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The Burleson County Fair is a non-profit organization which exists solely to promote the educational opportunities of the youth of our county. In order to produce this event, the fair must be able to financially meet all of its obligations.

Accordingly, all persons entering the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair are expected to pay an entry fee or be a member of the fair association and thereby have paid a fee.

No exceptions.

BURLESON COUNTY FAIR

September 19-26, 2026

Burleson County Fairgrounds

905 Highway 36 South,

Caldwell, TX 77836

www.burlesoncountyfair.com

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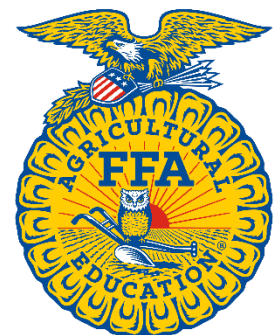


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Fair Websites for entries

Baked Foods- burlesonbf.fairwire.com Creative Living- burlesoncl.fairwire.com
 Commercial Heifers- burlesonch.fairwire.com Livestock Animals- burleson.fairwire.com
 Colt Show- burlesonc.fairwire.com

2026 BURLESON COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs., March 19, 2026	7:00PM	Lamb & Goat Meeting (1 of 2)	EXPO Center
Tues., March 24, 2026	7:00PM	Turkey & Broiler Meeting	EXPO Center
	7:00PM	Deadline for ordering Turkeys	Burleson.fairwire.com
Tues., March 31, 2026	By Noon	Colt Show Project Entries Due Online	Burlesonc.fairwire.com
Wed., April 1, 2026	Postmarked	BCF Scholarship Application Due	BCFA Post Office Box
Mon., April 6, 2026	5-7:00PM	Steers Tag In Entry & Online Entry Due	BCFA Fairgrounds
Tues., April 7, 2026	7:00PM	Swine Meeting (1 of 2)	EXPO Center
Wed., April 8, 2026	7:00PM	Rabbit Meeting (1 of 2)	EXPO Center
Thurs., April 9, 2026	7:00PM	Lamb & Goat Meeting (2 of 2)	EXPO Center
Sat., April 11, 2026	By Noon	Commercial Heifer Entries due Online	burlesonch.fairwire.com
	8:00AM-Noon	Commercial Heifer Validation (Tag in & Weigh)	Caldwell Livestock Commission
Sat., April 18, 2026	9:00AM	Colt Show Validation & 1 st Work Out (MANDATORY)	Lightsey Arena
Mon., May 4, 2026	7:00PM	Rabbit Meeting (2 of 2)	EXPO Center
Tues., May 5, 2026	7:00PM	Swine Meeting (2 of 2)	EXPO Center
Sat., May 9, 2026	9:00AM	Colt Show Project 2 nd Work Out	Lightsey Arena
Fri., May 22, 2026		Fair Queen Registration Due (Submit Forms)	
Mon., June 1, 2026	6:30PM	Fair Queen Contest Meeting	
Tues., June 2, 2026	7:00PM	Broiler Meeting (2 of 2)	EXPO Center
	7:00PM	Deadline for Ordering Broilers	Burleson.fairwire.com
TBD	TBD	Miniscapes Informational Meeting	EXPO Center
Sat., June 6, 2026	7-9:00AM	Swine Tag In-Entry & Online Entry Due	BCFA Fairgrounds
Week of June 8 th	TBA	Distribute Turkeys **Date Tentative	EXPO Center
Wed., June 10, 2026	6:00PM	Colt Show Project 3 rd Work Out	Lightsey Arena
Thurs., June 11, 2026	5:30-7:00PM	Lamb & Goat Tag In Entry& Online Entry Due	BCFA Fairgrounds
Sat., June 20, 2026	10:00AM-Noon	Ag Mechanics Informational Meeting	Fairgrounds Concession Area
Mon., June 22, 2026	6:30PM	ShoWorks & Recipe Informational Meeting	EXPO Center
Sat., August 1, 2026	By 11:59PM	Baked Food Validation Online (Recipes Due)	burlesonbf.fairwire.com
	By 11:59PM	Ag Public Speaking Contest Entry Due	
	By 11:59PM	Champion Drive Buddy Applications Due	
Sun., August 9, 2026	4:00PM	Colt Show Project 4 th Work Out/Professional Pictures (MANDATORY)	Lightsey Arena
	6:30PM	Fair Queen Practice	EXPO Center
Fri., August 14, 2026	12:30-3:00PM	Broilers Distribution	EXPO Center
Sat., August 15, 2026	By 11:59PM	Jr Breeding Beef Heifer Entry/Online Entries Due	burleson.fairwire.com
	By 11:59PM	Fryer Rabbit Entry Due Online	burleson.fairwire.com
Sat., August 22, 2026	7:00AM-9:30AM	Fryer Rabbits Tattoo- exhibitors last name L-Z	BCFA Fairgrounds
	10:00AM-12:30PM	Fryer Rabbits Tattoo- exhibitors last name A-K	
Tues., August 25, 2026	By 11:59PM	Ag Mechanic Online Entry Deadline	Burleson.fairwire.com
Tues., Sept 1, 2026	By 11:59PM	Late Entries for Public Speaking Due	
Fri., Sept 4, 2026	By 11:59PM	Miniscapes Entries Due Online	Burlesoncl.fairwire.com
	By 11:59PM	Floral Design Entries Due Online	Burlesoncl.fairwire.com
Sun., Sept 6, 2026	6:30PM	Mandatory Meeting Champion Drive Buddies	EXPO Center
Fri., Sept 11, 2026	By 11:59PM	Parade Entry Deadline	
Sat., Sept. 12, 2026	8:00AM-Noon	Commercial Heifer Palpation	Caldwell Livestock Commission
Sun., Sept 13, 2026	2:00PM	Colt Show Project 5 th Work Out	Lightsey Arena
	6:30PM	Fair Queen Practice	EXPO Center
Mon., Sept. 14, 2026	7:00-9:00AM	Baked Foods Check In	EXPO Center
	10:00AM	Baked Foods Judging	
	5:00-6:00PM	Baked Foods Pick Up	
Sat., Sept. 19, 2026	9:00AM	Parade Entries in Place	Assigned place
	10:00AM	Parade Begins	Downtown Caldwell
	2:00PM-2:30PM	Miniscapes Check-In	BCFA Fairgrounds
	2:30PM-4:00PM	Miniscapes Competition & Judging to follow	
	6:00PM	Fair Queen Ticket Sales Due	

Sun., Sept. 20, 2026	By Noon	Com. Heifer Exhibitor Record book Due	Electronic Submission
	5:00PM	Little Miss Contest	
	After Little Miss	Baked Foods Auction	
	7:00PM	Fair Queen Contest	
Mon., Sept. 21, 2026	By 11:59PM	All Creative Living Entries Due Online	burlesoncl.fairwire.com
	Noon	Colt Show Project Record Books Due	Electronic Submission
	3:00PM	Ag Public Speaking Contest	
	4:00-7:00PM	Creative Living Check In	EXPO Center
Tues., Sept. 22, 2026	6:00-8:00PM	Swine Weigh & Sift	
	Begins at 7:00AM	Rabbit Check In	Assigned Pens
	8:00AM-Noon	Rabbit Sift	
	8:00AM-8:30AM	Floral Design Check In Supplies in place by 8:45	EXPO Center (Stage)
	9:00AM-10:00AM	Floral Competition & Judging to follow	
	10:00AM	Creative Living Judging	EXPO Center
	10:00-Noon	Ag Mechanics Check In	
	Noon	Steers & Breeding Heifers Must be in Barn	
	1:00-2:00PM	Breeding Heifers Check In	
	3:00-4:00PM	Steer Classification, Sift, & Weight Cards	
	5:00-7:00PM	Goat Weigh & Sift	
7:00-7:30PM	Lamb Weigh & Sift		
Wed., Sept. 23, 2026	By 11:59PM	Horticulture entries due online	Burlesoncl.fairwire.com
	7:00AM	Rabbit Judging	
	8:00AM-5:00PM	Commercial Heifer Interviews	
	8:00AM-TBD	Colt Show Project Exhibitor Interviews	
	8:00-11:00AM	Horticulture Check In	EXPO Center
	10:00AM	Breeding Heifer Show	
	Noon	Horticulture Judging	EXPO Center
Thurs., Sept. 24, 2026	2:00PM	Ag Mechanics Judging	
	6:00PM	Swine Show	
	6:30AM	Broiler/Turkey Sift & Judging	
	7:00AM-10:00AM	Commercial Heifer Check In	
	10:30AM	Lamb Show	
	Noon	Goat Show	
	1:00PM	Commercial Heifer Judging	
Fri., Sept. 25, 2026	5:00PM	Commercial Heifer Champions	Auction Ring
	5:30PM	Commercial Heifer Judge Walk (Exhibitors Only)	Assigned Commercial Heifer Pen
	7:00PM	Steer Show	
	8:00-9:00AM	Livestock Judging Check In	Food Court
	9:00AM	Livestock Judging Contest	
	9:00-11:00AM	Colt Show Project Check In	
	10:00AM	Champion Drive Show	
	Noon	Commercial Heifer Exhibitor Biography Due	
Sat., Sept. 26, 2026	1:00PM	Colt Show, Judging, Placing	
	4:00PM	Colt Show Project Sale	
	5:30PM	Commercial Heifer Awards	
	6:00PM	Commercial Heifer Sale	
	8:00-11:00AM	Commercial Heifers Released	
Sun., Sept. 27, 2026	9:00-10:00AM	The following non-sale items will be released: Lambs, Goats, Steers, Swine	
	3:00PM	Youth Livestock Awards	
	4:00PM	Youth Livestock Sale	
	8:00PM	Youth Livestock Supplemental Sale	
Sat., October 3, 2026	7:00-10:00AM	Release of all other livestock & Ag Mechanics	
	10:00-11:00AM	Creative Living Check Out	EXPO Center
	10:00-11:00AM	Creative Living Grand Champion Pictures	
Sun., Nov. 1, 2026	By 5:00PM	Commercial Heifer Barn Clean Up Deadline	
		Thank You Notes Due	Extension Office/FFA Advisors

****Species (Lamb, Goat, Rabbit, Swine, & Broilers) meetings are mandatory- a parent, guardian and/or exhibitor must be present at one of the two mandatory meetings****

CREATIVE LIVING DIVISION GENERAL RULES

Director: Denise Long

Co-Chairmen: Sandra Stone & Kaycie Muzny

Committee: Kristine Faust, Cynthia Roberts, Christy Grassl, Lisa Blum, Karen Gaas, Louise Condon, Twana Benner, Jack Winterrowd, Stacy See, Vi Griffin

1. All entries and awards in this department shall be subject to the rules and regulations published in this premium list. Competition in this division shall **only be open to Burleson County residents and/or members in good standing with Burleson County 4-H or FFA.**
2. Adult Division includes all individuals over 19 years of age. Professional categories are provided in the Art, Sewing, Embellished and Photography Departments. Professional Division is for exhibitors that sell items for profit.
3. Youth division is open to all youth in Burleson County from 3rd-12th grade. Some youth divisions are divided into three age groups: Junior: 3rd-5th grade, Intermediate: 6th-8th grade, and Senior: 9th-12th grade.
4. Children's Corner is open to all children 2nd grade and younger.
5. All items must be made within the last 12 months.
6. Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT accepted (includes Baked Foods) and WILL NOT be displayed. All items and food must be made by the person entering them.
7. Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, however, only one entry per category will be allowed. If a class does not have categories, only one entry per class will be allowed.
8. Miscellaneous Categories- any entry entered into miscellaneous categories shall be items other than those already listed as a category and cannot be a duplicated entry.
9. All exhibitors must enter online at burlesoncl.fairwire.com before Sunday, September 20, 2026, by 11:59PM. Check in will be on Monday, September 21, 2026. **ShoWorks: Please verify that the exhibitor's name is listed as it appears on their social security card, exhibitor is in the appropriate age division, and the exhibitor's mailing address is correct.
10. All exhibitors needing help with ShoWorks or planning to enter the Baked Food Show may attend the informational meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30PM at the EXPO Center.
11. Baked Food ENTRIES and RECIPES must be entered into ShoWorks (burlesoncl.fairwire.com) no later than August 1, 2026. Only one (1) entry per class. Entry fee of \$5.00/class will be taken at Check-In Monday, September 14, 2026. A recipe "MUST" be submitted with baked item(s) at check in for judge's review. **No recipe will be allowed by an exhibitor for entry if it was sold in the baked foods auction in the past 3 years.**
12. Check In and Judging Times:
 - Baked Food Show Check In- Monday, September 14, 2026, between 7-9:00AM**
 - Baked Food Show Judging- Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10:00AM**
 - Creative Living Exhibit Check In- Monday, September 21, 2026, between 4-7:00PM**
 - Creative Living Judging- Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 10:00AM**
 - Horticulture Check In- Wednesday, September 23, 2026, between 8-11:00AM**
 - Horticulture Judging- Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 12:00PM**

** NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING DURING JUDGING! **
13. Check Out Times:
 - Creative Living Checked Out- Sunday, September 27, 2026, between 10-11:00AM.** *Pictures of the exhibitors receiving grand will be taken for the Burleson County Tribune during pick up. Director, Chairman, or any fair official WILL NOT be responsible for articles left after check out time.
 - Baked Foods Pick Up- Monday, September 14, 2026, between 5-6:00PM**

**Food remaining will be destroyed, NO EXCEPTIONS.*

14. The Baked Foods Youth Auction in this division shall only be open to members that are in good standing with their respective clubs: Burleson County 4-H, Burleson County FCCLA, or Burleson County FFA Chapters.
15. Exhibitors selected to participate in the Baked Food Auction must bring a freshly baked entry on Sunday, September 20, 2026, to be presented to the buyer at the baked food auction. Exhibitors are **encouraged** to creatively decorate their auction items for presentation.
16. Judges shall not award a ribbon to any unworthy exhibit. The decision of the judges shall be final.
17. Grand Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded in each of the departments except Baked Foods.
Grand Champion- Banner & \$10.00; Reserve Champion- Pennant & \$5.00
Professional- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners will only receive banners and pennants, no money will be awarded.
18. Every precaution will be taken to protect all articles entered, however in no case will Burleson County Fair Association, any director, or volunteer be held responsible for loss, damage, theft, or breakage or for any other forms of loss.
19. **ENTRY FEES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: (ONLY BAKED FOODS)**
Each exhibitor in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions- \$5.00 per class

***Volunteers are needed to assist with the operations of the Creative Living Division. Sign Up to volunteer by emailing bcfa.creativeliving@gmail.com or by contacting the Committee Chair.*

All entries in the creative living department must be submitted online at burlesoncl.fairwire.com by their specified due date. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Any items not picked up by Sunday will be thrown out. We will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or left behind items.

BAKED FOODS DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Sandra Stone **Co-Chairman:** Kaycie Muzny

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult

***BAKED FOOD RECIPES ARE DUE ONLINE (BURLESONBF.FAIRWIRE.COM) FOR VALIDATION ON
AUGUST 1, 2026, BY 11:59 PM***

Entry Fees will be charged as follows:

Each Exhibitor in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions-\$5.00 per class entered.

Informational Meeting:

All exhibitors planning to enter the Baked Foods Show may attend the informational baked food show meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, 6:30PM at the EXPO for assistance and/or questions.

Auction Notes:

- Items selected for the Baked Food Auction will be sold at the auction on Sunday, September 20, 2026, between the Little Miss Contest and the Fair Queens Contest.
- Those selected for the Baked Foods Auction will be asked to bake a fresh and identical entry for the auction. Only winning adults, children's corner, and youth who are members in good standing with 4-H, FCCLA, and/or FFA are eligible to sell baked items in the auction. Exhibitors are **encouraged** to creatively decorate their auction items for presentation.
- Each exhibitor may only sell one item at the Baked Food Auction provided an exhibitor's entry is selected for the bake sale.
- 3rd-12th grade exhibitors in either 4-H, FCCLA, and/or FFA will receive the proceeds from the items auctioned minus 5% commission which will go to the Burleson County Fair Association. 20 entries will be auctioned from this division. All 1st place entries in each class of junior, intermediate, and senior along with two 2nd place entries from the largest class.
- The top two adult entries will be sold at the Baked Food Auction and the money raised will go to the Creative Living Department for premiums.
- The top two Children's Corner entries will be sold in the Baked Food Auction and the money raised will go to the Creative Living Department for premiums.
- Adam's Extract will be given to the top 3 entries in all classes.

MANDATORY: THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you notes to Adam's Extract (3217 Johnston Rd Gonzales, TX 78629) and the buyers of baked food items will be given to 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, or the Extension Office in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope. BCFA will mail the thank you notes to the buyers and to Adam's Extract. Thank you notes must be handwritten (20) twenty words or more and received by November 1st. When money is available and thank you notes have been received, the BCFA will make checks available to exhibitors.

