


BRANCH COUNTY FAIR
AUGUST 6-12, 2017
“Building the Road to Success”

ALL ENTRIES DUE JULY 5, 2017

The 88th Branch County Fair, August 6-12, 2017 is fast approaching. It is **your Fair** and we want you to enjoy it. Please **read the following** to make sure you are well informed about these important fair events.

Visit the Fair Website @ www.branchcountyfair.org to stay updated on schedules, the fair book and any other fair events.
 Also,  Like us on Facebook to get all current events as they happen.

FAIR OFFICE HOURS:

Entry day are 8:00am-3:30pm AND 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Sunday through Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm - Last Saturday of Fair 8:00am -10:00pm

PARKING STICKERS & ADMISSION:

Parking sticker and Admission passes can be picked up at the Fairgrounds starting July 24th during regular office hours or August 3rd & August 4th until 8:00 pm and on entry day, **and advance ticket sales for the amphitheater** will begin July 5th to August 4th. NO advanced sales after August 4th.

ADMISSION PRICES

Adult (Ages 11 & Over)	\$5.00 Daily
Children (10 & Under)	FREE
Weekly	\$15.00
Youth Exhibitor	FREE
Parent of Youth Exhibitor	\$9.00 Weekly

PARKING PASS PRICES

Daily	\$2.00
Weekly	\$8.00
Youth/Parent Exhibitor Parking Pass	\$6.00 Weekly

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: (this includes small animals) will have a special parking sticker and only these stickers will be allowed to use the entrance by the river on Sprague Street. You can pick up your passes starting **July 24th** at the Fair Office. You can pick up project entry tags for craft and Home Ec. projects at the Fair Office at that time.

ALL MARKET EXHIBITORS must complete a Livestock Owner’s Certificate for each market animal and **turn it in** with your premium statement before July 5th in order to show and sell their market animals. **No Premium statements or Owner’s Certificates will be accepted after July 5th.**

ALL NON-MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS must complete a Non-Market Livestock Lease Contract if the exhibitor does not own the animal he/she is bringing to Fair and it must be turned in with your premium statement before July 5th.

NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: Will be able to purchase a general parking sticker. This will get you in any gate **except** the livestock gate. You can pick up your passes starting July 24th at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds.

ADMISSION TO AMPHITHEATER: 4-H and FFA members who have projects entered in 2017 Fair will be admitted for \$2.00 every night, including the concert on the first Saturday of Fair. Go to the fair office and get your ticket and get your hand stamped beginning 1 hour prior to show time until the show begins.

AMPHITHEATER:

Advanced Tickets available for AMPHITHEATER events go on sale July 5th to August 4th ONLY! Here is a list of the attractions that you can see in the amphitheater at this year's fair. For more information on times and pricing visit: www.branchcountyfair.org

Saturday, August 5 th	CONCERT FEATURING 7 th TIME DOWN & FINDING FAVOUR
Sunday, August 6 th	ANTIQUÉ TRACTOR PULLS
Monday, August 7 th	TRUCK & SEMI PULLS
Tuesday, August 8 th	TUFF TRUCKS
Wednesday, August 9 th	TRACTOR PULLS
Thursday, August 10 th	UMS DEMO DERBY & OFF-ROAD RACE
Friday, August 11 th	BROKEN HORN RODEO
Saturday, August 12 th	MUD RACING

ENTRIES OF EXHIBITS: (THIS INCLUDES THE 4-H BRANCH BUDS & OPEN CLASS) please note that entry day is Saturday, August 5th and everything must be entered that day. Non-Livestock exhibitors must be entered from 8:30am to 2:30pm. **NON-LIVESTOCK** exhibitors please check your entry time below.

LIVESTOCK is to be brought in from 8:00am to 2:00pm and from 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Saturday, August 5th.

LARGE ANIMALS are to be weighed in at the following times as listed in the Fair Book:

Beef (pg. 20)-8:00am until 11:00am and 5:00pm until 6:15pm; **Dairy Starter Calf** (pg. 22)-11:00am until 2:00pm and 6:15pm until 7:00pm; **Sheep** (pg. 23)-11:00am until 12:30pm and 5:00pm until 6:00pm; **Goats** (pg. 25)-8:00am until 11:00am and 5:30pm until 6:30pm; **Swine** (pg. 27)-8:00am until 12:00pm and 5:00pm until 6:15pm.

SHOW RING IDENTIFICATION: All members showing livestock in a ring will be furnished an exhibitor number. This card is to be worn on the member's back. The 5x8 card will be provided; you can pick up your number at the show shelter the day of show. **YOU NEED TO FURNISH YOUR OWN SAFETY PINS.**

MARKET EXHIBITORS: To help you figure out days for rate of gain:

<u>Beef Weigh-In Days</u>	<u>Swine Weigh-In Days</u>
March 4.....154	April 29.....98
March 11.....147	April 30.....97
	May 1.....96
<u>Dairy Starter, Goats & Sheep</u>	May 2.....95
April 29.....98	May 3.....94
May 6.....91	May 4.....93
	May 5..... 92
	May 6 91

HOME EC. & SANFORD HALL: (Branch Buds will be on the West end of the Home Economics Building) Your club is scheduled to go in both buildings during your assigned time. Please try to go when your club is scheduled so that your time will work out according to the judge's time schedule. This includes Branch Bud exhibitors. If you have any questions please call the Fair Office at 517-278-5367.

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. – All American Happy Workers, Maple Leaf, Tri Town 4-H Club, Helping Hands, Algansee Farm Boosters, Up & At'Em, Kountry Kids, Cransonettes & Jets, American Heritage, 4-H Musketeers and All FFA and other clubs not listed.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – 4-H Superstars, Batavia Hustlers, Odds & Ends, Country Friends, Bullish About 4-H, Winner's Circle and Green Acres 4-H Club.

