



**August 8-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**





## **WELCOME TO THE 2024 GOGEBIC COUNTY FAIR**

Hello friends of the Gogebic County Fair!

We are very excited to be celebrating another year of the Gogebic County Fair, although we do have to admit that it has been quite a struggle this year.

We are hoping that everyone will come out and enjoy the fair, and participate in the fair by exhibiting your animals, baked goods, needle point, canned items, gardening, or any other of your fabulous exhibits.

Unfortunately, we are unable to use our wonderful Fairgrounds this year, but that has not deterred us. This year's Fair will be held at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center, and we would like to extend a special thank you to the City of Ironwood, the Gogebic Community College, and the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for make this possible.

We will be having a carnival, vendors, exhibits, animals, food booths, the Pedal Pull, live music, the Market Auction, the Pie Auction, the Wood Carver, Chicken Bingo, the Youth Challenge, Fun E Business, the Bubble Gum blowing Contest, Chili Pepper Eating Contest and more. We are determined to work through our misfortune of not being able to use the Fairgrounds and make this a fabulous Fair.

We will not be charging admission to this year's Fair, but we will have wrist bands available for the carnival rides. The wrist bands will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate and will allow you to ride the rides all day. The wrist bands will be available for purchase beginning after July 4, locations to be determined. You may also text or call Linda at 906-364-0154 to make arrangements.

All exhibits will be judged again this year and ribbons will be awarded as in the past, but because of the lost revenue this year, and the other misfortune we have had to endure, we will not be having premiums this year, although the premiums will be back next year.

We encourage each and every one of you to not only come and exhibit at the Fair, but also to show your support for our 2024 Gogebic County Fair.

**SEE YOU AT THE 2024 GOGEBIC COUNTY FAIR! SHOW THEM THAT A LITTLE FIRE CAN'T TAKE  
DOWN GOGEBIC COUNTY!!**

Your Gogebic County Fair Board

Jim Byrns, Melinda Kostac, Tom Hampston, Holly Ramme, Shelley Suckow,  
Linda Nelson, and Jim Lorenson



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

GARLIN GILCHRIST II  
LT. GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of Michigan, welcome to the 2024 county fair season. Our county fairs provide an excellent outlet for education, local charm, and family fun!

Each year, county fairs across Michigan showcase the unique talents, skills, and dedication of our state's farming and agriculture community. County fairs provide excellent opportunities for Michiganders to gather in celebration of our agricultural industry, highlighting modern agriculture processes, and honoring years of traditions.

I guarantee that the exhibits from our 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members will impress you and your family. As you gather with family and friends this fair season, I hope you enjoy the delicious food and family-friendly fun that county fairs provide. I have no doubt that your local county fair will offer entertainment and education for the whole family.

I send my best wishes for a fun and educational fair season. Whether you are a sponsor, exhibitor, or fairgoer, I hope you enjoy Michigan's county fairs this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan





GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING  
DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Michigan's fair industry, welcome to the 2024 county fair season!

Millions of people attend Michigan's county fairs each year, enjoying the sights, sounds, and activities that have become an annual tradition across the state.

Michigan's county fairs are cornerstones of social and cultural community identity. These annual events bring people together and maintain essential connections to rural traditions at a time when people are increasingly disconnected from agriculture and food production. Our state's 85 local, county, and state fairs provide safe, family-friendly entertainment and celebrate our important agricultural heritage.

County fairs also support nearly 50,000 Michigan youth who participate in livestock and community art exhibitions each year. These youth activities are meaningful educational and professional development opportunities and build lifelong connections with agriculture. The support provided by local businesses and families also provides meaningful resources for continuing education.

Whether you are here as a sponsor, exhibitor, or fairgoer, many family memories await you. I wish you great adventures during the 2024 fair season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Boring".

Dr. Tim Boring  
Director

# 2024 Gogebic County Fair Schedule

## **THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH**

8:00-6:00 Livestock and Poultry Barn Entries  
10:00-8:00 Expo Entries  
4:00-10:00 Carnival Open  
6:00 Gogebic County 4-H Market Animal Weigh In

## **FRIDAY AUGUST 9TH**

8:00 Livestock and Poultry Barn Judging Begins  
10:00 Expo Judging Begins  
12:00-10:00 Carnival Open  
1:00 Wood Carving Demo  
3:00-6:00 Fun-E-Business  
3:30 Chicken Bingo  
5:00 Youth Challenge  
7:00-9:00 Live Music by Flashback

