It’s County Fair Time! This newsletter has valuable fair information in it, so please be sure to read it.

All fair pre-entries are due online at FairEntry.com by July 1st. No late entries will be accepted after July 1. Please check the fairbook for time and rule changes for your specific project. You may find the Jackson County Fair pre-entry site at https://jackson-ks.fairentry.com/

You should have received a packet last week with information in it on how to pre-entry projects. One thing is it tells you, you have an Invoice. Our fair is a free fair. So your Invoice will be $0.00.

Any questions or need help please let me or the office know and we will gladly help you out. We have scheduled the following zoom sessions to help family with their pre-entries.

Zoom Link for live Q & A sessions: Noon 6/17 and 8pm 6/27
Topic: FairEntry Q & A
Time: Jun 17, 2021 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
https://ksu.zoom.us/j/92501962354?pwd=amd0VIFnR3RWWnZLbytlck1ydThRZz09
Meeting ID: 925 0196 2354
Passcode: 4-HFair

What are pre-entries?
We pre-enter ALL 4-H projects so we can be sure to have enough stall space and exhibit space. We also schedule judging times based on the pre-entries for some of the building projects. The projects in which you were enrolled in are the projects you will need to pre-enter online.
Once the office receives all the pre-entries, judging schedules will be mailed out for the following projects: Arts/Crafts, Foods/Table Settings, Photography and All Clothing. Please be watching the mail for these schedules.
**LABELS**

* Entry Cards – These will be printed by the Extension office this year after all pre-entries are received. We will have them ready for you at pre-fair judging or the Monday of the fair for you to attach to your fair project.  
* Labels – These need to be placed on the bottom or back side of Arts & Crafts Exhibits, Food Exhibits, Posters, Notebooks, Cloverbud Exhibits, Photography, Space Tech Exhibits, Entomology, Forestry, Home Environment, Geology & Plant Science Exhibits. Labels can be picked up at the Extension Office or printed off our Meadowlark District Website.  
* Cloth Labels – Need to be around 3”x2 ¼” in size and include Exhibitor Number, Class Number and District. These may be made out of a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Please attach to all Clothing Exhibits and Fiber Arts Exhibits.  
* Food Preservation – Labels are available at our office or you can print them off yourself on District website.

**Fairbook Updates**

*** Please be sure to read your fairbook for rules and classes. Fairbooks will be online again this year. ***  
[https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html)

**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR FAIRBOOK FOR JUDGING TIMES!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**ALL 4-HER’S NEED TO SIGN THE MEADOWLARK CODE OF CONDUCT and have on file at the Extension Office!!!!!!!!!!**

**Jackson County Farm Bureau Meal Tickets**

Every year Farm Bureau donates a meal deal ticket per each 4-Her/Cloverbud. Your club leaders have your meal tickets so please be sure to get in touch with them. Please be sure to write a thank-you to Jackson County Farm Bureau for their donation.

**Fairground Cleanup**

Fair set-up is being placed back on the 4-H families like it used to be. We need all hands on deck, Saturday, July 17 starting at 9 am at the fairgrounds. We will be setting up all the tables, exhibit cases and photo stands in the building as well as cleaning the barn and setting up rabbit/poultry cages. This is one of your fair requirements.

**Poultry Testing at Fair**

With national shortages of poultry testing antigen, 4-H Poultry project members have gotten out of the habit of testing poultry for Pullorum/Typhoid over the past couple years. With a re-supply of antigen, the testing requirement for all poultry (except waterfowl) will be in effect for 2021. Times have been set up with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for Thursday, July 8. Testing will be at the fairgrounds in Seneca from 3PM to 4PM, then Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton from 5:30-7PM. Local testing for Jefferson will be held closer to fair. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns about this process.

**Important Project Information:**

**Arts & Crafts/Fiber Arts**

* You may enter up to 6 entries total for arts & crafts and 5 entries total for fiber arts and crafts.  
* Ribbons will be given to 4-Her at pre-fair judging. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to bring the item with ribbon attached to the fair during the designated fair check in times.  
* Check In times: Sunday, July 28 from 4-7 pm and Monday, July 19 from 1:30-2:30 am  
* Fiber Arts Labels - use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3” x 2 ½” in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.  
* Each exhibit will need an oval sticker.  
* If your item needs to be hung up please be sure to have a wire hanger with it.  
* Judges will select the Visual Arts & Crafts that will go on to State Fair.