Baked Food Department Rules:

1. No recipe will be allowed by an exhibitor for entry if it was sold in the Baked Foods Auction Sale in the past 3 years.
2. **VALIDATION: ALL ENTRIES and RECIPES must be entered on ShoWorks (burlesoncl.fairwire.com) by validation on August 1, 2026, by 11:59PM.**
*ShoWorks- please verify that the exhibitors name is listed as it appears on their social security card, exhibitor is in the appropriate age division, the exhibitor's mailing address is correct, and both entry and recipe are complete. *If an error is made, please email bcfa.creativeliving@gmail.com detailed message of the error so that it can be corrected.
3. The recipe submitted must specify all steps used in preparation of the product.
4. All items will be cut and tasted; therefore, all parts must be 100% edible.
5. Cream cheese, sour cream, or other perishable ingredients such as eggs which are blended together, and fully cooked with other ingredients, into the final product, are safe and acceptable.
6. Icings or fillings with cream cheese or fresh fruit and baked items that need to be refrigerated will not be accepted. **No fresh fruit or frozen fruit garnishes at all.**
7. Recipes will be reviewed after validation. Exhibitors may be asked to substitute part of or an entire recipe.
8. **AT CHECK IN:**
 - **All entry fees of \$5.00/class are due at check in.**
 - **A completed recipe (listing all the ingredients, amounts of ingredients, directions for mixing, and/or baking guidelines) must be submitted with all baked food items.**
 - **Entries must be checked in between 7:00-9:00AM**
9. All food must be made from scratch, except categories specifying mixes.
10. Food entries such as cookies, bars, candies, cupcakes, and muffins are to be exhibited in groups of 6. (examples: 6 cookies, 6 candies) items that are pre-sliced or cut into parts will NOT be judged (except for cookies, bars, and candies that are cut for grouping).
11. **All food must be well covered and presented in DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS- NO GLASS CONTAINERS or CAKE CARRIERS.** Examples: Cake Boxes, aluminum pans, etc.
12. All foods in the department will be judged on the following criteria: (a) moisture; (b) color; (c) texture; (d) content; (e) flavor; (f) appearance of the baked item. **Judges reserve the right not to taste and/or judge an entry.**
13. Only one entry per class.
14. **No Alcohol in baked foods in the youth divisions. This includes rum, brandy, wines, liqueurs, and extracts by those names. Any violation of this rule will be disqualified.**
15. Review general rules.
16. **PICK UP:**
 - **Baked foods may only be picked up from 5:00-6:00PM on Monday, September 14, 2026.**
 - **Baked foods remaining will be destroyed, no exceptions.**

CLASS A: Quick Breads

Examples:

Biscuits, Cornbread, Fruit Loaf, Vegetable Loaf, Muffins

CLASS B: Yeast Breads

Examples:

Cinnamon Rolls, Yeast Rolls, Kolaches, Loaf Breads, Muffins (yeast)

CLASS C: Cakes

Examples:

Scratch Cakes/cupcakes - cakes made without a mix

Creative Cakes/cupcakes - cakes made with a mix with added ingredients

CLASS D: Cookies

Examples:

Bar Cookies, Brownies, Drop Cookies, Icebox Cookies

CLASS E: Candy

Examples:

Brittles, Molded Candies, Divinity, Pralines, Fudge

CLASS F: Pie

Examples:

Fruit, Nut

QUILT DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Twana Benner

Divisions: 1.Children's Corner 2.Junior 3.Intermediate 4.Senior 5.Adult 6.First Time Quilters

A quilt is a type of bedding- a bed covering composed of a quilt top, a layer of batting, and a layer of fabric for backing generally combined using the technique of quilting. Tied quilts are not accepted in the Quilt Department.

Department Rules:

1. Quilts and quilted items are judged on appeal, construction, finish, design, and originality.
2. If you want your quilt hung properly, please attach a 4" sleeve to the back of the quilt-at the top.
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all classes in each division, along with Best of Show.
4. **Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed.**
5. All items must have been made by the person entering them.
6. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Quilts-Bed Quilts

Categories:

1. Large (76" or wider)
2. Small (75" -61 inches)

CLASS B: Lap Quilts

Categories:

1. Throws (60"-39")
2. Baby, Crib Size (38" or Less)

CLASS C: Wall Hangings- *A quilted item designed specifically to be displayed as wall art*

Categories:

1. Large (60" or wider)
2. Small (59" or smaller)

CLASS D: Miscellaneous

Categories:

1. Wearable Quilted Items
2. Quilted Home Decorations
3. Other Miscellaneous Items

CLASS E: Hand Quilting

EMBELLISHED DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Christy Grassl

Divisions: 1.Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult Non-Professional 6. Adult Professional

Department Rules:

1. Any item that is wearable may be embellished. (i.e., T-Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets)
2. Items may be purchased before embellishing.
3. Entries will be judged on (a) construction, accuracy, and neatness (b) suitability fabric to pattern (c) overall appearance.
4. Hanging garments must be on hangers and covered with clear plastic.
5. Exhibitors may enter one entry per category.
6. **Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed.**
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all divisions in each class.
8. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Clothing

Categories:

1. Painted
2. Stenciled
3. Puff Paints
4. Foiling
5. Dyeing
6. Applique
7. Embroidery
8. Beading
9. Lace
10. Jewels/Rhinestones
11. Miscellaneous

CLASS B: Items

Categories:

1. Cups
2. Brushes
3. Pillows
4. Sequenced Items
5. Miscellaneous

CLASS C: Exhibitors with Special Abilities and Needs

SEWING DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman:Christy Grassl

Divisions: 1.Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult Non-Professional 6. Adult Professional

Department Rules:

1. Entries may be constructed on a machine or by hand.
2. Entries will be judged on (a) construction, accuracy, and neatness (b)suitability fabric to pattern (c) overall appearance.
3. Hanging garments must be on hangers and covered with clear plastic.
4. Exhibitors may enter one entry per category.
5. Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed.
6. All items must have been made by the person entering them.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all divisions in each class.
8. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Adult Clothing Items

Categories:

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| 1. Apron | 10. Shorts & Tops |
| 2. Bathing Suits | 11. Shorts |
| 3. Blouse | 12. Shirt |
| 4. Dress | 13. Slacks |
| 5. Night Gown | 14. Suits |
| 6. Pajamas | 15. Tailored Coat |
| 7. Pants & Top | 16. Two Piece Dress |
| 8. Party Dress | 17. Jackets |
| 9. Robe | 18. Miscellaneous |

CLASS B: Infant Clothing Items

Categories:

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| 1. Bathrobe | 7. Diaper Set, Shirt, & Pants |
| 2. Bib | 8. Dress, Infant |
| 3. Blanket | 9. Dress, Toddler |
| 4. Booties & Shoes | 10. Pillowcase |
| 5. Cap | 11. Miscellaneous |
| 6. Coat & Cap | |

CLASS C: Children's Clothing Items

Categories:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Blouse | 7. Shirt (boys) |
| 2. Pajamas | 8. Skirt |
| 3. Play Clothes | 9. Tailored Coat (boy/girl) |
| 4. Dress | 10. Pants or Shorts |
| 5. Boy suit | 11. Cap |
| 6. Sun Clothes | 12. Miscellaneous |

CLASS D: Miscellaneous

Categories:

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| 1. Pillows | 5. Stuffed Animals |
| 2. Pot Holders | 6. Blankets |
| 3. Purses | 7. Miscellaneous |
| 4. Bags | |

CLASS E: Exhibitors With Special Abilities and Needs

NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman:Christy Grassl

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult

Department Rules:

1. Items may have threads, yarn, and fabrics that have been made by hand or by machine.
2. Items may be originals and/or kits.
3. Hanging articles must have hangers.
4. Entries will be judged on quality, overall appearance, and creativity.
5. Individuals may enter one per category.
6. Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed.
7. All items must have been made by the person entering them.
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all divisions in each class.
9. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Crochet

Categories:

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| 1. Bead Crochet | 13. Potholders |
| 2. Buffet & Vanity Sets | 14. Rug |
| 3. Cap | 15. Shawl |
| 4. Centerpieces | 16. Shell |
| 5. Chair Sets | 17. Slippers |
| 6. Christmas Decorations | 18. Sweater, plain |
| 7. Doily | 19. Tablecloth |
| 8. Dress | 20. Toy |
| 9. Edging & Insertion, 1 yard | 21. Vest |
| 10. Luncheon Cloth | 22. Afghans |
| 11. Pillowcases, Crochet | 23. Miscellaneous |
| 12. Placemats | |

CLASS B: Knitting

Categories:

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| 1. Adult Dress | 11. Loafer Socks |
| 2. Baby Dress | 12. Man's Sweater |
| 3. Baby Set | 13. Mittens |
| 4. Blouse | 14. Placemats |
| 5. Coat | 15. Poncho |
| 6. Doily | 16. Potholders |
| 7. House Slippers | 17. Shells |
| 8. Knitted Stockings or Pompom cap | 18. Afghans |
| 9. Toy | 19. Miscellaneous |
| 10. Ladies Sweater | |

CLASS C: Tatting

Categories:

1. Any tatting articles

CLASS D: Cross Stitch

Categories:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Holiday Decorations | 4. Pillow |
| 2. Household Accessories | 5. Wall Hanging |
| 3. Pictures | 6. Miscellaneous |

CLASS E: Counted Cross Stitch

Categories:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Holiday Decorations | 5. Pictures |
| 2. Clothing | 6. Sampler |
| 3. Household Accessories | 7. Miscellaneous |
| 4. Pillow | |

CLASS F: Embroidery-Hemstitching-Cutwork-Crewel-Candle-Chicken Scratch-Ribbon-Smocking

Categories:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Holiday Decorations | 6. Sampler |
| 2. Clothing | 7. Children Clothes |
| 3. Household Accessories | 8. Aprons |
| 4. Pillow | 9. Gowns |
| 5. Pictures | 10. Miscellaneous |

CLASS G: Needlepoint

Categories:

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|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Pictures | 3. Miscellaneous |
| 2. Pillows | |

CLASS H: Plastic Stitchery

Categories:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Holiday Decorations | 4. Toy |
| 2. Tissue Box | 5. Miscellaneous |
| 3. Tote Bag | |

CLASS I: Exhibitors with Special Abilities and Needs

ART DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Kristine Faust

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior
5. Adult Non-Professional 6. Adult- Professional

Art is judged on eye appeal, form, color, substance, and originality. All work must be dry and **able to hang**.

Pictures are not required to be framed but must be **able to hang. NO GLASS FRAMES.**

Grand and Reserve will be given in all divisions for each class.

CLASS A: Oil

Categories:

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS B: Acrylics

Categories:

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS C: Water Based Media

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS D: Pen & Ink

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS E: Pastels

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS F: Pencil or Map Colors

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS G: Miscellaneous

Artwork including mixed media, gold leaf, and tempera.

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Still Life | 4. Portraits |
| 2. Landscapes | 5. Buildings & Structures |
| 3. Seascapes | 6. Other |

CLASS H: Exhibitors with Special Abilities and Need

BLOOPERS DEPARTMENT

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult

Blooper- a mistake, unintended, blunder, or funny

Entries can be anything that is messed up from any of the departments in the Creative Living Division. Each entry should include a brief description about the item and why it is considered a blooper. Grand and Reserve Banners will be awarded in each division in each class.

CLASS A: Miscellaneous

CLASS B: Exhibitors with Special Abilities and Needs

ORGANIZATION EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Divisions: 1. Youth Organizational Club 2. Adult Organizational Club 3. Children's Corner

Department Rules:

1. Every organized club in Bureson County is eligible to enter one Educational Exhibit.
2. Any organization wishing to enter an exhibit **MUST** enter online by Sunday, September 20, 2026.
3. No Organizational names on exhibits until judging has been completed.
4. The Educational Exhibit shall be scored according to a score card approved by the Creative Living Department Committee.
5. The exhibit should be planned not to exceed a space 2.5' deep and 3' wide (A smaller space may be used). The exhibit needs to be self-standing.
6. Exhibits must be set up on Monday, September 21, 2026, between 4:00-7:00PM.
7. All exhibits will be judged on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 10:00AM.
8. Exhibits must be taken on Sunday, September 27, 2026, between 10:00-11:00AM.
9. All exhibits will be scored, and ribbons awarded as follows: Blue-\$10.00, Red-\$5.00, White-\$3.00 (ONLY youth exhibits will receive prize money).
10. In addition, recognition will be given for The Most Educational and Best of Show.
11. All exhibits will be scored according to the score card listed below:
 - o Blue: 90-100
 - o Red: 80-89
 - o White: 70-79
12. No Live Animals

Title sign must be short, catchy, appropriate, and effective attracts attention (something unusual-motion, light, color, or special feature)	10
Arouses and holds interest (tells story quickly, using only materials with definite message)	15
Has worthy informational value	20
Makes strong appeal or creates desire	25
Pleasing appearance	10
Uses explanatory material convincingly	10
Total Points	

CANNED FOODS DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Cynthia Roberts

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult

Department Rules:

1. All containers must be standard canning jars.
2. Pectin may be used in jellies.
3. All jars must be sealed with one lid. Rings must stay on jars.
4. Standard pint, ½ pint, quart, or jelly jars must be NEW. Standard jelly jars must be used for jelly. Mayonnaise jars and etc. will not be judged and WILL NOT be accepted for display.
5. All exhibits must be clear, rust-free and in unbroken jars.
6. Do NOT place labels of any kind on the jar or lid.
7. All canned foods must have been canned within the last 12 months with canned date written on the lid.
8. Entries not meeting the standards set above will be disqualified.
9. Entries will be judged on pack, color, and texture. Entries will be opened and tasted.
10. Only one entry per category.
11. Grand and Reserve will be awarded in each class in each division.
12. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Canned Vegetables

Categories:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Beans, Lima | 10. Peas, English |
| 2. Beans, Green Snap | 11. Peas, Black-Eyed |
| 3. Beans, Pinto | 12. Peppers |
| 4. Beets | 13. Soup Mix |
| 5. Carrots | 14. Squash |
| 6. Corn | 15. Tomatoes |
| 7. Okra & Tomatoes | 16. Tomatoes (whole) |
| 8. Okra | 17. Zucchini |
| 9. Peas, purple hull | 18. Miscellaneous |

CLASS B: Canned Fruits & Fruit Juices

Categories:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Apples | 7. Mixed Fruit |
| 2. Berry | 8. Peach Halves or Slices |
| 3. Blackberry | 9. Pear Halves or Slices |
| 4. Dewberries | 10. Tomato |
| 5. Figs | 11. Miscellaneous |
| 6. Grapes | |

CLASS C: Jams & Preserves

Categories:

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Apple | 9. Jam with Jell-O |
| 2. Blackberry | 10. Marmalade (any kind) |
| 3. Cactus | 11. Peach |
| 4. Dewberry | 12. Plum |
| 5. Exotic | 13. Strawberry |
| 6. Fig | 14. Tomato |
| 7. Grape | 15. Watermelon |
| 8. Hot Pepper | 16. Miscellaneous |

CLASS D: Jellies

Categories:

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Apples | 8. Hot Pepper |
| 2. Blackberry | 9. Marmalade (any kind) |
| 3. Cactus | 10. Peach |
| 4. Dewberry | 11. Plum |
| 5. Exotic | 12. Strawberry |
| 6. Fig | 13. Watermelon |
| 7. Grape | 14. Miscellaneous |

CLASS E: Pickles

Categories:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Beets | 6. Okra |
| 2. Cucumber, sweet | 7. Peppers, hot |
| 3. Cucumber, dill | 8. Peppers, sweet |
| 4. Cucumber, bread & butter | 9. Vegetable Pickles |
| 5. Cucumber, sour | 10. Miscellaneous |

CLASS F: Relishes

Categories:

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Chow-Chow | 5. Cucumber, sweet |
| 2. Corn Relish | 6. Cucumber, dill |
| 3. Pepper Relish | 7. Cucumber, bread & butter |
| 4. Relish (any kind) | 8. Cucumber, sour |

CLASS G: Sauces

Categories:

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. BBQ Sauces | 3. Chili Sauce |
| 2. Ketchup | 4. Miscellaneous |

CLASS H: Miscellaneous

Categories:

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Picante Sauce | 4. Fruit Salsa |
| 2. Salsa | 5. Corn Salsa |
| 3. Green Salsa | 6. Miscellaneous |

CLASS I: Exhibitors With Special Abilities And Needs

CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Kaycie Muzny

Divisions: 1. Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult

Department Rules:

1. Hanging articles must have hangers.
2. Items may be kits or originals.
3. Criteria based on creativity, artistic design, and quality.
4. Individuals may enter one item per category.
5. Articles exhibited at a previous fair ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed.
6. All items must have been made by the person entering them.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in all divisions in all classes.
8. Review general rules.