12 Noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch (buildings will be closed)

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – East Quincy, Mudsocks, Kinderhook, Bronson Pioneers, 4-H Firecrackers, Flying Hoofs, All 4 One, Boots N Jeans and Whistle N Work.

LIVESTOCK CLUB EXHIBITS: Exhibits must be finished by noon on the first Sunday of Fair.

LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT & CLUB BOOTHS: Check your fair book (pg 68) for times as to when you can set up your booth. \$15.00 deposit required. Please read your fair book or our website @ www.branchcountyfair.org.

CREATIVE WRITING: please make sure to turn in your creative writing to the Fair Office by 4:00pm on Friday, July 28th. **You will still meet with the judge on entry day, Saturday, August 5th** during your club’s assigned entry time.

MORE EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

RULES AND REGULATIONS: these rules are in the Fair Book. **FAIR BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT www.branchcountyfair.org AND EACH ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER HAS ONE. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE FAIR OFFICE FOR \$5.00.** Flowers, foods and vegetables that have lost their attractiveness must be replaced during the week. Failure to do so will mean loss of premium.

4-H CABIN PAVILION: (behind 4-H Cabin) check your schedule in the Fair Book or online for events going on each day.

HOME EC. & SANFORD HALL EXHIBITS: There will be a list of projects at each end of the buildings.

PARADE: Saturday, August 5th. The parade route will be the same as in the past. Please check your Fair Book (pg 71) for all other information. Line up will be at **3:00 pm** on the west end of the Fairgrounds. Parade will start at **4:00 pm**. Please remember to invite friends and family to attend the parade.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: (Sunday, August 13, 2017)

TBD	All Market Poultry
Superintendent appointed times ONLY	Horses
6:00am – 7:00am	Dairy & Starter Calves
7:00am – 8:00am	All other breeding Stock, Small Market Animals (except poultry) & Take Home Animals
8:00am – 9:00am	Barnyard Children Barn
8:00am – 9:00am	Home Ec. & Sanford Hall Exhibits

All Market animals that are not going through the auction will be released with breeding animals at 7:00am. If exhibits are removed prior to release date and time, premiums will be withheld. If you can’t pick up your projects yourself, please make arrangements for a friend to do it for you.

CLEAN-UP: Clean up will be Sunday, August 13^h starting at 7:00am. This is for **ALL 4-H & FFA**. We would like each club to be there to help with clean up. A light lunch will be served to all that help clean up. **There is a need for adults to help put away showcases and fence also.**

SPECIAL DEARTH CENTER EVENTS:

STYLE REVIEW: Come watch 4-Hers model their sewing, creative garment, and buymanship projects at 7:00pm on **Saturday, August 5th**! Information is available at the M.S.U. Extension Office, located at 570 Marshall Rd., or call 517-279-4311.

INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE: There will be a performance at the Dearth Community Center at 4:00pm on **Sunday, August 6th**. Come check it out!

4-H KING AND QUEEN CROWNING: Come see the beautiful ceremony for the crowning of the 4-H King and Queen at the Dearth Community Center at 7:00pm on **Sunday, August 6th**.

TALENT SHOW: Come see ages 4 to adult perform acts ranging from singing and instrumental to dance and gymnastics! Show will take place **Wednesday**, August 9th, with ages 4-12 starting at 10:00am, and ages 13 to adult starting at 1:30pm. Come see the talent of Branch County!

VETERANS' PROGRAM: **Wednesday**, August 9th at 6:00pm. Veterans receive **free admission** to the fair all day along with \$2.00 per vehicle for parking.

SENIOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM: Come and see the local talents perform **Thursday**, August 10th at 1:00pm. Join us for fun and refreshments! All senior citizens (ages 60 years and over) will be eligible to win door prizes, and get **free admission** to the fair until 6:00pm along with \$2.00 per vehicle for parking.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER: Leaders Council will be having Nelson's BBQ Chicken at the Dearth Community Center on Thursday, August 10, 2017. It will be held from 4:30-7:30 pm. It is a 4-H benefit. Tickets can be bought in advance at the MSU Extension Office, Branch County Fair Office or from any council member and they will also be available at the door. More information to come.

SPECIAL 4-H CABIN EVENTS:

COMMUNICATION ARTS: On **Tuesday**, August 8th, see 4-Hers perform in the categories of Public Speaking, Demonstration, and Oral Interpretation beginning at 8:30am. Branch Buds will show off their public speaking skills in the Show and Tell event at Noon in the 4-H Cabin. A great event for the whole family!

FREE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT:

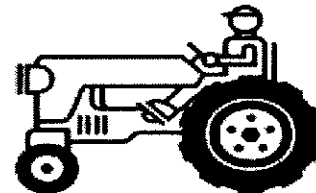
Some of the free acts that you will see on the ground this year is Almost Amazing Rex & Dana Ryan!! Excitement and fun for the whole family!



Almost Amazing Rex & Dana Ryan
All Week @ the Free Stage



McDonalds Kids Day
Tuesday, August 8, 2017



Pedal Pulls
Saturday, August 12, 2017

DON'T MISS 2017 CONCERT IN THE AMPHITHEATER!!



7th TIME DOWN & FINDING FAVOUR
Saturday, August 5, 2017 in the Amphitheater

Ticket Prices: \$15.00 presale - \$18.00 at the gate - \$10.00 children 12 & under
4H Exhibitors: \$2.00 – Tickets Available at the Fair Office 1 Hour Before Showtime