

2024 Special Events Department

This department contains both YOUTH and ADULT contests. All contests in this department are held DURING THE FAIR. Please read each division carefully as rules and procedures may vary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 25, 2024.

On-line entry is available through our website www.ozarkempirefair.com.

Registration forms to mail in are available at www.ozarkempirefair.com or the Exhibits Office.

Exhibitor tags will be mailed in July to the name and address on registration form.

Receive one (1) FREE admission ticket if you enter 15 or more paid entries (all departments combined).

SPECIAL EVENT ENTRY FEES:
ADULTS and YOUTH*: \$2.00 per entry
Youth Flowers: no entry fee

CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT: All contests in this department take place **DURING** the Fair. Check-in and Check-out dates and times vary. (Be sure you receive your admission ticket for each contest.)

REGULATIONS:

1. All entries are governed by the Life & Arts Rules and the rules for this department.
2. Exhibitor is limited to one (1) exhibit in a class.
3. Allowable age of exhibitors varies in each division. Please read division descriptions carefully.
4. Articles that have been exhibited at any previous Ozark Empire Fair are not eligible for entry.
5. Exhibits must have been completed within the last two (2) years, unless otherwise indicated in specific division rules.
6. Any exhibit to be displayed by hanging must be provided with a suitable hanging device.
7. Superintendents will have the authority to remove and dispose of foods that become unsightly.
8. For any foods competitions, exhibit must be made from scratch (no mixes) unless instructions specifically allow mixes. Read division rules carefully.
9. For any foods competitions that require submitting the recipe, the recipe should be typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor number and class number must be included on recipe.
10. Prize money will be paid to the number of places indicated for each class, if quality merits. Judges may occasionally award ribbons for additional placings, but no money will be paid for additional ribbons.
11. Champion ribbons will only be awarded to divisions of **three** or more classes in which the average entry per class is **three** exhibitors with at least **one** entry per class.
12. In order to have this exhibit of as high quality as possible, the right is reserved to reject all unsuitable exhibits, to determine that all rules and regulations have been followed and that no identification of the exhibitor in any form is displayed during judging.
13. **Judging Guidelines: see Judging Guidelines link.**

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS		
Date / Time	Contest	Exhibitors
Thursday, July 25		
5 p.m.	For the Birds NEW!	adults and youth
Friday, July 26		
2 p.m.	Paint a Plate	adults and youth
4 p.m.	Gift Baskets – NEW CLASSES!	adults
6 p.m.	Not Your Edible Cakes – NEW!	adults
Saturday, July 27		
1 p.m.	Hammons Products Black Walnut “Bold, wild” Cooking Contest	adults
3 p.m.	Pies	adults
5 p.m.	Bricks and Mini-figs Tournament	Youth (on the spot)
Sunday, July 28		
2 p.m.	Chocolate Sunday NEW!	adults
4 p.m.	King Arthur Baking Contest – Muffins NEW!	adults and youth
6 p.m.	Quick Breads	adults and youth
Monday, July 29		
4 p.m.	Grandparents’ Cookie Contest	Grandparents only
6 p.m.	Heritage Recipes	adults
Tuesday, July 30		
	Flowers Grown by Youth Exhibitors	youth
2 p.m.	Jug-head Planters	adults and youth
4 p.m.	Convenience Dishes	adults and youth
6 p.m.	Floral Suncatchers	adults and youth
Wednesday, July 31		
2 p.m.	Creative Cupcakes	adults and youth
4 p.m.	Crafty Cookies	adults and youth
6 p.m.	Toothpick Towers	adults and youth
Thursday, Aug 1		
2 p.m.	Healthy Creations	adults and youth
4 p.m.	Casserole Creations	adults
6 p.m.	Cream Cheesy	adults

Friday , Aug 2		
4 p.m.	Summer Squash – NEW!	adults
6 p.m.	Fruits of Summer	adults
Saturday, Aug 3		
4 p.m.	Perfect Picnic	adults
6 p.m.	Cook’s Challenge – NEW ingredients!	adults

There will be daily **ON-THE-SPOT** contests open to anyone attending the fair each day. No pre-registration required. On-the-spot contests will be announced daily by grounds announcer, posted on Facebook, and daily contest schedule near our contest stage.