CLASS A: Home Accessories & Crafts

Categories:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Album/Book-Decorated | 10. Potholders |
| 2. Baskets | 11. Pottery/Porcelain |
| 3. Boxes | 12. Refrigerator Magnets |
| 4. Clay or Plaster | 13. Stone or Rock Art |
| 5. Ceramics | 14. Stained Glass |
| 6. Decoupage Items | 15. String Art |
| 7. Latch Hook | 16. Wire Art |
| 8. Origami | 17. Gourds |
| 9. Picture Frames | 18. Miscellaneous |

CLASS B: Wreaths

Categories:

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1. Holiday | 3. Rustic |
| 2. Seasonal | 4. Themed |

CLASS C: Metal Work

Categories:

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|---------|------------------|
| 1. Art | 3. Scrap |
| 2. Yard | 4. Miscellaneous |

CLASS D: Woodwork

Categories:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Carved | 5. Small Toy |
| 2. Doll | 6. Wood Burned |
| 3. Holiday Decorations | 7. Yard Art |
| 4. Jewelry Box | 8. Miscellaneous |

CLASS E: Woodwork Furniture

Categories:

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Furniture | 3. Miscellaneous |
| 2. Large Toys | |

CLASS F: Recycle

Categories:

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Mosaic | 3. Wine Glasses |
| 2. Wine Bottles | 4. Miscellaneous |

CLASS G: Legos

CLASS H: Holiday Crafts

Categories:

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Valentine | 4. Seasonal |
| 2. Easter | 5. Miscellaneous |
| 3. Christmas | |

CLASS I: Hobby Kits

Categories:

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Painted Items | 4. Beads |
| 2. Colored Items | 5. Miscellaneous |
| 3. Stained Items | |

CLASS J: Jewelry

Categories:

- | | |
|----------|------------------|
| 1. Beads | 3. Stone |
| 2. Wire | 4. Miscellaneous |

CLASS K: Leather

Categories:

- | | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Tooled | 3. Miscellaneous |
| 2. Burned | |

CLASS L: Exhibitors With Special Abilities And Needs

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Sandra Stone

Divisions: 1.Children's Corner 2. Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5. Adult Non-Professional 6. Adult Professional

Department Rules:

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in Black & White and in Color in all divisions and classes.
2. All pictures MUST be appropriately mounted on standard 11"x14" matting board made from heavy matting board material (Ex: Picture frame matting or store bought matting).
3. No sheet protectors, no card stock, no construction paper, and no poster board.
4. All prints are to be 8"x10" before matting.
5. Pictures can be color or black & white.
6. May enter one photograph per category.
7. Photography will be judged by a professional judge on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.
8. Photos must be able to hang. Photos not able to hang will not be judged.
9. Quality photo paper only.
10. Digital prints accepted.
11. No frames
12. No nudity or obscenity.
13. **Articles exhibited at previous fairs ARE NOT acceptable and WILL NOT be displayed. All items must have been taken by the exhibitor.**
14. Single entry placings will be up to the judge's discretion.
15. All submitted photographs must be original images captured by the exhibitor. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the creation, enhancement, alteration, or manipulation of photographs is strictly prohibited. Any entry determined to be AI-generated or AI-enhanced will be disqualified.
16. Copyright photos will be disqualified.

CLASS A: Portraits (No nudity)- Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

1. People (active or inactive)

CLASS B: Landscape/Nature-Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

1. Natural Scenes (sunsets, clouds, landscapes, etc.)
2. Rural Scenes(farms, fields, etc.)
3. Urban Cityscapes
4. Buildings/Structures

CLASS C: Fine Art-Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

1. Still Life(pre-arranged or set-up by photographer)
2. Florals (focus on plant or flower structure- not scene or landscape)
3. Details/Macro (close-up features of any objects or design features: geometric lines, patterns, textures, inanimate objects)

CLASS D: Nature-Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

1. Buildings/Structures
2. Underwater scenes

CLASS E:Animal- Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

1. Animals(domestic or wild, sea creatures, etc.)
2. Insects

CLASS F:Around Burleson County Fair- Color and/or Black & White

Categories:

- 1.Any photo taken during the previous fair

CLASS G: Miscellaneous- Color and/or Black & White

CLASS H: Exhibitors with Special Abilities and Needs

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Lisa Blum

Divisions: 1.Children's Corner 2.Junior 3. Intermediate 4. Senior 5.Adult

****Horticulture entries are due online (burlsoncl.fairwire.com) by 11:59PM on Tues., Sept. 22, 2026****

Department Rules:

1. **Specimens in Class 1 will be exhibited in quart jars and on paper plates.**
2. Exhibits will be received from 8:00a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.
3. Exhibits must be removed between 10:00-11:00a.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2026. All entries not removed will be destroyed.
4. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter as many different articles as desired, but not two of the same articles in the same class. Cut specimens must be exhibited in plastic bottles. Please provide your own plastic water bottles for cut specimens.
5. Judges will not award a prize to any unworthy exhibit, and the decision of the judges will be final.
6. The committee reserves the right to remove any and all undesirable specimens from the show.
7. All vegetables and farm produce must be home grown.
8. **All items must be owned at least 90 days prior to show date. Exception Class E Floral Arrangements and Class H: Homecoming Spirit Designs.**
9. Review general rules.

VEGETABLES & FARM PRODUCE

CLASS 1: Fruits & Vegetables

4 apples	4 onion, red
6 apricots	1 Parisian melon
6 artichokes	6 parsnips
1 quart beans, green	6 peaches
1 quart beans, yellow	4 pears
1 quart beans, pinto	6 peppers, banana
1 quart beans, lima	6 peppers, cayenne
4 beets	6 peppers, green bell
1 quart blackberries	6 peppers, jalapeno
1 quart blueberries	6 peppers, ornamental
6 Brussel sprouts	6 peppers, red bell
1 head cabbage, white	4 persimmons
1 head cabbage, red	6 plums
1 cantaloupe	4 pomegranates
6 carrots	6 potatoes
1 bunch celeriac	1 quart okra
1 bunch celery	1 quart peas, crowder
1 quart cherries	1 quart peas, creamed
6 chives	1 quart peas, black-eyed
3 cucumbers	1 quart peas, purple
1 cushaw	1 quart strawberries
3 egg plants	4 shallots
6 figs	3 squash, acorn
4 garlic	3 squash, butternut
3 bunches grapes	3 squash, crooked neck
1 head lettuce, bib	3 squash, Hubbard
1 head lettuce, misc.	3 squash, white scalloped
1 head lettuce, salad bowl	3 squash, zucchini
1 honey dew melon	3 sweet potatoes
6 leeks	4 tomatoes
4 onions, yellow	4 onions, white

CLASS 2: Field Crops

6 ears popcorn	1 pumpkin
6 ears Indian Corn	1 quart dried black-eyed
6 ears Field Corn	1 quart peanuts
2 gourds	1 quart any field crop seeds
6 heads hegari	1 sunflower head
6 heads maize	1 watermelon
3 cotton bolls	

CLASS 3: Horticulture

1 dozen eggs, brown	1 quart any kind of nut
1 dozen eggs, white	1 dozen eggs, blue
1 dozen eggs, green	

CLASS 4: Unusual Product Division

Any unusual crop or horticultural product produced on the farm.

FAMILY EXHIBIT (NO INDIVIDUAL)**CLASS 1:**

This exhibit consists of anything produced on the farm. Example: Corn, nuts, cheese, pickles, eggs, etc. Attention will be given to the number of items and arrangement of display. Each exhibit will receive blue, red, or white ribbons. Exhibits will be judged for First, Second, and Third places in the division. Grand and Reserve will be awarded to First and Second Places.

CLASS 2:

Fall Harvest Display-No larger than 2'x2'

Any grouping of crops harvested in fall. Example: Wheat, corn, grain, sorghum, bound for display.

ORNAMENTALS**CLASS A: Foliage Potted Plants**

(Remove dead or damaged foliage and exhibits should be in clean containers.

Examples: Airplane, Ivy, Palm

CLASS B: Potted Flowering Plants (must be in bloom)

Examples: Begonia, Geranium, Chrysanthemum

CLASS C: Cacti & Succulents (May be in ornamental containers)

Examples: Aloes, Cacti, Succulents

CLASS D: Cut Specimens

Specimens must be exhibited in plastic bottles. No leaves in water and only one stem per specimen.

CLASS E: Shrubbery

Grown for attractive foliage, color, or berry. MUST be exhibited in plastic bottles and must be in place between 8-11:00a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, and should be a spray from 17" to 24".

Examples: Nandina, Boxwood, Holly, Ligustrum

CLASS F: Flower Arrangements (real or artificial flowers)

Grown for attractive foliage, color, or berry-Specimens MUST be exhibited in plastic bottles and must be in place between 8-11:00a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, and should be a spray from 17" to 24".

CLASS G: Fairy Gardens (Children's Corner & Junior divisions ONLY)**CLASS H: Homecoming Spirit Designs (Senior division ONLY)**

Examples: mums, garters

CLASS I: Exhibitors with special abilities & needs

MINISCAPES COMPETITION

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Lisa Blum

Committee: Kristine Faust, B.J. Hegemeyer, Bridget Ofczarzak, Lisa Pieper, & Jack Winterrowd

The Miniscapes Competition is open to 20 teams- (10 Junior Teams & 10 Senior Teams). In the event one of the divisions does not have 10 entries, the fair board has the discretion to accept additional entries in the other division as long as the total does not exceed 20 total teams. Competition will take place at the Burleson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

- Check In: 2:00-2:30p.m.
- All Miniscape supplies must be in place by 2:00p.m.
- Competition: 2:30-4:00p.m.
- Judging: Immediately following
- Results after judging

There will be two divisions in this competition. Juniors (3rd-8th grade) and Senior (9th-12th grade). **Entries must be entered on ShoWorks at burlesoncl.fairwire.com by 11:59PM Friday, September 4, 2026.** There will be two mandatory meetings held in the EXPO Building-dates and times to be determined.

Teams: a team is considered no more than two exhibitors. Entry fees will be \$20 per team. Entry fee payments are due at check-in on the day of the event.

Please see the BCFA Website for any updates or additional details at www.burlesoncountyfair.com.

Competition Format: This will be a team competition consisting of two contestants in the same age division. No single entries.

Design Guidelines: Exhibitors should review the guidelines prior to preparing their entry. Questions may be directed to the miniscapes committee.

1. Entries will be constructed in a water trough (planter) that is approximately 24" deep.
2. The planter, plants, and mulch/soil will be provided.
3. Each exhibitor is encouraged to bring any additional items that relates to the fair theme. Focus should be on plants and not accessories. (must follow fair theme)
4. Additional items should be able withstand sunny, warm conditions.
5. No additional live plants can be used. Only plants provided by the Fair.
6. Planters will be displayed outside throughout the fair.
7. No living creatures may be used in the design.
8. Entries may not display signage that names the team's school, school district or FFA/4-H Chapter, or individual(s). Exhibitor names will be provided upon completion of judging for display on the grounds.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing wagons, carts, wheelbarrows, etc. to transport their materials from the parking lot to the exhibit area.

DAY OF COMPETITION:

1. Check-in for Miniscapes will be on the grounds of the Burleson County Fair on Saturday, September 19th starting at 2:00p.m. The competition begins at 2:30p.m. The design must be completed by 4:00p.m.
2. Exhibitors will be met by the Miniscapes Committee volunteers; the volunteers will assist with check in, direct the exhibitors to the exhibit area.
3. Parents and adult leaders may assist with moving in supplies and planter materials to the competition area but must vacate the area prior to commencement of the competition.
4. Carts/wagons are recommended for transporting materials from vehicle to competition area.
5. The planting and design of the planter must be performed by the exhibitors ONLY.
6. No cell phones, iPads, watches, or any other type of communication device is allowed in the competition area.

7. Paper sketches of design are allowed in the competition area.
8. **The exhibitor is responsible for providing any additional items that relates to the fair theme.**
9. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing all tools needed to prepare their planter.
10. Buckets will be provided for each team to use for holding purposes while the design is being planted. Any extra material not used can be left in the supplied buckets and the Horticulture committee will keep for reuse.
11. Trash Containers will be provided for each team to clean up their areas and throw all trash away when planting is complete.
12. Entries will be watered and maintained by the Horticulture Committee. You may bring water if your design requires water. Once competition starts you will not be allowed to leave your project to collect water, nor can anyone bring you water.
13. The show is not responsible for lost, damaged, or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc. should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used. It is **MANDATORY** to remove any type of tones or other types of hardscape used in your design on Sunday, September 27, 2026 along with your plants.
14. No communication between contestants and any other persons will be tolerated. Any violation of this rule may result in immediate disqualification from the competition.
15. Entries will be viewed from one side only.
16. Contestants will draw for containers during the check in process. Every effort will be made by the Horticulture Committee to ensure the containers are the same size and the same plants will be provided to all contestants.
17. The judge(s) may interview the contestants while they are completing the Miniscape OR following the completion of the competition. ALL contestants should plan to remain in the judging area until released by the judge(s).
18. IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THE MINISCAPE PLANTS REMAIN INTACT IN THE ORIGINAL POTS OR CONTAINERS IN WHICH THEY ARE CURRENTLY GROWING. FOR LONGEVITY AND TO AVOID TRANSPLANT SHOCK, THE PLANTS SHOULD BE ARRANGED AS DESIRED BUT REMAIN IN THEIR POTS. POINTS WILL NOT BE DEDUCTED FOR LEAVING PLANTS IN THEIR ORIGINAL POTS OR CONTAINERS. MULCH, SOIL, OR DESIGN ELEMENTS MAY BE USED TO HIDE THE CONTAINERS.
19. Contestants will be provided a list of possible plants two weeks prior to the competition in order to plan their Miniscapes. One or more "SURPRISE" plants may be added to the list on the day of competition.

Judging: The Horticulture Committee will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to the Horticulture Committee.

Entries will be judged on a 100-point system:

- 50 points will be awarded for the completed design elements.
- 30 points will be awarded for the staging and quality of design
- 10 points will be awarded for the design relating to the stated design theme.
- 10 points will be awarded for the contestant interview during the competition.

The scoring rubric will be posted on the BCF Website for contestants to read and become familiar with prior to the competition.

ALL contestants must be prepared to explain to the judges what their plant choices are and how their design choices fit the stated theme. Winning entries will be announced on Saturday, September 19, 2026 following final judging tabulation. Winning exhibitors will be recognized. **Judges' decisions are final.**

Belt Buckles will be awarded to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion for Senior & Junior Division. Placement ribbons will be given to those placing 3rd-10th.

Removal: Exhibitors MUST REMOVE their personal design materials on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Any plants or materials left after 12:00p.m. will be disposed of or become the property of Burleson County Fair Association. Containers will be moved to their storage location.

FLORAL DESIGN COMPETITION

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Lisa Blum

Committee: Jack Winterrowd, Weldon Coker, Bridget Ofczarzak

The Floral Design Competition will have one division 7th-12th grade. The format allows single exhibitor entry to compete on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9:00a.m. **Entries must be entered on ShoWorks at burlesoncl.fairwire.com by 11:59 PM, September 4, 2026. Entry fees will be paid at check in** on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. This will be considered a Burleson County Fair Creative Living project. Questions may be directed to the director, floral design committee, or chairman. Entry fees are non refundable and non transferable.

Please see the BCFA website for any updates or additional details at: www.burlesoncountyfair.com

Competition Schedule:

- Check In: 8:00-8:30a.m.
- All Floral Design supplies must be in place by 8:45a.m.
- Competition: 9:00-10:00a.m.
- Judging: Immediately following
- Results after judging

Competition Format: Each individual will compete in the design and execution of a fresh floral arrangement centerpiece and table design, which may include but is not limited to such items as dishes, napkins, additional table coverings, etc.

Design Guidelines:

1. Each individual should review the design guidelines prior to the Floral Design Competition.
2. Exhibitors will have one hour to execute their designs.
3. Entries are arrangements of fresh floral cut materials provided by BCFA.
4. **All table design elements will be provided by the Exhibitor.**
5. Each exhibitor will be furnished with a workstation, table and tablecloth. Entries will be displayed on a 36" round table with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design on the table. Exhibitors are required to use the table covering provided by the show.
6. Entries should be designed to be VIEWED FROM ALL SIDES.
7. Each exhibitor must bring their own tools. Tools/Flowers cannot be shared by exhibitors/teams.
8. No advance preparation. Foam will be soaked during orientation.
9. Exhibitors are required to bring two (2) copies of their record book in a folder the day of competition. This form can be found online on the Horticulture page of the BCFA website www.burlesoncountyfair.com
10. Permissible tools include Floral Glue(s), Knife, Floral Cutters, Wired Wood Picks, Scissors, Floral Tape(s), Wrapped Wires, Floral Wire, Wire cutters, Measuring Stick.
11. No cell phones, watches, ear buds or any type of communication devices are permitted during the competition. Any exhibitor found communicating with anyone outside of the competition could result in immediate disqualification.
12. Only judges and Horticulture Committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.

Judging: The Horticulture Committee will select qualified judges for each competitive event.

Judging will be based on the following five categories:

1. Design Aesthetics-Line/Form, Color, and Space
2. Design Principles-Balance, Proportion, and Unity
3. Mechanics- Creative Engineering of Mechanics Proper Coverage of Foam, and Sturdiness of Design.
4. Execution- Neatness and Cleanliness of overall Design
5. Creativity- Uniqueness of Design, Use of theme

The Judges' decisions are final.

Winning entries will be announced on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 after competition is complete.

Grand and Reserve Entries must remain on display until Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Floral Cup and pennant will be awarded to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion. Placement ribbons will be given to those placing 3rd-10th.

Removal: Exhibitors **MUST REMOVE** their personal design materials on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 10-11:00a.m.

COUNTRY STORE

Director: Denise Long

Chairman: Lisa Blum

A Country Store will be held during the Burleson County Fair to provide participants an opportunity to sell their entries.

Open only to residents of Burleson County.

No frozen or previously frozen food items will be accepted. Therefore, no items are to be stored in coolers to be set out later.

You must be an exhibitor in Creative Living in order to sell in the Country Store.

Business cards cannot be attached to a stamped-on article to be sold.

Work hours will be based on previous years Country Store sales amount. These hours can be spread across multiple times and days. A signup sheet will be available.

New Exhibitor	4 hours
\$0.00 to \$100.00	5 hours
\$100.01 to \$200.00	8 hours
\$200.01 to \$300.00	9 hours
More than \$300.01	10 hours

If you cannot work, you may find a substitute to work in your place. If you do not work, you will be unable to sell items in the Country Store the following year.

Items must be handmade or homemade. Items must have been made during the last year. Items entered in the Country Store in previous years may not be re-entered.

Baked Foods must adhere to the rules listed in the Baked Foods Department recipes are not required.