**Space Tech/Entomology/Forestry/Geology/Wildlife**
* These exhibits WILL BE judged at the Fair on Monday, July 19.

**Banners**
* Need to be turned into the office by Wednesday, July 14.

**Photography**
* 4 entries per class
* During pre-fair judging we will form a line at one end and you will go to the next available judge. There will be no picking and choosing of which judge you can go to. A time for your club to have their photos judged will be mailed out after pre-entries are received.
* Photos can't have live subjects on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property. They will be disqualified.
* Photo mount boards are available at the office for $2 a board and plastic sleeve.
* During the week of the fair the Ambassadors will select photos to be on a traveling display board. When you pick up your photo boards please be sure to get a photo strip to attach to the bottom of the board. On the strips there is a spot for the 4-Hers to sign to give permission to select your photo for the Traveling Photo Display. There is also an informational sheet that we will give you on how to do this when you pick up your boards.
* Entry cards will be placed with photo after the judging.
* You need to have a 4-H label sticker attached to the back of the photo.
* Please include on the back of your photo the following: Name, 4-Her town, photo class, location where taken & MED-Holton.

**Clothing**
* Consultation outfits need to be a separate outfit from the Buymanship Display outfits.
* Consultation exhibitors will need to fill out a Cost Per Wear form and a Consultation Buymanship Form.
* Clothing Buymanship Displays will be 3’x4’.
* Clothing Buymanship Displays may be set up Saturday, July 17 from 12 to 4 pm and Sunday, July 18 from 12 pm to 5 pm. Superintendent will assign spaces.
* Clothing Buymanship Display outfit MUST be a separate outfit from the Fashion Revue outfit. Display outfit MUST stay on display for the whole duration of the fair.
* **Fashion Revue participants please bring a photo of yourself in your outfit to pre fair judging!**
* Fashion Revue participants need to turn in their Fashion Revue scripts to Nancy by the end of Pre-Fair Judging on Tuesday, July 13. They may be e-mailed to nnelson@ksu.edu anytime.
* Fashion Revue exhibitors need to fill out the Fashion Revue form and a Cost Per Wear form and bring with you to the pre-fair judging along with your photo.
* A schedule of judging times will be mailed to you for Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue and Clothing Buymanship Consultation Judging.
* Clothing labels – use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3” x 2 ½” in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.

**Foods/Table Settings**
* A time for Foods judging will be mailed to you after pre-entries are in.
* If your item is chosen for the Food Auction please be sure to attend. Check back after Foods judging to find out if your item was selected. **FOOD AUCTION is Monday, July 19 at 6 pm.**
* Table Settings will be judged at pre-fair judging on Tuesday, July 13. A card table will be provided for you at pre-fair judging.
* Judging will start at 11 am. Please be sure to sign up for a time.

**FOOD AUCTION**
- If your food item is a purple cake, pie, decorated cake, fancy bread or a cookie jar please be sure to be present during the Food Auction on Monday, July 19 to help sell your food item. Not all purple items are chosen for the auction. Please check back to see if your item was selected.
- Money from the Food Auction goes to 4-H event scholarships.
- In your packet you will receive a buyer invite for the food auction. Please be sure to invite friends and family to attend the auction.
County Fire Bans and Rocket Launches
This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas is currently floating in water, we know that weather conditions can change rapidly, often in 30 days. The 2021 Kansas State Fair rocketry rules state “if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.” We advise everyone to always be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant.

Livestock Project Information
- Home Raised Classes – may only show 1 animal in each species. Please refer to page 18 of fairbook for definition of Home Raised.
- Superintendents will be around to do animal checks as you unload your animals.
- All animals need to be on the fairgrounds by 8 pm Sunday night (exception is dairy animals in milk).
- There will be 3 different unloading areas. Unloading will be from 4-7:30 pm on Sunday, July 18.
  SWINE – Unload on the east side of the building from north to south.
  SHEEP/GOATS – Unload on the west side of the building (lead them in).
  CATTLE/Mixed load – Pull through the barn from north to south
We ask that everyone please be patient and courteous to others. Please just pull up and unload your animals only. All equipment will need to be unloaded either before or after.
- Pictures with your animals may be taken at the designated area. There will be a banner with decorations for pictures. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will take them at the end of the show over in this area with the judge.
- Please make sure you have read and signed the Meadowlark District Livestock Waiver & Show Ring Code of Conduct.
- Superintendents will have the final say in their area.
- If your market animal has lost an ear tag, please notify our office so we can get them replaced.
- All animals must be kept in place until Thursday at 2:30 pm. If left before this time all ribbon premium for that species will be forfeited.
- Blocking chutes may be brought to the fair but they must stay outside of the barn in designated area.
- Livestock Shows will be a “No Fit” show. Means it will be a wash/blow dry/brush your animal. Major clipping must be done at home, touch up clipping may be done at the fair. No paint, glue or bloom sprays may be used. Please refer to page 21 in the fairbook for more information.
- You must provide your own bedding (wood chips only).
- No animals are allowed outside of livestock building for any reason once checked in on Sunday. Only exception is to go out to the wash rack or area to the south of the barn but must stay inside the fenced in area.

