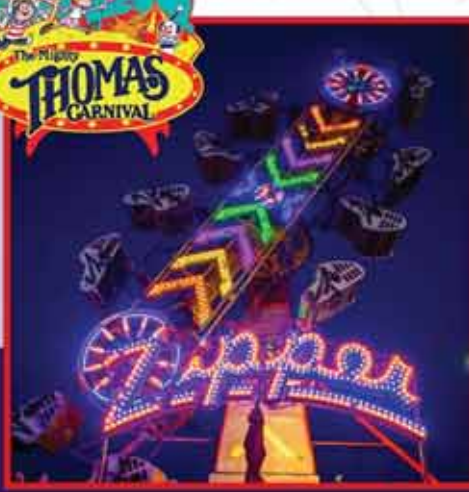
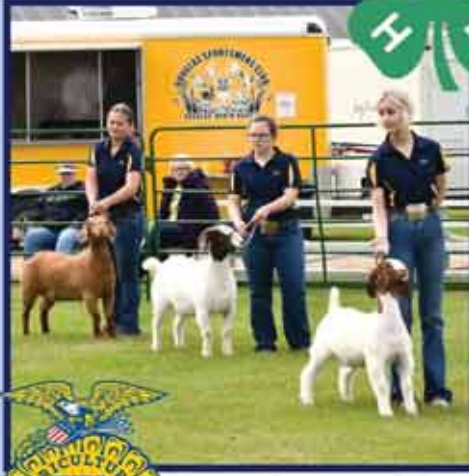


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70 YEARS
JUNE 12TH - 14TH
UNDERWOOD, ND



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JUNE 12TH - 14TH

UNDERWOOD, ND

THURSDAY

11

9 AM | 4H HORSE SHOW

4-H & FFA ACHIEVEMENT DAY

- 9 AM 4H STATIC JUDGING
- 11:30 AM 4H PICNIC
- NOON RABBIT AND POULTRY SHOW
- 1-7 PM WILD WEST LASER FAST DRAW
- 1, 4, 5:30 PM MAGIC JOE
- 2, 6 PM DARYL'S RACING PIGS
- 3 PM KIDS COIN HUNT
- 5 PM FREE BINGO
- 7 PM SPEEDWAY RACES
- 8 PM BAND MISSING LYNX

FRIDAY

12

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

- 8 AM FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW
- 11 AM 4H LIVESTOCK SHOW
- NOON MCLEAN COUNTY BARREL RACE
- 1-7 PM WILD WEST LASER FAST DRAW
- 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 PM MAGIC JOE
- 2:30 PM KIDS COIN HUNT
- 3, 7 PM DARYL'S RACING PIGS
- 4 PM LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SALE
- 5 PM AMERICAN LEGION BINGO
- 5 PM SPEEDWAY RACES
- 6:30/6 PM KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL / REGISTRATION
- 8 PM FARMER OLYMPICS KIDS & ADULTS
- 8 PM BAND BOOZ N TUNA

SATURDAY

13

FLAG DAY

- 8 AM LIVESTOCK SHOW
- 11 AM KORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
- NOON MUSIC BY WAYNE KABANUCK
- 12:30 PM KIDS COIN HUNT
- 12:30 PM FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 1-7 PM WILD WEST LASER FAST DRAW
- 1, 2:30, 4 PM MAGIC JOE
- 2 PM RANCH RODEO
- 5:30 PM FAIR CLOSED

SUNDAY

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Welcome to the fair!

The McLean County Fair Board is excited to welcome you to the 70th annual McLean County Fair! The McLean County Fair continues to bring together thousands of fairgoers each year with the goal of showcasing our county's youth, agricultural accomplishments, and providing spectacular entertainment.

The fair is a great place where you can visit with old friends and meet new families from around the County.

We invite you to visit the 4-H, FFA, Home Economics/Community, and school static exhibits, or stop at the barns and Rocky Top Petting Zoo to view the livestock. You can attend any of the free events; Farmer Olympics, face painting, fun Bingo, Old Fashion Ice Cream Social, or painting classes. Bring the kids to the Mighty Thomas Carnival or let

them try their luck at the Coin Hunt and Kiddy Tractor Pull. Back by popular demand; Daryl's Racing Pigs, Magic Joe, McLean County Barrel Races, McLean County Speedway car races, and the McLean County Ranch Rodeo and prize Bingo with the Washburn American Legion. You'll want to hear the musical entertainment by: Missing Lynx, Booz n Tuna, and Wayne Douglas Kabanuck. New to the Fair this year is the Wild West Laser Fast Draw and Korn Hole Tournament. asses, and

We don't want you to go away hungry, so stop at any of the yummy food venders.

We've got a great weekend planned for you, so grab the family and meet us at the fair!

