)
Raised doughnuts (4)
Maple Bars (4)
Bismarck (4)
Bagels (4)
Any Other Item Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Baking: Cookies & Bars (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Applesauce cookies	Peanut butter cookies
Brown sugar cookies	Ice box cookies
White sugar cookies	Fancy cookies
Chocolate chip cookies	Sandwich-style cookies
Chocolate drop cookies	Scones
Ginger drops	Brownies or fudge squares
Ginger snaps	Chocolate Chip bars
Filled cookies	Fruit bars (lemon, cherry, or other)
Macaroons	Any Cookie Not Listed - Specify
Oatmeal drop cookies	Any Other Bar Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Baking: Using a MIX as an Ingredient (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Bars	Cupcakes
Cake	Any Other Item Not Listed – Specify
Cookies	

Dept: Open Class Candies (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Caramel	Peanut Brittle
Divinity	Penuche
Fudge	Truffles
Marshmallow (homemade)	Any Other Candy Not Listed – Specify
Mints	

Dept: Open Class Culinary Foods (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Cookies, any kind	Pie, any kind	Creative Themed treat
Cake, decorated	Bars, any kind	Salsa – Specify level of heat
Cupcakes, frosted		Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Vegetables (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Asparagus	Peas
Beans, baked	Sauerkraut
Beans, chili	Spinach
Beans, green	Swiss Chard

Beans, yellow wax
Beets, small
Carrots
Corn, cream style
Corn, off the cob

Spaghetti sauce
Tomatoes
Tomato sauce
Tomatoes, stewed
Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Fruits (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Apples

Pears

Applesauce

Plums

Apple pie filling

Raspberries

Apricots

Rhubarb

Cherries

Strawberries

June berry

Any Fruit Not Listed - Specify

Peaches

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Jellies (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Apple

Grape

Blueberry

June berry

Cherry

Plum

Chokecherry

Raspberry

Crab Apple

Mixed fruit

Gooseberry

Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Jams & Marmalades (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Apple butter

Plum

Apricot jam

Raspberry jam

Buffalo berry

Rhubarb jam

Chokecherry

Strawberry jam

Gooseberry

Preserves

Orange or Lemon marmalade

Mixed fruit

Peach jam

Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Salsa (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Hot

Mild

Medium

Sweet/Fruity

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Pickled (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Beet	Pickled green beans
Bread and butter	Pickled peppers
Crab apple	Relish
Cucumber, dill	Sauerkraut
Cucumber, kosher	Pickled vegetable blends
Cucumber, sweet	Any Other Not Listed - Specify
Mustard pickles	

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Meat (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Antelope	Fish
Beef	Pork
Chicken	Venison
Elk	Any Other Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Preserved/Canned: Baby Food (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Vegetable	Mixed Fruit
Mixed Vegetable	Any Other Not Listed – Specify
Fruit	

Dept: Open Class Dehydrated Foods (All)

Divisions:

Dehydrated Fruits	Jerky
Dehydrated Vegetables	Dehydrated Herbs
Fruit Leather	Any Other Not Listed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Beer/Wine (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Ale	Red Wine
Lager	White Wine
Any Other Beer -Specify	Any Other Wine -Specify

Needlework

Department Specific Rules: *All needlework will be judged with regards to beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work, suitability for the purpose for which it is intended and condition of

cleanliness. Excellence in sewing is determined in part by width and evenness in size of seams, hems, gathers, darts, pleats and tucks. Stitches should be fastened, basting removed and everything finished. The appearance should be neat, pressed or blocked, and ready to use. *Size Definitions: Doily: 12 inches or less Lunch cloth: 24-54 inches Tablecloth: 55 inches square or bigger All framed pictures will be measured by fabric size. Mats and frames will not be included in the measurement. *Age Categories: Junior- ages 10 and under Youth- ages 11-17 Senior Citizen- ages 65 and up All other ages will enter in the respective classes.

