

DEPARTMENT "O" - CULINARY
 Total Amount Offered - \$1,098.00
 Superintendent – Emma Hoke (309) 787-3398
 Entry Fee - \$1.00 per entry

1. All exhibitors must familiarize themselves with all rules listed under Open Class General Rules, Section I.
2. **Entries**
 - a. Mailed entries must be postmarked by midnight on Monday, July 6, 2026.
 - b. Mail entries to: RICO Fair, 4200 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244.
 - c. On-line entries must be time-stamped by midnight on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.
 - d. On-line entries may be made at www.rockislandfair.org
 - e. **Entry tags will be sent by return mail if entered by midnight July 6. If entry is made Tuesday, July 7, 2026, and beyond, entry tags must be picked up at the fairgrounds before check-in.**
 - f. Late fees will apply to any entries made between Wednesday, July 8, at midnight and Monday, July 13, at noon. No entries will be accepted after Monday, July 13, at noon.
 - g. **Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per lot number.**
3. **Check-In**
 - a. Exhibits may be brought to the fair on Sunday, July 12, 2026, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, except for pies.
 - b. Whole pies are to be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, and will be judged at that time.
4. **Judging**
 - a. Judging will commence promptly at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 13, 2026.
 - b. All judging is open to the public.
 - c. All judges' decisions are final.
5. **Requirements**
 - a. Articles in this department must be the work of the exhibitor.
 - b. No article may appear in more than one entry number.
 - c. All entries must be in Ziploc bags with one plain white paper plate, or cardboard, underneath.
 - d. All entries must **NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION.**
 - e. No commercial mix allowed except in convenience and decorated cake classes.
6. All unclaimed culinary exhibits will be disposed of at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026. Tags and ribbons may be picked up at the Fair Office.
7. Exhibits will be released Saturday, July 18, 2026, between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m., or Sunday, July 19, 2026, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.
8. All premium checks will be released for pick-up after 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026. Checks may be picked up at the RICO Fair office, located in the Copeland Center. All checks must be cashed within 90 days from issue. A signature is required to receive premium monies. Checks not picked up will be mailed.

<i>Lot #</i>	<i>COOKIES – THREE cookies on 9" or smaller plate in a Ziploc bag</i>	<i>CLASS 1</i>		
2600.	Brownies, not frosted, no nuts	\$8	\$7	\$6
2601.	Dessert, Bar, label kind, with recipe	\$8	\$7	\$6
2602.	Cookies, Chocolate Chip, chocolate chips only	\$8	\$7	\$6
2603.	Cookies, Sugar	\$8	\$7	\$6
2604.	Cookies, Oatmeal Drop, plain, no nuts, raisins or chips	\$8	\$7	\$6
2605.	Cookies, Christmas. Assorted			
2606.	Cookies, Peanut Butter	\$8	\$7	\$6
2607.	Cookies, Drop, other than named, no frosting, label kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2608.	Cookies, rolled (rolled out and cut by cookie cutter), no frosting	\$8	\$7	\$6
2609.	President's Cookie Jar, 2 cookies of 7 kinds placed in a wide mouth fruit jar. Winner to Fair President	\$10	\$8	\$6
2610.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2611.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	
<i>Lot #</i>	<i>PIE – All pies must be whole in an 8" or 9" disposable pan, leave 1 piece for display</i>	<i>CLASS 2</i>		
2612.	Pie, Apple, two crusted, label type of apple used	\$8	\$7	\$6
2613.	Pie, Rhubarb, two crusted	\$8	\$7	\$6
2614.	Pie, any other two crusted fruit, label type of fruit used	\$8	\$7	\$6
2615.	Pie, any one crust, label as to kind, i.e. pumpkin, pecan, etc.	\$8	\$7	\$6
2616.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2617.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	

CAKES- All cake, except one piece may be taken home after judging. Ribbon is left with display piece.