DIVISION 501 – FOR THE BIRDS

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 5 p.m.

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adults and Youth

Additional information:

- Check-in: **THURSDAY, JULY 25** 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Competition begins at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. Adult competition follows youth. (This is during the Fair, be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- If your birdhouse or feeder is designed for a specific type of bird, write it on the exhibitor tag.
- Houses and feeders may be made of any material (wood, gour, etc.). **Kits NOT allowed.**
- All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released on regular check-out day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class	Class
Youth	Adult

1	11	Bird house, functional
2	12	Bird house, decorative
3	13	Bird feeder, functional
4	14	Suet Feeder – homemade suet and original suet feeder combination (may be from recycled items, i.e. coffee mug, tin can, gour, cookie cutter, etc.).

DIVISION 502 – PAINT A PLATE

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2 p.m.

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adult and Youth

Pick a plate and create a unique serving dish with an original design with items provided by the Life & Arts department!

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **FRIDAY, JULY 26**, in the East Hall Judging Center between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Contest begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. This is during the Fair, so be sure you get admission tickets from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tag.
- b. Upon check-in contestant will choose a glass plate provided by Life & Arts.
- c. All work must be completed in 30 minutes.
- d. When contest begins, each contestant will receive a packet of supplies from which to paint the plate. All supplies will be provided. No other supplies may be used. Supplies will include things found in a kitchen, such as: paint, toothpicks, sponges, cotton swabs, fork, spoon, etc.
- e. Contest limited to first eight (8) exhibits to register in each age level.
- f. Plates will be released following judging.

Class

- 1 Youth 10 and under
- 2 Youth 11-18
- 3 Adult

DIVISION 503 – GIFT BASKETS

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 4 p.m.

NEW CLASSES

CHAMPION RIBBON

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adults

Additional information:

- g. Check-in: **THURSDAY, JULY 25**, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- h. Basket may be constructed of any material as long as it is a “basket” container – open topped with handle(s).
- i. Basket and/or items may be made by exhibitor (crochet, leather, sewn, etc.) or exhibitor may purchase and decorate basket and/or purchase items to include in the gift basket.
- j. Gift basket may be for any occasion or theme as determined by the exhibitor.
- k. Exhibitors will need to type an explanation of the items in the gift basket as related to the occasion or theme of the basket.
- l. All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released on regular check-out day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class:

- 1 **THEME – All Routes Lead to the Fair – Road Trip Basket**
- 2 Sport Tailgate Basket
- 3 Bridal Shower Basket
- 4 Back to School Basket

DIVISION 504 – NOT YOUR EDIBLE CAKE

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 6 p.m.

NEW

CHAMPION RIBBON

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adults

Additional information:

- Check-in: **FRIDAY, JULY 26**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- Cake may be constructed of any material as long as it is a tiered “cake” or other cake worthy design. Cake must be sturdy enough to move from check in table to contest stage.
- Items may be made by exhibitor (crochet, leather, sewn, etc.) or exhibitor may purchase and decorate items to include in the “cake” design.
- Cake may be for any occasion as determined by the exhibitor according to the class entered.
- Exhibitors will need to type an explanation of the items in the “cake” as related to the occasion or theme of cake.
- All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released on regular check-out day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class:

- Baby Shower Diaper Cake
- Bridal/Marriage Cake made with towels
- House Warming Cake made with toilet paper or paper towel rolls
- Seasonal Cake (can be any holiday or seasonal “cake” for celebration)

DIVISION 505

HAMMONDS PRODUCTS BLACK WALNUT COOKING CONTEST

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1:00 p.m.

HAMMONDS PRODUCTS COMPANY, Stockton, will award 1st - \$50; 2nd - \$30; 3rd - \$20.