*Diane Schell
President
McLean County Fair Board*

Decades of dedication

Diane Schell helps lead McLean County Fair into its 70th year

**By Kelli Ameling
Associate Publisher**

For Diane Schell, the McLean County Fair is more than just a summer event — it is a lifelong tradition.

Schell, who serves as president of the McLean County Fair Board, has been involved with the fair in some capacity since the 1980s. Some of her earliest memories are of attending the fair as a visitor, long before she became one of the people helping to organize it.

"I've been involved in some way or another since the 1980s," Schell said. "But some of my earliest memories are attending the fair."

Her involvement grew through community service, including volunteering to work gate admissions while she was a member of the Jaycees. Those early experiences helped lay the foundation for what would become decades of involvement in many different roles.

Over the years, Schell has taken on a wide range of responsibilities, including organizing the parade, coordinating and judging school and home economics exhibits, and helping oversee the quilt show. She has also assisted with fundraising and booking entertainment for the annual event.

"Every board member volunteers for one or more committees," she said.

Schell was elected to the McLean County Fair Board in 2001 and has served as its president since January 2005. The board elects its officers — including president, vice president, secretary and treasurer — from among its members.

The board meets on the first Thursday of each month, continuing its work year-round to organize and improve the fair.

ABOUT DIANE SCHELL

- Involved since the 1980s
- Fair Board member since 2001
- Serving as president since January 2005
- Background includes gate admissions, parade organization, exhibits and entertainment
- Fair Board meets first Thursday of each month



Schell said her involvement is driven by a desire to preserve and strengthen a long-standing community tradition.

"It's important to get involved with the fair so that it continues on," she said. "It's a 70-year legacy that we want to honor those that have been on the fair board before by keeping the fair going and growing."

That responsibility carries added meaning during this year's 70th anniversary celebration, as the fair reflects both its history and its future in McLean County.

Each year, Schell and the rest of the fair board work toward the same goal: putting on an event that brings the community together while highlighting youth, agriculture and local talent.

Planning never really stops. As soon as one fair wraps up, the board begins looking ahead to the next, making adjustments and building on what worked well.

For Schell, the reason for continuing in her role is simple — ensuring the fair remains a part of the community for generations to come.

Hats off to the Fair Board

2026 McLean County Fair Board

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Ashley Woolley – Underwood
Chad Wimer – Garrison
Dallas Erickson – Ruso
Darcy Klain – Ruso

Dennis Erickson – Ruso
Derick Johnson – Falkirk
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'Stars, Strips and Summer Nights'

McLean County Fair celebrates 70 years with new events, returning favorites

By Kelli Ameling
Associate Publisher

The McLean County Fair is celebrating a milestone year in 2026, marking its 70th anniversary with a mix of returning favorites, new attractions and a nod to its roots.

Fair Board President Diane Schell said this year's event will highlight longtime staples that have helped define the fair over the decades, while also introducing new entertainment for visitors.

"We are highlighting some of the entertainment that we have had at the fair for many years," Schell said.

Among those featured attractions are the Rocky Top Petting Zoo, which has been part of the fair for 35 years, and the Norlin Pedal Tractor Pull, a crowd favorite since 1989. Also returning by popular demand is Daryl's Racing Pigs, a longtime fair act that had not been booked in recent years.

"We begged him to come back for the anniversary," Schell said.

In keeping with the fair's history, organizers are also replacing the annual beef barbecue with an old-fashioned ice cream social, a throwback to the fair's early days in 1957.

Alongside the classic attractions, several new events are being added to the lineup this year, including a Wild West Laser Fast Draw competition and a cornhole tournament.

At the same time, some long-standing traditions are evolving. The parade, a mainstay of past fairs, has been dropped from this year's schedule.

Despite those changes, Schell said the fair continues to offer a full weekend of activities for residents and visitors alike.

"The McLean County Fair is a full weekend with something for everyone," she said.

Attendees can expect a wide variety of events, including horse competitions, barrel racing and ranch rodeo events, car racing on two nights, livestock shows and a petting zoo. Additional attractions include live music, a magician, vendors, food booths, beer gardens, a carnival and a range of children's

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**WHAT'S NEW • WHAT'S BACK
• WHAT'S DIFFERENT**

NEW THIS YEAR
Wild West Laser Fast Draw
Cornhole tournament
Old-fashioned ice cream social

RETURNING FAVORITES
Rocky Top Petting Zoo (35 years)
Norlin Pedal Tractor Pull (since 1989)
Daryl's Racing Pigs (back by popular demand)

WHAT'S CHANGED
Parade removed from schedule
Beef barbecue replaced by ice cream social

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activities such as the coin hunt and kiddie tractor pull.

The fair also continues to emphasize its agricultural roots, with 4-H, FFA and school static exhibits showcasing the work of area youth.

"The fair board works hard all year long to present a great fair and highlight the county youth and agriculture," Schell said.

