Dear 4-H Family,

It is fair time! This newsletter contains lots of information. Please make sure you ready the whole thing. We asked that you ask questions in advance. There are no dumb questions. If you have a questions, someone else might have the same one. Please bare with us in the office as this is a busy time for us also. It is the exhibitors responsibility to meet all deadlines reflected in this newsletter. We are looking forward to a great fair. Let us know if you have any questions.

We are very excited to see what you all have accomplished in your projects this year, as you showcase them at the Coffey County Fair!

Best of luck to all of you! See you soon!

**Reminder...all things are subject to change. When in doubt, call and ask.**

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ENTRY CARDS—ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE BY JULY 12th

Entry Website: coffeecountyfair.fairentry.com

Instructions:

1) Login Using 4-H Online credentials! All 4-H Families must login this way. DO NOT create a new profile. FFA members who are not in 4-H Online are the only participants that will create a profile. Contact the Extension Office if you need help logging in!

2) Begin Making Entries- Detailed Instructions are available at https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/coffeecountyfair/Making%20an%20Entry%20Instructions%202020%20FairEntry.pdf

EXHIBITS

All exhibits except for Foods & Nutrition, Crops and Horticulture are to be dropped off at the 4-H Building...

- Monday, July 17th from 8-5 PM or by appointment.
- All large items need to be scheduled for delivery on Monday.
- Tuesday, July 18th from 8-12 AM.

Fair Superintendents— Junior Superintendents

Once again this year each area of the fair will have a superintendent. This person will help set-up, and run the event or judging. Any questions can be directed to this person. Check the fair book for superintendents’ name. If you would like to be a superintendents assistant, we always need the help! We are still welcoming Junior Superintendents. If you would like to serve in this role contact the Extension Office. (Junior Superintendents 12 years and older)

COPYRIGHT RULES

All 4-H exhibitors (individual or group) should avoid using copyrighted materials whenever possible by originating his/her own work. A copyright and trademark are legal methods used by writers, artists, corporations and others to protect their original work. Protected items may range from books to music, logos to computer graphics. Exhibits found to be in violation of copyright laws are subject to disqualification.

THANK YOU NOTES

Do you know how many volunteers assist at the fair each year?

Do you know how many judges it takes to judge all the entries at the fair?

Do you know how many family members or friends that have helped you with your project this year?

What about club leaders and community supports?

This is our time to say thank you to all those people. We encourage each of you to stop by the 4-H building and sign thank you notes. We will have a thank you for the superintendents, volunteers, judges, community supports, etc. We will also have extra if you think of someone we forgot. You will not have to sign all the cards, for example if you are in the photography project...please sign the cards for that group.
Club leaders will schedule a time for all members to meet at the backdrop to get your club picture taken.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT JUDGING
Photography Conference Judging will be optional. Photography judging will be on Wednesday, July 19th. REMINDER – Improperly mounted photos will be awarded a ribbon one placing lower than the placing determined by the official judge. Be sure to check the Fair book for mounting and display specifications. Please place your mounted photos in the photo bags provided by the Extension Office to ensure that your photos stay neat and clean.

**Bags must be left unsealed for judging.**

Photo boards are 11” x 12 ½” and photos must be mounted with the top edge of the print 1” below the top of the mount. Photo boards with bags are available in the Extension Office for $1.00.
FOODS ENTRIES

Place all food entries on a paper plate or on a piece of cardboard cut to fit and slip into a clear plastic bag. Tape the entry tag to the outside of the bag. Entry cards will be received at check in. No entries will be accepted in baking dishes. Use disposable containers for all entries. The 4-Her and one person can be present to visit with the judge.

Tips on Freezing & Thawing:

1. Be sure to cool the baked product before wrapping and thawing.
2. Thawing – Let the product warm up 60º F. or room temperature before the wrapping is opened.

This prevents moisture from air condensing on the cold product and/or being absorbed by it.

NOTE: Bring the whole product, properly labeled, as we will be doing conference judging. (Sticky labels are available at the office for your product.)

BAKE SALE will be Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Livestock Arena.

Foods Project Judging

Judging will begin Wednesday morning, July 19th at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. ALL items must be checked in by 10:00 AM. Food baskets and educational displays will be entered at the same time as the other food items. Food Preparation Division allows each 4-Her to enter 4 exhibits plus an educational exhibit in the Level they are enrolled. Be sure to check the Fair Book and use your own ideas! (NO PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS)

FOOD FLOP

This class is for that entry you were planning to bring and it flopped at the last minute! Bring it anyways to be evaluated – this is how you learn. We will have a form for you to fill out before being judged. If you have a “flop” to enter, ask the food superintendent for a form. Anything exhibited in this class will be included in your 4 food exhibit maximum number of entries.