Adults only

Additional information:

- Check-in: **SATURDAY, JULY 27**, Noon - 1 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- Exhibitor is limited to one recipe of a salad, meat dish, vegetable dish, pasta, etc. using Black Walnuts. None of the following baked goods (cakes, cookies): See Food Department for these items.
- Each recipe must use at least $\frac{1}{4}$ cup American Black Walnuts.
- Exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- Each exhibit must be accompanied by recipe **typed on 8½"x11" paper**. Exhibitor NUMBER must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of Hammons Products and the Ozark Empire Fair.
- The exhibitor, by entering, allows Hammons Products Co. or the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.

Class 1: American Walnut “Bold, wild” Savory recipe – Salad, meat dish, vegetable dish, pasta, etc., using American Black Walnuts.

None of the following baked goods (cakes, cookies, bread, muffins): see Foods Department.

DIVISION 506 - PIES
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 3 p.m.
CHAMPION RIBBON

Adults only

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **SATURDAY, JULY 27**, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. All pies must be made from scratch. Exhibitor's choice to enter whole pie or half pie, in suitable container. Exception is class 8 which must be a whole pie.
- c. All pie entries must not have been entered in any other contest during the 2022 Fair.
- d. Exhibitor tags must be attached to container, not to wrapper.
- e. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- f. All non-winning and all custard/cream pies will be released after judging. Winning pies will remain on display through the Fair. The Superintendent reserves the right to dispose of exhibits which become unsightly. Pie plates may be picked up on release day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class:

- 1 Custard or cream pie
- 2 Apple pie
- 3 Cherry pie
- 4 Any other fruit pie (not apple or cherry)
- 5 Combination pie (strawberry rhubarb, blueberry peach, cranberry pear, etc. These may include apple and cherry but with other fruit/berries.)
- 6 Berry pie
- 7 Nut pie
- 8 Vegetable pie
- 9 Flavored crust pie – any flavor crust besides traditional (chocolate, cinnamon roll, etc.), any filling type.
- 10 Decorative Pie (will be judged for appearance and creativity)

Cheese Cake recipes enter
Division 527 Cream Cheesy
on Thursday, August 1.

DIVISION 507 – CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

NEW!

Adults Only

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2 p.m.

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Create the ultimate chocolate flavor experience! Whether it is smooth milk chocolate or decadent dark chocolate, use your choice of sweet or baker's chocolate to tantalize the palate.

Additional information:

- Check-in: **SUNDAY, JULY 28**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use recipe in future publications or promotions.
- Do not enter the same recipe in this section as in other sections. Example: If you enter a chocolate cake recipe in Foods, Division 802, Class 3, do not enter the same recipe in Division 507, class 3.
- Exhibit must be displayed on white disposable, sturdy plate or cardboard with no decoration.
- All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair.

Class

- 1 Candy
- 2 Cookies
- 3 Cake
- 4 Bread
- 5 Any other recipe using chocolate

DIVISION 508 – KING ARTHUR BAKING CONTEST – MUFFINS

NEW!

Adults and Youth

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 4 p.m.

Prizes:

Adult: 1st place ribbon -- \$75 gift certificate, 2nd place ribbon -- \$50 gift certificate,
3rd place ribbon -- \$25 gift certificate

Youth: 1st place ribbon -- \$40 gift certificate, 2nd place ribbon -- \$25 gift certificate,
3rd place ribbon -- King Arthur Baking Tote Bag



Additional information:

- a. Check in: **SUNDAY, JULY 28**, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Each exhibitor must use King Arthur Flour.
- c. Exhibitor must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag at check in.
- d. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair and King Arthur Baking Company. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair and King Arthur Baking Company to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- e. All recipes must be made from scratch (no mixes, see Mix Tricks in Foods Department, Division 809.
- f. Exhibit must be displayed on sturdy white disposable plate or cardboard with no decoration.
- g. All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair.
- h. Black walnut muffins are in Hammons Black Walnut Baking, Foods Department, Division 804.

