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4-H News

Meadowlark District

2023 JACKSON COUNTY FAIR July 17- July 20

Dates At A Glance

- June 25 – Dog Show
- July 1 – All Pre-Entries Due Online
- July 1 – Ambassador Applications Due
- July 5 – Building Superintendent Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- July 5 – Livestock Superintendent Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- July 7-8 – Jackson County Fair Rodeo
- July 11 – Pre-Fair Judging
- July 15 – Horse Show
- July 17-July 20 – Jackson County Fair

Be sure to like the **Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex (NEKHC)** and **Meadowlark District 4-H** on Facebook for Fair Updates.

Fairbook & Project Information:
<https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html>

It's County Fair Time!

This newsletter has valuable fair information in it, so please be sure to read it.

All fair pre-entries are due online at FairEntry.com by July 1. No late entries will be accepted after July 1. Please check the fairbook for time and rule changes for your specific project. You may find the Jackson County Fair pre-entry site at <https://jackson-ks.fairentry.com/> **DON'T WAIT TIL LAST MINUTE!!!!!!!**

Any questions or need help, please let me or the office know and we will gladly help you out. You will need to stop in the office for the stickers, photo boards & sleeves.

Hard copies of the fairbooks will be distributed to all 4-H families.... There is an electronic version on the Jackson County 4-H webpage. Please review the general rules and the project rules closely. Contact our office or your club leader with any questions.

What Is New At Fair!

There have been a few changes this year. Please check the divisions in which you are enrolled in to avoid any confusions. Remember that there are NO mindless questions! So please be sure to ask if you don't understand something. Some of the major changes this year.....

- Bucket Calf Consultation Judging moved to Pre-Fair Judging
- Horton Pre-Fair Judging
- State Fair changes
- Welding is now under STEM – Ag Mechanics
- Legos is now under STEM – Architectural Construction
- Home Raised is a Breeds Class
- Foods – Frosting update

Be sure to invite family, friends and business owners to the Annual Food Auction & the Livestock Sale.

What are pre-entries?

We pre-enter ALL 4-H projects so we can be sure to have enough stall space and exhibit space. We also schedule judging times based on the pre-entries for some of the building projects. The projects in which you were enrolled in are the projects you will need to pre-enter online.

Once the office receives all the pre-entries, judging schedules will be mailed out for the following projects: Arts/Crafts, Foods/Table Settings, Photography, Entomology, Geology, forestry, Wildlife, All Clothing and Bucket Calf consultation. Please be watching the mail for these schedules.

Labels

- **Entry Cards** – These will be printed by the Extension office after all pre-entries are received. We will have them ready for you at pre-fair judging or the Monday of the fair for you to attach to your fair project.
- **Labels** – These need to be placed on the bottom or back side of Arts & Crafts Exhibits, Food Exhibits, Posters, Notebooks, Cloverbud Exhibits, Photography, Space Tech Exhibits, Entomology, Forestry, Home Environment, Geology & Plant Science Exhibits. Labels can be picked up at the Extension Office or printed off our Meadowlark District Website.
- **Cloth Labels** – Need to be around 3" x 2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor Number, Class Number and District. These may be made out of a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Please attach to all Clothing Exhibits and Fiber Arts Exhibits.
- **Food Preservation** – Labels are available at our office or you can print them off yourself on District website.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR FAIRBOOK FOR JUDGING TIMES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**ALL 4-HER'S NEED TO SIGN THE MEADOWLARK CODE OF CONDUCT
and have on file at the Extension Office!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Jackson County Farm Bureau Meal Tickets

Every year Farm Bureau donates a meal deal ticket per each 4-Her/Cloverbud. Your club leaders have your meal tickets so please be sure to get in touch with them. Please be sure to write a thank-you to Jackson County Farm Bureau for their donation.

