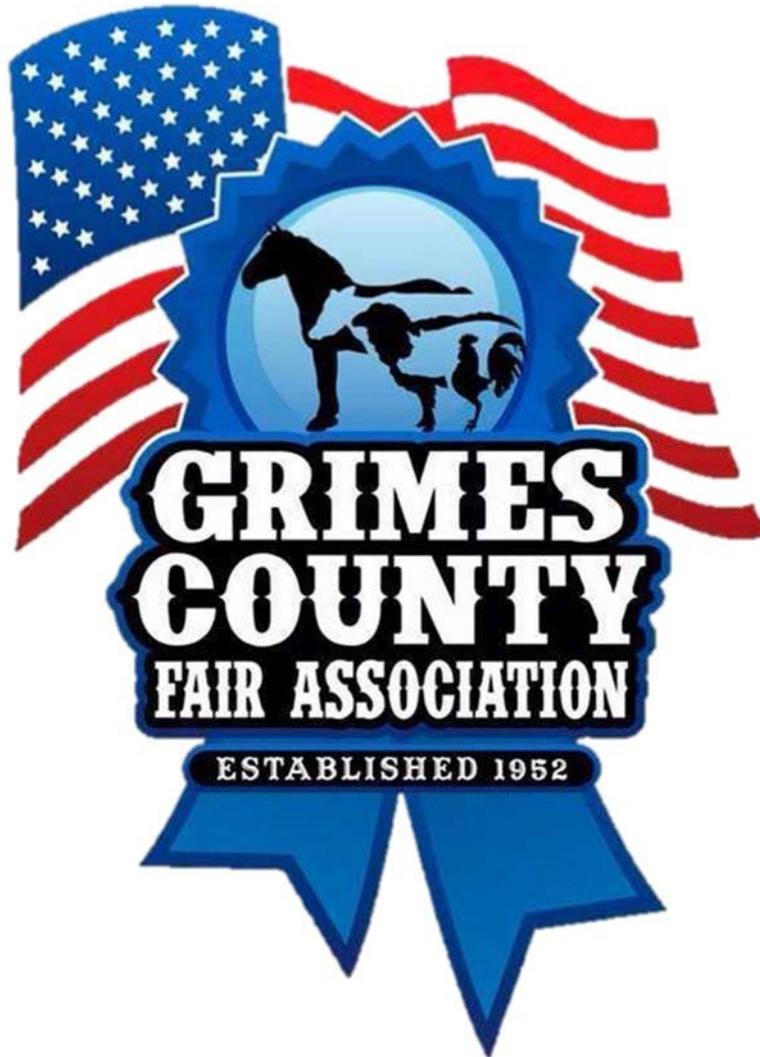


# **74th ANNUAL GRIMES COUNTY FAIR**

**May 27 - JUNE 6, 2026**



**GRIMES COUNTY EXPO. CENTER  
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NAVASOTA, TEXAS 77868**

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# Important rule changes:

**\*ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH SHOWWORKS\***

**\*Pee Wee Starts @ 9:00 AM Wednesday June 3, 2026**

**\*All scales will be placed on a hard surface and certified. Scales will be available for use up to one hour prior to official weigh in. At which point they will be recertified.**

- **All committee members must be paid members by September 9, 2025.**
- **Committee chairman must attend monthly meetings, if not must have a representative present.**

**All rules will be enforced with a  
ZERO TOLERANCE policy!!!!**

## 2026 GRIMES COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Special Attractions
- 7:00 p.m. Bull Buck Out to start following Mutton Bustin

### Tuesday, May 26, 2026

- 8am-12pm Mandatory Fair set up (**Check In is At 8AM NO Exceptions**)

### Wednesday, May 27, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Check-in Team Penning & Team Sorting
- 7:00 p.m. Team Penning & Team Sorting will start

### Thursday, May 28, 2026

- 5:00 p.m. Check-in Speed Events
- 6:00 p.m. Check-in Top Hand
- 6:00 p.m. Speed Events will start Top Hand will immediately follow

### Friday, May 29, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – 10 p.m. Open for Pen Set-up (no steers may set up until Saturday after Heifer show)
- 6:00 p.m. Check-in Lead Line & Mutton Bustin
- 7:00 p.m. Leadline & Mutton Bustin Start

### Saturday, May 30, 2026

- 6 a.m. – 8 a.m. Move-In and Check-In In-County Beef Heifers
- 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. Open for Pen Set-up
- 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Check-In Creative Arts (Baked goods, Horticulture and Food Preservation)
- 9:00 a.m. Judge In-County Beef Heifer Show (All heifers will be released at the end of the Show. All heifers must be removed by 2:00 p.m.)
- 9:30 a.m. Check-in Kid's Rodeo
- 10:00 a.m. Kid's Rodeo
- 12:00 p.m. Judge Creative Arts (Baked goods, Horticulture and Food Preservation)
- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Steer exhibitors set up (gate closes at 5:00PM)
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Lions Club Opens (Sale of Food Prep Items & Produce and Display of Results)
- 7:00p.m. Rodeo
- 7:00 p.m. Crowning of the Queen during the Rodeo performance

### **Sunday, May 31, 2026**

- 6 a.m. – 12 p.m. Move-In all Market Animals (except Poultry, Rabbits & Pen of 2 Heifers)  
Swine will be weighing in as they unload from the trailer
- 10 a.m. Simple Truth Church Service
- 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sale of food preparation & food preservation & results of creative arts projects  
the (Lions Club Building)
- 12:00 p.m. ALL GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT THIS TIME TO MARKET ANIMALS**
- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Weigh-in Steers
- 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Weigh-in Lambs and Goats
- 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Move-In Ag Mechanics

### **Monday, June 1, 2026**

- 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Creative Arts Check-In (Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Quilts, Needlework  
and sewing)
- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Move-In/Check-In Broilers and Turkeys
- 9:30 a.m. Judge Market Turkeys followed by Market Broilers
- 12:00 p.m. Judge Creative Arts (Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Quilts, Needlework  
& sewing)
- 6:00 p.m. Judge Market Lamb Show  
Market Goat Show will start 15 minutes following the conclusion of the Lamb  
Show
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Lions Club opens for Creative Arts result

### **Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

- 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Move-In Pen of 2 Heifers. Pen of 2 Heifers Record books due.
- 8:00 a.m. Check-In Market Rabbits
- 10:00 a.m. Judge Market Rabbit Show
- 6:00 p.m. Judge Market Swine

### **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

- 9:00 a.m. Pee Wee Shows - Goat, Lamb, Swine and Rabbit Show  
9:00 a.m. Judge Pen of 2 Heifers followed by Pen of 2 Heifers Exhibitor Interviews  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Release of Creative Arts projects.
- 10:00 a.m. Judge Ag Mechanics projects. For those projects not selling in the Premium Sale check-out will be at the conclusion of the Show.
- 12:00 p.m. All Premium & Freezer Sale Exhibitors(excluding those participants showing Steers, Pen of 2 Heifers, and Ag Mechanics projects) must notify the Sale Committee which project they wish to sell. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee within 10 minutes of the conclusion of their show which project they want to sell.
- 2:00 p.m. Pen of 2 Heifers Awards in the Show Ring  
6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Champion Pictures  
6:00 p.m. Team Roping  
7:00 p.m. Judge Market Steers

### **Thursday, June 4, 2026**

- 5:00 p.m. Buyer's Social and Supper **\*\* Note – this is for BUYERS ONLY \*\***  
5:30 p.m. Presentations, Announcement of Scholarships and other Awards  
6:30 p.m. Premium Sale

### **Friday, June 5, 2026**

- 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Release of Premium Sale and Non-Sale animals. All Exhibitors must be present at this time.
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Citizens Day and Children's Day  
6:00 p.m. Ranch Hand Rodeo  
6:30 p.m. Freezer Sale (Main Hall). All Freezer Sale projects will be released at the conclusion of the Freezer Sale. All Exhibitors must be present at this time.

### **Saturday, June 6, 2026**

- 8 a.m. -12 p.m. Mandatory Fair Clean up **(Check in is At 8AM- NO EXCEPTIONS)**  
6:00 p.m. Ranch Hand Rodeo

**\*\* READ THE DIVISION RULES FOR OTHER DATES AND TIMES THAT APPLY \*\***  
**ALL FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE FAIR WEBSITE AT [www.grimescountyfair.com](http://www.grimescountyfair.com)**

## EXHIBITOR'S CHECK-OFF LIST

Exhibitors, the following are a list of things that must be done in order to receive your check in September

1. **Work Rule:**

- a. Exhibitors are required to work **1** hour during the week of the Fair & attend a **mandatory setup or cleanup day**. Work day is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Check In is at 8:00 AM, NO Exceptions!**
- b. Exhibitors can sign-up for the work time on sign-up genius from Friday, May 1, 2026, thru June 5, 2026 (on fair website) If you have any questions, please call Casey Galvan Childress at (979)219-3333.
- c. Work hours must be completed by June 5, 2026 at Midnight

2. **Neglect of Animals:** Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their animal(s) for the ENTIRE time the animal(s) is/are at the Fairgrounds. If it is deemed that an exhibitor is not caring for their animal(s), the exhibitor will be issued 1 warning. **If the exhibitor continues to neglect their animal(s) after the first written warning has been issued, then an amount equal to 50% of their gross sale proceeds will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.**

3. **Thank You Notes:** All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members **MUST WRITE "THANK YOU" NOTES** to their buyer, add-on contributor, and award donor. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to write THANK YOU notes to each of their buyers, add-on contributors and award donors. **Thank You Notes must be mailed to the GCFA, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 and postmarked (no metered mail) no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> or the exhibitor's sale check will be penalized.** See Thank You Notes Section in the Fair Rule Book for additional information.

4. **Pictures:** **Pictures will be available for pick-up at the Fairgrounds** on July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. exhibitors will be issued a stamped postcard along with their pictures. 1 picture is for the exhibitor to keep, and the other is to be framed and delivered to 1 of the buyers. The exhibitor must have the buyer sign the postcard stating that they received the picture. The exhibitor is responsible for mailing the postcard back to the Fair. **Postcards must be mailed to the GCFA, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 and postmarked (no metered mail) no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> or the exhibitor's sale check will not be available until the October Fair Board meeting.**

5. **Poultry and Rabbit:** All sale poultry and rabbits will sell at the live Premium or Freezer Auction. It will then be the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if they want to take possession of the alive or dressed, packaged and frozen. Delivery must be made to the buyer within fourteen (14) days following the Sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign acceptance statement (GCFA will provide the form) stating that they have received delivery. Then this acceptance statement must be turned in with your Thank You Notes in order for you to receive your check. **This form must be mailed to the GCFA, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 and postmarked (no metered mail) no later than July 1, 2026. Fair check will be held until October if this deadline is not met.**

6. **Mandatory Meeting Requirements:** It is the policy of the Grimes County Fair that all fair exhibitors must attend **(5)** meetings/participation points and in good standings in their chosen Grimes County 4-H club, FCCLA chapter or FFA chapter in order to be allowed to show at the Fair. Eligibility requirements are verified by the show secretary no later than May 22, 2026

7. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor (Premium and Freezer Sale) to check the fair website for add-on information. No Sale animals will not be eligible for add-ons.

**8. Each junior exhibitor will be required to sell 10 Raffle tickets to be eligible to compete in the Grimes County Fair. In order to be eligible, the 10 sold raffle tickets must be turned in by May 12, 2026.**

9. Top ticket sales for exhibitors (Does not include Fair Queen Candidates)

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500.00 and a parking pass
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300.00 and a parking pass
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200.00 and a parking pass

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Grimes County Fair Exhibitors, Parents, Committees and Volunteers:

We are proud to welcome you to the 74<sup>th</sup> Grimes County Fair, a weeklong celebration of our agricultural roots and the people who keep those traditions alive. At its heart, the Grimes County Fair remains a tribute to our youth in our community. Our facilities will be bustling with projects cared for by dedicated 4-H and FFA members – young people who spend countless hours preparing their projects for show and proudly representing Grimes County.

Your support matters, and there's no better way to show it than by attending our Youth Auctions. In 2025, we had a record number at our Youth Auctions of over 1 Million Dollars! The generosity of our sponsors, buyers, volunteers, fairgrounds manager, county officials, and the community of Grimes County made this possible. These events directly benefit our youth of Grimes County, recognizing the time, care and dedication they've invested in their projects.

The Grimes County Fair is brought to life each year by our hardworking and incredible volunteers, who dedicate countless hours to making this event unforgettable. Thank You for the continued support you have for the youth of Grimes County.

We thank you for making the Grimes County Fair part of your family's summer tradition and for supporting our youth of Grimes County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelley Schroeder Bohnert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelley" being the most prominent.

Kelley Schroeder Bohnert

2026 Grimes County Fair President

## **GRIMES COUNTY FAIR OFFICERS**

**President:** Kelley Bohnert (979) 777-3036

**Vice President:** Kyle Bostick (979) 200-1711

**Secretary:** Ashley Skinner (979) 777-2892

**Co-Secretary:** Joni Leonard (936) 672-5580

**Treasurer:** Kari Lynn Eisenman (936) 825-5311

### **Fair Superintendent**

Stan Stephenson (979) 777-6466

### **Board of Directors**

Kelley Bohnert

Kyle Bostick

Joni Leonard

Ashley Skinner

Kari Lynn Eisenman

Stan Stephenson

Michael Kimich (936) 870-8776

### **Special Committees**

**Show Secretaries:** Karen Oncken and Sharon Robertson

**Show Veterinarians:** Beard Navasota Veterinary

**Hospitality:** Erick Compian and Brad Muchow

**Exhibitor Work Rule:** Casey Galvan Childress

**Sale Set-up:** Carol Galvan

**Outreach & Sponsorship Committee:** Heather Harvey Wieghat

**Awards:** Marti Stephens

**Vendor/RV:** Joni Leonard

**Raffle:** Kari Lynn Eisenman, Ashley Skinner and Stephanie Burzynski

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

1952 – 1961 (no records found)	1997 Richard “Brett” Fowler Sr.
1962 Bo Dyer	1998 Paul Whitmire
1963 Bo Dyer	1999 Paul Whitmire
1964 V. Wheeler	2000 Paul Whitmire
1965 V. Wheeler	2001 Charles Wendt
1966 V. Wheeler	2002 Charles Wendt
1967 A.E. Wood	2003 Charles Wendt
1968 Kenneth Clary	2004 Ricky Kimich
1969 Wayne Yaeger	2005 Ricky Kimich
1970 Wayne Yaeger	2006 Ricky Kimich
1971 Wayne Yaeger	2007 Ricky Kimich
1972 Wayne Yaeger	2008 Ricky Kimich
1973 Wayne Yaeger	2009 Kody Key
1974 Wayne Yaeger	2010 Al Meschke
1975 Jerry Dyer	2011 Al Meschke
1976 Jerry Dyer	2012 Clif Buchanan
1977 James Evans	2013 Clif Buchanan
1978 James Evans	2014 Rodney Finch
1979 James Evans	2015 Rodney Finch
1980 Mickey Wichman	2016 John Cruz
1981 Mickey Wichman	2017 John Cruz
1982 Mickey Wichman	2018 Rodney Floyd
1983 Eddie Eppler	2019 Rodney Floyd
1984 Mickey Wichman	2020 Rodney Floyd
1985 Roy Henderson	2021 Rodney Floyd
1986 A.J. Shaw Jr.	2022 Colton McCulloch
1987 Ken Hughes	2023 Colton McCulloch
1988 Ken Hughes	2024 Colton McCulloch
1989 Roy Henderson	2025 Kelley Bohnert
1990 Roy Henderson	2026 Kelley Bohnert
1991 Eddie Eppler	
1992 Cary Hackler	
1993 Cary Hackler	
1994 Charles Wendt	
1995 Ricky Kimich	
1996 Ricky Kimich	

## PAST GRIMES COUNTY FAIR QUEENS

1980 – Suzanne Lara  
1981 – Michelle Lara  
1982 – Lisa Rivers  
1983 – Kim Manning  
1984 – Donna Henderson  
1985 – Brenda Schroeder  
1986 – Laura Boenker  
1987 – Lisa Milligan  
1988 – Kim Carrell  
1989 – Terra Gabriel  
1990 – Vicki Bushman  
1991 – Marcy Diehl  
1992 – Leslie Matejicek  
1993 – D'Lynn Shaw  
1994 – Katie Wendt  
1995 – Holly Yaeger  
1996 – Celeste Carter  
1997 – Jodi Finke  
1998 – Danielle Perry  
1999 – Amanda Ketkoski  
2000 – Stephanie Kimich  
2001 – Brandi Homeyer  
2002 – Rebecca Wendt  
2003 – Ashley Kimich  
2004 – Lacy Muntean  
2005 – Loren Schroeder  
2006 – Lexi Wheaton  
2007 – Heather Harvey  
2008 – Ashley Kurten  
2009 – Ashleigh Sowell  
2010 – Morgan Meridan  
2011 – Kathy Lookadoo  
2012 – Logan Kroll  
2013 – Nickayla Floyd  
2014 – Lindsey Schroeder  
2015 – Megan Lero  
2016 – Kaylee Leonard  
2017 – Daylen Wagner  
2018 – Kirstie Busa  
2019 – Brealyn McKinney  
2020 – Kynlee Stephens  
2021 – Emma Shaw  
2022 – Demi Harrington  
2023 – Brooklyn Byars  
2024 – Cyleigh Mancuso  
2025 – Haylee Burzynski

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Years back, the Grimes County Fair Association began to offer Lifetime Memberships to those interested in advancing the growth of the Fair Association. This Lifetime Membership is not mandatory and the Fair Association will continue to offer an annual membership of \$10 per person to anyone 18 years of age or older. Anyone interested in becoming an Annual or Lifetime Member of the Grimes County Fair Association may contact any Fair Board Member or mail his/her membership directly to the Grimes County Fair Association, P O Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830. Lifetime Members will not have to pay an annual membership due to be able to vote and they DO NOT get any other privileges.

Otto Acker	Gary Conway	L. B. Hutchenson	Leslie Morello	Skeeter Stolz
Stephen Acord	Darren Cosby	Coy Imhoff	Navasota FFA	Heather Tackett
J. J. Acy	Brian Cummins	Frank Imhoff	Navasota Jr. 4-H	Ann Taylor
Ag Booster Club of Anderson-Shiro	Shirley Curtiss	Joe Imhoff	Navasota Sr. 4-H	H. Wayne Taylor
Ashley Andruss	Mike Dacus	Rance Imhoff	Leroy Nobles	Walter Thane Jr
Jason Andruss	Debby Davis	Rayburn Imhoff	Nelda C. Parker	Cynthia Trant
William Arrant	George Davis	Stanley Kettler	North End Buyers Group	James Ray Trant
Donna Arthur	Charlie Diggs	Pierce Key	John Parsons	Margaret Van Wagner
Carolyn Ashorn	Ditta Meat Co.	Debby Kimich	John Jared Patout	Syd Van Wagner
Marshall Ashorn	Tommy Dobyanski	Michael Kimich	Tammi Pearson	J. D. Verbois Jr
Austin Atkinson	Kari Lynn Eisenman	Ricky Kimich	Kathy Prescott	Cecily Vick
Rodney Backhus	Jim D. Enloe	Dianne Kolbasinski	Michelle Lara Profili	J. Gerald Watson
Danny Bailey	Eddie Eppler	Ashleigh Krause	Joseph Reznicek	Hallie Werner
Wayne L. Baker	Duane Ermis	Randy Krueger	Margaret Reznicek	Jared Wetuski
Bill Bay	Ruby Evans	Sandra Kuta	Jodi Rice	Mrs. Richard Wichman
Victor Becker	Charles Falco	Stephen Lara	Luke Rizzo	John Wheeler
Bedias 4-H Club	David Falkenbury	L. J. Legg	Roans Prairie Community Center	Heather Wiegat
Suzanne Lara Bennett	Judy Falkenbury	M. H. Leiber	Sharon Finke Robertson	Tanner Wiegat
W. T. Blair	Zac H. Falkenbury	Johnny Leibham	Tuesday Robinson	Bob Wilkes
David Boenker	Rodney Finch	Joni Leonard	Ernie Roma	Meg Wisnoski
Pat Boenker	Christopher Finke	Kaden Leonard	Cody Rose	Trina Woods
Dylan Bohnert	Thomas Finke	Kaylee Leonard	Bob Rudzieher	Hubert (Hoot) Wright
Kelley Bohnert	First National Bank of Anderson	Billy Lindeman	Jim Russell	Michael Wrobleski
Kyndal Bohnert	Forrest Fisher	Jessica McClosky	Nick Ruyle	Donny Yargo
Tony Bohnert	Kent Fisher	John McClosky	Brenda Schroeder	Kaci Yargo
Charles Brewer	Charles J. Floyd	Amanda McCulloch	Gerald R. Schroeder	Kason Yargo
Ester Brewer	Rodney Floyd	Colton McCulloch	Lindsey Schroeder	Pete Yorek
Sonya Brewer	Ronnie Floyd	Mike McDougald	Megan Schroeder	Keith Zimmerman
Ty Brzozowski	Becky Fowler	Sharon McGee	Ricky Schroeder	
Blake Burzynski	Marsha Gardner	Billy McKinney	Neal A. Schuleman	
Stephanie Burzynski	Jack D. Greenwade	Jennifer McKinney	Rhonda Sechelski	
Clif Buchanan	Mike Grisham	Kenny McLendon	A. J. Shaw Jr	
Jana Buchanan	Quinn Hansen	Travis Mabry	Jimmy Shimshack	
Blake Busse	Terra Hansen	Gary Maddox	Kenton Shimshack	
Brandon Busse	Richard Hansard	Tony Maddox	Mark Shimshack	
Russell Butaud	Hunter Harrington	Joe Malek	Meribeth Shimshack	
Brent Cahill	Larry Harvey	Joe R. Manning	Ashley Skinner	
Joy Camp	Tammy Harvey	Frank Matejcek	Beau Skinner	
Carnell Carrell	Gail Henderson	Jody Matejcek	Lori Smith	
Les Carter	Roy Henderson	Terry Medlock	Marilyn Sontag	
Champions and Blue Ribbons Club	Hendler Ranch	Kelsie Meekins	Joanna Sorenson	
Ann Clark	D'Lynn Henson	Bob Metzler	Russ Sorenson	
Danny Clark	Candi Hesterman	Kenneth L. Meyer	South Central Vet Services	
Kevin Clark	Jimmy B. Hodge	John L. Milligan	Dr. John Walla	
Theresa Clark	Greg Hoffart	Richard Mills	Donna Spinks	
Gloria Clepper	Reagan Hoffart	B. B. Mitchell	Kagan Stephens	
Ruth Clary Clepper	Jennifer House	Milton W. Moody	Kynlee Stephens	
J. M. Clepper	Wade House	B. D. Moore	Marti Stephens	
Tony Compian Jr	Lori Hunter	Brad Muchow	L. A. Stoker	

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

**NOTICE:** ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARTICIPANTS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

**Authority:** The Grimes County Fair Association reserves to its Board of Directors (the "Fair Board") the final and absolute right to (a) establish and interpret the Rules and Regulations of the Grimes County Fair (the "Fair Rules and Regulations"), (b) determine any violation of the Fair Rules and Regulations, (c) resolve/settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected therewith, or incident to the Fair Rules and Regulations, and (d) amend, add to or delete from the Fair Rules and Regulations as it may in its sole judgment determine. THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION CANNOT ANTICIPATE EVERY SITUATION THAT MAY ARISE RELATED TO THE FAIR. IN ADDITION, IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO FAIRLY APPLY WRITTEN GUIDELINES IN ALL SITUATIONS AND AT ALL TIMES. GOOD JUDGMENT MAY REQUIRE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE WRITTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THE FAIR BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET, MODIFY OR RESCIND ANY RULE OR REGULATION RELATED TO THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. SUCH CHANGES MAY BE MADE AT THE FAIR BOARD'S SOLE DISCRETION AND WITH NO PRIOR NOTICE.

