

Welcome to the 2026 Butler County Fair!



“Butler County Fair, A Place We Call Home”

The Fair Board and our many volunteers have been hard at work preparing for another exciting year at the fairgrounds. The Fred and Wava Maifeld Family Memorial Livestock Building is now entering its third year of use and continues to serve exhibitors and visitors well. This year, electrical upgrades were completed following several power outages during cattle shows. Improvements have also been made to the Swine/Sheep Building, including new exterior boards to replace deteriorating wood and replacement of support poles on the west end of the building. A new sidewalk is being added between the Maifeld Livestock Building and the Show Arena to improve handicap accessibility and make travel around the fairgrounds easier for everyone. Additional improvements are happening in the infield area, including a new announcer’s stand and a newly constructed check-in building on the south side of the track. Exhibitors will also notice all-new poultry and rabbit cages at the 2026 fair. The new stackable cages make better use of space while improving functionality.

The Junior Fair Board has been busy as well. They added a picket fence and couch to Tom’s Hangout inside the Maifeld Livestock Building, creating a more welcoming gathering space. They also transformed an old ticket booth into a children’s playhouse located in a safe area just south of the livestock building.

This year’s grandstand lineup promises plenty of excitement: Tuesday — Fair Parade and Queen Contest; Wednesday — Farmer’s Tractor Pull and ECI Puller Association Tractor Pull; Thursday — Rice Rodeo Bulls and Barrels; Friday — The Castellows Concert; Saturday — Night of Destruction; Sunday — Scrambles and Figure 8 Races; and additional free fair entertainment includes a BBQ Contest, Foam Parties, and Wolves of the World show.

Fundraising efforts for the Show Arena renovation project have also begun. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact a Fair Board member.

We hope you enjoy everything the 2026 Butler County Fair has to offer and thank you for your continued support!

Steve Dilger
Butler County Fair President

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2026 Butler County Fair Grandstand Pricing Schedule

Final schedule subject to change – please check out www.butlercountyfair.org
for up-to-date scheduling and pricing for all grandstand events.

All sales final: Rainout Policy - No Refunds
If rain date is scheduled, save original ticket for admission



FREE GROUNDS ADMISSION & PARKING!

Tuesday, June 23 rd	Pre-Fair Parade Crowning of the 2026 Fair Queen And Little Miss Butler County!	FREE
Wednesday, June 24 th	Farmer's Tractor Pull ECIPA Tractor Pull	FREE \$20
Thursday, June 25 th	Honey Creek Rodeo	\$20
Friday, June 26 th	The Castellows Opening Act: Jess Kellie Adams	\$45
Saturday, June 27 th	Barnyard Battles Night of Destruction	FREE \$15
Sunday, June 28 th	Scrambles Figure 8 Races	\$10 \$15

Total Individual Ticket Prices: \$125

2026 Super Saver Ticket price is \$50 until June 21st.

Starting Monday, June 22nd - Super Saver Ticket price is \$60.

Good for all grandstand events – June 23 – 28, 2026.

2026 Family Packs - SAVE EVEN MORE and purchase a FAMILY PACK which includes 4 Super Saver Tickets, 20 Scott Amusements LLC Carnival Ride Tickets, and discount/free item coupons for Food Vendors on grounds. Cost is \$200.

2026 Ride Tickets – Pre-fair ticket prices until June 21st - \$7.50 for sheet of 10 ride tickets (can be purchased from a 4-H'er or Fair Board Treasurer).

During fair - \$10 for sheet of 10 ride tickets.

Children Age 6 and Under - Admitted FREE.

4-H & FFA Exhibitors (Currently Enrolled in Butler County) - Super Saver Price: \$15.00.

**ALL TRACKSIDE SEATING - BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR - Limited Seating Available

Tickets are available for sale from Butler County 4-Hers, Local Banks, Convenience Stores, and other Butler Co. Businesses **until Sunday, June 21st.**

Visit our website for details: www.butlercountyfairiowa.org/tickets

ALL SALES FINAL * NO REFUNDS**
IF A RAIN DATE IS SCHEDULED - RETAIN ORIGINAL TICKET FOR ADMISSION
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BUTLER COUNTY FAIR!

Message from Hannah Wangsness 2025 Butler County Fair Queen

Dear Butler County Fair Friends,

Serving as your Butler County Fair Queen this past year has truly been an unforgettable and rewarding experience. From attending parades to being part of different community events, I have had the best time representing our county and everything that makes it so special. Getting the opportunity to meet new people, share our traditions, and celebrate alongside such a supportive community has meant so much to me.

One of the highlights of my year was attending the Iowa State Fair Queen contest. It was such a fun and memorable experience, and I had the chance to meet so many amazing girls from across the state who share the same love for their counties and fairs. The friendships I made and the memories we created are something I will always cherish. It truly showed me how special fairs are all across Iowa and how strong the sense of community can be.

Throughout the year, I have also loved being able to attend local parades and events. Each one has been a chance to connect with others and experience the pride people have for their towns and our county. Whether it was waving from a parade or simply spending time at events, every moment has reminded me how lucky I am to represent Butler County.

I am incredibly thankful for the continued support from our community, the fair board, volunteers, and my family and friends. It takes so many people to make the fair and all these opportunities possible, and I am so grateful to be a small part of it.