Fairground Cleanup

Fair set-up is being placed back on the 4-H families like it used to be. We need all hands on deck, Saturday, **July 15** starting at 9:00 AM at the fairgrounds. We will be setting up all the tables, exhibit cases and photo stands in the building as well as cleaning the barn and setting up rabbit/poultry cages. This is one of your fair requirements.

Important Project Information:

Arts & Crafts/Fiber Arts (All judged Tuesday, July 11 at Holton Elementary School)

- You may enter up to 6 entries total for arts & crafts and 5 entries total for fiber arts and crafts.
- Ribbons will be given to 4-Her at pre-fair judging. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to bring the item with ribbon attached to the fair during the designated fair check in times.
- Check In times: Sunday, **July 16** from 3:00-6:00 PM
- Fiber Arts Labels - use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3" x 2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.
- Each exhibit will need a sticker.
- If your item needs to be hung up please be sure to have a wire hanger with it.
- Judges will select the Visual Arts & Crafts that will go on to State Fair.

Entomology/Forestry/Geology/Wildlife

- These exhibits WILL BE judged at Horton Pre-Fair judging on Friday, **July 7**.
- Letter mailed to 4-Hers.

Banners

- Need to brought to the fair by Sunday, **July 16**. Please be sure to read rules in fairbook!!!

Photography (Judged Tuesday, July 11 at Holton Elementary School)

- 4 entries per class
- During pre-fair judging we will form a line at one end and you will go to the next available judge. There will be no picking and choosing of which judge you can go to. A time for your club to have their photos judged will be mailed out after pre-entries are received.
- Photos can't have live subjects on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property. They will be disqualified.
- Photo mount boards are available at the office for \$2 a board and plastic sleeve. We also have mounting instructions.
- Entry cards will be placed with photo after the judging.
- You need to have a 4-H label sticker attached to the back of the photo.
- Please include on the back of your photo the following: Name, 4-Her town, photo class, location where taken & MED-Holton.

Clothing

- Consultation outfits need to be a separate outfit from the Buymanship Display outfits.
- Consultation exhibitors will need to fill out a Cost Per Wear form and a Consultation Buymanship Form.
- Clothing Buymanship Displays will be 3' x 4'.
- Clothing Buymanship Displays may be set up Saturday, **July 15** from 12:00-4:00 PM and Sunday, **July 16** from 12:00-5:00 PM. Superintendent will assign spaces.
- Clothing Buymanship Display outfit **MUST** be a separate outfit from the Fashion Revue outfit. Display outfit **MUST** stay on display for the whole duration of the fair.
- **Fashion Revue participants please bring a photo of yourself in your outfit to pre fair judging!**
- Fashion Revue participants need to turn in their Fashion Revue scripts by the end of Pre-Fair Judging on Tuesday, **July 11**. They may be e-mailed to Carol at cmcmnigal@ksu.edu anytime.
- Fashion Revue exhibitors need to fill out the Fashion Revue form and a Cost Per Wear form and bring with you to the pre-fair judging along with your photo.
- A schedule of judging times will be mailed to you for Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue and Clothing Buymanship Consultation Judging.
- Clothing labels – use a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3" x 2 ½" in size and include Exhibitor number, Class Number and District.

Foods/Table Settings

- A time for Foods judging will be mailed to you after pre-entries are in.
- If your item is chosen for the Food Auction please be sure to attend. Check back after Foods judging to find out if your item was selected. **FOOD AUCTION is Monday, July 17 at 6:00 PM.**
- Table Settings will be judged at pre-fair judging on Tuesday, **July 11**. Please bring your own card table!
- Judging will start at 11:00 AM. Please be sure to sign up for a time.

FOOD AUCTION

- If your food item is a purple cake, pie, decorated cake, fancy bread or a cookie jar please be sure to be present during the Food Auction on Monday, **July 17** to help sell your food item. Not all purple items are chosen for the auction. Please check back to see if your item was selected.
- Money from the Food Auction goes to 4-H event scholarships.
- Please be sure to invite buyers.

