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Welcome to the Home & Family Arts Department!

Once again we are planning on having a successful 2024 Elkhart County 4-H Fair. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work by many to prepare for “A Timeless Tradition” fair and open class event.

We hope you plan to attend and participate in the many fair events. There are opportunities to watch livestock shows, walk through the 4-H exhibits, attend concerts, and volunteer. Most of all, we encourage all of you to enter your projects into our Open Class Departments.

Our county is blessed to host one of the best county fairs in the nation. Elkhart County Extension Homemakers has 16 clubs with over 185 members. We are always looking for new fresh ideas and energy. Please visit us in the Home & Family Arts building and ask any of the volunteers how you can get involved.

Club members believe in the present and its opportunities, the future and its promises, and everything that makes life large and lovely while striving onward and upward, improving and endearing the greatest institution in the world... our homes. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Debbie George
 HFA Director, 2024 Fair
 Elkhart Co. Extension Homemakers

Elkhart County Extension Homemakers



As an Extension Homemaker you have opportunities to....

- Learn** Meet with friends and neighbors in educational and social settings. Share experiences and information. Keep up-to-date on new knowledge and research.
- Grow** Experience personal growth and develop skills. Form lasting friendships while sharing leadership responsibilities for programs and projects.
- Care** Making a difference in today’s world is important to us. We proudly support projects which help children and families live better lives.

Elkhart County currently has 16 Extension Homemaker Clubs with more than 185 members. If you would like to learn more about membership or are interested in attending a meeting, contact the Extension Office at 574-533-0554 or speak to one of the Extension Homemakers working in the Home & Family Arts Building during the 4-H Fair.



General Rules

1. Open to anyone.
2. Children age 7 and under before December 31, 2023 may enter "Children's Corner." Participants age eight (8) and above by December 31, 2023 may enter exhibits the same as adults. No entry fee will be charged and ribbons will be given at check-in (no competition, no prize money).
3. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Items must be entered within specified time frame.
4. Exhibits must be made/prepared within the past three years by the exhibitor and entered in his or her own name. All exhibits shall have never before been shown at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. (Exception: See special rule in the Quilting Department; exception for Culinary Arts department.)
5. **No duplicate entries.** Example: If you have two exhibits that fit in the same class, you cannot enter the second exhibit as "other than above." **Only one entry per class.** Example: If you would like to enter three loaves of bread in the Quick Bread section, you can enter one loaf of bread in each class: one in B67, one in B68, and one in B69.
6. **Exhibits entered in the wrong class will be disqualified.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know which department, section, class name and number to enter. Example: Food Preservation Canning is the department, Meat is the section, and the class number is C28 Beef.
7. **Size limitations apply.** Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. nor larger than 36" in its largest dimension except where otherwise stated.
8. All foods exhibitors must follow Food Safety Regulations and recipe requirements as stated under Culinary Arts-Baking Department rules.
9. Exhibits for which there is no classification will not be accepted.
10. The Fair Board will NOT be responsible for damage or theft of articles.
11. Exhibits will be mixed within departments to make best use of space and create a more interesting display.
12. Entries must be clean and free of odors and insects.

How to Enter

1. Bring your entries to the Home & Family Arts Building on the day of check-in. NO PRE-REGISTRATION.
2. **Entry fee is \$2.00 per entry, paid at time of entry.**
3. No refunds will be made.
4. **Option: Enter a minimum of 5 exhibits (general or baked goods) and pay a \$40 entry fee to receive 5 daily fair passes. You can enter up to 20 entries with no additional cost. After 20 entries, the fee of \$2 per entry applies.**

Check-In Times

General Entries *(everything except baking and cake decorating)*

Monday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Late entries not accepted.)

Baking and Cake Decorating

Thursday, July 18 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. (Late entries not accepted.)

Judging and Awards

1. General entry judging is CLOSED.
2. Baking and Cake Decorating will be judged Thursday, July 18 at noon. The public may observe the foods judging; however, contestants are asked not to converse with judges, or their exhibit will be disqualified. Judging order will be: President's Item, Children's Food, Baking, and Cake Decorating. THE REST OF THE BUILDING IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
3. With the exception of Children's Corner, premiums are: 1st: \$3 and ribbon; 2nd: \$2 and ribbon; and 3rd: \$1 and ribbon. A Sweepstakes ribbon will be awarded in each section and a \$10 "Grand Champion" awarded in each department. The judges are instructed not to award premiums unless the articles are deemed worthy of merit. If you don't want your ribbons, kindly refuse them and they will be repurposed.
4. Only first, second, and third place will be awarded in each category.
5. Judging will be based on workmanship, preparation of articles for exhibit, suitability for purpose, beauty and originality of design as well as harmony of colors, materials, and cleanliness. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

Exhibit Release

1. No pick-up until stated time.
2. Exhibits removed without permission will forfeit any premiums awarded.

Items not claimed will be discarded. Exhibit release is:

Sunday, July 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. **and**

Monday, July 29 from noon to 5 p.m.

If you are unavailable, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibit and envelope.

State Fair Entries

Any current Indiana resident can enter exhibits in the Home and Family Arts Building at the Indiana State Fair. Online entry begins early spring and can be completed by visiting indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair. Inquiries can be submitted on their website or you may call 317-927-7515. Indiana State Fair, 1202 East 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Special arrangements can be made for release of exhibits going to the Indiana State fair, please notify the volunteers at check-in.



Antiques/Vintage

Check in: M, July 15— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(Closed judging)

Awards by
The Barn Door
Antique Boutique

See general rules on page 4. Be prepared to share information with an approximate date and background information. **Items must be 50 years old or older.**

- AV01. Cane
- AV02. Carnival glass bowl
- AV03. Men's pocket watch
- AV04. Fishing lure
- AV05. Hand-held bell
- AV06. Christmas ornament

Creative Arts

Check in: M, July 15 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed Judging)

Awards by
Hawkins Water
Tech, Inc.

