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!

4-H CARNIVAL

Our annual carnival will be held at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds from 5:00-7:00 pm on Saturday, June 3rd. Keep selling those raffle tickets! Raffle ticket dollars can be turned into the Budget Committee in main building until 6:00 pm that night. All unsold tickets must be turned in as well (Kansas Law). Each club is to bring four, decorated cakes for the Cake Walk and four items for the Country Store.

We have lots of games, a cake walk, bingo, and inflatables, so bring a friend and join in the fun! Wristbands for all games and inflatables are $5.00 for ages six and under, and $15.00 for ages seven and up.

SUPPORT OUR SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEMBERS!

Take your dad to breakfast and help support our BB gun team as they head to Nationals! Join them for a pancake feed from 9:00 am-1:30 pm on Father’s Day, June 18th. The feed will be at the Oskaloosa Fire Station located at 508 Jefferson St.

JAMS AND JELLIES WORKSHOP IN DISTRICT

There will be 3 different jams and jellies workshops available in our district. All 3 workshops will be 1:00-4:00 (or until finished).

1. June 20 - Grantville United Methodist Church
2. June 22 – Nemaha County Community Building, Seneca
3. June 28 – Evangel Church, Holton

This workshop will have limited spaces and any youth attending MUST have an adult present to help them. Registration is a must and there will be a $10 fee (non-refundable) to help cover food costs. Participants will be able to take home the products that they make.

FAIR ENTRY PROCESS

ALL project work (livestock and static) that you would like judged at the fair MUST be entered in the 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!

ROYALTY CONTEST

The Royalty Contest will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 7, at the Valley Falls Schools. Letters were recently mailed to all candidates. Clubs do not need to provide cookies this year. Host clubs are Clover Power and Lucky 4. Royalty winners will be announced at the Public Style Revue on July 21st.
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.

GOAT AND SHEEP WORKSHOP 3:00 PM, JUNE 25 AT FAIRGROUNDS
If you want showing practice, feel free to bring a lamb or goat. Clipping and grooming tips will also be covered.

OPEN CLASSES AT FAIR
The Jefferson County 4-H Foundation will be having a cookie container 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. See the fair book for slight rule changes from last year.
To celebrate our 75th fair, we are inviting 4-H alumni to participate in several entry areas. Adult showmanship classes will be available in meat goats, sheep, swine, cattle, dairy, horse, poultry, and rabbit immediately after 4-H show and open to parents of current members, as well. Static exhibit areas will include Clothing Construction/Aprons, Plant Science/Crops, Flowers & Garden Display, Photography, and Woodworking. Be watching for more details.

FAIR BOOKS
Electronic version is 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.

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 for ALL members, 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 with your club leader. Clubs turn into 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. Thanks to all of you who have gotten this done! If you need help or have questions, see Clay’s Friday updates for information, past newsletters, or contact Clay at the office.

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. If you would like to be part of this donor group, please contact the Booster Club for more information.

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.
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 City Hall at 7:00 pm on June 8th and July 12th. There is a Group-Me chat set up for bucket calf members. If anyone needs to join, text Morgan at 785-633-2685. If you are not on the email list, reach out to Morgan and she will add you.

- **Calf sick or needs vaccinations?** - Please do not hesitate to reach out to Jerry Robbins, Superintendent, for treatment. His cell is 785-224-5517.

- **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 25th. If you are not writing your own script, costume ideas should be set in stone by July 22nd & given to Morgan at consultation judging, along with name of 4-Her, parent names, calf name, and 4-H club. If you know your costume well in advance, please send that to Morgan so she can get a head start writing scripts.

- **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. Thanks to all of you who have gotten this done! If you need help or have questions, see Clay’s Friday updates for information, past newsletters, or contact Clay at the office.

- **Spring Weigh-Ins** - We appreciate all of the Livestock Superintendents and committee members who helped with spring weigh-ins. Thank you for your time and efforts!

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.

PHOTO-MOUNTING

Mounting boards and sleeves are available at the office. Cost is $2.00/board and plastic sleeve. Be watching for upcoming photo project meetings and a photo-mounting session.

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!

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

The tournament is set for Saturday, June 24, 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.
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

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-kgLI

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!

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.
2023 Jefferson County Fair
Schedule of Events

Friday, July 7 - Horton Blue Building - Pre-Fair Judging for Entomology, Forestry, Geology, & Wildlife

Friday, July 14 - Member’s Home
Home Environment & Woodworking refinished or repaired judging.
A time schedule for judging will be sent to each member in project once entered.