Questions – contact the Extension Office.

Heirloom Frosting Glaze

½ cup shortening
4 cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 Tablespoons milk

Blend together shortening and sugar. Add vanilla, milk and stir or use mixer until smooth.

Makes about 2 ½ cups frosting enough for 2 8-9 inch layers.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN THE FOODS PROJECT TO PARTICIPATE IN “TASTE OF COFFEY”.

VISUAL ARTS

A total of 3 items per class are allowed for entry into the Coffey County Fair. The class options this year are Fine Arts, Ceramics, Jewelry, 3D, and General Crafts. One entry in each of these classes will be selected to move on to be judged at the State Fair.
BUYMANSHP / CLOVERBUD / CLOTHING CONTRUCTION REVUE / CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE JUDGING / FIBER ARTS/ PARADE OF PURPLES & FASHION REVUE

Saturday, July 15th—9 AM, 4-H Building

PLEASE NOTE: Only 2 outfits can be modeled in the boys and girls Buymanship. Other outfits you make can be entered in Clothing Construction. If you are entered in both Construction and Buymanship you can model 4 outfits total. The approximate judging order of Fashion Revue will be emailed out after the pre-entry deadline. The Clothing Information Sheet is requires a 30 word or less script/description. Please bring 2 copies on July 15th!

Buymanship Revue will begin at 9 AM with Boys—Seniors, Intermediate and Juniors, Girls—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Cloverbuds schedule will be listed on the final schedule prior to the event.

Clothing Construction Style Revue will follow Buymanship.

Clothing Construction Conference Judging will take place in Kelley Hall. Cloth clothing labels for garments are available at the Extension Office. These are to be tacked or pinned into or onto the ferment or article for identification purposes.

Fiber Arts Judging will take place in Kelley Hall.

The pre-fair event is the only time that your clothing items will be judged.

***PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR GARMENTS with clothing informational sheet with a picture in a sheet protector. All garments must be on a swivel or wire hanger and in a plastic garment bag. This will allow us to go ahead and set up the display for the fair.

We will be posting placings for all entries except champions at judging on July 15th.

Ribbons will placed on the items for display during the fair.

Fashion Revue will be held at Kelley lawn (west side of the rock building) following the parade. This fashion revue is for anyone that did not receive a purple ribbon and would like to model one outfit.

SIGN UP IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLOTHING EVENT.

Parade of Purples will follow the Fashion Revue. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED FOR THE CLOTHING EVENT.

Anyone that plans to model on Friday, July 21st at Kelley Hall west lawn (the rock building) must pick up your outfits from the 4-H building between 3-5:30 pm as the 4-H building will be locked during the parade. The 4-Her’s will be able to change clothes in Kelley Hall. Champions & Grand Champions will be announced during the Parade of Purples. ALL items must be return to the 4-H Building immediately following the Parade of Purples. Please put them back in the same place that you removed them from.

To compete at the State Fair, county winners must be at least 14, but not yet 19 by January 1st of the current year and enrolled in project to model. If you have any questions, visit with your clubs’ clothing leaders or contact the Extension Office.

Awards will be presented to the Grand Champion in Boys & Girls Buymanship at the awards presentation at the fair July 23rd—5:00 p.m. in the arena.
**ENTRIES * ENTRIES * ENTRIES**

We hope that you were as accurate as possible in the number of animals pre-entered. If excess stall space is assigned and not needed, a club may be asked to remove its stall decorations from unneeded stall spaces to give more room to other clubs.

Livestock entries may be removed from the Fair Grounds beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 23rd, all other entries will be released between 2:30pm and 4pm. Any bedding used during the Fair must be cleaned up by the club/family at the time of dismissal.

In accordance with the State Fair rules: All exhibits must be the bona fide property and handiwork of the exhibitor; the grower where agricultural exhibits are shown; and the owner and feeder where livestock is entered. Exhibits must be the result of the current years work. This rule shall be rigidly enforced to maintain the integrity of the youth program. Exhibitors who are found by the Fair Board to have left their livestock to the majority care of others, especially professional feeders/groomers, will be disqualified. Entries must be entered and exhibited by the owner.

Livestock entries are to be in the barn by 5:00 PM Wednesday, July 19th. Weigh-In will start at 5:00 pm in order of Beef, Goats & Sheep, Swine. All animals are to be clean, dry, and shorn PRIOR to weigh-in.