Serving as your Butler County Fair Queen has truly been a dream come true, and I will always be proud to represent Butler County.

Sincerely,

Hannah Wangsness

2025 Butler County Fair Queen

OPEN CLASS RULES AND REGULATIONS

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Butler County Fair, its officers, or their agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm, or corporation of their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupy any space thereon.

If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of any neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, their agents, representative, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds, or occupying space thereon, the Butler County Fair shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Butler County Fair.

The Butler County Fairboard will use diligence to ensure the safety of stock of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any theft, loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article on exhibition. Therefore, the exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair Board, Department Supervisors, or other volunteers thereof against all legal or other proceedings in regard therein. The Butler County Extension in cooperation with the Butler County Fair Board, accept exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the Extension and the Fair Board cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Fair Management is not liable for accidents or theft.

The Butler County Fairboard reserves the final and absolute right to interpret those rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and difference in regard thereto or arising out of, connect with or incident to the fair.

The Butler County Fairboard and Department Superintendents reserve the right to **amend or add** to those rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

See schedule and department rules for entry times. Goods and stock must be delivered on the grounds within the time scheduled, and put in place by the exhibitors and removed by them at the close of the Fair.

All exhibits must remain in place until the scheduled release time per department guidelines. Anyone removing any exhibit before that time will forfeit their premium money unless they have proper authorization. Early release will be allowed **ONLY IF** cleared through the fair office prior to fair, **AND** written proof of participation in another show or fair is received at the fair office.

Any animal dying on the fairgrounds of unknown cause shall be posted at owners' expense and disposed of. No livestock are to be killed and dressed on fair property.

Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees for space, stalls, and pens. No refunds will be made for any reason, except by official action of the Executive Committee in each case. All applications for entries or exhibits must be made in accordance with rules of the Secretary's office and in accord with instructions found in the various departments.

Exhibitors accept responsibility that their exhibits are designated to the particular class and division to which they wish to have them entered as no change will be made after being on the Secretary's books. The responsibility must rest with the exhibitor. The Fair Management will not accept responsibility for items entered in the wrong class.

When there is no competition the Judges and the Department Superintendent shall decide whether the first, second or no premium shall be awarded.

No animal or article unworthy of premium shall receive one even if there is no competition. Nor shall any animal or article receive a premium higher than its merit as interpreted by the judges. It is the intention of the Fair Board and Department Supervisors that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article not deserving of the prize.

An exhibitor in any way trying to influence or obstruct the Judges in making awards shall be ruled out and shall not be allowed to compete in any class.

No intoxicated or other improper and disorderly person will be permitted on the grounds. Such individuals will be turned over to local law enforcement officers to be dealt with according to law.

Parties wanting vendor/booth privileges must apply to the Vendor Committee for location & permission before setting up.

All entries and fees to be paid shall be made at the Butler County Fair Treasurer's Office on the fairgrounds during the duration of the fair.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

All complaints must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$100 fee. This fee will be refunded in the event of a founded complaint. The party filing the complaint will pay any testing costs incurred. Complaint against exhibition of either animal or article must be filed at the Secretary's fair office on the grounds before awards are made and will be considered before the hour of showing. The Fair Board's Complaint Committee will promptly investigate the complaint. Complaints against the awards must be filed with the Fair Secretary immediately after award is made, and will be considered by the complaint committee, which will examine cause of complaint and settle the dispute at once and no further hearing will be had. No appeal will be heard or considered based on the statement that the Complaint Committee has overlooked articles or animals.

NOTE: This does not apply to events and shows that fall under another organization. Their complaint procedure overrides the Butler County Fair's complaint procedure.

NO UNAUTHORIZED TICKET SALES ON BUTLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS

PROTEST NOTICE

To all parties (animal and activist groups) that feel entitled to hold protests of any kind on the property owned by said Butler County Fair Association, Butler County Iowa, you will follow the rules set by the Butler County Fair Association, Butler County Iowa or be immediately removed from said fair grounds by local law enforcement.

Hours of protest: 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Location of protest: Northeast corner of said fair grounds

No amplification will be allowed

No more than 10 protesters are allowed at any given time

You must notify the Board President, Steve Dilger (319) 239-6698 and Vice President, Evan Chesnut (319) 239-2848, 24 hours prior to said protest.

ADVERTISING NOTICE (FLYERS)

No outside peddlers are allowed on the Butler County Fairgrounds, Butler County, Iowa unless approved by Butler County Fair Association, Butler County Iowa. No individual or groups are allowed to distribute any advertising (flyers) material unless approved by the Butler County Fair Association, Butler County, Iowa. Any individual or group may be asked to leave the fairgrounds if in violation of these rules.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENTS

4-H and Youth Butler County Extension
Antique Tractors Jason Johnson, Clarksville
Attractions Fair Board
Barnyard Battles Steve Dilger, Shell Rock
Beef Robert Wix, Allison
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Camping Chad Oldenburger, Parkersburg
Carnival Mike Stirling, Allison
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Commercial Vendors Kristen Wix, Allison
Crisis Team Steve Dilger, Shell Rock
Dairy Steve Dilger, Shell Rock
ECI Tractor Pull Chad Osterbuhr, Allison
Entertainment Mike Ruby, Greene
Parade Jennie , Waverly
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Figure 8 Races Brad Feckers, Shell Rock
First-Aid Frances Krull, Aplington
Floral Hall Frances Krull, Aplington

