

Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Coffey County 4-H



Attention 4-H Families,

It is fair time! This newsletter contains loads of information. Please make sure you read the whole thing. We ask that you please ask questions in advance. **There are no dumb questions.** If you have 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! 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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EXHIBIT DROP OFF

ALL EXHIBITS EXCEPT FOR FOODS & NUTRITION, CROPS AND HORTICULTURE ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE 4-H BUILDING

- MONDAY, JULY 21ST FROM 8AM-5 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.
- ALL LARGE ITEMS NEED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY ON MONDAY.
- TUESDAY, JULY 22ND FROM 8AM-12 PM.

Fair Superintendents - Junior Superintendents

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)

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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.



ALL STATIC ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY JULY 14TH

Entry Website: coffeycountyfair.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!



PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT JUDGING

Photography Conference Judging will be optional. Photography judging will be on Wednesday, July 23rd

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 Fairbook 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 \$1.50.

VISUAL ARTS

A total of 3 items per class and 6 total entries 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.

Make sure you have a hanger on the back of your visual arts project if it is able to be hung up.

Demonstration Days and Judging Contests - July 11th

Any 4-Her may give a project talk, demonstration, illustrated talk or Poetry/Prose on July 11th. Pre-entry was required by June 30th 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.

REMINDER: Regardless of the Public Speaking topic used as to qualify, all Public Speeches at the Kansas State Fair will be on "What 4-H Means to Me". See page 38/39 of the Kansas State Fair Handbook.

Judging Contests-Crops, FCS, Photography @ 4-H Building

FOOD 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. See fairbook rule #5 in Foods for more details. Entry cards will be received at check in. Use disposable containers for all entries. Reminder... Parents should not engage 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 60° 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.

No entries will be accepted in baking dishes.

Foods Project Judging

Judging will begin Wednesday morning, July 23rd at 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. ALL items that are NOT being conference judged must be checked in by 9 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!

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.

Do NOT create a 4-H online entry for this!

4-H Building Watch

THURSDAY – JULY 24, 2024

9:00 am–1:00 pm **Smilin Thru**

1:00 pm–5:00 pm **Liberty**

5:00 pm–9:00 pm **Tip Top**

FRIDAY- JULY 25, 2024

9:00 am–1:00 pm **Blue Ribbon**

1:00 pm–5:00 pm **Stringtown Bombers**

5:00 pm–9:00 pm **Smilin Thru**

****5:00–6:30 CLOSED FOR PARADE****

SATURDAY- JULY 26, 2025

9:00 am–1:00 pm **Liberty**

1:00 pm–5:00pm **Tip Top**

5:00 pm–9:00 pm **Blue Ribbon**

SUNDAY- JULY 27, 2025

1:00 pm–4:00 pm **Stringtown Bombers**

Crops Building

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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 are to be in the barn by 5:00 PM Wednesday, July 23rd. 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.

Livestock entries may be removed from the Fair Grounds beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 27th, 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.

REMINDER: 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 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

Monday, July 21st

5:00pm: Fair Clean Up

6:00pm: Mandatory Livestock Meeting

Following Meeting: County Group

Picture

Tuesday, July 22nd

8:00am: Rabbit Show

6:00pm: 4-H Horse & Open Class Horse Show

Thursday, July 24th

8:00am: Poultry Show

8:30am: Dairy Cow/Goat Show

9:00am: Meat Goat/Sheep Show

6:00pm: Bucket Calf Show

Friday, July 25th

9:00am: Beef Show

Saturday, July 26th

8:00am: Swine Show

4:00pm: Livestock Contest

Sunday, July 27th

10:30am: Round Robin Show

5:30pm: Bucket Calf Scramble

6:00pm: Livestock Sale



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.

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

MANDATORY!

The Livestock meeting will be held MONDAY, JULY 21ST at 6:00pm in the grand stands. ALL individuals entered to show animals are required to attend - this includes rabbit and poultry exhibitors as well!

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 slick shorn.
- Scrapie tags are required for all sheep & goats, this includes wethers.
- **All market lambs & goats will be slick shorn**, PRIOR to weigh-in.

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 the sale committee. Sale committee members are listed in the Fair book.

