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GENERAL RULES:

1. All entries must reflect the America 250 theme.
2. Entries must be original work of the exhibitor.
3. Items must have been completed within the past 12 months.
4. Limit one entry per person per category.
5. Each entry must include a brief written description (2–4 sentences) explaining how it relates to the theme.
6. Entries must be clean, stable, and suitable for public display.
7. Entries will be accepted on **Thursday, July 30, 2026, between 9:00am – 5:00pm in the 4-H Youth Building.**
8. The Fair reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet guidelines.
9. Entries must remain in place until the official release time of 10:30pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026.



JUDGING CRITERIA:

Theme Relevance: 40%
Creativity & Originality: 25%
Skill & Craftsmanship: 25%
Presentation: 10%



DIVISIONS:

Youth: Ages 5–18
Adult: Ages 19+



PREMIUMS:

1st Place: \$50
2nd Place: \$25
3rd Place: \$10
Best of Show - Ribbon



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FLORAL ARRANGEMENT:

Fresh, dried, or artificial floral arrangements inspired by America 250.

RULES:

- ★ Must be designed and arranged by exhibitor.
- ★ Maximum size: 24" x 24" display space.
- ★ Must be stable for display duration.
- ★ Props may be used but should enhance the theme.



PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photographs capturing the spirit of America.

RULES:

- ★ Must be taken by exhibitor.
- ★ Must be framed or mounted and ready to hang.
- ★ Maximum size: 16" x 20" (including frame/mat).
- ★ Digital editing is permitted but should not overwhelm the image.



WREATH:

Decorative wreath representing America 250.

RULES:

- ★ Maximum size: 30" diameter.
- ★ Must have secure hanging device and be sturdy for display.
- ★ Materials may be natural or artificial.



PAINTED ITEM (NON-FABRIC):

Hand-painted item on a non-fabric surface.

RULES:

- ★ Acceptable surfaces include wood, metal, glass, ceramic, etc. No fabric items
- ★ Must be painted by exhibitor.
- ★ Must be dry, sealed (if applicable), and ready for display.



CANNED GOODS DISPLAY:

Display of preserved fruits, vegetables, jams, or spreads.

RULES:

- ★ Entry must include at least three (3) jars and follow safe home food preservation practices.
- ★ Jars must be standard, clear glass with proper seals.
- ★ Labels must include contents and date.
- ★ Include a recipe card or brief description.



RECYCLED / UPCYCLED ITEM:

Creative item made primarily from recycled or repurposed materials.

RULES:

- ★ At least 75% of materials must be recycled or reused. Can be decorative or functional.
- ★ Must be clean, safe, and suitable for display.
- ★ Must include a brief list or explanation of materials used.
- ★ Size must fit standard display space.



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★ ANIMAL DRESSING CONTEST ★



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Thursday, August 6, 2026

1:30 PM - EQT Arena

Judges: Tiffany Guittap – Uniontown, PA
Karla Semonick – Smock, PA
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GENERAL RULES:

1. This contest will consist of dressing a calf, goat, lamb, miniature horse, or rabbit (rabbits must be on a harness). All animals must have been entered and exhibited in the 2026 Fayette County Fair. Calves, goats, lambs and miniature horses cannot be more than 36 inches high at the shoulder. A team of no more than 3 people may work on an animal.
2. The animal must be at halter with a teammate holding at all times.
3. There will be a “dressing” time limit of 15 minutes, before judging begins.
4. The Theme will be Happy 250th Birthday, America! Get creative, get patriotic and help celebrate America’s birthday.
5. Each animal/team entering the Happy 250th Birthday, America contest may enter no more than one other animal dressing category.



