

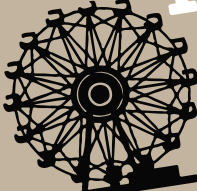
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163rd Annual

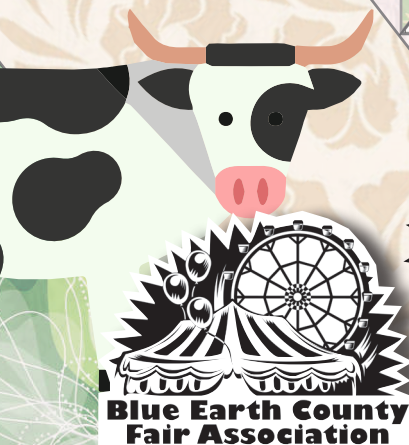
JULY 20TH-23RD 2023

Garden City, Minnesota

NEW!

J&K
AMUSEMENTS
THURS - SUN

**ATV/Motorcycle
Barrel Racing**
Thursday, July 20th
Gut-N-Go Derby
Friday, July 21st
Compact Car Races
Saturday, July 22nd
Demo Derby
Sunday, July 23rd

Family Fun, 163 years in the making!



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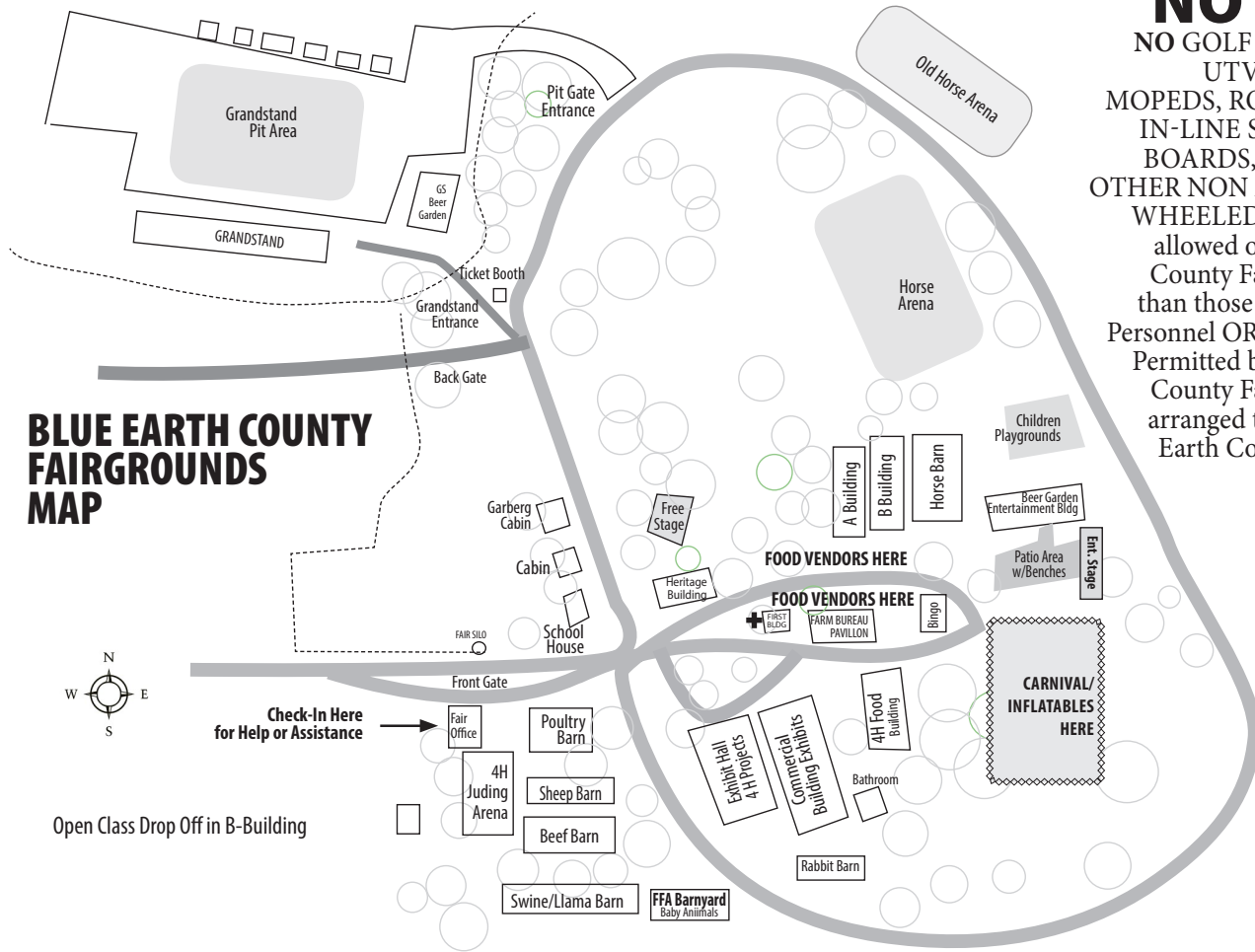
Open Class
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Due July 19th
8am - 6pm



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NOTICE

NO GOLF CARTS, ATV'S, UTV'S, SCOOTERS, MOPEDS, ROLLER SKATES, IN-LINE SKATES, SKATE BOARDS, BICYCLES, OR OTHER NON AUTOMOTIVE WHEELED VEHICLES are allowed on the Blue Earth County Fairgrounds other than those operated by Fair Personnel OR Authorized and Permitted by the Blue Earth County Fair Board. Passes arranged through the Blue Earth County Fair Board.



Important Fair Information

Blue Earth County Fair

Office Location— 340 Fairgrounds St., Garden City, MN 56034
Mailing Address— PO Box 62, Mankato MN 56002-0062
Office Phone During Fair Hours — 507-546-3986

Directions to the Fairgrounds—

From Mankato take Hwy 169 South to Garden City about 14 miles turn Left on to Washington St/Co Rd 38. Continue straight ahead 1/2 miles into the Fairgrounds.

From Mapleton go North on Hwy 22 about 5.5 miles, turn Left on to Co Rd 10. Drive 6 miles on Co Rd 10 turn Right on to Co Rd 13. Drive 5 miles turn Right on to Hwy 169. Drive about 2 miles turn Right on Washington St/Co Rd 38. Continue straight ahead 1/2 miles into the Fairgrounds.

From Lake Crystal drive East on Co Rd 9 about 2.5 miles turn Right on to Co Rd 38. Drive about 3 miles until you meet Hwy 169. Turn Right on Hwy 169 and drive 1.5 miles and turn Left on to Washington St/Co Rd 38 into Garden City. Continue straight ahead 1/2 miles into the Fairgrounds.

Fair Hours—

Front Gate Opens at 8:00am to Close
Animal Barns 10:00am to 9:00pm
Exhibit Buildings open 10:00am to 9:00pm

Gate Pricing—

Walk-in Free, Parking One Day Pass \$5.00 Season Pass \$20.00.

Emergency Services—

First Aide Station is located in the White & Green Building (center) and the Sheriff Department Trailer next to the Heritage Building.

Fair Policies—

We take the greatest precaution for your safety and safety of all visitors to our fairgrounds during the Blue Earth County Fair, but each individual will be held personally responsible for their actions and the BECF will assume no liability or be responsible for any personal injury.

The Blue Earth County Fair Board will assume no liability for loss or damage to any property to concessionaire, exhibitor, or visitor due to theft, fire, tornado, flash floods, weather conditions or other causes.

The Blue Earth County Fair Board will provide limited security day and night, but will not be responsible for the loss or damage to exhibits or animals.