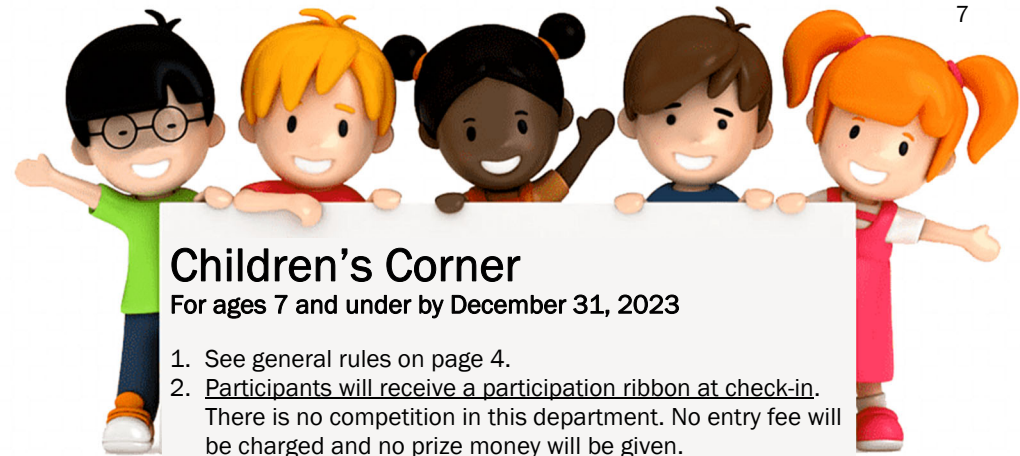
1. See general rules on page 4.
2. **This department is for drawings and paintings.**
3. All hanging exhibits must be properly installed with **screw hooks and wire** that will hang one inch from the top center. Frames are not required. Wet paintings will not be accepted.
4. The Fair Board will not be responsible for hanging fragile works.
5. Paintings should not be larger than **36"x36" including the frame.**
6. Pastels and charcoals should be covered with glass or Plexi-glass for protection.
7. Names must be covered through judging.

Adult (18 and over)

- CA01. Crayon art (any item)
- CA02. Drawing animal (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA03. Drawing portrait (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA04. Drawing landscape (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA05. Drawing still life (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA06. Animals (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA07. Portraits (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA08. Landscape (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA09. Still life (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA10. Abstracts
- CA11. Saws—painted
- CA12. Wooden items—painted
- CA13. Digital computer generated
- CA14. Mixed media (watercolor, charcoal)
- CA15. Other than above

Youth (17 and under)

- CA16. Crayon art (any item)
- CA17. Drawing animal (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA18. Drawing portrait (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA19. Drawing landscape (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA20. Drawing still life (pastel, pencil, charcoal, ink)
- CA21. Animals (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA22. Portraits (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA23. Landscape (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA24. Still life (oil, acrylic, synthetics, watercolor)
- CA25. Abstracts
- CA26. Saws—painted
- CA27. Wooden items—painted
- CA28. Digital computer generated
- CA29. Mixed media (watercolor, charcoal)
- CA30. Other than above



Children's Corner

For ages 7 and under by December 31, 2023

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Participants will receive a participation ribbon at check-in. There is no competition in this department. No entry fee will be charged and no prize money will be given.
3. Only one (1) entry per class.
4. **CHECK-IN:** All entries (with the exception of cookies) are to be brought to the Home and Family Arts Building on the Fairgrounds between 11am and 7pm, Monday, July 15; judging closed to public. Cookies must be brought to the Home and Family Arts Building on the Fairgrounds between 7:30 and 11:00 am, Thursday, July 18.
5. Exhibit not to exceed 12" at its largest dimension.
6. No food preservation/no canned goods.

Classes

- CHD01. Cookies, plate of 6
- CHD02. Creative art, painting or drawing
- CHD03. Handicrafts, any item
- CHD04. Needlework, any item

Culinary Arts—Baking

Check in: Th, July 18 — 7:30 to 11 a.m. (Open Judging: noon)

Awards by
Sweet-Em's
Cake Shoppe

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. After entering your items, please park outside the fairground gates.
3. Food items must be covered. Covers/containers must be labeled with participant's name. Items will be sitting for some time prior to judging. Entries need to be on a sturdy surface stable enough for the entry to be moved several times.
4. Bread entries must be standard size loaves, no minis. Entries need to be whole items (ex. whole pies).
5. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Recipes should be complete and typed or neatly written on one side of an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of paper.
6. On the back side of the recipe, be sure to include your name, complete address and phone number as well as the year, the section and category. These recipes will become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers with the right to use them for fair publicity.

Food Safety Regulations

1. For food competitions: Filling, frosting, glazing, pie filling, and meringue, (whether uncooked or cooked) are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, or whipped cream as the nature of these products increases the moisture content and water activity of the food. Foods with a higher moisture content and water activity can be ideal growing conditions for foodborne pathogens, even if the ingredient is part of a batter and baked.
2. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/egg whites that have been cooked to 160° F (i.e. pasteurized or included as part of a batter and baked) are acceptable.
3. No home-canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted in products.
4. Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. Contestants should not prepare food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness.
5. Whenever possible, baked products should be transported and stored in chilled coolers (40° F). Only portions of food products will be exhibited except in the Grand Champion. Other food may be taken home following the judging. Any food remaining after 3 p.m. will be destroyed unless arrangements were made at check-in.

Cakes, Unfrosted

- B01. Angel food, white
 B02. Angel food, other than white
 B03. Chiffon, sponge or sunshine
 B04. Coffee cake
 B05. Other than above

Cakes, Multiple Layer, frosted

- B06. Devil's food
 B07. German Chocolate
 B08. Spice
 B09. White cake
 B10. Other than above

Cakes, Single Layer (in or out of pan)

- B11. Applesauce (frosted)
 B12. Butter (frosted)
 B13. Chocolate fudge (frosted)
 B14. Gingerbread (unfrosted)
 B15. Pound, loaf or bundt
 B16. Sour cream (frosted)
 B17. Using fruit(s)
 B18. Using vegetable(s)
 B19. Other than above

Candy (6 pieces)

- B20. Brittle, any kind
 B21. Chocolate fudge
 B22. Divinity
 B23. English toffee
 B24. Maple
 B25. Peanut butter fudge
 B26. Other than above

Cobbler/Crisp

- B27. Apple
 B28. Blueberry
 B29. Cherry
 B30. Peach
 B31. Other than above

Cookies (plate of 6)

- B32. Bar
 B33. Biscotti
 B34. Brownies
 B35. Chocolate chip
 B36. Filled
 B37. Holiday
 B38. Oatmeal
 B39. Peanut butter
 B40. Sugar
 B41. Other than above

Crackers (plate of 6)

- B42. Anything goes

Cupcakes, Frosted (plate of 6)

- B43. Chocolate
 B44. White/Yellow
 B45. Other than above

Gluten Free (create an entry that is completely gluten free [no wheat, barley, rye]. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance and adherence to all gluten free ingredients)

- B46. Bread
 B47. Cakes
 B48. Cookies
 B49. Other than above

Heart-Healthy (reduced fat, salt or sugar, or containing a sugar substitute.)

- B50. Granola
 B51. Anything goes

Honey-Baked Items (sweetener in recipe must be at least 51% honey, which includes any glazes, etc.)