★ PREMIUMS: ★

1st Place: \$50

2nd Place: \$40

3rd Place: \$30





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★ CHERRY PIE CONTEST ★



Saturday – August 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Entries Accepted 10:00 AM – Noon

Fiddlers Building

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. The Cherry Pie, including fillings and crust, must be made from scratch with edible ingredients. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) All ingredients and decorations must be edible.
3. Recipe must include at least 60% cherries in the filling. It does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted cherry pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
4. The entire pie must be submitted for judging in a disposable pie pan. (All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned).
5. The Pie entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair and will not be returned.
6. The recipe for the pie and pie crust must be submitted with the entry. It should be submitted on one side of 8½" x 11" paper. The recipe must list all ingredients, quantities and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone no. must be printed on the back side of all pages.
7. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
8. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Flavor (aroma, taste, good balance of flavoring)	35 points
Filling: (consistency, doneness, moistness, flavor)	25 points
Crust: (color, flavor, texture, doneness)	20 points
Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color)	15 points
Creativity	5 points

100 points

★ PREMIUMS: ★

1st PLACE

\$100

2nd PLACE

\$50

3rd PLACE

\$25





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CHERRY COBBLER CONTEST



Saturday – August 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Entries Accepted 10:00 AM – Noon
Fiddlers Building

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Open to and individual amateur baker (ages 5 through 18 years at the time of the fair's contest) who is a Pennsylvania resident. One entry per person.
2. The cherry cobbler **must be made from scratch with edible ingredients**. No pre-packaged ingredients may be used (ex. pre-made mixes, cookie dough, pie crust, frosting, etc.) Any decorations must be edible.
3. Recipe **must include at least 60% cherries in the filling**. It does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted cherry pie and it can have a variety of fillings.
4. Entry must feature a top crust (biscuits, pastry dough or batter). A bottom crust is not required.
5. Entry must be baked and submitted for judging **on food safe disposable pan**. (*All pans, plates and dishes are considered to be disposable and will not be returned.*)
6. The cherry cobbler entry and its recipes will become the property of the Fair and will not be returned.
7. Recipe(s) must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8 ½" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, age, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all pages.
8. Refrigeration is not available at the Fair. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
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Overall Appearance (surface, shape, size, color)	15 points
Creativity	5 points

100 points

PREMIUMS:

1st PLACE

\$100

2nd PLACE

\$50

3rd PLACE

\$25



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250th ANNIVERSARY THEMED ROUND BALE DECORATING CONTEST

John and Hazel Blaney, Co-Chairpersons, Perryopolis, PA 15473 (724-677-2228)

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

PRE-REGISTER BY: Friday, July 24, 2026

ENTRIES ACCEPTED: Between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM – Thursday, July 30, 2026

JUDGING: Friday, July 31, 2026 – completed by Noon

Judge: Susie Smiley - Smithfield, PA

1. All participants must pre-register by July 24, 2026, on a Fayette County Fair general entry form. Indicate on the entry form as to whether the bale is to be placed on its side or standing on end.
2. Round bales will be provided and placed in outdoor locations. Participants must check-in at the Fair Office for the location of their bale.
3. Round Bale Decorating Theme: Happy 250th Anniversary, America!
- Get creative, get patriotic, and help celebrate America's 250th birthday.
4. Participants must provide their own decorating supplies.
5. No mechanical, electrical or electronic devices may be used.
6. All entries must be completed no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Class Description	Award/ Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Best Executed Decorated Round Bale based on theme		\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10





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★ SHOW STRING DECORATING CONTEST ★

Judging – Thursday evening, August 6th

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Open to Open Dairy, Open Beef, Open Draft Horse & Open Dairy Goat exhibitors.
2. Entries accepted at the Fair Office through Monday, August 3rd.
3. Theme for decorations: Happy 250th Birthday, America! Get creative, get patriotic, and help celebrate America's 250th Birthday!
4. Each entry must include a brief written description (2-4 sentences) explaining how your show string decorations relate to the theme.
5. All decorations must be removeable and cause no damage to the stall, barn, or surrounding areas. Decorations cannot obstruct or interfere with the use of the stalling area.
6. Decorations cannot pose a safety hazard to people or animals, including fire hazards, tripping hazards, or sharp objects. No Balloons.
7. All decorations must be completed by Tuesday, August 4th.