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**DEMONSTRATION/ CONSUMER JUDGING DAY– JULY 7TH**

Any 4-Her may give a project talk, demonstration, illustrated talk or Poetry/Prose on July 7th. Pre-entry was required by Wednesday, June 28th so a schedule can be made and sent out to participants. 4-Hers (9 years old or over) that receive a purple ribbon on a project talk, demonstration or illustrated talks are eligible for the State Fair. This is the only qualifying event for the State Fair.

At the State Fair this year, 4-H Presentations will be conducted Sept 9th & 10th and Sept 16th & 17th; we will have more details after the fair.

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**POULTRY**

Pullorum testing will NOT be required for the 2023 Coffey County fair. All birds showing in the Coffey County Fair, must have an ID band, and have been pre-entered by the June 29th deadline.

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**AMBASSADORS**

The new 4-H Ambassadors will ride in the fair parade and be announced during the awards ceremony at 5 pm, Sunday, July 23rd. The fun of being an ambassador includes: promoting 4-H, organizing events, and helping with awards ceremonies. The 4-H Ambassadors should contact the Extension Office BEFORE THE FAIR to make arrangements for the Fair parade.
LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE

Be sure to be ready ahead of time. These are only guidelines for a time schedule and may vary. Showmanship classes (except rabbits) will be divided as follows providing adequate numbers show.

**Showmanship Age Divisions**
- Junior – 7-9
- Intermediate – 10-13
- Senior – 14-18

Showmanship for ALL species will take place at the beginning of each species show.

**Thursday**
- 7:30 a.m. Mandatory Livestock Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Poultry
- 8:00 a.m. Rabbit
- 9:00 a.m. Bucket Calf Show
- 11:30 a.m. Dairy Cow/Goat Show (Cows then Nannies)
- 5:00 p.m. Meat Goat Show/Sheep

**Friday**
- 9:00 a.m. Beef Show

**Saturday**
- 8:00 a.m. Swine Show
- 4:00 p.m. Livestock Judging

**Sunday**
- 10:30 a.m. Round Robin

**REMINDER**

“**The cattle shows, (steers, heifers, bucket calves & dairy cattle) are to be a ‘ Blow & Go’ show. Adhesives or paint shall not be used for fitting**”. “**All cattle to be shown must be clipped prior to fair. All market lambs & goats will be slick shorn...**” PRIOR to weigh-in.

**Rules for the Round Robin Showmanship Contest are in the Coffey County Fair book.**

MANDATORY!

Livestock meeting will be held THURSDAY JULY 20th at 7:30 AM in the grand stands. All individuals entered to show animals are required to attend (this includes rabbits and poultry)!

**DISPLAYING ANIMALS**

Animals need to be on display in the barn from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. except when being fed, watered or groomed. Reminder. You may feed cattle hay in the beef barns. Preferably fed in a hay bag or manger.

**SHEEP/ GOAT REMINDER**

Attention Sheep & Goat Showmen: Sheep & Goats should be shown slickshorn. Scrapie tags are required for all sheep & goats, this includes wethers.

**LARGE BEEF ANIMAL STALL FEE**

A $15 large beef animal stall fee was to be due with pre-entries for steer, market heifer, 2nd year bucket calf, cow/calf pair, etc. If you have not already done so, the fee will need to be paid prior to taking your animals to the Fairgrounds.
LIVESTOCK SALE

Youth Livestock Auction Rules are in the Fair book. It is your responsibility to read them. No animal will be listed in the sale bill without a Destination Designation card being filled out and turned in by the designated deadline. **IT IS THE 4-HER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A MEAT BUYER FOR BEEF & SWINE.** There is a floor buyer (base bid buyer) for sheep and meat goats. If you have any questions about the sale see Darl or the sale committee. Remember that any animal sold through our livestock auction must go either directly to slaughter or eventually to slaughter, but never shown again in any show, fair, or exhibition anywhere. Ear tag numbers will be reported to the Kansas 4-H Office. Sale committee members are listed in the Fair book.

**BUCKET CALF SHOW**

The 4-H bucket calf show is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 20th. There will be 3 age groups – 7 & 8, 9 & 10, and 11 & 12 year olds showing in that order. First year bucket calves will show first followed by the 2nd year bucket calves. Evaluation will be based on a judge’s interview, questions, showmanship and calf quality.

LIVESTOCK– ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Coffey County Fair 4-H Livestock Shows and Sale are such visible events to most fair goers and a major reflection of our 4-H program. We must be mindful in preserving a positive image of 4-H. 4-Her’s, their parents, leaders and instructors have a serious responsibility to treat their animals ethically and humanely. Medications, growth promotants, and any other approved materials should be used appropriately and with great care. All associated withdrawal time must be strictly adhered to.