- B52. Anything goes

Mixes (Use a commercial mix to create an item that is not what the mix was made for)

- B53. Bread
 B54. Cookies
 B55. Other than above

Muffins (plate of 6)

- B56. Fruit
 B57. Vegetable
 B58. Whole grain/grains
 B59. Other than above

Pies (no cream pies)

- B60. Apple
 B61. Apricot
 B62. Berry
 B63. Cherry
 B64. Peach
 B65. Pecan
 B66. Other than above

Quick Bread, Loaves

- B67. Banana
 B68. Date

- B69. Nut
 B70. Pumpkin
 B71. Zucchini
 B72. Other than above

Scones (plate of 6)

- B73. Anything goes

Yeast Bread, Loaves

- B74. Batter bread
 B75. Herb
 B76. Raisin
 B77. Sour dough
 B78. White
 B79. Whole wheat (at least half the flour is whole wheat)
 B80. Other than above

Yeast Rolls, Not Sweet

(plate of 6, any flour)

- B81. Cloverleaf
 B82. Crescent
 B83. Onion
 B84. Parker House
 B85. Whole wheat
 B86. Other than above

Yeast, Sweet (out of the pan)

- B87. Batter bread
 B88. Cinnamon rolls, plate of 6
 B89. Coffee cake
 B90. Rolls (not cinnamon) plate of 6
 B91. Tea ring
 B92. Other than above

Culinary Arts—Cake Decorating

Check in: Th, July 18— 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Awards by
 Supportive Local
 Business

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Cake exhibit, including decorations and stand, not to exceed 24" high.
3. Cake board not to exceed 18" in diameter. Cake can be a dummy.
4. Exhibitor must notify at time of check-in if they will be picking up their exhibit.
5. Exhibitor must check in completed cake.
6. Must be decorated with some type of bag and tip or rolled fondant.

Decorated Cakes

- CD01. Bridal or anniversary
 CD02. Shower or birthday (non-tiered)
 CD03. Three-dimensional
 CD04. Welcome to the fair

Decorated Cupcakes

- CD05. Cupcakes

Culinary Arts—Food Preservation Canning

Check in: M, July 15 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)



1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Please use current canning **techniques** from USDA/National Center for Home Food Preservation: <https://nchfp.uga.edu>; call (202)720-2791 or email askusda@usda.gov
3. All canning must have been completed within the last year.
4. All canned goods must be in colorless standard canning jars with a two-piece lid and band. All jelly, jam, preserves, and butters should be in a standard jelly glass or pint jar with a two-piece lid. Leave the band on the jar.
5. All containers must be sealed to be judged; **no canned goods will be opened.**
6. Entries must be labeled on top of jar with product name, date of preparation, processing method, ☆ and processing time. (See *label example*.) ☆
7. Electronic programmable pressure cookers can-not be used for canning.

Label Example

Item
Date: Year
Processing method: _____
Processing time: _____

Quality Criteria:

Safety is of utmost importance. Any entry exhibiting spoilage or not in compliance with judging guidelines must be disqualified. Quality criteria are based on visual judging only.

Filled Jar:

- **Headspace must correspond to instructions from the reference guides listed. The top of the project or liquid covering product must provide adequate headspace as stated in approved guidelines.**
- Air bubbles must be kept to a minimum. (Gas bubbles denote spoilage and can be identified by movement of bubbles to the surface of the product while the jar is stationary. Products indicating gas bubbles are present WILL be disqualified.)
- Band should remain in place to transport preserved food and display.

Heat Process:

- Method used to heat process food must comply with current preserving guidelines as stated in the approved reference guides. The boiling-water process for acid food and pressure process for low-acid food are the only recommended methods.
- Times for heat processing food correctly vary depending on each specific recipe or food type. Processing time must be in agreement with the approved reference guides.

Product Appearance:

- Produce should be free from blemishes, disease, and spoilage. Recipes prepared with stems, pits and peels intact are acceptable if the recipe is in keeping with all other preserving guidelines.
- Liquid must be clear and free from cloudiness and small particles unless recipe ingredients have a natural affect on product clarity.
- Color of the finished product should be as close as possible to its natural characteristics or that for cooked product.



- Texture is affected by heat processing; however, the finished product should not appear over-cooked or easily break down.
- Ingredients should retain their shape and size based on the type and preparation method. Cut pieces of uniform size should be packed evenly in the jar yet allow adequate room for liquid to circulate throughout the jar.

Section and Classes

Elkhart County Gift Container

(Theme container displaying 6 home-made canned products of either jelled or pickled fruit, vegetables or syrups.)

C01. Six products of your choice

Fruit

- C02. Applesauce
- C03. Berries
- C04. Peaches
- C05. Pears
- C06. Sour cherries
- C07. Sweet cherries
- C08. Tomatoes
- C09. Other than above

Fruit Butters

- C10. Apple
- C11. Peach
- C12. Pear
- C13. Other than above

Jams/Preserves

- C14. Cherry
- C15. Peach
- C16. Raspberry, red or black
- C17. Strawberry
- C18. Other than above

Jellies

- C19. Apple
- C20. Grape
- C21. Raspberry, red or black
- C22. Strawberry
- C23. Other than above

Juices

- C24. Apple
- C25. Grape
- C26. Tomato
- C27. Other than above

Meat

- C28. Beef
- C29. Fish

- C30. Poultry
- C31. Sausage
- C32. Other than above

Peppers

- C33. Hot
- C34. Mixed
- C35. Sweet and bell
- C36. Other than above

Pickled Products

- C37. Beets, pickled
- C38. Bread and butter pickles
- C39. Dill pickles
- C40. Mixed pickles or last of garden
- C41. Sweet pickles
- C42. Other than above

Pie Filling

- C43. Apple
- C44. Cherry
- C45. Peach
- C46. Other than above

Relishes

- C47. Corn relish
- C48. Sweet relish
- C49. Other than above

Sauces

- C50. Sauce - chili, taco, salsa sauce
- C51. Spaghetti
- C52. Tomato ketchup
- C53. Other than above

Soup

- C54. Bean
- C55. Tomato
- C56. Vegetable and meat
- C57. Other than above

Vegetables

- C58. Beans, green or yellow
- C59. Beets, red
- C60. Carrots
- C61. Corn
- C62. Potatoes
- C63. Other than above

Culinary Arts—Food Preservation, Miscellaneous

Check in: M, July 15 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Hahn
Auctioneers Inc.

1. See general rules on page 4. No canned goods will be opened.
2. JAR TOPS SHOULD BE DATED and LABELED WITH CONTENTS.
3. Samples are required for all jerky, vinegar, honey and syrup entries. Samples are not returned.
4. Heating dried jerky strips to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F in an oven is recommended to decrease the risk of foodborne illness.

Dried Fruit (pint jar - filled)

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| C64. Apples | C79. Onions |
| C65. Apricots | C80. Peppers |
| C66. Bananas | C81. Potatoes |
| C67. Candied fruits | C82. Soup mix |
| C68. Peaches | C83. Squash |
| C69. Tomatoes | C84. Sweet corn |
| C70. Other than above | C85. Other than above |

Dried Herbs (1/2 pint jar - filled)

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| C71. Dill, pint or quart | C86. Herb |
| C72. Mint | C87. Raspberry |
| C73. Oregano | C88. Other |
| C74. Parsley | |
| C75. Other than above | |

Dried Meat **Sample required**

- C76. Beef jerky, 6 pcs. minimum
C77. Other than above, 6 pcs. Minimum

Dried Vegetables (1/2 pint jar - filled)

- C78. Green beans

Flavored Vinegars **Sample required**

- C86. Herb
C87. Raspberry
C88. Other

Honey **Sample required** Can be exhibited in standard honey jars or canning jars.

