

Department 22

Contests

Section 3 – Supreme Showman Contest

Monday, September 7, 2026 – 2:00 pm

Sign up in the show ring by noon on Sunday

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11. Supreme Showmanship Contest

Contest Objective: To provide an opportunity for youth (age 8-21) to experience showing a variety of species.

A. Ages 8-12	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
B. Ages 13-15	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
C. Ages 16-21	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

12. Supreme Showmanship Contest – By invitation only

Information will be provided by the Livestock Superintendents

Section 4 – Scarecrow Contest

2026 – Scarecrows should have a patriotic theme or celebrate PA 250.

Exhibits must be placed between 10 am and 8 pm, Friday, September 4, 2026, in the floral hall

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11. Scarecrow Contest

\$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 \$25.00

Scarecrow must be constructed since last year's fair. We invite all to come out and get into the competition either as a contestant or as a team to make a scarecrow to compete in the scarecrow contest.

Criteria for Preparation:

1. All scarecrows shall be free-standing on a 3' x 3' base made of 2' x 4' lumber.
2. Scarecrows shall not be taller than 6' from the top of the pedestal or shorter than 3'.
3. Scarecrows shall not extend over the side of the base halfway up from the bottom.
4. All scarecrows must have a plain or happy face.

Section 6 – Best Dressed Critter Contest

Monday, September 7, 2026

during the Supreme Showmanship Competition

Rules

1. Anyone exhibiting an animal at the Juniata County Fair is eligible.
2. Any species of animal that is entered for exhibition at the 2026 Juniata County Fair is eligible as an animal entry.
3. Exhibitors should design a coordinating or matching costume for not only themselves but also their animal. Costumes should be safe for the animal to be able to walk freely and without fear.
4. Exhibitors may not modify any natural color of the animal.
5. Each exhibitor will write a narrative for the announcer to read while the animal is being paraded around the show ring. Narrations must be turned in at the announcer's stand in the show ring prior to 1 PM on the day of the contest.

- Entries will be grouped by species, but only one exhibitor will be in the show ring at a time.
- Exhibitors will enter the show ring with their animal and will show their animal as their narration is read.
- A panel of judges will score each entry on creativity and personality of costumes and presentation.

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11A. Most Original	\$25.00
12A. Prettiest	\$25.00
13A. Funniest	\$25.00
14A. Most Patriotic	\$25.00
15A. Judge's Choice	\$25.00

Section 7 – Baby Photo Contest

Entry deadline August 29, 2026

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| 1. Baby Photo Contest | \$100.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 |
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- Any baby aged two (2) years or younger as of August 29, 2026, is eligible. Pictures must be picked up on Sunday, Sept. 13.
See page 80 for rules and registration form

Section 10 – Juniata County Fair Queen Contest

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| 1. Juniata County Fair Queen Contest | \$500 scholarship | \$250 scholarship |
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- See pages 81-82 in the fair premium book for rules and entry information*
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| 2. Juniata County Fair Princess Contest | TBA |
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- See pages 81-82 in the fair premium book for rules and entry information*
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| 3. Little Miss Juniata County | TBA |
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- See pages 81-82 in the fair premium book for rules and entry information*
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| 4. Tiny Miss Juniata County | TBA |
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- See pages 81-82 in the fair premium book for rules and entry information*

Section 11 – Best Dressed Critter Photo Contest

Contest sponsored by Port Royal Speedway Ministries

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| 1. Best Dressed Critter Photo Contest | \$25.00 | \$20.00 | \$15.00 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |
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- Pictures must be picked up on Sunday, Sept. 13.
See page 80 in the fair premium book for rules and entry information

Section 12 – America 250 PA Juniata County

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| 11. John Bartram Blue Ribbon in Florals | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |
| 12. Betsy Ross Blue Ribbon Needle Craft | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |
| 13. Benjamin Franklin Blue Ribbon Building Craft | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |
| 14. George Catlin Blue Ribbon in Painting | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |
| 15. Abigail Adams blue Ribbon Paper Craft | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |
| 16. George Washington Blue Ribbon Cherry Pie | |
| A. Adult | \$25.00 |
| B. Youth | \$25.00 |

250th AMERICA PA JUNIATA COUNTY

Discover Your Origin Story!

Juniata County Fair

Special Premiums to Commemorate the Nation's 250th! America250PA-Juniata County will sponsor one adult and one youth award of \$25 in each of the below categories.

A 250th Ribbon will also be presented to each winner.