Alcoholic Beverages—Possession and consuming of alcoholic beverages or other chemical substances on the fairgrounds are NOT ALLOWED. Designated areas have been created by the Blue Earth County Fair Board where alcohol can be purchased and consumed. ID is required and wristbands provided. Alcoholic Beverages are NOT ALLOWED outside of the designated areas. NO EXCEPTIONS. If found on the grounds they will be confiscated.

Minnesota State Statute Chapter 38.01(d)

“Any person who shall willfully violate any rule or regulation made by agricultural societies during the days of a fair shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”



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Thank You

**Superintendents,
Judges & Volunteers**

*Your willingness to serve makes the
Fair a Great Summer Event.*

If you are interested in being a **Supervisor** or
Judge for the Blue Earth County Fair please
contact the Open Class Team at
OpenClass.BECFA@gmail.com

**Schoolhouse
Needs Volunteers**

to be Open during the Fair Hours

*If interested in sitting in the
schoolhouse during the
Blue Earth County Fair, please
contact the Fair and let us know
days and hours you would be
interested in volunteering.*



email—info@blueearthcountyfair.org



*Blue Earth County Fairboard wishes to thank our
County Commissioners for all their support and
belief in our vision for the future of our County Fair.*



From left: Vance Stuehrenberg (Chair), Kevin Paap (Vice-Chair),
Patty O'Conner, Kip Bruender, and Mark Piepho

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President's Letter

Dear Friends of the Fair,

It has been my privilege to serve this year as the president of the Blue Earth County Fair Association. As we are getting ready to host this year's Fair it is hard to believe that this Fair is 163 years in the making. The Fair has seen many changes over the years and I remember my first encounter with this Fair. I was working for an area non-profit and we were asked if we would be willing to help. What that meant to me was...

we were in the middle of a back-to-school drive and we were collecting supplies for area children for local school.

From that moment on, I fell in love with our little County Fair and all its glory and its beauty. I volunteered over the next few years by helping in the beer garden and then taking on a little more responsibility by heading up Senior Day. I thought to myself: What did I get myself into? Well, little did I know then, that I would become the Fair President and be overseeing this event.

I went to the State Fair Convention a couple of years ago and attended a workshop where the speaker said that we were all doctors of sorts. I wondered what they were talking about, so I listened very closely to what they said next and this is what I heard: We as board members take the pulse of the fair...by how it is doing from what we are hearing and what people want to see at the Fair and also the smells of fair food.

This is the prescription that I have figured out. First, you asked for a carnival; well this year we have a carnival. J & K Amusement will be at this year's Fair along with the smell of corndogs, cotton candy, cheese curds, and much more. We heard that they want to have fun and forget about everyday stress and pressures and come out and enjoy their time at the Fair. So this year we have two outstanding bands for the beer garden. They are The ROOK Band and GTX Band; both of which are local bands from the Mankato Area. We are working on Vendors for this year's Fair. Grandma's on the Loose was a big hit last year and will be returning this year. It has been said one person's junk is another person's treasure and that sure was the case. Kid's Day had a face painter; words can not express the joy that the kids had after getting their faces painted. To see their smiling faces walking around the fairgrounds was a joy to behold. I could go on and on, but Liz, who puts this amazing book together, would say enough...LOL!

The Grandstand events are always a big draw to any fair and one would say what is a fair without them. So once again we will have the ATV/ Motorcycle Barrel Races and we are delighted to have the Mankato Area Shriners back to trade some paint...as they put it. As well as the ever famous Demo Derby, no Fair would be complete without one.

As Fair Board member's, we never know if what you're doing is appreciated or not, but when you see children and adults with huge smiles on their faces, you know you have accomplished a job well done and it was all worth it.

So we hope to see you at this year's fair July 20th - 23rd....let's make some memories.

Thank you for your support!

Robin Tietz

President, Blue Earth County Fair Association



Need a place for your Wedding Reception or Event, What about us???



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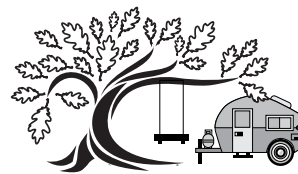
Commercial - \$600 per day
Entertainment Bldg - \$200 per day
Heritage Building - \$150 per day
Concession Stand - \$150 per day
A Building - \$125/day (as is no moving)
Horse Barn - \$ 200/day (as is no moving)
Free Stage \$50 • Enter: Stage \$150/day
First Aide/Pavilions Bldg - \$50 per day
Entire Camping Area - \$4500



Shady Oaks Campground Winter Storage Prices

Outside Storage is \$1.10 per square foot
Inside Storage is \$1.35 per square foot

Call 507-546-3986



Shady Oaks Campground

Shady Oaks Campground is located in Garden City,
Home of the Blue Earth County Fair.

Peaceful, quiet and relaxing, our campground is especially suited for the family that loves to spend time outdoors. Canoe landings, fishing, hiking trail, biking, playground equipment, and other variety of activities for everyone.

shadyoakscampground@gmail.com
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Call for current camping rates

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★ Our Mission ★


"The mission of the Blue Earth County Fair Association is to provide facilities to accommodate a variety of activities. These facilities will be designed and maintained to serve the activities and needs of 4-H youth, individuals, community and government groups as well as businesses. The primary objective of the Association is to promote, plan and put on an annual Fair for the benefit of 4-Her's, youth and adult residents of Blue Earth County: allowing them to showcase their accomplishments and talents in a safe family atmosphere while providing activities, entertainment and learning opportunities to the diverse residents of Blue Earth County and surrounding areas."

BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 2023 • SENIOR DAY

8:00 am	4H Poultry Show – Judging Arena
8:00 am	Open Class Judging starts and Master Gardener available
8:30 am	Senior Day Vendor Setup - Entertainment Building
9:00 am	Senior Day Light Snack - Entertainment Building
10 am – 9 pm	4H Exhibits Hall and Livestock Barns Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	FFA Barnyard Baby Animal Petting Zoo Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	Open Class Exhibits/Commercial Building Open
10 am – 9 pm	Grandma’s on the Loose Flea Markets - Located in the A Building
10 am – 9 pm	Duluth Metal Craft & Draugr Forger “Forged in Fire” Demos
10 am – 9 pm	Hasse Family Petting Zoo * - Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	Minnesota DNR TIP Trailer - Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	Amtgard - Fairgrounds
11:00 am	Vine Stompers - Entertainment Area Stage
11am – 9 pm	J&K Amusements Carnival Rides - Fairgrounds
11:45 pm	Welcome by BECFA President – Entertainment Area
12:00 pm	Senior Lunch compliments of the Blue Earth Co. Farm Bureau - Ent. Center
12:45 pm	Senior & Century Farm Recognition – Entertainment Area
1:00 pm	The iPolka Band – Entertainment Area Stage
1:00 pm	4H Lamb Lead followed by Sheep Show - Judging Arena
2:00 pm	Doug Ohman(Pioneer Photographer) – “MN’s Rich Agricultural Heritage” Open Class Bldg
2:00 pm	The Loose Gravel Band – Free Stage
3:00 pm	Pfeffer Card Tournament – Entertainment Building Area
3:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
4 – 6 pm	The Wendt Sisters Band – Entertainment Area Stage
4:00 pm	4H Goat Show – Judging Arena
4:00 pm	Doug Ohman(Pioneer Photographer) – “Looking Back MN 150yrs Ago” Open Class Bldg
5:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
5:30 pm	Ag Olympics Contest – Judging Arena Area
7:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
7 – 11 pm	Teen Dance – Kern Brothers DJ Music — Entertainment Area Stage
7:00 pm	ATV & MOTORCYCLE BARREL RACING EVENT – GRANDSTAND
9:00 pm	Fair Bldgs, 4-H Building & Livestock Barns Closed for evening


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Thursday  **4-H
POULTRY
SHOW
8:00 AM**