Class

- 1 Muffins, any variety, 5 - Youth
- 2 Muffins any variety, 5 - Adult

DIVISION 509 - QUICK BREADS**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 6 p.m.****Champion: Ribbon**

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults Only**Additional information:**

- a. Check-in: **SUNDAY, JULY 28**, 5 - 6 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use recipe in future publications or promotions.
- c. Exhibit must be displayed on white disposable plate or cardboard with no decoration.
- d. All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair.
- e. MUFFINS are in the Muffin Magic contest, Division 509.

Class

- 1 Biscuits, 5
- 2 Cornbread, plain OR "fancy" (Mexican cornbread, cheddar dill cornbread, confetti cornbread, etc.), 5
- 3 Coffee Cake with topping, whole or half
- 4 Any fruit quick bread, whole or ½ loaf (banana nut, cranberry, apple, etc.)
- 5 Any spice quick bread, not containing fruit, (gingerbread, pumpkin spice, chai, etc.)
- 6 Any other quick bread, ½ loaf (zucchini, carrot, almond, etc.)

DIVISION 510 – GRANDPARENTS' COOKIE CONTEST

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2 p.m.

Champion: Ribbon

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Grandparents Only

Whose Grandmother or Grandfather bakes the best cookies? Join us on Senior Citizens Day at the fair and bake your grandkids' favorite cookies and see which ones the judges (who are someone's grandkids!) prefer.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **MONDAY, JULY 29**, 1 – 2 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tag.)
- b. Exhibitor must be a grandmother or grandfather.
- c. May be any variety of cookies that your grandkids really enjoy, but must be made from scratch.
- d. Judge(s) will be teenage grandkids with a lot of experience eating cookies.
- e. Exhibit to consist of six (6) cookies of one variety on a sturdy disposable white plate.
- f. Please do not enter the same recipe in this division as in other divisions. Example: if you enter a chocolate cake in this section, do not enter the same chocolate cake recipe in any other division.
- g. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair.
- h. All exhibits will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair.

Class

- 1 Cookies made with chocolate or chocolate chips (not Christmas cookies)
- 2 Cookies, any other – NO chocolate or chocolate chips (not Christmas cookies)
- 3 No-bake cookies
- 4 Christmas cookies

DIVISION 511 - HERITAGE RECIPES

MONDAY, JULY 29, 4 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults Only

Any recipe dating from before 1974. A family favorite passed down from your grandmother. A nostalgic recipe from a cookbook found at the flea market. Make magical memories by revisiting cooking traditions of the past.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **MONDAY, JULY 29**, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Exhibit must be made from scratch (no mixes) and may be served hot or cold. The exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available. (No custard or cream pies since we don't have refrigeration.)
- c. Non-winning exhibits will be released following judging.
- d. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor number must be on recipe (no names, please). **Include date and a brief description of the source of this recipe (family heirloom, etc.)** Recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair and may be used in future publications or promotions.

Class

- 1 Heritage Recipe – side dish
- 2 Heritage Recipe – main dish
- 3 Heritage Recipe – dessert
- 4

DIVISION 513 - FLOWERS GROWN BY YOUTH EXHIBITORS

TUESDAY, JULY 30

NEW DAY

Youth only

Prize money: \$3 - \$2 - \$1

TUMMONS BERRY PATCH, Willard, will award a trophy and \$15 to the largest mature sunflower head in Youth Flowers (both age levels competing).

Additional information:

- a. **Check-in: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024.** All exhibits in this division will be checked in Tuesday, August 2, 2022, **8 a.m. - 9 a.m.** in the Flowers Department in the East Hall of the E*Plex. This is during the Fair, so please be sure you receive admission tickets from the Exhibits Office with your exhibitor tags.
- b. **Check-out: SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024.** All exhibits will check out Sunday, August 4, 2024, **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Flowers Department. Any flowers and containers not picked up at this time will be discarded.
- c. Age must be listed on registration form and exhibitor tag.
- d. Variety should be listed on exhibitor tag.
- e. Flowers and plants must have been grown by exhibitor. Plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three (3) months.