- C89. Comb honey
C90. Extracted honey (1 lb jar)

Syrups **Sample required**

- C91. Maple
C92. Other flavored syrup

Handicrafts

Check in: M, July 15— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Welcome Home
Farm

1. No holiday or paper art.
2. See general rules on page 4.
3. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension, except where otherwise stated.
4. Must be ready to hang with hangers.

Baskets (No Holiday)

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| H01. Basket of natural materials (as Grapevine, Willow, Sweetgrass) | H10. Other than above – gourd vessels, art forms |
| H02. Basket with lid | |
| H03. Coiled (pine needle, naturals, or rag) | |
| H04. Flat reed basket 10" & under, not including handle | |
| H05. Flat reed basket 11" & over, not including handle | |
| H06. Rib (heavy, round reed as spokes) | |
| H07. Round reed basket 10" & under, not including handle | |
| H08. Round reed basket 11" & over, not including handle | |
| H09. Specialty type basket (as wagon, | |

Button Art (No Holiday)

- H11. Necklaces
H12. Pins
H13. Picture
H14. Other than above

Carving (No Holiday)

- H15. Animal
H16. Figurine
H17. Canes (Up to 48")
H18. Group of 3 to 5 related pieces

- H19. Wall plaque
H20. Other than above

Ceramics (No Holiday)

- All items should be less than 24" tall, including accessories. Limit of 5 pieces.
H21. Airbrushed (all finishes)
H22. Doll
H23. Hand-formed (all finishes)
H24. Over-glazed (use of decals, mother-of-pearl, gold, China painting)
H25. Painted bisque
H26. Other than above

China Painting (No Holiday)

- H27. Cup and saucer
H28. Figurine
H29. Plate or tray
H30. Set related pieces (limit 5, max. 15"H)
H31. Other than above

Clocks (No Holiday)

- H32. Decorated/painted
H33. Mantle
H34. Wall

CNC (Computer Numerical Control)

Machine Items (No Holiday)

- H35. Metal
H36. Wood
H37. Resin
H38. Other than above

Diamond Art (No Holiday)

- H39. Small (0-12")
H40. Medium (13-24")
H41. Large (25-36")

Dolls (No Holiday)

- H42. Cloth doll
H43. Handcrafted, using china parts
H44. Pair of dolls
H45. Other than above

Floral Design/Decoration (artificial or natural—No Holiday)

- H46. Centerpieces
H47. Decorated hat
H48. Door/wall/wreath, hanger required
H49. Dried nature arrangement (not to exceed 18"x18")
H50. Silk bridal bouquet
H51. Silk flower arrangement (not exceeding 24" H x 20" W x 24" L)

- H52. Other than above

Garden Art (No Holiday)

- H53. Angels and/or animals
H54. Bat, bird, or other animal houses
H55. Bird feeder
H56. Stepping stones
H57. Other than above

Homemade Soap (No Holiday)

- H58. Three (3) bars
H59. One (1) pound granulated
H60. Decorative soap

In Remembrance (No Holiday)

- H61. Collectable
H62. Life story
H63. Special interest

Jewelry (No Holiday)

- H64. Bracelet
H65. Earrings
H66. Necklace
H67. Pins
H68. Other than above

Miscellaneous Crafts (No Holiday)

- H69. Decorated eggshell, painted or carved, in holder
H70. Gourd
H71. Leather
H72. Stained glass
H73. Padded picture
H74. Other than above
H75. Pebble art, anything goes

Polymer Clay (No Holiday)

- H76. Figurines
H77. Jewelry
H78. Other than above

Pottery (Redware, Raku, Low-fire, Whiteware, Stoneware— No Holiday)

- H79. Sculpture
H80. Wheel-thrown
H81. Other than above

Recycled (No Holiday)

- H82. Altered book
H83. Household item
H84. Jewelry
H85. Other than above

Sports (No Holiday)

- H86. Hand tied fish flies

- H87. Decoys
H88. Fishing lures
H89. Other than above

Stuffed Animals (No Holiday)

- H90. Bear
H91. Monkey
H92. Rabbit
H93. Other than above

Wearable Art (No Holiday)

- H94. Free-hand painted
H95. Machine embroidery

- H96. Other than above

Wood Items (No Holiday)

- H97. Bowls, all sizes and kinds
H98. Canes—up to 48"
H99. Decorated, sitting or standing
H100. Hanging decoration
H101. Toy, up to 12" long
H102. Toy, over 12" long
H103. Other than above

Wonder Where It Goes (No Holiday)

- H104. Not an existing category

Holiday Handicrafts & Paper Art

Check in: M, July 15 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
Hahn
Auctioneers

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension.
3. Must be ready to hang with hangers.
4. Scrapbook judging is based on neatness, creativity, and originality. Spreads must include some journaling (handwritten or computer generated). Two pages only, tied together face to face.

Christmas Only Projects

- HP1. Angels
HP2. Centerpiece (single pc., max 18" x 24")
HP3. Creche or manger
HP4. Figurines, limit 3, freestanding, max 20" H
HP5. Stocking
HP6. Tree skirt
HP7. Decorated tree
HP8. Door/wall decoration or wreath—ready to hang
HP9. Tole painting (any object or fabric)
HP10. Tree ornament (ready to hang)
HP11. Wooden item
HP12. Jewelry
HP13. Dolls
HP14. Other than above, limit 6 pcs.

Holiday Other Than Christmas (specific holiday on back)

- HP15. Angel
HP16. Centerpiece (single pc., max 18" x 24")
HP17. Figurines, limit 3, freestanding, max 20" H)
HP18. Decorated tree
HP19. Door/wall decoration or wreath—ready to hang

- HP20. Tole painting (any object or fabric)
HP21. Wooden item
HP22. Jewelry
HP23. Doll
HP24. Other than above

Ceramics (All items must be less than 24" tall, including accessories. Limit 5 pcs.)