Canned products are to have been prepared within the last year, under the same specification as for judging. Only standard canning jars may be used. Chipped jars, rusted lids, and unsealed jars will not be accepted and/or removed.

No used or damaged entries will be accepted. The Committee has the option to refuse unacceptable items.

As items sell you can bring in more items to replace those sold. Items to be re-stocked must be brought in one hour before the Country Store opens OR one hour prior to the Country Store closing.

Sale items must have a Country Store sales tag attached and listed on a new sales card as it is entered at checked in. Do NOT pre-number your sales card. Burleson County Fair Association will provide sales tags. These tags may be picked up at the release of Baked Food contest or during the Creative Living Check In.

Tags must include: Seller's name, Seller's address, and Name of item

All items must be brought in with a sales card attached. Food items must be pre-package. Information on packaging food items will be available when picking up a sales card.

Sales items entered for sale will not be judged, receive a ribbon, or receive premium money.

40% of the exhibitor's total sales will go to the Fair and 60% to the exhibitor. Money collected by the Fair will be used to enhance future Creative Living opportunities.

Items not sold in the Country Store may be released to the exhibitor or an individual designated by the exhibitor. (i.e. Parent, Grandparent, etc.) Items not picked up by noon on Sunday will become property of the Burleson County Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All precautions will be taken; however, the Burleson County Fair Association will not be responsible for items lost, damaged, or stolen.

The Country Store will be staffed by Committee members and volunteers.

Items accepted for Country Store

Monday, September 21, 2026- 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026- 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Also 1 hour prior to Country Store Opening and 1 hour prior to Country Store Closing

Country Store Hours of Operation (Times to be determined)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Friday, September 25, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Director: Brandon Telschow

This year's top applicant will receive the Junice Baldwin Memorial Scholarship of \$2000

Eligibility Requirements:

Scholarship applications will be accepted without regard to socioeconomic level, race, creed, sex, color, religion, or national origin.

Basic Applicant Requirements:

1. Satisfactorily complete the requirements for a high school diploma in the spring of the current year.
2. Plan to attend a Vocational Technical School, an accredited College or University, or enter into the military.
3. Meet the minimum entrance requirements for the educational institution of their choice.
4. Must have been a participant in the Burleson County Fair for at least 3 years

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT:

I am submitting the following material as my application for the Burleson County Fair Association Scholarship.

- o Scholarship Application
- o High School transcript for the first three and one-half years
- o A brief narrative about yourself. (Goals, why specific career was selected, plans for the future, etc.) No more than two pages, 8 ½ x 11, double-spaced
- o Three letters of recommendation
- o Meet the Basic Application Requirements as stated above

Date and sign the application and submit postmarked no later than **April 1, 2026**, to the Burleson County Fair Association at the address below.

**Burleson County Fair Association
P.O. Box 634
Caldwell, Texas 77836**

Applications are available from the Burleson County Fair, County Extension Office, any Agriculture Science Instructor or School Counselor.

Winners of scholarships will be determined by the following:

**FAIR PARTICIPATION 60%
COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP 25%
ACADEMICS 15%**

FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

Director: Natalee Kovar

Chairman- Rebekah Hruska

Committee- Meghan Blum, Dana Doonan, Carlee Flores, Kyleigh Gonzales, Hannah Kovar, Phallan McAdams, Shauna Savage

The Fair Queen Contest is a long-standing tradition at the Burleson County Fair. Although the criteria for the queen contest have evolved over the years, these hardworking young ladies are tasked with promoting the Burleson County Fair and also perform the duty of selling advanced fair memberships. Fair Queen Contestants are selected by local schools and/or civic organizations within Burleson County. These contestants compete for the prestigious title of Burleson County Fair Queen as well as scholarships given by the Burleson County Fair Association.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, April 1st, 2026-start accepting entry forms
- Friday, May 22nd, 2026- Registration is due (submit forms)
- Monday, June 1st, 2026- Queen Contestant Meeting @6:30p.m. Ticket Sales Begin after the meeting ends.
- Sunday, August, 9th, 2026- Practice @6:30p.m. at the BCFA EXPO
- Sunday, September 13th, 2026- Practice @6:30p.m. at the BCFA EXPO
- Saturday, September 19th, 2026- Fair Parade @10:00a.m. in line by 9:00a.m. and all ticket sales must be turned in by 6:00p.m.
- TBD- Queen Contestant Brunch
- Sunday, September 20th, 2026- Contest @ 7:00p.m.

Entry Requirements:

1. Contestants must be a single, females, never married or had a marriage annulled. She must be a sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of the contest and reside in Burleson County and/or be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2026-2027 school year. She must be a member in good standing in either 4-H, FFA or FCCLA and have a Fair Project for the 2026 fair. The Contestant is now and has always been a female.
2. Contestants are required to have at least 1 (one) civic sponsor to compete in the contest. (Examples: 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, SPJST, Lions Club, EEA, etc.)
3. Contestant is not now, nor has ever been pregnant. The contestant is not the adoptive parent of a child.
4. Contestant has never been charged with or convicted of a felony offense. There are no adjudications presently pending against her.
5. Contestant must have a parade entry in the Burleson County Fair Parade. Only float entries will be considered for the queen float parade winner award/money. 1st place: \$500, 2nd place: \$300, 3rd place: \$200.
6. Contestants will be required to sell fair memberships. All contestants will be required to sell a minimum number of individual memberships (100 memberships) to qualify as a queen contestant. Contestants must sell a MINIMUM of 150 memberships to qualify for one of the scholarships awarded by the Burleson County Fair Association. Each contestant will be rebated a total of \$4.00 for each membership sold. Rebated amounts will only be paid out upon BCFA receiving an acceptance letter from an accredited institution of higher education. The check will be made payable to the contestant. All proceeds shall be disbursed within two years of graduation from high school.
7. Hair and make-up for the contest should be age appropriate.

8. Contestants must attend all practices, pre-contest events and rehearsals unless excused, in advance, by the contest director or chairman.
9. Any official reports of misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior of a contestant or parent may result in disqualification.
10. The Burleson County Fair Queen Contest has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This includes but is not limited to the use of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, pregnancy, etc. In the event a situation arises, the contestant/Fair Queen will be notified of our knowledge of the situation and could be asked to relinquish their title, sash, trophy, and other awards, including forfeiting any and all scholarship funds.
11. Contestants will use extreme caution and are encouraged to make certain there are no unseemly photos such as and not limited to alcohol, tobacco, illegal actions or lewd activities that the Burleson County Fair Association deems inappropriate on any social media pages. This includes written comments. This is part of the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. By not deleting said photos or comments, you could be asked to withdraw from the contest or relinquish the title.
12. The contestants will abstain from public displays of affection (with significant others) during fair week.
13. If any contestant or queen is asked to relinquish their title because of these matters, they are ineligible to run for the Burleson County Fair Queen in the future.
14. No candidate can promote themselves as a candidate before the mandatory meeting on June 1st. Any candidate who promoted themselves before June 1st will be grounds for disqualification of the candidate. This includes contacting businesses, organizations, or people directly. This also includes posting on social media about purchasing fair tickets prior to when the candidate receives her tickets on June 1st.
15. Contestants may not advertise their flyers on social media or hang them in businesses until after June 1st when they receive their tickets.
16. Contestants are not allowed to offer incentives to purchase tickets, other than the raffle prizes listed on the BCFA membership to be drawn for with the purchase of the individual membership.
17. Contestants will not advertise businesses as sponsors in any way.

Guidelines and Other Rules:

1. All queen contestants will be provided with contact lists (names and phone numbers) for all previous ticket buyers at the Queen's meeting on June 1st.
2. Contestants will be given their first 200 tickets to sell on June 1st. Tickets will be given in no more than 200 ticket increments.
3. Contestants are to give a 24 hour notice to the director/chairman for meeting times and locations to turn in tickets and money and to receive new tickets.
4. Check and cash are the only accepted forms of payment for individual memberships. Online tickets are available for purchase as well. If memberships are purchased with cash, cash should be turned in. Memberships should not be purchased through electronic cash apps such as Venmo, Paypal, etc.
5. Contestant needs to be present to receive a new increment of 100 tickets.
6. After June 1st, contestants are welcome to hang their flyers in businesses that allow it. All business advertisement flyers need to be removed by September 30th.
7. Each contestant will be given a 20 (\$50.00) poster allowance at Imagemaker in Caldwell.
8. Contestants will need to submit to the chairman a short biography to be posted with their picture on the Burleson County Fair Association website.
9. Contestants will submit to the chairman a headshot photograph to be on the Burleson County Fair Association website and the Burleson County Tribune.
10. There will be a contestant brunch on the day of the contest. Only queen contestants, committee members, and the current Burleson County Fair Queen will be welcome to attend.

11. A list of 8-10 questions to be asked at the contest will be released by the committee no later than September 1st.
12. No Fair Queen candidate will participate in removing or defacing another Queen Candidate's flyer on any advertisement or printed material.

Responsibilities of the Fair Queen & Contestants:

1. All Fair Queen Contestants are required to help run buyer sheets at the Commercial Heifer Sale and Youth Livestock Auction on Friday and Saturday night.
2. The winning contestant will serve as the official ambassador of the Burleson County Fair and must attend all fair activities during the fair week including but not limited to all judging events, commercial heifer sale, and youth livestock auction. The Fair Queen will be required to take pictures with all winners in the livestock and creative living divisions and at the commercial heifer sale and youth livestock auction
3. The Burleson County Fair Queen will attend and represent Burleson County Fair association at next year's fair parade
4. The Queen may also be requested to attend other events and/or activities within the county and surrounding areas. Should the queen be approached to attend events and/or activities outside of the Burleson County Fair she shall direct the organizations to contact the BCFA Fair Queen Director and/or the BCFA Fair Queen Chairman. Any Fair Queen appearances must have the prior approval of the BCFA Fair Queen Director and BCFA Fair Queen Chairman.
5. The Burleson County Fair Queen will also be required to be present at the Little Miss and Fair Queen contest to crown the BCFA fair queen at next year's ceremony.
6. During the year of the Fair Queen's reign, the Fair Queen must conduct herself in a professional manner.
7. No awards that were won at the 2026 Burleson County Fair will be worn while exhibiting projects at the fair. This includes crowns, buckles, and sashes. Fair Queen contestants will not wear their crown or sashes while showing or selling their projects.
8. If for any reason should the Fair Queen not be able to fulfill her duties in accordance with these rules and regulations, the 1st Runner Up shall be named Fair Queen and duly authorized to perform in this capacity.
9. Once a contestant has been crowned Burleson County Fair Queen she is ineligible to run for the position in the future.
10. In the event of a tie, all contestants will be brought back on stage individually for a tie breaker question. The judges will know who the tiebreaker is between and will be judging only those contestants. Should there remain a tie after the tiebreaker question, the three judges will determine the winner by secret vote.

POINTS ARE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

Three Judges scores (50 points per judge) to include:

- Stage Presence=10 points per judge
- Biography= 15 points per judge
- Predetermined Interview Question #1=10 points per judge
- Secret Interview Question #2=15 points per judge

Ticket Sales are based on a prorated scoring system. The contestant who sold the highest number of total tickets will receive 50 points towards their overall score. The other contestants will then receive points based on the following proportion:

$$\frac{\text{Highest Number of Tickets Sold}}{50 \text{ Points}} = \frac{\text{Contestant's Number of Tickets Sold}}{\text{Contestant's Points}}$$

Maximum Total of 200 Points. The contestant with the highest total score will be crowned the Burleson County Fair Queen. Contestants agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL.

AWARDS

- In addition to receiving a \$4 rebate per membership sold, the following placings will also receive:
 - 1st: \$3,000 scholarship
 - 2nd: \$2,000 scholarship
 - 3rd: \$1,000 scholarship
- The Queen will receive a belt buckle and crown.

Any exceptions to these rules, responsibilities and guidelines must have prior approval of the Burleson County Fair Board of Directors. Failure to obtain approval and compliance with these guidelines could result in disqualification as a queen candidate and/or forfeiture of the rebated portion of her ticket sales.

BCFA QUEEN CONTEST SPONSORS

**TIARAS-THE COTTAGE
SASHES-BRAD & TAMMI SKRHAK
FLOWERS- FIELDS & FLOWERS
TROPHIES- CITIZENS STATE BANK
BRUNCH- FAIR QUEEN COMMITTEE
QUEEN BUCKLE- METROPOLITAN WATER CO., L.P.
HIGH POINT TICKET SALES BUCKLE-SLOVACEK'S SAUSAGE COMPANY**

BURLESON COUNTY FAIR LITTLE MISS CONTEST

Director: Natalee Kovar

Chairman: Rebekah Hruska

Committee: Meghan Blum, Dana Doonan, Carlee Flores, Kyleigh Gonzales, Hannah Kovar, Phallan McAdams, Shauna Savage

1. Contestant must be 4 years of age by the day of the Little Miss Contest to compete, but not have reached their 5th birthday.
2. The contestant's parent or guardian must attend the mandatory informational meeting (held the first part of August) to participate in the Little Miss Contest.
3. Contestant must live in Burleson County or have a parent or guardian who lives in Burleson County.
4. Little Miss Winner is required to be at all Burleson County Fair activities the remainder of the fair week and for their term as Burleson County Little Miss.
5. In the event of a tie between little miss contestants, the 3 judges will determine the winner by secret vote.

Little Miss Contest will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00pm

BCFA LITTLE MISS CONTEST SPONSORS

**TIARAS-THE COTTAGE
SASHES-BRAD & TAMMI SKRHAK
FLOWERS- FIELDS & FLOWERS
TROPHIES- CITIZENS STATE BANK
LITTLE MISS BUCKLE- RICKY & KARA MANTEY
LITTLE MISS MEAL- JUSTIN & REBEKAH HRUSKA
T-SHIRTS- POP!TX AND HD KREATIONS
FLOAT- C&H CONSTRUCTION: BRIAN & DEBRA CHAPMAN**

BURLESON COUNTY FAIR PARADE RULES

Director: James Pieper

Chairman: Kayla Johnson

Committee: Beverly Blinka, Dennis Brinkman, Natalie Shupak

September 11, 2026 Deadline for all parade entries

September 19, 2026 All parade entries in place by 9:00a.m.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to participate

Parade begins at 10:00a.m.

Fair Queens will be judged and awarded:

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$300

3rd Place: \$200

A trophy will be awarded to First Place Winners in each other following categories:

Civic Organizations • Youth Organizations • Schools • Businesses

- 1. NO THROWING OF ANY CANDY, TOYS, BALLOONS, ETC. FROM ANY PARADE ENTRIES ALLOWED.**
2. All officials will provide their own vehicles and banners.
3. All entries must be identified by sign or banner with the themes of floats on the sides and the organization name on the rear.
4. All participants must conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
5. Only actual parade entries shall be on the parade route and line up area.

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE AND THEN RECEIVE THEIR TROPHIES ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 DURING THE LITTLE MISS AND FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Director: Micah Osburn

Chairman: Tammi Skrhak

Committee Member: Riley Green

Entry Fee: \$10 per individual

Entry Deadline: August 1, 2026

Late Entries: until September 1, 2026 for a \$25 entry fee

Date of Contest: Monday, September 21, 2026

Registration: burlesoncl.fairwire.com

Time of Contest: 3:00p.m.

Final Round: Immediately following preliminary round, if needed

Awards: Immediately following final round

RULES:

1. All rules apply to the Agricultural Public Speaking Contest as listed in the general rules of the exhibitor handbook. All rules and/or procedures are subject to change by the committee.
2. Age Divisions will be:
 - Junior Division: 3rd-5th grade
 - Intermediate Division: 6th-8th grade
 - Senior Division: 9th-12th grade
3. Contestants in each division will be divided into groups depending on category. Categories must be indicated upon entry by August 1st; category changes after entry deadline will not be permitted.
4. Speech title and statement of originality all must be submitted at time of entry. There will be no exceptions, incomplete entries will not be accepted.
5. Business attire or officiation 4-H/FFA attire is recommended.
6. Contestants are required to upload the following items at the time of entry to the online registration form:
 - a. Speech Title and Category
 - b. A statement of originality signed by the contestant and parent(s) must be attached to each copy of the speech.
7. Contestants must submit manuscripts electronically to the chairman one week before the contest.
8. If a contestant chooses to not follow the documentation guidelines outlined, point deductions will be taken at the discretion of the superintendent, show management and judges.
9. Speech shall be a minimum of four (4) minutes in length and a maximum of six (6) minutes.
 - Time point deductions will be as follows:
 1. Under four (4) minutes- one (1) point per ten seconds
 2. Over six (6) minutes- one (1) point per ten seconds
 3. Judge can stop student at 7 minutes if they are still speaking
10. Each judge will ask each contestant a question. Each answer will be no longer than 90 seconds.
11. Each contestant will enter their speech in one of four categories. A contestant may enter in one category only. There are subject matters which may be appropriate in more than one category. Final determination of all speeches will be at the discretion of the superintendent and show management. The category the student wishes to enter must be submitted with the original entry form.
12. Previous 1st place winners in Junior and Senior Divisions must select a new speech topic (can be the same speech category) to remain eligible to enter the contest in subsequent years.
13. Committee members have the right to change/amend any rules, guidelines, or awards pertaining to this contest.

CATEGORIES:

Agricultural Policy/Agribusiness: Any current or future subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, international competition, rural economic development, legal issues, animal rights, subsidies, price supports, cooperatives, sales, service, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, hedging, advertising.

Animal Science: Any current or future subject that deals with any aspects of the dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, goat, swine, beef, or specialty animal industries.