**Special Rules:** Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary and are a part of the fair rules and regulations; if there is a conflict between any Special Rules or conditions of any division and the general rules and regulations, the General Rules shall prevail.

**Savings Clause:** If any of the fair rules and regulations, or any provision of any single rule or regulation, is determined by any court of competent jurisdictions to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, all other rules and regulations, and all other provisions and terms of any rule or regulation containing a provision or term held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall remain in full force and effect.

### **General Rules:**

1. **Commencement of the Fair:** The Fair Board will set and publish the dates of the commencement and conclusion of the fair. The fair board reserves the right to postpone the opening of the fair, either in part or whole, for any cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned. The gates will be open to visitors at times to be posted.
2. **Binding Effect of Rules:** By entering an animal or project in the fair, each exhibitor and the exhibitors's parents or guardians acknowledge and represent that they (a) have read the fair rules and regulations, (b) understand the fair rules and regulations, (c) agree to obey the fair rules and Regulations, and (d) will abide by the consequences of violating any of the fair rules and regulations as set forth herein.
3. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to exhibit a project in the fair, each Exhibitor must be (a) a member in good standing of a FFA Chapter, FCCLA Chapter, or 4-H Club active in Grimes County and have attended a minimum of 5 meetings of such FFA chapter, FCCLA chapter or 4H Club, and (b) currently enrolled in public, private, or home school and be in good standing with that institution or a high school senior who graduated the school year ending immediately before the opening of the Fair. For any school that is in session during the fair, UIL's No-Pass/No-Play rule shall apply, meaning no student will be able to participate in the Fair unless they have academic eligibility by passing their school courses. The 5 sanctioned meeting the students must attend must be attended prior to May 22, 2026. If found that an exhibitor is NOT part of any of the chapters listed above in Grimes County and/or has NOT attended the 5 sanctioned meetings then he/she will be subject to rule #43 Violations of Rules.

**4. Application:** Each Exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian must complete an online application through ShoWorks: <https://grimes.fairwire.com/>. By submitting an online entry, the exhibitor and their parent/guardian consent to and agree to abide by fair rules and regulations and the liability provisions for violations of the fair rules and regulations. This shall apply to all projects.

**5. Limitation of Sales:**

a. **Market Animals:** Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one project in either the Premium Sale or Freezer Sale. All overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals MUST sell. Accordingly, if an exhibitor has more than one overall Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion project in one or more market animal divisions, the exhibitor shall be allowed to sell all such animals in the Premium Sale. Market animals are defined as steer, swine, lamb, goat, rabbit, turkey, broilers and Pen of 2 Commercial heifers.

**b. Creative Arts:**

- If an Exhibitor has a Creative Arts item that is eligible for the Premium Sale, a market animal or an Ag Mechanics project (team or individual) that are eligible for the Premium Sale OR Freezer Sale, the Exhibitor must choose to sell either the market animals, Ag Mechanics project OR the Creative Arts item. Mandatory sale of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects only applies to market animals.
- Under no circumstances will an Individual exhibitor be able to sell a market animal AND an Ag Mechanics project and/or a Creative Arts item (regardless of an Exhibitor's placing in any other division).
- NOTE – Due to the market animal limitation sale rule (above), if an exhibitor receives Overall Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion placing with a market animal and are also eligible based on placing to sell an Ag Mechanics project and/or a Creative Arts item, the exhibitor will not be able to sell their Ag Mechanics project and/or Creative Arts item as it is required for the Overall Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion market animal to sell in the Premium Sale.
- A total of 8 Junior (4 baked items and 4 non-perishable items) and 8 Senior (4 baked items and 4 non-perishable items) Creative Arts items will sell in the Premium Sale.

c. **AG Mechanic Projects:** If the project is entered as an individual project, the exhibitor must make a choice and may only sell 1 project in either the Premium Sale or Freezer Sale. However, if the project is checked in as a group project, it will not interfere with an individual member of the group selling an individual MARKET ANIMAL IN EITHER SALE.

**6.** All market animal exhibitor who are not eligible or who do not designate to sell in the Premium Sale on Thursday night will be eligible to sell one lot in the Freezer Sale on Friday. All market animals are eligible except for disqualified animals.

**7. Limitation on Number of County Participation:** An exhibitor will not be eligible to participate in the Grimes County Fair if they have exhibited in another county show within the preceding nine months.

**8. Limitation on Grimes County Fair Market Participation:** Each exhibitor will be allowed to show only two animals per market division.

**9. Deadlines:** Deadlines are set out in the Schedule of Events or the division rules and must be adhered to strictly.

**10. Judge Selection:**

a. A minimum of five qualified candidates will be turned in to the Fair board. The fair board will put these 5 qualified judges into a randomizer program for the order of the judges to be contacted for selection. The first available judge that agrees to the GCFA contract will be

selected as the division judge. If the judges are not turned into the Fair board, then the Fair board has the option to suggest five judges and the above rules apply to the randomizing process.

b. The judge will be selected annually. Each division committee has the right to allow a judge to serve to 2 consecutive years. After 2 consecutive years the judge must sit out one year before being eligible to judge that division again.

c. Announcement of judges will be made once all commitment forms have been returned by the judge to GCFA.

d. At no point should the committee chairman or committee members contact any judges that have been submitted on the judges list.

**11. Admission:**

a. Bull Buck Out & Dance March 28, 2026 (Kids 5 and under FREE) \$20.00

b. Rodeo May 30, 2026 (Kids 5 and under FREE) \$10.00

c. Travel Trailer passes (all have electricity & water) outside gate \$125.00

d. Travel Trailer passes (all have electricity & water) inside gate \$150.00 w/1 Park pass

e. No trailers except for trailers owned by school districts and those approved by the board of directors will be allowed to park behind the gates beginning the first Sunday of the fair until the conclusion of the fair.

**NOTE:** Map will be posted on the fair's website. Spots may be requested beginning at 12:01 a.m., May 1, 2026 by sending an email ONLY to Joni Leonard at [leonardjoni@yahoo.com](mailto:leonardjoni@yahoo.com). Payments must be received by May 14 or spot will become available to the next person on the list. Phone call requests will not be accepted.

**12. Pen set-up:** Can start Friday, May 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m (no steers), and will resume Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Steers may begin set-up on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. No pen set up on Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. to noon.

**13. Ownership/Barn Checks:** Exhibitors must **OWN**, feed, and care for his/her own exhibit At their designated facility listed on registration throughout the feeding period starting on the initial tag-in date. Fair Board Members and a chairman or committee member have the right to come on the premises for random project checks. **A 15 minute notice will be given.**

**14. Family Entry Criteria:** Siblings, step-siblings or legally adopted siblings are eligible for family entry. If siblings have different last names, it must be noted on the entry form. All listed are bona fide junior exhibitors and eligible to show as junior exhibitors as stated in the rule book. All siblings must permanently reside in the same county. Any exceptions to this rule must be granted by Grimes County Fair Board.

**15. Tags:** All animals and items shall be numbered by tag and/or label attached to such animals or items before being received by the chairperson in charge of the respective divisions, and will remain under his or her charge until the close of the fair. If there is a problem with the GCFA validated ear tag, (ripped out/loss/missing) please notify the COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN immediately, the animal needs to re-tagged at this time. No tag should be identifiable except the GCFA or State validation tag. (Excluding Pen of two Heifers) All market animals' extra ear tags must be removed before species weigh in.

**16. Assignment of Stalls:** All Exhibitors will be assigned a stall or pen by their division chairperson. Assignments will NOT be made available to the public until Friday, May 29, 2026.

**17. Load In:** Upon entry to the Grimes County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 31, 2026, designated fair workers at the gate entrance will mark the time of arrival on the exhibitor's vehicle on the

front windshield. The exhibitor will then have 20 minutes to unload their animals ONLY and then must exit the back loading area of the fair grounds. All vehicles and trailers will NOT be allowed to park **in any area inside the fairgrounds** during the load in period of 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vehicles and trailers parked and left unattended during the load in period will be towed at the owner's expense. Grimes County Fair Board members, fair workers and security will monitor this area and the parking rules will be strictly enforced.

**18. Cleanliness of Stalls & Neglect of Animals:** Exhibitors will be required to keep his/her stalls in a clean condition at all times. Any continued violation of this rule will result in the exhibitor being disqualified and required to leave the fairgrounds. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning his or her designated area upon leaving the Fairgrounds at the close of the Fair. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for handling and storage of any property left. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for his/her animal for the ENTIRE time the animal is at the fairgrounds. If it is deemed that an exhibitor is not caring for his/her animal the exhibitor will be issued 1 written warning. If the exhibitor continues to neglect their animal after the written warning has been issued, an amount equal to 50% of his/her gross sale proceeds will be deducted from their sale check by the fair board.

**19. Entry Times:** Entry into all livestock and exhibit areas will be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. Gates will reopen at 6:00 a.m. each day.

**20. Parking:** Committee personnel and exhibitor vehicles are to park in the parking lot if space is available. The Grimes County Fair Association assumes no liability for the vehicles or trailers being parked on the fairgrounds. Committee chairman and co-chairman with a maximum of two per committee, extension agents, and ag advisors that have attended in person a minimum of 5 Grimes County Fair monthly meetings will receive a parking pass to use throughout the week of the fair ending Friday, June 5, 2026 at midnight.

**21. Access to Exhibits:** Positively no one will be allowed in the barn areas after the times listed in General Rule #19 unless prior approval has been received from the Fair Board. All livestock that is stalled underneath the barns during the fair, must remain under the barn, wash rack or fair association designated exercise area (if applicable) at all times.

**22. Showing by Exhibitor:** Each exhibitor must show his or her own exhibit except in cases of illness, death, or prior approval by the committee chair and the GCFA board (deadline for prior approval must be post mark by May 1, 2026 and be mailed to the GCFA, PO Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830. No metered mail). If an exhibitor has multiple animals in one market class, then the exhibitor can name a substitute to show one of the animals for them; however, that person must be a member in good standing of a Grimes County FFA, FCCLA or 4-H program and exhibiting in the 2026 fair. Excludes heifer exhibitors. Only heifer exhibitors can use another heifer exhibitor. Any accommodation in the show ring may be requested at any time to a committee chairman and will be decided on a case by case basis.

**23. Dress Code for Exhibitors:** All exhibitors must wear proper attire. No open toe or open heel shoes. Tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, sleeveless shirts, T-shirts, shorts, mid-drift shirts and short shirts are NOT considered proper attire. If appropriate attire is not worn you will not be allowed to enter the show ring.

**24. No Removal of Exhibits During Fair:** During the fair no exhibits in any division will be allowed to be removed from the fairgrounds without a release slip. Release slips can only be obtained from the division chairperson. All livestock exhibits must remain in place throughout the stated fair dates.

**25. Date and Times for Removal:** Dates and times for removal of all exhibits, unless otherwise specified in these rules, shall be set out in the special rules that follow and shall be adhered to strictly.

**26. Latest date to Remove Exhibits:** Any market projects not removed from the Grimes County Fairgrounds **1 hour** immediately following the Freezer Sale, Friday, June 5, 2026 will become the property of the Grimes County Fair Association. Exhibitors must load animals out!

**27. Checkout:** Check out must be by the division chairperson. All animals must have releases, which must be obtained from the Division Chairperson (See division Rules for times).

**28. Removal from Fair:** The fair board and/or the division chairperson reserves the right not to allow entry, tag-in, participation, and/or to remove from the fairgrounds any exhibit, animal, stand or display deemed unsuitable or objectionable. No wild or unruly animals will be permitted. The fair board also reserves the right to return any entry money already paid. The fair board and/or the division chairperson will not be required to furnish reasons for such actions. The return of the exhibitor's project and/or money exonerates the fair from any claim by the exhibitor or buyer.

**29. Security:** Every reasonable effort will be made for the security of the exhibitors and others in attendance, but the Fair Association WILL NOT be responsible for any loss or damage to articles, livestock, or exhibits while on the fairgrounds or in transit to or from the fairgrounds for any cause whatsoever.

**30. Photographs:** The Fair Board will provide a photographer who will take a picture of each Premium Sale animal. The picture will be presented to the buyer and the expense of the picture will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

**31. Age Classification:** Whenever classes must be broken according to the exhibitor's age, the date of January 1 of the year of the fair shall be utilized for determining the exhibitor's age.

**32. Payment of Premiums:** Premiums will be paid at the September fair board meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. if all requirements have been met. For anyone that didn't meet requirements or missed September meeting can pick up at October meeting or by appointment after October meeting. Contact fair board treasurer. The Fair Board reserves the right to pay all premiums on a percentage basis of the net profit if enough money is not taken in during the Fair to pay the full amount as shown in this catalog.

**33. Standards:** It shall be left to the discretion of the judges whether or not the exhibit is sufficiently up to the standard of that class to be given status as premium.

**34. Advisors:** Grimes County Extension Agents, FCCLA and Ag Science Advisors may serve as advisors on various Fair Committees.

**35. Board Approval of Decisions:** The final selection of the judges and classifiers will be approved by the Fair Board.

**36. Decision Final:** The decision of the judges and the presentation of awards will be final.

**37. Health Certificates:** Health certificates will be required according to State Regulations. The fair will keep exhibitors updated if there is a change to State requirements.

**38. Certification Form/Agreement:** Each exhibitor and a Parent/Legal Guardian are required to have signed a Drug Certification Form prior to entry in the Grimes County Fair. No exhibitor shall be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out. The Drug Certification Form shall state that the exhibitor and Parent/Legal Guardian have not administered to and have no knowledge that the fair entry had received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals and shall furthermore certify that all entries will be free of all drug and chemical residues upon arrival to the Grimes County Fairgrounds and will remain free of all drug and chemical residues

while on the show grounds that restricts slaughter of the animal according to FDA guidelines.

**39. Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** For purposes of promoting fair competition and protecting the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved but prohibits in a given species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug while on the Grimes County Fairgrounds. All animals must remain free of all drug and chemical residues while on the show grounds that restricts slaughter of the animal according to FDA guidelines.

- a. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation or musculature of any animal by any unnatural means, including but not limited to use of injections, draining of fluids, bruising, surgical alteration, and artificially filling by stomach pumping or airing injections. Animals showing signs of being unethically fitted will be subject to disqualification.
- b. **Unapproved Drug Use:** Showing 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 FDA or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- c. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA and USDA approved for its species and class it MUST be eligible for slaughter under FDA guidelines upon entry the Grimes County Fair grounds and remain in that condition for the entire length of the Fair. Any traces or residues prohibiting immediate slaughter of any animal are strictly prohibited and can result in disqualification of project and/or exhibitor from any fair participation.

**40. Exhibitor Responsibility:** We, the undersigned Exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Grimes County Fair Association. We further certify that we have not administered to and have no knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, we certify that all entries will be FREE OF ALL DRUG AND CHEMICAL RESIDUES upon arrival to Grimes County Fair Grounds and will remain free of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds. We, the undersigned, understand that the time it takes for drugs and chemicals to be entirely excreted from the body through the urine of animals is generally longer than the labeled FDA and USDA withdrawal times for most approved drugs and chemicals. If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, 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 Show Veterinarian, but the Official Show Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. If an animal is treated by a licensed veterinarian while at the Show and the medication administered contains a labeled withdrawal time or unpublished elimination time, the animal will be disqualified. The Grimes 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.

- a. **Treatment by Veterinarians:** If an animal requires treatment for a condition by a veterinarian and it is determined that it is in the animal's best interest to receive treatment, then the

administration or use of any substance that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal time to be completely eliminated from the animal's system under the rules herein shall be determined ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult the Official Grimes County Fair Veterinarians prior to competition.

**41. ANIMAL INSPECTION/TESTING:** Exhibitors agree that as a condition of participation in the Grimes County Fair, they shall submit any animal entered for inspection and such tests as may be conducted by show management. Exhibitor agrees that the opinion reached by the Grimes County Fair or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the Grimes County Fair or any of its officers. Further, the Grimes County Fair specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the testing laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Grimes County Fair or its officers. The exhibitor (and the Exhibitor's parent or legal guardian if Exhibitor is a minor) agree and acknowledge that: (1) they are absolutely and solely responsible for the care and custody of their animals; and (2) the Grimes County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor's animal that tests positive for any drug or chemical residue, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the medication.

- In the event an exhibitor or animal is disqualified, no reordering of the judged ranking of the entries will take place (i.e. Reserve Champion will not be elevated to the Grand Champion).
- ANY EXHIBITOR PRESENTING AN ANIMAL THAT FAILS A DRUG TEST, THE EXHIBITOR HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A SECOND TEST AT A LAB OF THEIR CHOICE AND AT THEIR EXPENSE. IF THE ANIMAL FAILS THE DRUG TEST, ALL MONEY EARNED FROM THE SALE OF ANY ANIMAL WILL BE FORFEITED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. ANY PREVIOUSLY DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITOR UNDER THIS PROVISION FAILING A SECOND DRUG TEST ON AN ANIMAL WILL BE PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY HER GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION SPONSORED MARKET DIVISION LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

**42. Drug Testing Area:** During all market shows only the Exhibitor and a guardian of the exhibitor or an adult designated by the guardian is allowed to be in the drug testing area. These same individuals are the only people allowed to give the animal any substance during the completion of the drug test. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each class will be drug tested in all market shows. Random selections will then be made of each species to ensure a minimum of 10% are tested from all market species shows.

**43. Violation of Rules:** Any violation of any of the General Rules and Regulations of the Grimes County Fair Association, except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations, shall be subject to a range of punishment to be determined by the Fair Board at its sole discretion, including without limitation forfeiture of the right to enter, tag-in, show, sale and/or in any way participate in the Grimes County Fair and/or forfeit all privileges, awards, and/or premiums won, and/or may forfeit all rights and privileges to enter, participate, and/or exhibit in the future at the Grimes County Fair. Repeated violation of the Rules and Regulations may, at the discretion of the Fair Board, result in a prohibition of the exhibitor and/or his immediate family members from participation in the Fair for any period of not less than one year.

**44.** If an exhibitor or his representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, the Fair Board may withhold from such Exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.

**45. Appeals of Violations:** Any determination that an exhibitor or his or her parent or guardian has violated these Rules and Regulations, the Special Rules, or otherwise, may be appealed to the Fair Board as set out in this Rule. Notice of appeal must be in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00 (cash or money order), which deposit will be forfeited if the appeal is unsuccessful. If the protest is upheld, \$200 of that fee will be refunded to the protesting party with \$50 going to the Fair Association for paper work and legal fees. The written notice of appeal must be delivered to the Fair Board within fourteen (14) days of the date the Fair Board determines that a violation of the Rules and Regulations has occurred and a penalty has been assessed against the exhibitor or his or her parent or guardian. Appeals will be heard orally before a meeting of a majority of the Fair Board, and all sides will be given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence and argument. The Fair Board will hear appeals within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the deposit and written notice of appeal.

**46. Disclaimer:** NO CLAIM FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO ANY PERSONS OR PROPERTY SHALL EVER BE ASSERTED, NOR SUIT INSTITUTED OR MAINTAINED AGAINST THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION OR ITS OFFICERS, OR AGENTS, OR THE COUNTY OF GRIMES, STATE OF TEXAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION, OR THEIR AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES WHO EXHIBIT ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR OCCUPY SPACE THEREON. EACH AND EVERY EXHIBITOR AGREES TO HOLD THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS, AND AGENTS HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THEM FROM ANY AND ALL INJURIES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, SETTLEMENTS, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) WHICH MAY ARISE OR OCCUR DURING THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR OR AS A RESULT OF THE SALE OR PROCESSING OF ANY ANIMAL OF ANY EXHIBITOR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OR PRESENCE AT THE FAIR. THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ANY THIRD PERSON FOR ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY OR RELATED TO ANY ANIMAL SHOWN OR EXHIBITED THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD OR PROCESSED.

**47. Reservation of Rights:** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRIMES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE FINAL AND ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO INTERPRET, CHANGE, MODIFY, AND/OR ADD TO OR DELETE FROM THESE RULES AS THEY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

**48. Entry Certification:** The Release of Liability & Indemnity and Drug Certification Agreement is located at [grimescountyfair.com](http://grimescountyfair.com). By submitting an online entry, each exhibitor and their parent/guardian agree to abide by Fair Rules and Regulations and the liability provisions for violations of the Fair and Rules and Regulations. This agreement will be consented to with the exhibitors online entry form. This shall apply to all projects. By typing "YES" on the online entry agreement, each party acknowledges that:

- a. He/she has read the Grimes County Fair Association Fair Rule Book located on the Grimes County Fair website.
- b. The Youth Exhibitor will own, feed, and care for the animal throughout the feeding period without any assistance except from the CEA, the AST, an immediate family member, or another bona fide Texas Youth Exhibitor.
- c. He/she will supervise the Youth Exhibitor and the animal will not be tampered with in any way, including but not limited to, unethical fitting or any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.

- d. He/she will supervise the Youth Exhibitor and the animal will not be administered any foreign substances not approved by the USDA and/or the FDA, including but not limited to, any drugs, chemicals or feed additives.
- e. He/she understands the penalties of violating these General and Special Rules and regulations, including but not limited to, monetary forfeiture, immediate disqualification of the youth exhibitor, and/or jeopardizing the chapter or club's entry in the current and future Grimes County Fair Association Livestock Shows, and/or banishment of the "exhibiting family" from entering or competing in future Grimes County Fair Association Livestock Shows. This information must be read, accepted and signed by all parties at the time entries are made. NO youth project entry will be accepted without this certification form being properly signed by all parties.

**49. Public Intoxication:** A person commits the offense of Public Intoxication if the person appears in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that the person may endanger the person or another. Public Intoxication is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. (Texas Penal Code Section 49.02). Public Intoxication on the premises of the Grimes County Fairgrounds/Expo. Center will not be tolerated. The Grimes County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any person entry upon the premises if such person is intoxicated to the degree described above. The Grimes County Fair Board reserves the right to remove any person or have such person removed by law enforcement from the premises if it appears that such person is intoxicated to the degree described above. The Grimes County Fair Board reserves the right to ban any person intoxicated to the degree described above from entering upon the premises in the future.

**50. Fair Scholarship Applications:** All scholarship applications must be sent submitted via Google Forms to the Grimes County Fair Association/Scholarship Committee. This link will be made available on the GCFA website. Deadline is March 31,2026.