- HP25. Airbrush (all finishes)
HP26. Doll
HP27. Hand formed (all finishes)
HP28. Over-glazed (use of decals, mother of pearl, gold, china painting)
HP29. Painted bisque
HP30. Other than above

China Painting

- HP31. Cup and saucer
HP32. Figurine
HP33. Plate or tray
HP34. Set related pieces (limit 5, max. 15"H)
HP35. Other than above

Patriotic Items

- HP36. Table decoration
HP37. Wall/door decoration or

- wreath
HP38. Wearable
HP39. Other than above

Polymer Clay

- HP40. Figurines
HP41. Jewelry
HP42. Other than above

Pottery (Redware, Raku, Low-fire, Whiteware, Stoneware)

- HP43. Sculpture
HP44. Wheel-thrown
HP45. Other than above

Rubber Stamping

- HP46. Bookmark, gift tag or box
HP47. Greeting card (no technique/simple)
HP48. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
HP49. Special folding technique
HP50. Other than above

- Scrapbooking, 12" x 12" Must be exhibited in plastic sleeve. Double page layout, one side displayed. Pages need to be tied together with ribbon or yarn.
HP51. Baby (newborn to 12 months)
HP52. Children (13 months to 5 years)
HP53. Birthday

- HP54. Heritage
HP55. Holiday, specify holiday on back of tag
HP56. Pet(s) / 4-H animals
HP57. School / activities
HP58. Travel / vacation
HP59. Wedding or anniversary
HP60. Other than above

Scrapbooking, Mini Themebook

- HP61. Accordion
HP62. Three-ring binder
HP63. Other than above

Snow/Winter

- HP64. Free-standing snowman
HP65. Table decoration
HP66. Wall/door decoration or wreath
HP67. Wearable
HP68. Other than above

Stamp Embossing

- HP69. Bookmark and gift tag or box
HP70. Greeting card (no technique/simple)
HP71. Greeting card (pop-up or explosion)
HP72. Special folding technique
HP73. Other than above

Wonder Where It Goes

- HP74. Not an existing category

Awards by
Maple Corner
Boutique & Gift
Shoppe

Needlework

Check in: M, July 15— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. Exhibit not to exceed 25 lbs. or larger than 36" in its largest dimension, except where otherwise stated.
3. Comforters should be pieced by exhibitor, but may be knotted by a group.
4. Finishing of exhibits such as framing and sewing (finishing) of pillows can be done by someone other than exhibitor.
5. All sets should be securely fastened together.
6. Soiled articles will be disqualified.

Section and Classes

Holiday (decorated trees and figures not to exceed 24")

- N01. Holiday door or wall decoration, other than wreath
N02. Holiday figures, limit 3 pcs.
N03. Holiday wreath

- N04. Crèche - manger
N05. Decorated holiday tree
N06. Decorated stocking
N07. Tree ornament - single, ready to hang
N08. Tree skirt
N09. Tree top
N10. Plastic canvas - 1 to 6 pcs.

- N11. Other than above - limit 6 pcs.

Counted Cross Stitch (may be a framed item, pillow, or decorative item.)

- N12. Afghan
N13. Animals
N14. Birds
N15. Buildings
N16. Figures
N17. Flowers and plants
N18. Sampler
N19. Sayings, poems
N20. Scenery
N21. Other than above

Crocheted (Yarn)

- N22. Afghan—1 color— or Variegated
N23. Afghan—2 colors
N24. Afghan—3 or more colors
N25. Baby afghan (limit 36" x 45")
N26. Child's apparel
N27. Scarf, mittens, gloves, or hat
N28. Socks
N29. Sweater
N30. Other than above

Crocheted, Thread

- N31. Doily
N32. Other than above

Fine Beading

- N33. Jewelry
N34. Other than above

Hand Embroidery (any fiber)

- N35. Picture
N36. Other than above

Knitting

- N37. Baby afghan (limit of 36" x 45")
N38. Cape, poncho, or shawl
N39. Children's apparel
N40. Doll clothing
N41. Hat
N42. Infant set, (3 pieces) sweater, booties or mittens, hood or cap
N43. Scarf
N44. Socks

- N45. Sweater, one color or variegated
N46. Sweater, patterned, using two or more colors
N47. Vest
N48. Other than above

Machine Embroidery

- N49. Clothing
N50. Household items
N51. Other than above

Felted

- N52. Bags
N53. Hats
N54. Other than above

Miscellaneous Needlework

- N55. Latch hook

Needlepoint

- N56. Picture - ready to hang (max. 36"x30" can be on dowel rod)
N57. Pillow stuffed
N58. Other than above

Recycled

- N59. Clothing
N60. Other than above

Rugs

- N61. Hooked, primitive
N62. Woven
N63. Other than above

Wool

- N64. Table mat
N65. Penny rugs
N66. Other than above



Photography

Check in: M, July 15— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

Awards by
The Nut Shoppe

- See general rules on page 4.
- Participants are limited to a maximum of 8 photography entries.
- Any person who derives more than one-half of their income from photography cannot enter photography at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. These individuals are encouraged to participate in the professional division in the Home and Family Arts Building at the Indiana State Fair (postmarked by July 1st).
- Dimensions:** The photograph itself must be a minimum of 8" x 10" and a maximum of 11" x 14" with total thickness of exhibit being no more than 3/16" thick.
- Mount:** Each photo must be permanently mounted ON a solid photographic mount board or foam core with NO frame. Board must be exactly 11 x 14. MASONITE, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD OR THIN POSTER BOARD IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. All entries will be displayed in a plastic sleeve with closure at the bottom of the photo. Exhibitors can purchase sleeves at check-in for \$1 each.
- Presentation:** Overlay mats are acceptable as long as the total thickness of exhibits does not exceed 3/16". Overlay mats must be attached on all four sides. **NOTE:** double-faced tape or a thin layer of spray glue won't hold up in high heat and humidity.
- All prints must be made from negatives, transparencies, or digital images exposed after June 2021.
- The Home & Family Arts Director reserves the right to disqualify prints deemed to be in poor taste and the right to remove items after hung if public complaint.
- Portraits displaying nudity will not be accepted.
- Names must be covered.

Classification Explanations:

- Action**—showing someone or something in action. (color only)
- Animals/Insects**—Any living creature not human, such as pets, domestic or wild animals, fish, bugs, birds, insects (including macro) etc.
- County Fair Theme** — Pertaining to the current county fair theme.
- Human Interest** — Candid, people interacting, action shots, storytelling
- Nature—Flora**—flowers, plant life (including macro)
- Nature—Scenic**—Landscapes, water, sunsets, etc.—identify location
- Portrait**—head and shoulder or full length of person(s) posed or informal (not candid)
- Unclassified**—Abstracts, still life, buildings or other not fitting in any other category
- Creative or Experimental**—Non-professional, black and white, toned, color, hand colored, or computer generated, an "anything goes" category. Must comply with overall dimensions and hanging guidelines. There will not be a separate Grand Champion for this class, but prints may be considered for this award.

Section and Classes

Black and White or Toned

- P01. Animals / insects
P02. County Fair Theme
P03. Human interest
P04. Nature—flora
P05. Nature—scenic
P06. Portrait
P07. Unclassified

Natural Color Prints

- P08. Action
P09. Animals / insects
P10. County Fair Theme
P11. Human interest

- P12. Nature—flora
P13. Nature—scenic
P14. Portrait
P15. Unclassified

Creative or Experimental

- P16. Anything goes
P17. Canvas prints

What judges look for:

- Impact • Center of interest
Composition • Technique
Print quality • Presentation • Story telling • Universal appeal • Creates a feeling or emotion

Quilts

Check in: M, July 15— 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

1. See general rules on page 4.
2. All quilts must be hand quilted or machine quilted through 3 layers.
3. Small quilts are under 60" and large quilts are over 60" or more on any side.
4. There are two departments: Department I – Individual: All work is completed by one person. Department II – Team or Group quilts: All work is completed by more than one person.
5. There will be a Grand Champion award in each department (total of 2).