Horticulture/Landscape/Natural Resources: Any current or future subject that addresses any aspect of the horticulture and/or agronomy industries including floriculture, fruit and/or vegetable production, nursery operations, turf and landscape management, crop production, specialty crop production, soil, water, air, water quality, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy environmental issues, etc.

Western Heritage/Ag Advocacy: Any current or future subject that deals with the topics such as Western history, culture, or heritage. Any current or future subject that addresses topics such as biotechnology, biogenetics, bioengineering, mechanical engineering, new Agri-technology applications, global positioning and other satellite technology, computer applications, etc.

AWARDS:

Junior Division

1st Place Winner-Plaque and Premium money TBD

2nd & 3rd Place Winners- Premium money TBD

Intermediate Division

1st Place Winner-Plaque and Premium money TBD

2nd & 3rd Place Winners- Premium money TBD

Senior Division

1st Place Winner-Plaque and Premium money TBD

2nd & 3rd Place Winners- Premium money TBD

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Director: Joni Urbanosky

Chairman: Keith Schroeder

Committee Member: Rhonda Schroeder, John Grange, Megan Rogers, Kodi Suehs

Provides an educational activity to evaluate livestock.

Schedule

- Friday, September 25, 2026, 8:00-9:00a.m. – Registration
- 9:00a.m.- Livestock Judging Contest Begins

Awards Presentation

(Official placing and reasons will be given immediately following the livestock judging contest)

Registration Fee

Free (Subject to change at the discretion of the chairman and committee members)

Tabulation

Contest Committee & Volunteers

General Rules

1. Only Texas 4-H & FFA members may enter as individual contestants (no teams).
2. Divisions: The contest will be divided into 3 age divisions (based on age at contest date).
Junior: 8-10 Intermediate: 11-13 Senior: 14-18
3. Contestants must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA members and certified as such at registration to be eligible for the contest.
4. Contestants will be allowed eight (8) minutes per class: seven (7) minutes to judge and one (1) minute to move. There will be at least one questions class.
5. No oral reasons for this contest.
6. Bring two (#2) pencils and a manila folder and clipboard.

THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED:

7. There will be no cheating allowed. Anyone caught cheating will be removed from the contest immediately and disqualified.
8. The decisions of the contest officials are final.
9. Results: The contest results, as announced, will be final.

CHAMPION DRIVE SHOW

Directors: Patick Mantey & Raynie Broesche

Committee: Alyssa Melson, Holly Legg, Katie Withem, Tiffany Mantey, Rhonda & Russell Bentke

ABOUT:

- Purpose: Provide special needs youth in Burleson County the opportunity to participate first-hand, in a livestock show experience.
- Traditional multi-species show
 - Swine
 - Goats
 - Rabbits
- Each youth is assigned a “buddy”. Buddies will assist participants with the exhibition of the livestock projects.
- Each participant in the show receives a special award and a photo with their buddy.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Participants are selected from Caldwell, Somerville, and Snook Special Education Departments.
- Participants 9-18 years of age.
- Students will apply to participate.
- Permission is received from each participants’ family.
- Select around 10 participants each year.

BUDDIES:

- 4-H/FFA members participating in the Burleson County Fair.
- Buddies serve as a support network to special needs youth while exhibiting livestock projects.
- Applications are due August 1, 2026.
- Go through the application process.
- Youth selected as a “buddy” by committee members, County Extension Agents, and Agricultural Education Teachers.
- Must be in at least 7th grade.
- Must attend mandatory training on working with youth with special needs. This meeting/training will be held on September 6, 2026 @ 6:30p.m.
- Select between 15-20 buddies each year.

The goal is to assist participants only when needed from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

All buddies must be available Friday, September 25, 2026 from 9:00-12:00p.m.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

The Burleson County Fair Association reserves to its officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may seem fit and advisable

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BURLESON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

1. Exhibitors or a parent must live in Burleson County, and/or, be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2026-2027 school year; and must have entered the 3rd grade and be 8 years of age. All exhibitors must be a member of a Burleson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, attend 5 4-H Club or FFA Chapter meetings between September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026 and be in good standing with their respective club or chapter. Any incoming FFA member who has not been a member of FFA must have approval by the Agricultural Science Teacher.
 - a. The Burleson County Fair Board of Directors will follow policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency and University Interscholastic League under the Texas Education Code 33-081 "No Pass, No Play". This includes academic and disciplinary issues including Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement, In-School Suspension, and Out of School Suspension. The AST and/or CEA will provide each school a list of their chapter/club's exhibitors. Schools will certify in writing (signed by the Principal and/or Superintendent) whether each exhibitor is eligible or not during the show dates for that year. Scholastic eligibility is determined by each exhibitor's respective school in accordance with TEA and UIL policy and strictly adhered to by the BCFA. Furthermore, when an exhibitor is ruled ineligible by the school on September 19, 2026, as of 4pm, or on any other date of the show (September 20-September 27, 2026), then their entry(s)/animal is also ineligible. Any Project owned by the ineligible exhibitor will be considered ineligible for competition and/or sale. No substitute exhibitor requests will be granted.
2. Exhibitors must have owned and fed their animals since tag in date (except Poultry & Rabbit exhibits). All entries must be submitted on official entry blanks at the time of tag in or order. **All exhibitors are required to provide their social security number at the time of entry, and to use the name listed on their social security card as the name on their entry card.**
3. Exhibitors must be closely engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming, and overall welfare of their animals. Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period. The validation period begins immediately following the county validation date through the exhibition of the project at the Burleson County Fair. Livestock projects must be raised in Burleson county unless prior approval is given by the Burleson County Fair Board. Prior approval must be given in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
4. If an exhibitor, parent/guardian of an exhibitor, or their representative interferes with the judges, committee members, show, or auction (including auctioneer) the Burleson County Fair Board may exclude the Exhibitor, Parent/Guardian, Family or Representative from participation in any or all events at the Fair for a period of time deemed appropriate (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Burleson County Fair Association) for the offense. The Burleson County Fair Association may withhold any and/or all monetary proceeds and other awards or take any other steps deemed necessary.
5. Competition will be open to Burleson County 4-H or FFA members that meet requirements.

6. Every precaution will be taken to protect all articles entered, *but in no case will the Burleson County Fair Association or any director, chairman, worker be responsible for loss, damage, theft, or breakage or for other forms of loss.*
7. **Entries must be registered ONLINE through ShoWorks by entry deadlines.** Youth Livestock will register at **burleson.fairwire.com** and Commercial Heifers will register at **burlesonch.fairwire.com**.

Entry fees will be charged as follows:

Market Animals, Poultry, Rabbits, & Ag Mechanics.....	\$25.00
Commercial Heifers.....	\$30.00
Colts.....	\$30.00

8. Livestock are not to be removed from stalls except for water, leading about for exercise, washing, or approved outside tie outs except by special permission from that chairman in charge. Livestock must be stalled in the assigned stalls except by special permission from that chairman in charge.
9. Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stalls in a clean condition by removing filth and litter and placing the same in a designated area where the management may move it with ease. No bedding hay will be allowed in the livestock buildings. Violation of this rule will result in a \$100 fine. The money will be deducted from sale proceeds if available. If the fine is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair.
10. All exhibitors will abide by the parking rules established by the Burleson County Fair Board of Directors VIP passes only.
11. Each exhibitor must feed, bed, care for, and groom his animal or poultry exhibit during the entire fair.
12. All non sale market steers, swine, lambs, and goats will be picked up between 9:00-10:00a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2026. The broiler remaining at the fair shall be released on Sunday, September 27, 2026. On Sunday, September 27, 2026 all other livestock and tack will be released from 7:00-10:00 a.m. and must be removed by 10:30 a.m. of that same day, except by approval of the committee chairman. Violation of this rule will result in a \$100 fine. The money will be deducted from sale proceeds if available. If the fine is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair. For the goat and lamb divisions, you may remove your tack and supplies on Saturday after the auction or on Sunday between 7:00a.m.-9:00a.m.; any tack and supplies left after 10:30a.m. will result in \$100 fine.
13. If an animal has no competition in a class, the judge will award a ribbon depending on what the animal merits unless otherwise specified.
14. Exhibitors must be present at the auction sale and sell their own item unless permission is granted by that particular department chairman. Exhibitors must pick up sale order numbers prior to the sale from the division chairman at the fair office area.
15. The decision of the judge shall be FINAL. Any interference with the judge will result in disqualification or removal from fairgrounds.
16. PROTEST- for breeding and market classes.
 - a. All protest must be in writing and accompanied by a \$150.00 cash or cashier's check deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest shall state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the chairman immediately following the occasion for such protest.
 - b. Protest against the Judge's decision will not be accepted by the management and the decision of the judge shall be FINAL.
17. Any questions, complaints, protests, or concerns within a committee must be taken through the proper chain of command. They include committee chairman, director in charge, livestock Superintendent, then fair board of directors.

18. The Fair Executive Committee will review all violations and has final authority on all disputes.
19. All livestock that are found to be infected with or exposed to any contagious disease or deemed unfit by the committee will be removed from the show grounds immediately.

20. ATTENTION: USE OF DRUGS

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs of other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and Exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Burleson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardian. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Burleson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. *Abuse of the extra-label privilege by the veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

21. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits are under the control and direction of the Burleson County Fair, but the Burleson County Fair association is not responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or any other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the Burleson County Fair association against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animal exhibited by him, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

ANIMAL/EXHIBITOR DISQUALIFICATION

To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal test positive for that drug upon arrival at the fairgrounds. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on fairgrounds.

UNAPPROVED DRUG USE

The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug administration (FDA) and/or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

APPROVED DRUG USE

If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the Fairgrounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

ANIMAL INSPECTION

As a condition for participation in the Fair, the exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any test requested by the Fair. The exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Fair or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Fair or any of its officers. Further, the Fair specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood feather,

fecal, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Fair or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fair.

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Fair veterinarian, but the official Fair veterinarian **MUST** be notified in advance, and he/she **MUST** be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Fair Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, the animal will be determined ineligible for completion.

TREATMENT COST

All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Burleson County Fair Association reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of animal producing a sample having a quantity of drug residue of any kind may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the BCF.

- **1st Offense - Loss of premium money and auction proceeds, Failure to surrender these may/will result in a 1 year suspension.**
- **2nd Offense - Rule #1 plus suspension of 1 year from participating in BCF**
- **3rd Offense - Rule #1 and the exhibitor will be banned from future participation.**

22. Feeding medicated feed to market animals and poultry after the withdrawal period has expired is not permitted. All feed must be fed in accordance with the withdrawal.
23. Registration papers for breeding beef heifers must be presented to the Division Chairman as proof of ownership.
24. Showmanship awards will be presented to the top showman in the following grade divisions: Junior-grades 3rd-5th, Intermediate-grades 6th-8th, and Senior-grades 9th-12th. Showmanship is presented in each of the Broiler, Turkey, Steers, Swine, Lamb, Goat, and Heifer Divisions. Winners will be selected on the merits received for fitting and showing their own animals during their respective judging events. Ag Mechanics will have an overall showmanship award to be awarded to one (1) individual from the sales division.
25. It will be left up to the directors to make up the sale order list.
26. The highest placing animal within the specific market divisions must sell.
27. The highest placing livestock project must sell unless the exhibitor requests a substitution change from another division in person to the fair office. All substitutions and release (animals not qualifying for the auction) forms must be submitted by 9:00p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2026.
28. Animals not qualifying for the Auction must be picked up between 9-10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, or they will go to the floor buyer.

29. All livestock, poultry, and rabbit exhibits will be checked in with that division chairman according to the schedule listed in Livestock Rule Book. Stall assignments will be made by the committee chairman. Livestock Divisions with weight requirements will be weighed one time only, unless they weighed out, they are allowed one more immediate re-weigh with no exhibitor manipulation, excluding any Division with a weigh back rule.
30. If an exhibitor has two or more animals showing at the same time, a qualified Burleson County 4-H or FFA fair exhibitor will be allowed to serve as a substitute exhibitor.
31. All market animals and Jr. Breeding Beef Heifers will be fitted and groomed by exhibitors, parents, immediate family members, Burleson County 4-H Leaders, Ag Instructors, County Extension Agent.
 - a. No market animals will be allowed to be clipped or sheared on fairgrounds. No blow dryers to be used on market animals.
 - b. No change of the color pattern of the market animals by painting, dyeing or adhesives will be allowed.
 - c. If any BCFA rule is abused or intentionally disregarded, it is grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor and/or exhibitors.
32. Each division will formulate a list of judges that is agreed on by that division committee. A list of three (3) judges will be taken before the BCFA Board of Directors for approval by the February meetings, and the judge confirmed by March 1, 2026. No judge or sifter shall be a Burleson County resident or related to any exhibitor showing at the Burleson County Fair or have any other interest that is deemed a conflict by the Burleson County Fair Board Directors. A Judge may not serve more than 2 consecutive years.
33. **Mandatory: Thank you notes to the Buyer(s) of exhibitor animals, buckles, premium money, and any other sponsored item, will be given to 4-H Leaders or Advisors in a stamped, addressed unsealed envelope. BCFA will mail the thank you notes to the Buyers. Thank you notes must be handwritten in twenty (20) words or more and received by November 1, 2026, failure to submit thank you letters by December 1, 2026. When money is available and thank you notes received, the BCFA will make checks available to Exhibitors.**

FAILURE TO SUBMIT "THANK YOU" LETTERS BY DECEMBER 1, 2026, WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE EXHIBITOR'S PROCEEDS, AND MONIES WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

34. All checks left more than 90 days from date of issue become the property of the Burleson County Fair Association and will be applied to the scholarship fund.
35. The only pictures to be taken with buyers during the Livestock Sale shall be the pictures of the exhibitors with the buyers of the grand and reserve champions in each division. All other pictures may be taken during and after the sale.
36. No awards that were won at the 2026 Fair will be worn while exhibiting projects at the fair. This consists of crowns, ribbons, sashes, and belt buckles.
37. Poultry and rabbits that are not of show quality will be sifted at time of check in and will be sent home immediately and not eligible for sale. All other market animals will be sifted for market quality at the time of check in. Sifted animals are not eligible for sale.
38. Showmanship exhibitors will come back with their own exhibited entry. Showmanship is divided by Senior Showmanship grades 9th-12th, Intermediate Showmanship grades 6th-8th, and Junior Showmanship grades 3rd-5th, except Ag Mechanics.
39. Exhibitors must show their own animals unless approved by the committee chairperson.
EXCEPTION: poultry and rabbits
 - All entries (animals) that have checked in- sifted & weighed - must be shown, no exceptions.
40. No pets allowed on fairgrounds during Fair, except to assist handicapped people.

41. IF BUYER REPORTS TO BCFA ABOUT A REQUEST TO CHANGE A DESTINATION OF BOUGHT ITEM TO BENEFIT THE SELLER, THE SALE PROCEEDS WILL BE WITHHELD FROM EXHIBITOR AND DONATED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NO HARASSMENT OF BUYERS.
42. NO TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPERS, LIVESTOCK TRAILERS OR TRAILERS WITH LIVING QUARTERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS OR SADDLE CLUB GROUNDS AFTER TUESDAY NIGHT.
43. All market animals must comply with USDA regulations for transportation, slaughter, country of origin statement, and no feeding of animal byproducts at time of tag-in and entry!
44. Any youth livestock is eligible to be used by the Livestock Judging committee for the judging contest and the Champion Drive Contest.
45. **Family validation** is permitted under certain circumstances. “Family validation” means validating livestock with related family members in the same household, or separate, in the case of split family divorce situations. To be eligible for family validation, the youth participants must be related family members. “Related family members” for the purpose of validation means nuclear family, stepfamily, or siblings via guardianship. Failure to utilize the student’s legal name on any validation form or livestock show entry form is a violation of the Ethics Policy and may result in disqualification. Documentation, including official government-issued documents, may be requested to certify the identity and/or custody status of the youth participant. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete

The Burleson County Fair is a non-profit organization which exists solely to promote the educational opportunities of the youth of our county. In order to produce this event, the fair must be able to financially meet all of its obligations. Accordingly, all persons entering the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair are expected to pay an entry fee or be a member of the fair association and thereby have paid a fee. No exceptions.

TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Post Office Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966

The Burleson County Fair Association will abide by the current rules and regulations governing county fairs and expositions, set by the Texas Animal Health Commission, for all livestock and poultry.
Consult with the Livestock Superintendent, Livestock Division Directors, AgriLife Extension Agents, or the Agricultural Science Teachers concerning health requirements and proper health certificates.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

Director: James Pieper

Chairman: Hank Herrmann

1. Exhibitors or a parent must live in Burleson County, and/or, be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2026-2027 school year; and must have entered the 3rd grade and be 8 years of age. All exhibitors must be a member of a Burleson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, attend 5 4-H Club or FFA Chapter meetings between September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026 and be in good standing with their respective club or chapter. Any incoming FFA member who has not been a member of FFA must have approval by the Agricultural Science Teacher.
 - a. The Burleson County Fair Board of Directors will follow policies as set out by the Texas Education Agency and University Interscholastic League under the Texas Education Code 33-081 “No Pass, No Play”. This includes academic and disciplinary issues including Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement, In-School Suspension, and Out of School Suspension. The AST and/or CEA will provide each school a list of their chapter/club’s exhibitors. Schools will certify in writing (signed by the Principal and/or Superintendent) whether each exhibitor is eligible or not during the show dates for that year. Scholastic eligibility is determined by each

exhibitor's respective school in accordance with TEA and UIL policy and strictly adhered to by the BCFA. Furthermore, when an exhibitor is ruled ineligible by the school on September 19, 2026, as of 4pm, or on any other date of the show (September 20-September 27, 2026), then their entry(s)/animal is also ineligible. Any Project owned by the ineligible exhibitor will be considered ineligible for competition and/or sale. No substitute exhibitor requests will be granted.