**51. No ATV's other than those used by Fair Officials will be allowed on the grounds:** The only Approved and Authorized use of ATV/motorized vehicles are members of the Grimes County Fair Board, committee chairperson and committee members and paid personnel of the Grimes County Fair Association. If any unauthorized vehicle is located on the fairgrounds during the fair, the responsible individual(s) will be asked to remove the vehicle immediately. If the individual does not comply in a timely manner, the vehicle will then be towed at the owner's expense.

**52.** There will be ABSOLUTELY NO cooking under the barn at any time.

**53. Each junior exhibitor will be required to sell 10 Raffle tickets to be eligible to compete in the Grimes County Fair. In order to be eligible, the 10 sold raffle tickets are due and must be turned into the Grimes County Fair Association no later than May 12, 2026.**

**54.** Top ticket sales for exhibitors. (Does not include Fair Queen candidates)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500.00 and a parking pass

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300.00 and a parking pass

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200.00 and a parking pass

**All Fair rules will be enforced with a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for any rule violations.**

## WORK HOUR REQUIREMENTS

**Chairman:** Casey Childress (979) 219-3333

**Email:** [thechildressfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:thechildressfamily@yahoo.com)

**Committee Members:** Carol Galvan and Alisa Galvan Masters

**All exhibitors of the Grimes County Fair must be present and participate in the following:**

A) **Mandatory Set Up Day** (Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

(Check In is At 8AM NO Exceptions)/ OR

**Mandatory Clean up Day** (Saturday June 6, 2026, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

(Check In is At 8AM NO Exceptions)

Hours will be tracked by sign in/sign out sheets at both mandatory set up/clean up days. It is the **exhibitor's responsibility to be sure they are signing in and out**. They will be released to go as one big group as all the required list of things to do is completed. Mandatory (1) work hour to be completed during the week of the fair.

B) **Mandatory (1) work hour** NEEDS to be completed during the week of the fair. (This has to be completed from the dates of Wednesday May 27, 2026 through Friday June 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM.) **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This is more than enough time to complete your work hour requirement during the week of the fair. Exhibitors are still required to turn in the work hour form during the week of the fair as well. Again, this is solely the responsibility of the exhibitors of the Grimes County Fair. There will be a drop off box for exhibitors to turn in their work hour forms displayed under the show barn all week for exhibitors to turn in their forms. Please be sure to fill out your form so the committee chair can sign it. They will not fill it out for you.

**Failure to adhere to this rule and requirement will result in a \$250.00 fine per exhibitor and may forfeit your 2027 participation in the Grimes County Fair.**

**Pay outs:** If you want to forfeit your MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS for work hours, you can make a payment to the Grimes County Fair Association for a fee of \$250.00 paid before May 24, 2026. No payments are acceptable after the deadline date.

**Designated substitutes:** Designated substitutes are allowed if the substitute is over the age of 15 years old. They are allowed to work for you for the mandatory set day or the mandatory cleanup day **only**, if a letter is submitted to the work hour committee chair by May 15, 2026. The letter of notice can be sent to the Grimes County Fair Association email address (...). Once received and approved, you will receive an email confirmation stating your substitute has been approved. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to plan if the designated set up day or clean-up day has a conflict.

**For example: 1 substitute per exhibitor**

A link to view the work hour schedule and to choose a time will be available on the Grimes County Fair Association website and Facebook page on Thursday May 1, 2026. This link will be through sign up genius.

## ShoWorks Committee

**Chairman:** Kaylee Leonard (979) 676-3326

**Committee:** Ashley Skinner, Kyndle Bohnert, Kynlee Stephens and Karen Oncken

If you have any questions, please call or text Kaylee Leonard at 979-676-3326.

The ShoWorks Entry link will be posted to the Grimes County Fair website as well as on our Facebook.

For dates ShoWorks is open for your specific division, please reference your division page with the date ShoWork will close. For any market animal (besides Market rabbits), ShoWorks will open the day of tag in and stay open for 48 hours.

For Breeding Heifers, Horse Show, Ag Mech, Creative Arts, Kids Rodeo and Muttin Bustin/Stick Horse Buck Out, you will have approximately 1 Month to enter your entries. Horse Show will also have an in person sign up on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Once ShoWorks is closed, it WILL NOT be reopened for any more entries. Once you've checked out on ShoWorks you should receive an email with a receipt attached to it to confirm your entries. If you DO NOT receive this, please reach out IMMEDIATELY to confirm your entries were received.

## **Volunteer Work Committee**

**Chairman:** Chris Roig (281) 814-2494  
**Co-Chairman:** Kyle Bostick (979) 200-1711

**Committee Members:** Michael Kimich and Brad Muchow

**Fair Board Advisor:** Stan Stephenson

**Mission:**

To help anyone and everyone with anything associated with the Grimes County Fair. We will start with assisting the Fair Superintendent with anything needed. Hopefully we can expand from there.

## RODEO AND BULL BUCK OUT

**Chairman:** Rhonda Sechelski (936) 419-6536  
Randy Krueger (979) 830-5767

**Committee Members:** Dylan Bohnert, Kelley Bohnert, Kyndal Bohnert, Tony Bohnert, Ty Brzozowski, Blake Burzynski, Stephanie Burzynski, Kari Lynn Eisenman, Quinn Hansen, Hunter Harrington, Coy Imhoff, Frank Imhoff, Rance Imhoff, Rayburn Imhoff, Kenton Shimshack, Mark Shimshack, Jared Wetuski, and Nick Ruyle

**Rodeo** Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Admission:** \$10 per person at the gate (Kids under 5 – Free)

**Bull Buck Out:** Saturday, March 28, 2026  
Special Attractions: 5:30 p.m.  
Buck Out: Right after Mutton bustin  
Dance: Broken Alibi 9PM-1AM

**Admission:** \$20.00 per person to Bull Buck Out and Dance (Kids under 5 – Free)  
**Special Attractions:** Stick Horse Buck out and Mutton Bustin  
Stick Horse – \$15.00 entry fee  
Mutton Bustin - \$30.00 entry fee

**Stick Horse and Mutton Bustin sign up deadline is March 2nd, 2026 11:59 p.m. via ShoWorks.**

### **No Late Entries – No Exceptions**

**Rules:**

- Stick Horse: Ages for this event are 2 – 4 years of age. There will be a champion & reserve champion in each group.
- Mutton Bustin: Ages for this event are 5 – 7 years of age. Their weight must not exceed 60 lbs.

**Weight Limit will be enforced and Protective Helmets Must Be Worn!**

- Limited number of entries will be accepted
- Contestants who are residents of Grimes County will receive priority over “out of County” resident contestants if the allowable number of entries is exceeded for an event.
- Entry Fee for this event is non-refundable
- Stick horses will not be provided.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** For the stick horse one parent may walk child into arena but will need to exit the arena immediately before any contest will begin. Only one parent/adult will be allowed in the arena with each child during the mutton bustin event. A member of the rodeo committee will inform each participant and parent/adult when they will be allowed to enter the arena. This rule will be enforced without exception!

**DRESS CODE:** Must wear long sleeve button down/snap shirt, jeans, belt and boots. No dresses, tennis shoes, chukka boots, shorts, Capri pants or short sleeve shirts will be permitted. No caps or visors. This dress attire will be mandatory and has been adopted for the safety of the children and to promote the western/rodeo theme. If you are not in dress code, you will not enter the arena.

## GRIMES COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW

- Chairman:** Clay Oncken 979-450-9955  
**Co - Chairman:** Erin Oncken 936-285-5466
- Committee Members:** Edgar & Karen Oncken, Jodi Rice, Bonner Cooper, Jeffrey Shive, Lindsey Willis
- Advisor:** Corey Ferguson  
**Fair Board Advisor:** Michael Kimich
- Entry Fees:** \*\$15.00 per class (no stock), \$20.00 per class (with stock), and a \$25.00 Arena fee (for Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Only)
- Sign-Up:** In person sign up will be available Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Go Texan building. All entries must be entered in ShoWorks by Saturday, February 28, 2026 @ 11:59PM.  
**No mail in entries will be accepted.**  
ShoWorks will be open for entries on Monday, February 1, 2026.
- Awards:** All around Saddles will be awarded on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> prior to the Premium Sale.
- \*Top Team Show Events:** Team Sorting & Team Penning  
**Check-In Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
**Check-In Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Event Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- Speed Show & Top Hand Events:**  
Pole Bending, Cloverleaf Barrel Racing, Goat Tying/Ribbon Pull, Team Roping Header, Team Roping Heeler, Breakaway, Tie Down roping
- Check-In Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026  
**Check-In Time:** Speed check-in at 5:00 p.m., Top Hand check-in at 6:00 p.m.  
**Event Start Time:** Speed will start at 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Top Hand Show
- Leadline & Mutton Bustin:**  
**Check-In Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026  
**Check-In Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Event Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- \*Make-Up date if needed: Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Age will be determined as of **January 1, 2026**

1. Lead Line = 7 years (Not yet in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) & under
2. Pee Wee = 3 - 8 years (not yet in 3rd grade)
3. Junior = 8 years and in the 3rd grade to 13 years old
4. Senior = 14 - 18 or just completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade prior to show
5. Contestants must be between the ages of 5 years & 18 years of age to participate in the Top Horse and Top Hand Shows (Sorting & Penning).
6. Only Junior & Senior contestants are eligible to compete for the Boys and Girls all Around Awards. The Pee Wee Division will compete in their own division for a Pee Wee Top Hand Award.

**General Rules:**Contestants are governed by requirements in the General Rules of the fair book.

1. All rules contained herein can be amended (if necessary) to improve an event or for the safety of contestants and stock.
2. Absolutely no refunds, late sign-ups, or substitutes after sign-up deadline. All entries must be entered into ShoWorks by 11:59PM. On Saturday, February 28, 2026.
3. Western Attire: Riders shall wear western hat or riding helmet (NO caps) western long sleeve or short sleeve, collared shirt worn tucked into jeans and western boots. Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots and lace-up ropers with riding heel. All other footwear is prohibited. The use of spurs shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean.
4. Equipment: Western-type equipment must be used. The use of a mechanical hackamore, gag bit or other type of bridle is the contestant's choice. However, the officials or judge may require the removal or alteration of equipment if it is being used in a severe or inhumane manner. Refusal to comply with requirement will result in a disqualification. Contestants may use tie downs.
5. Contestant can only enter each class once, with the exception of the Top Team Show.
6. All Entries in Lead Line Class must be led by someone 18 years or older and contact must be kept with the lead by the handler. No exceptions.
7. A Boy's and a Girl's All-Around award will be awarded at the conclusion of all events. All-Around points will be figured by adding all points from all events.
8. Different Horses may be ridden by a contestant throughout the Top Team, Speed, and Top Hand Shows.
9. To be eligible for the All-Around Award, contestants must be in the Junior or Senior Age Division and must compete in a minimum of 3 events.
10. No stallions allowed
11. If contestant, while inside the show arena or show ring, is assisted in any manner by another person through an electrical or mechanical device, the contestant shall be automatically disqualified from all events.
12. A show official (including judge or flagman or chairman) may disqualify any horse or exhibitor from the competition for bad, unruly, and/or dangerous behavior. Horses are expected to be able to enter the box and wait for the barrier to be set. Decisions on such matters are made by show management personnel in charge of the roping events and are not subject to protest.
13. Abuse to cattle will result in disqualification of contestant
14. Only contestants, judges and committee persons are allowed inside the arena, the only exception to this rule will be during the lead line class.

- 15. Due to rainout or any other unforeseeable acts of weather during the Grimes County Fair Horse Show, events will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2026 or for the next available dates if the rescheduled date must be cancelled as well. If lightning strikes within 10 miles of the event there will be a 30 minute delay after each strike. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> delay is required, the show will be rescheduled.
- 16. A copy of negative Coggins test (within the last 12 months) on the horse being shown will be required to participate in the horse show. Coggins test copy must be presented at check-in the day of the show or the horse will not be permitted on the show grounds.
- 17. All decisions of the judges, chairperson and board member are final and not subject to protest. Unruly conduct between the contestant or parent of contestant and the judge, any GCGA committee member, or volunteer will result in disqualification.

**18. HIGH POINT AWARDS:**

- a) All- Around points can only be determined by Grimes County Fair Horse Show Committee members familiar with GCFA Horse Show Rules.
- b) Class Awards will be presented for each event.
- c) All-Around Awards will be determined by adding points accumulated in all events. One Boy’s All- Around & One Girl’s All- Around will be awarded.
- d) Leadline & Pee Wee division are not eligible for All-Around Award saddles.
- e) **Senior Scholarship** –The Horse Show Committee will issue (1) scholarship to a deserving senior that is participating in the horse show. The senior must write an essay describing how participating in the Grimes County Fair Horse Show has influenced them. The scholarship shall be made payable to a trade school or university of exhibitor’s choice upon graduation. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit this information to the Grimes County Fair Board treasurer at the time of graduation.

Place	Points
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

**19. AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

- a) Both All-Around Winners & the scholarship winner will be recognized prior to the Premium Sale.
- b) Points will be based on the number of entries in each event as shown in the point system below.
- c) Points will be awarded by the number of entries in the class (including speed events). If there are only 6 entries in a class the highest number of points awarded will be 6. If there are 15 entries in the class the highest points awarded will be 15. See point system below for example:

**20. TIE BREAKERS:** If a tie breaker is need in the All-Around competition, it will be broken by the most 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the most 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by the most 3<sup>rd</sup>s, etc. Through all places if a tie still exists, most overall placings breaks the tie.

**TOP TEAM SHOW** - Wednesday, May 27, 2026

**TOP TEAM SHOW:** There must be at least 6 sorting team and 6 penning teams sign up to participate or there will not be a top team show. If the show does not make a refund will be issued for those classes only.

• **TOP TEAM Events:**

- a) Sorting will be made up of two (2) members.
- b) Team Penning teams will be made up of three (3) members.

- c) Each contestant can run a maximum of three times in their age division by changing one or both partners.
- d) A junior can ride up to be on a senior team one time, which allows them the possibility to ride four total times in each event. This ride does not count for points for the junior team member. Example: (3) times on a junior team and (1) on a senior team.
- e) Senior CAN NOT ride on a junior team.
  1. Junior team is age 13 years & younger as of January 1, 2026
  2. Senior team is age 14 years & older as of January 1, 2026
  3. Pee Wee age contestants may ride up on Junior & Senior teams, but are not eligible for overall high point awards.
- **Order of Top Team Show Classes – Wednesday, May 27, 2026**
  - 1) Senior Team Sorting
  - 2) Junior Team Sorting
  - 3) Senior Team Penning
  - 4) Junior Team Penning

### **TEAM SORTING**

- a) All rules contained herein can be amended (if necessary) to improve an event.
- b) Teams will be given a time limit of 120 seconds.
- c) Team Sorting will consist of (2) man teams
- d) Team sorting will take place between (2) pens of equal size with the working of cattle only 1 way as designated by the committee.
- e) The start foul line will be a 10' to 12' opening between the 2 pens.
- f) Ten numbered cattle will be used in this event. Numbers must be consecutive.
- g) Cattle will be sorted in sequence IE: if the number 3 is called, the cattle will be sorted 3,4,5,6, 7, 8, 9, 0, 1 & 2.
- h) Time will stop after the last consecutive numbered cattle have crossed the start line, the first incorrect number cattle crosses, or a calf that has already been sorted into the pen re-crosses back into the pen.
- i) Time will be kept on a per cattle basis. For example, 90 seconds on 4 head will be placed over 60 seconds on 3 head which would be placed over 30 seconds on 2 head.
- j) No ropes or aids may be carried or used in sorting. A 180 second penalty will be assessed. This includes throwing hat or any objects in front of animal to change its direction.
- k) In the event of a tie, there will be a sort-off.
- l) There will be one judge on one side of the pen for this event.

### **Team Penning**

- a) All rules contained herein can be amended (if necessary) to improve an event.
- b) Contestants will ride to the starting line (within 10'). Judge will raise flag and declare the line ready. The judge will drop flag to start time when the first horse's nose crosses the line. If calf crosses working line and rider has not, the calf must be brought back and cattle resettled.
- c) In all line events, when announcer gives the number, contestants have 20 seconds to cross working line before time begins. It is the contestant's responsibility to check arena before crossing the start line. Number will be given to team by the announcer when line judge raises flag.

- d) In the penning event, the pen will be up against one side of the arena, 15 ft. from the back fence. Penning panels will be secured.
- e) In the 13 & under class a total of 4 animals will be behind the working line. Two cattle will be penned. There will be two sets of like numbers.
- f) In the 14-18 class a total of 10 animals will be behind the working line. Two cattle will be penned. Cattle will be numbered 0-9. A number will be called & the cattle must cross the line in numerical order, but may enter the pen in either order.
  - a. Example: Cattle number 3 is called. Team must first pull cattle number 3 across the line, then cattle number 4 may cross. They can then enter the pen in either order.
- g) Team members will cut and pen their designated cattle. If a wrong number is penned a 20 second penalty will be assessed. A 10 second penalty will be assessed for each wrong numbered animal that crosses working line. Full body of calf must cross working line before penalty can be assessed.
- h) Two correct number cattle must be penned before time will stop.
- i) Animals must be penned from horseback.
- j) No ropes or aids may be carried or used in penning. A DQ penalty will be assessed with no time. This includes throwing hat in front of animal to change its direction.
- k) Line remains alive as long as right numbered cattle or rider is inside working line.
- l) On third re-cross, a no-time penalty will be assessed. A re-cross is defined when the workable animals come completely across working line & then cross back over working line. When animals are penned, time will stop when first nose of contestant's horse breaks the plane of the gate. In the event of a tie there will be a pen off.

### **SPEED SHOW – Thursday, May 28, 2026**

1. **SPEED EVENTS:** The tractor will drag the arena after every 5 actual runs in barrel racing and pole bending regardless of whether this moves into the next age group (i.e. we run 4 pee wee contestants then 1 junior and then drag). There will be no drag in the lead line classes. There must be at least 6 contestants in each event (not in each age group) or the event will be cancelled.
2. **SPEED SHOW:** In the Speed Show events, there will be an extended alley with a closed alley way gate; this gate will be operated by show management only. Entrance gate to (alley way) will not be opened until horse is completely in the alley way. The exit gate will not be opened until after the horse comes to a complete stop inside the arena. All roping events will be conducted with the "back gate" closed, with a thirty (30) second time limit.
3. **Order of Speed Show Classes – Thursday, May 28, 2026**
  - 1) Pole Bending Pee Wee
  - 2) Pole Bending Junior
  - 3) Pole Bending Senior
  - 4) Cloverleaf Barrel Racing Pee Wee
  - 5) Cloverleaf Barrel Racing Junior
  - 6) Cloverleaf Barrel Racing Senior
  - 7) Goat Ribbon Pee Wee
  - 8) Goat Tying Junior
  - 9) Goat Tying Senior

### **Pole Bending**

- a) The pole bending pattern is to be run around six poles in the standard AQHA regulation pattern. The poles are to be 21 feet apart, with the first pole 21 feet from the starting line. Horses run to the far end of the series of poles, turn and weave in and out as they work their way back to the front. Horses then complete a turn around the front pole and maneuver through the series again. At the last pole, they complete that turn and run toward the timer.
- b) Contestants may start either to the right or to the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. Failure to follow the pattern shall cause disqualification.
- c) Pattern run must be all in forward motion. If contestant backs up or ceases forward motion, it is considered a broken pattern. If the contestant crosses the start line on the first return stoppint the timer, it is considered a broken pattern.
- d) The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after running pattern.
- e) Knocking over a pole shall carry a 5-second penalty.
- f) Touching a pole with hand or body is not a disqualification. If the pole touches the ground and bounces back up, it will be considered a down pole.

### **Cloverleaf Barrel Racing**

- a) Barrels may be placed by the management at distances at least 15 feet from fences but will conform to the arena and arena conditions as decided by the judge and horse show chairman.
- b) Contestants will start from behind the starting line, run around barrel number 1, then around barrel number 2, and continue around barrel number 3, finishing by crossing the starting line on the way back. This pattern may be altered by starting with the number 2 barrel, then to number 1, and continue around barrel number 3, and then back to the finish line. Failure to follow the pattern is a disqualification.
- c) Pattern run must be all in forward motion. If contestant backs up or ceases forward motion, it is considered a broken pattern.
- d) The time starts when contestant crosses starting line and stops when he/she crosses it on the way back after running pattern.
- e) Knocking over a barrel shall carry a 5-second penalty.
- f) AQHA Barrel Pattern

### **Pee Wee Goat Ribbon Pull**

- a) Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible. Goat is to be staked 105 feet from timer line. Goat shall be staked with a rope 10 feet in length. Goat is to be held at the end of the rope facing the starting line and released when contestant crosses starting line (when flag is dropped).
- b) Time will start when the mounted contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when flag judge signals that completion of the ribbon pulled off goat tail.
- c) No assistance is allowed from parents on the dismount in Pee Wee class. Parents may hold the horse by the halter, but not assist the child.

### **Goat Tying**

- a) Stake is to be driven into ground so that none of it is visible. Goat is to be staked 105 feet from timer line. Goat shall be staked with a rope 10 feet in length. Goat is to be held at the

- end of the rope facing the starting line and released when contestant crosses starting line (when flag is dropped).
- b) Goats used for the contest will be tied a maximum of 5 times. Goat is to be changed out every 3-5 contestants. The number of consecutive times a goat is tied will be determined before the start of the event.
  - c) The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride from starting line to goat, dismount, throw goat by hand and tie any three (3) feet
  - d) Goat must remain tied for at least five (5) seconds. Time will begin when contestant has moved at least 3 feet away from goat and rope.
  - e) Legs must be crossed and tied. To qualify as a legal tie, there will be one or more wraps around all three (3) feet, then a half hitch, or tied.
  - f) If goat is down when the contestant reaches it, the goat must be let up to a vertical position with at least three (3) feet dangling underneath and then be thrown by hand.
  - g) Time will start when the mounted contestant crosses the starting line and will stop when flag judge signals the completion of the tie.

### **TOP HAND SHOW – Thursday, May 28, 2026**

- **TOP HAND EVENTS:**

1. There must be at least 6 contestants in each event or the event will be cancelled.
2. All roping events will be timed.
3. All exhibitors must start from behind an automatic barrier (barrel may be substituted for automatic barrier). Contestant cannot rope before the barrel. Breaking the barrier will result in a 10-second penalty added to the contestant's time. Length of score will be determined by arena conditions.
4. One official will be designated as barrier judge and one official will be designated as official flagman.
5. All claims of "foul" by barrier or gateman must be declared prior to contesting the cattle.
6. All roping events will be conducted with the "back gate" closed, with a thirty (30) second time limit.
7. Contestants in roping events must track calf or steer to stripping chute.

