Dear 4-H Family,

With the arrival of this letter, the fair can’t be too far away. Do you have your exhibits finished? The Fairboard has chosen to only having digital fairbooks this year. The 2021 fairbook can be found on our website at [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html)

This newsletter, and your fairbook, will be your guide to a good fair season. It is a good idea to read the book carefully and print rules and divisions that apply to your project. The fair book, as well as, all forms can be found on our website at [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html)

QUESTIONS

If you have questions that have not been answered in this newsletter, we are just a phone call away 785-336-2184. There are NO mindless questions!

WHAT IS NEW AT THE FAIR

There have been a few changes this year. Please check the divisions you are enrolled in to avoid confusion. Some of the major changes are:

- Fairbooks are digital and can be found on our website
- All exhibits will be pre-entered online by exhibitor.
- Entry cards will be given out at fair check-in.
- Foods, Rabbit and Poultry judging on Thursday, July 22\textsuperscript{nd}
- Food Sale at 11:00 am on Friday, July 23\textsuperscript{rd}
- Dairy Show Saturday, July 24\textsuperscript{th} at 10:30 am
- Bucket Calf show moved to Monday, July 26\textsuperscript{th} at 10:30 am.
- All exhibits released at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 25\textsuperscript{th}
- State fair class changes (noted in eligible divisions)

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP SCHEDULED

The Nemaha County Fair Board will be having a fair grounds cleanup day on Wednesday, June 30\textsuperscript{th} beginning at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to help can show up at that time. They will be doing projects such as spraying weeds and tending to things that need repaired around the fairgrounds. The County lets us use this area for the fair, so let’s all do our part and help make it look nice. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PRE-ENTRIES

We have purchased a new fair program this year. All exhibits you will be bringing to the fair will need to be pre-entered into this program at [Nemaha-KS.fairentry.com](http://Nemaha-KS.fairentry.com) before July 1\textsuperscript{st}. Please be realistic about entries
and only enter things that you think you can reasonably get done by fair time. Enclosed in this packet is your “How to Pre-enter Exhibits into Fair Entry”. We have also enclosed a tips sheet for FairEntry on lavender paper.

As approved by the Nemaha County Free Fair Board, all pre-entries must be entered into Fair Entry by July 1st. Exhibits not pre-entered will not be eligible for premiums, awards or state fair entry! So, fill out your pre-entries right away, don’t delay! It is in your best interest to make a list of what you pre-enter so you will not have a question about what you entered. This way you will not be disappointed when you bring an entry to the fair that was not pre-entered and are not paid the premium on it for that reason.

CARDS AND LABELS
All exhibits MUST have an entry card! But, with this new fair program you will no longer have to fill out the two-sided entry cards! The Extension office will be printing all entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Because of this, it will very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.

You will get your exhibit entry cards when you check your exhibit in at judging. We will have a table with each exhibitor’s cards in alphabetical order and string/tape for you to attach the cards to your exhibit before judging.

You MUST have a label attached to all exhibits with the exception of food and livestock entries. Labels do not have to be 4-H labels, they just need to have your name, address, and class number on the label. You can print labels from our district website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

FAIR ENTRY NUMBERS
Make sure to check under each division in your fairbook, for the max number of entries you may enter. Duplicated entries will be disqualified.

CLUB ENTRIES
If you are in charge of pre-entering you Club Exhibit (Banner, Hay Bale or Display) please contact Deb on this. With the new FairEntry those exhibits need to be entered differently.

PREMIUM AUCTION REQUIREMENT FORM
All 4-Hers and FFA members who plan to take an animal, decorated item, bread basket or cookie container through the Premium Auction, are required to fill out a “Meadowlark District 4-H/FFA Premium Auction Requirement” form. These forms need to be completed by the 4-H members. They will need to be signed by member, parent and Club Leader before turned into the Extension Office by July 1st. They can be emailed, faxed or dropped off at the office.

