This newsletter covers information pertinent to Jefferson County 4-H families. As our 4-H fair approaches rapidly, we want to keep you informed of the events and deadlines coming up. As always, if you have questions, please contact the office at 785-863-2212. Wishing you the best as you work on your projects and learn many life skills in the process. It’s not all about the ribbons at the fair—the lessons you are learning and the memories you are making are all important too!

**FAIR ENTRY PROCESS**

ALL project work (livestock and static) that you would like judged at the fair MUST be entered in our new Fair Entry program. Use this link for Fair Entry Resources: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/Fair_Entry.html Entries must be completed by July 1st. Let us know of any problems you find and please don’t wait until the last minute to start the entry process!

**FAIR SCHEDULE** is included and posted to the Oskaloosa website.

**OPEN CLASSES AT FAIR**

The Jefferson County 4-H Foundation will be having a cookie jar contest again. Classes include: a) JF CO 4-Hers 7-13 yrs. old b) JF CO 4-Hers 14-18 yrs. old c) JF CO Residents d) 4-H Alumni and e) 4-H Club. We also have a quilt block class in preparation for our 75th fair in 2023. Classes include the same as above, except for the club option. Guidelines can be found on our Oskaloosa webpage at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4h/oskaloosa.html

**FAIR BOOKS**

Hard copies will be distributed to those who requested at a club level, with the electronic version on our Oskaloosa webpage. Please review the general rules and your project areas closely. Reading carefully, and contacting the office or your club leader with questions, will help you be more prepared for the fair.

**NEW 4-H MEMBERS**

With fair approaching so rapidly, you are sure to have some questions. One of the great things about our 4-H family is that you can always find someone who is willing to offer a helping hand or provide information to your family. Club meetings are important to attend and are a valuable information source. Don’t hesitate to ask questions to your club leaders, or the office, when you need help. Office staff can be reached at 785-863-2212.

**FAIR PREMIUM DONORS WANTED**

We appreciate our fair premium donors who contribute yearly to help with awarding all of our 4-Hers who had fair entries. 4-Hers receive premium checks following the fair, with the amount based on their placings. If you would like to be part of this donor group, please contact the office for more information.
GENERAL LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Livestock Premium Sale Requirement Form-If you plan to sell an animal at the auction, make sure you complete the Livestock Premium Sale Requirement Form and turn it into your club leader for their required signature. Clubs must turn in forms to office by July 1, so don’t wait until the last minute to get it to your club leader.

Bucket Calf Deadline-You must have your tag bought and form into the office by June 1st.

Bucket Calf Meetings will be held at the Oskaloosa Saddle Club at 7:00 pm on June 8th and 13th. There is a group me chat set up for bucket calf members. If anyone needs to join, text Morgan at 785-633-2685.

Bucket Calf Parade Script-If you are writing your own script for the Bucket Calf Parade, please have it to Morgan Gleason, Fair Superintendent, by July 26th. If you are not writing your own script, costume ideas should be set in stone by July 23rd & given to Morgan at consultation judging, along with name of 4-Her, parents, calf name, and 4-H club.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SHOWRING CODE OF ETHICS

If you haven’t turned these forms in already to your club leaders, NOW is the time to do so! The Code of Conduct form is required yearly, and the Showring Code of Ethics (for all livestock exhibitors) once in your 4-H career. If you are not sure whether you have completed, check the list that each club leader received earlier this year. Due in office by July 1st.

YQCA TRAINING

Don’t forget that if you have not completed YQCA yet, and plan to sell an animal in the livestock auction, you must have this training completed by July 1st. The last face-to-face training will be at 3:00 pm on Monday, June 27, at the Oskaloosa City Hall. You must register for this training ahead of time. Online training is also an option. Thanks to all of you who have gotten this done!

OFFICE DROP BOX AVAILABLE

Normal office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. If you can’t make it to the office during this time, there is a drop box outside the south main entrance that forms can be left in.

HAS YOUR 4HONLINE ACCOUNT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you have had a change since enrollment in address, email, phone numbers, or medical information, please make these changes in your online account. We don’t want you to miss out on important information we need to get to you.