Class 10/under	Class 11-18	
1	11	Sunflower , 1 stem in water, any color
2	12	Mature sunflower head
3	13	Marigold, 1 stem
4	14	Zinnia, 1 stem
5	15	Any other flower, 1 stem
6	16	Flower Collection - 3 blooms, each a different variety or color, shown in one container
7	17	Container grown plant. Pots are limited to 10" diameter at top.
8	18	Cactus or succulent, grown and shown in a pot not over 10" diameter.
9	19	Planter, three compatible plants grown in single container (cactus garden, terrarium, etc.). No embellishments. Container should not be more than 12" long or wide.
10	20	Miniature garden – a landscape in a container. Must be live plants. Embellishments (tiny chairs, pebbles, etc.) are permitted. No artificial plants or live animals are allowed. Container may not exceed 12" X 12".

DIVISION 514 – JUG-HEAD PLANTERS

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

**Adults and
Youth**

Ever look at an empty plastic bottle and see the potential for a face? Well, this contest is for you. Using a recycled plastic jug, create a face or animal to be used as a planter for flowers or succulents. Let your imagination run wild as we create a world of wonder in our gardens.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **TUESDAY, JULY 30**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Entries should be created from plastic jug containers (milk, juice, detergent, oil, etc.) and decorated for exhibit.
- c. Entries will be judged on originality of design, creativity, use of other materials.
- d. The exhibit may contain plant material but that is not a requirement of judging. Plant material may be artificial for display during the Fair.
- e. All exhibits will be displayed during the remainder of the fair and be released on August 4, 2024.

Class

- 1 Youth, ages 10 & under
- 2 Youth, ages 11-18
- 3 Adults

DIVISION 515 – CONVENIENCE DISHES

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 4 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adult and Youth

Sometimes the idea of making a meal from scratch is exhausting. Often, a look in the pantry sparks the creativity necessitated by the convenience of throwing together what you have on hand to make a meal that might become a staple in your meal planning. Use prepackaged, canned, boxed items to create side dishes, main dishes, and desserts. Significant alterations must be made to any canned or boxed meal items.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **TUESDAY, JULY 30**, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.
- b. Exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. Recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair.
- c. Entries will be judged on taste, ease of recipe, creativity, and combination of ingredients.
- d. All exhibits will be released to the exhibitors following the contest.

Class	Class	
Adult	Youth	

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| 1 | 4 | Side dish |
| 2 | 5 | Main dish |
| 3 | 6 | Dessert |

DIVISION 516 – FLORAL SUNCATCHERS

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 6 p.m.

Adult and Youth

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

What a better way to catch the sun than with flower petals grown in the sun! Bring your wonderful imagination to create a one-of-a-kind suncatcher using flower petals and parts.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **TUESDAY, JULY 30**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the East Hall Judging Center. Contest begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. This is during the Fair, so be sure you get admission tickets from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tag.
- b. All work must be completed in 30 minutes.
- c. When contest begins, each contestant will receive a packet of supplies from which to create the suncatcher. All supplies will be provided. No other supplies may be used. Supplies may include such things as: permanent markers, flower petals, glitter, etc.
- d. Contest limited to first eight (6) exhibits to register in each age level.
- e. Tiles will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released on regular check-out day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class

- 1 Youth 10 and under
- 2 Youth 11-18
- 3 Adult

DIVISION 517 – CREATIVE CUPCAKES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2 p.m.

Adult and Youth

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Calling all kids and kids at heart! Share your favorite cupcake recipe and decorating technique.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- c. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance, creativity of flavor and decoration.
- d. Design classes will be judged on originality of design using 6 (youth) and 12 (adult) or more cupcakes to create.
- e. Cupcakes will be displayed for the remainder of the Fair and will be released on regular check-out day, Sunday, August 4, 2024.

Class

- 1 Ages 10 & under cupcakes, 5
- 2 Ages 11-18 cupcakes, 5
- 3 Adult cupcakes, 5
- 4 Cupcake design using 6 or more cupcakes – youth
- 5 Cupcake design using 12 or more cupcakes – adult

DIVISION 518 – CRAFTY COOKIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 4 p.m.