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.

DOG, CAT, AND HAND PET SHOW

The Dog, Cat and Hand Pet Show will be held prior to the Fair on Saturday, July 19th. The show will begin at 4pm. Animals must be on a leash or in a hand cage. This will be a conference judging with the 4-H'er. Dog entries need to bring a completed State 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record to the show.

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.

Poultry

Coffey County is on the list for mandatory pullorum testing for the 2025 Coffey County Fair. ALL birds going to the Coffey County Fair must have been tested on June 25th.

BUCKET CALF SHOW

PLEASE NOTE:

The bucket calf show is at a new time this year.

The 4-H bucket calf show is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24th. There will be 3 age groups: 11 & 12 yr olds, 9 & 10 yr olds, and 7 & 8 yr olds. 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.



BUYER RIBBONS

For each market beef, hog, goat or sheep going to be sold through the livestock sale, each seller will have the opportunity to purchase buyer ribbons for \$5.00 each. It is recommended that you purchase a buyer ribbon for each of your premium auction buyers. Buyer ribbons must be purchased by July 14th through the Extension Office. Beginning July 15th and throughout the Fair, the cost goes up to \$10.00 each.

Horse Show

Horses will be judged Tuesday, July 22nd starting at 6:00 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, Trail & Reining patterns will be posted the day of the show. Coggins test are encouraged but not required for show.

AMBASSADORS

The new 4-H Ambassador(s) will ride in the fair parade and be announced during the awards ceremony at 5 pm, Sunday, July 27th. The fun of being an ambassador includes: promoting 4-H, organizing events, and helping with award ceremonies. The 4-H Ambassadors should contact the Extension Office **BEFORE THE FAIR** to make arrangements for the Fair parade.

SALE AGREEMENTS & DESTINATION DESIGNATION CARDS

Before the livestock shows, each 4-H member (and parent) selling an animal MUST sign a Coffey County Livestock Auction Agreement form acknowledging awareness that: Animals exhibited/sold are owned by the 4-Her; Animal pharmaceutical products have been used in compliance with the label and withdrawal times observed; Ethical exhibitor behavior and humane treatment of animals will be practiced. 4-Her's are to be reminded that ownership and care of an animal sold does not pass from the 4-Her until the animal is loaded for final destination. Destination Designation Cards will be available during each relevant species show, as well as in the Fair Board office throughout the entire duration of the Fair. **Cards are due within 1 hour following the conclusion of the relevant species show.** If you have questions or need verification on if your cards are filled out correctly, please ask an Extension Staff member or your club leader. A Destination Designation card is **REQUIRED for EVERY Market animal**, regardless if the animal will participate in the sale or not.

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.

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. Official livestock check-in is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23rd, but animals may arrive earlier in the day. Weigh-in will begin with beef at 5 pm.

BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING!

Central National Bank invites all 4-H members and families to have breakfast with them Saturday, July 26th from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. under the Grandstand!

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.

TRASH DUTY

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

Recycling: Will need to be collected and placed in a specific area on the fairgrounds - replacement bags will be provided.

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.

SHOPPING IN STYLE / SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN / FASHION REVUE / FIBER ARTS / CLOVERBUDS

Saturday, July 19th- 9 AM, 4-H Building PLEASE NOTE: Only 2 outfits can be modeled in Shopping in Style. Constructed outfits must be entered in Sewing & Textile Design, 2 can be modeled. If you are entered in both project areas, you can model 4 outfits total. The approximate judging order for the day will be emailed to all participating families after the pre-entry deadline. The clothing 'information sheet' requires a 30 word or less script/description. Please **bring 2 copies** on July 19th!

Shopping in Style will begin at 9 AM Seniors, Intermediate, Juniors, and Cloverbuds. **Fiber Arts & Sewing & Textile Design** conference judging will begin at 9AM in Kelley Hall unless otherwise noted on the final schedule. Cloth clothing labels for garments are available at the Extension Office. These are to be tacked or pinned into or onto the article for identification purposes.

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR GARMENTS with a completed clothing informational sheet in a sheet protector. All garments must be on a swivel or wire hanger and in a plastic garment bag.** We will be posting placings for all entries except champions at judging on July 19th. Ribbons will be placed on the items for display during the fair.