Department I – Individual Quilts

Large Quilts – Pieced

- Q01 Hand pieced
Q02 Machine pieced

Large Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q03 Applique – cotton or wool
Q04 Hand embroidery
Q05 Machine embroidery

Small Quilts – Pieced

- Q06 Hand pieced
Q07 Machine pieced
Q08 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Small Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q09 Applique – cotton or wool
Q10 Hand embroidery
Q11 Machine embroidery

Department II – Team or Group Quilts

Large Quilts – Pieced (60" or more on any side)

- Q18 Hand pieced
Q19 Machine pieced

Large Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q20 Applique – cotton or wool
Q21 Hand embroidery
Q22 Machine embroidery

Small Quilts – Pieced

- Q23 Hand pieced
Q24 Machine pieced
Q25 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Small Quilts – Applique or Embroidered (50% of quilt is applique or embroidery)

- Q26 Applique – cotton or wool

Awards by
The Quilt Shop @ Essenhaus

- Q12 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Mixed Techniques – Small or Large Quilts

- Q13 Combination of 2 or more hand or machine top construction techniques and embellishments

Other Quilts

- Q14 Art quilt—pictorial, landscape
Q15 Novelty quilt—cathedral windows, crazy quilts
Q16 Whole cloth quilt (single piece of fabric)
Q17 Vintage quilt top—recently quilted

Awards by
The Quilt Shop @ Essenhaus

- Q27 Hand embroidery
Q28 Machine embroidery
Q29 Miniature quilt (Block size 4" or less, quilt is 24" or less on all sides)

Mixed Techniques – Large or Small Quilts

- Q30 Combination of 2 or more hand or machine top construction techniques and embellishments

Other Quilts

- Q31 Art quilt—pictorial, landscape
Q32 Novelty quilt—cathedral windows, crazy quilts
Q33 Whole cloth quilt (single piece of fabric)
Q34 Vintage quilt top—recently quilted

Sewing

Check in: M, July 15 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

See general rules on page 4. No undergarments. No dolls.

WEARABLE

Children's Clothing

- S01. Active sportswear
S02. Costume
S03. Dress
S04. Dress, special occasion
S05. Infant Christening
S06. Pants
S07. Pants or skirt with coordinated top
S08. Sleepwear
S09. Suit or coat
S10. Top
S11. Other than above

Doll Clothes (any size)

- S12. Costume
S13. Dress
S14. Sleepwear
S15. Other

Dresses

- S16. Dress with jacket
S17. One-piece dress
S18. Special occasion, any length
S19. Wedding

Men's

- S20. Active wear
S21. Necktie
S22. Shirt
S23. Other than above

Women's

- S24. Active wear
S25. Blouse

- S26. Coat/Jacket, lined
S27. Coat/Jacket, unlined
S28. Separates - two or more
S29. Skirt
S30. Suit with pants, skirt
S31. Vest
S32. Other than above

NON-WEARABLE

Bags

- S33. Backpack
S34. Multiple pockets
S35. Purse with accessory set
S36. Simple (no pockets)
S37. Other than above

Fabric Techniques (not quilted)

- S38. Quiet book
S39. Placemats or table runners
S40. Other than above

Home Decorating

- S41. Comforter
S42. Pillow
S43. Quilted Item

Miscellaneous Quilted Items

- S44. Clothing item—hand or mach. qlt'd
S45. Pillow—hand or mach. qlt'd
S46. Table runner/topper—hand or mach. qlt'd
S47. Purse/Bag
S48. Other-hand or mach. qlt'd

Wearable
Awards by
Sew Creative
Threads

Non-Wearable
Awards by
Sew Creative
Threads

Apron Contest

Check in: M, July 15 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Closed judging)

1. See general rules on page 4 (exception: you are not limited to one entry per class in this contest.)
2. Individuals may enter as many aprons as they choose. An overall winner will be chosen in each category.
3. Entries must be constructed by exhibitor, however, a pre-printed panel can be used in designing the apron. Use your own design or a commercial pattern.
4. Consider entering your aprons in the Fashion Show. See pages 26-27 for rules.

- AC01. **Fashionable**—there's no need thinking "practical" in this category. You can use any type of decoration. Have fun!
AC02. **Functional**—must be a fully useable.

Prizes:

- 1st place, AC01
- 1st place, AC02
- Grand Champion, overall winner

Awards by
Sew
Creative
Threads

Special Contest Rules

These special contests are to promote the use of Michiana grown agricultural products. The Home and Family Arts staff encourages you to be creative!

1. Open to anyone over the age of eight (8) years in the Michiana area.
2. The following contests do not require pre-entry. Entry fee is your admission paid at the gate.
3. Participants are limited to one entry per contest in each category.
4. Previous first place recipes are not eligible.
5. Recipes must be provided that show which ingredients were used in each part of the product. Recipes should be complete and typed or neatly written on one side of an 8-1/2" x 11" piece of paper.
6. On the back side of the recipe, be sure to include your name, complete address and phone number as well as the year, contest and category.
7. These recipes will become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers with the right to use them for fair publicity.
8. Entries should be kept at proper temperatures at all times to ensure safety.
9. Prizes are listed in each section.
10. Entries to be picked up following judging.

Special Contest Sponsors

- Beef Cook-off Contest** — Elkhart County Beef Cattle Association
Best of Michiana Ribs — Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co.
Bursting with Blueberries — Home & Family Arts
Charcuterie Board — Sweet-Em's Cake Shoppe
Dairy Delicious — Elkhart County Dairy Directors
Fastest Fingers — Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn
Fresh Salsa — Richmond's Feed Service
Ice Cream Crank-Off — Elkhart County Dairy Directors
Lamb Cook-Off — Elkhart County Sheep Breeders Association
Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling— Kercher's Sunrise Orchard
Pork Cook-Off— Elkhart County Pork Producers
President's Item — Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board
Senior Citizen's Cookies — Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board
Unique Birdhouse — Soapy Gnome
Year of the Squash — Belly Acres

Thursday—18

President Shelly Steury Soft Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookie (No Raisins)

Award Donor—Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board

Check-in at 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Judging begins around 11:15am.

Prize - \$10

See Special Contest rules. Any items brought in after 11:00 a.m. will not be accepted. Contestants may enter only one item. Not responsible for cold items.



Saturday—20

Fresh Salsa

Award Donor—Richmond's Feed Service

Check-in from 11:30 a.m. Open judging begins at noon.