All exhibits must stay in place until their assigned time. Livestock at 2:30 PM and Building at 6:00 PM on Thursday.

County Fire Bans and Rocket Launches

This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas is currently floating in water, we know that weather conditions can change rapidly, often in 30 days. The 2023 Kansas State Fair rocketry rules state “if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.” We advise everyone to always be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant.

Livestock Project Information

- Home Raised Classes – will show as a breed class.
- Superintendents will be around to do animal checks as you unload your animals.
- All animals need to be on the fairgrounds by 7:00 PM Sunday night (exception is dairy animals in milk).
- There will be 3 different unloading areas. Unloading will be from 4:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, **July 16**.
 1. *SWINE – Unload on the east side of the building from north to south.*
 2. *SHEEP/GOATS – Unload on the west side of the building (lead them in).*
 3. *CATTLE/Mixed load – Pull through the barn from north to south*

We ask that everyone please be patient and courteous to others. Please just pull up and unload your animals only. All equipment will need to be unloaded either before or after.

- Pictures with your animals may be taken at the designated area. There will be a banner with decorations for pictures. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will take them at the end of the show over in this area with the judge.
- Please make sure you have read and signed the Meadowlark District Livestock Waiver & Show Ring Code of Conduct.
- Superintendents will have the final say in their area.
- If your market animal has lost an ear tag, please notify our office so we can get them replaced.
- All animals must be kept in place until Thursday at 2:30 PM. If left before this time, all ribbon premium for that species will be forfeited.
- Blocking chutes may be brought to the fair but they must stay outside of the barn in designated area.
- Livestock Shows will be a “No Fit” show. Means it will be a wash/blow dry/brush your animal. Major clipping must be done at home, touch up clipping may be done at the fair. No paint, glue or bloom sprays may be used. Please refer to page 19 in the fairbook for more information.
- You must provide your own bedding (**wood chips only**). Bring your own or fairboard will have a few bags for sell during the fair.
- No animals are allowed outside of livestock building for any reason once checked in on Sunday. Only exception is to go out to the wash rack or area to the south of the barn, but must stay inside the fenced in area.
- Make sure to sign and turn in your Code of Conduct & Show Ring of Ethics.
- You will receive your back number during the week of the fair. Please be sure to come find it in the Livestock Meeting Room before your livestock show! This will be your only number so be sure to hang onto it for the duration of the fair!

Livestock Weigh In Times

Meat Goats/Sheep – Sunday, **July 16** Weigh-In from 5:30-6:00 PM

Meeting is at 6:00 PM

Beef – Sunday, **July 16** Weigh-In from 7:00-8:00 PM (carcass scanning at this time)

Meeting is at 7:00 PM

Swine – Monday, **July 17** Weigh-In from 8:00-9:30 AM

Meeting is at 7:50 AM

Bucket Calves

- All bucket calves must be weaned by fair time.
- All age divisions will be judged.
- Conference Judging will be Tuesday, **July 11** at 10:00 AM Please be sure to sign up for a time at pre-entry time.

Beef

- Market Steers will be able to participate in the Market Steer Carcass Scanning which will be Sunday, July 16 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Dr. Bentz will be looking at the following areas of your market steers: Ribeye area, Backfat, Percent Intramuscular Fat (objective measurement of marbling in live cattle), etc. We will have an Overall Carcass award & Reserve Overall Carcass.

Swine

- You don't need to be present for weigh-in. We will write all weights down for the 4-Hers if they are not able to attend.
- No feeding hogs in wash area.

Livestock Sale Options

4-Hers who want to sell their livestock in the Premium Livestock Sale, **MUST** fill out and have their club leader sign off on the 4-H Premium Sale Requirements and complete an Intent to Sell form and have it turned into the dropbox at the livestock office building by **Tuesday, July 18 by 10:00 PM or 30 minutes** after the conclusion of the beef show. There is a Livestock Sale fee of \$10.00 per animal that goes through the auction. Livestock Sale checks will be available for pick up at the Extension Office after **August 31**.