For newcomers or those attending for the first time, Schell described the fair as both accessible and family-friendly.

"It's such a great place to bring your children," she said. "There are so many free events and the gate admission is very reasonable."

Schell said the overall atmosphere is what makes the event special.

"I don't think I have a favorite (event)," she said. "It's just one of the happiest weekends of the year."

Schell emphasized that the fair remains a community event at its core.

"This is the McLean County Fair," she said. "It belongs to everyone in McLean County, so they should check it out."

The 70th annual McLean County Fair will take place in Underwood, continuing a long-standing tradition of bringing together residents to celebrate agriculture, community and summer fun.

Volunteers power McLean County Fair behind the scenes

*Fair built by community:
Volunteers key to McLean County tradition*

By Kelli Ameling
Associate Publisher

While the rides, livestock shows and entertainment draw the crowds each year, it is the work of hundreds of volunteers behind the scenes that makes the McLean County Fair possible.

Fair Board President Diane Schell said it takes an estimated 300 volunteers to put on the annual event, with people pitching in before, during and after the fair.

"It probably takes at least 300 volunteers to put on the fair," Schell said.

Those volunteers take on a wide variety of roles, from judging 4-H, FFA, school and home economics exhibits to working gate admissions, assisting with entertainment events and preparing the fairgrounds.

There are also volunteers who help with mowing, setup and cleanup before the fair begins, as well as those who return after the final day to take everything down.

"It's always a welcome relief when people just come up to us at the fair to see where they can help," Schell said.

Opportunities to volunteer range from short, one-time tasks to more involved roles. Some volunteers commit a few hours during the fair, while others serve as members of the fair board, which meets once per month throughout the year to plan the event.

"If people would like to volunteer, we have projects that involve a few hours or they could volunteer to be a member of the fair board," Schell said.

Those interested in helping can

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HOW TO VOLUNTEER

- Help during the fair with events, gates or activities
- Assist with setup, cleanup and grounds work
- Serve as a judge for exhibits
- Join the McLean County Fair Board (monthly meetings)

GET INVOLVED:
Contact any McLean County Fair Board member to volunteer

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reach out to any member of the McLean County Fair Board to get involved, whether they want to assist this year or begin planning for next year's event.

One example of the impact volunteers can have is Fair Board Treasurer Arica Levey, who first became involved by volunteering before joining the board.

After several years, Levey took on the role of treasurer, managing responsibilities that include coordinating vendors, overseeing camping arrangements, and assisting with advertising and promotions.

Her involvement has also become a family effort.

"It's kind of a family affair because her husband helps and her two children help, too," Schell said.

Schell said that level of commitment — from individuals and families alike — is what allows the fair to continue year after year.

Without volunteers, she said, the fair simply would not be possible.

Kiddy Fun on tap

If there's one thing that the McLean County Fair is focused on, it is its children — kids and their projects, kids on carnival rides, kids playing games and kids just generally having a great time being kids.

The always popular Kids Coin Hunt is on tap Friday and Saturday of the fair, giving kids from itty bitty to pre-teen an opportunity to dig through piles of straw to find some hidden silver. The coin hunt is all three days and starts at 4 p.m. near the livestock barn.

You never know exactly what they'll come up with for the Kids Farmer Olympics, but you're

guaranteed to have a good time watching the young'uns compete in wild and wacky races. The Kids and Adults Farmer Olympics will get underway at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Undoubtedly one of the biggest draws to the fair each year is the Kiddy Tractor Pull which has been an annual event since at least 1989. Challenges children of all ages to see how much weight they can pull behind a pedal tractor. Prizes are given in several different age divisions.

Registration for the event starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, and the competition starts at 6:30 p.m. near the main exhibit hall.

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2026 Music Line Up

Friday, June 12th

Saturday, June 13th

Sunday, June 14th

Missing Lynx

The Missing Lynx are a popular, long-running live covers band. They perform a wide variety of music spanning seven decades—including rock, pop, country, and R&B—from the 1950s through the 1990s
Band starts at 8pm to 11:30 p.m.

Booz-n-tuna

Mark your calendars!
Come to the McLean County Fair and end the night rocking out to the live music from Booz-N-Tuna!
Band starts at 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Wayne Douglas Kabanuck

Join us and enjoy the music from noon-2 p.m. with Wayne Douglas Kabanuck.

Lots of crafters, vendors

If you're in the mood for a little shopping or looking to find the newest great thing, you'll want to check out the craft and vendors show all three days of the fair, starting at noon Friday to Sunday. We have two vendors buildings this year!

There will be vendor booths focusing on home decor, as well as jewelry and accessories, home-made crafts, the best and newest gadgets that make life easier and better, and

of course, health and fitness.

And of course, don't forget about the fair food booths, which will also be located on the midway, as well as in the main Civic Club Food Booth building.