- **Order of Top Hand Show – Thursday, May 28, 2026**

- 1) Team Roping - Header
- 2) Team Roping – Heeler
- 3) Breakaway Roping
- 4) Tie Down Roping

- **Tie Down Roping Class** - This is not included in the All Around point calculations

### **Team Roping**

- a) This will be a timed event. (See general rules for barrel/barrier) Time starts with the release of the barrier & ends when the ropes are tight & the horses are facing the steer. The horses' front feet must be on the ground.
- b) Three loop rule
- c) Legal head catches are both horns, half-head, and around the neck. A 5-second penalty will be assessed for roping only one hind foot.
- d) Contestants must dally on both ends.
- e) The run must be completed in thirty (30) seconds.

- f) The “back gate” will be closed
- g) Riders must remain mounted. Loss of the rope by either header or heeler is an automatic disqualification.
- h) Points are only awarded to entered contestant in Heading and Heeling class. Partner must be a GCFA Horse Show contestant in good standing.

### **Breakaway Roping**

- a) Exhibitors may throw one loop only
- b) The end of the rope must be tied to the saddle horn or swell with a breakable string.
- c) Time starts at the signal of the barrier flag and stops when the flagman signals that the rope breaks away from the saddle as a result of a legal catch.
- d) The only legal catch is a “bell collar” catch.
- e) Judges will rule whether a catch is legal and whether the rope breaks away as a result of a legal catch, or as a result of the horse or calf stepping on the rope or similar occurrence.
- f) The exhibitor will be given a “no time” when something other than a legal catch causes the rope to break away.
- g) A piece of cloth should be attached to the knot end of the rope to signal when the rope breaks.

### **Tie Down Calf Roping**

- a) Exhibitors may throw one loop only.
- b) Catch as catch can. (Rope must hold calf until roper gets hand on calf. Once roper has touched calf & rope comes off, roper must not lose contact with calf.)
- c) Contestant must adjust rope & reins in manner that will prevent horse from dragging calf. If horse drags calf, Field Judge may stop horse & any penalty for such offense can only be assessed by the flag judge.
- d) Contestant must receive no assistance of any kind from outside.
- e) Rope must be tied hard and fast.
- f) After roping calf, roper must dismount, go down rope and throw calf by hand and cross any three of calf’s feet.
- g) A legal tie shall consist of one or two wraps and a half hitch
- h) If calf is down when roper reaches it, it must be thrown by hand, with at least three feet hanging and to the satisfaction of the judge.
- i) If ropers hand is on the calf when calf falls, calf is considered thrown by hand.
- j) Tie must hold until passed on by the judge and roper must not touch calf after finishing signal until judge has completed his examinations.
- k) The field judge will pass on the times, timing six (6) seconds from the time the roping horse takes his first steps forward, after the roper has remounted. If rope comes off calf before contestant remounts, six (6) second clock starts immediately.
- l) Rope will not be removed from calf & rope must remain slack until field judge has passed tie.
- m) Contestant must compete on calf drawn
- n) Time limit 60 seconds.

### **Leadline & Mutton Bustin - Friday, May 29, 2026**

#### **Leadline Show**

- Lead Line – 7 years (not yet in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and under

- All entries in Lead Line Class must be led by someone 18 years or older and contact must be kept with the lead by the handler. No exceptions.
- Exhibitors will complete all 3 events one after the other. They will begin with a shortened cloverleaf pattern, followed by a short poles pattern, and finish with the goat slap. Parents may assist the rider when dismounting the horse.

#### Mutton Bustin –

- In the event more than 30 riders register in ShoWorks, preference for participation will be given to riders who are residents of Grimes County over non-residents.
- Registration will open on April 1, 2026 and will close when the maximum number of contestants have entered, or on May 1, 2026 whichever comes first.
- Only a parent or legal guardian may register a child in the Mutton Bustin' event and must sign a release form and waiver on ShoWorks at time of registration.
- Children must be 4-7 years old as of January 1, 2026 & may not exceed 55 lbs fully clothed.
- Weight restrictions will be strictly enforced for the safety of the livestock. Contestants may be weighed before the event.
- Contestants must wear jeans, boots or sturdy shoes (no flip flops or sandals).
- Contestants are encouraged to bring a bicycle helmet or they will be fitted for one on hand. Helmets must be worn during the ride. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- All contestants will ride for a chance to be in the top 5.
- The top 5 riders will be chosen by the judges and Judges' decisions are final.
- Those qualifying for the top 5 will ride a second time and judged. The top rider will be awarded a prize. Judge's decisions are final.
- Contestants do not have to be a resident of Grimes County or attend a school in Grimes County to participate.
- Check-in 7:00 – 7:30; Event begins at 7:30 or at the conclusion of the Leadline event whichever is later.

## FAIR QUEEN RULES

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Ashleigh Krause</b>	<b>(936) 522-8102</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Ashley Andruss, Morgan Bourque, Mandi Autrey, Atina Adair, Leddi McKay</b>	
<b>Jr. Committee Member:</b>	<b>Haylee Burzynski</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>FFA Advisors and 4-H County Extension Agent</b>	
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Ashley Skinner</b>	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	
<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. through Showworks</b>	
<b>Contest Date:</b>	<b>Tentatively, Saturday, April 25, 2026</b>	

### Registration

1. An informational kickoff meeting will be held Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Grimes County Go Texan building. **This meeting is mandatory.**
2. All Entry forms will be done through Showworks

### Eligibility

1. Queen Candidates must be a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior.
2. Candidates must be enrolled in private, public, or home school, and a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA
3. Candidates must be a biological female and never have been married, pregnant nor have children.
4. Once a candidate becomes Queen, the candidate may not run again.
5. Candidates must have a Fair project (creative arts, animals, etc.) for the 2026 fair
6. Candidates must have one-year prior fair participation.
7. Candidates must be in good standings with the 4-H, FFA, FCCLA that they register in the fair through. They must meet the origination's participations requirements by the deadline lined out in the rule book.

### Contest Points & Rules

#### Date & Requirements

- Two workshops will take place, time and date TBD. Attendance is mandatory for at least 1 workshop. The workshop will feature hands-on resume writing practice, mock interview sessions, and additional activities designed to strengthen and prepare contestants' professional skills.
- The mandatory contest is tentatively set for the morning of Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, time and location TBA.
  - Date subject to change, should a conflicting school or fair event be scheduled that could affect a majority of candidates
  - Parents are not allowed to wait with candidates inside the contest waiting room
- Candidates must submit a digital and print resume on or before contest date
- Candidates must submit a digital and 8 X 10 colored headshot on or before contest date. This will be used at fair and in the newspaper.
- Digital files can be sent to Ashleigh at [ashleigh.s.krause@gmail.com](mailto:ashleigh.s.krause@gmail.com)

#### Point System

The Queen, 1 Runner-Up and 2 Runner-Up will be selected by the following point system. Contestants will be placed highest to lowest in point totals.

- a. Interview – 100 points maximum (Average of judge’s score)
  - b. Resume - 20 points maximum (Average of judge’s scores)
  - c. Essay – 30 points maximum (Average of judge’s scores)
  - d. Ticket Sales - contestants will receive 1 point per every 250 raffle tickets sold after reaching the first 500-ticket milestone.
- A. Interview:
- o A panel of judges will conduct a closed-door 15–20 minute interview.
  - o Questions will be at their discretion.
- B. Resume:
- o A one-page typed resume with a minimum 10 pt. font will be due on or before date of contest.
  - o The resume should include fair, school, church, community activities and accomplishments.
  - o The resume should be no more than 1 page (front)
- C. Essay
- o A 500-word handwritten essay on a topic provided will be written on date of contest.
- D. Ticket Sales:
- o Contestants will earn 1 point for every 250 raffle tickets sold after reaching the first 500-ticket milestone.

### **Ticket Sales & Scholarship**

- Scholarship
  - o The Grimes County Fair Association awards a \$2,500 scholarship to the Fair Queen.
- Ticket Sales
  - o Queen candidates must sell a minimum of 250 raffle tickets to be eligible to participate in the Fair Queen Program.
  - o A check will be awarded to the top 3 ticket sales.
    - The Fair Queen Candidate selling the most tickets receive \$1,000.00 & parking pass
    - Second place will receive \$500.00
    - Third place will receive \$250.00
  - o The candidate with the highest point total will get the higher position. In the event of a tie in points; the tie will be broken by the highest raffle ticket sales.
  - o Should a candidate fall ineligible during the program, all money and tickets, both sold and unsold, must be turned into the Fair Board. Candidate cannot transfer tickets to another exhibitor or participant.
- Turning in money & tickets:
  - o Tickets and money are welcome to be turned in to Ashleigh Krause throughout the selling period. Personal/company checks are encouraged to be turned in frequently.
  - o Candidate is responsible in covering the cost for any lost or misplaced tickets.
  - o Candidate is still required to turn in their 5 mandatory exhibitor tickets sold. These do not count towards Fair Queen ticket counts.
  - o Deadline for turning in money that counts towards selection of the Queen and Court will be Thursday, May 28, 2026.

- At the May 28<sup>th</sup> turn in date, turn in only \$400.00 in cash and the remaining cash money must be in the form of a cashier's check.

### **Thank You Letters**

- All thank you notes for donated prizes are to be mailed to: Grimes County Fair Association Attn: Queen's Committee P O Box 630 Anderson, TX 77830 (In a second envelope) in a stamped, properly addressed envelope, unsealed, before July 1st.
- A list of the donors will be provided to each contestant the night of the crowning.
- The thank you notes will then be delivered to the Fair Treasurer and your check for the fair project will be written and given to you from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. prior to the September board meeting.
- If you do not have your Thank You notes turned in by July 1, 2026, then your check will not be processed any earlier than October board meeting.

### **Participation & Behavioral Requirements**

- Crowning:
  - The Crowning of the Queen will be during the Rodeo performance Saturday, May 30, 2026.
- Fair Week:
  - Contestants are to turn in fair week participation of shows and events to committee chair 2 weeks prior to fair week, in order to create the work schedule.
  - All contestants are required to be at all ASSIGNED FAIR ACTIVITIES. A schedule of assigned events will be released prior to the fair, making sure each event is properly covered but not conflict with other project participation events/shows.
    - Failure to attend and participate in handing out awards at events will result in disqualification and relinquishment of their title, prizes and banner. The amount of \$50.00 will also be deducted from their fair check if contestants fail to attend all events.
    - Fair Queen work time does NOT count towards the mandatory work hour for exhibitors.
  - The Grimes County Fair Queen and her court are required to be present at the Premium Sale held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, to take pictures with the exhibitors and their buyers. All candidates will be required to work the entire time of the premium sale unless she is selling her fair project. She will be allowed to leave long enough to sale her project and must return immediately following her sales lot.
- Dress Code Expectations & Rules:
  - Queen and Queen's Court are required to wear western attire while representing the Grimes County Fair.
    - Skirts, palazzo pants or jumpsuits are required for the Premium Sale and the night of crowning. Western style boots/shoes are required. No flip flops or tennis shoes are allowed.
    - When assigned to work shows and awards ceremonies, candidates can wear jeans and a short sleeve blouse.
    - Queen Court sashes are required to be worn while working assigned events and the Premium Sale.
    - Attires may need to be sent to Chairman for approval before fair week activities begin. This ensures no one will fall out of dress code while representing the Queens Court.

- No revealing clothing at any time.
- No strapless shirts or shirts that show mid-section.
- No short shorts.
- Behavior Expectations:
  - If a Queen's Court member falls below the Fair Queen Committee (see addendum) or Fair Board Standards, she shall be subject to report to the Fair Queen Committee for possible punishment or disqualification and relinquishment of her prizes and banner.
    - ADDENDUM
    - 1. No Smoking or Vaping
    - 2. No Drinking
    - 3. No Drugs
    - 4. No Promiscuous Activity
    - There will be an investigation into allegations made to persons serving on the Fair Queen Committee or the Grimes County Fair Board.
    - Candidates must have written consent of a parent or guardian stating that the Grimes County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for accidents.
- No bullying or drama between contestants will be tolerated throughout the duration of the entire Fair Queen program. Should any issue be brought to the Fair Board or Queen's Committee, the eligibility of the candidate could be compromised, subject to committee review.
- Under no circumstances should the queen or court be on their cellular device while working fair activities.

#### **Queen's Reign:**

- The Queen must be available and acceptable to represent the Grimes County Fair Association at various functions during the year of her reign; beginning with the time she is crowned and continuing through the crowning of the next year's Queen. These activities include (but are not limited to):
  - All Grimes County Go-Texan functions and parades and Plantersville-Stoneham Bunch Annual Fundraisers.
  - Additional opportunities and optional attendances may be provided by Queen Committee.
- During the year of her reign, the Queen must conduct herself in a professional manner. If the Queen should fall below the Fair Board standards or below the standards (see addendum) set by the Grimes County Fair Queen Committee, she shall be subject to report to the Fair Queen Committee and to the board for the possible punishment or relinquishment of her crown.
- If the queen for any reason cannot complete her reign, the crown will be passed on to the first runner-up.
- Queen is responsible for financially sponsoring the following year Queen's belt buckle. More instruction will be provided.

## Raffle Tickets

**Chairman:** Kari Lynn Eisenman (936) 825-5311  
**Co-Chair:** Stephanie Burzynski (936) 661-5557  
Ashley Skinner (979) 777-2892

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kelley Bohnert

**Ticket Deadline:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Each exhibitor (excludes PeeWee) will be required to sell (10) tickets to be eligible to compete in the Grimes County Fair. In order to be eligible, the (10) sold raffle tickets are due no later than May 12, 2026.

Horse show, Ag Mech, Creative Arts, Pen of (2) and All market projects must sell the required (10) tickets.

PEE WEE Exhibitors are not required to sell.

Once an exhibitor has met the requirements of first (10) raffle tickets being sold and turned in by May 12, 2026 deadline, the exhibitor may continue to sell raffle tickets until Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Top ticket sales for exhibitors (does not include Fair Queen Candidates)

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$300.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$200.00

All sold and unsold tickets must be turned in.

At no point are tickets transferable between exhibitors and/or Queens candidates.

**TICKETS ARE NON TRANSFERABLE!**

Exhibitor is responsible in covering the cost for any lost or misplaced tickets.

## KIDS RODEO

**Chairman:** Stephanie Burzynski (936) 661-5557  
Jessica Alvarez (936) 870-6982

**Committee Members:** Debby Kimich, Benny Bastos, and Jessica Anderson  
**Fair Board Advisor:** Michael Kimich

**Kids Rodeo Event:** Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
In the Main Hall at the Grimes County Fairgrounds  
\*\*Arrive at 9:30 a.m. for check-in

**Entry form and Entry fee due:** May 1, 2026 via ShoWorks

**NO LATE Entries will be accepted!!**

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per contestant. Fee covers all (3) three events

**Events include:** Ages 4 and younger(as of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026) Ages 5-7  
Boot scramble Boot scramble  
Stick horse race Stick horse race  
Ribbon pull Dummy roping

**Divisions:** 5 - 7 years of age (as of May 30, 2026)  
4 & under (as of May 30, 2026)

**Rules:** Western Attire is desired; Long sleeve shirts are **NOT** required

## IN-COUNTY BEEF HEIFER SHOW

- Chairman:** Patti Ermis (936) 870-6410
- Committee Members:** Kaylee Leonard, Braden House, Neal Schuleman, Heather Tackett, Kaleigh Fields and Sharon Robertson
- Advisor:** Corey Ferguson
- Fair Board Advisor:** Kari Lynn Eisenman
- Entry Fee:** \$15.00 per head via ShoWorks by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Registration Entry Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup>- March 8<sup>th</sup> 11:59 p.m.
- Check-In Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2026
- Move-In Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.  
Or Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- Check – In Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (Must bring ORIGINAL registration papers)
- Judging Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2026
- Judging Time:** Show will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. (Show Order TBD)
- Move Out Time:** All heifers and tack must be removed by 30 minutes following the conclusion of the show.

### Rules:

1. All Heifer entries **must** be entered through ShoWorks by **February 1<sup>st</sup>-March 8<sup>th</sup> 11:59 p.m.**
2. **All heifers must be in the exhibitor's name by March 1, 2026 and you MUST present the registration papers at the time of check in.**
3. Class breaks are as follows. **(All Registered Breed classes will be based on the birth date of the heifer)**
  - (1) November 2025 - January 2026
  - (2) August 2025 - October 2025
  - (3) May 2025 - July 2025
  - (4) February 2025 - April 2025
  - (5) November 2024 - January 2025
  - (6) August 2024 - October 2024
  - (7) May 2024 - July 2024
  - (8) February 2024 - April 2024
  - (9) May 2024 – July 2024**

**The beef committee reserves the right to further break larger number classes.**
4. Divisions will be determined by entries: (example: American, British and Exotic). There will be a Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion selected overall.
5. In the Divisions (American, British and Exotic) six (6) registered heifers will constitute a breed. If there are not 6 heifers in that breed, they will show in a division class.
6. Showmanship will be divided into 3 age groups. Exhibitors will show in their perspective age group according to their age at the time of the show. All exhibitors entered in this show may participate in the Showmanship Contest; however, exhibitor must be the owner of the

calf they are exhibiting in the Showmanship Contest and the calf must be entered in the In-County Heifer Show in the name of the exhibitor.

- a. Junior – 12 years and under
  - b. Intermediate – 13 years to 15 years
  - c. Senior – 16 years and older
7. Cattle may begin moving in Friday, **May 29, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** and will be released at the conclusion of the heifer show and need to be out of the barn 30 minutes following the conclusion of the show. **No stalls will be saved prior to 8:00am**
  8. If a Beef Committee Scholarship is available, it will be awarded on Thursday night at the Premium Sale. (See rules for the Grimes County Beef Heifer Scholarship/High Point Individual)
  9. In the event an exhibitor has more than (1) entry in the class, the exhibitor will be allowed to have another in county heifer exhibitor show for them.

## CREATIVE ARTS

The Grimes County Fair Association has a Creative Arts Division that allows Exhibitors to display their individual entries for viewing and judging.

The Creative Arts Division is operated by a committee of Volunteers for the Grimes County Fair Association. They strive to have an organized and well operated area. No abusive or derogatory language toward committee members will be tolerated. If committee members and or their volunteers are not treated with respect, the abusive person(s) will be asked to leave, and the entries associated with that person(s) will be disqualified.

The Grimes County Fair Association will have qualified judges to judge the Creative Arts entries. **ALL DECISIONS BY THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Melissa Wilson</b>	<b>(281) 352-6006</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Autumn Atkinson, Avery Buenger, Gail Henderson, Sarah Buenger, and Jerrime Ramirez</b>	
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Kyle Bostick</b>	
<b>Mandatory Registration:</b>	<b>All entries will be completed online via ShoWorks between April 1, 2026 through May 1, 2026. This includes PeeWee, Junior and Senior divisions.</b>	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$15.00 Registration Fee for Senior, Junior, and Pee Wee (will be applied to the first 5 entries) All other entries will be \$3.00 each. There will be NO late registration for any age group. Registration needs to be completed by midnight, Monday, May 1, 2026 via ShoWorks. *maximum of 10 per division and 1 per class in each division*</b>	
<b>Check-In:</b>	<b>Saturday, May 30, 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Creative Arts Check-In (Baked goods, Horticulture and Food Preservation)</b>	
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Judge Creative Arts (Baked goods, Horticulture and Food preservation)</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lions Club opens for results and sale of food prep and produce</b>	
<b>Check-In:</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Creative Arts Check-In – Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Quilts, Needlework, Sewing</b>	
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Judge Creative Arts (Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Quilts, Needlework, Sewing)</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lions Club opens for results</b>	

**Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**All items not sold in the Premiums Sale must be picked up by the Exhibitor or the Exhibitor's parents, unless alternate arrangements are made by 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2026.** Any items not claimed will become the property of the Grimes County Fair and will be disposed of by the management.

**6:00 p.m.**

**Creative Arts Champions pictures will be taken in the main hall and exhibitors will be announced in the show ring after pictures and before the steer show.**

**Release Times:**

**General Rules Divisions:**

- a. Pee Wee – Competition is open to all youth 8 years of age & under who are not in the third grade.
  - b. Junior – Competition is open to all 4-H, FFA, & FCCLA youth ages 8 (third grade) to 13.
  - c. Senior – Competition is open to all 4-H, FFA, & FCCLA youth ages 14 to 18 (senior in high school).
1. A limit of one (1) entry per class per Exhibitor – up to ten (10) entries per division – will be allowed.
  2. All entries will be tagged with a number and a QR code that corresponds with their Creative Arts exhibitor number.
  3. **All names on entries MUST BE COVERED BY THE EXHIBITOR PRIOR TO CHECK-IN. Any entries that have visible names, symbols (\*#&) or any personal identifying marks (front OR back) at the time of entry WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them.**
  4. All items entered **must** have been made by the Exhibitor with minimal help by parent, teacher or advisor, etc.
  5. All items entered **must** have been made within a year of the date of the fair.
  6. All food preparation items & food preservations items not selling in the premium sale and all horticulture produce will be sold from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday & until sold out.
  7. The Grimes County Fair Association and the Creative Arts Committee are not responsible for items entered in this division. However, extreme caution and care will be used in the handling of all items.
  8. The Miscellaneous Class is a class for **items**, which do not have a previous listed class in that division. IT IS NOT FOR DUPLICATE ITEMS. All miscellaneous items must be approved by the Creative Arts Division Committees.
  9. Any non-adherence to the above rules will result in disqualification of entries by the judges(s).
  10. **MAKE SURE TO WORK THE REQUIRED HOUR.** See Work Rule Section for Information/Clarification.
  11. All Creatvie Arts projects must fit through the front door of the Lions Club Building and the exhibitor must be able to manage the project.
  12. If an exhibitor would like to provide photos to prove how they made the project they will be accepted and provided to the judges if need be. For the divisions other than clothing - sewing, quilts & needle work. These 3 divisions are still required to include photos per the division rules.

## CREATIVE ARTS AUCTION

### Rules:

1. If an Exhibitor has a Creative Arts item that is eligible for the Premium Sale, a Market Animal (inclusive of Pen of 2) and an Ag Mechanics project (individual) that is also eligible for the Premium OR Freezer sale, the Exhibitor must choose to sell the Market animal, Ag Mechanics project OR the Creative Arts item. Mandatory selling of Grand and Reserve only applies to Market Animal.
2. Note – due to the Market Animal Limitation of Sales Rule (above), if an Exhibitor receives a Grand or Reserve Grand placing with a Market animal and is also eligible based on placing to sell a Creative Arts item, the Exhibitor will not be able to sell his/her Creative Arts item as it is required for the Grand/Reserve Grand Market animal to sell in the Premium sale.
3. A total of 8 Junior and 8 Senior Creative Art items will sell in the Premium auction. Four (4) of these will be baked items or preservation items and four (4) will be non-perishable items.
4. The judges will rank all items to be placed in the Premium sale.
5. No Pee Wee entries will be auctioned.
6. Those baked goods selling in the Premium sale must provide a freshly baked item and a copy of the recipe for the sale. In the case of piece items, such as cookies, muffins, etc., the full recipe must be provided. Please fill out a provided form prior to the sale for the auctioneer. All other items must be presented as stated in each division rule.
7. Should you make the sale with a non-perishable item please see division rules on how to prepare for sale.