2. An individual may have only one sale through the auction. There will be no limit on the number of sales per family. EXCEPTION! All grand and reserve champions must sell in the youth livestock auction.
3. Grand and Reserve Champion of each division must sell through the auction. Other sale eligible animals must sell or be subject to \$1000 withdrawal fee, from the auction with prior approval of the division chairman.
4. The number of items eligible for the Youth Livestock Auction are as follows:
**20 STEERS • 20 LAMBS • 40 PENS OF BROILERS • 60 GOATS • 60 SWINE
8 TURKEYS • 60 PENS OF RABBITS • 18 INDIVIDUAL AG MECH PROJECTS • 1 HEAVIEST BROILER**
5. All steers, market hogs, market lambs and goats will be sold by the head; and rabbits and poultry will be sold by the pen. All livestock, poultry, and rabbits will be sold in order of placing, sale order beginning with the Grand and Reserve Champion animals
6. Buyers will be invoiced after the conclusion of the sale.
7. No individual financial donations will be accepted on livestock, poultry, or rabbit exhibits. Donations will be accepted and will be distributed equally in that particular division to increase the value of all items in that division. This applies to the youth livestock auctions. The only exception to this rule will be if a donation is given for all auction exhibitors.
8. Only animals donated back to the Fair Association will be cared for after the sale.
9. There will be a sale fee charge of five (5) percent on all animals sold through the Fair Auction. In order to comply with the national law on the Beef Check-Off, two dollars will be deducted from the sale of each steer sold.
10. Exhibitors must be present at the auction sale to sell their own item unless permission is granted by that particular department chairman. Failure to comply with this rule will result in loss of sale. Exhibitors must pick up sale order numbers prior to the sale from the Division Chairman at the Fair Office area.
11. All broilers, turkeys and rabbits will be processed by the exhibitor and promptly delivered to the buyer within two weeks unless directed differently by the buyer. If a buyer of broilers, turkeys or rabbits, reports to BCFA that buyer was not contacted by the exhibitor on the processing of the project, sale proceeds may be withheld from the exhibitor and donated to the scholarship fund.
12. **Final destination of all livestock will be determined by the original buyer/buyers the night of the sale. There will be no exceptions to these rules. If the destination is not declared by the original buyer/buyers, item goes to the resale buyer.**
 - a. **All Exhibitors need to be present September 26, 2026 to sign a release of form for each animal.**
13. All animals purchased by the resale buyer will be loaded on his truck only. No private treaty trades will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Violations of this rule will result in a \$500 fine. The money will be deducted from sale proceeds if available. If the fine is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair.
14. Any animal not placed will not be eligible for the Youth Livestock Auction.

SUPPLEMENTAL AUCTION RULES

1. The supplemental sale allows 4-H and FFA members who did not make the youth livestock auction to sell one item. (No animals taken through the sale ring.)
2. An individual is not required to sell items in the supplemental sale.
3. Exhibitors must be present at the auction sale to sell their own item unless permission is granted by that particular department chairman. Failure to comply with this rule will result in loss of sale.
4. A maximum price received by the exhibitor will be 90% of the lowest selling animal in the Youth Livestock Auction.
5. The sale order will be the same as in the youth livestock auction.
6. There will be a sale fee charge of five (5) percent on all animals sold through the supplemental sale.
7. All broilers, turkeys and rabbits will be processed by the exhibitor and delivered to the buyer, unless directed differently by the buyer.
8. **Final destination of all livestock will be determined by the original buyer/buyers the night of the sale. There will be no exceptions to these rules. If the destination is not declared by the original buyer/buyers, item goes to the resale buyer.**
9. All animals purchased by the resale buyer will be loaded on his truck only. No private treaty trades will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Violations of this rule will result in a \$500 fine. The money will be deducted from sale proceeds if available. If the fine is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair.

EXHIBITORS MAY ENTER GROUNDS THROUGH PEDESTRIAN GATE LOCATED AT THE BACK ENTRANCE STARTING AT 6:00 A.M. TO PREPARE FOR SHOWING

**ALL ENTRIES IN THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT:
burleson.fairwire.com**

**ALL ENTRIES IN THE COMMERCIAL HEIFER DEPARTMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE
AT:
burlesonch.fairwire.com**

2026 SALE ORDER

**LAMBS
SWINE
TURKEYS
AG MECHANICS
RABBITS
STEERS
GOATS
BROILERS**

Thanks to Burleson County 4-H & Caldwell FFA for serving refreshments during the auctions.

AG MECHANICS

Director: Anthony Muzny

Co-Chairmen: Kyle Skrabanek & Cassie Baldwin

Committee: David Armstrong, Joe Baldwin, Coy Cass, Blake Godwin, Wes Hancock, Pacer Lednicky, Colton Lilie, Greg Moore, Jayce Morgan, David Sebesta, William See

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for 4-H & FFA members to display projects constructed as part of their Agricultural Mechanics Experience programs. To promote the development of skills in agriculture mechanics through competition. To recognize individual and group accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics. To provide an opportunity for the public to develop an appreciation of this important phase of 4-H and FFA youth programs.

RULES:

1. All Agricultural Mechanic Projects are subject to BCFA General Rules and Regulations.
2. All projects must have been constructed by the exhibitors' own efforts. Group entries may be constructed by multiple individuals or as a class project in school. Adult supervision is encouraged, but fabrication, construction, and/or painting of the project by adults is prohibited.
3. All projects must be clean, painted or treated, and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
4. In order for a project to be eligible for a blue ribbon, a blueprint or drawing, photographs showing the exhibitor(s) performing the construction, and a bill of materials must be included as documentation with each project. Other documentation may be provided at the exhibitor's discretion.
5. Premium money will be awarded 1st through 6th place in each class. Each division will select a Grand Champion & Reserve Champion. Showmanship will be awarded to one individual in the sale division. All Non-sale exhibitors will receive premium money by placings.

GRAND CHAMPION-BANNER & BUCKLE RESERVE CHAMPION-BANNER & BUCKLE

6. Before and after photos, a description of service performed, photos showing the exhibitor(s) performing the service, and a bill of materials are required to be submitted with restored tractors. Other documentation may be provided at the exhibitor's discretion.
7. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Burleson County Fair.
8. Projects may have been individually, or group constructed, exhibited by the maximum of four exhibitors, and may be individually or chapter owned. Only projects constructed by a single individual may be entered in the Sale Division, all other projects will be in the Non-Sale Division.
9. Individual entries entered in the Sale Division that receive a blue ribbon are eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Auction on Saturday night. There will be a maximum of 18 Ag Mechanics Projects in the sale as ranked by the judges. There will be a sale fee charge of 5% on all Ag Mechanic Projects sold through the Youth Livestock Auction. Exhibitors are responsible for delivery of their project to their Buyer.
10. **There will be a voluntary informative meeting to discuss Ag Mech project requirements on June 20, 2026, 10:00AM-Noon at the fairgrounds.**
11. All entries must be entered online by 11:59pm, August 25, 2026, by logging in to burleson.fairwire.com.
12. Projects must arrive on the grounds on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, between 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.** All entries must be checked in with the committee chairman or designee by 12:00p.m. Judging will be **Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 2:00p.m.**

13. The exhibitor(s) must be present during the judging to present their projects and to discuss their project with the judges. Projects must be presentable for the public each evening from 4:00-8:00p.m.
14. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered: however, all exhibitors must agree that the BCFA, Members of the BCFA Board of Directors or members of the BCFA Ag Mechanics Committee will not be held responsible for any losses or damages to projects.
15. The BCFA reserves the right to display projects as space allows. It is possible that larger projects may be displayed at an alternate location.
16. Projects will be judged on the following:
 - a. Workmanship & Finish 30 Points
 - b. Design & Degree of Difficulty 30 Points
 - c. Materials Used & Practicality 20 Points
 - d. Documentation & Showmanship 20 Points
17. Exhibitors are responsible to have someone pick up their project Sunday morning from 7:00-10:00a.m.

DIVISIONS: 1. Sale 2. Non-Sale 3. Tractors/Non-Sale

CLASSES:

1. **Agricultural Machinery and Equipment**
 Hay Equipment
 Spraying Equipment
 Mounted and Pull-Type Tractor Equipment
 Hydraulic Equipment
 Shop Equipment
 Truck, Tractor, and Agricultural Equipment or Accessories
2. **Livestock Handling Equipment Classes:**
 Gates and Panels
 Squeeze Chutes and Restraining Equipment
 Trim Chutes, Blocking Stands, Livestock/Animal Crates
 Head Gates
 Feeders
 Other: Livestock Equipment
3. **Trailer Classes:**
 Small Utility
 Small Stock
 Utility and Implement Trailers
 Stock Trailers
 Multi-Bale Trailer
4. **Outdoor Recreation:**
 Barbeque/Outdoor Cooking/Fire Pits
 Picnic Table/Outdoor Seating
 Recreation/Wildlife Projects

MARKET STEER DIVISION

DIRECTOR – Joni Urbanosky

CHAIRMAN – Jeff Baldwin

COMMITTEE: Crystal Baldwin, Branden Faust, Aly Faust, Grace Fritcher, Jonathan Handlon, Luke Hammer, Chandler Homeyer, Kody Howe, Kaitlyn Kindt, Rachel Novosad, David Sebesta, Kaylee Smith

RULES

Steers will be classified upon arrival at the fair into 3 divisions (American, British, AOC). Provided there are at least 3 steers that classify in a division, they will all make. If there are 3 or less steers in any division, that division will be combined with AOC. Each division will consist of 2 classes unless there are more than 9 steers in that division.

Divisions:

- A. American (must show at least ¼ blood Brahman influence)
- B. British (must meet major show criteria of its breed)
- C. AOC (all other crosses)

Steers must meet criteria of its breed and will be visually classified by a three-member committee. Exhibitors or current Burleson County Exhibitors may walk a steer into the classification arena. All steers WILL be classified. All classification decisions are FINAL! NO EXCEPTIONS

1. The top 20 in the division will be sold at the auction and sale order determined by the Judge.
2. Judging of steers will be Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
3. Premium money/prizes will be awarded for 1st through 6th place. Each division will select a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Then an overall Supreme Grand Champion and an overall Reserve Champion will be selected.

EACH DIVISION - • GRAND CHAMPION - BANNER & BUCKLE

• RESERVE CHAMPION - BANNER & BUCKLE

OVERALL SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION BANNER, BUCKLE & PRIZE

OVERALL SUPREME RESERVE CHAMPION BANNER, BUCKLE & PRIZE

4. Each exhibitor will be allowed to purchase and feed no more than two (2) steers. Steers must be fed and fitted to specifications of General Rules. Family entries will be permitted.
5. Exhibitors will turn in their own weights at classification. No weight cards will be accepted after classification closes. All steers will be weighed at the conclusion of the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
 - a. All steers must weigh between a minimum weight of 1,000 pounds and a maximum weight of 1,500 pounds. Any steer weighing more or less than 5% of its official weight and/or less than 1,000 pounds minimum at the time of re-weigh will be given an immediate re-weigh. The second weight is final. If the animal is weighed out the animal is disqualified, and the exhibitor will forfeit any ribbons, buckles, and/or premiums awarded as well as sale placing. In the event of a disqualification/weight-out, all other placing steers will move up in placing. The steer that is disqualified for weight will be released with non-sale items.
6. All steers must be clipped so that the hair is no more than 1/4" in length prior to entering the fairgrounds. Hair will be checked for length at weigh-in. If any hair is longer than permitted, steer will be sifted.

7. Steers must be dehorned. Recommended show cut.
8. Parents or other adults will not be allowed to assist the exhibitor in the ring during judging.
9. Director or Committee members are only allowed in ring or appointed staff.
10. No pumping of liquids into steers will be allowed on fairgrounds.
11. Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stalls in a clean condition by removing filth and litter and placing the same in a designated area where the management may move it with ease. No bedding hay will be allowed in the livestock buildings. Violation of this rule will result in a \$100 fine. The money will be deducted from sale proceeds if available. If the fine is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair.
12. Any steer found in violation of the Official Livestock Rules after weigh-in will be disqualified from the show. This division is subject to the Burleson County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock Department Rules and Regulations.
13. All entries must be entered online in ShoWorks by 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026, at burleson.fairwire.com.
- Entry fees to be paid at tag in.
- Tag in will be at the fairgrounds
14. Steer Tag-In/Check-In:
 - April 6, 2026 5:00-7:00 p.m. Registration, Entry, & Online Entries Due
 - September 22, 2026 12:00 p.m. Steers must be in barn
 - September 22, 2026 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Steer Classification, sift, & weight cards
15. No fans or tack will be allowed in the aisle.
16. If any BCFA rule is abused or intentionally disregarded, it is grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor and/or exhibitors.
17. Only exhibitors, parents/ guardians, 4-H agents, FFA advisors, and committee members will be allowed in the staging area.

JUNIOR BREEDING BEEF HEIFER DIVISION

DIRECTOR: Joni Urbanosky

CHAIRMAN: Keith Howe

COMMITTEE: Jeff & Crystal Baldwin, Jonathan Handlon, Chad Lewis, David Sebesta, Kaylee Smith, Kodi Suehs, Jalynn Urbanosky, Jason Urbanosky

RULES:

1. Health papers are required according to the Texas Animal Health Commission. This division is open to all 4-H and FFA members with registered beef heifer projects or ABC and AOB heifers in Burleson County.
2. Entries will be checked in with the division chairman by 1:00 – 2:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. ****Breeding Heifers must be in the barn by 12:00p.m. prior to check in.**
3. Heifers must be registered in the records of their respective breed association in the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must have registration certificates for each animal available for inspection at check-in. Copies of scramble heifer papers will be accepted, PROVIDING THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION FROM THE SCRAMBLE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION IS PRESENT WITH THE REGISTRATION PAPERS, VERIFYING THAT THE HEIFER IS A SCRAMBLE HEIFER.
4. Cattle entered in this show must be born on or after March 1, 2024
5. The judging will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.
6. Premium and Ribbons will be awarded to places 1st -4th in all classes. Banners and belt buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion winners.
7. **Classes are as follows:**
 - Junior heifer calves born after January 1, 2026.
 - Senior yearling heifers born October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.
 - Summer yearling heifers born July 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025.
 - Junior yearling heifers born April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025.
 - Early Senior yearling heifers born January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025.
 - Late Senior Yearling heifers born October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.
 - Heifers and cows calved March 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024.
8. No fans will be allowed in aisles or alley ways.
9. **A maximum of 2 heifers per exhibitor will be allowed to be exhibited at the show. Entries must be submitted online on ShoWorks at burleson.fairwire.com by 11:59 pm August 15, 2026.**

Entry fees will be paid at check-in on September 22, 2026.

10. Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stalls in a clean condition by removing filth and litter and placing the same in a designated area where the management may move it with ease. No bedding hay will be allowed in the livestock buildings. Violation of this rule will result in a \$100 fine. The money will be deducted from premium proceeds if available. If this is not paid, there will be a one (1) year suspension of the exhibitor from the fair.
11. No feed or water buckets are to be left in the stalls except during morning and evening feeding periods.
12. The committee will classify any heifer as ABC or AOB for our show only. Heifers will need to be classified by a three (3) man committee after the entry deadline on August 15, 2026 as designated.
13. No tranquilizers or pain killers may be administered to any heifer after being checked into the fairgrounds. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee.

MARKET SWINE DIVISION

DIRECTORS – Raynie Broesche & Natalee Kovar

CO-CHAIRMEN – Justin Hruska & Jason Neuendorff

COMMITTEE: Tonya Barnes, Grace Blinka, Brian Chapman, Boelden Chmelar, Wayne Drgac, James Faust, Carlee See Flores, Justin Gilliam, Rachel Heater, Clayton Hildebrand, Keith Howe, Kody Howe, Danny Loehr, Monica Odenbach, David Paul, Russell Bentke, Joey Withem, Chad Zwernemann

RULES:

1. Exhibitors will be required to feed and care for their animals until released by the chairman of the swine committee.
2. Feed and water troughs must be provided by exhibitors.
3. Pens will be required to be clean.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animals. (See General rules)
5. Barrows and gilts may be shown.
6. A maximum of 4 hogs may be tagged in and no individual will be allowed to exhibit more than 2 market hogs. Family entries will be permitted.
7. Ownership and ear tag numbers must be submitted to the committee chairman prior to swine weigh in.
8. Any clipping of market hogs must be done prior to entering the fairgrounds.
9. All entries must be entered online by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at burleson.fairwire.com. Market hogs will be tagged in on Saturday, June 6, 2026, between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Burleson County Fairgrounds.
- Entry fees will be paid at tag in.
- **If a hog loses its tag, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the chairman immediately.**
10. Swine must be checked in with the division chairman from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2026. Hogs will be weighed and sifted. If weighed out, the hog will be allowed one (1) more immediate re-weigh by the swine committee and sifter without exhibitor or parent manipulation.
11. Market Swine Judging will be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2026.
12. Market hog weight classes: **Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6**
Six weight classes will be established by the committee to divide the hogs as equally as possible among those entered.
13. Swine weight limits: Minimum -230 pounds; Maximum -300 pounds. There will be a three (3) pound tolerance on both the minimum and maximum weight. Hogs must be clean at time of weigh in.
14. Sifted hogs must be removed by 8:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.
15. No oil or oil-based products allowed for grooming of swine. Swine will be sifted prior to entering the show ring for oil-based products. If sifted for oil, the exhibitor must wash the swine and then can return to the show ring prior to the last swine going into the ring.
16. All swine must have permanent identifying ear notches prior to swine tag-in.
17. BCFA will supply only 1 bag of shavings to each exhibitor.
18. Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 7th place.
19. Swine meetings will be held during the year. All exhibitors must make the Tuesday, April 7, 2026, or Tuesday, May 5, 2026, meeting at the Expo Center. A parent, guardian and/or exhibitor must be present at one of the two (2) mandatory meetings.
20. If any BCFA rule is abused or intentionally disregarded, it is grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor and/or exhibitors.