Thursday  **4-H
GOAT
SHOW
4:00 PM**

Thursday  **4-H
SHEEP
SHOW
1:00 PM**

Friday  **4-H
BEEF
SHOW
8:30 AM**

Friday  **4-H
RABBIT
SHOW
8:00 AM**

Friday  **4-H
SWINE
SHOW
3:00 PM**

Friday  **4-H
PET & CAT
SHOW
7:00 PM**

Saturday  **4-H
HORSE
SHOW
8:30 AM**

**4-H GENERAL PROJECT
CHAMPION
AWARDS CEREMONY
SATURDAY
FREE STAGE at 6:00 PM**

FRIDAY, JULY 21st, 2023 • KIDS DAY

8:00 am	4H Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn
8:30 am	4H Beef Show – Judging Arena
10:30 am	4H Dairy Show – Judging Arena
10:00 am	Master Gardeners available in Open Class
10 am – 9 pm	4H Exhibits Hall and Livestock Barns Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	FFA Barnyard Baby Animal Petting Zoo Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	Open Class Exhibits/Commercial Building Open
10 am – 9 pm	Grandma’s on the Loose Flea Markets - Located in the A Building
10 am – 9 pm	Duluth Metal Craft & Draugr Forger “Forged in Fire” Demos
10 am – 9 pm	Hasse Family Petting Zoo * - Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	Minnesota DNR TIP Trailer - Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	Amtgard - Fairgrounds
11 am – 7 pm	Kids Day Activities – Farm Bureau Pavilion Area
11 am – 9 pm	J&K Amusements Carnival Rides - Fairgrounds
1:00 – 7 pm	Prairie Ecology Bus - Fairgrounds Near the Free Stage Area
1:00 pm	Hot Wheels/Boat Races – Near the Free Stage Area
1:00 pm	4H Demonstrations – General and Livestock – 4H Building
1:30 pm	Kids Treasure Hunt – by Free Stage Area
2:00 pm	Pizza Eating Contest Sponsored by Casey’s General Store – Ent. Stage Area
2 – 2:45 pm	The Wonderful World of Woody – Free Stage

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 21st, 2023 • KIDS DAY CONTINUED

3:00 pm	Ice Cream Eating Contest - Ent. Stage Area (Sponsored by Coldstone Creamery)
3:00 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
3:00 pm	4H Swine Show - Judging Arena
3:30 pm	4H Fashion Revue Interviews Begin – 4H Building
3:30 pm	Jack Sparrow, Pirate Entertainer – Free Stage
4:00 pm	The Coyotes Band – Entertainment Area Stage
4:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
5:00 pm	4-H Share-the-Fun and Performing Arts followed by Fashion Revue – Free Stage
6 – 6:45 pm	The Wonderful World of Woody – Free Stage
7:00 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
7:00 pm	GUT-N-GO DERBY - GRANDSTAND
7:00 pm	4H State Fair Exhibitor Meeting – 4H Exhibit Hall
7:30 pm	Gabriel Holmes, Hypnotist – Free Stage
8:00 pm	The Rook Band – Entertainment Area Stage
9:00 pm	Fair Bldgs, 4-H Building & Livestock Barns Closed for evening

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SATURDAY, JULY 22nd, 2023 • FAMILY DAY

8 am – 12 pm	4H State Fair Registration – 4H Exhibit Hall
8:30 am	4H Horse Show followed immediately by State Horse Show Paperwork – Horse Arena
10:00 am	Master Gardeners available in Open Class
10 am – 9 pm	4H Exhibits Hall and Livestock Barns Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	FFA Barnyard Baby Animal Petting Zoo Open to the Public
10 am – 9 pm	Open Class Exhibits/Commercial Building Open
10 am – 9 pm	Hasse Family Petting Zoo* – Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	J&K Amusements Carnival Rides - Fairgrounds
10 am – 9 pm	Grandma's on the Loose Flea Markets - Located in the A Building
10 am – 9 pm	Duluth Metal Craft & Draugr Forger "Forged in Fire" Demos
10 am – 9 pm	Amtgard - Fairgrounds
12:00 pm	4H Pet & Cat Show – Judging Arena
12:30 pm	Local Talent Show featuring Ben Scruggs – Free Stage (Sponsored by PEPSI)
1:00 pm	Local Talent Show featuring Mallory Murphy – Free Stage (Sponsored by PEPSI)
1:00 – 7 pm	Prairie Ecology Bus - Fairgrounds Near the Free Stage Area
1:30 pm	Local Talent Show featuring Chris Bertrand – Free Stage (Sponsored by PEPSI)
2:00 pm	Local Talent Show featuring BDE Boys – Free Stage (Sponsored by PEPSI)
2:00 pm	Mini Donut Eating Contest – Next to Don Nelson's Mini Donut Wagon
2:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
2:30 pm	Chicken BBQ Contest – Outside the 4H Building
3:00 pm	David Malmberg, Comedian & Ventriloquist – Free Stage
3:00 pm	Pie Eating Contest – Near Entertainment Stage Area (Sponsored by The Dam Store)
4:00 pm	Kids Pedal Pull – Entertainment Area Stage
4:00 pm	Veteran's Recognition Program – Free Stage
4:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
5:00 pm	David Malmberg, Comedian & Ventriloquist – Free Stage
5:00 pm	The Paul Stewart Show – Entertainment Stage
6:00 pm	4-H Awards Program/General Project Champion Awards - Free Stage
7:00 pm	David Malmberg, Comedian & Ventriloquist – Free Stage
7:00 pm	COMPACT CAR RACING - GRANDSTAND
7:30 pm	Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
8:00 pm	GTX Band - Entertainment Area Stage
9:00 pm	Fair Bldgs, 4-H Building & Livestock Barns Closed for evening
9:30 pm	Amazing Hoopster Light Show - Free Stage

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BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 2023

10:00 am Master Gardeners available in Open Class
 10:00 am Sunday Church Service – Entertainment Area Stage
 10 am – 4 pm 4H Exhibits Hall and Livestock Barns Open to the Public
 10 am – 4 pm FFA Barnyard Baby Animal Petting Zoo Open to the Public
 10 am – 6 pm Open Class Exhibits/Commercial Building Open
 10 am – 6 pm Grandma's on the Loose Flea Markets - Located in the A Building
 10 am – 6 pm Duluth Metal Craft & Drauger Forger "Forged in Fire" Demos
 11:00 am 4-H Premier Showmanship, Judging Arena
 11 am – 4 pm Amtgard - Fairgrounds
 11 am – 6 pm Hasse Family Petting Zoo* – Fairgrounds
 11 am – 6 pm J&K Amusements Carnival Rides - Fairgrounds
 11 am – 6 pm Minnesota DNR TIP Trailer - Fairgrounds
 11:00 am Premier Senior Showmanship &
 Celebrity Showmanship Contest – Livestock Arena
 1:00 pm PJ's Magic Show* – Free Stage
 1:30 pm RAD Zoo (Reptiles & Amphibian Discovery Zoo) – Near Free Stage
 2:00 pm DEMO DERBY - GRANDSTAND
 2:30 pm Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
 4:00 pm Lumberjack Show – Near the Free Stage Area
 4:00 pm Fair Bldgs, 4-H Building & Livestock Barns Closed for evening

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Senior Day Vendor



Cupcakes anyone? Guess who?



Senior Day Vendor

* Entertainment sponsored by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, through partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Hope to see you at the Fair!

Volunteers Needed

Want to ADD some fun to your summer?
 Volunteer at the Blue Earth County Fair.
 We are currently looking for volunteers in these areas—
 parking, open class attendants, back gate bouncer,
 setup, tear down, overseeing the grounds, trash pickup,
 school house attendant and many more fun activities.