Dept: Open Class Needlework: Practical Sewing (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Infant/Toddler Clothing	Outerwear
Child Clothing	Doll Clothes (any size)
Ladies/Misses Clothing	Recycled Item (with before photo)
Men/Boy Clothing	Any Other Item Not Listed – Specify
Apron	

Dept: Open Class Needlework: Household Embroidery (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Dish Towel (1)	Decorative Pillow
Dish Towel Set	Pillowcase
Table linens	Bath Towel/hand towel
Table Runner	Any Other Item Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Needlework: Knitting (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Afghan	Doll Clothes (any size)
Bedding	Cold Weather items
Dish Cloths/Wash Cloths	Baby Items
Clothing	Any Other Item Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Needlework: Crocheting (Adult & Senior)

Divisions:

Afghan	Baby Items
Bedding	Doll Clothes (any size)
Dish Cloths/Wash Cloths	Toy/Stuffed Animal
Clothing	Any Other Item Not Listed - Specify
Cold Weather items	

Dept: Open Class Needlework: Quilted (Adults & Senior)

Divisions:

Baby	Wall Hanging
Hand stitched/hand pieced/quilted	Table Runner
Machine, pieced/stitched/quilted	Group Effort
Embroidered	Commercially quilted (displayer did top, but quilted elsewhere)
Rag	Any Other Item Not Listed – Specify
Tied	
Denim	

Dept: Open Class Needlework (Junior & Youth)

Divisions:

Sewing	Knitting
Crocheting	Needlework

Poultry & Small Animals

Department Specific Rules: Max 6 animals per open class exhibitor. Exhibitors are responsible for tending to the basic needs of their live exhibit(s), such as feeding and watering and periodically checking in on them for the period they are on display. Exhibitors are required to dump waste trays from cages at the end of fair as well as dispose of any added bedding. A liability waiver is now required when registering online or in the fair office.

Dept: Open Class Poultry: Large Breed Chickens (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed - Specify	Any Male Breed – Specify
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Dept: Open Class Poultry: Backyard Production Layers (All)

Divisions:

Young Hen - Any Breed	Mature Hen – Any Breed
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Dept: Open Class Poultry: Turkeys (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify	Any Male Breed – Specify
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Dept: Open Class Poultry: Ducks (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify	Any Male Breed – Specify
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Dept: Open Class Poultry: Geese (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify

Any Male Breed - Specify

Dept: Open Class Poultry: Pigeons (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify

Any Male Breed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Poultry: Miscellaneous Fowl (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify

Any Male Breed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Rabbits (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify

Any Male Breed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Guinea Pig (All)

Divisions:

Any Female Breed – Specify

Any Male Breed – Specify

Dept: Open Class Cat (All) *(proof of latest vaccination)

Divisions:

Cat Showmanship

Dept: Open Class Dog (All) *(proof of latest vaccination)

Divisions:

Dog Showmanship

Dog Agility

Dept: Open Class Orphan Animal (All)

Divisions:

Orphan Animal – Specify Breed

Dept: Open Class Horse Show

Superintendent – Kristin Aus

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Early entries are encouraged and can be made until Monday, July 22nd

at <https://dawsonhorseshow.com/enter-show.com> Enter online and pay the day of the show. Entry

fees are \$15.00 per horse/rider plus \$5.00 per class. No entry fee, no payback in Leadline classes.

Payback will be mailed after the fair. Early entry is encouraged. Entries on show day will be charged a post entry fee of \$3.00 per class which is not jackpotted.

Ribbons are awarded to six places in each class. Awards to grand and reserve champion winners in halter. Awards to several high points. Halter classes will be judged by appropriate breed standards. AQHA rules will apply. Under 18 require helmets or guardian signature on release. Chaps not required. Otherwise, appropriate attire required. No stallions in under 14 classes. No leading or assisting exhibitors except in Lead line classes.

Halter Division – To start at 8 a.m. sharp

Class 1: Stallion – 2 years old and younger

Class 2: Stallion – 3 years old and older Grand and Reserve Stallions

Class 3: Mare - 2 years old and younger

Class 4: Mare – 3 years old and older Grand and Reserve Mares

Class 5: Geldings - 2 years old and younger

Class 6: Geldings - 3 years old and older Grand and Reserve Geldings

Class 7: Mule, Donkey, Miniature, or Pony at halter – any age, any gender

Class 8: Showmanship – 9 years old and younger

Class 9: Showmanship – 14 years old and younger

Class 10: Showmanship – 15 years old and older

Class 11: Walk trot equitation – 9 years old and younger (rail class, no loping, no stallions)

Class 12: Horsemanship 9 years and younger (pattern class, no loping, no stallions)

Class 13: Bareback pleasure – 14 years and younger

Class 14: Bareback pleasure – 15 years and older

Class 15: Yearling lunge line

Class 16: English pleasure, any seat, 14 years and younger

Class 17: English Pleasure, any seat, 15 years and older

Class 18: English Equitation, 14 years and younger

Class 19: English Equitation, 15 years and older

Class 20: Western Pleasure - Walk-Trot - 10 years old & older (no cross entry in loping classes)

Class 21: Western Equitation - Walk-Trot - 10 years old & older (no cross entry in loping classes)

