

PEDAL PULL

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

NO ENTRY FEE: All contestants must pay front gate admission

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Enter three categories based on weight

25-40 pounds

56-70 pounds

Entrants are judged on who can pull the most weight.

Peddle Pull and Drag racing ---may bring your own peddle tractor

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each weight class.

"Pedal sled sponsored by Moran Farms"

Chairperson: Jimmie Dell Moran 502-507-9301

BULLWHIP RODEO

JULY 14 & 15, 2026

Call ins will be July 12, 2026

EVENTS

MUTTON BUSTIN (SHEEP RIDING) AGES 8 AND UNDER

PEE-WEE BULLS

JR BULLS

TIE DOWN ROPING

BREAK AWAY ROPING

TEAM ROPING

WILD STEER RIDE (3 PERSON TEAM) THIS IS AN EVENT FOR ANYONE TO ENTER

CALF SCRAMBLE (RIBBON TIED TO CALF TAIL) AGES 9-15

TRICK RIDING

PEE WEE BARRELS AGES 8 AND UNDER

JR BARRELS AGES 9-15

OPEN BARRELS

BULL RIDING

Nelson County Fair Officials

President - Bobby Simpson

Vice President - Gary Mattingly

Treasurer - Pamela Mikhail

Assistant Treasurer- Susie Redmon

Secretary - Patsy Durbin

Fair Manager - Chucky Downs

Vendor Contact for Fair - Pamela Mikhail

Samuels Hall Rental - M.E. Ballard

Director - Randy Johnson

Director - Jacob Miller

Director - Mikell-Anne Hughes

Members at Large

Beckie Downs

Melissa Filiatreau

Dan O Downs

Kim Ball

Larry Schenck

Jimmy Dell Moran

Linda Moran

JoEllen Jackson

Danny Downs

Natilie Carney

Theresa Reed

Jill Downey

Jarred Simpson

Junior Fair Board:

Marli Filiatreau

Ryleigh Volkert

Landon Miller

Jayke Ball

Travis Mattingly

Parker Jury

Nate Crumbley

Extension Agent

Family & Consumer Science – Danielle Hagler

Agriculture & Horticulture – Robbie Smith

4-H Agent – Samantha Gabbard

Fair Rules:

No Rain Checks/No Refunds

(Opening and Closing Times may vary due to inclement weather)

Everyone including contestants must pay admission to Fair

Helicopter Rides not included with Fair Admission

Fighting on premises will not be tolerated!!!

Cash or Credit Card Accepted

Nelson County Fair 2026

July 13th thru July 18th

NELSON COUNTY AG DAY
SATURDAY JULY 27, 2026

This Brochure is Sponsored by:



DISTILLERY



Monday July

13th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens
6:00PM Samuels Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
6:00PM Foggy Bottom Petting Zoo
6:00PM Little Princess Pageant
7:00PM KOI ATV Races
7:30PM Miss Nelson County Pageant

Tuesday July

14th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens
6:00PM Samuels Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Little Mister/Miss Pageant
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
6:00PM Foggy Bottom Petting Zoo
6:30PM Miss Teen Pageant
8:00PM BullWhip Rodeo

Wednesday July

15th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens
6:00PM Samuel Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Foggy Bottom Petting Zoo
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
6:00PM Miss Pre-Teen Pageant
8:00PM BullWhip Rodeo

Thursday July

16th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens
6:00PM Samuel Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Foggy Bottom Petting Zoo
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
6:00PM Baby Contest
7:00PM Tiny Tots Contest

Friday July 17th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens

6:00PM Samuel Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
7:00PM MS Nelson County Pageant
7:00PM Truck & Tractor Pull
8:00PM Mrs. Nelson County Pageant

Saturday July

18th

\$15 Admission

6:00PM Midway Opens
6:00PM Samuel Hall Exhibits Open
6:00PM Helicopter Rides (not included with Fair Admission)
7:00PM Truck & Tractor Pull

2026 Pageant Schedule

PLEASE FIND PAGEANT RULES ON
NELSONCOFAIR.COM

Little Princess Nelson County Fair Pageant

Monday July 13, 2026

@ 6:00PM EST Patsy Durbin (502) 827-1213

Closed Pageant to Nelson County residents only.