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adult and Youth

What a better way to celebrate Summer's Biggest Party than decorating cookies! Come join us for this on-the-spot contest and decorate a cookie with your favorite embellishments!

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. This is during the Fair, so be sure you get admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.
- b. All work must be completed in 30 minutes.
- c. When contest begins, each contestant will receive a packet of supplies from which to decorate a cookie. All supplies will be provided. No other supplies may be used. In addition to cookie, supplies may include such things as: candy, frosting, sprinkles, marshmallow, etc.
- d. Cookies will be displayed during the remainder of the fair.
- e. Entries judged appearance and creativity.

Class

- 1 YOUTH – 10 and under
- 2 YOUTH – 11-18
- 3 ADULT

DIVISION 519 – TOOTHPICK TOWERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 6 p.m.

Prize money: \$4 - \$3 - \$2

Adult and Youth

Use toothpicks and miniature marshmallows to construct the tallest tower in 15 minutes. Use your STEM knowledge to maximize your tower.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**, 5 - 6 p.m. Contest begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. All work must be completed in 15 minutes.
- c. When contest begins, each contestant will receive a packet of supplies (toothpicks and miniature marshmallows) from which to create a tower. All supplies will be provided. No other supplies may be used.
- d. Towers will be displayed during the remainder of the fair and be released on August 4, 2024.
- e. Entries will be judged on height, construction, appearance, and creativity.
- f. Contest limited to the first six (6) exhibitors to register in each age level.

Class

- 1 Youth, ages 10 & under
- 2 Youth, ages 11-14
- 3 Youth 15-18
- 4 Adults

DIVISION 520 – HEALTHY CREATIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults and Youth

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Entries should be reduced in calories, fat, sodium, etc. Increased fiber content and reduced sugar content are also desirable. Entries could also focus on being allergy-friendly (i.e. gluten-free, dye-free, keto, etc.).
- c. Entries will be judged on Flavor (30%) Reduction of Calories, Fat and Sodium (30%), Appearance (15%), Originality & Creativity (15%) and Ease of Preparation (10%).
- d. The exhibit should be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- e. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- f. All exhibits will be released after judging and must be claimed or will be discarded.

Class

- 1 Snacks – Adult
- 2 Snacks – Youth
- 3 Desserts – Adult
- 4 Desserts – Youth

DIVISION 521 – CASSEROLE CREATIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 4 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults only

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Entries should be a one-dish casserole or meal
- c. Entries will be judged on taste, appearance, uniqueness, ease of preparation, and cook time.
- d. The exhibit should be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- e. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- f. All exhibits will be released after judging and must be claimed or will be discarded.

Class

- 1 Breakfast
- 2 With meat
- 3 Meatless

DIVISION 522 - CREAM CHEESEY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 6 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults only

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. Cream cheese must be a main ingredient in the dish.
- c. The exhibit must be fully prepared at home and brought to the fairgrounds ready to judge.
- d. The exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- e. No packaged mixes may be used (i.e. instant cheese cake)
- f. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- g. All exhibits will be released after judging.

Class

- 1 Cheese Cake (baked or unbaked)
- 2 Appetizer
- 3 Main or Side Dish
- 4 Dessert (other than cheese cake)

DIVISION 523 – SUMMER SQUASH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 4 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

NEW!

Adults only

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. The exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- c. Must use fresh squash in all classes.
- d. Squash quick bread recipes should be entered in Division 507.
- e. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.
- f. All exhibits in will be released after judging.

Class

- 1 Any dish made with butternut squash, at least 2 servings.
- 2 Any dish made with yellow squash, at least 2 servings.
- 3 Any dish made with zucchini squash, at least 2 servings.
- 4 Any dish made with any other summer squash, at least 2 servings.

DIVISION 524 – FRUITS OF SUMMER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 6 p.m.