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP
We will be setting up on Wednesday July 21st beginning at 6:00 pm. Included in this packet are the setup/cleanup work lists. These can also be found on our website. Assignments are by family. PLEASE show up and do your part. If you are unable to help where assigned, you should find someone to trade with. It takes everyone’s help to make the fair a success, so PLEASE do your part!

SUPERINTENDENTS HELPERS
In this packet you will find a Superintendents Helpers list for adults. We have designated someone for each area as a chair. They will be in charge and all helpers are there to assist. Please check to see what superintendent helper’s assignment you have. You will be expected to help in the assigned area, which includes the check-in, judging process and displaying of exhibits. If you cannot help where you have been assigned, please let the department chair know ASAP. It takes everyone’s help to have a successful fair.

We will need help checking in exhibits, handing out entry cards and assisting with attaching entry cards. Someone should sit with each judge and mark the entry cards with results.

We ask that all 4-Hers help in project divisions they are enrolled in. This is the best way to learn!
COPYRIGHT REMINDER
Reminder! Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Refer to page 13 in the fair book. Copyrighted and/or trademarked materials for endorsement or promotion instead of educational purposes will be disqualified and will not be displayed or receive ribbons or premiums.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Photo boards are available for purchase at the Extension Office for $2 each. We will be placing photos in bags after judging for display. If you have old photo bags you are not using, the council would like to recycle them, so please bring them by the Extension Office.

The theme for the Photography Kansas Pride Class is “Patriotic Flags”. Reminder - these pictures need to be taken in Kansas!

CONSULTATION JUDGING
Wednesday, July 14th will be consultation judging for Banners, Books, Buymanship, Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Home Environment, Miscellaneous / Self Determined, Photography, Poster, Robots, Rockets, Table Settings, and Visual Arts.

Each 4-Her will bring his/her exhibits and discuss them with the judge on the 14th. If you are unable to attend the judging, you may bring your exhibits to the extension office prior to Wednesday July 14th. We will get them judged for you.

1. All fair entries must be pre-entered by Thursday, July 1st in the online FairEntry website. As approved by the Nemaha County Fair Board, any and all exhibits not pre-entered will NOT be paid premiums or receive any special award.
2. We will be scheduling all judging once everything has been pre-entered. This schedule will be sent to you via snail mail, email and on our website.
3. When you arrive at consultation judging, you will need to sign-in at a table for each division being judged. This will also be where you pick up your pre-printed entry cards. It will be your responsibility to attach entry cards to your exhibits before they are judged. You will be called to have your entries judged in order according to the sign-up sheet, when all entry cards are attached.
4. All projects are to be labeled in the customary way and must have a pre-printed fair entry tag and a sticky label attached to them prior to being judged.
5. Fiber and Visual Art Exhibits should have a short information card (3x5 index card) accompany all exhibits. The card should state if a kit was used and how much was pre-assembled; if the idea was original; media used; process by which the item was made and approximate cost.
6. All matted or framed artwork must be framed and ready to with the appropriate hanger, rod, wire, or other mechanism to be properly displayed. NO EASELS will be accepted for matted or framed artwork!
7. For Clothing please bring all accessories with you to be judged and make sure to have your “Cost Per Wear” form. This form can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html
8. Fashion Revue exhibitors – You must write a description of the outfit that you will be modeling. The description needs to be written in third person and should be long enough for someone to read while you are walking around the Community Building. There is a fill in the blank Modeling Script on our website page. All descriptions must be typed on an 8 1/2 x 11” piece of paper, 16 font and double-spaced. Be sure to include your name in the write-up. This paper must be turned in the morning of July 14th or you will be lowered one ribbon placing.
9. Savvy Shopping class for Fashion Revue - You will need to have the receipt and the form which is on our website. You can also enter this outfit as a Buymanship outfit during Clothing judging. https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html
10. In order to receive your premium(s) and ribbon(s), you must have exhibits judged at consultation judging on the 14th AND your exhibits must be displayed at the fair.
11. We will be keeping ALL exhibits judged on Wednesday the 14th except for Visual Arts that do not receive a Purple ribbon and the Table Settings.
12. Judging for both boys and girls Fashion Revue will start at 1:30 pm. All contestants are asked to remain at the judging site until the judging of their division is complete.
CLOVERBUD JUDGING