4-H CARNIVAL

Our annual carnival will be held at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds from 6:30-8:30 pm on Saturday, June 4. Keep selling those raffle tickets! Raffle ticket dollars can be turned in to the Budget Committee until 7:00 pm that night. All unsold tickets must be turned in as well (Kansas Law). We have lots of games, cake walk, bingo, and inflatables, so bring a friend and join in the fun! Each club is to bring four, decorated cakes for the Cake Walk and four items for the Country Store.
SUPPORT OUR SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEMBERS!

We have seven youth who will be attending National BB Competition in Arkansas in June! They are: Jayden Herrman, Aurora Hoffman, Billy Kabus, Rylee McGaughy, Julia Thompson, Makynna Weishaar, and Theodore Weishaar. To help with expenses, they are having a “Smokin Hot” BBQ event on Saturday, June 11, from 5:30-8:00 pm at the St. Aloysius Church in Meriden, and you are invited. Great food and wonderful raffle ticket prizes will make for an enjoyable evening. Good luck at Nationals!

Archery and Air Pistol classes are underway. We certainly appreciate all of the volunteer leaders who support this project area.

ROYALTY CONTEST

Our annual Fair Royalty Contest will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15, at the Valley Falls Schools. Contestants have received their information letters with a questionnaire to return to the office by June 1st. You are invited to come and support your club’s candidates! Clubs do not have to bring cookies this year for refreshments.

CLOTHING PROJECT MEMBERS

Information regarding judging and fashion revue will be distributed to all members soon.

PHOTO-MOUNTING

Mounting boards and sleeves are available at the office during normal business hours. Cost is $5.50/pack of five boards and plastic sleeves. There will be a photo-mounting workshop held before the next Council meeting on Monday, July 11th, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Boards will be available for purchase at the workshop.

FOODS PROJECT MEMBERS

Check ahead of the fair to be sure that any item containing questionable food products (cream cheese, fresh fruit, etc.) meets food safety guidelines. Check the fair book or call the office with any questions. See the rules in the Foods section of the fair book regarding ingredients or products that could cause disqualification. Being disqualified would be a big disappointment, so please do your part to ensure that this does not happen. Practice makes perfect, so start baking now!

FAIR CONCESSION STAND

Concession Stand shift assignments will be a little different this year. At the May 4-H Council meeting, it was decided to use SignUpGenius to allow members and parents to sign up for the shifts that work best for them. The earlier you sign-up, the better your chances of getting the shift that is best for you. All members and at least one parent are expected to work at least one shift. Make sure to sign-in when you arrive in the concession stand, as this is tracked for your Premium Sale Requirements. Adults are needed to make change for each shift, help the cooks and many other responsibilities.

75TH FAIR ANNIVERSARY IN 2023

We need more members to help with our 75th Fair Anniversary Celebration! Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer to make this event a success.
FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

There’s always work to be done at our fairgrounds, and we hope you are planning to help with your club’s project there. Let the office know what you will be doing and when you plan to complete the work, so we can make sure to have any needed supplies. Clubs are welcome to donate supplies as well.

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The tournament is set for Saturday, June 25, at Village Greens Golf Course. Each club should help promote this tournament within our county and surrounding areas. Maybe even organize a team! Team discount of 50% with two or more 4-H members or alumni. Sponsoring a hole or cash donations to help the Foundation help our 4-Hers are always appreciated.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If you are an adult or older teen, please consider volunteering at the State Fair in September. There is a great need for volunteers to help with the check-in process, judging, running between buildings, check-out process, and other fair wrap-up. Please consider helping in this way, and let the office know if you are interested.

STATE FAIR DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 9-18, 2022, IN HUTCHINSON

INFORMATION FROM ROSS MOSTELLER, DISTRICT 4-H AGENT
(Our new District 4-H Agent, Clayton Roland, will begin employment on Monday, June 13)

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 andPreparing 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=6H5dIS-kgL1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dIS-kgL1)

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is planned for Saturday, August 13, 2022 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Registration information will be on the web by June 15! Registration is due Monday, August 1. The study material is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. There will also be some written study material which will be updated in May. Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

Calling all Youth Horse Judgers! Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills? Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team. Practice to Purple!

