



JUNE/JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER/OSKALOOSA OFFICE

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. It is about the lessons you are learning and the memories you are making are all important too!

JAMS AND JELLIES WORKSHOP IN DISTRICT

There will be a jams and jellies workshops available in our district. The workshop will be 1:00-4:00 (or until finished).

June 20 – Woolsoncroft Event Center
1615 Branch, Seneca

This workshop will have limited spaces and any youth attending **MUST** have an adult present to help them. Registration is due by **June 13**, 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. To register, email Cindy Williams at csw@ksu.edu or call the office at (785) 863-2212.

MOCK JUDGING EVENT ON June 22 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Fairgrounds in Valley Falls

This workshop will give 4-Hers the opportunity to practice consultation judging in foods, photography and rocketry. Judges will be visiting with the youth to help guide in the consultation judging process. Contact the office to reserve a time slot with a judge. This workshop is geared to new project members and first-year families. It is open to surrounding counties.

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 1**. 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 12**, at the Valley Falls High School. Letters were recently mailed to all candidates. The host clubs are Valley Victors and Prosperity. Royalty winners will be announced at the Public Style Revue on **July 26** at 7:00 pm. Clubs are asked to provide 2 dozen cookies for the crowning event at the Public Style Revue.

BANNERS FOR THE LIVESTOCK ARENA

If your business would like to support Fairground improvements and have their banner hung in the livestock arena at the 2024 Fair, please contact the office for details (785) 863-2212. This is a great opportunity to visibly support our 4-H exhibitors.

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 June 9 beginning at 2:00 pm at the Fairgrounds

Bring your sheep and/or meat goat for a hands-on workshop on preparing for the country fair. Clipping and grooming tips will also be covered. An experienced judge will lead the clinic. Please contact the Extension Office at (785) 863-2212 or Andy Conser at (785) 806-6921 with questions.

OPEN CLASSES AT FAIR

The Jefferson County 4-H Foundation will be having a Pie Contest this year. Non-perishable pies may be entered on Wednesday, **July 31**. 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

The pies will be auctioned at 7:30 on Wednesday night prior to the Bucket Calf Parade. All proceeds will go to the 4-H Foundation to support youth activities within Jefferson County 4-H.

FAIR BOOKS

A digital version of our fair book 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. Spiral bound copies are available at the office or from club leaders upon request for \$6.00.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

If you haven't turned these forms in to your club leaders already, NOW is the time to do so! The Code of Conduct form is required yearly for ALL members. The Show Ring Code of Ethics (for all livestock exhibitors) is required only once in your 4-H career. If you are not sure whether you have completed this, check with your club leader. Clubs turn into office by **July 1**.

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, forms can be left in a drop box outside the South main entrance. If you leave something in the drop box, please email the office at mpentlin@ksu.edu to notify that you put something in there.

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 1**.
- **Bucket Calf Meetings** will be held at the Oskaloosa City Hall at 7:00 pm on **June 24** and **July 11**. 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.
- **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 30**. If you are not writing your own script, costume ideas should be set in stone by **July 27** & 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** - If you plan to sell an animal in the livestock auction, you must have completed the YQCA training. If you have not completed YQCA yet, you must have this training done by **July 1**. 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 4H ONLINE 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 are available at the office. The cost is \$2.00 per board. Be watching for upcoming photo project meetings and a photo-mounting session. Plastic sleeves will be distributed at fair judging.

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. There is a new rule that requires sugar calculations for all frostings and fillings. 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 29**, at Village Greens Golf Course. Each club should help promote this tournament within our county and surrounding areas. Maybe even organize a team! By sponsoring a hole or cash donations to help the Foundation, help our 4-Hers are always appreciated. Money raised for the Foundation is given back to 4-Hers within the county!

PREPARING HORTICULTURE FAIR ENTRY RESOURCES

As fair season approaches, Horticulture 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=6H5dIS-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.

2024 Jefferson County Fair

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 19 – Member’s Home

Interior Design and Architecture & Woodworking refinished or repaired judging. A schedule for judging will be sent to each member of the project once entered.

Saturday, July 20– 4-H Fairgrounds

10:00 am Dog Obedience - Rally-O Show - Showmanship
(Check-in Time 9:30 am)

Sunday, July 21 – 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 22 - Delaware Township Hall-Valley Falls

9:00 am-Finish Fashion Revue and Shopping in Style Consultation Judging
(Scheduled Times) Sewing & Textile Design Consultation Judging

Wednesday, July 24 - Delaware Township Hall-Valley Falls

1:00 pm Photography Judging
(Scheduled Times)

Wednesday, July 24 – Fair Building -Enter through the west doors

1:00 pm Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Performing Arts
(Scheduled Times)

Friday, July 26 – Valley Falls Delaware Township Hall

7:00 pm Public Fashion Revue and Royalty Crowning

Saturday, July 27

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

Monday, July 29

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, 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)

Tuesday, July 30

8:00-10:00 amAmbassador 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 am ...ALL ENTRIES IN PLACE..... (Judging starts for projects not previously judged)
10:30 am-12:00 pm ...Agronomy/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*
..... (Beef 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.*
12:00 pm (Noon)Bucket Calf Weigh-In immediately following steers..... *Scale House*
1:30 pm....Bucket Calf Show *Show Arena/4-H Fairgrounds*
5:00 pmSheep Show followed by Meat Goat Show..... *Show Arena*
6:00 pm....Cake and Ice Cream Social (Hosted by PEO Chapter DK)..... *Concessions Area*

Lions Club Bingo in Evening

Wednesday, July 31

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 pm (Noon) -2:00 pm... Ambassador Games..... *Meet at Lions Club Bingo Bldg.*
10:00 am-12:00 (Noon)...4-H Foundation Pie Contest 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 76th Annual Parade-Sponsored by Valley Falls Chamber of Commerce
7:30 pm.....Pie Auction sponsored by the Jefferson County 4-H Foundation *Show Arena*
8:00 pm...Parade Winners Announced, Introduction of Royalty, Bucket
 Calf Parade & Pedal Tractor Pull (to follow Bucket Calf Parade)..... *Show Arena*

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

Thursday, August 1

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...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, August 2

8:30 am Fairgrounds Cleanup
 Everyone having fair entries must help with clean-up

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 82 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.

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 6-15, 2024, IN HUTCHINSON

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HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE FAIR!

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PROJECT WORK!