

Greater Jefferson County Fair 2025 Fair Book



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Youth Accommodation Request

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4-H Member Age Divisions

Note- Grade listed below is the grade of the exhibitor during the 2024-2025 school year.

- Clover Kids: Kindergarten-3rd Grade
- Junior 4-H Members: 4th-6th Grade
- Intermediate 4-H Members: 7th-9th Grade
- Senior 4-H Members: 10th-12th Grade
- FFA members will show in the age divisions listed above by their grade, with out of school FFA members showing in the Senior category.

Open Class Division

Exhibited in the Activity Building

This activity is financially independent of the Jefferson County Fair Board and no money is spent for the Open Class exhibits. It will be supported by those people who exhibit, so its success will depend on the exhibitors. The Open Class Committee welcomes all help and suggestions.

2025 Open Class Officers

- President- Tracy Hammes
- Vice President- Sandy Nelson
- Secretary- Jackie Kaska
- Treasurer- Kathy Giberson
- Historian- Karen Redeker
- Fair Board Representative- Kolby Freeman

In appreciation of your support-

- Pizza Hut
- McDonald's
- Dairy Bar
- Walmart
- Taco Johns
- Farm Credit Services
- Bomgaars
- Tractor Supply Company
- Sinclair Tractor
- Wilkinson Construction

Thank you to all merchants who displayed our quilt.

Rules and Regulations

1. Entries not accepted by a professional in said category.
2. We reserve the right to refuse any article that has previously won a blue ribbon.
3. All articles entered must have been completed within the last 12 months and constructed or grown by the exhibitor.
4. Any exhibit using noxious weeds will be disqualified.
5. Diligence will be used to ensure the safety of articles; but in case of an accident, the open class committee or Jefferson County Fair Board will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage.
6. Registrations will be made at the Open Class Booth:
 - a. Tuesday, June 24 from Noon to 6:00 PM
 - b. Wednesday, June 25 from 7:00-8:30 AM
7. Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 26 at 8:30 AM
8. Completed entry forms must be accompanied by all entry fees. Entry fees are due at the time of registration.
9. Entry fees:
 - a. Adults (ages 18 & up)- \$1.00 for each entry
 - b. Intermediates (ages 12-17) and Juniors (ages 11 & under)- 50¢ for each entry

10. Please note: Food items will be sold unless exhibitor requests they not be at check-in time.
11. Judging begins at 9:30 AM Wednesday, June 25. No entries will be accepted once judging has begun. Open Class Department will not be open to the public until 1 PM Wednesday, June 25.
12. Entries will be judged by number.
13. In case of a large number of entries in a class, the class may be divided.
14. Exhibits will be judged on quality of work and awarded a ribbon accordingly. Judges' decisions are final.
15. Adult premiums: blue- \$1.50, red- \$1.00, and white- 50¢
16. All premium checks will be void if not cashed by September 1, 2025.
17. Food exhibits will be sold Wednesday, June 25 between 1:00-4:00 PM.
18. Entries will be released Sunday, June 29 between 5:00-6:00 PM. No entries may be released before 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 29. You must sign your entries and prizes out in order for them to be released.
19. Not responsible for articles not picked up by 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 30.
20. All ages welcome to enter exhibits in any division.
 - a. Juniors (ages 11 & under)
 - b. Intermediates (ages 12-17)
 - c. Seniors (ages 18 & up)

Division A- Arts & Crafts

Kits will be accepted but must be labeled as such.

Class 101: Ceramics

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Cold-painted
2. Glazed and fired
3. Antiqued
4. Other than named

Class 102: Woodworking

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Home furnishing
2. Novelty
3. Barn Quilts
4. Other than named

Class 103: Photography

1. Nature, single any size, mounted
2. People, single any size, mounted
3. Flowers, single any size, mounted
4. Animals, single any size, mounted
5. Special Effects, single any size, mounted
6. Photo Story, series of 2 or more, mounted
7. That's Funny, any size, mounted or unmounted
8. Jefferson County, any size, mounted or unmounted
9. Digital Storybook

10. Computer graphics, any size, mounted or unmounted
11. Other than named

Class 104: Holidays/All Occasions

1. Decorations
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Hanging
4. Table Decoration
5. Door Decoration
6. Other than named

Class 105: Pictures

Ready to hang.