You'll want to check out the vendor building on the fair grounds to make sure you don't miss out on something to wear or maybe even "ware."

Hear the roar, enjoy the race

The McLean County Speedway will be the place to be Friday, June 12th starting at 7 p.m. And Saturday, June 13th starting at 5 p.m.

Grandstand Admission: Adults \$15, Senior (60+) \$13, Students (7-17) \$10, 6 & under Free

Grandstand Season Pass (10 punches): \$120

Note: the grandstand admission is cash only.

T-shirts are available to purchase in the Pit Shack.

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Features: WRSS, Sport Compacts, Hobby Stocks, Legends, Sport Mods, Stock Cars

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People's Choice Quilt Show

McLean County Fair Board would love you to bring your cherished quilt out to the fairgrounds in Underwood for the People's Choice Quilt Show.

Maybe you've got a beautiful piece/patchwork quilt, an intricate postage stamp quilt, an appliqued quilt or maybe an art quilt. All are welcome in the county fair's quilt show.

Prizes are awarded in two division.

Adult Division: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50

Junior Division: 1st place \$75, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$30.

Registration for the quilt show is from Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Thursday evening.

People's Choice Voting Thursday and Friday.

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Rocky Top bringing furry feathered friends

They're soft. They're cuddly. Sometimes they're shy. Sometimes they're eager to make new friends.

They're all part of the variety of animals at the Rocky Top Petting Zoo, one of McLean County Fair's favorite staple events.

The animals in the petting zoo, owned by Dennis and Karla Erickson of Ruso, are all kid friendly and ready to get up close and personal with the little tykes. Chickens, ducks, goats, bunnies and other little critters will all be on hand for young ones to cuddle and visit with.

The petting zoo, based out of the Erickson's farm home near Ruso, is returning to the fair, bringing along cuddly animals that everyone will

enjoy. Parents, grandparents -- grab your cameras or your phones and get ready to capture some priceless moments of your little ones getting nose-to-nose with these adorable animals.

The petting zoo is a can't-miss stop that will probably be a repeat-stop for a lot of families at the county fair.

The Rocky Top Ranch Petting Zoo will be at the county fair all three days, Friday and Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5:30 p.m.

This their 35th year in operation, with the McLean County Fair being their first event. You can talk to Dennis Erickson (701-721-6460)

The Mclean County Fair Barrel Race

The McLean County Fair Barrel Race will be held Saturday, June 13th in conjunction with the McLean County Fair.

Schedule:

- 9:00 am - Open Arena
- 10:00 am - Time Slots \$10/15 mins (10 riders)
- 11:45 am - Late Entries Close
- 12:00 pm - Grand Entry
- 12:15 pm - Peewee
- 12:30 pm - Open

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No more than one (1) entry will be allowed under the same "Lot" number, except as collections or displays. Label each entry according to their "Division", "Class", "Lot", and age group. Age groups are: "Junior" – 18yrs. and Under, "Adult" – 19yrs. and Above or, "Men Only".

Entry tags must be on all exhibits and will be available at the fairgrounds, or you may call Diane Schell 701-220-3841. Entries will be received on Thursday June 11th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, June 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Judging will begin at 1p.m. Help will be available to choose the correct category for your exhibit. The check-out time will be Sunday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. Any entries removed before that time will forfeit their premium dollars.

Blue Ribbons in each lot receives \$5, Red Ribbons - \$4, White Ribbons - \$3, Grand Champions - \$15, Reserve Champions - \$10, with a \$10 cash prize given to the exhibitor with the most entries.

We welcome any new or unusual articles for display.

DIVISION A – AGRONOMY

Harvested grain samples are handpicked samples, free of foreign matter. One (1) pint glass jar minimum sample is required for small grains and large seed crops.

Class I – Harvested Grain Seed

Lot 1 Barley; Lot 2 Corn; Lot 3 Durum Wheat; Lot 4 Flax; Lot 5 Hard Red Spring Wheat; Lot 6 Hard Red Winter

Wheat; Lot 7 Oats; Lot 8 Ry ; Lot 9 Sunflower; Lot 10 Other Large Seeds – soybeans, field peas, navy beans, pinto beans, etc. Lot 11 Other Small Seeds - millet, grass seed, alfalfa, lentils, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, etc.

Junior Agronomy: Juniors (18 and under) may enter in any lot by labeling as Division A-JR

DIVISION B – BAKED GOODS

All baked goods must be entered on paper plates and enclosed in plastic bag.