Grandstand Jennie Bright, Allison
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Horseshoe Pitching Frances Krull, Aplington
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Kids' Day Activities Krista Kluitert, Clarksville
Little Kids Showmanship Frances Krull, Aplington
Night of Destruction Chad Oldenburger, Parkersburg
Open Class Fairbook Karen Dilger, Shell Rock
Queen Contest Dani Rottink, Clarksville
Restrooms & Cleanup Clint Sharp, Parkersburg
Scrambles Mike Stirling, Parkersburg
Senior Citizens' Day Becky Johnson, New Hartford
Sheep & Goats Jason Johnson, Clarksville
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Swine Steve Dilger, Shell Rock
Ticket Sales Rhonda Marshall, Allison
Veterinarian Chelsea Peelen, Allison Vet Service
Webpage/Advertising Derek Prostime, Shell Rock

Open Class Floral Hall

Superintendent - Frances Krull, (319) 215-0805
Becky Johnson, (319) 404-8329

Rules and Regulations

1. Any resident of Iowa is eligible to exhibit in Open Class.
2. No exhibitor may enter more than one specimen per class, **unless specified under the class description.**
3. Only one entry can be made for each premium.
4. Only the articles listed in each division below may be entered.
5. Each entry must be labeled with an entry tag furnished by the Butler County Fair Secretary's Office - showing the entry number, division, and class.
6. Entries will be open at 10:00 AM on Wednesday and will close at 6:00 PM. **All Floral Hall exhibits must be in place by 7:30 on Wednesday evening.**
7. Floral Hall judging begins at 9:00 AM on Thursday.
8. Entries are released for pickup at 4:00 PM on Sunday.
9. Floral Hall Hours:
 - a. Wednesday - 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
 - b. Thursday - 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM
 - c. Friday - 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
 - d. Saturday 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
 - e. Sunday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
10. Other than named...
 - a. must be able to identify item
11. No premium will be awarded on any item that has within the last 5 years received a premium from the Butler County Fair.

Department H - Farm Products

1. Only lightly wash fruits and vegetables, please do not scrub or peel.
2. All entries need to be from last year June - this year June/previous Fair - current Fair.

Division 33 - Herbs

1. Basil, 3 stems
2. Chives, 5 stems
3. Dill, 1 specimen
4. Garlic, 1 stalk, (1" top left on)
5. Oregano, 3 stems
6. Parsley, 3 stems
7. Lavender
8. Thyme
9. Mint
 - a. Spearmint
 - b. Peppermint
 - c. Chocolate Mint
 - d. Other
10. Rosemary
11. Any other herb, 3 stem

Division 34 - Grain and Seeds

1. Tallest stalk of corn
2. Yellow Corn; 1 pint jar
3. Soybeans; 1 pint jar
4. Oats; 1 pint jar
5. Sunflower seeds; ½ pint
6. Artistic Arrangement (No noxious weeds)
7. Any other not named; 1 pint jar

Division 35 - Vegetables

1. Red potatoes, 3 specimens
2. White potatoes, 3 specimens
3. Squash/Zucchini, 1
4. Broccoli, 1 spear
5. Beets, 3 specimens
6. Cabbage, 1 head
7. Kohlrabi, 1 (1 ½" top)
8. Cauliflower, 1 head
9. Egg Plant, 1 specimen
10. Green Peppers, 3 specimens
11. Hot Peppers, 3 specimens
12. Red Tomato, 3 specimens
13. Yellow Tomato, 3 specimens
14. Red Cherry Tomato, 3 specimens
15. Cucumbers, 3 pickling size (2" to 3")
16. Cucumbers, 3 dill size (4" to 6")
17. Cucumbers, 3 slicing (6" or larger)
18. Carrots, 3 specimens (1 ½" tops)
19. Red Onion, 3
20. Yellow Onion, 3
21. White Onion, 3
22. Green Onion, 1 bunch (5-6)
23. Turnips, 3 (1 ½" tops)
24. Any vegetables like spinach, etc.
25. Garden display, 5 varieties of vegetables
26. Any unusual shaped vegetable, 1
27. Lettuce, in water, 5 leaves or 1 head
28. Asparagus, 3 stalks
29. Kale
30. Radish
31. Peas
32. Beans
33. Other that is in season

Division 36 - Fruit

1. Any early variety Apple, plate of 3
2. Strawberries, 6 specimens
3. Pears - any kind, 3 specimens
4. Raspberries, 5 specimens
5. Cherries, 5 specimens
6. Elderberries, 2 stem
7. Mulberries, 5 specimens
8. Gooseberries, 5 specimens
9. Rhubarb, 3 stalks, no leaves
10. Other than named

Department I - Flowers and Plants

The exhibitor must know the name of the plant/flower or they may not be entered.