PUBLIC FASHION REVUE / PARADE OF PURPLES

Friday, July 25th. **Fashion Revue** will be held at Kelley lawn (west side of the rock building) following the county fair 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.** Notify Agent Cassidy Collins by Wednesday, July 23rd if you wish to participate.

Parade of Purples will follow the Public Fashion Revue. Anyone that plans to model their outfit(s) must pick them up from the 4-H building between 3-5:30 PM that day as the 4-H building will be locked during the parade. The 4-Hers 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 4-H age 9 years or older. Those individuals qualifying for state fair will be announced at the conclusion of the Parade of Purples. If you have any questions, visit with your clubs' clothing leaders or contact the Extension Office.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES

To compete at the State Fair, county winners must be 4-H age 9 years or older. Entries must have received a purple ribbon to qualify. The KSF Entry Binder will be in the 4-H Building for the duration of the fair for parents to sign up qualifying items. PLEASE READ THE KSF Book when completing entry forms to ensure you provide all the information needed. Entry sheets will also be emailed out after fair for those that wish to complete them later. **All entry forms are due to the Extension Office by 5pm on August 1st.**



COUNTY WIDE PICTURE

THE COUNTY WIDE PICTURE WILL TAKE PLACE
MONDAY, JULY 21ST FOLLOWING THE
MANDATORY LIVESTOCK MEETING!



CLEAN UP NIGHTS

- Pre-Fair Cleanup will take place Monday, July 21ST at **5pm** 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 28th, 6pm at the Fairgrounds. Ribbons and premiums will be handed out after clean up. Pizza party for all those that help clean up. Individuals with **dietary restrictions** are asked to contact our office at least **one week prior** to Cleanup so that appropriate accommodations, including specialty pizza, can be arranged.

BEEF BARN REMINDERS

The Coffey County Fair Board asks that beef exhibitors to please only rakes and forks, **NO SHOVELS** used to scoop up manure in the beef barn. 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.

Looking Ahead...

Dates are subject to change!

July

- July 11
 - Demo Days + Judging contests in Burlington
- July 14
 - Online pre-entry deadline for all static 4-H/FFA exhibits
 - Building Watch Sign Up Due to office
- July 19
 - Shopping in Style, Sewing & Textile Design, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts Judging
 - Pet Show and Dog Show
- July 21
 - 8am-5pm 4-H/FFA Entry Drop Off
 - 5pm Fair Cleanup
 - 6pm Mandatory Livestock Meeting - County picture to follow
 - Exhibit Drop off at 4-H Building
- July 22
 - 8am Rabbit Show
 - 8am-Noon 4-H/FFA Entry Drop Off
 - 6 pm Horse Show 4-H/Open Class-Rodeo Arena
- July 23
 - 8am-9am Check in Non-Conference Judging Foods and Crops/Horticulture Exhibits
 - 8am-5pm 4-H Judging (4-H & Crops Building Closed to Public)
 - 10:30-12:30 4-H Cloverbud entries & presentations
 - 5pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Weigh-in begins 4-H Bake Sale in the Show Arena

- July 24
 - 8 am Poultry Show
 - 8:30 am Dairy Show
 - 9 am Meat Goat / Sheep
 - 6 pm Bucket Calf Show
- July 25
 - 9 am Beef Show
 - 6 pm Parade: Theme is "Boots, Roots, and Cattle Chutes at the Coffey County Fair" After the Parade
 - Parade of Purples to follow Parade
- July 26
 - 8 am Swine Show
 - 4 pm Livestock Contest
- July 27
 - By Noon All animals released except Sale/Round Robin animals
 - 10:30 am Round Robin Showmanship
 - 5 pm Award Ceremony for Static Exhibits in Show Arena
 - 5:30pm Bucket Calf Scramble
 - 6 pm Livestock Sale
- July 28
 - Fair Clean Up at 6:00pm - Pizza after

August

- August 1
 - Registration deadline for Livestock Sweepstakes
 - Kansas State Fair Entry Forms due to Ext. Office
- August 10
 - Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- August 17-18
 - Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes



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start of the event at 620-364-5313. Requests received after
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