2022 Camps - Beginners: June, 8 and Advanced June 7-8. [REGISTER HERE](#)
State 4-H Horse Judging
The contest will be held in a slightly different format this year. Scheduled for June 9th in Manhattan, it will be directly following the KSU Horse Judging Camp that will be held June 7-8th. The Advanced session will be 7-8th, with a beginner session on the 8th. The camp is open to 4-H and non-4-H members. 4-Hers will then be able to use these skills and apply them on Thursday for the contest. Any non-4-Her’s, such as FFA groups, that attend the camp and would like to use this as a practice contest are welcome to do so but will not be eligible for awards. State Horse Judging Contest information, including registration and rules, is available here.

Dog Conference and T-Shirt Contest
Join us at Rock Springs on October 22nd and 23rd 2022 for the Kansas 4-H Dog Conference. The Dog Conference is a great way for youth and adults to come together and participate in different project-based learning with their favorite dog friend. This year, the 2022 Conference theme is the Doggy Olympics. 4-Hers have the opportunity to send in t-shirt designs using the Doggy Olympics theme by July 1, 2022. The 4-Her who sends in the design that is selected to be turned into the conference-themed shirt gets free admission to the Conference. Send T-shirt design ideas to Jill Martinson at martinso@ksu.edu with the email subject title: 4-H DOG CONFERENCE T-SHIRT DESIGN.

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 2022. Times have been set up with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for Thursday, July 14. Testing will be at the fairgrounds in Seneca from 3PM to 5PM, then Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton from 6-8PM. Local testing for Jefferson will be held closer to fair. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns about this process.

Champions Livestock Judging Camp
A three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level.

Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. The camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Camp participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision-making process.

2022 Camps: Camp A - June 6-8 (Monday-Wednesday), Camp B – June 13-15 (Monday-Wednesday), Camp C - June 16-18 (Thursday-Saturday) Youth Registration Form

ALL 4-H FAMILIES
Recording your project work is important! Keep record of expenses, time spent, lessons learned, project meetings attended, etc. Take lots of pictures of you working on/with your project throughout the year, and with your fair entries. This information and pictures will be wonderful assets for you as you work on project records later.

Don’t wait until the last minute to start and finish your fair entries. Read and understand the fair book now, and find someone who can help you with your projects and questions if needed. Make a list of items you will be entering and all supplies you need to bring to the fair. Allow time to take pictures and have them developed where needed. Experienced 4-Hers - Take time to help and encourage other, less-experienced 4-Hers.
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.

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/.

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.

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!
2022 Jefferson County Fair
Schedule of Events

Friday, July 15 – Member’s Home
Home Environment & Woodworking refinished or repaired judging.
A time schedule for judging will be sent to each member in project.

Saturday, July 16 – 4-H Fairgrounds
Dog Obedience-- Rally-O Show--Showmanship 10:00 am
(Check in Time 9:30 am)

Sunday, July 17 – 4-H Fairgrounds
4-H Horse Show Check-In 8:00 AM (Cutoff 10:00 am)
4-H Horse Show 9:00 am

Monday, July 18 - Delaware Township Hall-Valley Falls
Fashion Revue Consultation Judging 9:00-Finish
Clothing Consultation Judging (Scheduled Times)

Wednesday, July 20 - Delaware Township Hall-Valley Falls
Photography Judging 1:00 pm
(Scheduled Times By Club)

Wednesday, July 20 – Fair Building-Enter through west doors
Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Performing Arts 1:00 pm
(Scheduled Times By Club)

Friday, July 22 – Valley Falls Delaware Township Hall
Public Fashion Revue 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 23
Fairground Set Up 4-H Fairgrounds 8:00 am
Bucket Calf Consultation 4-H Fairgrounds 8:00 am-Finish
Dog Agility Show Bill Conser Residence 6:00 pm
(Check in 5:30 PM)