*Interested, please visit our website and
 download a volunteer application.*

www.blueearthcountyfair.org

Supporting the Blue Earth County Fair

**163rd There is still time to be part of the
 2023 Blue Earth County Fair.**

Volunteering, donating, and sponsoring an event would be greatly appreciated.

If supporting the Fair this year isn't in your budget, think about support the 2024 Blue Earth County Fair.

We are always looking for support and help in making our Fair the Best It Can Be.

**email us at info@blueearthcountyfair.org
www.BlueEarthCountyFair.org**

2023 Blue Earth County Fair

July 20–23

"Best Wishes for another great County Fair."

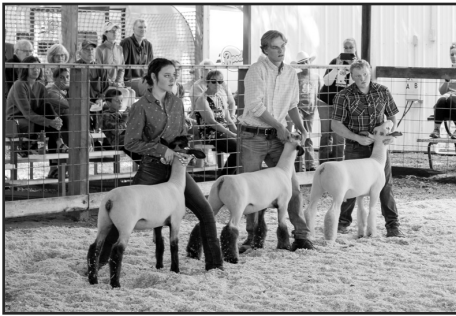
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2023 Blue Earth County 4-H Fair Schedule



Saturday, July 15th

9:00 am Fair Set Up
12:00 pm Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand. Talk to your club leader for your assigned time. ALL Livestock Exhibitor are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.

Tuesday, July 18th 4-H General Project Exhibits

2:00 – 7:00 pm 4-H general project entry and judging, Blue Earth County Fairgrounds 4-H Exhibit Hall.
7:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall closed until Thursday

Wednesday, July 19th 4-H Exhibit Hall Closed except for Animal ID needs

Noon – 7:00 pm Stalling for all animals (see check in times for each species below)
4:00 – 7:00 pm Rabbit Entry & ID Check - Rabbit Barn
4:00 – 7:00 pm Animal Science Interviews in Livestock Barns
4:00 – 5:30 pm Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Swine Barn
5:00 – 7:00 pm Beef and Dairy Weigh-In and ID Check - Beef Barn
5:00 – 7:00 pm Poultry ID Check - Poultry Barn
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sheep and remaining goat Weigh-In and ID Check - Sheep Barn
5:30 pm Rabbit Showmanship Showdown Contest - Rabbit Barn
6:30 – 7:00 pm Horse Verification - Horse Barn
7:00 pm Horse Exhibitor and Parent Meeting - Horse Barn
At ID Check, exhibitors must declare which animals they will exhibit and final class selections.



Thursday, July 20th BLUE EARTH COUNTY FAIR OPENS

10 am – 9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public
8:00 am 4-H Poultry Show, Judging Arena
1:00 pm 4-H Lamb Lead and Sheep Show, Judging Arena
4:00 pm 4-H Dairy Goat Show followed by Meat Goat Show, Judging Arena
5:30 pm Ag Olympics Contest, Judging Arena – Sign up for Ag Olympics



Friday, July 21st

10 am – 9 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public
8:00 am 4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit Barn
8:30 am 4-H Beef Show, Judging Arena
10:30 am 4-H Dairy Show, Judging Arena
1:00 pm 4-H Demonstrations - General and Livestock, 4-H Exhibit Hall
3:00 pm 4-H Swine Show, Judging Arena
3:30 pm Fashion Revue Interviews, 4-H Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm Share-the-Fun and Performing Arts Exhibition followed by Fashion Revue, Free Stage
6:00 pm Minnesota State Fair trip selection due, 4-H Exhibit Hall
All State Fair trips must be accepted or declined and registration paperwork picked up by this time. Trips not committed will go to alternates.
7:00 pm State Fair Exhibitor Meeting, 4H Exhibit Hall



Saturday, July 22nd

10 am – 9:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public
8:00 am State Fair Registration, 4H Exhibit Hall
8:00 am Horse Verification for trailered horses
8:30 am 4-H Horse Show, Horse Arena
Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show paperwork will be immediately after the horse show is complete
Noon Premier Showmanship participation deadline, 4-H Exhibit Hall
Noon 4-H Pet & Cat Show, Judging Arena
2:30 pm Chicken BBQ Contest, outside 4-H Exhibit Hall
6:00 pm Champion Awards Ceremony and Extension Farm Family Recognition, Free Stage



Sunday, July 23rd – FINAL day of the Fair.

10:00 am – 4:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barns open to the Public
10:00 am – 11:00 am State Horse Show Registration due, 4-H Exhibit Hall. Horse Exhibitors Only.
10:30 am Mandatory Meeting for Premier Showmanship participants
11:00 am 4-H Premier Showmanship, Judging Arena
3:00 pm Tri-County Fair paperwork due, 4-H Exhibit Hall
3:00 – 4:00 pm Rabbit and Poultry Released
4:00 – 5:00 pm General Project Exhibits Released and cleaning of 4-H Building and 4-H Foodstand
If you cannot pick up your projects during this time frame, please arrange for someone else to come. Each exhibitor is expected to help with either set up or clean up in the 4-H Exhibit Hall and Foodstand. Talk to your club leader for your assigned time.
4:30 pm All remaining animals released - Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine
6:00 pm ALL Livestock Exhibitor are expected to help with barn set up and barn cleanup.
Cleaning of 4-H Exhibit Hall, Foodstand, and Barns to be completed
If you finish in your area early, please ask what else can be done before you leave. We appreciate everyone's help making sure all of the buildings are clean before leaving the fair!



SENIOR DAY ²⁰²³ Events

11am



Vine Stompers

Pfeffer Card Tournaments
3:00 pm

1:00 pm



The iPolka Band



The Loose Gravel

2:00 pm

4pm



The Wendt Sisters

Blue Earth County Fair Senior Day Program

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

(all activities will be taking place in the Entertainment Area Stage)



- 8:30 am Vendors can start setting up their booth
- 9:00 am Vendor Fair opens with a light morning snack
- 11:00 am Vine Stompers - Entertainment Area
- 11:45 am Welcome by BECFA President Robin Tietz
- 12:00 pm Lunch (compliments of **Blue Earth County Farm Bureau**)
- 12:45 pm Senior Awards Ceremony/Century Farm Awards
- 1:00 pm The iPolka Band - Entertainment Area
- 2:00 pm Doug Ohman, Speaker —"MN's Rich Ag Heritage" —
Open Class Building
- 2:00 pm Loose Gravel Band - Free Stage
- 3:00 pm Pfeffer Card Tournament (inside)
- 4 - 6 pm The Wendt Sisters - Entertainment Area
- 4:00 pm Doug Ohman, Speaker —"Looking Back Minnesota 150 Years Ago" — **Open Class Building**
- 7-11 pm Kern Brothers - Entertainment Area

For more information contact Micheala Urban, c/o Blue Earth County Fair
PO Box 62, Mankato, MN 56002-0062 or email at info@blueearthcountyfair.org.

Lunch Sponsor



Blue Earth County Farm Bureau



Doug Ohman

Pioneer Photographer, Story Teller and Speaker



is coming to the
Blue Earth County Fair
Thursday, July 20, 2023

Speaking on—

- 2:00 pm Minnesota's Rich Agricultural Heritage
- 4:00 pm Looking Back Minnesota 150 Years Ago

Speaking in
Open Class
Building



He will be sharing pictures, telling stories that will make you laugh, so be sure to stop over and get your seat early. Space is limited!



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The Blue Earth County Fair

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**2023
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EVENT**

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Mankato
Area Shiner's
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Back Again



**ATV & Motorcycle
BARREL
racing**
for kids and adults alike

Check website for Class information
Thurs., July 20th – 7pm



**COMPACT
CAR
RACES**
at the Grandstands in Garden City MN

SATURDAY, July 22nd
7pm Start
Pit Gates Open 2 pm for Tech

Check our
website
for Class
Information.