All Cloverbuds must pre-enter their exhibit prior to July 1st in FairEntry. They will then have the opportunity to have a project interview at the fair. Interviews for Cloverbuds will be Friday, July 23rd at 11:30 am in the Community Building. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table next to the Cloverbud sign on Friday morning. Please sign up for a time to meet with the judge. Entry cards will be available on the check-in table, please attach these to the exhibits prior to interviews. Please check the Fair Book for exhibit rules.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!!

If you have lost any ear tags from lambs, goats, swine, or beef, please notify our office so they can be replaced before the fair. These ear tags are part of the weigh-in process.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN

* All livestock is to be checked in by 10:00 am Friday, July 23rd
* Sheep/Goats will be weighed between 8:00 am – 8:30 am. (If you are unable to get there between this time, you will have to wait until after all swine are weighed.)
* Swine will be weighed from 8:30 am - 10:00 am.
* Beef weigh in will be at the fairgrounds 8:00 - 10:00 am.

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.

SHOWMANSHIP

4-Hers are asked to please pre-enter for showmanship so ring help can plan for an approximate number. Showmanship classes will be at the end of the livestock shows. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project in order to participate in showmanship classes.

LIVESTOCK ITEMS TO NOTE

Please read carefully and make special note of dates.

1. All fair entries must be pre-entered by Thursday, July 1st in the online FairEntry website. As approved by the Nemaha County Fair Board, any and all exhibits not pre-entered will NOT be paid premiums or receive any special award.
2. All livestock stalls reserved and not entered will be subject to a fine of blue-ribbon rate if not canceled by Monday July 19th.
3. Intent to sell cards are due Saturday, July 24th before 8:00 pm for all livestock going through the auction.
4. The success of the livestock auction is up to you, the 4-H and FFA member. If you want a good premium for your livestock, you must contact bidders, and ask them to attend the auction!
5. Livestock not going through the premium auction will be released at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 26th.
6. Please be sure to read the General Health Regulations for all livestock. Health certificates are not required but there will be certified veterinaries on site at check-in to evaluate all livestock.
7. It is the members responsibility to contact lockers for slaughter appointments.

BOMGAARS DISCOUNT CARD

Enclosed in this packet you will find a 10% off discount card. This card can only be used on project related items. Discount applies to regular priced items only, with some restrictions. You need to visit store for more details.

2021 Dr. BOB HINES KANSAS SWINE CLASSIS

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 skill-a-thon, 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.

**PIE BAKING CONTEST**

Don’t forget to enter your pies in the pie baking contest **Saturday, July 24th**. Anyone can enter so make sure to tell your aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, and neighbors. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Pie from the contest will be sold in the concession stand. See our website for more information.

**PARADE THEME**

The parade this year will be held on **Sunday, July 25th** at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Seneca. The theme this year is “**The Fair Must Go On**”. 4-H Floats will need to be at the Community National Bank prior to the float judging. Be watching your next newsletter for judging time.

**SWIM PARTY**

This year we will be doing something a little different than the usual Sunday Night Pool Party. Each 4-Her will be given a one-time pass to be used during the fair. So, look for your pass information in the next newsletter packet coming in July. This great opportunity is sponsored by Rosette Randel and Waddell & Reed.

**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 for 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, the focus of the volunteer, the parents, and the superintendents must be the 4-H MEMBER! Youth themselves are more important than the items they make or grow.

Sincerely,

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District 4-H Agent

Deb Henry  
4-H Program Manager

ENCL:
Fair Entry - Entry Process Guide  
2021 Detailed Fair Schedule  
Superintendent List  
Set-up / Clean-up List  
Fair Food Stand Work List  
MED Fair Participant’s Code of Conduct  
MED Premium Auction Requirements  
Intent to sell card  
Pre-entry Reference Forms