Open Class Exhibit List

June 24-28, 2026

Upper Missouri Valley Fair

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The Upper Missouri Valley Fair is encouraging youth and adults to enter projects for the Open Class Exhibits in the areas of FOODS, CANNING, ARTS, DRAWING & PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, SCRAPBOOKING, INDUSTRIAL ARTS, NEEDLEWORK, HOME SEWING, QUILTING, FLOWERS & PLANTS & AGRONOMY.

2026 UMV FAIR OPEN CLASS SCHEDULE

(For a complete schedule visit the website www.umvf.com or contact a board member)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

4 – 7 p.m. – Enter Open Class Exhibits—Multi-Purpose Building, Lobby

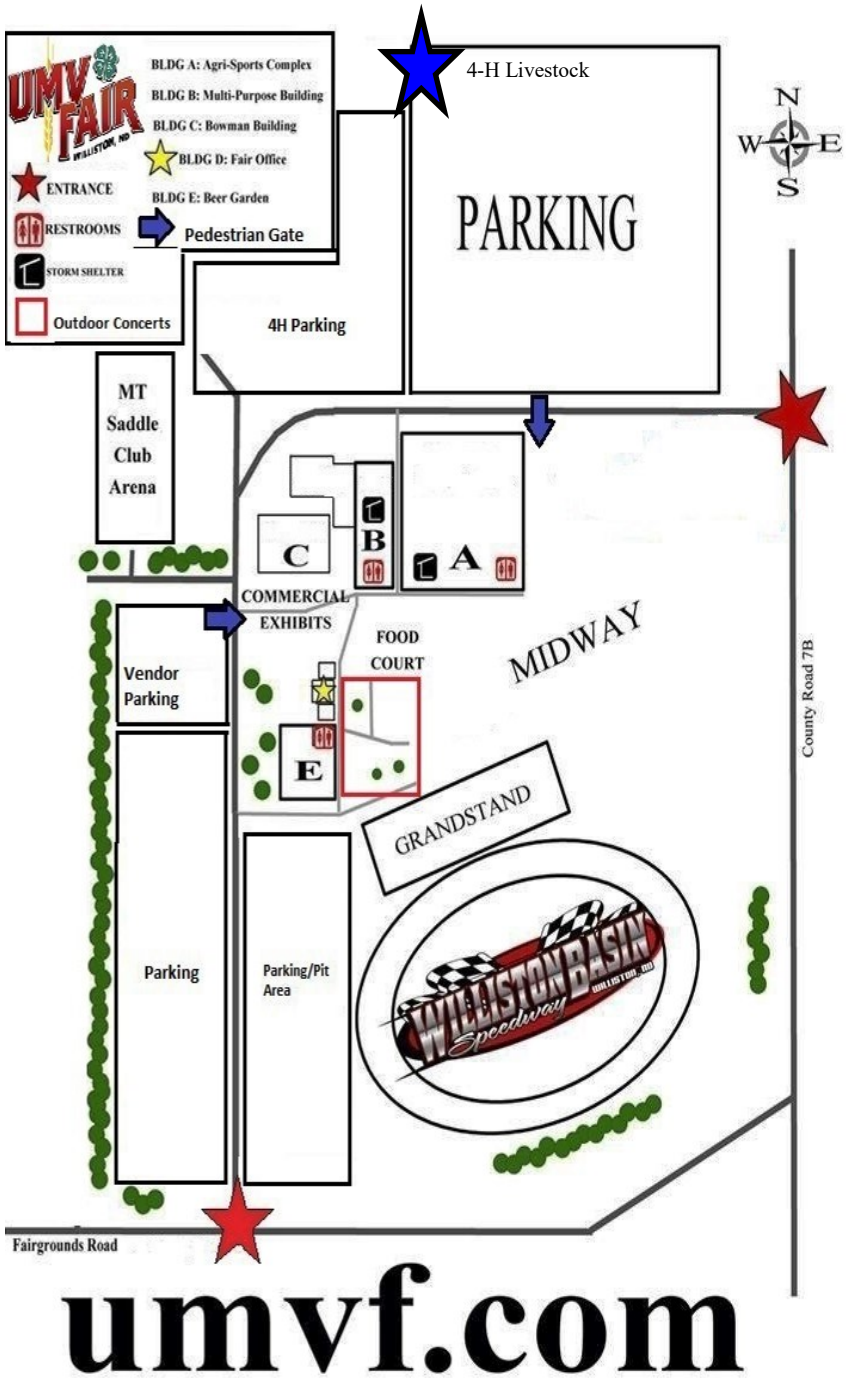
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. - Entries taken for the Pie Baking Contest– Multi-Purpose Building