1. All specimens should be displayed in clear glass bottles or plain jars.
2. Entries in the Artistic Division need not be grown by the exhibitor, but must be the work of the exhibitor.
3. Foliage, other than flowers, is permitted in all classes.
4. Houseplants must be grown in the container and in possession of the exhibitor for at least 2 months.
5. The committee will not be responsible for loss or breakage, though reasonable care will be taken.

Division 37 - House Plants (may enter three specimens per class per person)

1. African Violet:
 - a. Double
 - b. Single
 - c. Miniature
2. Begonia:
 - a. Flowering
 - b. Foliage
3. Cactus:
 - a. Large
 - b. Small
 - c. Other
4. Dish Garden or Planter
5. Geranium:
 - a. Blooming
 - b. Scented
 - c. Fancy Leaf
6. Succulents:
 - a. Large
 - b. Small
7. Plant grown for Foliage
8. Unusual House Plant
9. Hanging Plant
10. Fern:
 - a. Boston
 - b. Asparagus
 - c. Lace
 - d. Other
11. Ivy
12. Philodendron
13. Orchid
14. Pothos
15. Hen & Chicks
16. Rattlesnake plant
17. Prayer plant
18. Aloe Vera
19. Spider plant
20. Other than named

Division 38 - Horticulture (may enter only one variety per class per person)

1. Baby's Breath, 1 spray
2. Bachelor Button, 3 stems
3. Coral Bells
4. Lamb's Ear
5. Columbine
6. Daisy, 3 blooms
7. Gerber Daisy, 3 blooms
8. Dahlia, 3 blooms
9. Dianthus, 3 stems
10. Poppies, 3 stems
11. Day Lily, 1 stem
12. Calla Lily, 1 stem
13. Common Lily, 1 stem
14. Other Lily, 1 stem
15. Marigolds, 3 blooms:
 - a. Large
 - b. Small
16. Pansies, 3 blooms
17. Petunia, 3 blooms:
 - a. Double head
 - b. Single head
18. Salvia, 3 stems
19. Snap Dragon, 3 stems
20. Verbena, 3 stems
21. Viola, 3 stems
22. Rose:
 - a. Tea; 1 bloom
 - b. Mini; 3 blooms
23. Lupine, 1 stem, collection of 3 varieties named
24. Feverfew, 1 stem
25. Cornflower, 1 stem
26. Balloon Flower, 1 stem
27. Bell Flower, 1 stem
28. Peony, 1 bloom
29. Moss Roses
30. Hibiscus, 1 bloom
31. Impatiens, 2 stems
32. Grasses, 4 stems, name kind
33. Hosta (Small):
 - a. Blue
 - b. Green
 - c. Variegated
34. Hosta (Large):
 - a. Blue
 - b. Green
 - c. Variegated
35. Hosta (Mini):
 - a. Blue
 - b. Green
 - c. Variegated
36. Astilbes (spirea), 1 spike
37. Ground ivy (hardy)
38. Hollyhocks
39. Bee Balm, 1 bloom
40. Black-Eyed Susan, 1 stem
41. Silver Mound
42. Gaillardia
43. Yarrow - 3 stems
44. Heather
45. Coreopsis, 3 stems
46. Zinnia:
 - a. Large
 - b. Small
47. Clematis, 2 blooms on vine
48. Mum
49. Spiderwort
50. Phlox
51. Yucca
52. Loosestrife
53. Jack-in-the-pulpit
54. Vinca Vine:
 - a. Green
 - b. Variegated
55. Larkspur
56. Delphinium
57. Geranium
58. Tick Seed
59. Milkweed
60. Sweet William
61. Hydrangea
62. Other than named

Division 39 - Artistic Arrangement (Theme) (may enter three items per class per person)

These classes can be fresh, dried or artificial. Accessories may be added. No noxious weeds.

1. Rural Reflections
2. Old and New
3. Dare to be Different
4. Fans Autumn
5. Tiny Tots
6. Second Time Around
7. Still Life
8. Beach Comber
9. A basket of Beauty
10. 'Tis Christmas
11. Spotlight of Iowa
12. Bird in a Nature Setting
13. Holiday other than named
14. Hats
15. Door Swag
16. Lego Arrangements
17. Other than named

Department J - Food

1. Bread should be baked in individual pans (**small**) **about 7-3/8 x 3-5/8 x 2-1/4"** in size
2. Following Thursday morning judging, any undisplayed portion of food entry may be picked up by the exhibitor.

Division 40 - Yeast Bread - one loaf unless noted

1. French Bread
2. White Bread
3. Wheat Bread
4. Miscellaneous Grain Bread
5. Cinnamon Rolls, 4
6. Coffee Cake
7. Rolls, 4:
 - a. White
 - b. Wheat
 - c. Other
8. Bread Makers bread (name kind)
9. Other than named

Division 41 - Quick Bread - one loaf unless noted

1. Loaf Fruit Bread (list fruit used)
2. Loaf Vegetable Bread (list vegetable used)
3. Muffins, 4 (name kind)
4. Other than named (name product)

Division 42 - Cookies & Bars (Plate of 4) (No frosted items)

1. Bars - please cut 1-1/2" square
2. Brownies - please cut 1-1/2" square
3. Sugar Cookies
4. Ginger Cookies
5. Oatmeal Cookies
6. Filled Cookies
7. Ice Box Cookies
8. Peanut Butter Cookies
9. Chocolate Chip Cookies
10. Other than named (name product)