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MARKET LAMB DIVISION

DIRECTOR: Kim Patch

CO-CHAIRMEN: David & Mary Cass

COMMITTEE: Coy Cass, Laramie Cass, Brandi Garbs, Dottie Goebel, Hannah Kovar, William See

RULES:

1. Lamb meetings will be held during the year. All exhibitors must make Thursday, March 19, 2026, or Thursday, April 9, 2026, meeting at the EXPO Center. A parent, guardian or exhibitor must be present at one of the two (2) mandatory meetings.
2. A maximum of 4 lambs may be tagged and no individual will be allowed to exhibit more than two market lambs at the show. Family entries will be permitted.
3. All lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds at the Fair. There will be a three (3) pound tolerance allowed on the minimum weight. Although there is not a maximum weight limit for lambs, the judge will select lambs for placing, based on the size demand by packers and consumers.
4. All lambs will be weighed in and sifted. If weighed out, the lamb will be allowed one (1) more immediate weigh by the lamb committee and sifter on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
5. Weight classes will be determined by the number of lambs checked-in, not to exceed four classes.
6. Wethers or ewe lambs may be exhibited.
7. Market lambs will be judged Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 10:30a.m.
8. All market lambs must be slick shorn from knee & hocks up prior to entering the fairgrounds.
9. No chain or spiked collar allowed in the show ring. A rope halter under 12" is allowed.
10. No market animals will be allowed to be clipped or sheared on fairgrounds. No blow dryer devices of any type, (electric, battery, or rechargeable) to be used on market animals.
11. No change of color pattern of the market animals by powder, adhesives, painting, or dyeing will be allowed.
12. Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 6th place.

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13. All entries must be entered online by 7:00p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at burleson.fairwire.com . Market lambs will be tagged in on Thursday, June 11, 2026, between 5:30-7:00p.m. at the Burleson County Fairgrounds.
 - a. Entries will be paid at tag in
14. Ownership and ear tag numbers must be submitted to the committee chairman prior to the lamb weigh-in and sifting.
15. Exhibitors must control lambs at time of showing. It is up to the discretion of the judge or chairman to remove uncontrollable animals from the show ring.
16. Sifted lambs must be removed by 10:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
17. Bedding allowed, but must be cleaned out and all tack and supplies must be removed by Sunday at 10:30a.m. or will result in a \$100 fine.
18. If any BCFA rule is abused or intentionally disregarded, it is grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor and/or exhibitors.

MARKET GOAT DIVISION

DIRECTOR: Kim Patch

CO-CHAIRMEN: Travis & Lauren Johnson

COMMITTEE: James Baldwin, Eric Boniol, Mary & David Cass, Shelby Huddleston, Michael Kaatz, Mike Kaatz, TJ & Jenna Kuehn, Brent & Rachel Sears, Aaron & Lanae White

RULES:

1. Goats will be handled with a collar, chain, halter, or lead rope less than 12 inches.
2. All goats must be dehorned or tipped.
3. Market goats must weigh no less than 60 pounds and no more than 120 pounds. There will be a three(3) pound tolerance allowed on the minimum and maximum weight. All goats will be weighed and sifted with no collars, halters, sweats, or lead ropes. If weighed out, the goat will be allowed one (1) more immediate weigh by the goat committee and sifter on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
4. The market goats must be trained to lead.
5. Wethers and does may be shown. It is open to any and all goats and crosses.
6. All entries must be entered online by 7:00p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at **burleson.fairwire.com**. Goats will be tagged in on Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 5:30-7:00p.m. at the Burleson County Fairgrounds.
 - a. Entry fees will be paid at tag in.
7. Market goats will be judged on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 12:00 noon.
8. A maximum of four market goats may be tagged in and no individual will be allowed to exhibit more than two goats at the show. Family entries will be permitted.
9. Six weight classes will be established by the committee to divide the goats as equally as possible by the number of goats.
10. Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 7th place.

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11. Ownership and ear tag numbers must be submitted to the committee chairman prior to the goat weigh-in/sifting.
12. All goats must be slick shorn prior to entering the fairgrounds with no more than 3/8 inch hair above the hock.
13. Sifted goats will be removed by 10:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
14. No market animals will be allowed to be clipped or sheared on fairgrounds.
15. No blow dryer devices of any type (electric, battery, or rechargeable) to be used on market animals.
16. No change of color pattern of the market animals by powder, adhesives, painting, or dyeing will be allowed.
17. Goats will be free of any health or skin disease.
18. Bedding allowed, but must be cleaned out and all tack and supplies must be removed by Sunday at 10:30a.m. or will result in a \$100 fine.
19. Goat meetings will be held during the year. All exhibitors must make the Thursday, March 19, 2026, or Thursday, April 9, 2026 meeting at the EXPO Center. A parent, guardian, or exhibitor must be present at one of the two (2) mandatory meetings.
20. If any BCFA rule is abused or intentionally disregarded, it is grounds for disqualification of the exhibitor and/or exhibitors.

POULTRY DIVISION

DIRECTOR: Micah Osburn

CHAIRMAN: Beverly Blinka

COMMITTEE: Jack Baumann Jr, Russell & Rhonda Bentke, Rachel Heater, Ricky Jr & Kara Mantey, Barabara Smith, Chris Smith

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GENERAL POULTRY

1. The Poultry Show shall consist of a Turkey Show and Broiler Show.
2. Market poultry exhibits must have been owned by the exhibitor from the day of pickup.
3. The chairman or an assistant will attend the cooping. No change of exhibit from one coop to another will be allowed except by permission from the chairman of the department.
4. All entries in the category must conform to the rules and regulations specified under the general rules.
5. **Family validation** is permitted under certain circumstances. "Family validation" means validating livestock with related family members in the same household, or separate, in the case of split family divorce situations. To be eligible for family validation, the youth participants must be related family members. "Related family members" for the purpose of validation means nuclear family, stepfamily, or siblings via guardianship. Failure to utilize the student's legal name on any validation form or livestock show entry form is a violation of the Ethics Policy and may result in disqualification. Documentation, including official government-issued documents, may be requested to certify the identity and/or custody status of the youth participant. Animals that are family registered and validated are eligible to compete in the Market Broiler and Market Turkey Show provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible.

BROILERS

Cockerels-1st and 2nd Place Banner

Pullets- 1st and 2nd Place Banner

Overall Grand Champion - Banner & Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand - Banner & Buckle

Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 10th place in each division.

Buckle will be awarded to the Heaviest Broiler/Proceeds of sale will go to the scholarship fund

1. Pullets and Cockerels will be shown.
2. An entry consists of three (3) chickens.
3. Pullets and Cockerels will be shown in separate divisions. All three chickens in each pen must be of the same sex. If the sifter determines that there are both pullets and cockerels in the same pen, the pen will be shown as a pen of cockerels.
4. Exhibitors may show one (1) pen of pullets and one (1) pen of cockerels or two (2) pens of the same sex.
5. **An exhibitor can show a maximum of two (2) pens. Only one pen per exhibitor will be sold through the auction. Sale slots will be divided equally amongst the divisions (cockerel and pullet) and alternate between the cockerels and pullets based on the overall grand champion. If there aren't enough birds in the division the committee will make a recommendation to the fair board on the decision to fill the remaining spots.**
6. A parent, guardian or exhibitor must be present at one of the two (2) mandatory poultry meetings held on **March 24, 2026, or June 2, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Expo Center**. At this time birds and entry fees will be paid for. There will be no refunds on purchased birds. **Broilers must be ordered online by 11:59 PM, June 2nd on ShoWorks (burleson.fairwire.com). A single exhibitor can order a box of 50 birds or 75 birds. Family validation – two exhibitors maximum, and share a box of 50 birds or 75 birds.**

7. All birds will be wing banded. Exhibitors can only show birds that are assigned by the bird wing bands. Broilers will be distributed on **Friday, August 14, 2026**, at the Expo Center from **12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** No refunds on ordered birds. BCFA is not responsible for lost wing bands. Exhibitors will be notified if there is a time change.
8. All broilers will be sifted at the time of entry by a qualified sifter. For each entry each exhibitor can bring a pen of three (3) birds and two (2) spare birds to the sift. Exhibitors are not allowed to alternate birds after going through the sift. Sifted/culled birds must be removed from the poultry barn before the start of the show and removed from the grounds after the completion of the show. Sifted/culled birds stay at the vehicle during the show.
9. There will be a separate sifting/culling line for broilers with sifting starting at **6:30 a.m.** on **Thursday September 24, 2026**. Exhibitor and broilers must be in line by **7:30 a.m.** Broiler Judging will start at the end of the sift.
10. Each bird must weigh a minimum of **5 lbs.** There is no maximum weight limit. Birds not weighing **5 lbs** will be sifted/culled automatically. Weighing is the discretion of the sifter or chairperson.
11. Each exhibitor must be present for the judging or notify the division chairman of the person designated to handle their pen of broilers during the judging. Only one holder per bird unless an exhibitor needs assistance. If an exhibitor needs assistance, a family member, 4-H or FFA or committee member may assist the exhibitor with holding a bird. Only the exhibitor and holders will be permitted in the show area. Exhibitors selling market poultry at the youth auction will be responsible for processing and delivering broilers to the buyer within two weeks.
12. If a buyer of broilers reports to BCF that buyer was not contacted by the exhibitor on the processing of the project, sale proceeds may be withheld from the exhibitor and donated to the scholarship fund.
13. After the completion of show/judging, the Director will announce if exhibitors are to take broilers home except for the Grand, Reserve and Heaviest Broiler. Grand, Reserve and Heaviest Broiler will be assigned to designated pens and will need to be cared for until Sunday, September 27, 2026. They will be released on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
14. **The exhibitor or parent must be present on Sunday September 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. to sign the destination form. Exhibitor/Parent will be responsible for cleaning out exhibitor's designated broiler pen/pens on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**
15. **Showmanship** Buckle will be awarded:
 - Junior Showmanship grades 3-5
 - Intermediate Showmanship grades 6-8
 - Senior Showmanship grades 9-12.
16. **HEAVIEST BROILER**
 - Must **NOT** be from pen of broilers checked in to show.
 - Exhibitors may bring only 1 broiler for opportunity to win.
 - Broilers will be weighed during the broiler check in only.
 - Buckle will be given to Heaviest Broiler winner.
 - Proceeds from the sale of Heaviest Broiler will go to the scholarship fund.

TURKEYS

Grand Champion - Banner & Buckle Reserve Grand Champion - Banner & Buckle

1. An entry consists of one (1) Hen.
2. A maximum of two (2) hens may be entered per exhibitor. Only one hen per exhibitor will be sold through the auction.
3. A parent, guardian or exhibitor must be present at the mandatory turkey meeting held on March 24, 2026, in the Expo Center. At this time birds and entry fees will be paid for. There will be no refunds on purchased birds. Turkeys must be ordered by 11:59 pm, March 24, 2026, on ShoWorks (burleson.fairwire.com). A single exhibitor may order in lots of 12 birds or 25 birds only, or Family validation – two exhibitors maximum and share a box of 25 birds.
4. Turkeys will be wing banded. Exhibitors can only show birds that are assigned by the bird wing bands. Turkeys will be distributed during the week of June 8th, an exact date to be determined with the exact week subject to change, at the Expo Center, time TBA. Exhibitors will be notified if there is a change.
5. All turkeys will be sifted at time of entry by a qualified sifter. Each exhibitor can bring 2 hens and two spares to the sift. Sifted/culled hens must be removed from the poultry barn before the start of the show and removed from the grounds after the completion of the show.
6. There will be a separate sifting/culling line for turkeys with sifting starting at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026. The exhibitor and Turkeys must be in line by 7:30 a.m. Judging to follow the completion of the broiler show.
7. Market Turkeys must weigh no less than a minimum of 15 lbs. Turkeys not weighing 15 lbs will be sifted/culled automatically. Weighing is the discretion of sifters or chairperson.
8. Turkeys with fowl pox will be eliminated from the show and sale.
9. Each exhibitor must be present for the judging or notify the division chairman of the person designated to handle their turkeys during the judging. Only one holder per bird unless an exhibitor needs assistance. If an exhibitor needs assistance, a family member, 4-H or FFA or committee member may assist the exhibitor with holding a bird. Only the exhibitor and holders will be permitted in the show area. A parent, guardian or family member may assist in showing the second bird.
10. Exhibitors selling market poultry at the youth auction will be responsible for processing and delivering it to the buyer within two weeks.
11. If a buyer of a turkey reports to BCFA that buyer was not contacted by exhibitor on the processing of the project, sale proceeds may be withheld from exhibitor and donated to scholarship fund.
12. Turkey exhibitors shall leave their highest placing (1) turkey in coop (pen) after judging and shall take home all other turkeys. After completion of show/judging the Director will announce that exhibitors shall take home the lowest place turkey. The turkey remaining at the fair shall be released on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 8:00 -10:00 a.m.
13. **The exhibitor or parent must be present on Sunday September 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. to sign the destination form.**
14. Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 6th place.
15. **Showmanship** Buckle will be awarded:
 - Junior Showmanship grades 3-5
 - Intermediate Showmanship grades 6-8
 - Senior Showmanship grades 9-12.

RABBIT DIVISION

DIRECTOR: Lewis Duesterhoft

CHAIRMAN: Dustin Hafernick

COMMITTEE: Katie Barnes, Lindy Beasley, James Condon, Kyleleen Duesterhoft, Jennifer Miller, Lucas Pineda, Ashlee Telschow, Zachary Ondrasek, Fritz Spencer, Jeffery Lopez

MARKET RABBITS: The show is governed by the latest ARBA rules.

1. **All rabbit exhibitors must attend one** of the mandatory meetings scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, and Monday, May 4, 2026, at the Expo Center. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.
2. Each exhibitor may show **ONE** pen of 3 fryer rabbits, each weighing **between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds**. Rabbits cannot be over 70 days of age.
3. Fryer rabbits may be purchased and must be owned by August 22, 2026.
4. Rabbits must all be of the same breed or will be disqualified at weigh in.
5. All entries must be entered by end of day, **August 15, 2026, at burleson.fairwire.com**. all rabbits must be tattooed on August 22, 2026, at the Burleson County Fairgrounds from 7:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. following the schedule below:

Exhibitors with **last name ending L-Z** will begin tattooing at 7:00-9:30a.m.

Exhibitors with **last name ending A-K** will begin tattooing at 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

ALL EXHIBITORS WILL NEED TO ENTER VIA RODEO DR TO FAIRGROUNDS.

ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID AT TAG IN

6. A maximum of 18 rabbits per exhibitor can be tattooed.
7. Exhibitors must **bring a towel or carpet** to place their rabbits on during tattooing.
8. All rabbits will be tattooed in the right ear.
9. Rabbit check-in is on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Exhibitors may start arriving at 7:00 a.m. to place your rabbits in their assigned pens. Sifting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Random rows will be called beginning at 8:00 a.m. All rabbits must be in assigned pens by 12:00 p.m.
10. **TWO** alternate rabbits are allowed per pen. Exhibitors may only bring a total of FIVE rabbits for sifting. Any additional rabbits brought to the fairgrounds will be inked before your pens are weighed.
11. All rabbits will be sifted by a qualified sifter.
12. Buck teeth, ear cankers, sore hocks, ruptures, broken tails, etc. are examples for sifting. The Judge will have the authority to disqualify any rabbit under his discretion.
13. Diseased rabbits will be disqualified.
14. Rabbits will be weighed by the rabbit committee. If weighed out, the rabbit will be allowed one (1) more immediate weigh by the rabbit committee on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. No substitutions allowed after sifting. Sifted rabbits will be inked. (Unless approved by committee)
15. All sifted rabbits will need to be removed from the rabbit area by conclusion of sift, Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
16. Exhibitors agree to allow Extension Agents, Ag Teachers or Committee members to check rabbits at any time without prior notice.
17. Judging will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 beginning at 7:00 a.m.
18. After the Rabbit Show Judging, all rabbits must remain in each pen. Unless determined by the committee that this would be detrimental to the animal's health (heat, in climate weather etc.).
19. Exhibitors are only allowed to show their assigned ear tattoo.
20. Premium money will be awarded for 1st through 20th place. Exhibitor is required to provide a thank you letter in addition to the buyers Thank you letter

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21. Exhibitors selling pens of fryer rabbits in the auction will be responsible for processing and delivering them to the buyer within two weeks, if applicable or required by the auction buyer.

22. Rabbit check out will be on Sunday, September 27, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Taking rabbits prior to checking out on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. will result in a fine of \$100.
23. If a buyer reports to BCFA that they have not been contacted by the exhibitor on the processing of the project, sale proceeds may be withheld from the exhibitor and donated to the scholarship fund.