Saturday, July 15 - 4-H Fairgrounds
10:00 am ................................................................. Dog Obedience - Rally-O Show - Showmanship
(Check in Time 9:30 am)

Sunday, July 16 - 4-H Fairgrounds
8:00 am (Cutoff 10:00 am) ........................................... 4-H Horse Show Check-In
9:00 am ........................................................................ 4-H Horse Show

Monday, July 17 - Delaware Township Hall - Valley Falls
9:00 am - Finish .......................................................... Fashion Revue Consultation Judging
(Scheduled Times) .......................................................... Clothing Consultation Judging

Wednesday, July 19 - Delaware Township Hall - Valley Falls
1:00 pm ...................................................................... Photograph Judging
(Scheduled Times)

Wednesday, July 19 - Fair Building - Enter through west doors
1:00 pm ...................................................................... Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Performing Arts
(Scheduled Times)

Friday, July 21 - Valley Falls Delaware Township Hall
7:30 pm ........................................................................ Public Fashion Revue and Royalty Crowning

Saturday, July 22
8:00 am ............... Fairground Set Up .............................. 4-H Fairgrounds
8:00 am - Finish .... Bucket Calf Consultation ................ 4-H Fairgrounds
6:00 pm ............... Dog Agility Show ......................... Bill Conser Residence
(Check in 5:30 PM)

Monday, July 24
7:30-9:00 am.......... Hogs entered and weighed-sale order numbers drawn ................. 4-H Fairgrounds
8:00 am - Noon .... Consultation Judging ............................................. 4-H Fairgrounds
(Energy Management, Entomology, Geology, Self-Determined,
Shooting Sports, STEM, Wildlife, and Woodworking)
8:00 am - 8:00 pm Rabbit Check-In ........................................ Rabbit/ Poultry Barn
10:00 am-Finish/Consultation Judging for Foods, Foods Preservation, Table Setting......... 4-H Fairgrounds
9:00-10:30 am Goats & Sheep Entered and Weighed-Market & Breeding-
sale order numbers drawn ................................. Scale House/Fairgrounds
10:00-10:30 am Honey Consultation Judging ........................ Main Building/Fairgrounds
10:00 am-5:00 pm Clothing entries entered ........................................ South End/Main Building
5:30 pm Flag Raising Ceremony - Ambassadors ......................... Near Concession Stand
6:00 pm Swine Show ......................................................... Show Arena/Fairgrounds
7:00- 9:00 pm ..... Enter all other projects–Poultry (7:00-8:30 pm), remaining livestock (rabbits 8:00 pm),
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)

FAIR SCHEDULE is also posted to the Oskaloosa website.
Tuesday, July 25
8:00-10:00 am Ambassador Day Camp Projects may be entered for display.......................... 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 Building
Decorated cakes to be entered and in place by 9:45 am for judging
10:00 ALL ENTRIES IN PLACE ...................................................................(Judging starts for projects not previously judged)
10:30-12:00 pm Crops/Weed/Horticulture Judging................................................................. 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
(Bee Sale Order Numbers Drawn at weigh-in)
1:00 pm Poultry Showmanship.............................................................................................. Poultry/Rabbit Barn
11:00 am-1:00 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 pm Cake and Ice Cream Social........................................................................................ Concessions Area
(Hosted by PEO Chapter DK)............................................................................................... 4-H Fairgrounds

Lions Club Bingo in Evening

Wednesday, July 26
8:00 am Rabbit Show ................................................................................................................... Rabbit/Poultry Barn
8:30 am Beef Steer-Heifer Show................................................................................................. Show Arena
9:30 am Rabbit Showmanship..................................................................................................... Show Arena
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 75th Annual Parade-Sponsored by 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) ...................................... Show Arena
8:00 pm Jefferson West Weststeppers Perform ..................................................................... Concessions

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

Thursday, July 27
9:00 am Dairy Goat Show .......................................................................................................... Show Arena
9:30 am Dairy Show .................................................................................................................... Show Arena
10:30 am Livestock Round Robin Showmanship Finals ......................................................... Show Arena
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
1:45 pm Lowering of Flags—Ambassadors
5:30 pm 4-H Foundation Auction of Cookie Jars & Herdsmanship Awards Announced..... Livestock Arena
6:00-7:30 pm Dance Set-Up
6:00 pm 4-H Foundation Donor Recognition
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 28
8:30 am Fairgrounds Cleanup-Everyone having fair entries must help with clean-up
6:45 pm Peterson Farm Brothers Free Event ........................................................................ Valley Falls Schools East Gym
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.

FAIR CONCESSION STAND

The SignUp Genius link for concession stand shifts is on page 76 in the fair book. 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 EXHIBITS

Our planning committee will be making displays of historic photos, fair exhibits and other interesting fair memorabilia at our fair. If you, or someone you know, have pictures we could copy, exhibits we could borrow, etc., please let the office know before July 1st.

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 8-17, 2023, IN HUTCHINSON

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE FAIR!

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROJECT WORK!

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Share in the celebration of the 75th Jefferson County 4-H Fair anniversary with:

PETERTON FARM BROTHERS

This is a free event, donations are welcome!

Friday, July 28th

Valley Falls Schools East Gymnasium

7:00 PM
Preshow will start at 6:45pm

The Peterson Farm Brothers are made up of Greg (51), Nathan (29), and Kendall (29) Peterson who farm together with their families near Assaria, KS.

They started a YouTube Channel in March 2012 in order to promote and educate about agriculture. They went viral in June 2012 with their hit parody "I'm Farming and I Grow It.

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