Division 43 - Pie (Soft pies, use a disposable pan)

1. Apple
2. Cherry
3. Other berry
4. Other 1 crust
5. Other 2 crust

Division 44 - Cakes (No frosted items)

1. Angel Food Cake, any flavor
2. Chocolate
3. White
4. Spice
5. Fruit Cake, fruit baked in cake (name fruit)
6. Cupcakes, 6:
 - a. In paper cups
 - b. Not in paper cups
7. Cupcakes, 6 filled:
 - a. In paper cups
 - b. Not in paper cups
8. Jelly Roll
9. Other than named

Division 45 - Decorated

1. Decorated Cake
2. Cupcakes, plate of 3 cups, not in paper cups
3. Cookies, 4
4. Other than named
5. Ugliest Decorated Cake

Division 46 - Canned Fruit (pints or quarts) (must be in date and date must be visible; previous fair to current fair)

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|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Apples | 8. Raspberries |
| 2. Apple Sauce | 9. Strawberries |
| 3. Cherries | 10. Squash and/or pumpkins |
| 4. Grapes | 11. Collection of 3 (name kind) |
| 5. Peaches | 12. Juice (name kind) |
| 6. Pears | 13. Ground Cherries |
| 7. Plums | 14. Other than named |

Division 47 - Canned Vegetables (pints or quarts) (must be in date and date must be visible; previous fair to current fair)

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| 1. Beans (green or yellow) | 6. Sweet potatoes |
| 2. Beets | 7. Asparagus |
| 3. Carrots | 8. Spaghetti Sauce |
| 4. Corn | 9. Potatoes |
| 5. Tomatoes (red or yellow) | 10. Other than named |

Division 48 - Canned Meat and Soups (pints or quarts) (must be in date and date must be visible; previous fair to current fair)

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| 1. Chicken | 4. Vegetable |
| 2. Pork | 5. Other than named |
| 3. Beef | |

Division 49 - Pickles and Relishes (must be in date and date must be visible; previous fair to current fair)

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| 1. Beet Pickles | 7. Spiced Apples |
| 2. Bread and Butter Pickles | 8. Watermelon Pickles |
| 3. Ketchup and Chili Sauce | 9. Pickled Beans |
| 4. Relish (name kind) | 10. Salsa |
| 5. Sweet Pickles (name kind) | 11. Tomato Relish |
| 6. Sour Pickles (name kind) | 12. Other than named |

Division 50 - Preserves and Jellies (name kind) (must be in date and date must be visible; previous fair to current fair)

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| 1. Jelly (juice) | 4. Preserves (whole fruit) |
| 2. Fruit Butter (fruit pulp) | 5. Marmalades (pieces of fruit) |
| 3. Jam (crushed fruit) | 6. Other than named |

Division 51 - Dehydrated (name kind)

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| 1. Dried Fruit | 5. Dried Meat |
| 2. Dried Vegetables | 6. Mixed |
| 3. Dried Herbs | 7. Other |
| 4. Dried Pasta | |

Division 52 - Homemade Candy (6 pieces)

1. Chocolate Fudge
2. Divinity
3. Mints
4. Penuche
5. Peanut Candy
6. Other than named

Division 53 - Gluten Free

1. Breads
2. Cookies/Bars
3. Cake
4. Other than named

Department K - Clothing and Textiles

1. All articles must be entered in the name of the maker.
2. The name of the maker must not be placed on any article competing for premiums. If the name is on the article, it must be covered for judging.
3. All needlework will be judged with regard to beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work, and suitability for the purpose for which it was intended.

Division 54 - Garments (any size)

1. Fancy Blouse
2. Blouse
3. Skirt
4. Slacks or Shorts
5. Casual Dress
6. Party Dress
7. Jacket, Coat or Vest
8. 2 Piece Outfit
9. 3 Piece Outfit
10. Men's or Boy's Jacket or Sport Coat
11. Jumper
12. Sleepwear
13. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Costume
 - b. Recycled
 - c. Other
14. Serger Items:
 - a. Sports
 - b. Casual
 - c. Other
15. Hats
16. Other than named

Division 55 - Quilts or Blankets

1. Appliquéd:
 - a. Hand
 - b. Machine
 - c. Other
2. Pieced:
 - a. Hand
 - b. Machine
 - c. Other
3. Sampler
4. Embroidered or Cross Stitched
5. Mixed Technique
6. Crib:
 - a. Appliquéd
 - b. Pieced
 - c. Embroidered
 - d. Other
7. Blanket:
 - a. Crocheted
 - b. Knit
 - c. Other
8. Quilts of Valor
9. Scrap/Crumb Quilt
10. Panel Quilt
11. Lap Quilt
12. Wool Appliquéd Quilt
13. T-Shirt/Recycled Material Quilt
14. Other than named