Gut-And-Go
is back at the Grandstands
Garden City Minnesota

FRIDAY, July 21st
7pm Start



PIT GATES
Open 2^{pm} for Tech

Demolition Derby
Grandstands • Garden City, Minnesota

Sunday, July 23rd
Pit Gates Opens 10^{am}

**2pm
Start**



Check our website for CLASS INFORMATION.
Call for more information—507-766-5031

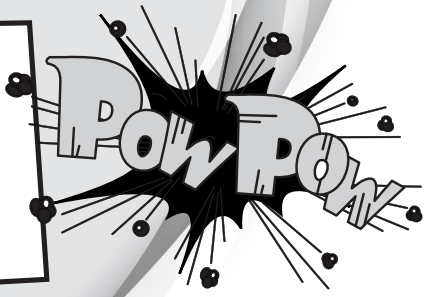
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For more information on any of our Events go to —
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email—info@blueearthcountyfair.org

**BE SURE TO STOP OVER AND CHECK
OUT THE BANDS IN THE BEER
GARDENS FOR SOME MUSIC & FUN**

FRIDAY, JULY 21st—
8pm—The ROOK Band
SATURDAY, JULY 22nd—
8pm—GTX Band



The Blue Earth County Fair BEER GARDENS

Entertainment Stage Lineup

2023

Teen Dance



**Thursday
July 20th
7-11pm**
Kern Brothers Entertainment



ROCK
Friday, July 21st • 8 pm



GTX Band
Saturday, July 22nd
8:00pm



Lynda Brenda
THE WENDT SISTERS
Thurs., July 20th • 4-6 pm



The Coyotes Band
Friday, July 21st • 4pm



THE PAUL STEWART SHOW
Saturday, July 22nd • 5 pm

**Pfeffer Card
Tournaments**
Thurs., 3pm



The iPolka Band
Thursday, July 20th
1:00pm

Pie Eating Contest
sponsored by Dam Store
Sat., 3:00 pm
Entertainment Stage

Pizza Eating Contest
sponsored by Casey's
Friday 2:00 pm
Entertainment Stage

**Ice Cream
Eating Contest**
sponsored by Cold Stone Creamery
Friday 3:00 pm
Entertain. Stage

What's happening on

KIDS DAY

at the Blue Earth County Fair.

Share photos with #BEFair2023

Hasse Family Petting Zoo
OPEN
ALL 4 Days



FRIDAY July 21st, 2023

Center Fairground Area

11am-7pm

- Face Painting Fun & Balloons Animals
- Blue Earth County Soil & Water Activity
- Wood Building Craft Project
(Brought to you by Home Depot)
- Goodie Bags for all children
- Children IDs – Sheriff Dept
- Scavenger Hunt (4H Bldg)
- And Much Much More!

Coming This Year



Blue Earth County Library System will be bring their Imagination Blocks.



"FORGED IN FIRE"
Demos for Kids
11-7pm
FRIDAY

COME SEE
Duluth Metal Craft & Draugr Forge

BALLOON ARTISTS

a Kids Day Activity

Friday, July 21st
11am - 7pm

Farm Bureau Pavillion



a Kids Day Activity
FRIDAY, July 21st

11AM - 7PM


Farm Bureau Pavillion

Face Painting Artist

MAKING FACES MANKATO



David Malmberg with Simon Spencer & Leonard Cribble



SATURDAY JULY 22ND 2023

Shows at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm

The Wonderful World of Woody



Music and sing-alongs, juggling, some rock and roll, a little magic, dancing and audience participation, all rolled into one nonstop interactive entertainment experience, pleasing kids of all ages!

This children's show features the multitalented Tom Strohmeyer also known as "Woody"!

Blue Earth County Fair
Friday, July 21st
2pm-2:45pm & 6pm-6:45pm
on the Free Stage

Blue Earth County Fair
★★★★ Garden City, MN ★★★★★

LIVE MUSIC Presents **The Paul Stewart Show**



22nd JULY Saturday

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Come for the Fun!
Beer Garden

50's/ 60's. Country. Rock & Blues

MN Jack Sparrow
Captain Jack Sparrow Impersonator and Pirate Entertainer



is coming to the **Blue Earth County Fair** Friday, July 21, 2023

With 15 years experience in Pirate Entertainment and education. MN Jack Sparrow sails around the Midwest and beyond attending Fun events. You can also find him at Schools and libraries teaching Pirate and Nautical History.

Friday July 21st 3:30-4:30 pm Free Stage

Gabriel Holmes Hypnotist



Gabriel's high energy and fabulous imagination creates an unforgettable show that audience members will truly love.

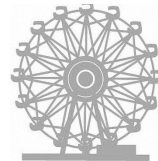
Free Stage Friday, July 21st 7:30pm

Come Be Part of the Show



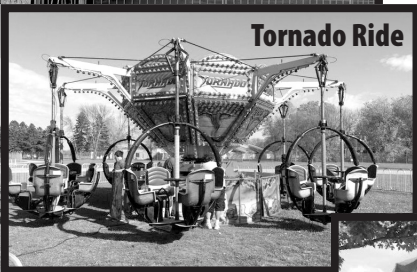
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We look forward to hearing from you!



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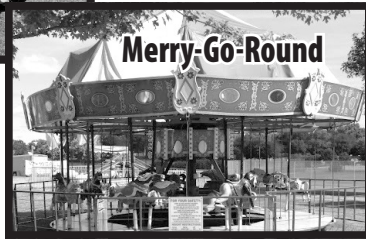


HOT DOGS
CORN DOGS

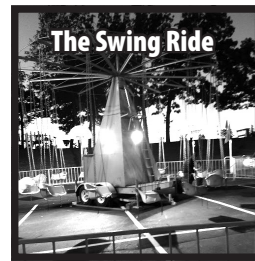
Pre-Sale Wristband- All 4 Days Wristband \$45
Check website for locations.

FUNNEL CAKES

CARNIVAL GAMES



CARNIVAL FOOD TRUCKS
CHEESE CURDS



COTTON CANDY

6-8 Rides 5-8 Concessions coming



Coming to the Blue Earth County Fair July 20th-23rd, 2023

Please Note-Carnival Rides are Subject to Change.



2023 *Coming to the* Blue Earth County Fair **FREE STAGE**

4H Awards Ceremony
Sat., 6 pm

4H Fashion Show
Friday 5 pm

Kids Treasure Hunt
Friday, July 21st
1:30 PM
Near the Free Stage

Sunday
1:30 pm

Reptile & Amphibian Discovery Show

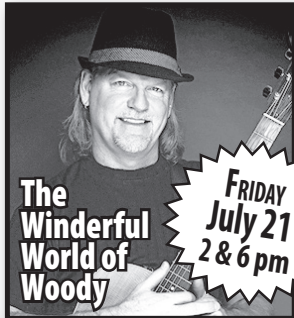
Sunday
1:00 pm

Blue Earth County Fair
GARDEN CITY, MN
Presents
PJ's Fun Magic Show
Sunday
July 23rd
1:00PM - 2:30PM on the Free Stage
you won't believe your eyes!

Local Talent
Sat., July 23rd
12:30 - 2 pm
More Info See Page 13
Sponsored by PEPSI



Hypnotist Gabriel Holmes



Outstanding Veteran Recognition
Saturday, July 23rd
4:00 pm

Friday
7:30 pm

David Malmberg Ventriloquist
SATURDAY JULY 22nd
Shows at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm Free Stage



Friday
3:30 pm



Saturday Night

Hasse Family Mobile Petting Zoo
Our Mobile Petting Zoo features a variety of animals, from ponies to pigs, goats to rabbits and much more!
www.hassefamily.com

OPEN
Thurs.-Sat. 10 am - 9 pm
Sun. 10am-6pm



Come check out our tent at the Blue Earth Co Fair.