Class I – BREAD – Yeast – 3 slices

Lot 1 Automatic bread maker, white; Lot 2 Automatic bread maker, specialty; Lot 3 Cinnamon swirl; Lot 4 White; Lot 5 Whole wheat; Lot 6 Other yeast breads loaves

Class II – BREAD – Quick – 3 slices

Lot 1 Banana bread; Lot 2 Gingerbread; Lot 3 Muffins; Lot 4 Zucchini bread; Lot 5 Other

Class III – DINNER ROLLS – 3

Lot 1 Biscuits; Lot 2 Dark dinner rolls; Lot 3 Fancy white dinner rolls; Lot 4 Hamburger buns, white; Lot 5 Hamburger buns, wheat; Lot 6 Other

Class IV – SWEET ROLLS/PASTRIES – 3

Lot 1 Carmel rolls; Lot 2 Cinnamon rolls; Lot 3 Cream puffs; Lot 4 Other

Class V – DOUGHNUTS – 3

Lot 1 Cake doughnuts; Lot 2 Raised doughnuts; Lot 3 Other

Class VI – CAKES- 3 slices unfrosted, from scratch

Lot 1 Angel food; Lot 3 Bundt; Lot 4 Carrot Cake; Lot 5 Cheesecake; Lot 6 Chiffon; Lot 7 Cupcakes, 3; Lot 8 Jelly Roll; Lot 9 Cake, other

Class VII - Decorating

Lot 1 Cakes 3 slices; Lot 2 Cookies 3; Lot 3 Cupcake, 3; Lot 4 Other

Class VIII – Pies – 3 slices

Lot 1 Apple; Lot 2 Any berry; Lot 3 Cherry; Lot 4 Cream Pie; Lot 5 Pumpkin; Lot 6 Other

Class IX – Cookies/ Bars – 3 cookies, bars - 2"x2" square

Lot 1 Brownies; Lot 2 Chocolate chip cookies -crispy; Lot 3 Chocolate chip cookies – soft; Lot 4 Chocolate chip oatmeal cookies; Lot 5 Chocolate drop cookies; Lot 6 Cookies, pressed; Lot 7 Gingersnap; Lot 8 No bake bars; Lot 9 No bake cookies; Lot 10 Oatmeal drop cookies; Lot 11 Peanut butter cookies; Lot 12 Sugar cookies; Lot 13 Other bars; Lot 14 Other cookies

Class X – Ethnic Foods – 3 slices
Lot 1 Kuchen; Lot 2 Other

Class XI – Candy – 4, 1" x 1" square
Lot 1 Carmel; Lot 2 Divinity; Lot 3 Fudge; Lot 4 Mints; Lot 5 Peanut Brittle; Lot 6 Animal Treats; Lot 7 Other

Class XII – "For Men Only"

Lot 1 Bread – dark; Lot 2 Bread – white; Lot 3 Rolls – 3; Lot 4 Cake – Loaf; Lot 5 Cookies – 3; Lot 6 Doughnuts – 3; Lot 7 Pie; Lot 8 Other

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DIVISION C – CANNING

Canned foods for exhibit must be in standard canning jars, with standard lids or covers. Canned goods may be opened for judging. Please label jars with name of product and date of preparation. All vegetables must be pressure cook processed. Fruits and tomatoes may be water bath processed.

Class I – Fruits Lot 1 Apricots

Lot 2 Cherries; Lot 3 Crabapples; Lot 4 Fruit cocktail; Lot 5 Fruit sauces; Lot 6 June berries; Lot 7 Peaches; Lot 8 Pears; Lot 9 Plums; Lot 10 Raspberries; Lot 11 Rhubarb; Lot 12 Strawberries; Lot 13 Other

Class II – Jellies/Jams/Honeys Must be sealed (no wax)

Lot 1 Apple; Lot 2 Berry; Lot 3 Chokecherry; Lot 4 Grape; Lot 5 Honey; Lot 6 Pear; Lot 7 Peach; Lot 8 Raspberry; Lot 9 Rhubarb; Lot 10 Strawberry; Lot 11 Sauce; Lot 12 Syrup; Lot 13 Other

Class III – Vegetables

Lot 1 Beans; Lot 2 Beets; Lot 3 Carrots; Lot 4 Corn; Lot 5 Salsa; Lot 6 Sauerkraut; Lot 7 Soups; Lot 8 Tomatoes; Lot 9 Vegetable juices; Lot 10 Catsup; Lot 11 Sauce; Lot 12 Other

Class IV – Pickles

Lot 1 Beet pickles; Lot 2 Bread & Butter pickles; Lot 3 Crabapple; Lot 4 Cucumbers – dill; Lot 5 Cucumbers – sweet; Lot 6 Cucumbers – hamburger; Lot 7 Pickled vegetable; Lot 8 Picked watermelon; Lot 9 Relish; Lot 10 Other

Class V – Dehydrated

Lot 1 Fruit; Lot 2 Meat/jerky; Lot 3 Vegetables; Lot 4 Other

Class VI – Freezer Items

Lot 1 Jelly; Lot 2 Other

Junior Canning: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division C-JR

DIVISION D – GARDENING

Display on a plate with plastic wrap, low box with plastic wrap, or plastic bag.