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Director- Steven Canon

Chairman- Casey Zboril

Committee - Roger Broesche, Kylan Canon, Charles & Carolyn Doonan, Dwayne Faust, Carl Hermann, Davy Lockhart, Kaleb McAllister, Mark Melson, Edward & Donna Muzny, Brad Novosad, Kevin Odenbach, Craig Shupak, Curtis Shupak, Phil Shupak, Bradley Suehs, Craig Suehs

Introduction: This project is not a part of the junior livestock division, therefore 4H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as the junior livestock auction (Example: you can sell a pen of heifers in addition to ag mech, swine, lamb, broiler, rabbit, steer, turkey or goat). However, exhibitors must abide by the general livestock division rules.

Rules:

1. Exhibitors or a parent must live in Burleson County, and/or, be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2026-2027 school year; and must have entered the third grade. All exhibitors must be a member of a Burleson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, attend 5 4-H Club or FFA Chapter meetings between September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026, and be in good standing with their respective club or chapter. Any incoming FFA member who has not been a member of FFA must have approval by the Agricultural Science teacher. It is the responsibility of the FFA advisors and AgriLife Extension agents to inform the Burleson County Fair Association whether an exhibitor has met this requirement or not. Missed meetings can be made up according to the guidelines set by your FFA Chapter or Burleson County AgriLife Extension office. Exhibitors must follow the above rules in order to show and sell in any of the sale auctions.
2. Exhibitors must be closely engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming, and overall welfare of his/her animals. Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period. The validation period begins immediately following the county validation date through the exhibition of the project at the Burleson County Fair. Livestock projects must be raised in Burleson County unless prior approval is given by the Burleson County Fair Board. Prior approval must be given in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
3. One pen of heifers may be shown per exhibitor.
4. Commercial heifer entries are highly encouraged to come from producers in Burleson or surrounding counties.
5. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be validated at Caldwell Livestock Commission on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 8:00 -12:00 noon. There will be a consignment fee of \$10.00 per head and an entry fee of \$30 per pen due at validation. *Early drop off on Friday, April 10th must be pre-approved in advance* to help reduce pen congestion and flow to the scales. Pens with water are limited.
6. Commercial heifer entries must be less than two years of age at validation. Any heifer with eruption of adult incisors will not be allowed to enter. THIS WILL BE DETERMINED BY A CERTIFIED VETERINARIAN. This finding will supersede any documented birth Date.
7. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated prior to validation. Heifers must have a State approved ID (ex. metal calfhood vaccination tag, USDA button or EID tag) and/or a legible tattoo in their ear. Heifers without vaccination tags and/or vaccination tattoos in their ear will not be allowed

to show. Vaccination of heifers will not occur at validation. Non-USDA buttons or EID tags will not count as proof of vaccination status.

8. A minimum of three and a maximum of five heifers must be weighed in at validation. Each pen of heifers must average a minimum of 750 pounds per head. Heifers should be of the same breed and there may not be more than a 200 pound variance among the heifers. Should a heifer be removed by the Chairman for exceeding this limit, the remaining heifers must be re-weighed to certify their 750 pound minimum average. A minimum of three heifers must be tagged in to participate in the program. Animals arriving after 12PM on April 11th will not be weighed in.
9. All heifers must be dehorned or naturally polled prior to validation.
10. Classes will consist of the following:
 - Brahman X Hereford (F-1)
 - Black Brahman Derivative (3/8-1/2 blood Brahman cross, predominantly black hide)
 - All Other Breeds
11. Heifers will be classified at validation by a classifier(s) designated by BCFA. If all heifers in a pen do not meet classifications for the class, heifers will be shown as AOB.
12. Heifers cannot be added or switched after validation (tagged) on April 11, 2026.
13. In the event an exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official BCFA ear tag, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the commercial heifer Chairman so the heifer(s) can be re-tagged.
14. All heifers will be pregnancy tested on Saturday, September 12, 2026 by a veterinarian selected by BCFA. Heifers must be at least 90 days bred and not have a calf prior to check in on Thursday, September 24, 2026. A pen of three bred heifers must be exhibited for completion. Incomplete pens will be eligible to sell, but not eligible for competition or prize money.
15. Any heifer declared less than 90 days pregnant is eligible for protest. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$150 (cash or check) protest fee per exhibitor. Protest fees will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All protests must be submitted to the Chairman within 30 minutes after completion of the initial pregnancy check on Saturday, September 12, 2026. All protested heifers must remain at the Caldwell Livestock Commission unless approved by the Chairman. All protested heifers will be reevaluated via ultrasound by a second veterinarian selected by BCFA after conclusion of the initial palpation on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at the Caldwell Livestock Commission. The pregnancy determination of the second veterinarian will be final. If the veterinarian selected to conduct the initial pregnancy test has, and is capable of using an ultrasound, any heifer declared less than 90 days pregnant will be immediately checked via ultrasound to determine her stage of pregnancy and there will be no protest. The determination by ultrasound will be the final diagnosis.
16. Heifers will be checked in on Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 7-10:00AM at the Burleson County Fairgrounds.
17. Heifers will be judged on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 1:00 pm. No exhibitors will be allowed in the barn during judging. The parade of champions will follow at 5PM. The judges walk to discuss heifers with exhibitors will immediately follow the parade of champions. NO parents will be allowed in the pen area during the judges walk.
18. Exhibitors are required to submit a digital record book by noon September 20, 2026. Each record book will be judged, and the exhibitors will be interviewed to determine placing. Exhibitor interviews will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 beginning at 8:00 am. Interviews will be divided into three classes, Junior (3 rd – 5 th), Intermediate (6 th – 8 th), and Senior (9 th – 12 th). Interview times will be pre-assigned. Any scheduling requests must be made in writing. Record books and interviews are required for all exhibitors. Exhibitors failing to submit a record book or attend an interview will not be eligible to show or sell their heifers.
19. Since this is a terminal show, all bred heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale on Friday September 25, 2026 at 6:00PM. Heifers will sell as a group with the number of heifers times the bid price being the amount received. A 6% sale fee will be deducted from each sale.

20. Feeding, watering, and cleaning of heifer pens are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor upon check-in on Thursday, September 24, 2026 until release on Saturday, September 26, 2026.
21. The committee has the right to sift or reject any heifer for defects or injuries, upon check-in at the BCFA fair.
22. In order to comply with the national law on Beef Check-Off, two dollars will be deducted from the sale of each heifer.
23. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission rules governing entry in the Burleson County Fair. Health papers will be provided after palpation by the BCFA.
24. All heifers will be released on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 8-11:00AM by the heifer committee.
25. Barn cleanup deadline will be October 3, 2026 at 5PM. All exhibitors must have stalls cleaned on or before this day. If stalls are not cleaned, a \$500.00 fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's check.
26. All heifers entered in this program and sold, become property of the buyer and will remain sold.
27. The Burleson County Fair Association and the commercial heifer committee act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and sellers.
28. There will be no harassment of the judges, veterinarians, or classifiers prior to, during, or after the show. The judge will give reasons for the placings and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placings.
29. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Burleson County. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in the program.
30. Premiums will be set according to monies available.
31. The commercial heifer committee reserves the right to amend these rules and settle disputes with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Burleson County Fair.

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Commercial Heifer Timeline

- April 11, 2026 @ 12:00 Noon- Entries are Due Online
- April 11, 2026 8-12:00 Noon- Com. Heifer Validation (Tag in & Weigh) @ Caldwell Livestock Commission
- Sept. 12, 2026 8-12:00 Noon-Com. Heifer Palpation, Caldwell Livestock Commission
- Sept. 20, 2026 @ 12:00 Noon- Exhibitor Record Book Submissions Due
- Sept. 23, 2026 8:00AM–5:00PM- Exhibitor Record Book Interviews
- Sept. 24, 2026 7:00-10:00AM- Commercial Heifer Check-in
 - 1:00 pm Commercial Heifer Judging
 - 5:00 pm Champion Parade and Judge Comments
 - 5:30 pm Judges Walk – Exhibitors Only
- Sept 25, 2026
 - Noon Commercial Heifer Exhibitor Biography Due
 - 5:30 pm- Commercial Heifer Awards
 - 6:00 pm Commercial Heifer Auction
- Sept. 26, 2026 8-11:00AM- Commercial Heifer Release
- Oct. 3, 2026 Barn Clean up deadline by 5PM

Fees:

Consignment Fee \$10.00 per head entered Due at Heifer Validation

All consignment fees used for premiums

Entry Fee \$30.00 per pen Due at Heifer Validation

Health Papers Fees will be deducted from sale proceeds

Commission 6% sale commission will be deducted from sale proceeds

COLT SHOW PROJECT

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Committee -Dillon Autrey, Emily Conn, Conley Donnell, Angie Doonan, Kim Evers, Missy Flencher, Hank Herrmann, Amanda Kile, Amber Owen, Laura Raymond, Sydney Reese, & Ashley Scarmardo

Mission Statement: To allow the equine-enthused youth of Burleson County opportunities to expand knowledge in training, showing, nutrition, marketing, record keeping, and sales while developing the skills required to raise high, quality performance horse prospects and becoming disciplined in the evolving industry for economic benefit.

Introduction: This project is not a part of the junior livestock division, therefore 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as the junior livestock auction (Example: you can sell a gelding/filly in addition to a swine, lamb, broiler, rabbit, steer, turkey, or goat) project. However, exhibitors must abide by the general livestock division rules.

Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors or one parent must live in Burleson County, and/or, be enrolled in a Burleson County School for the 2026-2027 school year; and must be enrolled in the third (3rd) through twelfth (12th) grade. All exhibitors must be a member of a Burleson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, attend 5 (five) 4-H Club or FFA Chapter meetings between September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026, and be in good standing with their respective club or chapter. Any incoming FFA member who has not been a previous member of FFA must have approval by the Agricultural Science Teacher. It is the responsibility of the FFA advisors and AgriLife Extension Agents to inform the Burleson County Fair Association whether an exhibitor has met this requirement or not. Missed meetings can be made up according to the guidelines set by your FFA Chapter or Burleson County AgriLife Extension Office. Exhibitors must follow the above rules in order to show and sell in any of the sale auctions.
2. Exhibitors must be directly engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming, and overall welfare of his/her animals. Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of their yearling projects throughout the validation period. The validation period begins immediately following the county validation date through the exhibition of the project at the Burleson County Fair. Yearling projects should be kept/stalled/pastured in Burleson County unless prior approval is given by the Burleson County Fair Board.
3. One yearling gelding or filly may be shown per exhibitor.
4. Yearling entries are highly encouraged to come from producers in Burleson or surrounding counties.
5. All performance yearling entries will be validated at the Lightsey Arena on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 8:00AM-Noon. There will be a consignment fee of \$100.00 per head and an entry fee of \$30 per colt due at validation. All colts must be gelded prior to the first work out.
6. Performance yearlings must be of western performance bloodlines (cow-horse, cutting, reining, roping, or ranch horse). Yearlings must be AQHA or APHA registered and have foaled between January 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025. Exhibitors must possess a breeder's certificate or a photocopy of the colt's papers, with a transfer form showing the name and registration number the colt's sire and dam, plus the breeder's name. The colt/filly must be transferred into the exhibitor's name or under a family ranch membership prior to validation.
7. All yearlings must have a minimum of a 5-panel genetic test.
 - Fillies with results for HYPP of N/H or H/H are not eligible to show. Geldings with N/H may show, but those with H/H are not eligible to show.
 - Fillies with results for HERDA of N/HRD or HRD/HRD are not eligible to show.
 - Geldings with a genetic panel for HERDA of N/HRD are eligible to show, but HRD/HRD are ineligible.
 - Fillies and geldings with results for MYHM (Myosin-Heavy Chain Myopathy) of My/My are not eligible to be shown.
 - Fillies and geldings with positive results for PSSM (Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy – Type 1) of N/PSSM1 or PSSM1/PSSM1 are not eligible to show (as either may show signs of the disease.)

8. Yearlings must have a current negative Coggins test and be vaccinated with the following vaccinations prior to the first required meeting and workout on April 11, 2026.
 - VEWT
 - West Nile
 - Flu/Rhino (recommended booster by September 1, 2026)
 - Rabies
 - Strangles (optional)
9. Classes will consist of the following:
 - Performance Yearling Filly & Gelding at Halter
 - Junior Showmanship at Halter
 - Intermediate Showmanship at Halter
 - Senior Showmanship at Halter

Judging: All exhibitors are required to participate in Halter and Showmanship for combined points toward overall high point Grand and Reserve Champion. Halter will count for seventy-five (75%) percent of the total score and Showmanship will count for twenty-five (25%) percent of the total score. The overall High Point Exhibitor will be Grand Champion and the second highest point exhibitor will be Reserve Champion. In the event of a tie, the colt placing higher in Halter will be the winner. Fillies and geldings will be shown together in one (1) Halter Class.

10. Exhibitors will select well-mannered individuals in the order of their resemblance to the breed ideal and that are the most positive combination of balance, structural correctness (straight legs), and movement with appropriate breed and sex characteristics and adequate muscling. Colts will be judged on quiet-mindedness and willingness to perform for the exhibitor, as well as his capability to be a good riding horse. The judge will give preference to colts with conformation, structure, balance and quality of movement that is related to the colt's ability to perform under saddle, and who also display a quiet-minded, willing attitude. This class will be judged as a Performance Horse Halter Class.
11. Colts cannot be switched after validation on April 18, 2026. If a colt is seriously injured or dies before the 2nd weigh-in, a substitute colt can be accepted for exhibition. This acceptance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and be based upon a decision by the project committee and a vet chosen by the committee. This vet will check the colt for verification of permanent disability, which would prevent the colt from being shown or sold at that year's fair. **If a colt has a serious injury at any time during the project, the exhibitor is required to inform the committee.**
12. Colts will be checked in on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 9:00-11:00AM at the Burleson County Fair Grounds-Lightsey Arena.
13. Colts will be judged on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 1:00PM. The parade of champions will be at the end of the show when the judge calls the placings.
14. Exhibitors are required to submit a digital record book by 12:00 Noon September 21, 2026. Each record book will be judged, and the exhibitors will be interviewed to determine placing. Exhibitors interviews will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 beginning at 8:00AM. Interviews will be divided into three classes, Junior (3rd-5th), Intermediate (6th-8th), and Senior (9th-12th). Interview times will be pre-assigned. Any scheduling requests must be made in writing. Record books and interviews are required for all exhibitors. Exhibitors failing to submit a record book or attend an interview will not be eligible to show or sell their colt.
15. The committee has the right to sift or reject any colt or filly for defects, injuries, or illness upon check in at the Burleson County Fair.
16. During the Fair, random drug testing may be conducted, with entries to be tested being selected under the direction of the Burleson County Fair Association Executive Board on the day of the shows. A parent/guardian must be present for testing. All horses are subject to blood, urine or saliva test and evaluation by a veterinarian and supervised by Committee Chairman or Committee Member. Any horse requiring medical attention during the Fair must notify the Committee Chairman before being treated by a veterinarian.
 - a. All horses must be shown free of prohibited substances (medication) in accordance with AQHA

rule 441-H, or will be required forfeit sales check, all other awards and may not be permitted to exhibit a colt throughout their 4-H and FFA tenure.

- b. No chains on halters are allowed at workouts or Colt Show.
- c. Roper Halters ONLY will be allowed at workouts and Colt Show.

17. All colts must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission rules governing entry in the Burleson County Fair. Health certificate papers will be provided to the sale company upon consignment.
18. All colts entered this program and sold become property of the buyer and will remain sold.
19. The Burleson County Fair Association and the colt committee act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and sellers.
20. There will be no harassment of the judges, veterinarians, or classifiers prior to, during, or after the show. The judge will give reasons for the placings and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placings.
21. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Burleson County. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the Colt Show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in the program.
22. Premiums will be set according to monies available.
23. The Colt Show Committee reserves the right to amend these rules and settle disputes with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Burleson County Fair.

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ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 3 OUT OF THE 5 WORKOUTS. The first and final workouts are considered MANDATORY. In the event the April 18, 2026 workout or the September 13, 2026 workout conflicts with a school or other legitimate function that prevents the exhibitor from being present, arrangements must be made with the chairman in advance. A parent or family member will attend the workout with the colt. Parents/family members are allowed in the arena at workouts. During the show, parents/family members are not allowed in the arena.

Colt Timeline:

- March 31, 2026 @ Noon- Entries are due Online
- April 18, 2026 @ 9:00AM- Horse Validation Deadline; First work out. All colts must be gelded by this time. (MANDATORY)
- May 9, 2026 @ 9:00AM- Seconded Work Out
- June 10, 2026 @ 6:00PM- Third Work Out
- June 23-24, 2026- District 9 4-H Horse Show (optional)
- July 18-24, 2026- State 4-H Horse Show (optional)
- August 9, 2026 @ 4:00PM- Fourth Work Out / Professional Sale Pictures (MANDATORY)
- September 13, 2026 @ 2P.M.. Fifth/Final Work Out
- September 21, 2026 @ Noon- Record Books Due
- September 23, 2026 8:00AM-TBD- Exhibitor Interviews
- September 25, 2026 9:00-11:00AM- Check In
1:00PM Show, Judging, Placings
4:00PM Sale

Colt Fees:

- Entry Fee \$30.00 due at Colt Validation
- Consignment Fee \$100 per head due September 13, 2026 at Fifth and Final Workout
- All consignment fees are used for premiums, health certificates, photography, and sales contract.
- Commission: 6% sale commission will be deducted from sale proceeds.

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