Be sure to stop in and play with the many animals and see them play with each other.

Minnesota DNR TIP Trailer
will be at the Blue Earth County Fair
July 20th - 23rd, 2023

Be sure to stop by and see some of the items seized.



For More Information
Call 800-652-9093
Email—info.dnr@state.mn.us
Or visit our website at—
www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tip

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Be sure to stop by
 and check out
 the Baby Animals
 in Our Barnyard

**PETTING ZOO
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 Thur-Sat. 10am – 9pm
 Sunday 10am – 4pm



**Petting Zoo
 Agricultural Demonstrations
 Information on Local FFA Chapters
 Opportunities to Learn about Agriculture**

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more.



July 21 & 22
 1-7 pm
 both days

PRAIRIE
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Have you been wondering what PEBC is up to?
 Well come on out to the Blue Earth County Fair
 July 21 & 22 and check out their BUS.

PO Box 429
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 Lakefield MN 56150
507-662-5064
 prairie@ecologybus.org



www.ecologybus.org

Minnesota State
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

Come Join D&S Pedal Pull
 Kids 4-11 years old Welcome!

4:00 PM
 Registration 3:30pm

**ENTERTAINMENT
 STAGE AREA**
 Saturday
 July 22nd

**SPONSORED BY—
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The **Great Lakes
 Lumberjack Show**

We takes pride in presenting wholesome entertainment for the entire family. Every show offers a delightful blend of history and humor.



**Chainsaw Carving
 Axe Throwing
 Wood Chopping**

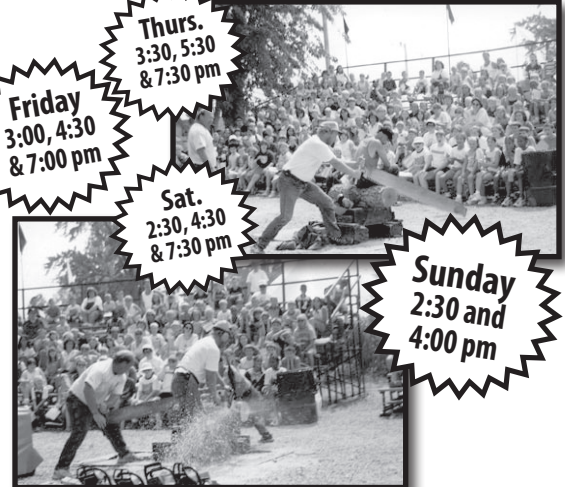
**One And Two-Man Crosscut Sawing
 Modified Chainsawing
 Log Rolling And Loads of Clean Family Humor**

Thurs.
 3:30, 5:30
 & 7:30 pm

Friday
 3:00, 4:30
 & 7:00 pm

Sat.
 2:30, 4:30
 & 7:30 pm

Sunday
 2:30 and
 4:00 pm



For 25 years, The Great Lakes Lumberjack Show has appeared at State Fairs, County Fairs, Festivals, and Sport Shows across the United States.

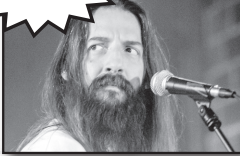
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Blue Earth County Fair Local Talent Variety Show

Saturday, July 22nd, 2023
FREE STAGE

12:30 pm Ben Scruggs



Singer/songwriter Ben Scruggs is a folk/blues/americana musician from Mankato, Minnesota. His style has been described by the Mankato Free Press as "folky, fun and eclectic."

1:00 pm Mallory Murphy



Mal originally grew up in MN Lake, is now a staple of the Mankato music scene. Mal plays a variety of covers, with a large mix of folk and country music, but also plays her own original music.

1:30 pm Chris Bertrand



Chris is a seasoned singer/songwriter from So. MN who dedicates his life to music. Deeply rooted in folk and unafraid to stomp and howl, Bertrand has hundreds of shows under his belt and will soon be releasing his first recording effort, 'By The Pour.'

2:00 pm BDE Boys



BDE Boys are a music group from Southern MN, including Andy Beltz, Dylan Mock, Cole Jackson, & Ethan Gruis. Specializing in Hip-Hop.



July 20th-23rd, 2023
Antgard
 Foam Fighting at the Fair!



is coming to the Blue Earth County Fair!



If you liked King Arthur or Robin Hood as a kid, come check out our fighting arena. Test your skills against the troll, one of our warriors or your best friend.

Be sure to come early and sign-up to fight the Troll.

Located near the Free Stage Area



AMAZING HOOPSTER LIGHT SHOW

Saturday, July 22 • 9:30 pm Show

FREE STAGE AREA



Thank You

vendors, Entertainers, Sponsors and Fair-goers for your on-going support of the Blue Earth County Fair.

Blue Earth County Fair

is planning a **TEEN DANCE** on Thursday evening at the Fair.

Save the DATE

JULY 20th
 2023
 Entertainment Stage Area

Kerns Brothers Entertainment

7-11pm



LET'S DANCE

Blue Earth County Fair

FALL FESTIVAL

Join Us For A

SATURDAY
 September 16, 2023
 10AM - 4PM
 Garden City, MN

Backyard COOK OFF



Rain or Shine



Watch our Facebook page for more information about signing up and registering for the first annual Backyard BBQ Cook Off to be held in conjunction with the Fall Festival, September 16th in Garden City, MN.



For More Information go to our website

www.blueearthcountyfair.org



July 20th – 23rd, 2023

Fun at the Fair

Hot Wheel Races
sponsored by Kunkel Electric
Friday 1:00 pm
Near the Free Stage

Kids Treasure Hunt


Friday, July 21st
1:30 PM
Near the Free Stage

PIZZA EATING CONTEST
Friday 2:00pm
Entertainment Stage
Sponsored by Casey's General Store

Pfeffer Card Tournaments
Thurs., 3pm
Ent. Bldg

Garden City MN

BOAT RACES
sponsored by Kunkel Electric
Friday 1:00 pm
Near the Free Stage

Ice Cream Eating Contest

Sponsored by Cold Stone Creamery
FRIDAY 3:00PM
Entertainment Stage

"FORGED IN FIRE"
Demos for Kids
11-7pm FRIDAY


The Great Lakes Lumberjack Show

Check out their ad on page 15 for Show Times.


Pie Eating Contest
Sponsored by The Dam Store

SATURDAY 3:00 PM
Entertainment Stage

COME SEE Duluth Metal Craft & Draugr Forge

The Hasse Family Mobile Petting Zoo
Funded by the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment

OPEN 10 am - 9 pm Daily
www.hassefamily.com
USDA supported and licensed by the USDA.

Look for the Antique Tractors Again, this Year

near the Free Stage Area

Mini Donut Eating Contest

Sponsored by Don Nelson of Nelson Farm
SATURDAY 2:00PM
Next to Don Nelson's Wagon

MN DNR TIP Trailer
Open ALL 4 DAYS


Roaming the grounds prior to and after his show.


MN Jack Sparrow Pirate Entertainment
Free Stage Friday 3:30pm

Come check out our tent next to the Free Stage.

Church Services
Tent by the Entertainment Stage
Sunday 10:00 am

Grandma's On The Loose
Show Me the Flea Markets
Located in the "A" BUILDING (Next to Open Class)
on the grounds of the Blue Earth County Fair
July 20-23, 2023


Hands-on History Fun at the HERITAGE BUILDING
DISCOVERY LAB with family activities and games + DISPLAYS of Fair History, Century Farms and Maps!
BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BlueEarthCountyHistory.com


2023 OPEN CLASS CONTEST CATEGORIES



The Most Exhibits Sweepstakes



Bring more exhibits and receive a special ribbon and a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card!

A large colorful Special Ribbon will be awarded in different departments/divisions to individuals exhibiting the most exhibits (6 or more in any one division) in the given department/division. (For example—the most vegetable entries, the most quick breads entries, the most hobbycraft entries, etc...)

