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4-H News

Meadowlark District

Nemaha County Fair Edition - June 2024

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION!

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 2024 fairbook can be found on our website at <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html> Printed fair books for those who signed up with their club leaders will be handed out at club meetings.

This newsletter, and your fairbook, will be your guide to a successful fair season. It is a good idea to read the book carefully. **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>

QUESTIONS

If you have questions that have not been answered in this newsletter, we are just a phone call away at 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:

- Barn Rules - Stall space in the beef/dairy barn is approximately 3-4 feet wide by 8 feet long. Each upright bar on the center row panels and anchor point on north/south wall tie rails, represents a tie point and center of a stall. Stall assignments will be marked with stall cards and exhibitors shall not use space assigned to other exhibitors, for any reason. Stall dividers may be used but cannot extend beyond the area assigned to an exhibitor/club. Superintendents and/or Fair Board, reserves the right to move, ask exhibitor to move or prohibit use of stall dividers and other equipment based upon space available
- Animals going through the Livestock Auction can now be shown at KJLS or KSF.
- All Legos (including kits) will be shown in STEM Architectural Block Construction
- Buymanship has changed to Shopping in Style and so there are new rules and exhibit descriptions. There still is the class we had in the past # 203. In this class you can also exhibit your Savvy Shopping exhibit you plan to wear in the Fashion Revue.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All members are to read, sign and return to the Extension Office a **Fair Participant's Code of Conduct before July 1st**. This can be dropped off, snail mail, or emailed.
- **Livestock Premium Auction Requirement Form** prior to **July 1st** This is for anyone taking an animal, decorated cake, breadbasket, or cookie container through the auction.
- **Ambassador applications** are due prior to **July 1st**. This includes renewals.

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP SCHEDULED

The Nemaha County Fair Board will be having a fairgrounds cleanup day on **Wednesday, June 26th 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

All exhibits you will be bringing to the fair will need to be pre-entered into FairEntry at <https://nemaha-ks.fairentry.com/> BEFORE July 1st. You must enter each exhibit you plan to exhibit at the fair. So, if you are planning to bring 5 visual arts you should be able to use the drop down and select 5. If you are planning to bring 6 small vegetables, you must enter 6 entries! **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 FairEntry".

As approved by the Nemaha County Free Fair Board, all pre-entries must be entered **into FairEntry before July 1st.** Exhibits not pre-entered will not be eligible for premiums, awards, or state fair! So, fill out your pre-entries right away, don't delay! We have enclosed a Pre-entries Reference form for your use. **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.**

CARDS AND LABELS

With the FairEntry program the Extension office will be printing all entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Because of this, it will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.

You will get your exhibit entry cards when you check-in your exhibit for judging. We will have a table with exhibitor's cards in alphabetical order and string/tape for you to attach the cards to your exhibit before taking them to be judged.

You **MUST** have a label attached to all exhibits except for 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 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 maximum number of entries you may enter. Duplicated entries will be disqualified.

CLUB ENTRIES

If you are in charge of your Club Exhibit (Banner, Hay Bale or Display) please contact Deb to pre enter them. With the FairEntry those exhibits need to be entered differently.

PREMIUM AUCTION REQUIREMENT FORM

All 4-Hers and FFA members who plan to take an animal, breadbasket, cookie container or decorated item 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/FFA members. They will need to be signed by the member, parent, and Club Leader before being turned into the Extension Office prior to **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 24th 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 helping to make the fair a success, so PLEASE do your part!

SUPERINTENDENTS

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

We ask that all 4-Hers help in project divisions they are enrolled in. This is the best way to learn! 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. 4-Hers are also needed to help with weigh-in and shows.

Livestock Superintendents, please check in with the Chairperson. You will be helping with weigh-in and check-in as well as the shows.

4-H FOODS & NUTRIENTION RULES

For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>. You can also watch a video on this at <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html>

Also, every food item must be brought to be judged in a plastic bag or non-returnable container. If you do not sit down with the judge with your food item in a container it will be lowered one ribbon.