Division 56 - Miscellaneous Quilting

1. Wall Decoration, framed or hooped
2. Wall Hanging unframed
3. Embroidery Quilt
4. Pillow:
 - a. Hand Quilted
 - b. Machine Quilted
 - c. Other
5. Pillow, appliquéd:
 - a. Hand Quilted
 - b. Machine Quilted
 - c. Other
6. Quilted Garment Jacket
7. Quilted Bag
8. Fashion Accessory
9. Small Home Furnishing
10. Work other than named (place mat, tablecloth, etc.)
11. Christmas and Misc. Holidays:
 - a. Decoration
 - b. Stocking
 - c. Other
12. Table Runner
13. Any item other than named

Division 57 - Needle Craft

1. Embroidery:
 - a. Pillowcases
 - b. Tablecloths
 - c. Scarves
 - d. Other than above
2. Crewel Embroidery:
 - a. Wall Hanging
 - b. Pillow
 - c. Other than above
3. Needle Point:
 - a. Pillow
 - b. Wall Hanging
 - c. Other
4. Quick Pint, any item (plastic canvas)
5. Swedish weaving, any item
6. Count Stitch:
 - a. Wall Hanging
 - b. Garment
 - c. Other
7. Hardanger
8. Candle wicking, any item
9. Smocking, any item (including clothing)
10. Any Knitted Article:
 - a. Machine
 - b. Hand
 - c. Other
11. Any Crocheted Article, flat:
 - a. Doily
 - b. Tablecloth
 - c. Other
12. Any Crocheted Article, not flat
13. Afghan:
 - a. Knitted
 - b. Crocheted
14. Tatting - any item
15. Any item other than name

Division 58 - Fabric Crafts

1. Soft Sculpture, any item
2. Stuffed Animals:
3. Puppets
4. Rag Crafts:
 - a. Baskets
 - b. Other
5. Braided:
 - a. Basket
 - b. Place mat
 - c. Other
6. Tie Dying or Batik
7. Jewelry
8. Bags
9. Scarf
10. Rugs:
 - a. Hooked
 - b. Crocheted
 - c. Woven
 - d. Mug Rug
 - e. Other
11. Wool Appliqué:
 - a. Table Topper
 - b. Pillow
 - c. Ornaments
 - d. Wall Hanging
 - e. Bowl
12. Other than named

Division 59 - Dolls and Toys

1. Amish Doll
2. Rag Doll
3. Porcelain Doll
4. Usable Doll
5. Decorative Doll
6. Cornhusk Doll
7. Bears
8. Other toys or dolls not named

Division 60 - Nursing Home Category

1. Craft Item
2. Crochet Item
3. Holiday Item
4. Other than named

Department L - Fine Arts

1. Work is to be done by the exhibitor, purchased or borrowed items are not allowed
2. No premium will be awarded on any item that has, in the last 5 years, received a premium from the Butler County Fair.

Division 61 - Potpourri or Crafts

1. Weaving, any item
2. Cornhusk, any item
3. Wind Chimes
4. Nature Craft
5. Glass Etching
6. Leather
7. Stained Glass
8. Mobile, Indoor or Outdoor
9. Ceramic, any item
10. Metal, any item
11. Macramé
12. Stenciling:
 - a. Fabric
 - b. Other
13. Scherenschnitte (paper cutting)
14. Paper, any item (done with paper)
15. Egg Art (real egg)
16. Puff Painting, any item
17. Farria, any item
18. Stamping
19. Other than named

Division 62 - Wreaths

1. Padded
2. Grapevine
3. Straw
4. Wooden
5. Pine Cone
6. Other

Division 63 - Art Works

1. Tole, Oil on Canvas
2. Tole, Folk Art
3. Tole, Decorative, any item
4. Acrylic
5. Watercolor
6. Wearable Art (clothing articles only)
7. Pen and Ink, drawing
8. Pastel or Charcoal, drawing
9. Calligraphy
10. China Painting
11. Sculptures
12. Ceramic and Pottery
13. Others not listed

Division 64 - Recycled (treasures from trash)

1. Useful
2. Decorative Article
3. Scarecrow - must be able to be placed outside
4. Other than named

Division 65 - Wood

1. Refinished Article
2. Refinished Furniture
3. Constructed Article
4. Constructed Furniture
5. Kit
6. Miniature:
 - a. Handcrafted
 - b. Kit
 - c. Doll House
7. Original Finished
8. Using a Pattern - Finished
9. Bird House
10. Bird Feeder
11. Squirrel Feeder
12. Wood Carving
13. Wood Burning
14. Wood Craft other than named
15. Other than named

Division 66 - Holiday Corner

1. Christmas Stocking or Boot
2. Christmas Ornament (5 displayed on tree)
3. Door Decoration
4. Wall Hanging
5. Christmas Tree Skirt
6. Ceramic, any holiday
7. Centerpiece, any holiday
8. Costume, any holiday
9. Window Display, any holiday
10. Wool
11. Others not listed

Division 67 - Antiques (may enter only one item per class per person) (No premium will be awarded on any item that has, in the last 5 years, received a premium from the Butler County Fair.)

1. Collection of Jewelry
2. Sampler
3. Quilt
4. Glass Dish
5. China Dish
6. Creamer and Sugar
7. Salt and Pepper
8. Tea Pot or Coffee Pot
9. Tea Cup
10. Vase
11. Fan
12. Doll
13. Clock
14. Wooden Article
15. What-Not-Shelf

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| 16. Book | 20. Pitcher | 24. Clothing |
| 17. Oldest Article | 21. Bowl | 25. Knick Knack |
| 18. Platter | 22. Picture | 26. Other than named |
| 19. Utensils | 23. BCF memorabilia | |

Division 68 - Scrapbooking (may enter two items per class per person) Books ordered off websites may not be entered. Example: Shutterfly.