Entry Fee \$30 plus Gate Admission (non refundable) Contestants 8 to 10 years of age

Miss Nelson County Pageant

Monday July 13, 2026 @ 7:00PM EST

Jill Downey (502) 507-2028

Open to KY residents only

Entry Fee \$70 plus Gate Admission (non refundable) Contestants 16 to 21 years of age

Miss Teen Pageant Nelson County Fair

Tuesday July 14, 2026 @6:30PM EST

Jill Downey (502) 507-2028

Open to KY residents only

Entry Fee \$70 plus Gate Admission (non refundable)

Contestants 13 to 15 years of age

Little Mister & Miss Pageant Nelson County Fair

Wednesday July 15, 2026 @6:00PM EST

Beckie Downs (502) 507-4766

Open to KY residents only

Entry Fee \$50 plus Gate Admission (non refundable)

Contestants must be 5 to 7 years of age

Contestants will compete in blue jean shorts and t-shirt of choice

(Failure to comply with rules will result in score deduction)

Miss Pre-Teen Pageant Nelson County Fair

Wednesday July 15, 2026 @7:30PM EST

Theresa Reed (502) 507-0153

Open to KY residents only

Entry Fee \$65 plus Gate Admission (non refundable) Contestants must be 8 to 12 years of age

Baby Contest Nelson County Fair

Thursday July 16, 2026

@6:00PM EST Melissa Filiatreau (502) 510-6262

Closed Contest (Nelson County Residents Only)

Entry Fee \$10 on or before July 6, 2026 plus gate admission (non refundable)

Entry Fee \$15 (Late Registration after July 6, 2026) (non refundable)

Registration night of contest will only be accepted between 5:15PM & 5:45PM

EST (Cash Only)

Age Categories: 12-18 months of age; 18-24 month of age and multiple births

Will compete in Summer Play

Clothing Cash Only day of

Pageants

Tiny Tots Contest Nelson County Fair

Thursday July 16, 2026

@6:45PM EST Melissa Filiatreau (502) 510-6262

Closed Contest (Nelson County Residents Only)

Entry Fee \$10 on or before July 6, 2026 plus gate admission (non refundable) Entry Fee \$15 (Late Registration after July 6, 2026) plus gate admission (non refundable) Registration night of contest will only be accepted between 6:15PM & 6:45PM EST (Cash Only) Age categories include:

25 to 36 months, 37 to 48 months, 49 to 59 months, multiple births

Will compete in Summer Play

Clothing Cash Only day of Pageants

MS/MRS Modern Miss Pageant Nelson County Fair

Friday July 17, 2026 @6:00PM MS Modern Miss Pageant

@7:00PM MRS Modern Miss Pageant

Susie Redmon (502) 500-9659

Open to KY Residents only

Entry Fee \$70 plus Gate Admission (non refundable)

Rules on nelsoncofair.com website

Nelson County 4-H/FFA Youth Beef Show

Wednesday July 15, 2026

Show Start Time: 10AM EST

Entry Time: 9AM EST

Samuels Hall 2026

Open Class Rules

and Regulations General rules:

1. Entries accepted between 2:30 - 4:30 Sunday July 12, 2026, and 9:00 - 11:30 am Monday July 13, 2026. Please do not bring culinary foods on Sunday. Judging will be conducted from 1:30 - 4:00 pm Monday. Only authorized persons will be permitted in Samuel Hall during judging. Viewing hours are 6-8 pm daily during the fair.
2. Exhibitors will not be allowed to remove items until Sunday July 19, 2026, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Nelson County Fair Board is not responsible for any items left after 3:30 p.m. Any exhibits not picked up by 3:30 p.m. forfeits any prizes. Any exhibits removed before July 20 will forfeit prize money.
3. Exhibits in Art, Clothing, Food Preservation, Textiles must be work completed during the past year. Quilts must be work completed during the past 2 years.
4. No individual may have more than one entry in each class but may exhibit in all classes.
5. An exhibitor winning first prize money in a class one year is barred from exhibiting the same article in that class at any future Nelson County Fair.
6. No entry can be shown with a "For Sale" tag attached.
7. Ribbons will be awarded on merit of entry at the sole discretion of our judges.
8. Only Nelson County residents will be permitted to exhibit unless a member of a Nelson County-based club, i.e. homemakers and beekeepers.
9. Superintendents can refuse to accept entries that do not meet printed guidelines.
10. Any item can be disqualified at the judge's discretion.
11. The management will not be responsible for any article exhibited, but due care will be given to handling of articles to give reasonable protection to exhibits at all times.