Livestock Weigh In Times
Meat Goats – Sunday, July 18 from 5:30-6:30 pm
Sheep – Sunday, July 18 from 5:30-6:30 pm
Beef – Sunday, July 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm (will be doing the carcass scanning at this time)
Swine – Monday, July 19 from 8:00-9:30 am

Bucket Calves
- All bucket calves must be weaned by fair time.
- All age divisions will be judged.
- Conference Judging will be Tuesday, July 20 at 1 pm. Please be sure to sign up for a time at the livestock office.
Beef
- Market Steers will be able to participate in the Market Steer Carcass Scanning which will be Sunday, July 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Dr. Bentz will be looking at the following areas of your market steers: Ribeye area, Backfat, Percent Intramuscular Fat (objective measurement of marbling in live cattle), etc. We will have an Overall Carcass award & Reserve Overall Carcass.

Swine
- Don’t need to be present for weigh-in. We will write all weights down for the 4-Hers if they are not able to attend.
- No feeding hogs in wash area.

Livestock Sale Options
4-Hers who want to sell their livestock in the Premium Livestock Sale, MUST fill out and have their club leader sign off on the 4-H Premium Sale Requirements and complete an Intent to Sell form and have it turned into the dropbox at the livestock office building by **Tuesday, July 20 by 10:00 pm or 30 minutes** after the conclusion of the beef show. There is a Livestock Sale fee of $10.00 per animal that goes through the auction. Livestock Sale checks will be available for pick up at the Extension Office after August 31st.

*** Please be sure to pick up some Buyer Invites at the Extension Office. There are a few in your packets but it never hurts to ask more than 1 potential buyer.

Open Class Livestock Entries
If your little one is showing an animal in open class, they can’t be housed at the fair unless there is room in their sibling’s animal’s pen. Otherwise they need to be brought in the day of the show and will show right after the showmanship classes unless otherwise announced. Please let the office know by July 1st of any Open Class Livestock Exhibits.

Camper Reservations
If you would like to reserve a spot this year please contact Mickie Schultz at 785-580-3796.

Fair Concessions Schedule
Please send club schedules to Cara at carar@ksu.edu or drop a copy off at the office before Friday, July 16th. Our concession stand managers will be Anissa Bloom.

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Trash Clean Up Schedule
To help keep the fairgrounds looking nice, each club is asked to pick up trash from 7:30-9:00 am. The schedule below is the day of the fair that each club is responsible for. Trash bags will be available at the livestock barns. Thank you for helping to keep the fairgrounds looking good for the public.

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Presentation of Exhibit Awards
All building awards except Fashion Revue will be presented on Monday evening starting around 5:30 p.m. before the Food Auction in the Northeast Kansas Heritage Hall building.
Fashion Revue
The Style Revue will be held on Wednesday, July 21st starting around 8:30 pm (following the parade) at the Margaret Hund Memorial Amphitheater. This year only 1 outfit will be modeled per 4-Her. Please bring you lawn chairs as seating is limited.

Preparing Horticulture Fair Entry Resources
As fair season approaches Plant Science members, please be aware of some resources available to you. K-State Research & Extension publications Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables and Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit are excellent resources for 4-H members and adults that are planning to exhibit their vegetables or flowers. These publications are often used by judges as they evaluate fair entries. [http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/C405.pdf](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/C405.pdf)

Some of you may be more visual learners. The University of Illinois Extension has prepared a series of videos on Youtube, about how to prepare produce for the fair. These videos give step by step instructions on how to select and groom various types of vegetables. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dlS-kgL1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dlS-kgL1)

Kansas State Fair Entry Deadlines
July 15th - Grand Drive Entries (4-H Livestock)
August 1st - 4-H Horse Show Entries (must have qualified at District Show)
August 9th - All other State Fair 4-H Entries due to Extension Office Visit the State 4-H Website for links and information about the 2021 Kansas State Fair at: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html)

4-H Horticulture Judging
The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled to be held Saturday, August 14, 2021 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. The reopening of campus is planned, and we are still waiting on some specifics about how this can take place. The study material will continue for 2021. It is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html) Contact the Extension office before August 1, if you are interested in this opportunity.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS Entry Information
The entry deadlines for the state youth livestock shows are approaching. Remember that a complete nomination does NOT constitute entry; it is only the first step in animals being eligible for the state fair and KJLS. Entries for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (4-H/FFA youth livestock show) are due July 15. Entries are being accepted now through their website. All animals must be entered directly through the state fair using the online system, which is ShoWorks. Only online entries will be accepted. For more information, visit [https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive](https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive).