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| 1. Scrapbook | 2. Scrapbook Page |
| | a. Family |
| | b. Sports |
| | c. Vacation |

Department M - Juniors

1. This department is for anyone ages 17 and under.
2. Exhibitors may enter the Open Class departments, no antiques. The same rules apply.

Division 69 - Junior

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| 1. Farm Products (<u>Department H</u>) | 5. Fine Arts (<u>Department L</u>) |
| 2. Flowers and plants - must be able to identify entry (<u>Department I</u>) | 6. Photography (<u>Department N</u>) |
| 3. Food items (<u>Department J</u>) | 7. Lego (<u>Department O</u>) |
| 4. Clothing & Textiles (<u>Department K</u>) | 8. Other than named |

Department N - Photography

1. Must be matted and mounted on a backer board or foam backing, photos must be taken by exhibitor.
2. No premium will be awarded on any item that has, in the last 5 years, received a premium from the Butler County Fair.

Division 70

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| 1. Nature | 11. Any Black and White | 16. School: |
| 2. Farm Life | 12. Past Fairs: | a. Dance |
| 3. City Life | a. Animal | b. Prom |
| 4. Family Life | b. People | c. Other |
| 5. Pets | c. Activities | 17. Transportation |
| 6. People | d. Exhibits | 18. Portrait: |
| 7. Sunrise and Sunset | e. Food | a. Family |
| 8. Flowers | f. Other | b. Other |
| 9. Fruit | 13. Sports | 19. Lego Sculpture |
| 10. Three Photos, any subject | 14. Patriotic | Photograph |
| | 15. Bugs | 20. Any other not listed |

Department O – Lego

1. Work is to be done by the exhibitor, purchased completed or borrowed completed items are not allowed.
2. No premium will be awarded on any item that has, in the last 5 years, received a premium from the Butler County Fair.

Division 71

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| 1. Vehicles | 7. Pop Culture | c. 4th of July |
| 2. Animals | 8. Characters/People | d. Easter |
| 3. Moving/Motorized | 9. Paintings/Famous Art | e. Holidays |
| 4. Still | 10. Holiday Theme | other than |
| 5. Buildings/Structures | a. Christmas | named |
| 6. Scenes | b. Halloween | 11. Other than named |

SANCTIONED KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Location: Iowa State Bank Pavilion

1. Classes will be divided by age beginning at 4 -year-olds and ending at 11-year-olds to coincide with State sanctioning rules.
2. Girls and boys will pull in separate classes.
3. Children will pull at the age they are the day of the pull.
4. Children under 4 may pull for fun only. (Children under 4 are not eligible to compete at State.)
5. Sign-up will start at 12:30 PM in the Iowa State Bank Pavilion
6. Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each class including boys and girls under 4 years of age. 3rd place winners will be awarded ribbons.
7. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all participants.
8. Winners will be provided information to pull at State. (They can choose whether they want to go.)

Pull provided and ran by Ohana Pedal Pullers of Ollie, Iowa.

FARMERS TRACTOR PULL

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday, June 24th – Grandstand

Signup from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Contacts: Chad Osterbuhr Ph: 515-460-3647
Jason Johnson Ph: 319-215-5717
Please leave voicemail or text with questions

1. Expected Classes:

4500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
4500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
5500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
5500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
6500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
6500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
7500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
7500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
8500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
8500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
9500 Stock – 3 mph speed limit
9500 Open – 10 mph speed limit
10500 – 10 mph
11500 – 10 mph
13000 – 10 mph



2. \$20.00 per hook fee
3. Trophies awarded to first and second place finishes with No cash payouts
4. Max Tire size restriction for 5500 class and lower is **16.9**
5. **All open classes have 20" hitch height and no tire size restriction.**
6. There is an **18'** hitch height restriction for all **Stock** classes 7500 and under
7. There is a **20"** Hitch height restriction for all classes 8500 and above
8. There is a floating finish line
9. A scale will be provided
10. **There will be a \$100 protest fee**

The Farmer's Tractor Pull is a FREE grandstand show for all spectators!

We look forward to seeing you there at the Butler County Fair!!

*Join us in the evening for the ECI Pullers Association Tractor Pull at 7:00 PM!
Admission \$20. Kids 6 Years and Under are Free.*

ANTIQUE TRACTOR & MACHINERY SHOW

On display the week of the fair

Superintendents – Jason Johnson, Ph: 319-215-2517

Ronnie Henning, Ph: 319-239-1560

PRIZES: TROPHIES

If you would like to exhibit any equipment free of charge,
please contact the show superintendent.