## Food Preservation

### Rules:

1. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
2. Recipes must accompany the entry.
  - At the top of the recipe it must be labeled with the name of the food, the date preserved.
3. All Items must have been preserved within the last year (12 months)
4. Items **must** be canned in standard canning jars.
  - a. Example: Mason, Ball, Kerr, etc.
5. Items must be in good condition with new self-sealing lids.
6. Exhibitors will check-in jars with the rings.
7. Entries will **NOT** be judged by tasting. Entries will be judged on pack, color and visual inspection. Jars may need to be open if the judges are having difficult time placing the entries.
8. The headspace is ½ inch from lid to product or liquid.
9. All food items will be sold starting at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. following the judging, until sold out, to benefit the Fair Association and the creative arts division.
10. Should your entry make the Premium Sale, the exhibitor is required to create a decorated display/basket with no less than 3 Quart size or 5 Pint size jars. (Excluding the entered items)

### FRUITS

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|---------|------------------|
| Class 1 | Peaches          |
| Class 2 | Pears            |
| Class 3 | Berries          |
| Class 4 | Figs             |
| Class 5 | Mixed Fruits     |
| Class 6 | Tomatoes, Stewed |
| Class 7 | Miscellaneous    |

### VEGETABLES

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|----------|--------------------|
| Class 8  | Beans, green snap  |
| Class 9  | Beans, Lima        |
| Class 10 | Beans, yellow snap |
| Class 11 | Beets              |
| Class 12 | Carrots            |
| Class 13 | Corn               |
| Class 14 | Peas               |
| Class 15 | Peppers (any kind) |
| Class 16 | Squash             |
| Class 17 | Sauerkraut         |
| Class 18 | Miscellaneous      |

**JELLIES (w/juice only)**

Class 19 Berry  
Class 20 Grape  
Class 21 Peach  
Class 22 Plum  
Class 23 Miscellaneous

**JAMS (w/crushed fruit)**

Class 24 Berry  
Class 25 Fig  
Class 26 Grape  
Class 27 Peach  
Class 28 Plum  
Class 29 Miscellaneous

**PRESERVES**

Class 30 Fig  
Class 31 Marmalade (any kind)  
Class 32 Peach  
Class 33 Pears  
Class 34 Tomato  
Class 35 Strawberries  
Class 36 Miscellaneous

**RELISH**

Class 37 Chow-Chow  
Class 38 Corn Relish  
Class 39 Pear Relish  
Class 40 Pepper Relish  
Class 41 Tomato Relish  
Class 42 Salsa  
Class 43 Picante  
Class 44 Miscellaneous

**PICKLES**

Class 45 Bread and Butter  
Class 46 Dill  
Class 47 Mustard  
Class 48 Sour  
Class 49 Sweet  
Class 50 Peppers, Hot  
Class 51 Peppers, Sweet  
Class 52 Watermelon rind  
Class 53 Okra  
Class 54 Beans  
Class 55 Beets  
Class 56 Carrots  
Class 57 Miscellaneous

## HORTICULTURE

### PRODUCE & PLANTS

#### Rules:

1. All fruit and vegetable entries must be grown by the Exhibitor.
2. Container plants (hanging baskets, cactus, etc.) must have been in Exhibitor's possession for at least **three months** prior to show.
3. All entries must be in good condition, free from dirt, disease, and insects.
4. Produce entries must be on paper plates covered with a Ziploc bag.
5. To enter fruits and vegetables, you must enter the following amounts:
  - a. Small (i.e. berries, okra, beans) 12 per plate
  - b. Medium (i.e. plums, apples, squash) 4 - 6 per plate
  - c. Large (i.e. melons, greens, lettuce) 2 - 3 per plate
6. Items in this division will be judged on uniformity, condition, and appearance.
7. All food items and horticulture produce will be sold starting at 6 p.m. following the judging to benefit the fair association.

### PRODUCE

- Class 58 Berries
- Class 59 Peaches
- Class 60 Plums
- Class 61 Strawberries
- Class 62 Beans, Green
- Class 63 Beans, Lima
- Class 64 Beans, Pinto
- Class 65 Beets
- Class 66 Bell Pepper
- Class 67 Broccoli
- Class 68 Cabbage
- Class 69 Carrots
- Class 70 Corn, Sweet
- Class 71 Cantaloupe
- Class 72 Cucumbers
- Class 73 Eggplant
- Class 74 Greens
- Class 75 Okra
- Class 76 Onions, Purple
- Class 77 Onions, White
- Class 78 Onions, Yellow
- Class 79 Peas, Black-eyed
- Class 80 Peas, Cream

- Class 81 Peas, English
- Class 82 Peas, Purple Hull
- Class 83 Peppers, Jalapeno
- Class 84 Peppers, Banana
- Class 85 Potatoes, Red
- Class 86 Potatoes, Sweet
- Class 87 Potatoes, White
- Class 88 Radishes
- Class 89 Squash, White
- Class 90 Squash, Yellow
- Class 91 Squash, Zucchini
- Class 92 Tomatoes
- Class 93 Turnips
- Class 94 Watermelon
- Class 95 Miscellaneous (one item other than those listed)

**PLANTS**

- Class 96 Container Plants (ex. Cactus, fern, violets, etc.)
- Class 97 Terrariums
- Class 98 Hanging Baskets
- Class 99 Cut Flowers
- Class 100 Herbs
- Class 101 Miscellaneous (one item other than those listed)

**CREATIVE PRODUCE**

- Class 102 Decorated (not cut)
- Class 103 Largest
- Class 104 Funny Shape

## BAKED GOODS RULE & GUIDELINES

### RULES:

1. Items must be on disposable containers. Your dishes WILL NOT be returned.
2. For food safety and sanitation, all food preparation items must be placed in a Ziploc bag or **\*SEALABLE CONTAINER\***. Any items such as cakes that are too large to fit in a Ziploc bag must be placed into a sealable Cake container with a lid and **NO CARD BOARD BOXES.**
3. A recipe MUST accompany your entry at check-in time. Recipes should be printed or typed. Exhibitor's name should not appear anywhere on recipe cards.
4. No saran wrapped foods or Glad Press' N Seal sealable plastic will be accepted. See rule #1.
5. To ensure food safety, items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted (i.e. recipes including cream cheese, meat, custards and meringue). This includes Italian Cream Cake, Cream Cheese Kolaches, etc. In order to use milk in a recipe it must be baked into item or brought to a boil. **NO CREAM CHEESE AT ALL.**
6. All food items and horticulture produce will be sold immediately following the judging to benefit the Fair Association.
7. No cut fresh fruit or vegetable garnished are allowed.
8. No alcohol allowed.
9. Any item making the premium sale must be freshly baked and displayed in a creative manner.
10. **Do not cut pies, cakes and bread into pieces. Candy and cookies should be a minimum of 12 pieces or cookies entered.**

### CANDY

- Class 105 Divinity (12 pieces or more)
- Class 106 Fudge (12 pieces or more)
- Class 107 Molded (12 pieces or more)
- Class 108 Peanut Brittle (12 pieces or more)
- Class 109 Praline (12 pieces or more)
- Class 110 Hard Candy (12 pieces or more)
- Class 111 Carmel (12 pieces or more)
- Class 112 Truffles (12 pieces or more)
- Class 113 Candy Fruits (12 pieces or more)
- Class 114 Miscellaneous Candy (12 pieces or more)

### COOKIES

- Class 115 Bar (12 cookies or more)
- Class 116 Drop (12 cookies or more)
- Class 117 Rolled/Cut (12 cookies or more)
- Class 118 Brownies (12 cookies or more)
- Class 119 No Bake (12 cookies or more)
- Class 120 Decorated Cookies (12 cookies or more)
- Class 121 Miscellaneous Cookies (12 cookies or more)

### PIES

- Class 122 Fruit (Whole pie)
- Class 123 Nut (Whole pie)
- Class 124 Miscellaneous Pie (Whole pie)

## **COBBLER**

- Class 125 Any Fruit (no berries in fruit)
- Class 126 Any Berry (no fruit in berries)
- Class 127 Miscellaneous

## **CAKES**

- Class 128 Scratch Start (Whole cake)
- Class 129 Creative Cake – made with mix in recipe (Whole cake)
- Class 130 Two or Three Layer (Whole cake)
- Class 131 Fruit/Vegetable Cake (Whole cake)
- Class 132 Pound Cake (Whole cake)
- Class 133 Angel Food (Whole cake)
- Class 134 Jelly Roll (Whole cake)
- Class 135 Sheet Cake (Whole cake)
- Class 136 Bundt (Whole cake)
- Class 137 Decorated cake (Whole cake)
- Class 138 Decorated cupcakes (12 cupcakes)
- Class 139 Cake Balls (12 Balls)
- Class 140 Loaf Cake (Whole cake)
- Class 141 Miscellaneous Cake (Whole cake)

## **BREADS**

- Class 142 Rolls (6 or more) Yeast
- Class 143 Coffee Cake/Tea Ring (Whole cake) Yeast
- Class 144 Kolaches (6 or more) Yeast
- Class 145 Loaf Bread \*White or Wheat\* (one whole loaf) Yeast
- Class 146 Fruit/Vegetable Bread (one whole loaf) Quick Bread
- Class 147 Biscuits (6 or more) Quick Bread
- Class 148 Muffins (6 or more) Quick Bread
- Class 149 Cinnamon Rolls/Breakfast Rolls (6 or more) Quick Bread
- Class 150 Corn Bread/Quick Bread (Whole loaf)
- Class 151 Miscellaneous Bread (one whole loaf)

## **SNACK – Miscellaneous Snacks (one item other than previously listed items)**

- Class 152 Sweet
- Class 153 Salty Savory
- Class 154 Granola
- Class 155 Popcorn/Candy
- Class 156 Miscellaneous

## **DIETARY SPECIALTY**

- Class 157 Gluten Free
- Class 158 Grain Free
- Class 159 Sugar Free
- Class 160 Miscellaneous

## FINE ARTS

### Rules:

1. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
2. Entries **MUST** be made by the Exhibitor. Items that are bought and embellished will be disqualified by the judges.
3. Art entries must be mounted on heavy foam board or done on canvas or art board. (This is to protect the art work)
4. Any item making the Premium sale must be in a frame or displayed in a creative manner.

### ART

Class 161	Oil
Class 162	Acrylic
Class 163	Tempera
Class 164	Watercolor
Class 165	Charcoal
Class 166	Pencil
Class 167	Pastel
Class 168	Mixed Media
Class 169	Pen and Ink
Class 170	Scratchboard
Class 171	Drafting
Class 172	Painted Gourds
Class 173	Stained Glass
Class 174	Computer Generated
Class 175	Computer Arts (enter plain will be judge for design model)
Class 176	Collages
Class 177	Holiday Picture or item
Class 178	Etched Glass
Class 179	Painted Glass
Class 180	Miscellaneous (an item other than previously listed items – not a duplicate!)

### SCULPTURE

Class 181	Metal
Class 182	Clay
Class 183	Wood
Class 184	Wire
Class 185	Paper Mache
Class 186	3D Doole Art
Class 187	Miscellaneous (an item other than previously listed items – not a duplicate!)

## NEEDLEWORK

### Rules:

1. Entries **MUST** be made by the Exhibitor.
2. Can be made by hand or machine using any type needle or hook.
3. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
4. The following **MUST BE** provided in a Ziploc bag accompanying your entry:
  - a. Pattern or Directions if made without a pattern
  - b. Description of steps taken to make the product, either neatly handwritten or typed.
  - c. Pictures taken during assembly; before, during and finished product.  
**NOTE** – entries without the above items will not be accepted at check-in. If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them.
5. Any item making the premium sale must be displayed in a creative manner.

Class 188	Crewel
Class 189	Needlepoint
Class 190	Hand Embroidery
Class 191	Machine Embroidery
Class 192	Cross-stitch
Class 193	Candle Wicking
Class 194	Crochet
Class 195	Knitting
Class 196	Tatting
Class 197	Dolls, animals, toys
Class 198	Weaving
Class 199	Patchwork
Class 200	Appliqued
Class 201	Miscellaneous (1 item other than those listed)

## CLOTHING - SEWING

### Rules:

1. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
2. Entries must be made by the Exhibitor.
3. Clothing will be judged on construction techniques, suitability of pattern and fabric and suitability to the category entered.
4. The following **MUST BE** provided in a Ziploc bag accompanying your entry.
  - a. Remnants of all material used in construction of clothing.
  - b. Clothing Pattern or Directions if made without a pattern.
  - c. Description of steps taken to assemble product, either neatly handwritten or typed.
  - d. Pictures taken during assembly; before, during and finished product.
  - e. **NOTE** – entries without the above items will not be accepted at check-in. If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them “from any sales or receiving Grand or Reserve placements”.
5. Each entry must be on a clothes hanger appropriate for the size and weight of the garment and must be fully covered with a clear plastic bag.
6. Garments may have been worn, but must be **freshly cleaned**.
7. Any item making the premium sale must be displayed in a creative manner.

Class 202	Dresses
Class 203	Suits, Coats, Jackets
Class 204	Blouses, Shirts
Class 205	Skirts
Class 206	Pants, Slacks, Shorts
Class 207	Ensembles (two or three pieces)
Class 208	Sleepwear, Lounge wear
Class 209	Evening Wear
Class 210	Infant/Children’s Wear
Class 211	Apron
Class 212	Pillows (sewn)
Class 213	Non-quilted Sewn Blanket
Class 214	Non-quilted Sewn Wall Hanging
Class 215	Purse
Class 216	Bonnet/Cap/Head-Piece
Class 217	Costume
Class 218	Pot Holder/bowl cozy
Class 219	Hooded Towels
Class 220	Tote Bags
Class 221	Stuff Toys
Class 222	Miscellaneous (1 item – other than those list)

## QUILTS

### Rules:

1. Quilts entered must be constructed by the Exhibitor.
2. Quilts must be clean and in good condition.
3. The following **MUST BE** provided in a Ziploc bag accompanying your entry
  - a. Remnants of material used in quilt
  - b. Name of quilt pattern or design
  - c. Description of steps taken to assemble quilt, either neatly handwritten or typed
  - d. Pictures taken during assembly; before, during and finished project.

**NOTE** – entries without the above items will not be accepted at check-in. If they are accepted at check-in in error, the judge will disqualify them.
4. Any items making the Premium sale must be displayed in a creative manner.

### GENERAL

Class 223	Hand Pieced – Hand Quilted
Class 224	Hand Pieced – Machine Quilted
Class 225	Machine Pieced – Hand Quilted
Class 226	Machine Pieced – Machine Quilted
Class 227	Appliquéd
Class 228	Embroidered
Class 229	Clothing (1 piece)

### WALL HANGINGS

Class 230	Hand Pieced – Hand Quilted
Class 231	Hand Pieced – Machine Quilted
Class 232	Machine Pieced – Hand Quilted
Class 233	Machine Pieced – Machine Quilted
Class 234	Appliquéd
Class 235	Embroidered Quilts

## PHOTOGRAPHY RULES & GUIDELINES

### Rules:

1. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
2. All photographs must have been taken by Exhibitor.
3. All photographs must be 8" x 10" in dimension, except for Class 18.
4. All prints must be permanently mounted on a solid **WHITE ONLY** 11 x 14 mount board or foam board (Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or thin poster board is not acceptable). Matting will be created by this format. Make sure matting is neat and clean because it enhances your photo. Any other matting including borders on pictures is not allowed and will result in disqualification, except for Class 18.
5. If you (Exhibitor) make the premium sale you will need to print off a new picture and frame it in a creative manner.

### CLASSES

Class 236	People
Class 237	Animals - Domestic
Class 238	Animals - Wildlife
Class 239	Details & Macro
Class 240	Digital Darkroom
Class 241	Food
Class 242	Elements of Design
Class 243	Night Photography (taken between dusk and dark)
Class 244	Marine / Aquatic
Class 245	Nature & Landscape
Class 246	Plant / Flora
Class 247	Dominant Color
Class 248	Storyboard
Class 249	Theme – "Sleeping at the Fair/Stocks Shows or Other Events"
Class 250	Sepia
Class 251	Black and White
Class 252	Still Life
Class 253	Non Traditional 8" x 10" size

If you would like you can write on the back of mounted picture - Photo Title, Camera Used, Description (Special Effects/Creative Effects only) or what you were trying to achieve.

### DESCRIPTIONS OF DIVISIONS AND CLASSES:

- **People:** Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/ fashion, sports, and couples. *Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports.* Such photos may be photojournalistic, or in an interpretive portrait where the person rather than the environment is emphasized.
- **Animals - Domestic:** Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. *Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Duck, and Hamsters.* No harm or injury should be inflicted on the animal in order to acquire the photo.

- **Animal – Wildlife:** Any animal that is not listed under Domestic Class but to not include Marine/Aquatic.
- **Details & Macro:** Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category). *Examples include: detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up - anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples: flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.*
- **Digital Darkroom:** Photos are for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop®. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here. *Examples include: Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.*
- **Dominant Color:** Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. *Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.*
- **Elements of Design:** Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations. *Examples include: Perspective, Line, and Pattern.*
- **Food:** Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.
- **Marine / Aquatic:** Photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water. *Examples include: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, etc.*
- **Nature & Landscape:** The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. *Examples include: Landscapes, Scenes, Outdoors*
- **Night Photography:** Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn. Generally, these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as the focus should be on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph *Examples include: buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.*
- **Plant/Flora:** Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category. *Examples include: a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.*
- **Storyboard:** A storyboard is one digital entry that contains three photos and minimal text that tells a story. The story should be easily understood by the viewer. *Example include: Three images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with the title of "Beginning of Beauty".*
- **Theme:** Theme photos focus on a subject as announced and outlined in the contest rules. For the 2026 fair, the theme is **"Sleeping at the Fair/Stock Shows or Other Events"** Catch someone sleeping in a chair, across a show box, in an animal pen, in the stands, ...etc any other place other than a bed, or on a couch.
- **Sepia –** Any picture with a reddish-brown monochrome tint. Giving the picture a warm, antique feeling.
- **Black and White –** Any picture with black and white with continuing shades of gray. Not to

be confused with pictures taken of items in purely black and white. (i.e. piano keys)

- **Still Life Photography** - is the depiction of inanimate subject matter, most typically a small grouping of objects. Still life [photography](#), more so than other types of photography, such as [landscape](#) or [portraiture](#), gives the photographer more leeway in the arrangement of design elements within a composition.
- **Non – Traditional 8” x 10” size** – This is any photo that can be sized as small as a 2” x 2”, up to a 10” x 10” and any combination in between. (i.e. any size that is square, panoramic, 4” x 6”, etc.) This class photos will be mounted on mount board or foam board with 3” sticking out past the photo. (i.e. if you have a 4” x 6” photo it will be mounted on a piece of mount board that is 7” x 9”. If you have a 3” x 3” photo it will be mounted on a piece of mount board that is 9” x 9” etc.)

#### **CRITERIA USED FOR JUDGING PHOTOGRAPHY:**

- **Focus:** Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject. The focus should be appropriate to the theme/mood and/or photographic class.
- **Exposure:** The quantity of light allowed to act on a photographic material; a product of the intensity and the duration of light striking the film or paper. The exposure compliments the composition and gives the picture a smooth feeling or a particular effect.
- **Lighting:** The illumination of a subject. Use of light should produce the desired mood or effect.
- **Print Quality:** The photo exhibits the quality consistent with display. There should be an absence of blemishes, scratches, overly enlarged (graininess), and pixilation. This also includes the quality of mounting.
- **Subject:** The photo uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way. The photo should communicate the subject and fit the chosen category. Photo subject must focus on a court house – inside or outside. Can include people or objects.
- **Composition:** Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability. The photo should have a pleasing balance that exists among all components of the composition.
- **Impact:** The photo clearly captures the attention of the viewer. The composition should convey a strong message.
- **Uniqueness:** Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity. The photographer should exhibit creativity through the photo.
- **NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED** *Examples: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.*

## CRAFTS

### Rules:

1. Creative Arts General Rules apply.
2. Entries **MUST** be made by the Exhibitor.
3. No food entries are allowed in this division.
4. Any item making the premium sale must be displayed in a creative manner.
5. All craft projects must fit through the front door of the Lions Club building and the exhibitor must be able to handle the project.
6. If an exhibitor would like to provide photos to prove how they made the project, these will be accepted and provided to the judges.

### CERAMICS/POTTERY

Class 254	Under glaze
Class 255	Over glaze
Class 256	Stain
Class 257	Thrown
Class 258	Hand Formed
Class 259	Miscellaneous (1 item)

### ACCESSORIES

Class 260	Hair Bows/Barrettes
Class 261	Belt (non-leather)
Class 262	Jewelry
Class 263	Shoes
Class 264	Hat
Class 265	Glasses/Sunglasses
Class 266	Head Band
Class 267	Tote Bag
Class 268	Miscellaneous

### FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Class 269	Wall Hangings
Class 270	Basket/Vase
Class 271	Wreath
Class 272	Miscellaneous

### CROSSES

Class 273	Wood
Class 274	Beaded
Class 275	Painted
Class 276	Mosaic
Class 277	Metal Painted
Class 278	Barbed Wire
Class 279	Miscellaneous

**OTHER**

Class 280	Leather items
Class 281	Beaded items
Class 282	Bread Dough
Class 283	Macrame'
Class 284	Stained Glass (plastic craft)
Class 285	Decoupage
Class 286	Woodworking
Class 287	Carved wood item
Class 288	Furniture (must be handmade)
Class 289	Tolle Painting
Class 290	Holiday item
Class 291	Scrapbook Page
Class 292	Scrapbook Project
Class 293	Shadow Box
Class 294	Quilling
Class 295	Bottle Top Art
Class 296	Mosaic Tile (glass, stone, ceramic)
Class 297	Concrete Art
Class 298	Decorated Gourds
Class 299	Decorated Glass
Class 300	Dolls
Class 301	Recycling
Class 302	Decorated Pillows
Class 303	Non-sewn items (blanket, scarf, etc.)
Class 304	Nail/String
Class 305	3D Art Doodler
Class 306	Miscellaneous

**DECORATED CLOTHING & ACCESSORY (decorated, appliqued, beaded, painted)**

Class 307	Jacket
Class 308	Jean/Overalls
Class 309	Sweatshirts
Class 310	Skirts
Class 311	Shirt/T-shirt
Class 312	Vest
Class 313	Miscellaneous

**WREATHS**

Class 314	Wire
Class 315	Fabric
Class 316	Straw
Class 317	Grapevine
Class 318	Holiday
Class 319	Miscellaneous

**MODEL**

Class 320	Vehicle
Class 321	Airplane
Class 322	Military
Class 323	Ship
Class 324	Space
Class 325	House/Barn
Class 326	Machinery
Class 327	Lego Design
Class 328	Anime

## MARKET BROILER SHOW

**Chairman:** Ricky Kimich  
Debby Kimich (936) 662-6901

**Committee Members:** Milton and Wanda Schroeder

**Advisor:**

**Fair Board Advisor:** Ashley Skinner

**Order Date & Entry Fee due:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026

\$15.00 (Per Pen) must be paid at the time the order is placed.