NO DECORATING OF ANIMALS

No decorating of 4-H livestock at our Fair sale is allowed for animals entering food supply, therefore, writing words or symbols on the animals’ hair, skin, or hide will not be allowed. Additionally, the use of glitter or similar products that could contaminate a carcass and cause it to be discounted or condemned will not be allowed on animals that are going through the Fair sale or leaving on locker or basebid trailers at the end of the Fair.
HORSE SHOW

Horses will be judged Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 p.m. Pre-entry is required. Rules according to 4-H Horse Show booklet which are available in the KSRE bookstore online at https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf. If you have questions concerning the Horse Show, call the Extension Office. Showmanship, Horsemanship and , Trail & Reining patterns will be posted the day of the show. Coggins test are encouraged but not required for show.
**ELECTRICAL**

Conference judging will be July 19th.

**WOODWORKING**

Conference judging will be Wednesday, July 19th for Woodworking. The Judge will discuss your project with you.

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**STEM—ROCKETS**

Be sure to check your fair book. You may also pick up additional Rocketry Forms in the Extension Office or online. Be sure to include all of your plans and photos. Engines are no longer allowed as display stands.

**SCORESHEETS**

If you would like to learn more about judging criteria for any divisions, you can view sample scoresheets/guidelines on the Kansas 4-H website. Scoresheets will be used for some indoor exhibits.

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**Conference Judging**

Our conference judging is intended to enhance the educational experience for the 4-Her.

The 4-Her should be prepared to communicate with the judge(s) on all aspects of the project. One person is welcome to listen. Conference judging takes longer. The schedules are an approximation and conference judging is optional.

If a 4-Her needs to be elsewhere, we understand that and will ensure that your project will be judged without prejudice.

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**CAMPING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

4-Her’s and adults are welcome to camp out at Kelley Park during the fair. We insist that all campers respect the rights of each other and maintain peace and quiet in the camping area. Loud music, alcohol, and obnoxious behavior or language will not be permitted.

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**FROM THE FAIRBOARD**

The parking of livestock trailers, camping trailers, and camping sites will be designated for the best use of limited space as determined by the Fair Board. There will be no parking, camping, or fitting of livestock on the parking area (island) west of the show area. No livestock trailers are allowed in the camping sites. Empty livestock trailers may be parked in the Birk Oil lot west of the fairgrounds. Official livestock check-in is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, but animals may arrive earlier in the day. Weigh-in will begin with beef at 5 pm.
CLEAN UP NIGHTS

Pre-Fair Cleanup will take place Monday, July 17th @ 5 pm at the Fairgrounds. We all will contribute to the events at the Fair, so let’s all plan to contribute to cleaning up before and after the Fair!

Post-Fair Cleanup will take place Monday, July 24th, 5pm at the Fairgrounds. Ribbons and premiums will be handed out after clean up. Pizza party for all those that help clean up.

BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING!

Central National Bank invites all 4-H members and families to have breakfast with them Saturday, July 22nd from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. under the Grandstand!

CLEANING OF BEEF BARN

The Coffey County Fair Board asks that beef exhibitors to please use rakes or forks to clean the manure from the beef barn. Please DO NOT use shovels. We are trying to build up the amount of cedar fibers in the beef barn. Thank you for your cooperation.
IMPORTANT: LOCKER UPDATE FOR LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS PARTICIPATING IN THE LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SALE!

There will be several lockers with trailers to take animals after the livestock premium sale during the Coffey County Fair this year. Those lockers include: Woodson County Prime Meats-Yates Center, Allen Meat Processing—Allen, and Olpe Meat Locker—Olpe. Mont Ida Meats-Welda will come if numbers are big enough. Santa Fe Trail Meats-Overbrook must be scheduled ahead of time for a date after the fair. It is very important to make arrangements with lockers to process your animals now. Due to the number of animals that the lockers will be receiving at once, you will likely have to schedule an appointment in many cases.

Please call and make sure your name is on their list.

4-H “STEM” Division

Many remain unaware that Kansas 4-H in the recent past has made changes to some of the project areas and combined several into what is now being referred to as “STEM”. Several of the “traditional” projects including, energy management, rocketry/aerospace, electricity/electronics, small engines and woodworking to name a few, have been lumped together under this new tag along with some new project additions.

The 4-H STEM component is composed of these multiple projects designed to help youth explore and gain skills with emphasis in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Youth can learn how to build rockets and robots and explore space through astronomy. There are opportunities to learn more about unmanned aerial systems (drones). Youth may also gain experiences in computer building, repair and networking. New project additions this year include, Ag Mechanics and Architectural Block Construction providing further opportunity for exploration in this developing and growing area.