All categories will pay 1st, 2nd and 3rd place UNLESS there's only one entry in that class, then it will be awarded 2nd place winnings if merited.

FOOD PRESERVATION 2026

Specific Rules:

- All canned food must be in a clear standard canning jar. Canned food not in a specified or regulation jar will be disqualified.
- All jars with 2-piece lids should have a ring on. No "rusty" lids or rings permitted. Jars with broken seals will be disqualified.
- Jelly must be in regulation glasses or jars with tops and sealed. No Paraffin required.

Fruits and Vegetables (quart and pint jars accepted)

- Jelly (regulation jar with no paraffin but sealed)
- Jams (quarts, pints or half pints acceptable)
- Preserves (quarts, pints, or half pints acceptable)
- Pickles, relishes and salsa (quarts, pints or half pints acceptable)
- BONUS POINTS IF YOU PROVIDE A TASTING JAR!

Classes:

1. Best jar peaches
2. Best jar green snap beans
3. Best jar tomatoes

12. Best jar dill pickles (must contain dill seed/weed)
13. Best jar bread and butter pickles
14. Best jar misc. Pickles
15. Best jar misc. Relish
16. Best jar salsa
17. Best Misc. Fruit/Vegetable

CULINARY FOODS 2026

Specific Rules:

- Perishable foods should be on a disposable plate enclosed in a self-sealing bag. Entry tags should be attached to the outside of bag.
- All perishable foods will be judged, and winning entries will be displayed.
- All entries should be made from scratch.

Classes:

18. Plate of 3 biscuits*
19. Plate of 3 Yeast rolls*
20. Plate of 3 sweet rolls*
21. Best ½ loaf of yeast bread
22. Best ½ loaf of quick bread
23. Misc. bread ½ loaf
24. Plate of 3 brownies
25. Plate of 3 rolled cookies 26. Plate of 3 drop cookies
27. Plate of fudge (3 pieces)
28. Best novelty snack
29. Misc. pie
30. Misc. baked good (not pie)

Pies: no cream pies permitted, no pies with meringue or any that requires refrigeration

HONEY

Specific Rules:

- Each entry of honey exhibited must be produced in the exhibitor's apiary.
- Nelson county bee club members will be permitted to exhibit
- Entries must be submitted in a 1lb. Queen Line Style jar, except for Black Jar class
- Black Jar should be submitted in a baby food size jar, painted black on exterior

31. Light extracted honey
32. Light Amber extracted honey
33. Amber extracted honey
34. Dark amber extracted honey
35. Black Jar (for taste judging only)

HORTICULTURE 2026

Specific Rules:

- All entries must be grown by the exhibitor
 - Exhibits should be displayed on disposable containers • Exhibit must contain exact number of entries as specified:
36. Best plate of 5 carrots
 37. Best plate of 3 yellow onions
 38. Best plate of 3 red tomatoes
 39. Best plate of 3 green tomatoes
 40. Best plate of 3 sweet peppers
 41. Best plate of 6 hot peppers
 42. Best plate of 3 summer squash

49. Best 3 apples (any variety)
50. Best Youth Garden display (ages 12 or under) (8 or more items produced this year)
51. Best Miscellaneous

Field Crop: Must be grown by exhibitor

52. Best exhibit of Alfalfa Hay (1 bale)
53. Best exhibit of Legume and grass mix (other than alfalfa, - 1 bale)
54. Best entry of Burley tobacco plant (potted)

CLOTHING 2026

Specific rules:

- All exhibits are to be made by the exhibitor. Entries must be in name of person who Made the article.
 - If possible and applicable item should be on a coat hanger.
 - Articles must be clean.
55. Best dress.
 56. Best special occasion clothing
 57. Best decorated clothing (includes sweatshirts, tee shirt, vest)
 58. Best doll clothes
 59. Best miscellaneous clothing article

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS 2026

Specific rules:

- All exhibits are to be completed by exhibitors
 - Entries must be made in name of the person who made the article.
60. Best collection hobby (under 16 years, i.e., baseball cards, arrow heads, etc.)
 61. Best creative hobby (under 16 years of age)
 62. Best model car (under 16 years of age)
 63. Best handmade jewelry item
 64. Best miscellaneous

ART

Specific rules:

- All pieces must be suitably framed or mounted with a fixture (wire or hooks). Pieces that are not ready to hang will NOT be accepted.
- All works must be original (except for preschool category)
- Last school grade completed should be guideline for entering categories.