Monday, July 25
7:30-9:00 am Hogs entered and weighed 4-H Fairgrounds
(sale order numbers drawn)
8:00 am-Noon Consultation Judging 4-H Fairgrounds
(Energy Management, Entomology, Geology, Self-Determined, Shooting
Sports, STEM, Wildlife, and Woodworking)
9:00-10:30 am Goats & Sheep Entered and Weighed-Market & Breeding
Sale Order Numbers Drawn Scale House/Fairgrounds
10:00-Finish Consultation Judging for Foods, 4-H Fairgrounds
Food Preservation, Table Setting
10:00-10:30 am Honey Consultation Judging Main Building/Fairgrounds
10:00-5:00 pm Clothing entries entered South End/Main Building
6:20 pm Flag Raising Ceremony – Ambassadors Near Concession Stand
6:30 pm Swine Show Show Arena/Fairgrounds
7:00- 9:00 pm Enter all other projects--Poultry (7:00-8:30 pm),
Remaining livestock (excluding rabbits), and banners. Ambassador School
Enrichment and Day Camp projects may be entered at the Ambassador
Booth in the main building. (7:00-8:00 pm Club Exhibits Set-Up/Entered)

Tuesday, July 26
8:00-10:00 am Ambassador Day Camp Projects may be entered for display at
the Ambassador Booth – Club Exhibits Set Up/Entered
9:00 am Poultry Show Rabbit/Poultry Barn
10:00 am Cake Decorating Consultation Judging South End of Fair Bldg.
(Decorated Cakes to be entered and in place by 9:45 for judging)
10:00 ALL ENTRIES IN PLACE
(Judging starts for projects not previously judged)
10:30 am-12:00 pm Crops/Weed, Horticulture Horticulture Bldg.
10:00-10:30 am Heifer Check-In at Scale House Animal not required
10:30-11:30 am Beef Steer (Weigh-In and Ultrasound) Scale House
(Bone Sale Order Numbers Drawn at weigh-in)
1:00 pm Poultry Showmanship Poultry/Rabbit Barn
1:00-3:00 pm Clover Bud Entries Due (Show and Tell) NE Corner of Fair Bldg.
11:00-12:30 pm Bucket Calf Check-In Bucket Calf Barn
1:30 pm Bucket Calf Show Show Arena/4-H Fairgrounds
5:00 pm Sheep Show followed by Meat Goat Show Show Arena
6:00-8:00 pm Cake and Ice Cream Social Concessions Area
(Hosted by PEO Chapter DK)
Lions Club Bingo in Evening

Wednesday, July 27
8:00 am Rabbit Show Rabbit/Poultry Barn
8:30 am Beef Steer-Heifer Show Show Arena
9:30 am Rabbit Showmanship Rabbit/Poultry Barn
12:00 Noon-2:00 pm Ambassador Games Meet at Lions Club Bingo Bldg.
10:00 am-12:00 Noon Decorated Cookie Jar entries due South End Main Bldg.
5:45 pm Parade Line-Up Mary Street
Floats and Motor Vehicles Line up South of Maple
Horses Line up at Riverside Park
6:00 pm Judging of Parade Floats
6:30 pm 73rd Annual Parade (Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce)
8:00 pm Parade Winners Announced, Introduction of Royalty, Bucket Calf Parade & Pedal Tractor Pull (to follow Bucket Calf Parade)
8:00 pm Jefferson West Weststeppers Perform Concessions

Free Watermelon (Valley Falls Chamber)
Lions Club Bingo in Evening

Thursday, July 28
9:00 am Dairy Goat Show Show Arena
9:30 am Dairy Show Show Arena
10:30 am Livestock Showmanship Finals
11:00 am-1:00 pm Write thank you notes w/Ambassadors Concessions
12:00 pm State Fair Entries Due in Fair Office
1:00-6:00 pm Exhibits Released
6:00-7:30 pm Dance Set-Up
1:45 pm Lowering of Flags—Ambassadors
5:45 pm 4-H Foundation Auction of Cookie Livestock Arena
Herdsmanship Awards Announced
6:00 pm 4-H Foundation Donor Recognition Livestock Arena
6:00 pm Livestock Sale Livestock Arena
8:30-11:00 pm Dance $3.00 per person or $5.00 per couple Fair Bldg.

Friday, July 29
8:30 am Fairgrounds Cleanup
Everyone having entries at the fair must help with clean-up

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE FAIR!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROJECT WORK!