Ag Mechanics project is starting with an emphasis on welding and smithing and will allow youth to explore areas of Ag mechanics and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing items to the fabrication of new items. The intent is to start with foundational areas, some of which youth may already have, and allow them to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced.

Architectural Block Construction (ABC) isn’t called “Lego’s”, because there are many types of interlocking blocks on the market and youth can use whatever block type they have available. The project focus is to be on how this relates to architecture, the blocks are a medium for creating that architecture. The use of kits in ABC is prohibited to enhance the potential for evaluation of youth based on their abilities to create from scratch, a block environment, instead of following pre-designed instructions.

For fair exhibition purposes 4-H members must be currently enrolled in the particular 4-H STEM project assigned to each of the respective STEM section divisions.

Due to the complexity and detail of rules associated with the 4-H STEM projects, complete rules for these projects will not be printed in the Coffey County Fair fairbook. 4-Her’s entering exhibits for these projects in the Coffey County Fair, especially those with a goal of qualifying for State Fair competition, should go to the Kansas State Fair Kansas 4-H Exhibitor Handbook. A PDF of these complete rules and guidelines is posted on the Coffey County 4-H web page for the specific information to be followed pertaining to the various aspects of State Fair STEM exhibition.
4-H CLUB BUILDING WATCH ASSIGNMENTS & TRASH DUTY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
Trash—Smilin Thru

THURSDAY- JULY 20, 2023
9:00 am-1:00 pm  Crops - Smilin Thru  4-H Building—Tip Top
1:00 pm-5:00 pm  Crops - Liberty       4-H Building—Blue Ribbon
5:00 pm- 9:00pm  Crops - Tip Top       4-H Building—Stringtown Bombers

Trash—Stringtown Bomber

FRIDAY- JULY 21, 2023
9:00 am-1:00pm  Crops - Blue Ribbon     4-H Building—Smilin Thru
1:00 pm-5:00pm  Crops - Stringtown Bombers  4-H Building—Liberty
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Crops - Smilin Thru     4-H Building—Tip Top
Trash—Tip Top **5:00-6:30 CLOSED FOR PARADE**

SATURDAY- JULY 22, 2023
9:00 am- 1:00 pm  Crops - Liberty       4-H Building— Blue Ribbon
1:00 pm- 5:00pm  Crops - Tip Top        4-H Building— Stringtown Bombers
5:00 pm- 9:00pm  Crops - Blue Ribbon    4-H Building— Smilin Thru

Trash—Blue Ribbon

SUNDAY- JULY 23, 2023
1:00 pm- 4:00 pm  Crops - Stringtown Bombers  4-H Building—Liberty

Trash—Liberty

TRASH DUTY
includes ALL TRASH throughout the fair grounds and campsites. Large, black trash bags will be available in the Fair board office.
Dumpsters are located east of the Crops building.

BATHROOMS
Please be courteous to others when using the 4-H Building restrooms. Clean up after yourself and remove all of your belongings!
STATE FAIR ENTRIES

If you receive a “purple ribbon” on your project at the Fair it can go on to the State Competition if you are 9 years old by January 1st, 2023, and there is a class for it at State Fair. Exception: Visual Arts—Only projects selected for the State Fair at the County Fair may go on.

There will be a State Fair sign up sheet on the entry table in the 4-H Building for those of you who wish to sign up early. You may still call the Extension Office after fair is over by Friday, August 4th to sign up as well. The Kansas State Fair Dates are set for Sept. 8-17 – Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats and Swine entries are due online by July 15th. All other entries must be made by notifying the Extension Office by August 4th. REMEMBER – Livestock entries must have been nominated May 1st for beef and June 15th for swine, sheep, and meat goats. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

Many changes were made at the State Fair last year. See Kansas State Fair Handbook for official rules Judging contests are yet to be determined.

KJLS entries are due August 15th.

LIVESTOCK BARN REMINDERS

As mentioned earlier in this letter NO SHOVELS used to scoop up manure in the beef barn - only rakes and forks. If your beef animal starts to paw at the bedding and begins to “dig a hole” at their stall, do not let it get out of hand!! Periodically rake and level out the depression area and do what you can to maintain the cedar fiber bedding that is there. Beef exhibitors there is to be NO WATER buckets in the barn unless special provisions for heat stress relief are announced AND hay fed in the barn it is to be in a hay bag or tub NOT just thrown on the ground. Remaining hay should be FORKED out of the bedding.

DO NOT CUT & DROP ZIP TIES on the floor or in the bedding. In the pig barn THEY CLOG THE DRAIN! If this becomes an issue then usage of zip ties will be prohibited in the barns.