Class 22: Lead line equitation – 6 years old and younger (no stallions, no entry fee, no payback)

Class 23: Kid's Lead line barrel racing (no stallions, no entry fee, no payback , may not also enter any speed classes)

Performance Division: In Rodeo Arena, After Break (trail classes run 9 am to 1 pm in ring adjacent to halter ring)

Class 1: Yearling Trail class

Class 2: Trail Class - Walk-Trot - 10 years old & older (no loping, no cross entry in loping classes)

Class 3: Trail – 9 years old and younger (no loping)

Class 4: Trail - 14 years and younger

Class 5: Trail - 15 years and older

Class 6: Trail – Jack Benny Class 7: Trail – Green Horse age 5 or under (no points)

Class 8: Ranch Horse Trail – all ages
Class 9: Western Equitation 14 years and younger
Class 10: Western Equitation 15 years and older
Class 11: Western Pleasure – 14 years and younger
Class 12: Western Pleasure - 15 years and older
Class 13: Western Pleasure - Jack Benny
Class 14: Western Pleasure – Green Horse age 5 and under (no points)
Class 15: Ranch Horse Western Pleasure
Class 16: Ranch Riding (pattern class)
Class 17: Reining - 14 years and younger
Class 18: Reining - 15 years and older
Class 19: Reining – Jack Benny
Class 20: Pole Bending - 14 years and younger
Class 21: Pole Bending - 15 years and older
Class 22: Flag Race - 14 years and younger
Class 23: Flag Race - 15 years and older
Class 24: Barrel race - 14 years and younger
Class 25: Barrel race - 15 years and older
Class 26: Barrel race – Jack Benny

Wagon Spoke Driving Club: Driving Horse Competition

Superintendent: Bill Blankenship 406-377-6922

Wednesday, July 24th: to follow the Open Horse Show

*Classes to be determined.

*Please Call Bill Blankenship for more information. *The event will start after the Open Horse Show. *Prizes will be awarded in individual classes and overall winners.



School Projects

Department Specific Rules: When entering a project under a specific theme, a more specific description can be added to further explain the project.

Dept: Open Class School: Kindergarten & First Grade

Divisions:

Spring Holidays/Season	Insects/Spiders
Summer Holidays/Season	Space
Fall Holidays/Season	Shapes
Winter Holidays/Season	Landscape
Presidents	Oceans/Seas/Arctic
Home & Family	Rainforest
Farm	Plants/Flowers
Communication/Transportation	Weather
Community Helpers	Imaginary Characters/Make Believe
People of the World	Nursery Rhymes
Tame Animals	Fairy Tales
Wild Animals	Foods & Nutrition
Zoo & Circus	Dental Health
Dinosaurs	Any Other Theme Not Listed – Specify

Dept: Open Class School: Second Grade through Eighth Grade

Divisions:

Arts	Montana
Crafts	Ag in School
Mathematics	Computer Projects
Science	Class Projects
Health & Safety	Language Arts
Social Studies	

Dept: Open Class School: High School

Divisions:

Arts	Health & Safety
Crafts	Social Studies
Industrial Arts	Montana
Language Arts	Ag in Schools
Mathematics	Computer Projects
Science	Class Projects

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Pam Tillis

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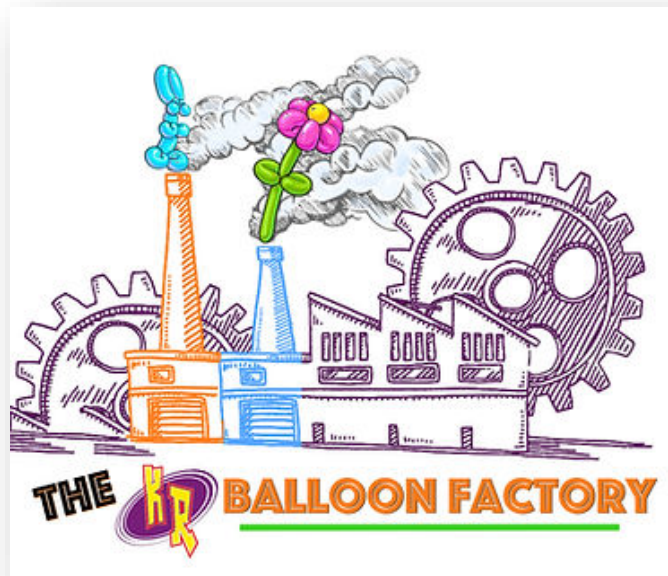


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