For each division that an exhibitor enters 6 or more entries, they are granted an entry slip into a drawing for the \$100 Visa gift card! Drawing on Sunday.

Dept. 10 – New Trends

Division 1 – Pallets Pallet Sign

Make any sign for your home decor from a pallet, then enter it here!

Please indicate age.

Division 2 – Trash to Treasure

Please indicate age.

Take something old and make it new. Reuse, Renew or Re-purpose any item into something artistic or functional.

Artistic or Functional

Division 7/Class 1

Resin Art Contest

For more information email —

openclass.becfa@gmail.com

Please indicate age.



OPEN CLASS SPONSORS

Thank you to all of our local business sponsors for their donations of gift certificates and prizes that will help to celebrate our Top Winners in Open Class.

Thank You

to Open Class Exhibitors,
Judges & Supervisors

The Blue Earth County Fair Association acknowledges the time you are taking to participate in our Fair. Thank you!

Dept. 8 – Fine Arts

Division 3, 10 & 17—Lego Mania

Love building with those colorful plastic blocks? Design an original Castle Sculpture. No kits for this one.

Size limit is 2x4 ft.

Categories – Adult, Junior, Child

Division 4 & 11 – Photo Contest

Theme: Reflections

Using your cell phone, snap the best nature picture you can and bring it to the Fair!

Must be a color photo, taken by exhibitor, matte or mount on tagboard (velcro will be attached for displaying). Optional: Title for photo (no names).

Adult, Junior & Special Needs (Dept 9 Div4) categories.

Division 6/Class 7 – Jewelry

Wire Wrapping Jewelry Contest

For more information email —

openclass.becfa@gmail.com

Please indicate age.

Division 22 /Class 1

Grandparent & Me Contest

For more information email —

openclass.becfa@gmail.com

Please indicate age.



2024
Blue Earth
County Fair
will be
July 18-21

For more information email —

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Dept. 7 – Homemaking

Quilt of Valor for our Troops

To be donated after contest to QOV Foundation to be distributed to veterans for comfort and healing.

www.govf.org/make-a-qov (website gives directions)

Ideal size approximately 60"x80", red, white & blue color preferences.

Please indicate age.

Division 8 or 9 – Crocheted or Knitted

To be donated after contest to send to our troops in care packages.

www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/handmade-with-love

Width 4-6" • Length 48 to 50",
Subtle colors, check out website for more information

Please indicate age.

Dept. 4 – Flowers

Division 3/Class 10 – Potted Plants Fairy Garden Contest

Create a tiny, whimsical garden with plants, fairies and other fun items. Any type of container to go with your theme.

Please indicate age.

Dept. 5 – Culinary

King Arthur Flour Baking Contest

2 Prize Packages
(Adult & Junior/Children)

See page 24 for rules
how to enter this contest.

Open Class in 2023 Demos

Demonstrations throughout each day. We are currently filling our schedule for all 4 days of the Fair.

**IF YOU WANT TO DEMONSTRATE,
PLEASE CONTACT OPEN CLASS
COORDINATOR**

OpenClass.BECFA@gmail.com

Come check us out
in the Open Class Building.

2023 BECF Open Class Information

Important Dates—

Pre-Registration Deadline: Tuesday, July 18th at 9pm.

Entry Day: Wednesday, July 19th from 8 am–6 pm. ALL Entries.

Judging: Wednesday, July 19th at 6pm Flowers ONLY.

Judging: Thursday, July 20th starts at 8am General Exhibits.

Release/Pickup: Sunday, July 23rd between 4–6pm.

Open Class Buildings Hours: 10am–9pm daily during the fair.

Entry Day Instructions—

1. Enter through front gate (no parking fees on Wednesday).
2. You may park in front of the Open Class Building to unload, then move your vehicle after.
3. Pre-registration is recommended to make Entry Day easier. If you have not pre-registered, please have your items and Division and Class numbers ready upon arrival.
4. You will pay your entry fee, receive your tags and volunteers will be there to help place your items.
5. Registration closes at 6pm sharp, NO EXCEPTIONS.

REGULATIONS

1. Competition for premiums is open to all who wish to enter.
2. The Society will not assume any responsibility for (disease, sickness, injury,) loss or damage to exhibits contracted during the fair.
3. No person will be permitted to distribute advertising matter on the grounds except from their place of business or exhibit. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, or distribution of bills, cards, flyers, etc. except within the area occupied by the exhibitor is prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be liable to fine and expulsion from the grounds as the Board of Directors may elect.
4. If for any reason whatsoever the general receipts of the Society are reduced or diminished, then the Society does not guarantee full payment of premiums listed in this book.
5. The management will not be responsible for typographical errors in this book, but should any occur, they will be interpreted by Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and regulations.
7. Any person knowingly violating any of the rules of this Society will thereby forfeit all rights to any premiums that may be awarded to them.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO REFUSE ENTRIES, OR PROHIBIT THE EXHIBITION OF ANIMALS OR ARTICLES ENTERED

ENTRY PROCEDURES AND EXHIBITS

Wednesday 8 am–6 pm

1. All entries must be made on or before the first day of the fair. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE AND EXHIBITS IN PLACE BY 6:00 PM ON ENTRY DAY AND MAY NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL SUNDAY. DO NOT REMOVE ANY EXHIBIT UNLESS YOU HAVE CHECKED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THAT DEPARTMENT. (Special rules cover 4-H department). Monday - after fair - office open 9 am–11 am to pick up leftover items.
2. The Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space is unavailable. The management will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the management reserves the right to close entries at any time.
3. Stock and articles must be entered in the name of the bonafide owners.
4. No person shall enter an article that has heretofore been exhibited and a premium paid thereon in the same lot except in certain designated division/classes.
5. All articles exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and except in the designated division/classes must be made, manufactured, or raised during the past 12 months by the exhibitor.

6. Not more than one entry can be made in the same lot by any exhibitor, exception in Homemaking division. When more than one entry is made by the same family, proof of ownership must be shown to the superintendent of that division.
7. No article or livestock shall compete for more than one premium. This rule does not bar sweepstake or special award competition.
8. No article will be allowed to compete for cash premiums that is not named and numbered in the premium list. Articles not listed may be displayed upon approval of the division superintendent. A request can be made to the Board of Directors to make provisions for additional classes or lots in succeeding years.
9. Exhibitors will be furnished with cards containing exhibitor number, dept/division/class and lot designation and description of the articles. Such cards must be attached to or be in close contact with the article to which they belong.
10. All stock must be purebred except market poultry or recognized hybrids. In the case of hybrids, proof of the breeding must be furnished to the division superintendent.
11. Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board rules and regulations governing exhibition of livestock and poultry in Minnesota, will apply to livestock and poultry exhibited at the Fair. For information regarding these rules see your veterinarian.
12. Each person exhibiting livestock must present to the official veterinarian a certificate of health before the entry is accepted.
13. Only varieties recommended by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association of the Agriculture Extension Service shall compete for premiums.
14. All roots shall be cleaned and trimmed for exhibition.
15. No former prize winnings are to be displayed before judging in the division is completed.
16. It is the policy of the Blue Earth County Fair to award ribbons to all entries meeting judging criteria, except those disqualified.