ART Classes:

Preschool division:

65. Coloring - a pre-printed page on which pre-school age child has used coloring crayons to complete an entry.
66. Original drawing

1-3 grade division:

67. Pencil drawing
68. Color drawing (crayons, markers, pencils)

4-6 grade division

69. Pencil drawing
70. Color drawing (crayons, markers, pencils)
71. Watercolor
72. Acrylic

7-8 grade division:

73. Pencil drawing

4. Best jar mis. tomato product
5. Best jar corn
6. Best jar kraut
7. Best jar misc. vegetables
8. Best jar strawberry jam
9. Best jar grape jelly
10. Best jar peach preserves
11. Best jar blackberry jam

43. Best plate of 3 cucumbers
44. Best tasting Heirloom tomatoes
45. Best tasting Hybrid tomato
46. Best eggplant
47. Best plate of 12 berries
48. Best collection of herbs (minimum of 5 fresh cut and displayed in basket)

74. Color drawing
 75. Watercolor
 76. Acrylic
- 9-12 grade division:**
77. Pencil drawing (black and white)
 78. Ink drawing
 79. Charcoal drawing
 80. Color drawing
 81. Acrylic painting

ADULT DIVISION

- 82. Charcoal drawing
- 83. Acrylic painting
- 84. Oil painting

Photography Specific Rules:

- All pieces must be suitably framed or mounted with the proper fixtures (wire or hooks). Pieces that are not ready to hang will NOT be accepted
- All works must be original (except preschool category)
- Photography entries may be any size
- Last school grade completed should be guideline for entering categories

Photography; preschool division:

- 85. Photography black and white
- 86. Photography color

Photography; 1-3 grade division:

- 87. Photography black and white
- 88. Photography color

Photography; 4-6 grade division:

- 89. Photography black and white
- 90. Photography color

Photography; 7-8 grade division:

- 91. Photograph black and white
- 92. Photograph color

Photography; 9-12 grade division:

- 93. Photograph black and white
- 94. Photograph color

Photography; adults division:

- 95. Photography black and white
- 96. Photography color

QUILTS 2026

Specific rules:

- Entries must be entered in the name of the person who made the article.
- Only completed projects will be accepted • Articles must be clean

- Classes:
- 97. Best hand pieced machine quilted quilt
- 98. Best machine pieced hand quilted quilt
- 99. Best machine pieced machine quilted quilt 00. Best miscellaneous quilted item

TEXTILES 2026

Specific rules

- All exhibits are to be handmade by the exhibitors.
- Entries must be made in name of person who made the article.
- Only completed projects will be accepted.
- Articles should be clean.

CROCHET DIVISION - Classes

- 101. Best afghan
- 102. Best adult clothing piece
- 103. Best child clothing piece
- 104. Best baby afghan
- 105. Best miscellaneous item

KNITTING DIVISION - Classes

- 106. Best afghan

- 115. Best pillow
 - 116. Best miscellaneous item
- #### SEASONAL ITEMS DIVISION -Classes
- 117. Best Christmas stocking
 - 118. Best tree skirt
 - 119. Best Christmas wreath
 - 120. Best miscellaneous item
- #### MISCELLANEOUS TEXTILES - Classes
- 121. Best pillow case
 - 122. Best home furnishing
 - 123. Best afghan
 - 124. Best miscellaneous item

FLOWERS AND PLANTS 2026 This is

not a Bardstown Garden Club Show GENERAL RULES:

- For non-professionals only (no florists, greenhouse workers, nurserymen, or their employees.)
- Fresh plant materials may not be treated in any way (i.e. waxing, oiling, etc.) NO artificial materials are permitted.
- Design must be the work of the exhibitor.
- All entries in the Design category must be placed by exhibitor.
- An exhibitor winning a Blue Ribbon in a class one year is barred from exhibiting the same article in the class at any subsequent year.
- Awards will be withheld if not merited.
- Exhibitors in Design are not required to grow their plant material. Flowers and plant materials may be purchased from stores or markets (except where specified).