COPYRIGHT REMINDER

Reminder! Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Refer to page 15 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 \$2.00 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 “**Arches**”. Reminder - these pictures need to be taken in Kansas!

CONSULTATION JUDGING

Wednesday, July 17th will be consultation judging for Architectural Construction, 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 17th. If you are unable to attend the judging, you may bring your exhibits to the Extension Office prior to **Wednesday, July 17th**, and we will get them judged for you.

1. All fair entries must be **pre-entered prior Monday, July 1st on the online FairEntry website**. As approved by the Nemaha County Fair Board, 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 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 with your name and address attached to them prior to being judged.**

5. Fiber and Visual Art Exhibits should have a short information card (3x5 index card) accompanying 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 hang with the appropriate hanger, rod, wire, or other mechanism to be properly displayed. **NO EASELS will be accepted for matted or framed artwork!**
7. To receive your premium(s) and ribbon(s), you must have exhibits judged at consultation judging on the 17th **AND** your exhibits must be displayed at the fair.
8. We will be keeping **ALL** exhibits that are judged on **Wednesday the 17th** except for Visual Arts that do not receive a purple ribbon and Table Settings.
9. Judging for both boys and girls, Fashion Revue will start at **1:00 pm**. All contestants are asked to remain at the judging site until the judging of their division is complete.

CLOTHING / BUYMANSHIP / FASHION REVUE

1. For Clothing/Buymanship 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>
2. If you are in the Clothing project and plan to model your outfit in the Fashion Revue, you must pre-enter the outfit in Clothing and Fashion Revue. Savvy Shopping must be entered in both divisions as well. Your Savvy Shopping exhibit can be counted as a Buymanship entry.
3. 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 17th or you will be lowered one ribbon placing.**
4. 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>

CLOVERBUD JUDGING

All Cloverbuds must pre-enter their exhibit prior to **July 1st** in FairEntry. Please check the Fair Book for exhibit rules. They will have the opportunity to have a project interview at the fair. Interviews for Cloverbuds will be **Friday, July 26th 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.

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.

Do you know what you will be doing with your animal after the fair? It is your responsibility to find a buyer and or locker. We do know that some lockers are already getting appointments made. So don't put it off, call now!

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN

- * When pre-entering your animals please enter the 4-H tag number given at weigh-in
- * **All livestock are to be checked in by 10:00 am Friday, July 26th**
- * 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 will be weighed at the fairgrounds from **8:00 - 10:00 am**.

POULTRY TESTING

Per the state we do not have to test poultry this year. It is now every 3 years. So there will be no testing of poultry before the fair.

SHOWMANSHIP

4-Hers are asked to please pre-enter for showmanship of each species that will be showing, so superintendents can plan for an approximate number. Showmanship classes will be at the end of the livestock shows, except swine.

LIVESTOCK ITEMS TO NOTE

Please read carefully and make special notes on dates.

1. All fair entries must be pre-entered prior to **Monday, July 1st on the online FairEntry website**. As approved by the Nemaha County Fair Board, 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 22nd**.
3. Intent to sell cards are due **Saturday, July 27th 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 members. 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 29th.
6. Please be sure to read the General Health Regulations for all livestock. Health certificates are not required but there will be certified veterinarians on site at check-in to evaluate all livestock.
7. It is the members' responsibility to contact lockers for slaughter appointments.

PARADE THEME

The parade this year will be held on **Sunday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.** in downtown Seneca. The theme this year is **"Summer Nights, Arena Lights"**. 4-H Floats will need to be at the Community National Bank **before 4:45 pm** for the judging of floats.

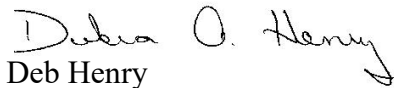
FAIR EXHIBIT PICK UP

Please plan to pick up all your exhibits **July 29th between 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please ask someone to do this for you. It is always a great idea to have a list of all the exhibits each member has at the fair.

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 examples. 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,



Deb Henry
4-H Program Manager

ENCL:

- *2024 Detailed Fair Schedule
- *Superintendent List
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