***** Please be sure to pick up some Buyer Invites at the Extension Office.*****

Open Class Livestock Entries

If your little one is showing an animal in open class, they can't be housed at the fair unless there is room in their sibling's animal's pen. Otherwise, they need to be brought in the day of the show and will show right after the showmanship classes unless otherwise announced. Please let the office know by **July 1** of any Open Class Livestock Exhibits. Open Class animals **MUST** be a different animal from the 4-H animal.

Poultry Testing

Times have been set up with the Kansas Dept. of Ag for Sunday, **July 16**. Testing will be at the Fair check-in at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton from 5:00-7:00 PM. The testing is a requirement for ALL poultry (except waterfowl) for 2023.

Camper Reservations

If you would like to reserve a spot this year, please contact Mickie Schultz at 785-580-3796.

Fair Concessions Schedule

Please send club schedules to Cara at carar@ksu.edu or drop a copy off at the office before Friday, **July 14**. Our concession stand managers will be Anissa Bloom. We will draw for shifts at the June Council meeting.

Trash Clean Up Schedule

To help keep the fairgrounds looking nice, each club is asked to pick up trash from 7:30-9:00 AM. The schedule below is the day of the fair that each club is responsible for. Trash bags will be available at the livestock barns. Thank you for helping to keep the fairgrounds looking good for the public.

Tuesday, July 18

Hoyt Livewires
North Jackson Jets
Denison Builders

Wednesday, July 19

Soldier Boosters
Ontario Busy Bees
Lucky Stars

Thursday, July 20

Delia Early Birds
Mayetta Mustangs
Straight Arrows
Pleasant Valley Rustlers

Friday, July 21

ALL CLUBS

Presentation of Exhibit Awards

All building awards except Fashion Revue will be presented on Thursday evening starting around 5:00 PM before the Livestock Sale at the Farm Bureau pad.

Fashion Revue

The Style Revue will be held on Wednesday, **July 19** starting around 8:30 PM (following the parade) at the Margaret Hund Memorial Amphitheater. This year only 1 outfit will be modeled per 4-Her. Please bring you lawn chairs as seating is limited.

Copyright Reminder

Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Refer to page 14 in the fairbook. Copyright 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.

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=6H5dIS-kqLI>

4-H Horticulture Judging

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled to be held Saturday, **August 12** on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. The reopening of campus is planned, and we are still waiting on some specifics about how this can take place. The study material will continue for 2023. It is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html>. Contact the Extension office before **August 1**, if you are interested in this opportunity. Registration is due **August 1**.

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.

Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is tentatively scheduled for **August 19-20**. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Updates will be announced as more information from the University regarding events becomes available. Regardless of the format, an opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry will be held. Contact local office before **July 31**, if interested!

2023 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

This annual event is scheduled for **June 30-July 1**, at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park, Manhattan. This two-day event includes an educational swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. It is open to all Kansas youth ages 7-18 as of January 1. Online entries are required at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bw2um6xiuu9Degm. Checks to accompany entry must be postmarked by **June 15**.

Kansas State Fair Entry Deadlines

July 15 - Grand Drive Entries (4-H Livestock)

August 1 - 4-H Horse Show Entries (must have qualified at District Show)

August 9 - All other State Fair 4-H Entries due to Extension Office Visit the State 4-H Website for links and information about the 2023 Kansas State Fair at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>

August 15 – KJLS entries due

State Fair Entries are due in the Office by August 9. Don't forget to get those purple awarded projects signed up for the State 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 instead of 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, focus of the volunteer, parent, superintendents must be the 4-H MEMBER! Youth are more important than the items made or grown.

- Be a role model
- Be sincere
- Be positive
- Be friendly
- Be helpful

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.

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