ARTISTIC DESIGN SPECIFIC

RULES:

- No wider or deeper than 18", no height limit.
- Altered foliage or flowers permitted.

CLASSES #151-158 MUST BE ALL FRESH PLANT MATERIALS.

- 151. Traditional design for entrants who have not won a blue ribbon previously.
- 152. Design in a basket
- 153. Design using native plants
- 154. All foliage designs.
- 155. Design incorporating vegetable(s) and /or fruit(s)
- 156. Design with a Kentucky Theme.
- 157. Design of choice.
- 158. Small fresh design (no taller or wider than 8") CLASSES #159-160 must use only dried plant material.
- 159. Design using all wild dried materials OR mixed wild and cultivated dried plant material.
- 160. Miniature design with dried materials (no taller or wider than 5") CLASSES #161 - 165 may use dried and/or fresh plant materials.
- 161. Design using a household item.
- 162. Design of choice by a youth 8-14 years of age
- 163. Design using a "holiday" theme (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, 4th of July, etc.)
- 164. Design in a cup or mug.
- 165. Creative design using PINK flowers.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

SPECIFIC RULES

- All plant material must be fresh and grown by the EXHIBITOR.
- Plants must be in possession of exhibitor for least 90 days before the fair.

bottle.

- Plants/containers clean and well maintained. Maximum pot diameter - 10".
- Specimen = 1 type of plant. Specimens = more than one type plant.

CLASSES:

- 166. 1 long stem hybrid tea rose w/foliage
- 167. 1 Miniature rose w/foliage.
- 168. 1 Rose specimen (any other rose) w/foliage; other than above.
- 169. 3 petunias w/foliage
- 170. 1 Large Zinnia (w/foliage)
- 171. 3 small Zinnias (w/foliage)
- 172. 1 Large Gladiola (Stem as long as possible)
- 173. 1 Miniature Gladiola (Stem as long as possible)
- 174. Large Marigold (w/foliage)
- 175. 1 Small Marigold spray (w/foliage)
- 176. 1 Stem Day Lily
- 177. 1 Stem Ornamental Lily (Oriental, Asiatic, Calla)
- 178. 1 Specimen of Hydrangea with foliage
- 179. 1 Stalk Coleus
- 180. 1 Sunflower w/foliage
- 181. Cactus Plant
- 182. Succulent Plant(s) - maximum of 5 specimens in pot not to exceed 10" pot
- 183. African Violet Plant
- 184. Fairy Garden - may contain non-plant material elements for effect (i.e. figurines, miniature garden structures, etc.). Maximum of 5 specimens in pot not to exceed 12" pot or structure.
- 185. Any other specimen not listed.

Nelson County 4-H Fair Project Categories

Samantha Gabbard
Jenna Meredith

4-H Youth Development Agent
4-H Program Assistant

317 South Third Street, Bardstown, KY 40004, 502-348-9204

For rules and regulations, please go to
nelsoncofair.com



If you have any questions regarding fair project, please contact the
Nelson County Extension Office at 502-348-9204

Livestock Health Requirements

- 107. Best adult clothing piece
 - 108. Best child clothing piece
 - 109. Best baby afghan
 - 110. Best miscellaneous item
- NEEDLEPOINT DIVISION - Classes
- 111. Best picture
 - 112. Best pillow
 - 113. Best miscellaneous item
- COUNTED CROSS STITCH DIVISION - Classes
- 114. Best picture

- Specimens should have the common and/or botanical name. Scientific naming of specimens encouraged and given more weight in judging.
- An exhibitor is permitted 1 entry per class.
- Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles, with no underwater foliage. Wedging permitted. Plant material and containers should be in good proportion with no wording on the

All livestock/animals offered for sale or exhibition at Kentucky County Fairs shall meet the following regulations according to KRS Chapter 257:

- a. 302 KAR 20:040 (Entry into Kentucky)
- b. 302 KAR 20:065 (Sale and Exhibition of Kentucky Origin Animals in Kentucky)

Any questions concerning these health regulations should be directed to your local veterinarian or the Kentucky Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian's office at 502-573-0282.

Livestock Health Regulations can be obtained on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Web site:

<http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/animal-movement.html>

Please be advised that Livestock Health Regulations are subject to change at any time.