1. See Special Contest rules.

Categories:

- FS01. Fruit
 FS02. Tomato



Saturday—20

Dairy Delicious

Award Donor—Elkhart County Dairy Directors

Check-in: 4:30 p.m.

Judging begins around 5 p.m.

Categories:

- DD01. Party foods
 DD02. Main dishes
 DD03. Desserts



Description: Recipes for either one of these categories must contain at least two dairy foods, such as: milk, cream, cream cheese, cheese, ice cream, etc. Entry should be a minimum of 6 servings.

This is a special contest this year with a short window for check-in and judging, so food safety will not be an issue. These entries could be something that's created and stored in the refrigerator and then allowed to warm like a cheese ball or spread or it could be a prepared food item that is cooked or baked and then brought for judging.

Monday—22

Fastest Fingers

Award Donor—Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn
Check-in at 11:30 a.m. Judging begins around noon

Categories:

FF1. Crochet the fastest!

Yarn and needles will be provided. Crochet the longest chain during this timed contest.



Monday—22

Year of the Squash

(Summer or Winter)

Award Donor—Belly Acres

Check-in at 6:00 p.m. Judging around 6:30 p.m.

1. See Special Contest rules.

Categories:

Y01. Anything Goes with Squash



Tuesday—23

Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling

Award Donor—Kercher's Sunrise Orchard

Check-in at 11 a.m., Contest begins at 11:15 a.m.

1. Adults only. For safety reasons, no children.

2. No scoring of apple.

3. Must use apple and knife provided. Apple will be room temperature.

4. Time limit is **30 mins.** once peeling begins. If peel breaks, you can begin again from the same apple.

5. Judging will be determined from the longest continuous peel from one apple. Decision of judge is final. Peel must be free from apple.



Tuesday—23

40th Annual Senior Citizen's Cookies

Award Donor—Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board

Check-in 9:00 to 11 a.m.

(62 years of age and over)

Judging begins around 11:30 a.m.; pick up entry by 1 p.m.

Each category will be awarded a 1st place - \$3, 2nd place - \$2, 3rd place - \$1

1. See Special Contest Rules.
2. There are 3 categories: Bar, Drop, and Formed (*no brownies*). One entry per category.
3. Exhibit consists of six cookies on a plate.



Wednesday—24

Charcuterie Board

Award Donor—Sweet-Em's Cake Shop

Check-in at 11:30 a.m. Judging begins around noon.

Anything goes on a no larger than 9"x13" board.
See Special Contest rules.



Thursday—25

Unique Birdhouse

Award Donor—Soapy Gnome

Check-in at 6:00 p.m. Open judging begins at 6:30 p.m.

See Special Contest rules. See #7 on page 4 of General Rules on size limitations. Be as creative as you want!



Friday—26

Bursting with Blueberries

Award Donor—Home & Family Arts

Check-in at 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Judging begins around noon

Anything goes! The more blueberries the better!



Best of Michiana Ribs

Award Donor—Yoder's Meat & Cheese Co.

Check-in at 9 a.m.
Judging begins around noon
Champion Best Ribs: [Gift Certificate](#)



Any kind of ribs and anything goes! Must follow the same guidelines for the outdoor cooking contest, except ribs can be parboiled at home prior to barbecuing or smoking. One entry per participant.

The Great Homemade Ice Cream Crank-Off

Award Donor—Elkhart County Dairy Directors
Check-in: 10 to 11 a.m. begins at 11:15 a.m.
Must be done by noon



Location: Lamb Barn

Prizes: 1st place - \$30; 2nd place - \$15; 3rd place - \$5

1. The contest is open to individuals of all ages and skill levels. You can compete as an individual or team.
2. Innovative creations: Participants must use a modern or old fashioned/antique ice cream maker (e.g., electric or automatic churn).
3. Recipes should include a list of ingredients, measurements, and step-by-step instructions for preparation and churning.
4. All recipes MUST include real pasteurized dairy products. It is recommended that powdered or pasteurized eggs be used in place of raw eggs. Raw eggs MUST be heated to 160° F (verified by a calibrated thermometer) before using in an ice cream recipe.
5. Recipes should be prepared ahead and be ready for freezing.
6. Participants may use any ingredients of their choice, flavorings, mix-ins, and toppings but must furnish/provide their own ingredients and equipment. This includes a heavy-duty extension cord, ice, and salt. (Ice is available to purchase on the grounds.)
7. All ingredients must be safe for consumption and comply with food safety regulations.
8. Participants will be allotted a specified time frame to prepare and churn their ice cream creations on the contest day.
9. Entries will be evaluated based on taste, texture, creativity, presentation, and adherence to the category theme. Contestants must only share their product with contest judges, officials and immediate family! Board of Health regulation prohibits distribution to the general public.
10. Participants must comply with all contest rules and guidelines outlined by HFA Committee.
11. Ice cream must be done by noon, when judging begins.

Byler Lienhart Cook-Off

Award Donors—Elkhart Co. Pork Producers,
Elkhart Co. Beef Cattle Assoc., & Elkhart Co. Sheep Breeders

Check-in: 9 a.m.
Judging begins at 11:30 a.m.
Location: Lamb Barn



1. Two copies of the recipe used for each entry must be submitted.
2. A minimum of 80% of the entrée preparation must be done at cook-off site.
3. Each contestant is responsible for furnishing the meat, recipe, ingredients, utensils and cooking source for the preparation of the entrée. Presentation is the responsibility of the exhibitor and should include 6 servings.
4. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with all food being ready for judging at 11:30 a.m. If the item being prepared requires a longer cooking time, you can begin cooking prior to 9 a.m., gates remain open, but you must begin at the cook-off site.
5. Please enter gate 5. Once your equipment has been unloaded, you will be given further instructions.
6. Contestants may enter one item in each category.

Categories:

Cut—Any fresh, pure, lean cut with at least 3-oz. of meat per serving.

Ground—Fresh ground, at least 80% lean.

OC1. Beef - cut	OC2. Beef - ground
OC3. Lamb - cut	OC4. Lamb - ground
OC5. Pork - cut	OC6. Pork - ground

Judging: Entries will be judged using the following guidelines:

A. Cut Selection	15 points
B. Excellence of preparation	45 points
C. Appearance and presentation	20 points
D. Overall appeal	20 points

Prizes:

Beef and Lamb categories will be awarded:

1st place—\$25 2nd place—\$15 3rd place—\$5

Pork categories will be awarded:

1st place—\$50 2nd place—\$30 3rd place—\$25
4th place—\$20 5th place—\$15 6th place—\$10

Grand Overall Pork - Elkhart Co. Pork Producers

Cook-Off Grand Prize - Tracy Byler & Mary Ann Lienhart Cross



Elkhart County 4-H Fair Open Class Fashion Show

Entry deadline - July 1st
Judging - Thursday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.
Open House Show - Thursday, July 18, 7:30 pm
Award Donors—To Be Announced



1. All residents of Elkhart County and/or people who participate in Elkhart County Extension activities are eligible to participate.
2. Garments modeled must have been made after September 1, 2023. Any suitable fabric or technique (knitting, crocheting, etc.) may be used.
3. Contestants may enter in multiple categories.
4. Contestants must model their own garment EXCEPT in categories with the “sewing for others” designation.
5. Participants are encouraged to enter their garments in the Sewing section of the Home and Family Arts Department. Garments entered in open class clothing construction must be returned following the public show.