1. Paintings
2. Drawing
3. Other than named

Class 106: Refinished Furniture

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Small article
2. Other than named

Class 107: Recycled

1. Cloth
2. Metal
3. Plastic
4. Other than named

Class 108: Yard Art

1. Metal
2. Wood
3. Stone
4. Other than named

Class 109: Baskets

1. Hand Weaving, with or without a handle

Class 110: Writing

1. Short Stories
2. Poetry

Class 111: Paper Crafts

1. Scrapbook
 - a. A Page
 - b. Complete Book
2. Card Crafting
3. Gift Tags
4. Origami

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5. Tags
6. Other than named

Class 112: Felting, etc.

Class 113: Lego® Creation

1. Kit
2. Original

Class 114: Models or Kits

Class 115: School or Organization Project

Class 116: Other Than Named- Arts and Crafts

Division B- Food

All food items must be placed on white plastic or Styrofoam plates, placed in clear plastic bags, zip locked. Small items such as cookies, fruit, candy, etc., should be in quantities of eight (8). Each entry must be accompanied with two (2) copies of the recipe; recipe should be in recipe sleeve or covered with saran wrap or clear contact.

Class 201: Cookies

1. Drop
2. Rolled or molded
3. No bake
4. Other than named

Class 202: Bar Cookies

1. Brownies
2. Other than named

Class 203: Cakes (Unfrosted)

1. Sponge
2. Angel
3. Chiffon
4. Cheesecake
5. Other than named

Class 204: Cakes (Frosted)

1. Chocolate
2. White
3. Decorated
4. Other than named

Class 205: Candy

1. Fudge
2. Divinity

3. Other than named

Class 206: Bread

1. Loaf of Bread
2. Yeast Rolls
3. Sweet Bread
4. Quick Breads
5. Bread Machine
6. Muffins
7. Other than named

Class 207: Canning

Must display two regulation size pint, quart, or jelly jars with rims on. Jars will be opened at the discretion of the judge. Open jars will be sold. Recipes in recipe sleeves or saran wrap are required.

1. Relishes
2. Jams
3. Jellies
4. Vegetables
5. Fruit
6. Pickles
7. Salsa
8. Other than named

Class 208: Pies

1. Fruit

Class 209: Special Diet

1. Fat free
2. Salt free
3. Dietary-Diabetic
4. Other than named

Class 210: Other than named- Food

Division C- Handiwork

All classes must have 3" x 5" card explaining procedure.

Class 301: Crochet

1. Afghans
2. Wearable
3. Flat Work
4. Other than named

Class 302: Appliqué

1. Clothing
2. Flatwork

3. Wall hanging
4. Other than named

Class 303: Knitted

1. Afghan
2. Wearable
3. Machine Knitting
4. Other than named

Class 304: Quilts

1. Hand Quilted- all sizes

Class 305: Quilts

1. Home Machine Quilted- all sizes

Class 306: Quilts

1. Combined hand & home machine work- all sizes

Class 307: Quilts

1. Combined hand or machine sewn/professional machine quilting or long arm quilting

Class 308: Comforter or Quilt

1. Tied- all sizes

Class 309: Pillows

1. Original
2. Kit

Class 310: Embroidery

1. Long Stitch
2. Wall Hanging
3. Stitchery (dresser scarves, etc.)
4. Cross Stitch
5. Counted Cross Stitches
6. Chicken Scratching
7. Dimensional Embroidery
8. Ribbon Work
9. Other than named