Entries for KJLS will be due by August 15, also using ShoWorks. However, they are separate shows, so families will need to create a new account when entering KJLS. All exhibitors must register online, using the link found on the KJLS website: [https://kjls.org/](https://kjls.org/).

Families are encouraged to enter early in order to avoid missing the deadline and experiencing technical difficulties. Exhibitors also need to read the rules for each show before submitting their entries. Questions regarding entries need to be directed to each show, as they manage their own entry processes.

Livestock Sweepstakes
The 2021 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is tentatively scheduled for August 21-22. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Updates will be announced as more information from the University regarding events becomes available. Regardless of the format, an opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry will be held. Contact Ross before July 31 if interested!
Salina All-Breeds Dairy Show

The Dairy Action Team is pleased to announce that the 2021 Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is scheduled for August 12, 13 & 14 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. More details on this year’s event and how to register will be coming out July 1. [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/dairy/jr-dairy-show/] K-State Research & Extension and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2021 Kansas Jr. Dairy Show!

2021 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

This annual event is scheduled for July 9-10, at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park, Manhattan. This two-day event includes an educational swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. It is open to all Kansas youth ages7-18 as of January 1, 2021. Online entries are required at [http://bit.ly/21SwineClassicEntry] Checks to accompany entry must be postmarked by June 15.

48 Hours of 4-H

Save the date now for 48 Hours of 4-H! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 9-10, 2021. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners and it might just be the perfect way to start the New 4-H Year! More information will be shared in the coming months.

2021 Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Wichita-Area

The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H’s first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19 shut down physical/faceto-face 4-H programming in March 2020. We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event in early August tentatively scheduled in Wichita-area. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Cost will be $6.00 per person registration cost for using the CVent registration system. Registration will go live by June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, August 1st, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions.

Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge

It’s time to get out and explore the Midwest states. 4-H is again challenging youth of all ages to grab a camera and head outdoors. This time, the challenge is to capture the places that make your state great. The Capture What’s Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge is an effort to promote creativity, healthy living and outdoor exploration. Youth should highlight something that stands out about their town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are many hidden gems in the Midwest so get out and capture them.

Eligibility is open to youth in grades K-13 in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Submissions will be accepted through June 30. Find more information at [https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge]

Once registered for the challenge, youth can get creative and show what makes the Midwest states great. Subject matter is open to all things Midwest. On-demand lessons are available on the Minnesota 4-H Photography Project page, including how angles, light and composition to enhance your photography. Youth may submit up to three of their favorite photos of what makes the Midwest great for this challenge.

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes. The 4-H photography project is a youth development offering of the University of Minnesota Extension: Learn more at: [https://z.umn.edu/4h-photography].
As Parents and Leaders a Reminder of What’s Important

No ribbon or award will last as long as the things young people learn. This event is just one part of the learning process. When fun is the focus, young people learn and grow. This is the 4-Hers event. Work with them, not instead of them. Assist and support them in a positive way. Each young person is a winner for trying. Encouragement from one adult can make a big difference in a child’s life. Kids are watching you today. They are learning from your words and example. Winning is NOT the most important thing that happens at this event. Focus on their efforts, not the outcomes. No matter what the member’s project is, focus of the volunteer, parent, superintendents must be the 4-H MEMBER! Youth are more important than the items made or grown.


Why Do We Receive Purple, Blue, Red and White Ribbons in 4-H?

4-H uses the Danish judging system at county and state fairs. This means that exhibits are judged against a “standard” rather than against other exhibits. For example, a dresser that has been refinished by a 4-Her is not compared to other dressers. Rather, it is judged according to what characteristics of the dresser meet standards of quality for refinished furniture.

• A purple ribbon means that the exhibit meets superior standards and quality.
• A blue ribbon shows that the exhibit meets high standards & good quality work is shown.
• A red ribbon represents average quality work; improvement is needed in some areas.
• A white ribbon signifies below average quality, and the exhibit does not meet standards.

You’ll notice that the Danish judging is very different from a contest where there is one “winner” whose exhibit is the best of all those present. In the Danish judging system, there could be any number of purples, blues, reds or whites because one exhibit is not compared to another. In 4-H, we believe that using the Danish judging system gives every 4-H member the recognition deserved for the work that was done. It also helps young people recognize the need to improve their skills within a non-competitive atmosphere. Relevant to judging of exhibits, we believe:

• 4-H members are more important than 4-H exhibits.
• Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself.
• There is more than one good way to do most things.
• A balanced program of work and play, geared to individuals’ needs is more important than winning.
• Every youth needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
• A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon exhibit is more desirable than a red ribbon 4-H member with a blue ribbon exhibit!

Huge Thank You to Amy Eubanks Cyphers and Katie Lehmkuhl Morris for putting together the cover for the 2021 fairbook.