**Registration Deadline:** Thursday, February 19, 2026 via ShoWorks

**Check-In Sift Date:** Monday, June 1, 2026

**Check-In Sift Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (No Late Arrivals)

**Judging Date:** Monday, June 1, 2026

**Judging Time:** 9:30 a.m. (following turkey show)

**Release Date:** Monday, June 1, 2026

**Release Time:** Following the conclusion of the poultry show

**Classes:**

Pullets

Champion Pullets

Reserve Champion Pullets

Cockerels

Champion Cockerels

Reserve Champion Cockerels

Grand Champion Broilers

Reserve Champion Broilers

**Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor may show 2 pens of broilers, one of each sex in the broiler division. (1 pen Cockerels and 1 pen Pullets only). All broilers in the pen must be the same sex. (No mixed pens allowed)
2. A minimum of (25) chicks must be ordered per exhibitor. Chicks will be wing banded and numbers will be assigned to each exhibitor. Exhibitor's pen of birds entered in the show must be selected from the birds numbered and assigned to that exhibitor. Broilers must be ordered through Debby Kimich, County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. (Order form is on fair website)
3. Each entry must have the original wing band. Any bird which has lost its wing band or band has been tampered with for any reason will be disqualified and sifted. All birds not grade A quality will be sifted and removed from the grounds.
4. First three (3) birds handed to the judge will constitute an entry. An exhibitor may have an alternate bird at the discretion of the judge. No alternate bird allowed after going through sift.

5. All sale birds will sell at the auction alive. It will then be the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he or she wants to take possession live or dressed, packaged and frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have been delivered. Then this statement form must be turned in with your thank you notes by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order for you to receive your check.
6. The feeding and care of broilers will be the responsibility of the exhibitor until release time.
7. Broilers will be released following the poultry show.
8. All exhibitors are required to help clean the area of the poultry show and exhibit area following the poultry show. Chairmen will check the area for cleanliness. (This will fulfill your work hour requirement.)
9. If a bird expires after the check in/preliminary scoring the pen will enter the arena during the final evaluation and placing at the discretion of the judge.

## MARKET TURKEY SHOW

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Ricky &amp; Debby Kimich</b>	<b>(936) 662-6901</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Milton and Wanda Schroeder</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>		
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Ashley Skinner</b>	
<b>Order Date &amp; Entry Fee due:</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 18, 2025</b> \$15.00 (Per Entry) must be paid at the time the order is placed.	
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Thursday, November 20, 2025 via ShoWorks by midnight</b>	
<b>Check-In Sift Date:</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>Check-In Sift Time:</b>	<b>8:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. (No Late Arrivals)</b>	
<b>Judging Date:</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>Judging Time:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. (Turkeys Followed by Broilers)</b>	
<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>Release Time:</b>	Following the conclusion of the poultry show	

### Classes:

- Market Turkey Hens
- Champion Turkey Hen
- Reserve Champion Turkey Hen

### Rules:

1. Exhibitors may show (2) turkeys. (Hen Show Only)
2. A minimum of (10) birds ordered per Exhibitor. Birds will be wing banded and numbers assigned to each exhibitor. The exhibitor's birds entered into the show must be selected from the birds numbered & assigned to that Exhibitor. All birds must be ordered through Debby Kimich, County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. (order form is on the fair website)
3. Each entry must have the original wing band. Any bird which has lost its wing band or band has been tampered with for any reason will be disqualified and sifted. All birds not Grade A quality will be sifted and removed from the grounds.
4. The first bird handed to the judge will constitute an entry. An exhibitor may have an alternate bird at the discretion of the judge. No alternate bird allowed after going through sift.
5. All sale birds will sell at the auction alive. It will then be the responsibility of the exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he or she wants to take possession live or dressed, packaged and frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have been delivered. Then this statement form must be turned in with your thank you notes by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order for you to receive your check.
6. The feeding & care of turkeys will be the responsibility of the exhibitor until release time.
7. All Turkeys will be released at the end of the show.
8. All exhibitors are required to help clean the area of the poultry show and exhibit area following the poultry show. Chairmen will check the area for cleanliness. (This will fulfill your work hour requirement.)
9. If a bird expires after the check in/preliminary scoring the pen will enter the arena during the final evaluation and placing at the discretion of the judge.

## MARKET LAMB SHOW

**Chairman:** Kelley Bohnert (979) 777-3036  
**Co Chairman:** Kyndal Bohnert (979) 777-9014

**Committee Members:** Kari Lynn Eisenman, Kelsie Meekins, Trey Steinmann  
Hallie Werner and Kynlee Stephens

**Fair Board Advisor:** Ashley Skinner  
**Entry Fee:** \$15.00 per head at tag-in.  
**Tag-In Date:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
**Tag-In Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**Tag in Location:** Grimes County Fairgrounds  
**Registration Deadline:** Thursday, February 19, 2026 by via ShoWorks  
**Workshop:** TBD- (after tag in)  
**Check-In Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2026  
**Check-In Time:** 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Weigh-In Time:** Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Judging Date:** Monday, June 1, 2026  
**Judging Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### Non-Sale Animals & All Premium Sale Exhibitors Must Be Present

**Release Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026  
**Release Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Freezer Sale Lambs

**Release Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026  
**Release Time:** Immediately Following the Freezer Sale

### **Rules:**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show two (2) lambs; however, each Exhibitor will only be allowed to sell one (1) lamb unless this is in conflict with General Rule #5.
2. Only wether lambs can be shown, **NO EWES.**
3. The sale order will be determined by the Judge at the conclusion of the show. All the exhibitors **MUST** come back for Sale Order.
4. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds at show weigh-in time to be eligible for show. There is no maximum weight limit placed on lambs. The weight of the animal at weigh-in time will be the official weight. Only lambs not meeting minimum requirement will exit scale and immediately reenter to be weighed again. If weight is not met, lambs are disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 9:00 p.m.
5. At official weigh-in, wether lambs will be weighed, with the exhibitor or parent present, without halters, blanket or socks. Leg wraps are ok to remain on lambs.
6. All lambs must be show ready prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting their lambs shown. Cordless clippers may be used for legs and touch ups only.
7. The market lamb show will be broken into classes as evenly as possible by the chairman

and committee. The number of lambs entered will determine the number of classes. This is a market lamb show. There will be no swapping out of lambs before or after the sale of the animal.

8. No adhesive/glue, paint or fake hair can be used on lambs.
9. Showmanship classes will be on a volunteer basis.
  - Junior - 11 years and younger as of January 1, 2026
  - Intermediate – 12 years -14 years as of January 1, 2026 (must have 2 or more exhibitors to make this division after tag in)
  - Senior - 15 years and older as of January 1, 2026
10. In Showmanship, Exhibitor must show their own animal and may not substitute for another lamb.
11. All Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their lambs until they are loaded out and they must with be with their lambs at the time of load out.

## MARKET GOAT SHOW

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Larry Harvey</b> <b>Tammy Harvey</b>	<b>(979) 820-0907</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Kyndal Bohnert, Heather Harvey Wieghat, Milton Schroeder, Wanda Schroeder, and Tanner Wieghat</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Matthew Pfeifer</b>	
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Kyle Bostick</b>	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$15.00 per head at tag-in.</b>	
<b>Tag-In Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 17, 2026</b>	
<b>Tag-In Time:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Tag In Location:</b>	<b>Grimes County Fairgrounds</b>	
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Thursday, February 19, 2026 via ShoWorks</b>	
<b>Workshop:</b>	<b>TBD- (after tag in)</b>	
<b>Check-In Date:</b>	<b>Sunday, May 31, 2026</b>	
<b>Check-In Time:</b>	<b>6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Weigh-In Time:</b>	<b>Sunday, May 31, 2026 by 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Judging Date:</b>	<b>Monday, June 1, 2026</b>	
<b>Judging Time:</b>	<b>15 minutes following the conclusion of the Lamb Sale Order.</b>	

### **Non-Sale Animals & All Premium Sale Exhibitors Must Be Present**

<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>Friday, June 5, 2026</b>
<b>Release Time:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>

### **Freezer Sale Goats**

<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>Friday, June 5, 2026</b>
<b>Release Time:</b>	<b>Immediately Following the Freezer Sale</b>

### **Rules:**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to show two (2) goats, however, each Exhibitor will only be allowed to sell one (1) goat unless this is in conflict with General Rule #5.
2. Wethers or Does can be shown.
3. The sale order will be determined by the Judge at the conclusion of the show. All the exhibitors MUST come back for Sale Order.
4. If horned, the horns must be tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end). REMOVAL OF HORNS ON THE GROUNDS ARE NOT PERMITTED. NO SHARP POINTS.
5. All male goats must be castrated. This will be checked at the time of weigh-in by committee members.
6. The market goat show is open to all breeds and crosses.
7. Goats must weigh between 60 and 120 pounds to be eligible to show. Only goats that are over or under may exit the scale and immediately reenter to be weighed again. If weight is not met, goats are disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 9:00 p.m.
8. At official weigh-in, all goats will be weighed, with the exhibitor or parent present, without halters/chains, blanket or socks.

9. No adhesive/glue, paint or fake hair can be used on goats.
10. The market goat show will be broken into classes as evenly as possible by the chairman and committee. The number of goat entries will determine the number of classes. If there are enough entries to make seven or more classes we will have three divisions.
11. In Showmanship, the exhibitor must show their own animal and may not substitute for another goat.
12. Showmanship classes will be on a voluntary basis. Showmanship will be divided into three groups:
  - Junior - 11 years and younger as of January 1, 2026
  - Intermediate - 12-14 years as of January 1, 2026  
(must have 2 or more exhibitors to make this division after tag in)
  - Senior - 15 years and older as of January 1, 2026
13. Release slips will only be given after your area has been check for cleanliness by your chairman.
14. Exhibitors will be asked to share pens with other Exhibitors. Exhibitors may wish to bring panels which can be used to subdivide existing pens.
15. Once weighed in, all goats must remain in their assigned pen. This means there will be no swapping of pens or moving your animal to another area (such as a trailer) at any time.
16. No water buckets or feed buckets may be left in the pens until the show is complete Monday night.
17. If there is a problem with the GCFA validated ear tag, (ripped out/loss/missing) please notify the COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN immediately. The animal needs to be retagged at this time.
18. All Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their goats until they are loaded out and they must be with their goat at the time of load out.

## FRYER-PEN RABBIT SHOW

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Cheryl Fedor</b>	<b>936-222-3808</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Sharia Stabler, Bonnie Stewart, Autumn McEwen, Jessica McClosky, Ashton Salome, Samantha Kimich, Sarah Buenger, and Kinsey Stutts</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>		
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Kari Lynn Eisenman</b>	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$15.00 per pen at registration	
<b>Voluntary Meeting:</b>	<b>Sunday, November 9, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Go Texan Building</b> Highly recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> year exhibitors.	
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 22, 2026 by 7 p.m. via ShoWorks</b> Meeting @ 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Go Texan Building. To discuss rule book, changes, confirm paperwork and collect entry fees.	
<b>Breeding Date:</b>	<b>Monday, February 16, 2026</b>	
<b>Tattoo – In Date:</b>	<b>Monday, April 27, 2026 – Main Hall</b>	
<b>Tattoo- In Time:</b>	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Check – In Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 2, 2026</b>	
<b>Check – In Time:</b>	8:00 a.m.	
<b>Judging Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 2, 2026</b>	
<b>Judging Time:</b>	10:00 a.m. Animals not eligible for sell must be removed within two hours following the completion of the show.	
<b>Release Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 2, 2026</b>	

**The Rabbit show is operated by a committee of volunteers for the Grimes County Fair Association. They strive to have a well organized and well operated area and to uphold ARBA rules, regulations and standards. No abusive or derogatory language toward committee members will be tolerated. If the committee members and their volunteers are not treated with respect, the abusive person(s) will be asked to leave and the exhibitor associated with that person(s) will be disqualified.**

### **Classes:**

1. Purchased Rabbit
2. Bred Rabbit
3. Grand and Reserve Champion Rabbit
4. Senior Showmanship Ages 15 and older.
5. Intermediate Showmanship Ages 12 - 14
6. Junior Showmanship Ages 11 and younger
7. Single Fryer

### **Rules:**

1. This is a youth show guided by A.R.B.A. rules. Elimination & disqualification are by A.R.B.A. rules & the general rules & regulations of the Grimes County Fair.
2. All eligible Grimes County 4-H & FFA members are qualified to compete.
3. Any Exhibitor can purchase a meat pen(s). When purchasing a meat pen, the Exhibitor must provide a breeding/kindle certificate from the breeder. Exhibitors must own their breeding does. Breeding does' tattoo numbers and breeder's information (for purchased pens) must be registered with the committee by the deadline date above at the Grimes

County Fair Board. Forms provided by committee at the voluntary meeting, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and online.

4. Exhibitor can show two (2) meat pens. Meat pens can be bred by the exhibitor or purchased pen(s). Exhibitor can only show (1) bred pen and one (1) purchased pen. (i.e. Exhibitor cannot show two (2) purchased pens). Rabbits within a purchased pen must all be from one breeder and weaned from the doe by the tattoo date. Exhibitors can tag in no more than 15 head for a purchased pen and 15 head for a bred pen.
5. Purchased pens will be judged in a separate category from Exhibitor bred stock.
6. Only market rabbit pen will be eligible to sell unless this is in conflict with General Rule #5.
7. Premium sale entries will be broken down as follows: Bred Pens – 60% of the 32% will be eligible for the Premium Sale. Purchased Pens – 40% of the 32% will be eligible for the Premium Sale.
8. All participants/exhibitors must attend the 2 mandatory meetings in order to remain eligible for competition. Family tag in is allowed, please refer to general rule #14. The first mandatory meeting will be **January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** & then 2<sup>nd</sup> mandatory meeting on **April 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the Grimes County Fair Grounds. This mandatory meeting is to discuss the rule book and its changes. All paperwork (W-9 form, liability form, Bred & Purchased forms) must be completed in ShoWorks by 7pm January 22, 2026. This information will be reviewed and confirmed at the meeting, as well as entry fees will be collected at this time. Each youth must fill out these forms to be eligible to compete. The second mandatory meeting will be on **April 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at the Grimes County Fair Grounds. At this mandatory meeting we will tattoo all eligible bunnies, NOT weighing more than 2lbs. 12oz/head, 1-ounce weight tolerance, with the Grimes County Fair mark. Rabbit cages must have a bottom tray or rabbits will not be tattooed. NO CANINE/FELINE KENNELS. Personal ear tattoos will be offered at \$10.00 per pen.
9. Meat Pens: Three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety plus (1) alternate not more than 75 days old and for each rabbit not to exceed 5lbs. 8oz, and not less than 3lbs. 8oz. There will be a 1-ounce weight tolerance. IF the rabbit is over/under weight or disqualified, it can be replaced with your alternative rabbit **present at the check in table**. No alternate will be accepted after weigh in. NO sorting of rabbits will be allowed in the building.
10. Rabbits entered in the meat pen competition must be PERMANENTLY TATTOOED in the right ear with the Grimes County Fair mark and Permanently Tattooed by the exhibitor per A.R.B.A. rules in the left ear. Both ears must be marked to be eligible to show. NO SHARPIE MARKER OR ANY OTHER KIND OF INK OTHER THAN TATTOO INK WILL BE PERMITTED.
11. Each Exhibitor must place and remove rabbits from the table. Only in cases of extreme hardship and then only with a written letter to the Committee Chairman, will an Exhibitor be excused from showing an animal and being present at the sale.
12. Breeds accepted are California, New Zealand, Satin, Palomino, and Champagne D'Argent.
13. In submitting an entry of meat pens, Exhibitors agree to allow the rabbit committee to check the meat pen and doe. Exhibitors must contact a committee member the day their rabbits are born. Within 2-3 days a committee of no less than 2 will inspect the Doe and validate the litter was born at the appropriate time and to the registered doe. In the event that an issue arises a Fair Board member will be available to validate the litter. If the exhibitor cannot produce litter and doe OR the litter was not born within the 75 day age rule time frame, the entry will be sent back to the exhibitor. After the initial barn check of bred rabbits, the rabbit committee reserves the right to make random barn checks

- between birth and tattoo day. THIS APPLIES TO BRED PENS ONLY.
14. Rabbit cages must have a bottom tray or rabbits will be disqualified. NO CANINE/FELINE KENNELS.
  15. All Contestants must wear proper attire including shirts tucked in and belt if needed. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, T-shirts, shorts, mid-drift shirts and short shirts are not considered proper attire. For protection from scratches, long sleeves are recommended, but not mandatory. You must be in proper show attire by 8:00 a.m. check – in.
  16. All sale rabbits will sell at the auction live. It will then be the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he or she wants to take possession live or dressed, packaged and frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have been delivered. Then this statement form must be turned in with your thank you note by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order for you to receive your check.
  19. After the show, release slips will only be given after your area has been checked for cleanliness by your committee chairman.
  20. Delivery slips must be picked up by the Exhibitor on the day of show.
  21. Delivery slips must be mailed back along with Thank you cards to P O Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830.
  22. Tampering and /or misrepresentation as to the age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. The rabbit chairman may disqualify any exhibitor based on fraud and deception, **and proof thereof**, and the entry/entries will be sent back to the exhibitor. The exhibitor may also forfeit premiums won, and/or lose rights and privileges to enter the rabbit show in the future.
  23. Single Fryer Rabbits – Exhibitor can enter a limit of 2 entries @ 5.00 per entry
    - a. All entries in this division will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Grimes County Fair.
    - b. An entry shall consist of a single fryer rabbit weighing not less than 3.5 pounds and not more than 5.5 pounds with a scale tolerance of 1 ounce. (needs to read some as rule #9)
    - c. No rabbit entered in the single fryer show may have already been placed in the market rabbit sale order.
    - d. All entries must have validation tattoo administered at the time of the market rabbit validation.
    - e. Single fryer rabbit check-in will be held at the same time as the market rabbit check-in on day of show.
    - f. Belt buckles and rosettes will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Fryer Rabbits.
    - g. Ribbons will be awarded for third through tenth place.
    - h. The single fryer rabbit show will begin immediately following the market rabbit show.
    - i. All cages must have bottoms. NO CANINE/FELINE KENNELS.
    - j. Single fryer WILL NOT be going to sale, either premium or freezer.

## MARKET SWINE SHOW

**Co-Chairman:** Meribeth Shimshack (936) 870-5085  
Kari Lynn Eisenman (936) 825-5311

**Honorary Chairman:** Pierce Key

**Committee Members:** Rodney Floyd, Quinn Hansen, Terra Hansen,  
Edward Hulsman, Billy McKinney, and Jennifer McKinney

**Advisor:** Corey Ferguson

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kelley Bohnert

**Entry Fee:** \$15.00 each at tag-in

**Tag-In Date:** Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Tag-In Time:** 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

**Tag in Location:** Grimes County Fairgrounds

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 via ShoWorks

**Check-In Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2026

**Move-In/weigh-In Time:** 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Judging Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2026

**Judging Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### **Non-Sale Animals & All Premium Sale Exhibitors Must Be Present**

**Release Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026

**Release Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### **Freezer Sale Animals**

**Release Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026

**Release Time:** Immediately Following the Freezer Sale

### **Showmanship Classes:**

Showmanship will be divided into three groups:

- a. Junior – 11 years and younger as of January 1, 2026
- b. Intermediate – 12 years to 14 years as of January 1, 2026
- c. Senior – 15 years and older as of January 1, 2026

**Exhibitors may show two swine, but you are only eligible to sell one unless in conflict with general rule #5**

**If you have any ear tag issues you MUST notify a swine chairman immediately please contact Kari Lynn Eisenman or Meribeth Shimshack.**

**Rules:**

1. Only two (2) pigs per Exhibitor may be unloaded at weigh in.
2. Swine must weigh between 230 and 290 pounds with a 5-pound tolerance to be eligible to show. Swine will be weighed on Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon upon arrival to the fairgrounds. All swine must be clean upon entering the scale. Swine will be unloaded & immediately go to the scale to weigh. Only swine that are over or under may exit the scale and immediately enter either scale to weigh again. If weight is not met, swine are disqualified and must be removed immediately.
3. Exhibitors will present a card with Exhibitor name, ear tag number. Weight will be entered on card by Swine Committee once on scale.
4. Swine will be unloaded from the trailer and enter scales either by the exhibitor and/or parent or legal guardian to be weighed.
5. Classes will be divided, as evenly as possible, by weight by the swine committee and show secretary by the end of the day.
6. All Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their swine until they are loaded out and they must be with their swine at the time of load out.
7. Gilts and barrows may be shown in the Market classes.
8. Unethical fitting is prohibited including, but not limited to the following:
  1. No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed.
  2. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
  3. The addition of any dust, dry soap, hair or hair like substances
  4. The cutting tearing, or glueing of the hide or underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  5. The injection of any natural or synthetic air or gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter normal conformation.
  6. No oil, paint, powder, or other dressing, will be permitted on swine (ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED)
9. All swine must be show ring clipped upon arrival to the fairgrounds. Cordless clippers may be used for touch up only. Absolutely no snaring will be permitted.
10. A percentage of the class will be sold. The percentage will be determined by dividing the number of swine that sell by total number of entries after weigh-in. The judge will determine the rotation of classes for sale order.

## PEE WEE DIVISION

**Chairman:**                      **Lindsey Schroeder**                      **(936) 870-7658**  
   **Tina Schroeder**                      **(936) 825-5966**

**Committee Member:**        **Lance Schroeder, Jenna Schroeder, Skyler Woods, Trina Woods  
and Samantha Kimich**

**Fair Board Advisor:**        **Joni Leonard**

**Entry form and Entry fee due: May 1, 2026 via ShoWorks**  
**\$15.00 per Exhibitor (not per species shown)**

### **Pee Wee Show Time:**

- **Pee Wee Goat, Lamb, Rabbits and Swine Show - Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

**NO LATE Entries will be accepted!! No Exceptions**

### **Rules:**

1. Pee Wee classes will be for Exhibitors between the ages of 2 – 8 years old.
2. The Pee Wee Exhibitor can only exhibit an animal that is exhibited during our fair.
3. All Exhibitors will be responsible for finding their own animals to show.
4. Adults may accompany a Pee Wee Exhibitor, but the Exhibitor **MUST** be able to walk.
5. Exhibitors must be a county resident or attend a county school.
6. Entries will not be placed.
7. There will be three (3) age divisions in swine, goats and lambs.
  - a. 2 – 3 year olds
  - b. 4 – 5 year olds
  - c. 6 – 8 year olds
8. ALL exhibitors will be required to stay until the conclusion of all shows for a photo out of respect for our sponsors who help put the show on.
9. NO prizes will be distributed until the conclusion of all shows, prior to show sponsor photo.

## AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS PROJECT SHOW

**Chairman:** Edgar Oncken (979) 324-3324  
Clay Oncken (979) 450-9955

**Committee:** Chris Finke and Billy Padgett  
**Advisors:** Corey Ferguson, Mark Foreman and Colton Stallings  
**Fair Board Advisor:** Michael Kimich

**Entry Fee:** \$15.00 per entry via ShoWorks by May 1, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

**Registration Deadline:** Completed online ShoWorks entry due Monday, May 1, 2026.

**All Fair Raffle tickets deadlines and requirements must be met in order to participate. If you even think that you may be interested in showing an ag mechanic project, make sure that you meet these expectations or you WILL NOT be allowed to show.**

**Check-In Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2026

**Check-In Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Judging Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2026

**Judging Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Release Date:** Immediately after the conclusion of the Ag Mechanics show with the exception of those selling in the premium sale. Remaining sale projects will be released on Friday morning from 8:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make delivery arrangements with their buyer.