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

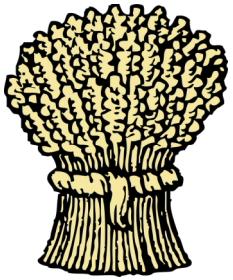
3 – 4 p.m. – Pick up Open Class Exhibits—Multi-Purpose Building

No exhibits to be taken from the fairgrounds before 3p.m. on Sunday, June 28



Class - AGRONOMY

Sheaves exhibits must have all stems of similar heights, securely wrapped together with a rubber band or string. All grain samples must be cleaned and in a secure glass jar.



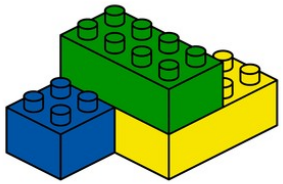
Lot 1. Sheaves
Lot 2. Grain
Lot 3. Other

Class– HORTICULTRE

Lot 1. Above Ground Crops
Lot 2. Root Crops
Lot 3. Vine Crops
Lot 4. Fruits
Lot 5. Other

Class– HOBBIES

Items coming to exhibit must be secured on a stable base. Lego Design must not be taller than 18".



Lot 1. Collections

Lot 2. Lego Design—Kit Name

Lot 3. Lego Design—Original Creation

Lot 4. Other

The UMVF is not responsible for any lost, stolen or broken exhibits

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The Multi-purpose building is open Wednesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Youth 12 and under get into the fairgrounds free, Anyone above the age of 12 will pay $5 to get onto the grounds.

PRIZE WINNINGS

Grand Champion - $25.00

Reserve Champion - $15.00

RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS

Entries will be categorized and judged according to the following divisions:

Youth - to age 7 (will receive participation ribbons)

Young Amateur - ages 8 to 10

Junior Amateur - ages 11 to 13

Teen Amateur - ages 14 to 17

Adult - Open to those 18 and over who are beginners at the trade in which they are competing.

Professional - Open to people who are employed in the trade, have their own business in which they are competing either casually or full-time, or may have won cash prizes or sold an item.

Developmentally challenged

Senior Citizens- (including those whose residence is in Senior apartments or nursing homes)

****Your honesty is appreciated in placing your exhibit into the proper categories.**

1. All exhibits must be entered during the scheduled time.
2. All articles must be the handwork of the exhibitor and never exhibited at the Upper Missouri Valley Fair previously.
3. Judge need not award grand champion or best of show in any category where competition is lacking.
4. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard entries. The Fairboard and/or Extension Service will not be responsible for damage or loss.
5. The Exhibit building will be closed at 10 p.m. each night.
6. Exhibits may be checked out between 11-1 p.m. on the final day of the air - Sunday, June 28. **No earlier check outs will be allowed.**
7. See rules specific to each class.
8. Ribbons awarded at the UMV Fair do not decide the eligibility of an exhibit to be entered at the North Dakota State Fair.

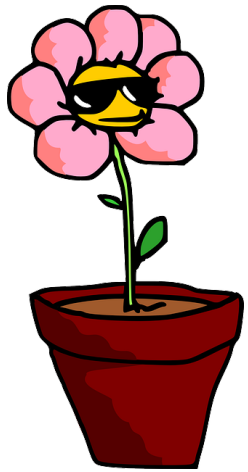
Have fun creating your exhibit to show in the UMVF Open Class!