JUDGING

1. Open class will begin Thursday morning, except flowers and gardening which will be started Wednesday.
2. Awards shall be designated by ribbons or cards as follows: Grand Champion - purple rosette with two streamers and Reserve Grand Champion - pink rosette with two streamers for Department, Champion - purple rosette with one streamer and Reserve Champion - pink rosette with one streamer for Division, First Premium - blue ribbon, Second Premium - red ribbon, and Third Premium - white ribbon for each Class. Exceptional exhibits will be given an award of merit.
3. Judges will report to the Secretary for instruction prior to beginning their work.
4. The superintendent or assistant of a division shall assist the awarding Judges as clerk and shall make a written entry on the record of award made. This record when completed shall be signed by the Judges and returned to the Secretary.
5. The Superintendent of each division shall check to see that each article entered on the record book is present and properly arranged before the Judges proceed to place the entries. If an article cannot be found, the Judges shall be so informed.
6. Should any article be entered in the wrong lot and the error be discovered before the judging, the Superintendent may make proper correction in the entry.
7. Any interference by the exhibitor to influence or dictate the decision of the Judges will be sufficient cause for excluding his or her entry from competition and must be reported to the Secretary by the superintendent of the division.
8. The Superintendent of a division may request the Judge in his division to state the reason for awards if such a request is made by an exhibitor or spectator.
9. The decision of the Judges shall be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud or misrepresentation not discovered at the time the award is made, is apparent. In such cases the Board of Directors decision is final.
10. An exhibitor may make a written protest of a decision of a Judge to the Superintendent of the division within three hours after the time the award was made.
11. All protests shall be settled by the Board of Directors at a meeting when all parties concerned will be notified to appear.
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PREMIUMS

1. Premiums will be paid when entries are picked up on the last day of the Fair or at the discretion of the Board.
2. Premiums will not be paid on articles (or animals) removed from exhibition before designated time on the last day of the Fair.
3. Where there is no competition, first premium may be awarded but money paid will be based on recommendations of the judge relative to the merit of the exhibit. No award will be made if the exhibit does not merit an award.
4. Premiums will not be awarded for articles (or animals) of inferior merit, although there is no competition.
5. Premium ribbons amounts are as follow—Blue \$2.00, Red \$1.50, and White \$1.00.
6. Sponsor gifts are awarded to Grand and Reserve Grand Champions and Champion and Reserve Champions as specified by donor.

Department 1 — GRAIN AND CORN

*All grain and seed entries must be in a 2 quart jar with only 1 quart of grain or seed in it.
(must be grown in the previous season)*

DIVISION 1 - CORN

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| 01 – Shelled Corn (1 qt in 2 qt container) | 03 – Field Corn (5 ears) | 05 – Sweet Corn (5 ears, this season) |
| 02 – Shelled Popcorn (1 qt in 2 qt container) | 04 – Popcorn (5 ears) | 06 – Ornamental (5 ears) |

DIVISION 2 – GRAIN & SEED - Must have variety Name attached to jar or listed on Entry tag.

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| 01 – Alfalfa (seed) | 02 – Barley (malting) | 03 – Barley (feed) |
| 04 – Clover, medium red | 05 – Clover, sweet | 06 – Flax |
| 07 – Oats | 08 – Soybeans | 09 – Wheat, winter |
| | | 10 – Wheat, spring |

DIVISION 3 – GREEN STOCK - One stalk and root placed in a 5 gallon bucket with dirt. Looking for the picture perfect exhibit. Height is not a factor.

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| 01 – Field Corn | 03 – Ornamental Corn | 05 – Sweet Corn |
| 02 – Millet, Any variety | 04 – Popcorn | |

DIVISION 4 – TALLEST/LARGEST GREEN STOCK - One stalk and root placed in a 5 gallon bucket with dirt, unless specified otherwise. They are all to be from a 2023 plant. Only 1 premium place given for each class.

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| 01 – Field Corn | 03 – Ornamental Corn | 05 – Sweet Corn | 07 – Sunflower Plant |
| 02 – Millet Head (Only 18 inches of stem) | 04 – Popcorn | 06 – Soybean (Plant in 5qt bucket) | 08 – Sunflower Head
(Only 18 inches of stem) |

Department 2 — VEGETABLES & POTATOES

Check out our website for more information and tips on exhibiting your vegetables, www.blueearthcountyfair.org.

DIVISION 1 - VEGETABLES

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| 01 – Beans, green, 12 specimens | 17 – Garlic, this year's crop, 3 bulbs | 33 – Radishes, 3 specimens |
| 02 – Beans, purple, 12 specimens | 18 – Gourd collection, 3 different kinds | 34 – Shallots, 3 specimens |
| 03 – Beans, yellow, 12 specimens | 19 – Groundcherries, 6 husked & 6 in husks | 35 – Squash, summer, 3 specimens |
| 04 – Beets, 3 specimens | 20 – Kale, 3 leaves | 36 – Squash, winter, 1 specimen |
| 05 – Broccoli, 1 specimen | 21 – Kokrabi, 3 specimens | 37 – Sweet Corn, 3 ears |
| 06 – Brussel Sprouts, 1 stalk | 22 – Leeks, 3 specimens | 38 – Sweet Potatoes, 3 specimens |
| 07 – Cabbage, Chinese, 1 specimen | 23 – Muskmelon, 1 specimen | 39 – Swiss Chard, 3 stems |
| 08 – Cabbage, flat, 1 specimen | 24 – Onions, red, 3 specimens | 40 – Tomatoes, cherry or pear, red, 6 specimens |
| 09 – Cabbage, red, 1 specimen | 25 – Onions, white, 3 specimens | 41 – Tomatoes, cherry or pear, yellow, 6 specimens |
| 10 – Cabbage, round, 1 specimen | 26 – Onions, yellow, 3 specimens | 42 – Tomatoes, red, 3 specimens |
| 11 – Carrots, 3 specimens | 27 – Parsnips, 3 specimens | 43 – Tomatoes, yellow, 3 specimens |
| 12 – Cauliflower, 1 specimen | 28 – Peas, 6 pods | 44 – Watermelon, 1 specimen |
| 13 – Cucumbers, burpless, 3 specimens | 29 – Peppers, sweet, 3 specimens | 45 – Any vegetable not listed, small, 3 specimens |
| 14 – Cucumbers, pickling, 3 specimens | 30 – Peppers, hot, 3 specimens | 46 – Collection, 4 varieties of 1 vegetable |
| 15 – Cucumbers, slicing, 3 specimens | 31 – Pumpkin, pie, 1 specimen | 47 – Farmer's Market Collection, 5 different kinds of |
| 16 – Eggplant, 1 specimen | 32 – Pumpkins, miniature, 3 specimens | |

DIVISION 2 – HEAVIEST VEGETABLES

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| 01 – Heaviest Cabbage | 03 – Heaviest Pumpkin | 05 – Heaviest Tomato | 07 – Heaviest Zucchini | 07 – Heaviest Beet |
| 02 – Heaviest Potato | 04 – Heaviest Squash | 06 – Heaviest Watermelon | 08 – Heaviest Onion | 06 – Heaviest,
any not listed |

DIVISION 3 – POTATOES (washed but not scrubbed) (6 specimens)

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| 01 – Blue | 03 – Norland | 05 – Russet | 07 – Any not Listed |
| 02 – Kennebec | 04 – Pontiac | 06 – Yukon Gold | |

DIVISION 4 – HERBS-FRESH CUT (3 in water, small container)

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| 01 – Basil | 03 – Marjoram | 05 – Parsley | 07 – Sage |
| 02 – Chives | 04 – Oregano | 06 – Rosemary | 08 – Any not Listed |

Department 3 — FRUIT

A plate of apples or pears must consist of exactly 5 specimens; grapes 2 bunches, crabs and hybrids 8 specimens, plums 6 specimens. Stems should remain on fruit but leaves should be removed.

DIVISION 1 – Fruits

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| 01 – Apples, 5 specimens | 03 – Crabapples, 8 specimens | 05 – Grapes, 2 bunches | 07 – Any not listed |
| 02 – Berries, 1/2 pint | 04 – Plums, 6 specimens | 06 – Pears, 5 specimens | Fruit, 5 specimens |