New for 2026: Honorable Mention Ribbons



John Bartram Blue Ribbon in Florals

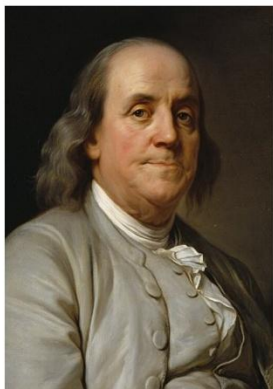
Named for the Pennsylvania Quaker famous for botany and horticulture who created the first botanic garden in America.

Entries should be a Potted Living Plant, single or multiple, in a 12-inch pot.



Betsy Ross Blue Ribbon Needle Craft

Named for the Philadelphia seamstress who changed George Washington's plans for a flag with six-point stars to the iconic image of America's first flag highlighting the original thirteen colonies. **Entrants should create a needlework design using cross stitch or embroidery, framed to be hung. Glass Optional.**



Benjamin Franklin Blue Ribbon Building Craft

Named for the Philadelphia founding father and inventor's contributions to our nation's first building codes that are still in use today. **Entries should be creative wooden pieces or historic models, up to 3 feet in size.**



George Catlin Blue Ribbon in Painting

Named for the Pennsylvania-born artist who became the first painter to travel west to depict tribal life on the frontier. His work is considered the largest pre-photographic record of Native Americans. **Entrants should paint a historic**

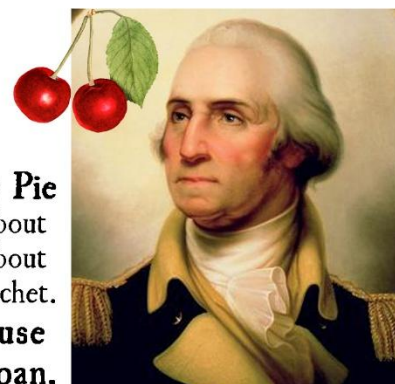
location in Juniata County using any medium. Size from 11 x 14 up to no larger than 3 ft. x 2 ft. Follow art rules for hanging instructions.



Abigail Adams Blue Ribbon Paper Craft

Named for America's 2nd First Lady's extensive correspondence. The papers that contain her written thoughts provide a window into the many social issues during the American Revolution.

Entries should be a popular or self-composed Patriotic Poem written in Calligraphy, framed to be hung. Glass Optional.



George Washington Blue Ribbon Cherry Pie

Named for one of best-known legends about America's first President's inability to tell a lie about damaging his father's cherry tree with a hatchet.

Entries should include the recipe and use a disposable pie dish/pan.



Section 13 - Benner's Butcher Shoppe Mutton Bustin' Contest

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 5:00 PM

In the show ring of the livestock barn

We want everyone to have a safe, fun, and memorable event, so please be aware of the following guidelines so that everything goes as smoothly as possible. FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY...

1. ONLY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY REGISTER A CHILD IN THE MUTTON BUSTIN' EVENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. ONLY CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 4 and 8 and NOT exceeding 60 pounds may ride in the Mutton Bustin' event.
3. Check in at the Mutton Bustin' table in the show ring of the barn. A signed release form (available at the registration table) must be signed by a parent at check-in.
4. According to PRCA safety requirements, all contestants must wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes or boots, and a helmet. No spurs.
5. One adult may accompany the contestant into the rodeo arena. Adults who enter the arena should also wear sturdy shoes and are expected to follow instructions from the volunteers and sheep wranglers.
6. In case of extreme heat, the contest may be cancelled for the welfare of the animals and the public.

Section 14 – Bucket of Junk Contest

For Youth - Ages 5 – 18

Contest sponsored by Port Royal Speedway Ministries

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1 – Youth, age 5-12	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$3.00
2 – Teen, age 13-18	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

The Juniata County Fair will provide a kit of supplies. All kits will include the same number of items and be as close to identical as possible; some colors may vary from kit to kit. Create whatever you want with the contents of your kit – the goal is to use all the items provided!

- All entries must be pre-registered by August 1, 2026. Registration must be completed online at www.juniatacountyfair.com. Registration is limited to 20 kits; all first come first served.
- Kits can be picked up at the fair office starting Tuesday, August 11. All kits must be claimed by Friday, August 21.
- Completed entries should be brought to the Floral Hall on Friday, September 4, 10a-8p. No early or late entries will be accepted. Buckets must be returned at that time.
- Please use all the items in the kit.
- You may melt, glue, cut, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that are provided. Any type of adhesive can be used.
- Paint, pens, markers, pencils (not provided) can be used to decorate your creation.
- Only items in your kit can be used. Creations containing items not provided will be disqualified and not displayed.
- A base can be added to mount your creation. Bases cannot exceed 14x14 inches.

Judging Criteria:

1. Contestant used all the materials provided
2. Contestant used the materials in a new way to create something different
3. Contestant's ideas are recognizable
4. Overall finished appearance of the creation