Lot #		CLASS 3		
2618.	Cake, Convenient - a cake or special dessert using a cake mix base, but with added ingredients other than those in basic box. Recipe must be included and in a disposable pan. Must Not require refrigeration. Bring one-half of the cake to be judged.	\$8	\$7	\$6
2619.	Cake, Angel Food, regular pan size, un-iced	\$8	\$7	\$6
2620.	Cake, Bundt, plain, un-iced, regular pan size	\$8	\$7	\$6
2621.	Cake, Pound, tube or loaf, un-iced, no filling	\$8	\$7	\$6
2622.	Cake, other than named, no frosting, one layer, 8" or 9", round or square pan	\$8	\$7	\$6
2623.	Cupcakes, 3, no filling, label as to kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2624.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2625.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	

Lot #	DECORATED CAKES	CLASS 4		
2626.	Cake, Decorated, plastic separation plates may be used. Everything else must be edible. (Do Not Cover)	\$8	\$7	\$6
2627.	Novelty Cake, cut to shape or shaped pan	\$8	\$7	\$6
2628.	Cupcakes, Decorated, 3, all edible	\$8	\$7	\$6
2629.	Cookies, Decorated, not over 12" round, made of cookie dough	\$8	\$7	\$6
2630.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2631.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	

Lot #	QUICK BREAD – All bread, except one piece for display, may be taken home after judging. Ribbon is left with display piece	CLASS 5		
2632.	Bread, Banana Nut, 1 regular sized loaf	\$8	\$7	\$6
2633.	Bread, Quick, other than named, 1 regular sized loaf, labeled as to kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2634.	Coffee Cake, Quick	\$8	\$7	\$6
2635.	Cornbread, one regular size pan	\$8	\$7	\$6
2636.	Muffins plain, 3	\$8	\$7	\$6
2637.	Muffins, other than named, 3, labeled as to kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2638.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2639.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	

Lot #	YEAST BREAD – All bread, except one piece for display, may be taken home after judging. Ribbon is left with display piece.	CLASS 6		
2640.	Bread, Wheat, 1 loaf	\$8	\$7	\$6
2641.	Bread, White, 1 loaf	\$8	\$7	\$6
2642.	Bread, Yeast, other than named, 1 loaf	\$8	\$7	\$6
2643.	Bread, Sourdough, plain, 1 loaf	\$8	\$7	\$6
2644.	Bread, Sourdough, other than named, 1 loaf, label as to kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2645.	Rolls, Cinnamon, un-iced, 3	\$8	\$7	\$6
2646.	Rolls, 3, other than named, label as to kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2647.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2648.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	

Lot #	CANDY – 6 pieces on a paper plate in a Ziploc bag	CLASS 7		
2649.	Caramel Corn (1 cup)	\$8	\$7	\$6
2650.	Divinity, plain	\$8	\$7	\$6
2651.	English Toffee	\$8	\$7	\$6
2652.	Fudge, Chocolate, plain	\$8	\$7	\$6
2653.	Fudge, Peanut Butter	\$8	\$7	\$6
2654.	Fudge, other than named, label kind	\$8	\$7	\$6
2655.	Party mints	\$8	\$7	\$6
2656.	Peanut Brittle	\$8	\$7	\$6
2657.	Candy, other than named	\$8	\$7	\$6
2658.	Secretary's Candy Box, 1 lb. Assorted candy, at least 5 kinds in an appropriate container. Winner's box goes to the Secretary of the Fair	\$10	\$8	\$6
2659.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	

CANNED PRODUCTS

1. Each jar should be labeled as to foods and processing method (either boiling water bath or pressure cooked).
 - a. All pickles must be processed in a boiling water bath.
 - b. Green beans and tomatoes must be pressure-cooked.
 - c. Jellies or jams should be processed in a boiling water bath with standard two-piece lids and top sealed.
 - d. **DO NOT USE PARAFFIN TO SEAL JELLIES OR JAMS.**
2. All jars must be approved canning jars.
3. Each jar in the exhibit, aside from the specific exhibits, should be different varieties of food.

<i>Lot #</i>	<i>CANNING</i>	<i>CLASS 8</i>		
2664.	Jelly, 1 jar, labeled and variety	\$6	\$5	\$4
2665.	Preserves, 1 jar, labeled and a variety	\$6	\$5	\$4
2666.	Pickles, 1 jar, any variety, including beets and relish	\$6	\$5	\$4
2667.	Canned Vegetables, 3 pints assorted, no pickles	\$6	\$5	\$4
2668.	Canned Fruit, 3 pints assorted	\$6	\$5	\$4
2669.	Pickled, other than named	\$6	\$5	\$4
2670.	Salsa, 1 jar, any variety	\$6	\$5	\$4
2671.	<i>Best of Show</i>		<i>Rosette</i>	
2672.	<i>Honorable Mention</i>		<i>Ribbon</i>	