Class I – Fruits & Vegetables

Lot 1 Asparagus, 4 spears; Lot 2 Beans, 6; Lot 3 Carrots, 3; Lot 4 Garlic, 3 bulbs; Lot 5 Lettuce – loose leaf, 1 plant; Lot 6 Lettuce – butterhead, bib, 1 plant; Lot 7 Onions – green, 3; Lot 8 Onions – yellow, 3; Lot 9 Onions – white, 3; Lot 10 Parsnips, 3; Lot 11 Peas, 6 pods; Lot 12 Radishes, 4; Lot 13 Rhubarb, 4 stalks; Lot 14 Spinach, 3 leaves; Lot 15 Swiss Chard, 3 leaves; Lot 16 Strawberries, 4; Lot 17 Other

Class II – Herbs

Lot 1 Basil, 3 stems; Lot 2 Chives, 8 stems; Lot 3 Cilantro, 3 stems; Lot 4 Dill, 3 heads; Lot 5 Parsley, 3 stems; Lot 6 Rosemary, 3 stems; Lot 7 Other, 3 stems

Junior Gardening: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division D-JR

DIVISION E - NEEDLEWORK & EMBROIDERY

Class I – Needlework

Lot 1 Cutwork; Lot 2 Lace net darning; Lot 3 Needlepoint; Lot 4

Plastic Canvas; Lot 5 Other

Class II – Embroidery

Lot 1 Doily /dresser scarf; Lot 2 Hardanger; Lot 3 Picture; Lot 4 Pillowcase; Lot 5 Tablecloth; Lot 6 Towel; Lot 7 Machine embroidery; Lot 8 Other

Class III – Knitting

Lot 1 Accessories (scarves, mittens, etc.); Lot 2 Afghan; Lot 3 Baby Afghan; Lot 4 Dishcloth; Lot 5 Doily; Lot 6 Sweater; Lot 7 Other

Class IV – Crochet – yarn or thread

Lot 1 Accessories (scarves, mittens, etc.); Lot 2 Afghan; Lot 3 Baby Afghan; Lot 4 Baby sweaters/sets; Lot 5 Bedspread; Lot 6 Dishcloth; Lot 7 Doily; Lot 8 Doll clothes; Lot 9 Dress; Lot 10 Dresser scarf; Lot 11 - Pillowcases; Lot 12 Hangers; Lot 13 Potholders – 2; Lot 14 Rug; Lot 15 Sweater; Lot 16 Tablecloth; Lot 17 Towel topper; Lot 18 Other

Class V – Cross Stitch

Lot 1 Small counted cross-stitch article, 6" or less; Lot 2 Large counted cross-stitch article, over 6"; Lot 3 Household items, Afghan, towels, scarves; Lot 4 Other

Class VI – Quilts

Lot 1 Appliquéd, tied; Lot 2 Appliquéd, hand quilted; Lot 3 Appliquéd, machine quilted; Lot 4 Patchwork, tied; Lot 5 Patchwork, hand quilted; Lot 6 Patchwork, machine quilted; Lot 7 Pieced; Lot 8 Placemats; Lot 9 Embroidered, tied; Lot 10 Embroidered, hand quilted; Lot 11 Embroidered, machine quilted; Lot 12 Table Runner; Lot 13 Crazy; Lot 14 Other

Class VII – Rugs

Lot 1 Latch hook; Lot 2 Hooked; Lot 3 Braided; Lot 4 Crocheted; Lot 5 Woven; Lot 6 Other

Class VIII – Sewn Apparel

Lot 1 Apron; Lot 2 Blouse/shirt Lot 3 Dress; Lot 4 Doll clothes; Lot 5 Jacket; Lot 6 Outerwear; Lot 7 Pants/Slacks; Lot 8 Sleepwear; Lot 9 Skirts; Lot 10 Two and four-piece outfits; Lot 11 Vests; Lot 12 Other

Class IX – Wall hangings

Lot 1 Pieced, large; Lot 2 Appliqued, large; Lot 3 Pieced, medium to small; Lot 4 Appliqued, medium to small ; Lot 5 Other

Junior Needlework: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division E-JR

DIVISION F – FINE ARTS

Class I – Paintings/Drawings

Lot 1 Acrylic; Lot 2 Charcoal; Lot 3 Computer art; Lot 4 Magic Marker; Lot 5 Mixed media; Lot 6 Oil; Lot 7 Pastels; Lot 8 Pencil, colored or lead; Lot 9 Pen/Ink; Lot 10 Watercolor; Lot 11 Computer art; Lot 12 Other

Class II – Original work

Lot 1 Computer art; Lot 2 Graphics; Lot 3 Portraits, painted or drawn; Lot 4 Mixed media; Lot 5 Scenery; Lot 6 Other

Class III – China Painting

Lot 1 Bisque; Lot 2 Glaze; Lot 3 Holiday; Lot 4 Other

Junior Fine Arts: Juniors (18 & under) enter any lot by labeling as Division F-JR

DIVISION G – PHOTOGRAPHY

Pictures must be framed or matted and suitable for hanging on a peg board wall – no glass.