Registration and Award Process

1. Complete registration form and submit by July 1.
2. Contestants attend two events: 1) judging, 2) public fashion show.
3. A judging schedule and information will be mailed to all participants.
4. The public fashion show will be held during the Open House. Results will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Written comments will be made on a score sheet and will be available for pick up in the dressing area after the Open House.

Awards

Awards will be presented during the Open House Fashion Show. A prize will be awarded to the first-place winner in each division. A prize will be awarded to the Grand Champion for the best overall entry.

Scoring

Following is a summary of the score sheet that the judges will use. The score sheet has been developed to help you understand the points the judges are looking at:

- I. **The Contestant** - appearance, posture, poise, and grooming.....35%
- II. **The Costume on the Contestant** - becoming, fit, style, texture, fabric, effect of undergarments, and accessories40%
- III. **The Constructed Article** - fabric and trimmings, workmanship, related values, and the quality of work as it contributes to the overall look as it is modeled25%

Divisions — Non-Professional and Professional

Professionals are considered as “one who has received any monetary compensation in excess of \$1,200 per year over the last five years in any phase of clothing (clothing construction, judging, modeling, fabric sales, teaching or has a degree in clothing and textiles).” All others shall be considered Non-Professional.

Categories

- A. **Aprons** One or more aprons that you have sewn.
- B. **Coats or Suits** (1 person modeling) Separate coat for your wardrobe, to be solely a coat with its own accessories. Suits being two or more pieces (i.e., skirt or pants with jacket, cape, or vest of the same fabric, shown with or without its own blouse or shirt). Jacket, coat, cape or vest must be lined.
- C. **Dresses** (1 person modeling) One or two piece. Includes a dress with own jacket, coat, vest or jumper and blouse.
- D. **Family Outfits—** Person wearing outfit she/he has made, plus any other individuals wearing garments sewn for them with a coordinated or themed look.
- E. **My Choice—** (1 person modeling) Active wear (i.e., tennis wear/swimwear), western, loungewear or costumes (such as historic, dance, international or Halloween) which do not fit in the other classes listed. (No bridal gowns—see wedding gowns)
- F. **Embellished w/Hand or Machine Embroidery** — (1 person modeling) Any garment that has been embellished by hand or machine embroidery.
- G. **Separates** (1 person modeling). True coordinates. May be 2, 3, or more garments selected and modeled together for a complete look. All garments must be worn. Each piece should be important enough to stand on its own with other garments. Accessory items such as a sweater, blouse or shirt may be a purchased garments.
- H. **Sewing for Others/Children Birth to Age 5** (as of January 1) One child’s garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- I. **Sewing for Others/Children Ages 6-12** (as of January 1) One child’s garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- J. **Sewing for Others/Teen Ages 13-17** (as of January 1) One teen’s garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- K. **Sewing for Others/Adult Over Age 18** (as of January 1) One adult’s garment or outfit. Any type of garment. Seamstress must be present.
- L. **Wedding Gowns** (1 person modeling). Seamstress of the garment must be present at the judging.
- M. **Bridesmaids or Formal Dresses** (1 person modeling) Seamstress of the garment must be present at the judging.

**Attend the Open House &
Public Fashion Show
Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 pm!**

Home & Family Arts Building Location

Maple Street
Red brick building with fountain



Fashion Show Entry Form

1. Please use a separate form for each entry.
2. All forms are due July 1 so that a judging schedule can be developed.

Name: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Divisions

_____ Non-Professional _____ Professional

Categories

- _____ A. Aprons (Elkhart County only)
- _____ B. Coats or suits
- _____ C. Dresses
- _____ D. Family outfits
- _____ E. My choice
- _____ F. Embellished w/hand or machine embroidery
- _____ G. Separates
- _____ H. Sewing for others/children birth to age 5
- _____ I. Sewing for others/children ages 6 to 12
- _____ J. Sewing for others/teens ages 13 to 17
- _____ K. Sewing for others/adult over age 18
- _____ L. Wedding gowns
- _____ M. Bridesmaids or formal dresses

Please copy front and back of pattern envelope and attach to this form with a sample of the fabric.

Description of the garment - neckline, sleeves, skirt, kind of closing, pockets, etc.: _____

Pattern company _____ Pattern number _____

Fabric Information: Color, kind, fiber content:

Description of accessories: Color, shoes, jewelry, other:

If sewing for others, please complete the following:

Name of Model: _____
 Age: _____ Relation: _____

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 Age: _____ Relation: _____

Return to:

Purdue Extension Elkhart County
 Fashion Show Entry
 17746 County Road 34 STE E
 Goshen, IN 46528-6898

HFA Department Schedule July 2024

Date	Event
1	Open Class Fashion Show entry deadline
11	Open Class Fashion Show judging (pg. 26)
15	Check-in for Exhibits and Food Preservation
16	General Entries Judging at 9:00am (Closed Judging)
18	Check-in for Culinary Arts-Baking/Cake Decorating
18	Baking/Cake Decorating Judging at Noon
18	President's Item: Soft Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookie (No Raisins) (pg. 21)
18	Open House - Open Class Fashion Show: 7:30 pm
19-27	Craft & Needlework Demos, HFA Bldg: 1 to 3 & 4 to 6 pm
20	Fresh Salsa Special Contest (pg. 21)
20	Dairy Delicious Special Contest (pg. 21)
22	Fastest Fingers Special Contest (pg. 22)
22	Year of the Squash Special Contest (pg. 22)
23	Old Fashioned Longest Apple Peeling Special Contest (pg. 22)
23	Senior Citizen's Cookie Special Contest (pg. 23)
24	Charcuterie Board Special Contest (pg. 23)
25	Unique Birdhouse Special Contest (pg. 23)
25	Fiber Art Demonstration, 10 am
26	Bursting with Blueberries Special Contest (pg. 23)
27	Best of Michiana Ribs Special Contest (pg. 24)
27	The Great Homemade Ice Cream Crank-Off (pg. 24)
27	Byler Lienhart Cook-off Special Contest (pg. 25)

Exhibit Release

All exhibits must be picked up. Items not claimed will be discarded.

If you are unavailable, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your exhibit and envelope.

- (Su) July 28 – Exhibit release from 2 to 5 pm
- (M) July 29 – Exhibit release from noon to 5 pm

Premiums and awards not claimed by the last business day in August become the property of the Elkhart County Extension Homemakers.