### **Age Divisions:**

Junior Division – 13 years and younger as of January 1, 2026

Senior Division – 14 years and older as of January 1, 2026

### **Awards:**

Champion and Reserve Champion from each age division will be awarded. Overall Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from Division champions. Belt Buckle for Showmanship

### **Rules:**

1. Entries will be made on-line under ShoWorks by May 1, 2026. NO LATE entries will be allowed. **All Fair Raffle tickets deadlines and requirements must be met in order to participate. If you even think that you may be interested in showing an ag mechanic project to make sure that you meet these expectations or you WILL NOT be allowed to show.**
2. A project can be exhibited only one time at the Grimes County Fair & must have been constructed within one calendar year of the exhibition date. Projects entered in other contest (i.e. Houston, Waco) are eligible to be entered, provided they meet all requirements.
3. All projects must be painted or properly treated, must be clean and in a presentable condition even though they may have been used.
4. A working plan or drawing, a bill of materials, and pictures (8 minimum) documenting your progress are required with each project.

5. Projects may be entered as individual or group constructed.
6. Every precaution will be taken to protect the projects entered; however, neither the Grimes County Fair Association nor the officials of this division will be responsible for any losses or damage to projects.
7. The Danish system will be used in judging the projects.
8. Projects will be judged on:
  - a. Workmanship 30 points
  - b. Design and Material Used 20 points
  - c. Practicality 20 points
  - d. Degree of Difficulty 20 points
  - e. Finish 10 points

**Awards:** Blue, Red and White Ribbons, six division champion rosettes will be given. Awards will be presented to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion projects.

Blue	90 – 100 points
Red	80 – 89 points
White	70 – 79 points

9.32 % of Ag Mechanics projects that check in and are shown at the fair will be eligible to sell at the Premium Sale (refer to rule #1 under Premium Sale). If the project is entered as an individual project, then the Exhibitor must make a choice and will only be able to sell one project in the Premium Sale. If they should have more than one eligible (example – if the Exhibitor has an eligible steer and an eligible ag mechanic’s project, they must choose which to sell). However, if the project is checked in as a group project, it will not interfere with an individual member of the group selling a MARKET animal or \*Creative Arts\* project in the sale. NOTE: If the project is entered as a group the money raised at auction will be dispersed equally between all members of the group unless the sales committee chairman is notified in writing by the groups’ advisor no later than Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. as to how the money is to be split amongst the group members.

**Classes:**

**Agricultural Machinery and Equipment:**

1. Hay Handling Equipment
2. Spraying Equipment
3. Mounted and Pull Type Tractor Equipment
4. Hydraulic Equipment
5. Shop Equipment
6. Truck, Tractor and Agriculture Equipment Accessories

**Electrical Equipment:**

7. Show and Livestock Equipment
8. Shop Tools and Equipment

**Livestock Equipment Class:**

9. Gates and Livestock Panels
10. Squeeze Chutes and Restraining Equipment
11. Trim Chutes, Block Stands and Livestock Crates
12. Head Gates
13. Feeders
14. Other Livestock Equipment

**Trailers:**

15. Bumper Pull Utility and Stock Trailers
16. Multi – Bale Trailers
17. Gooseneck Utility and Stock Trailers

**Bar – B – Que Pits:**

18. Stationary Cookers
19. Mobile Cookers
20. Smokers

**Miscellaneous:**

21. Wood Projects
22. Electrical Projects
23. Metal Projects

## GRIMES COUNTY COMMERCIAL HEIFER PEN OF 2

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Billy Padgett</b>	<b>(979) 204-6718</b>
<b>Co-Chairman:</b>	<b>Tim Akers</b>	<b>(979) 324-0493</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Stephanie Padgett and Sharon Robertson</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Corey Ferguson</b>	
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Ashley Skinner</b>	
<b>Tag-In:</b>	<b>November 17, 2025</b>	
<b>Tag-In Time:</b>	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Location:</b>	Mid Tex Livestock	
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 19, 2025 11:59 p.m. via ShoWorks</b>	
<b>Final Palpation:</b>	<b>May 11, 2026</b>	
<b>Palpation Time:</b>	6:00 p.m. Must be in line by 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Location:</b>	Mid Tex Livestock	
<b>Arrival:</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 2, 2026 between 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Show Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2026</b>	
<b>Judging Time:</b>	9:00 a.m. Cattle will be judged	
<b>Record Book:</b>	Books are due upon arrival on <b>Tuesday, June 2, 2026</b>	
<b>Interview/Presentation:</b>	Interviews and presentations will be held during the judging of the cattle, beginning at 8:30 a.m. You will draw for your interview/presentation order at cattle check-in on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.	
<b>Awards:</b>	Tentatively 2:00 p.m. in the Steer Show Arena	
<b>Sale Date:</b>	32 % of the exhibitors will sell (refer to rule #1 under premium sale). 2 heifers per pen at 2 times the bid price will sell in the Premium Sale rotation on <b>Thursday, June 4 2026</b> . The remaining pens may sell in the freezer sale on <b>Friday, June 5, 2026</b> .	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$15 per head. Each Exhibitor must tag-in a minimum of 2 heifers Family tag-in is allowed. (Each exhibitor must enter all tag #'s in ShoWorks)	

### Rules:

1. Entries in this show must be residents of Grimes County or attend a Grimes County School and be a bona fide 4-H & FFA members of Grimes County and meet all meeting and attendance requirements set forth by the fair board and respective 4-H and FFA organizations. They must be certified by a Grimes County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
2. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they meet the requirements of the Division.
3. Exhibitors must check in a minimum of (2) head with no maximum number of head per exhibitor. Exhibitors may use the cattle tagged-in to individual exhibitors to form a maximum of 1 pen of 2 heifers for that Exhibitor to exhibit. Immediate family is allowed to pool cattle.
4. Cattle may not have been previously validated for GCFA or any other fair.

5. Each heifer must be naturally polled or dehorned by the initial check in date. All heifers must be calf hood vaccinated and carry the metal brucellosis tag and or brucellosis tattoo. All tagged in heifers should be vaccinated for Lepto, Vibrio, IBR complex and 8-way Blackleg. All heifers must meet Texas Animal Health Commission regulations and must have a current and valid Health Certificate upon entry to the Grimes County Fairgrounds. Health papers will be picked up from veterinarian by the committee and distributed to the Exhibitors.
6. At initial check in, all heifers must be of breeding age but not past 2 years of age. Age will be determined at initial check-in by a person deemed qualified to do so by the Fair Board of Directors or Pen of 2 Committee at the exhibitor's expense. Cattle with permanent teeth will be disqualified.
7. All cattle will be checked for pregnancy at the final check-in. If cattle are found to be open, Exhibitors may request a blood test be run at their expense. Pens may show and sell. All cattle not 60 days bred will be shown as exposed.
8. Every exhibitor will be able to show a set of two heifers whether they are bred or open.
9. No Pen containing an exposed heifer will place higher than a pen with all bred heifers. Placement of heifers for premium/freezer sale: set of 2 bred heifers will place before a pen of heifers that have 1 bred heifer and one exposed heifer. Set of heifers that have 1 bred & 1 exposed heifer place before a set of heifers that are all open.
10. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the initial check in date.
11. Pen assignments will be made by the committee & names will not be displayed above the assigned pen until after cattle have been judged. No livestock is permitted in pen assignments and/or alley ways except pen of two (2) heifers.
12. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition using the Grimes County Commercial Pen of 2 Heifer Show record book guidelines. All record books will be evaluated by judges & Exhibitors will be interviewed on show day. Final placing will be determined using the following percentages:
  - Cattle placing 50%
  - Record book 20%
  - Interviews 30%
 Official placing will be announced tentatively at 2:00 p.m. in the cattle show arena on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**
13. Grand, Reserve and a random pen will be drug tested.
14. All heifers will be released according to the release rules set for market animals. All premium sale will be released Friday morning 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. & any pens selling in the freezer sale will be released immediately following the sale on Friday night.
15. If you or your immediate family choose to purchase your pen of heifers back, you may do so; however, you must pay for your heifers in FULL & then you will receive your sale check minus all deductions at the same time as other exhibitors.
16. The Grimes County Commercial Heifer Pen of 2 Show committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Grimes County Fair Board of Directors.
17. All heifers entered in this program and sold become property of the buyer and will remain sold.
18. There will be no harassment of the judge or veterinarian prior to, during, or after the show. The judge(s) will give reasons for the placing and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placing.

19. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Grimes County. Any parent or Exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the commercial heifer show maybe banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program, upon review by the committee and fair board.
20. In the event that an Exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official Grimes County Commercial Heifer Pen of 2 tag, it is the responsibility to notify the committee so the heifer may be re-tagged.
21. Heifers must be in the exhibitor's possession by the initial check in date. Two exhibitors will be chosen at random by the committee to confirm possession during the feeding period.
22. Exhibitors must abide by the premium and freezer sale rule pertaining to the buyer thank you note.
23. Herdsman Award for top point earner for interview and record book, weighted 70% interview and 30% record book. A Herdsman Award will be given in both the junior and senior divisions if at least 10 pens are validated.
  - a. Juniors 13 and under as of January 1, 2026
  - b. Seniors 14 and over as of January 1, 2026

## MARKET STEER SHOW

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Ashley Andruss</b>	<b>(936) 661-3810</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Jillian Burzynski, Larry Harvey, Tammy Harvey, Vickie Haynie, Debby Kimich, Jennifer McKinney and Melanie Nixon</b>	
<b>Advisor:</b>	<b>Corey Ferguson</b>	
<b>Fair Board Advisor:</b>	<b>Kari Lynn Eisenman</b>	
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$15.00 each at tag-in</b>	
<b>Initial Tag – In Date:</b>	<b>Monday, December 1, 2025</b>	
<b>Initial Tag – In Time:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Initial Tag – In Location:</b>	<b>Navasota Livestock Auction</b>	
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 3, 2025 via ShoWorks</b>	
<b>May Classification Date:</b>	<b>Sunday, May 3, 2026</b>	
<b>May Classification Time:</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Steers must be unloaded &amp; tied under the barn by 4:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Classification Location:</b>	<b>Grimes County Fairgrounds</b>	
<b>Move – In Date:</b>	<b>Sunday, May 31, 2026</b>	
<b>Move – In Time:</b>	<b>6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Weigh – In Time:</b>	<b>Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Judging Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2026</b>	
<b>Judging Time:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	

### **Non-Sale Animals & All Premium Sale Exhibitors Must Be Present**

<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>Friday, June 5, 2026</b>
<b>Release Time:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>

### **Freezer Sale Steers**

<b>Release Date:</b>	<b>Friday, June 5, 2026</b>
<b>Release Time:</b>	<b>Immediately Following the Freezer Sale</b>

### **Classes:**

1. American X Steers
2. Champion American
3. English X Steers
4. Champion English
5. European X Steers
6. Champion European
7. Grand Champion Steer
8. Reserve Champion Steer
9. Showmanship (Volunteer Basis)
  - a. Senior – 15 years and older as of January 1, 2026
  - b. Intermediate – 12 to 14 years as of January 1, 2026
  - b. Junior – 11 years and younger as of January 1, 2026

**Rules:**

1. Steers will be classified by division at the May Classification.
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs. at the time of June weigh-in. Only steers not meeting minimum requirement will exit scale and immediately reenter to be weighed again. If weight is not met, steers are disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds by 9:00 p.m.
3. Each Exhibitor's calf or calves must be present at the initial tag in and May classification, which are mandatory to be eligible to show at the fair.
4. Classification will be held May 3, 2026, ALL steers must be unloaded and tied under the barns by 4:00 p.m. Exhibitors or representative need to remain by their steer until steer has been classified.
5. Each Exhibitor and steer will be required to attend and participate in **one mandatory** showmanship clinic. One of the showmanship clinics will be held in conjunction with the May classification. The second date will be announced at a later time.
6. There will be three classes of steers: American Crossed, English Crossed and European Cross. The Exhibitor may declare the breed that the Exhibitor feels the steer should be classified however; final determination of breed classification will be made by the classifiers appointed by the Steer Committee. Breed determination is based on visible steer characteristics only. Breed classification will be based on the State classification guidelines set forth by the Texas Animal Industries Committee. The steers will be placed in their respective divisions at the May classification. There must be a minimum of 5 steers classified into each class to have that particular breed class.
7. Exhibitors may tag-in as many steers as desired; however, each Exhibitor will only be allowed to show two steers. Only one (1) steer will be eligible to sell unless this is in conflict with General Rule #5.
8. The Grand and Reserve Overall Champion Steer must sell. The sale order will be determined by the judge, whereby the best steers in the show will participate in the premium sale. Grand Champions of each breed will automatically be placed at the beginning of the sale order. Reserve Breed Champions will be guaranteed a premium sale slot if there are 10 steers in their respective breed. Reserve Breed Champions will not be guaranteed a specific sale slot, only a slot in the premium sale. If the Reserve Breed Champion is not selected in sale order before the last sale slot then it will automatically be placed in the last sale slot.
9. Classes will be divided as evenly as possible by weight, by the steer committee at the June weigh-in.
10. No change of major color pattern of the animal, by painting or dying, will be allowed.
11. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed. Any Exhibitor in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
12. Exhibitors must be in control of their steer at all times during the judging. If an Exhibitor cannot control his/her steer the judge will have the discretion to ask the Exhibitor to tie his/her steer to the rail of the show arena.
13. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature of any animal by use of injections or foreign material not conducive to the continued health of the steer or marketability of the steer carcasses.

14. All steers must be clipped to have no more than ¼ of an inch of hair on any part of the Animal's body. The only exception will be the tail switch. The switch may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be checked by a designee appointed by the Steer Committee at the June weigh-in. The appointed designee will check the hair with an appropriately marked measuring tool. All steers not conforming to this rule will be given 24 hours to re-clip to the written clipping violations as prescribed by the steer committee. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Parents and Exhibitors must stay around your stall until the steer committee has completed their hair check.
15. Only exhibitors and their calf will be allowed in the holding area for their respective class.
16. All Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their steer until they are loaded out and they must be with their steer at the time of load out.
17. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** For purposes of promoting fair competition and protecting the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved but prevents for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug while on the Grimes County Fairgrounds. All animals must remain free of all drug and chemical residues while on the show grounds that restricts slaughter of the animal according to FDA guidelines.
  - a. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation or musculature of any animal by any unnatural means, including but not limited to use of injections, draining of fluids, bruising, surgical alteration, and artificially filling by stomach pumping or airing injections. Animals showing signs of being unethically fitted will be subject to disqualification.
  - b. **Unapproved Drug Use:** Showing 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 FDA or USDA for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
  - c. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA and USDA approved for its species and class it **MUST** be eligible for slaughter under FDA guidelines upon entry the Grimes County Fair grounds and remain in that condition for the entire length of the Fair. Any traces or residues prohibiting immediate slaughter or any animal are strictly prohibited and can result in disqualification of project and/or exhibitor from any fair participation.
18. June Weigh-In will start at 1:00 P.M. We will go row order determined by the Steer committee until all steers are weighed. We will give a final announcement that scales are closing within 10 minutes.

## GRIMES COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Chairman:** Lindsey Schroeder (936) 870-7658  
**Committee members:** Haley Warzon-Morgan (936) 419-1917  
Skyler Woods (979) 204-6934

Uniform Application & Rules for GCFA, Bull Buck Out, Albert Schroeder Memorial and Harley Stabler Memorial Fund Scholarships

Submit applications via Google Form.

1. Each applicant must meet all requirements to be considered for a Scholarship.
2. Applications must be submitted via Google Forms by March 31, 2026.
3. Applicants must be a 2026 graduating senior living in or attending school in Grimes County.
4. Applicants must be an active member in good standing with a Grimes County 4-H, FFA or FCCLA.
5. Applicants must have exhibited animals and/or in the Creative Arts Division and/or Agricultural Mechanics at the Grimes County Fair. Applicants must participate in the 2026 Grimes County Fair and have participated for a minimum of three (3) prior years in the Grimes County Fair.
6. Selection of the recipient will be based on scholastic standing, leadership, citizenship, interview performance, and Fair participation in 4-H, FFA or FCCLA.
7. Applicants must provide proof of acceptance into a college, university or trade school in the designated area in the Google Form.
8. A copy of applicant's official high school transcript must accompany the application.
9. Each applicant and their parent must sign an acknowledgement form (included below), acknowledging that everything included in the application is true to the best of their knowledge. This is to serve as a second review to ensure that all information requested is included in the submission prior to submitting.
10. It is mandatory that the scholarship recipient attend college, university or a trade school within one year immediately following graduation or the scholarship will be forfeited.
11. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student and completing/taking twelve (12) hours or more per semester in a college, university, or trade school.
12. The funds will be disbursed directly to the College, University or Trade School once the following have been provided.
  - a. Copy of his/her Schedule
13. Applicant's on-line presence (social media) is subject to review.
14. All applicants must plan to attend the Scholarship Presentation at 5:30 PM, Thursday, June 4, 2026 prior to the Premium Sale. NO announcement of scholarship winners will be made prior to this presentation.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### Lions Club

- 1967 – Mary Beth Schroeder and Ricky Schroeder
- 1968 –
- 1969 – Lori Wichman and Lonnie Mitchell

### Fair

- 1970 – Doris Walkoviak, Shirley Love, and Jerry Lane Sr.
- 1971 – Amy Schroeder and Billy Bob Spears
- 1972 – Gwen Bowen and Morris Surface
- 1973 – Charles Leiber, Milton Schroeder and Beverly Schroeder
- 1974 – Cheryl Bowen and Charles Neal Wellman
- 1975 – Debbie Wichman and Jack Anthony Bowen
- 1976 – Lisa Busa and Curtis Darby
- 1977 – Daniel Surface and Gail Holt
- 1978 – Car Carrell and Karen Bowen
- 1979 – Suzanne Lara and Douglas Calhoun

In 1980 the scholarship split with an Agriculture and Home Economics individual winners.

### Agriculture

- 1980 – Grady McGuire
- 1981 – Brenda Schroeder
- 1982 – Joseph Reznicek
- 1983 – Lee Essman Jr.
- 1984 – Michael Wrobleski
- 1985 – Roxanne Henderson
- 1986 – Martin Wenzel
- 1987 – Kelli Key
- 1988 – Patti Urbanosky
- 1989 – Leslie Matejicek
- 1990 – Kathy Kettler
- 1991 – William Schroeder
- 1992 – Vickie Schroeder
- 1993 – Scott Ashorn
- 1994 – Holly Yaeger
- 1995 – Colt Yorek
- 1996 – Travis Cleere
- 1997 – Justin White
- 1998 – Kassie Devillier
- 1999 – Kade Devillier
- 2000 – Stephanie Schroeder
- 2001 – Brandi Fowler

### Home Economics

- Glenda Holt
- Larry J. Salerno
- Kathy Carrell
- Brenda Taylor
- Ginger Vasek
- Vicki Bushman
- Debra Freeman
- Dana Kolbasinski
- Travis Bushman
- Leslie Minor
- Laura Sopchak
- Kelley Schroeder
- Kevin Busa
- Jason Busa
- Danielle Perry
- Brandi Fowler
- Britney Fowler
- Karrie Spradlin
- Kellie McGee
- Bryan Beard
- Ashley Karonka
- Lindsey Laster

In 2002 the overall highpoint scholarships were dissolved and four (4) individual scholarships were created to be awarded to no more than four (4) high school seniors.

2002 – Brandi Fowler and Rebecca Wendt

2003 – Kirby Copley, Katelyn Schuleman, Blaine Trant and Colt Yorek

2004 – Bryan Beard, Amanda Lamascus, Kellie McGee and Jessie Renfroe

2005 – Sarah Andrews, Jason Clary, Mallory Molitor and Jessica Rodgers

2006 – Lacy Muntean and Loren Schroeder

2007 – Casey Galvan, Leigh Ann Sajewski, Jarret Sechelski and Lexi Wheaton

2008 – Artisha Douglas, Samantha Hock, Joel Ruen and Lance Schroeder

2009 – Heather Harvey, Ashley Kurten, Landon Rabun and Kassi Warzon

2010 – Emily Hibner, Rachel Lange, Monica Mitchell and Hillary Trant

2011 – Macy Moriarty, Megan Moriarty, Megan Schroeder and Jayme Timm

2012 – Colton Harris, Logan Kroll, Raelyn Johnson and Aran Lambert

2013 – Whitney Dalton, Forrest Fisher, Will Imhoff, John Kay, D'Lynn Sechelski,  
Jacob Sechelski, Kelly Strahan and Lee Walla

2014 – Alea Carrell, Nickayla Floyd, Crystal Serres and Savanah Wisnoski

2015 – Kaleigh Evans, Bailey Imhoff, Will Mallett and Trenton Moy

2016 – Kelsie Eisenman, Kayla Hansen, Laural Hansen and Kristin Keally

2017 – Cheyenne Kuta, Kaylee Leonard, Colton Spinks and Eric Welch

2018 – Trent Clark, Hallie Eisenman, Cody Harris and Hailey Mallett

2019 – Hannah Atkinson, Kirstie Busa, Landry Cunningham and McKenna Pavelock

2020 – Fallon Frenzel, Brealyn McKinney and Drew Wagner

2021 - Kyndal Bohnert, Zane Moriarty, Clay Oncken and Landon Stem

2022 – Wyatt Akers, Autumn Atkinson, Jenna McDougald and Alyssa Phelps

2023 – Ryan Buenger, Hannah Abraham, Avery Hulsman and Avery McKinney

2024 - Brooklyn Byars, Zoe Compian, Lindsey Gooch and Landon Jarvis

2025 - Kyle Buenger, Ben Leman, Morgan Moriarty and Sierra Waneck





9. Points will be awarded accordingly.
  - a. Champion of each breed will be awarded an additional five (5) points.
  - b. Reserve Champion of each breed will be awarded an additional three (3) points.
  - c. Division Champion will be awarded an additional five (5) points.
  - d. Reserve Division Champion will be awarded an additional three (3) points.
  - e. Overall Champion will be awarded an additional five (5) points.
  - f. Reserve Overall Champion will be awarded an additional three (3) points.
10. In the event of a tie the tie breaker will be determined on the number of first places followed by the number of second places.
11. Scholarship will expire 1 year after graduation.