Class 311: Wall Hangings

1. Quilted (All Hand Quilted)
2. Quilted (Home Machine Made)
3. Quilted (Combination hand & home machine work)
4. Combine hand or machine sewn and quilted by a professional quilter
5. Appliqué Wall Hangings
6. Embroidery/Needle Work Wall Hangings
7. Other than named wall hangings

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Class 312: Decorated Clothing

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Other application (embroidery, appliqué, etc.)
3. Other than named

Class 313: Sewing

1. Casual
2. Dress
3. Decorated Stitchery
4. Other than named

Class 314: Plastic Canvas Projects

Class 315: Place Setting

Name Theme

Class 316: Foundation or Paper Piecing

1. Clothing
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Quilt
4. Other than named

Class 317: Rugs

Class 318: Needlepoint

1. Framed
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Hanging
4. Other than named

Class 319: Beading

1. Single
2. Set Article
3. Cloth

Class 320: Bags and Totes

Class 321: Other than Named- Handwork

Division D- Flowers

Class 401: Cut Single Flower

Class 402: Arrangements

1. Fresh Cut
2. Artificial or Dried
3. Wild Flowers
4. Other than named

Class 403: Potted Plants

1. Fairy Garden
2. Other than named

Division E- Fruits and Vegetables

Name variety.

Class 501:

1. Vegetable Display (5 specimens)
2. One Large Vegetable
3. Plate of 5 Vegetables
4. Novelty Vegetable (1 only)
5. Fruit Display (5 specimens)
6. One Large Fruit
7. Plate of 5 Fruits
8. Novelty Fruit (1 only)
9. Herbs (potted or cut)

Division F- Agriculture Products

These must be grown by exhibitor.

Class 801: Corn

1. Best 6 ears of previous year
2. Best single ear of previous year
3. Best ½ gallon shelled of previous year
4. Longest ear of previous year
5. Tallest stalk

Class 802: Winter Wheat

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year
2. Bunch of cut wheat

Class 803: Oats

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year

Class 804: Soybeans

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year

Class 805: Novelty Corn

1. Best 6 ears of popcorn in previous year
2. Best 6 ears of Indian corn in previous year

Division G- Care Facility & Handicap

No entry fee and no premium money will be given. Each participant will receive a ribbon. Any type of entry will be accepted. Please no "For Sale" signs.

Open Class Handy Devices Metal or Wood

Rules and Regulations

1. Entry Fee of \$1.00 per entry is due on judging day.
2. Open to residents of Jefferson and adjoining counties.
3. No limit on the number of entries.
4. Entries do not have to be constructed during the year. Exhibit may be new, rebuilt, or restored at home or school (completed by exhibitor).
5. Check-in exhibits by 10 AM on Wednesday, June 25.
6. Exhibitor must be present for judging at 10 AM.
7. Exhibits will be displayed outside and are to be on the fairgrounds until 10 AM the last day of the fair.
8. Each exhibit must have an identification tag attached which includes: owner's name, intended use, safety qualities, and a picture of the project in use.
9. 4-H/FFA division will be judged separately from Adult Open Class Division.
10. The Jefferson County Fair Board will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects.
11. The following criteria will be used for judging: original idea, usefulness, appearance, and safety.
12. There will be a "Most From the Least" award given to the best project from recycles/used materials.
13. Project Examples: hay mover, feed bunk, trailer, animal mover, gadgets, restored machinery.

Open Class Contests

Kid's Cupcake Decorating

- Wednesday, June 25, 1-3 PM in the Cambridge Building

Scavenger Hunt

- Thursday, June 26 at 8 AM until Saturday, June 28 at 3 PM
- Pick up forms in the Activity Building.
- Forms must be turned in at the Activity Building by 3 PM on Saturday, June 28 for a chance at a prize.

Bubble Fun Zone

- Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 PM in the Show Arena

Candy Cruise (ages 10 and under)

- Saturday, June 28 at 3 PM in the Cambridge Building

Open Class Pie Auction and Quilt Auction will be Wednesday, June 25 at 6:30 PM in the Show Arena. Pies will be on display one hour prior to the auction.