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 10TH**

12:00-10:00 Carnival Opens  
1:00 Wood Carver Demo  
1:00-4:00 Fun-E-Business  
1:30 Tractor Pedal Pull  
3:00 Wood Carving Demo  
3:00 Bubble Gum Blowing Contest  
3:30 Chicken Bingo  
4:00 Chili Pepper Eating Contest  
4:30-5:30 Meet & Greet Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction Participants  
5:00 Wood Carving Demo  
5:30 Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction  
6:00-8:00 Live Music-James Peace and family  
8:00-10:00 Live Music-Superior Horns

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH**

12:00-4:00 Carnival Opens  
1:00 Pie Auction  
1:00-4:00 Fun E Business  
2:00 Wood Carving Demo  
3:00 Chicken Bingo  
5:00 All Animals and exhibits released-Fair Closed

## WELCOME EXHIBITORS!!

As most of you already know, the 2024 Gogebic County Fair will be much different due to the closure of the Fairgrounds for this year. However, the Fair Board has worked tirelessly to hold a smaller Fair event at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center in Ironwood from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Entry day will be Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Everything will be accepted in every department, except for the Horse Show. The Horse Department has decided to move their horse show to Iron County Wisconsin, and the show will be held the next weekend. The Fair Board is unable to offer premium payment for your entries this year, but we are hoping that this will not deter you from entering your exhibits for display, judging, and awarding of ribbons. We are very much looking forward to receiving your entries at this year's fair.

- The fair supplement will be available in digital format on our website, <https://gogebiccountyfair.com/>. We urge you to take advantage of the digital format. You will be able to search for the class listings and print out only the pages you need. You will also be able to print out an exhibitor entry form to use for you pre-entry process, and we strongly encourage you to do this. Fair news and a schedule will be in the supplement as usual.
- **Preregistration is required for all animals this year to be able to plan our space available accurately.** Please call 906-663-4045 for Ashley or Erin to reserve space for your animals.
- Thank you for taking the time to plan and pre-enter your exhibits in all other departments as much as possible; it contributes to a much smoother entry day on Thursday of the fair, for all involved, both fair staff and exhibitors! The pre-entry form is included in this supplement. Please feel free to make extra copies if needed.
- After filling out your entry form, please return it to MSU Extension, 500 N Moore St, Bessemer, MI, 49911. Please contact 906-663-4045, Ashley or Erin, with any questions regarding entry forms.
- You will not need an exhibitor number this year, you will register by your name, age, address, and phone number.
- Livestock, poultry, and rabbit entries will be accepted from 8 am to 6 pm on entry day, Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and all other entries will be accepted starting at 10 am.
- Animal movement and ID requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, USDA approved ID tags, Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for animals imported from out of state, and Pullorum results. To access all rules governing the Gogebic County Fair animal entries, please visit [www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard) and select the tab Animals: then Exhibition Requirements.
- Judging day will be on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits will be released from the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**Exhibitor information:** <https://gogebiccountyfair.com/exhibitorinformation/>

The above link has information and links to the pages with rules and classes for all departments.

# Entry Form

**Gogebic County Fair**  
Pat O'Donnel Civic Center  
Ironwood, MI 49938  
August 8-11, 2024

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**Exhibitor No. - OFFICE USE ONLY**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club/Farm Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Have you shown previously at this fair?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Years:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Premise#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exhibitor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to: Gogebic County Fair**  
**c/o MSU Extension**  
**500 North Moore Street**  
**Bessemer, MI 49911**

**Entry Deadline: 08/01/2024**

\*For questions please call (906)663-4045 ext.625

## **Gogebic County Fair Complaint Procedure**

Any exhibitor may submit a written complaint within 10 days after the end of the fair to the Gogebic County Fair Board. Any individual filing a complaint must include payment of a \$100.00 fee to the Gogebic County Fair. Payment will be refunded in full only if the complaint is found to be valid. Complaints can be filed regarding any of the following (with the exception of judging results):

- (a) Conflict of interest of the judge.
- (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor
- (c) Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior.
- (d) Eligibility of the exhibit

The Fair Board, except as provided in Regulation 851, Michigan State Fair and Regulation 852, Gogebic County Fair, shall adopt and maintain a compliant and appeals procedure which shall include all of the following:

- (a) In accordance with the annual appropriation act, exhibitors are allowed to file a written complaint within 10 days after the end of the fair or exposition.
- (b) Provide steps for the board to review, investigate, and issue a notice of findings and recommended actions.
- (c) Notify the exhibitor filing the complaint that he or she may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action.
- (3) The department shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.

## **Safety Notice**

**The Gogebic County Fair would like to remind those attending the 2024 fair that in the interest of safety, the following are not permitted during the four days of the fair:**

- a. Bicycles**
- b. Skateboards**
- c. roller skates**
- d. roller blades**
- e. dogs or any unauthorized pets (except for service animals)**
- f. any unauthorized motorized vehicles**

**The Fair Board thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.**