Classes include:

Best of Show

Oldest of Show

Most Original

People's Choice

BBQ GRILLING COMPETITION

Full Rack of Beef Ribs

SATURDAY - JUNE 27TH

Winner Receives \$100 plus Entry Fees

Superintendents:

Jennie Bright: 319-230-8323

Kristen Wix: 712-832-0134

RULES

1. BBQ Competition is open to adult non-professional barbecue enthusiasts.
2. Pre-Register by Friday, June 26th.
3. Entry Fee is \$25.
4. To Register: contact Jennie or Kristen at the above numbers to provide your name and phone number, and to receive final instructions.
5. Bring your own grill and everything you will need.
6. Meat will be donated by Orly's Locker & Deli of Clarksville and can be picked up there Wednesday, June 24th between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Thursday, June 25th and Friday, June 26th between 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
7. Contestants can prepare the ribs however they like.
8. When arriving on Saturday morning, check in at the Secretary's Office for location you will set up.
9. Meat can go on any time after 6:00 AM.
10. Judging will be based on appearance, aroma, texture, taste, tenderness, moisture and creativity.
11. Provide each of the three judges two portions of meat, arranged in a single layer on a disposable plate.
12. Judging starts at 4:00 PM.

DEPARTMENT A

Jackpot Open Steer and Heifer Show

Point Show - Sanctioned by IJBBA

10:00 AM – SUNDAY, JUNE 28th – Livestock Arena

Superintendents – John Harris 319-596-5410

Participants must register with the Showman App

- Weigh-in 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM Sunday morning, June 28th
- All IJBBA Show Rules apply: (<https://ijbba.com/rules-ijbba>)
- Breeding Heifer, \$40 Entry / Butler County \$35
- Market Beef, \$40 Entry / Butler County \$35
- Feeder Steer and Heifer, \$30 Entry / Butler County \$25
- Showmanship, \$5.00
- Generators are a must.

Grand Champion Market Beef.....	\$200.00
Reserve Champion Market Beef	\$100.00
Grand Champion Breeding Heifer	\$200.00
Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer	\$100.00

SCRAMBLES RULES AND INFO

1:00 PM Sunday, June 28th - Grandstand

Superintendent – Mike Stirling, Ph: 319-269-5755

1. Scrambles are held in front of the grandstand.
2. Children participating in the chicken, rabbit, and calf scrambles are asked to participate **only if** they can provide a home and food for the animal.
3. Anyone who is thirteen to sixteen years of age and is a resident of Butler County or a resident of an adjoining county (Floyd, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Bremer, Black Hawk, Grundy, Hardin and Franklin) may register to enter the calf scrambles.
4. Applicants for the calf scrambles will be limited to the first 30 and there will be a maximum of 12 calves. Butler County 4H and FFA applicants will be chosen first, then the remaining contestants will be drawn from Butler County applicants and then adjoining counties.
5. **Participants in the calf scramble must pre-register at the Secretary's Office by 6:00 PM on Saturday, June 27, 2026 and must have signed permission of BOTH parents or guardians. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. *The Chicken Scramble will be held IF there are no avian bird flu cases within 30 days to the event, or a timeline that the State of Iowa dictates. This applies to outbreaks with other species also.

Classes:

*Chicken Scramble - boys and girls age 3 & under

*Chicken Scramble - boys and girls age 4 & 5 yrs.

*Chicken Scramble - boys and girls age 6 & 7 yrs.

Rabbit Scramble - boys and girls age 3 and under

Rabbit Scramble - boys and girls age 4 and 5 yrs

Rabbit Scramble – boys and girls age 6 and 7 yrs

Gold Rush – boys and girls age 3 and under

Gold Rush – boys and girls age 4 and 5 years

Gold Rush – boys and girls age 6 and 7 years

Greased Pig Scramble - boys & girls age 8 & 9 yrs.

Greased Pig Scramble - boys & girls age 10-12 yrs.

Calf Scramble - boys and girls age 13 and 14 years

Calf Scramble - boys and girls age 15 and 16 years

BARNYARD BATTLES

2:00 PM Saturday, June 27th, 2026 - Grandstand

Superintendent - Steve Dilger, Ph: 319-239-6698

Email: GRNGL10@GMAIL.COM

PRIZES: TROPHIES FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAMS IN EACH CLASS

1. This event is open to ALL youth completing grades 4 through 12.
2. Events will be the pallet pull, wheel barrow race, water tank relay, large bale relay race, and egg toss.
3. Each team will consist of 4 members. Teams can be all boys, all girls, or mixed boys and girls.
4. There will be three team levels as shown below. Mixed team levels will be accepted but they must compete at the oldest member's team level.
5. Rules and Entry Form can be found on our website: www.butlercountyfair.org/downloads. It can also be provided to you by visiting the Secretary's Office during the fair.
6. **Entry deadline is Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 AM**
7. Send entries to the above email address or bring to the Secretary's Office.
8. No Entry Fee.
9. Team Levels:

Juniors	(last grades completed 4 – 6)
Intermediate	(last grades completed 7 – 9)
Senior	(last grades completed 10 – 12)



Contest to take place in front of the Grandstand

Free grandstand admission

HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST

1:00 p.m. – SUNDAY, JUNE 28th – Horseshoe Court by Log Cabin

Superintendent – Frances Krull, Ph: 319-215-0805

PRIZES: CASH PRIZES

1. Contest open to adults 18 and over
2. Registration and competition to take place north of the log cabin.

Classes:

Single Team

Doubles Team

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