Judging criteria:

Theme Relevance: 40%
Creativity & Originality: 25%

Winner: \$100

Skill & Craftsmanship: 25%
Presentation & Neatness: 10%



2026 Show String Decorating Entry Form

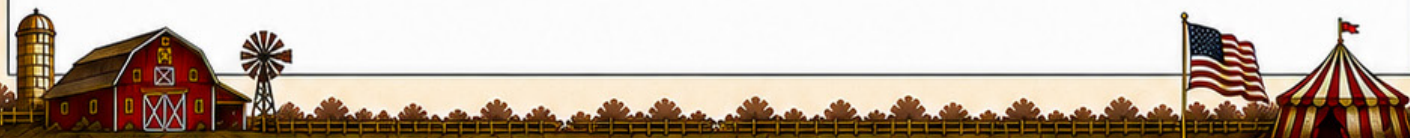


Exhibitor/Farm Name

Phone

Species

How do your decorations relate to the Theme:



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250th ANNIVERSARY THEMED SCARECROW CONTEST

Chairperson: Bev Diamond, Smithfield, PA 15478

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRIES ACCEPTED: Between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM – Monday, August 3, 2026

JUDGING: Tuesday, August 4, 2026– 9:00 AM

Judge: Marsha Regula – Brownfield, PA

1. All scarecrows must be original.
2. Scarecrow Decorating Theme: Happy 250th Anniversary, America! Get creative, get patriotic, and help celebrate America's 250th birthday.
3. All scarecrows must not exceed 4 feet in width and must be between 3 to 8 feet in height.
4. Must be free-standing or self-supporting. No mechanical, electrical or electronic devices permitted. No balloons permitted.
5. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Class	Description	Award/ Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
1	Scarecrow Contest		\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10

**All other contestants receive a ribbon



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DEPARTMENT 11: SECTION 6

SQUASH CONTEST & 250th ANNIVERSARY THEMED SQUASH DECORATING CONTEST

Chairperson: Bev Diamond, Smithfield, PA

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

ENTRIES ACCEPTED: Monday, August 3, 2026– 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Youth Building

JUDGING: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 – 9:00 AM

JUDGE: Marsha Regula – Brownfield, PA

1. Judging will be according to grade the student has just completed for entry in the contest.
2. A champion in each contest is chosen from first place winners and will receive a trophy.
3. Pumpkin and Squash Decorating Theme: Happy 250th Anniversary, America! Get creative, get patriotic, and help celebrate America's 250 birthday.

Pumpkin and Squash Painting Decoration (No Carving)

Class	Description	Award/ Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
7	Kindergarten	\$5	\$4	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
8	Grade 1	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
9	Grade 2	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
10	Grade 3	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
11	Grade 4	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
12	Grade 5	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1

Pumpkin and Squash Decorating No Painting/Carving

Class	Description	Award/ Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
13	Kindergarten	\$5	\$4	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
14	Grade 1	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
15	Grade 2	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
16	Grade 3	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
17	Grade 4	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1
18	Grade 5	\$5	\$5	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1





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DIAPER DERBY CONTEST

TUESDAY - AUGUST 4, 2026

Entries Accepted 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM (Fiddlers' Building)

Judging at 5:30 PM

Tania Bolish- Chairperson
Keith Bolish - Co-Chairperson

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Open to children ages 6 - 12 months.
2. Babies must crawl across stage to parents.
3. Both hands and feet must cross over finish line.
4. Parents may encourage baby using toy, blanket, etc.



Class	Description
31	6 months old - Best Decorated Diaper*
32	6 months old - Crawling Contest
33	9 months old - Best Decorated Diaper*
34	9 months old - Crawling Contest
35	12 months old - Best Decorated Diaper*
36	12 months old - Crawling Contest

★ Best Decorated Diaper Theme: ★
Happy 250th Anniversary, America!
Get creative, get patriotic and help
celebrate America's 250th birthday!

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All participants will receive a ribbon.

Questions, please contact Tania Bolish (724) 570-1100