6. Crib & Lap Quilts – Pieced
7. Miscellaneous
    - A. Miniature Quilts
    - B. Group Quilts (guild, round robins, etc)
    - C. Quilted Wearable's
    - D. Home Decor (table runners, placemats, etc)
    - E. Others (anything not listed above)
8. Display Only – not judged

Class - FLOWERS & PLANTS

Guide to handling garden flowers to obtain the most benefits:

1. *Cut flowers in cool part of the day - early morning or late evening.*
2. *Cut flowers in bud or before they reach maturity.*
3. *Cut stems with sharp knife on a slant.*
4. *Put stems in clean, tepid water.*
5. *Remove all foliage that will be under water.*
6. *Place newly gathered flowers in a container and place in a cool, dark place for two hours.*
7. *All specimens must be displayed in bottles or jars.*



Lot 1. Cut Flowers - Perennials—3 stems

Lot 2. Cut Flowers - Annuals—3 stems

Lot 3. Fairy Gardens/Dish Gardens/Terrariums

Lot 4. Potted Plants

Lot 5. Senior Citizens

Lot 4. Appliqué

Lot 5. Embroidery, Crewel

Lot 6. Crocheting

Lot 7. Miscellaneous

Lot 8. Senior Citizens

Class: HOME SEWING

Lot 1. Clothing Items

Lot 2. Non-Clothing Items

Lot 3. Doll Clothes

Lot 4. Any other

Lot 5. Senior Citizens

Class: QUILTING

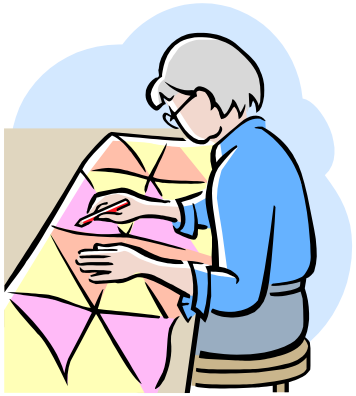
Must cover all labels attached to quilt - self labels and UMVF labels. In each lot please label your entry as

A– Hand Quilted

B– Machine Quilted

C– Commercially Machine Quilted

**** Quilters must provide their own covering if covering is desired.***



1. Bed Quilts - Appliqué
2. Bed Quilts – Pieced
3. Wall Hangings – Appliqué
4. Wall Hangings – Pieced
5. Crib & Lap Quilts – Appliqué

School Art is not a part of Open Class. It is submitted by teachers and hung under their school name.

School Art is returned to the teacher to return to their students in the fall. The art pieces are judged separately from Open Class.

Blue– 1st Place

Red– 2nd Place

White– 3rd Place

Students themselves may enter art pieces they have made at school or home into Open Class following the class and lot regulations. These pieces are to be picked up at the end of the fair by the student/family.

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PIE BAKING CONTEST

The Upper Missouri Valley Fair Association is sponsoring a Pie Baking contest on Wednesday, June 26.

Two Divisions: **1) Youth Pie**
2) Adult Pie

Cash prizes will be awarded by the UMV Fair Association.

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Adult Pastry Crust	$500	$200	$100
Adult Cracker/Crumb Crust	$100	$50	$25
Youth Pastry Crust	$250	$100	$75
Youth Cracker/Crumb Crust	$100	$50	$25
Savory Entrée Pie	$300		

1. Pies should be brought to the Multi-Purpose Building on the fairgrounds between 7:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24. **Recipes must accompany pies.**
2. **No** Cheesecake is permitted.
3. Pies become the property of the Upper Missouri Valley Fair Association and should be brought in disposable containers. If not, pie bakers are responsible for picking up their own containers at the fair office before the end of the fair or they will be disposed of.
4. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m.
5. Winners will be notified by phone after 4 p.m.