#### **Beef Division High Point**

1996 – Scott Ashorn  
 1997 – Colt Yorek  
 1998 – Colt Yorek  
 1999 – Shauna Schuleman  
 2000 – Justin White  
 2001 – Colt Yorek  
 2002 – Kara Finch  
 2003 – Carl Muntean  
 2004 – Kassie Devillier  
 2005 – Forrest Fisher  
 2006 – Brian J. Busse  
 2007 – Kara Finch  
 2008 – Tyler Choiniere  
 2009 – Taylor Green  
 2010 – Hillary Trant  
 2011 – Hunter Combs  
 2012 – Landon Stem  
 2013 – Reece Wroblewski  
 2014 – Saige Combs  
 2015 – Landon Stem  
 2016 – Landon Stem  
 2017 – Demi Harrington  
 2018 - Demi Harrington  
 2019 - Landon Stem  
 2020 - Demi Harrington  
 2021 - Demi Harrington  
 2022 - Demi Harrington  
 2023 - Wyatt Tackett  
 2024 – Rhett Harrington  
 2025 – Rhett Harrington

#### **GCBC Scholarship Winner**

Scott Ashorn  
 Colt Yorek  
 Kassie Devillier  
 Shauna Schuleman  
 Justin White  
 Stephanie Kimich  
 Kara Finch  
 Carl Muntean  
 Curtis Finch  
 Forrest Fisher  
 Brian J. Busse  
 Belinda Lane  
 Tyler Choiniere  
 Taylor Green  
 Hillary Trant  
 Hunter Combs  
 Landon Stem  
 Reece Wroblewski  
 Saige Combs  
 Ryan Wroblewski, Demi Harrington  
 Kaylee Leonard  
 Carson Carter  
 Bodie Wroblewski  
 Kaden Leonard  
 Kailee Gosse  
 Wyatt Tackett  
 Trace Trant  
 Ethan Mikulin  
 Rhett Harrington  
 Sierra Waneck

## **ALBERT SCHROEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Chairman:** The Albert and Mildred Schroeder Family

**Brenda Schroeder (936) 825-1387**

**Ricky Schroeder, Loren Burns and Megan Schroeder**

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kari Lynn Eisenman

### **Rules:**

1. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually until memorial funds are exhausted with an option to award a maximum of two scholarships each year.
2. Recipient of the Scholarship will be a Swine Exhibitor with a minimum of 3 years swine participation at the Grimes County Fair.
3. Complete the Uniform Grimes County Fair Association Scholarship form via Google Forms by the due date for the General Fair Scholarship. Rules and conditions of the General Fair Scholarship will govern this scholarship.

2013 - Kelly Strahan

2014 - Riley McKinney

2015 - Brennan Imhoff

2016 - Kayla Hansen

2017 - Colton Spinks

2018 - Lauren Wheaton

2019 - Shelby Lero

2020 - Brealyn McKinney

2021 - Lacey Wheaton

2022 - Haley Sutton

2023 - Avery McKinney

2024 - Landon Jarvis

2025 - Cyleigh Mancuso

## **HARLEY STABLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Chairman:** Lindsey Schroeder (936) 870-7658

**Co-Chairman:** Haley Warzon-Morgan and Skyler Woods

**Committee Members:** Sharia Stabler and Leah Bell

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kyle Bostick

### **Rules:**

1. At least one scholarship, amount TBD will be awarded annually until memorial funds are exhausted with an option to award a maximum of two scholarships each year.
2. Recipient of the Scholarship will be selected by the Stabler Family with scoring provided by the GCFA Scholarship Committee.
3. Complete the Uniform Grimes County Fair Association Scholarship form via Google Forms by the due date for the General Fair Scholarship. Rules and conditions of the General Fair Scholarship will govern this scholarship.

2024 – Caden Jones and Kate Lee

2025 – Sierra Waneck

## **FAIR QUEEN SCHOLARSHIP**

**Scholarship Committee:** Fair Board Directors

**A Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to the Grimes County Fair Queen for that respective year.**

**Rules:**

1. A girl will be eligible to win the award only one time.
2. Applicants must submit a W-9 form.
3. If the Fair Queen wins the scholarship before finishing high school, the scholarship will be deposited into a savings account and left until she graduates from high school. The Grimes County Fair Association Scholarship Fund will accumulate and retain all interest earned.
4. It is mandatory that the scholarship recipient attend college, university or a trade school within one year immediately following graduation or the scholarship will be forfeited.
5. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student and completing/taking twelve (12) hours or more per semester in a college, university, or trade school.
6. The funds will be disbursed directly to the College, University or Trade School once the following are provided.
  - a. Copy of her Schedule

## CREATIVE ARTS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AND HIGH POINT AWARDS

**Chairman:** Melissa Wilson  
**Committee Members:** Navasota Evening Lions Club

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kyle Bostick

One \$1000.00 scholarship, sponsored by the Grimes County Evening Lions Club, will be awarded to the high school Senior, of the Grimes County Fair in the Creative Arts Division. Three buckles will also be given to the High Point Individuals in the Senior, Junior and Pee Wee Divisions.

### **Youth Scholarship**

1. The scholarship may be used to defray the expenses of books, tuition, fees, room and board in furthering his/her education.
2. A boy or girl will be eligible to win the scholarship only one time and must be living in Grimes County or attending school as a high school senior in Grimes County.
3. The cash award will not be made until all of the above rules and regulations have been complied with.
4. If it becomes necessary that changes in the rules and regulations should be made, the youth scholarship committee will make necessary changes, with the approval of the Fair Board.
5. The point system governing the selection of the winner will be set by the scholarship committee and is attached.

### **Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Division High Point Awards**

1. Using the point system attached the high point individual of the Pee Wee, Junior and Senior Divisions will be awarded a special high point award (i.e. Belt Buckle, etc.)
2. All winners will be expected to write thank you notes to their award sponsors. These Thank you notes must be mailed to the: Grimes County Fair Association, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 (in a second envelope) in a stamped, properly addressed envelope, unsealed, before **July 1, 2026**.
3. Point Awards:
  - a. All projects will receive a participation ribbon
    - Blue – 5 points
    - Red – 3 points
    - White – 1 point
  - b. All Divisions will be placed Grand thru 10<sup>th</sup> place:
    - Grand Champion – 50 points
    - Reserve Grand Champion – 40 points
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 30 points
    - 4<sup>th</sup> place – 25 points
    - 5<sup>th</sup> place – 20 points
    - 6<sup>th</sup> place – 18 points
    - 7<sup>th</sup> place – 16 points
    - 8<sup>th</sup> place – 14 points
    - 9<sup>th</sup> place – 12 points
    - 10<sup>th</sup> place – 10 points

**(Grand through 10<sup>th</sup> place will not get points for their standard blue ribbon as well).**

## THANK YOU NOTE REQUIREMENTS

Thank you notes are required for all Exhibitors of the Grimes County Fair who receive awards or sell in any of the sales (Premium, Freezer, No Sale). It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to write Thank you notes to each of your buyers, add on contributors and award donors.

### Requirements:

1. Thank you notes must be mailed to the Grimes County Fair Association at P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX, 77830 (preferably in a 8 X 10 envelope or smaller).
2. Thank you notes must be addressed to the Buyer, Add-On Contributor and Award Donors including their address, unsealed and have stamp attached.
3. Thank you notes are due and postmarked by **July 1, 2026**. **Thank you notes received after that time through July 8, 2026 (one week) will be assessed a 1% penalty on the total Sale Price (including add on contributions) of their project(s). Thanks you notes recieved after July 8, 2026 will be assessed an additional 1% PER DAY on the total Sale Price (including add on contributions) of their project(s) until the Thank you notes are received.**
4. **Thank you notes should be hand written and not typed. You must use Thank you notes or Cards (No index cards or notebook paper).**
5. Thank you notes should be in your handwriting (not typed).
6. Minimum of 3 sentences long and contain the following:
  - a. Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. It will help me with \_\_\_\_\_ or I plan to use it for \_\_\_\_\_ (Future plans, how money will be used)
  - c. Something personal/nice about the person or your relationship with the person, what you learned with project, or something interesting about your project

Buyers and Add on Contributors along with their addresses will be made available at the Grimes County Fair Association website ([www.grimescountyfair.com](http://www.grimescountyfair.com)).

The Directors of the Grimes County Fair Association reserve the right to return Thank You Notes to the Exhibitor to rewrite if the thank you note(s) do not meet the minimum requirements. The Fair Board will not be held responsible if the return and resubmitted Thank You notes result in the final receipt of Thank You notes to be after the July 1 deadline.

Exhibitors who meet all deadlines including Thank You notes, Pictures and delivery notices will be able to pick up their fair checks from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of September prior to the monthly Fair Board meeting.

If picture cards are not received before July 31<sup>st</sup> the exhibitors check will be held until the October fair board meeting which will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of October.

## PREMIUM SALE

**Chairman:** Karen Oncken (979) 324-1084

**Committee Members:** Brenda Finke, Kent Fisher, Pierce Key, Allan Lamascus, Edgar Oncken, Sharon Robertson, and Ricky Schroeder

**Fair Board Advisor:** Kelley Bohnert

**Sale Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026

**Awards Presentations:** 5:30 p.m.

**Buyers Social:** 5:30 p.m. **\*\* Note – this is for BUYERS ONLY \*\***

**Sale Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**NO TRADING OF ANIMALS ON FAIRGROUNDS AFTER SALE IS FINAL!**

### **Rules:**

1. A minimum of thirty- two percent (32%) of the exhibitors in each market species (steers, swine, lambs, goats, turkeys, rabbits, broilers, and pen of commercial heifers) as well as 32% Ag Mech projects will sell a project in the premium sale with the final percentage to be determined by the Sales Committee and the Fair Board of Directors after all market animals have been checked in at the fair. The Grand and Reserve Champion in each market species will **NOT** be counted in this number and will sell in addition to the 32% (For example if there are 25 steers, but only 18 steer exhibitors then we will figure the number of steer sale slots by taking 32% of 18 which would be 6 steers plus the Grand and Reserve so a total of 8 steers would sell.) Percentages will be based on the number of exhibitors of each species weighed/checked in at the official weigh/check in upon arrival at the fair. Number of sale slots will be posted along side of the official class breaks. When determining sale order in market species that does not follow a true sale order (example Pigs) if the Overall Grand or Reserve Champion is in a class then the next place animal in that class will move into that sales slot. For example, 3 pigs were eligible to sell in Class 4 and the Grand Champion was in that class then the 4<sup>th</sup> place pig would be eligible to sell. The following divisions will have the option to sell the following:
  - a. 4 Junior Division Creative Arts – Food Projects
  - b. 4 Junior Division Creative Arts – Art Projects
  - c. 4 Senior Division Creative Arts- Food projects
  - d. 4 Senior Division Creative Arts- Art projects
2. **Under no circumstances will an exhibitor or exhibitor’s parent approach their buyer after the sale of their project and request that the buyer change the disposition of their animal or request that the buyer give them their project back. If the exhibitor or exhibitor’s parent is caught doing so \$1000.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor’s sales check. Exhibitors may personally thank their buyer in the picture area.**
3. If a project has been selected for resale by the buyer, then **ONLY** the Exhibitor of that project will have the opportunity to purchase their project back for the resale value; however, the sale’s committee **MUST** be made aware of the change by the conclusion of the PREMIUM SALE and the project **MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE PREMIUM SALE**. If the Exhibitor does not notify the sales committee and pay for the project before the conclusion of the premium sale, then the animal will remain as a resale to be loaded on the resale trailer. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will changes be made on Friday morning. If a project is donated to a club or organization, the organization will be responsible for removal or resale.

4. Any Exhibitor eligible for the Premium Sale must be present to sell their entry, except in case of sickness, death in family or prior approval by the Fair Board of Directors in writing. All request for prior approval must be postmarked by May 1, 2026 and mailed to the Grimes County Fair Association, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 by **certified** mail (no metered mail). All request postmarked after this date will be **DENIED. PLEASE NOTE** – even though the exhibitor submits the notice by the date listed above and follows the rules **DOES NOT** mean approval will automatically be given. Any Exhibitor that misses their sale lot will forfeit their right to sell at either sale. Exhibitors must be dressed in appropriate show attire at the time that they enter the sale arena. If you have any question as to what this may be, please ask any sale committee member or the fair board of directors.
5. Animals must be in show condition at the time of sale. This means that all animals must look like you are taking them into the show ring. NO GLITTER is allowed to be on animals in the sale ring. Animals who have already been shown and qualify for the Premium Sale, then become sick, injured, or unable to be presented in the sale ring and require medical intervention to prevent pain and suffering as determined by the official show veterinarian, will be removed from the premium sale. The exhibitor will still be allowed participate in the Premium Sale and receive money for their animal project. To remove any risk to the public food, supply the animal will be humanely euthanized at the exhibitor's expense. This will be done with a Board representative, the veterinarian, and the exhibitor and guardian or a person designated by the guardian all present. If an exhibitor wishes not to have their animal euthanized in order to seek veterinary care they may forfeit their spot in the Premium Sale. The animal will then be released to the exhibitor to be removed off the fairgrounds immediately so that veterinary care may then be sought at the exhibitor's expense. Animals who are humanely euthanized will be automatically drug tested if not already being tested as part of the established testing policy outline in the rule book. A failed drug test results in forfeiture of all earnings from the sale and disqualification from participation in the following years fair.
6. Any Exhibitor having 2 or more market animals, ag mechanics projects, or creative arts projects eligible for sale can sell only 1 project with the exception of the following cases.:
  1. The exhibitor has multiple Grand or Reserve Champion market animals. (See General Rule #5).
  2. The exhibitor has one individual market animal project or an individual creative arts project and is also selling a group mechanic project. (see Ag Mechanics rule #9) Alternates for the sale will be selected in each division. For example: if an exhibitor has a steer and a lamb eligible for sale and elects to sell the steer, then the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate in the lamb division will be allowed to sell. Market animals are defined as a steer, swine, lamb, goat, turkey, rabbit, broiler, and pen of Commercial heifers
7. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee of which animal he/she wished to sell by 12:00 noon, **Wednesday, June 3, 2026** excluding those participants showing a steer, Pen of 2 Commercial Heifers or Ag Mechanics project who must notify the committee within 10 minutes of the conclusion of their show. Exhibitors who fail to notify the committee will have a sale item selected for him/her by the Sale Committee and Fair Board.
8. Exhibitors may sell in only one of the two following sales: Premium or Freezer. The sale order will be determined by the sales committee and Fair Board prior to the sales.
9. A maximum commission of 8% of the gross sale and add-ons of all sale lots sold in the Premium Youth Sale will be deducted to help defray the expense of the Fair with the final percentage to be determined by the Sales Committee and the Fair Board of Directors after the conclusion of the Fair. Promotional Fees Applicable.
10. **Poultry and Rabbits:** Will sell at the auction live. It will be then be the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he/she wants to take possession alive or dressed, packaged or frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have received their poultry/rabbits with fourteen (14) days.

This statement form must be turned in with your thank you notes (postmarked by July 1, 2026) in order for you to receive your check.

11. **Thank You Notes:** All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA member **MUST WRITE “THANK YOU” NOTES** to their buyer, add on contributors and award donors. *Please see the Thank You Notes Section of this fair book for more information, guidelines and required dates.*
12. **Pictures:** Exhibitors will also be issued a stamped postcard along with their pictures. One picture is for the Exhibitor to keep and the other is to be framed and delivered to one of your buyers. The Exhibitor must have the buyer sign the postcard stating that they have received the picture, and **the Exhibitor is responsible for mailing the postcard back to the GCFA, P. O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 by July 31, 2026.**
13. If all required dates have been met for the return of poultry/rabbit delivery statement, thank you notes and picture cards, sale checks will be available at the September board meeting from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If required dates are not met, your check **will be available at the October fair board meeting or once all requirements have been met (whichever occurs later).**
14. All Exhibitors who sell in the Premium Sale will be required to be at the fairgrounds to load out the animal on **Friday, June 5, 2026** from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. You must check with the committee chairman to find out what you need to do with your animal.
15. Anyone wishing to submit a bid for the resale animals (steers, pen of Commercial heifers, lambs, and goats) must submit their bid to the attention of Karen Oncken by email to [grimescfa@gmail.com](mailto:grimescfa@gmail.com) by 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026.** This bid will be for all resale animals of a particular species.
16. All add-ons must be turned into Karen Oncken or Sharon Robertson by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday, following the conclusion of the fair. Please check the website at [www.grimescountyfair.com](http://www.grimescountyfair.com) for a link to add-on to a project. You will receive a confirmation email that add-ons have been received. NO late add-ons will be accepted.
17. Only registered buyers and those working the sale are allowed in the open area of the Main Building during the sale. All parents, family members of exhibitors, and ag teachers that are not working the sale will only be allowed in the roped-off viewing area while your exhibitor’s lot number is selling.
18. Wristbands will be given to buyers at the check-in table the night of the premium sale.

**If you have any questions regarding the Premium or Freezer Sale please contact:**

**Karen Oncken – (979) 324-1084**

**Sharon Robertson – (979) 777-5635**

## FREEZER SALE

**Chairman:** Karen Oncken (979) 324-1084  
**Committee Members:** Brenda Finke, Kent Fisher, Pierce Key, Allan Lamascus, Edgar Oncken, Sharon Robertson, and Ricky Schroeder  
**Fair Board Advisor:** Kelley Bohnert  
**Sale Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026  
**Sale Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**All Exhibitors must report to the main entrance of the Main Hall at 6:00 p.m. to be placed in line.  
NO TRADING OF ANIMALS ON FAIRGROUNDS AFTER SALE IS FINAL!**

**PURPOSE:** To allow Exhibitors who are not eligible or who do not designate to sell in the Premium Youth Auction Sale, the opportunity to sell their animals at a special sale designated as the Freezer Sale conducted by the Grimes County Fair Association.

### **Rules:**

1. All MARKET Exhibitors who are not eligible or do not designate to sell in the Premium Sale on Thursday night will be eligible to sell one sale lot in the freezer Sale on Friday. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee of which animal he/she wishes to sell by 12:00 noon, **Wednesday, June 3, 2026** excluding those exhibitors showing a steer, Pen of 2 or Ag Mechanics project who must notify the committee within 10 minutes of the conclusion of their show. Exhibitors who fail to notify the committee will have a sale item selected for him/her by the Sale Committee and Fair Board.
2. Any Exhibitor who fails to notify the Freezer Sale chairman of their intentions for the Freezer Sale by noon **Wednesday, June 3, 2026** will not be allowed to be added to the sale list at a later time. Any Exhibitor that misses their sale lot will forfeit their right to sell. Exhibitors must be dressed in appropriate show attire at the time that they enter the sale arena. If you have any questions as to what this may be please ask any Sale Committee member or the Fair Board.
3. **Under no circumstances will an exhibitor or exhibitor's parent approach their buyer after the sale of their project and request that the buyer change the disposition of their animal or request that the buyer give them their project back. If the exhibitor or exhibitor's parent is caught doing so \$1000.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor's sales check.**
4. If a project has been selected for resale by the buyer, then **ONLY** the Exhibitor of that project will have the opportunity to purchase their project back for the resale value; however, the sale's committee **MUST** be made aware of the change by the conclusion of the FREEZER SALE and the project **MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE FREEZER SALE.** If the Exhibitor does not notify the sales committee and pay for the project before the conclusion of the freezer sale, then the animal will remain as a resale to be loaded on the resale trailer. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will changes be made after the conclusion of the sale. If a project is donated to a club or organization, the organization will be responsible for removal or resale.
5. Any Exhibitor eligible for the Freezer Sale must be present to sell their entry, except in case of sickness, death in family or prior approval by the Fair Board of Directors in writing. Animals who have already been shown and qualify for the Freezer Sale, then become sick, injured, or require medical intervention to prevent pain and suffering as determined by the official show veterinarian, will be removed from the premium sale. The exhibitor will still be allowed participate in the Premium Sale and receive money for their animal project. To remove any risk to the public food, supply the animal will be humanely euthanized at the exhibitor's expense. This will be done with a Board representative, the veterinarian, and the exhibitor and guardian or a person designated by the guardian all present. If an exhibitor wishes not to

have their animal euthanized in order to seek veterinary care they may forfeit their spot in the Premium Sale. The animal will then be released to the exhibitor to be removed off the fairgrounds immediately so that veterinary care may then be sought at the exhibitor's expense. Animals who are humanely euthanized will be automatically drug tested if not already being tested as part of the established testing policy outline in the rule book. A failed drug test results in forfeiture of all earnings from the sale and disqualification from participation in the following years fair. All request for prior approval must be postmarked by **May 1, 2026** and mailed to the Grimes County Fair Association, P.O. Box 630, Anderson, TX 77830 by **certified** mail (no metered mail). All request postmarked after this date will be **DENIED. PLEASE NOTE** even though the exhibitor submits the notice by the date listed above and follows the rules stated above, it **DOES NOT** mean approval will automatically be given. Any Exhibitor that misses their sale lot will forfeit their right to sell at the sale.

6. **Poultry and Rabbits:** will sell at the auction live. It will then be the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check with the buyer to see if he/she wants to take possession alive or dressed, packaged or frozen. Delivery must be made within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Once delivered to the buyer, the buyer must sign a statement form (provided by GCFA) stating that they have received their poultry/rabbits within fourteen (14) days. This statement form must be turned in with your thank you notes (**postmarked by July 1st**) in order for you to receive your check.

7. **Thank You Notes:** All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members **MUST WRITE "THANK YOU" NOTES** to their buyers, add-on contributors and award donors. *Please see the Thank You Notes Section of this fair book for more information, guidelines and required dates.*

8. If all required dates have been met for the return of poultry/rabbit delivery statement and Thank You notes, sale checks will be available at the September board meeting from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If required dates were not met, your check will be available at the October fair board meeting or once all requirements have been met (whichever occurs later).

9. Any item sold in the Freezer sale cannot bring more than 10% less than the lowest selling item in that division on Thursday during the Premium Sale. For example, if the lowest priced steer sells for \$5,000 then the most any steer can sell for on Friday night is \$4,500 and if the lowest priced rabbit sells for \$1,000 then the most any rabbit can sell for on Friday night is \$900. The Grimes County Fair Association will deduct a maximum commission of 12% of the gross sale and add ons proceeds from each sale lot with the final percentage to be determined by the Sales Committee and the Fair Board of Directors after the conclusion of the Fair. Promotional fees applicable.

10. If an Add-On is received on a No Sale animal a 8% commission will be charged with the final percentage to be determined by the Sales Committee and The Fair Board of Directors after the conclusion of the Fair.

11. All Exhibitors that sell in the Freezer sale **MUST** remain in the hall until the conclusion of the sale at which time you will go as a group to your pen to help load out your animal. You must find your committee chairman to find out what you need to do with your animal.

12. All Add-Ons must be turned into Sharon Robertson or Karen Oncken by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the conclusion of the fair. Please check the website at [www.grimescountyfair.com](http://www.grimescountyfair.com) for link to add-on to a project. You will receive a confirmation email that add-ons have been received. NO late add-ons will be accepted.

**If you have any questions regarding the Premium or Freezer Sale please contact:**

**Karen Oncken – (979) 324-1084**

**Sharon Robertson – (979) 777-5635**

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**Chairman:** Forrest Fisher (936) 870-5130

**Committee Members:** Austin Atkinson and Rayburn Imhoff

**Fair Board Advisor:** Joni Leonard

**Event Date:** Friday, June 5, 2026 & Saturday, June 6 2026

**Event Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Note:** Event details not available at time of posting online, entry information and rodeo events to be posted at [grimescountyfair.com](http://grimescountyfair.com) once available.