Class I – Photography

Lot 1 Action, black and white; Lot 2 Action, colored; Lot 3 Animal, black and white; Lot 4 Animal, colored; Lot 5 Floral, black and white; Lot 6 Floral, colored; Lot 7 People, black and white; Lot 8 People, colored; Lot 9 Scenery, black/white Lot 10 Scenery, colored; Lot 11 Still life, black and white; Lot 12 Still life, colored; Lot 13 Sunrise, sunsets, black/white; Lot 14 Sunrise, sunsets, colored; Lot 15 Other

Junior Photography: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division G-JR

DIVISION H – CRAFTS

Class I – Crafts

Lot 1 Appliqued items; Lot 2 Baskets; Lot 3 Bead craft; Lot 4 Candles; Lot 5 Decorated sweaters; Lot 6 Decorated T-Shirt; Lot 7 Diamond Art; Lot 8 Feather Work; Lot 9 Jewelry; Lot 9 Latch hook; Lot 11 Leathercraft; Lot 12 Lego build; Lot 13 Macramé; Lot 14 Metal crafting; Lot 15 Restored items, furniture, trunks, etc.; Lot 16 Sewn crafts; Lot 17 Scratch art picture; Lot 18 Sculpture; Lot 19 Stained glass; Lot 20 Stamp art; Lot 21 String art; Lot 22 Carving Wood; Lot 23 Wood Craft; Lot 24 Other

Class II – Toys

Lot 1 Crochet; Lot 2 Cloth; Lot 3 Dolls; Lot 4 Fur; Lot 5 Quilted; Lot 6 Wooden; Lot 7 Other

Class III – Ceramics

Lot 1 Chalking; Lot 2 Detailed paint; Lot 3 Dry brushing; Lot 4 Glaze, decal; Lot 5 Glaze, mother of pearl; Lot 6 Glaze; Lot 7 Other

Class IV – Specialty Class - For Men Only

Lot 1 Blacksmithing; Lot 2 Furniture; Lot 3 Plasma cut; Lot 4 Wood; Lot 5 Welding – MIG; Lot 6 Welding – Stick; Lot 7 Other

Class V – Taxidermy

Lot 1 Antler Mount; Lot 2 Bird Full Mount; Lot 3 European Mount; Lot 4 Fish Mount – skin; Lot 5 Fish Mount – replica; Lot 6 Full Body Mount; Lot 7 Habitat and Mount; Lot 8 Mammal

– small; Lot 9 Mammal – large; Lot 10 Turkey Tails; Lot 11 Other

Junior Crafts: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division H-JR

DIVISION I – PLANTS / FLOWERS

Class I – Flower Arrangements

Lot 1 All roses in a vase; Lot 2 Artificial flower arrangement; Lot 3 Buffet; Lot 4 Centerpieces; Lot 5 Dry arrangement; Lot 6 Flowers in a vase; Lot 7 Flowers in a basket; Lot 8 Holiday arrangement; Lot 9 Miniature; Lot 10 Wildflowers and grasses; Lot 11 Other

Class II – House Plants

Lot 1 Blooming house plant; Lot 2 Cactus; Lot 3 Foliage plants; Lot 4 Potted plants; Lot 5 Succulent Plant; Lot 6 Terrarium; Lot 7 Fairy Garden; Lot 8 Other

Class III – Outdoor Container Plants

Lot 1 Flower box; Lot 2 Hanging plant, foliage; Lot 3 Hanging plant, blooming; Lot 4 Potted planter, one variety; Lot 5 Potted planter, mixed variety; Lot 6 Yard art planter, one variety; Lot 7 Yard art planter, mixed variety; Lot 8 Other

Junior Plants: Juniors (18 and under) may enter any lot by labeling as Division I-JR

DIVISION J – 70 YEARS at the Fair

Items in this specialty division must be “vintage” (20 – 99 years old) and may be entered for judging or “display only”

Class I – Items from the Fair

Lot 1 Photos – McLean Co. Fair; Lot 2 Carnival Memorabilia; Lot 3 McLean Co. Fair Memorabilia; Lot 3 Fair Vendor Purchase; Lot 4 4H Memorabilia; Lot 4 4H Project; Lot 4 FFA Memorabilia; Lot 6 FFA Project; Lot 7 School Project; Lot 11 Other

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Livestock, exhibits give FFA, 4-H chance to shine

Two staples of rural North Dakota youths' lives take center stage during the McLean County Fair, as the 4-H youth and FFA students have the opportunity to face the judges, and each other.

They'll be vying for top honors at the annual 4-H Day, which is held Friday, with registration for the static judging.