Appearance: even brown color, perforation well distributed & adequate for escape of steam	20%
Fillings: adequate amount, uniform texture, smooth appearance (if not a fruit pie)	20%
Crust: tender, flaky & crisp	20%
Flavor: no distinctive flat flavor, good proportion sugar or fruit filling, flavor of fruit should predominate, not too highly seasoned	40%
Total	100%

Class: SCRAPBOOK PAGES

Lot 1. Scrapbook Page (front and back)

Lot 2. Scrapbook

Class: INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Lot 1. Woodworking (constructed item)

A. Woodburning

B. Puzzles

C. Frames

D. Furniture

E. Other

Lot 2. Welding

Lot 3. Electricity

Lot 4. Leather (sewing or construction)

Lot 5. Any other item

Class: NEEDLEWORK

Needlework is to be displayed in a clear plastic bag. All needlework will be judged with regard to beauty, degree of perfection, amount of work and suitability for the purpose for which it is intended.

Size Definitions:

Doily = up to 24"

Lunch cloth or table cloth = over 24"

Lot 1. Knitting

Lot 2. Hardanger

Lot 3. Counted Cross Stitch

Lot 6. Combination of object/people/nature

Lot 7. Photo Story

Lot 8. Any Other

Class: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Color or Black/White Enlargements must be no smaller than 5x7 and no larger than 16x20. May be matted or mounted on foam core-board. No glass.

Exhibitors are encouraged to use 4x6 photographs for a photo story entry and exhibits with multiple photos should be mounted on the appropriate size poster board.

Fasten exhibit tag on the back of the exhibit, so when folded over to the front, it is on the upper right corner. ***NOTE:*** *Indicate whether Amateur or Professional and Age Division.*

In each lot please label your entry as;

A. Unedited

B. Digitally modified, enhanced photos

Lot 1. People

Lot 2. Animals

Lot 3. Landscape/Seascape/Skyscape

Lot 4. Nature

Lot 5. Objects (buildings, automobile, etc)

Lot 6. Combination of object/people/nature

Lot 7. Photo Story

Lot 8. Any Other

Class: FOODS

Food items should be safe to eat without refrigeration. Baked goods such as cookies, doughnuts, candy & yeast breads should be placed on a sturdy paper plate covered with a **clear, reclosable plastic bag. DO NOT** seal securely with tape and staples as this will prevent your entry from easily being opened for judging.

A copy of the recipe must be included.

No commercial mixes will be allowed.

One loaf of bread or four rolls, cookies, candy, etc. shall constitute an entry.

ALWAYS INCLUDE A COPY OF THE RECIPE.

Lot 1. Yeast Breads

Lot 2. Quick Breads

Lot 3. Cakes

Lot 4. Pies

Lot 5. Cookies

Lot 6. Bars

Lot 7. Pastries

Lot 8. Candies

Lot 9. Ethnic

Lot 10. Misc.

*** Cookies, cakes, bars and pies may be served at the 4-H Pop Shoppe.**

Class: CANNING

Exhibit canned fruit and vegetables, jams & jellies in regulation pint or quart jars (or jelly jars) using <u>recommended canning procedures.</u> (Recommended information available at the County Extension Office.) Labels stating your product, processing methods & time and date <u>must</u> accompany your entry.

Lot 1. Canned Vegetables (vegetables, salsa, sauces, other)

Lot 2. Canned Fruit (fruits, pie filling, other)

Lot 3. Pickles & Relishes (dill, sweet, mixed, pickled vegetables or fruit, relish, other)

Lot 4. Jams, Jellies, Syrups

Lot 5. Any other canned item

Class: ARTS

Lot 1. Decorated Clothing

Lot 2. Jewelry

Lot 3. Ceramics

Lot 4. Dolls

Lot 5. Leather

Lot 6. Wood Arts (painted articles, etc - **not construction**)

Lot 7. Latchhook

Lot 8. Leather (tooling)

Lot 9. Tied Blankets/Pillows

Lot 10. Miscellaneous

Class: DRAWING & PAINTING

All Exhibits must be matted or framed and ready to hang. Others will not be accepted. No glass.

Lot 1. Painting—Includes: Oils, Acrylics, transparent and opaque water colors, done with a brush or painting knife.

Lot 2. Graphics—Prints, drawings, pastels (anything done with a drawing medium)

Lot 3. Various or mixed

Lot 4. Page from coloring book **(Note: pre-school only)**

Lot 5. Page from an adult coloring book **(Note: Senior Citizens only)**

Lot 6. Computer Art

Lot 7. Other

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