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults only

Summer is a magic time for fruit and fruit desserts: apples, peaches, blueberries, gooseberries, etc. Select your favorite fruit and make your favorite cobbler, crisp, crumble, etc.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tags.)
- b. The exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- c. A **cobbler** is a fruit filling with a batter made with baking powder and/or soda which forms dumplings within the cobbler as well as a crust on top. Or a cobbler may have a topping of biscuits. (NOT a pie crust.)
- d. A **crisp, buckle, crumble, etc.** is stewed fruit topped with a crumb mixture of butter, flour and sugar. Alternative toppings include rolled oats, nuts, graham cracker crumbs, brown sugar, etc.

DESCRIPTIONS:

Crumble: topping composed mainly of the baking triumvirate of flour, sugar, and butter

Crisp: more of a kicked up crumble, with less flour and more bigger bits like chopped nuts and oats

Brown Betty: also similar to a crumble, but with bread crumbs rather than flour - think sweet croutons

Buckle: actually more of a cake with fruit nestled on the top, which then sinks down into the cake during the baking process

- e. Must be made from scratch. No purchased pie fillings allowed. No box mixes, etc. No pies (see Pie Division).
- f. All exhibits will be released following judging.
- g. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair.

Class

- 1 Any fruit cobbler (apple, peach, cherry, etc.)
- 2 Any berry cobbler (blueberry, strawberry, blackberry, etc.)
- 3 Any other cobbler (may be a combination of fruit/berries and other ingredients such as chocolate)
- 4 Fruit crisp, crumble, Betty, etc.
- 5 Any buckle

DIVISION 525 – PERFECT PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 4 p.m.

CHAMPION RIBBON

Prize money: \$5 - \$4 - \$3

Adults Only

What a better way to create memories than to have a picnic? Whether it is a picnic in the park or a backyard gathering, you will need to pack just the right blend of portable food. What are your favorites? Which ones will create the perfect picnic experience?

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Hall Judging Center. Judging begins at 4 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tag.)
- b. The exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- c. Entries should be displayed in a picnic basket with portions for two to four people.
- d. To be eligible for the champion ribbon, competitor must enter all four classes.
- e. Non-winning exhibits will be released following judging.

- f. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.

Class

- 1 Nibbles – picnic appetizers
- 2 Mains – picnic main dish
- 3 Sweets – picnic dessert
- 4 Drinks – picnic beverage (non-alcoholic)

DIVISION 526 – COOK'S CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 6 p.m.

NEW INGREDIENTS

CHAMPION RIBBON

Adults Only

Prize money: \$6 - \$5 - \$4

Terry Cornio Memorial Award – \$10 to the Champion

Fancy yourself a creative chef? Find out if you have what it takes to win the champion ribbon in our annual Cook's Challenge. Using the list of ingredients given, create your best appetizer, main dish, and dessert to impress our judges and fair patrons.

Additional information:

- a. Check-in: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**, in the East Hall Judging Center between 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Judging begins at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. (This is during the Fair, so be sure you get an admission ticket from the Exhibits Office when you get your exhibitor tag.)
- b. Each dish must include all of the given ingredients. (These should be underlined in recipes.)
- c. Other ingredients may be included (i.e. canned cranberries) but no mixes may be used. All recipes must be from scratch.
- d. To be eligible for the champion ribbon, competitor must enter all three classes.
- e. Exhibit must be packaged to maintain proper serving temperature (hot or cold). No refrigeration or heating elements will be available.
- f. All non-winning entries will be released after judging. Winning entries will remain on display through the Fair. The Superintendent reserves the right to dispose of exhibits which become unsightly.
- g. Exhibitor tags must be attached to container, not to wrapper.
- h. Each exhibit must be accompanied by the recipe typed on 8½"x11" paper. Exhibitor, division, and class number must be listed on recipe. All recipes become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. The exhibitor, by entering, allows the Ozark Empire Fair to use the recipe in future publications or promotions.

Class:

- 1 Appetizers – apple, cheese of choice, cinnamon
- 2 Main Dish – apple, pork, onion
- 3 Desserts – apple, honey, pretzels (may be store bought or homemade)