There will be 4-H, an open class rabbit, livestock judging, a livestock show and a horse show.

The youth have spent days, weeks, months, and sometimes even years on these projects/animals. The fair is their opportunity to show off all of their hard work, and what they've learned through their work with 4-H and FFA. Top honors of Grand Champion and Reserved Grand Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top competitors, while others will receive other ribbons deemed appropriate by the judges.

The North Dakota Junior Points Show where youth will show off their prize cattle, sheep, goats and swine will be held bright and early at 8 a.m. Sunday, while the Cloverbud livestock parade, 4-H and

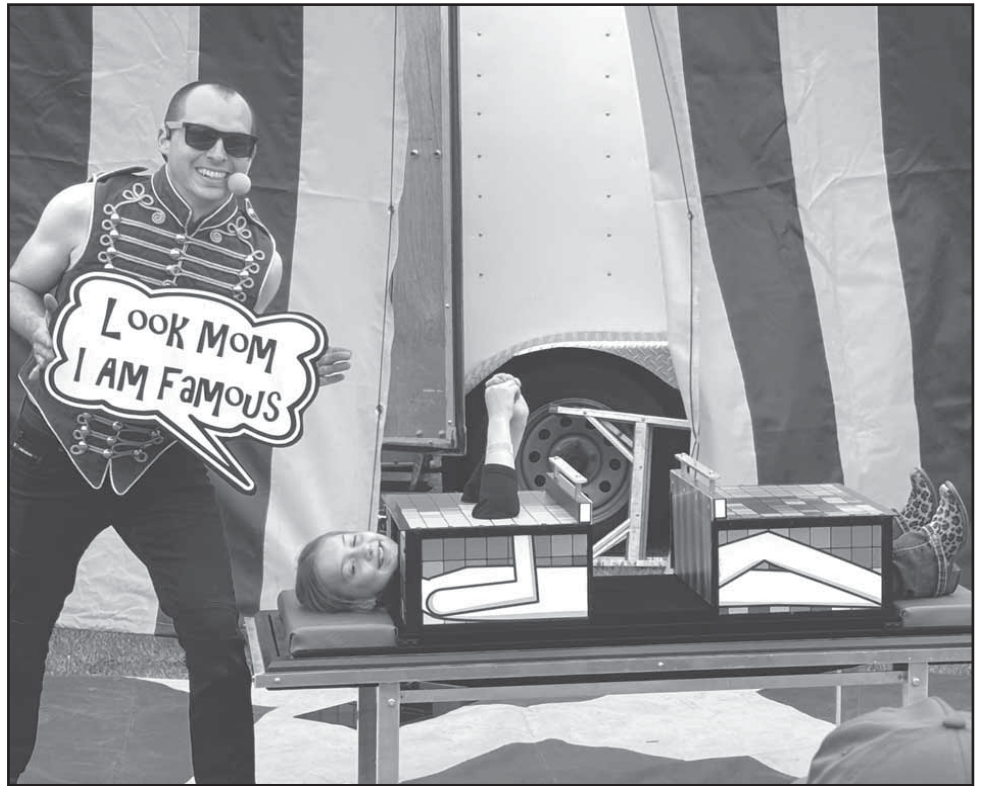
FFA livestock premium sale, and 4-H awards are all set to get underway at 4 p.m. Saturday

The 4-H and FFA static exhibits will be open for public viewing following the judging through Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

The youth have spent hours working with their animals to make sure they are in tip-top shape for the judges. They're not just pets or show animals – most times, they're members of the family.

Walking through the barns where the cattle, hogs, sheep and goats are housed, and taking a little stroll through the area where the kids keep their chickens, geese and bunnies during the fair reminds one how important livestock is to not just these kids, but to the livelihood of North Dakota's farm families.

For those wishing to enter, entries should be made online at mcleanfair.com. All entries must be verified in person and paid during onsite registration/weigh-in on June 14 from 4 p.m. For more information contact Amanda Huettl at 701-240-2034 or Ashlet Woolley 701-315-0232.



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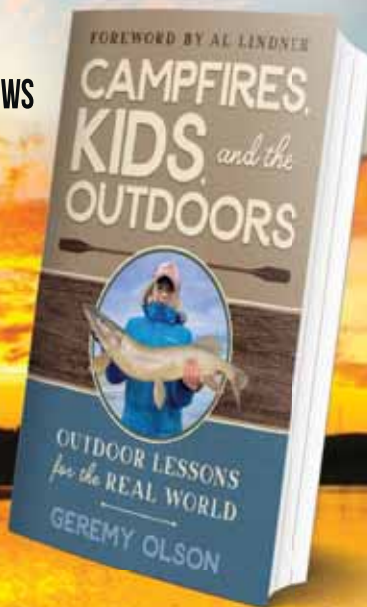
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