

# Central Kansas District Ottawa County Fair Edition

4-H  
News

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## OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR

Soon the fun times of fair exhibits, rides, and games will be upon us. We are expecting a fantastic 2024 Ottawa County Fair. The 4-H members, parents, and exhibitors are what make our fair so special. To get prepared we have written this 2024 Ottawa County Fair Guide. **There are a few new/altered rules and notices this year, so please take the time to read about all changes, rules, and entries for the 2024 fair.**

Please read carefully, frequently, and be sure to share this information with your family and friends. A good idea is to keep this newsletter on file for future reference.

## NEW PRE-ENTRY SYSTEM

**Pre-entries are due online by Monday, June 24, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** Late pre-entries will be accepted until June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m., however, late entered projects will not be eligible for premiums and will be penalized one ribbon drop at fair. No entries will be accepted after June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.

Please enter EVERY item that you plan to show during the entry process. This includes Fashion Revue and Showmanship classes. Members not pre-entered into showmanship will not be able to add at fair.

An online version of the fair paper is available on the CKD website. To view the paper or the green fair newsletter, visit <http://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h>. Additional copies of the green newsletter will be available at the Minneapolis Extension Office. Fair papers can be printed upon request. Stop by any time. We'd love to visit with you!

## FAIR THEME

“Fair Fever”





## **NEW FAIR ENTRY SYSTEM**

Get ready to showcase your amazing 4-H projects at the fair! This year, we're using a new system called Fair Entry to make submitting your entries easier than ever.

### **What is Fair Entry?**

Fair Entry is a website where you can register all your project work for the fair. It's like a one-stop shop for everything from your prize-winning pig to your delicious cookies!

### **Why use Fair Entry?**

- **Save Time:** No more filling out paper forms! Fair Entry allows you to enter everything online, at your own pace.
- **Easy to Use:** The website is designed to be user-friendly, so even first-time exhibitors can navigate it with ease.
- **Track Your Entries:** Fair Entry lets you keep track of your submissions all in one place.

### **How to Get Started with Fair Entry**

1. Head over to the Ottawa County Fair page <https://tinyurl.com/4s9smxd9>
2. The fair schedule, fair paper, step by step instructions, and Fair Entry link will be found on the fair website. (You'll want the fair paper handy when completing pre-entries.)
3. Be sure to read the pre-entry instruction guide first.

### **Need Help?**

This is a new system for everyone, so don't worry if you have questions. We are here to help you navigate Fair Entry and get your projects submitted.

Get ready to shine at the fair! With Fair Entry, showcasing your hard work is just a few clicks away.

**Don't forget, pre-entry due date is June 24 at 11:59 p.m.**

## **EXHIBIT CARDS - NEW**

Your entry cards will be printed out at the Extension office and will be available for pick up at the Minneapolis office starting on July 3rd. Please be sure to pick up all your entry cards by no later than July 12<sup>th</sup>. Note that the courthouse is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Extension office is closed over the lunch hour so they can still be picked up outside the Extension office door during this time. Please complete the sign out sheet when you pick your cards up. The building will be closed on July 4.

### **4-H Building Entries at the Fair - NEW**

This year your entry cards will be scanned when you bring them to the fair on Tuesday morning from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. When you arrive Tuesday morning, please bring all entries to the front of the 4-H building to be scanned. Once scanned in, superintendents will take items to their respective project areas.

If you forget an entry card at home, a new one WILL NOT be printed for you. We will have set up a table with supplies near check-in where you can attach your entry card to your project. We kindly ask that your cards are securely attached to your projects before checking them in.

### **Exceptions:**

Foods and Visual Arts – Your entries will be scanned in when you arrive for judging Monday.

Photography – Your entries will be scanned in when you arrive for judging Tuesday.

Livestock – We will already have your entry cards.

## 4-H PRE-FAIR EVENTS

- June 24        Monday  
                  4-H/FFA pre-entries due ONLINE, 11:59 p.m.
- June 27        Thursday  
                  4-H/FFA late-entries due ONLINE, 11:59 p.m.
- July 12        Friday  
7:00 p.m.     Fairground Cleanup
- July 13        Saturday  
TBD            Shooting Sports Fair Shoot
- July 15        Monday  
8:30 a.m.     4-H Foods Judged - Courthouse Meeting Room  
1:30 p.m.     4-H Visual Arts Judged - Courthouse Meeting Room
- July 16        Tuesday  
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA and Open Livestock entries accepted  
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Family & Consumer Sciences and Photography Judging Contests, under the Big Tent  
8:00 – noon    4-H/FFA and Open Departments (building exhibits) entries accepted  
11:00 – noon 4-H/ FFA Rabbit and Poultry entries accepted  
12:30 p.m.    Cloverbud Show and Share Sign up w/session at 1:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.     4-H Posters, Pets, Notebooks, Booths, Banners, and 4-H Home Environment judged  
1:00 p.m.     4-H Woodworking judged  
1:00 p.m.     4-H Photography judged – Courthouse Meeting Room  
1:15 p.m.     4-H/FFA and Open Class Plant Science, Horticulture, Geology, and Entomology judged  
2:00 p.m.     4-H/ FFA Welding/Ag Mechanics and Energy Management judged  
2:30 p.m.     4-H Space Tech judged
- July 17        Wednesday  
8:00 a.m.     4-H/FFA Swine Show (followed by Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, and Dairy Cattle Shows)  
                  (In each species 4-H/FFA and Goat Shows will show first followed by Open Class entries)  
4:00 p.m.     Ottawa County Fair Super Cow Show, Rodeo Arena  
5:30 p.m.     4-H Bucket Calf Show  
                  4-H/FFA Beef Show, Breeding heifers followed by Market Beef Cattle (4-H/FFA entries followed by Open Class)  
6:00 p.m.     Open Class Baking Contest (4-H members eligible to enter)
- July 18        Thursday  
8:00 a.m.     4-H Horse Show (Classes 1-38)  
1:00 p.m.     4-H/FFA Rabbit and Poultry Show (followed by Open Class)  
1:00 p.m.     4-H Clothing & Fiber Arts judged at Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium Area  
1:30 p.m.     Fashion Revue at Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.     4-H Horse Show (Classes 39-53)

July 19 Friday  
9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship Contest  
**11:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Projects & Livestock Intent to Sell Forms DUE ONLINE**  
2:00 p.m. 4-H Ag Olympics  
5:00 p.m. Preview of Silent Auction Items  
6:00 p.m. Public Fashion Revue & 4-H/FFA Awards Ceremony and Farm Bureau photo contest winners announced  
6:00 p.m. 4-H Silent Auction (Silent Auction ends 30 minutes after the Premium Auction)  
7:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Premium Auction and Project Auction  
Midnight Livestock exhibits released

July 20 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Fair clean-up and release of building exhibits

July 25 Thursday  
**5:00 p.m. State Fair entries sign-up due to extension office by 5:00 p.m.**

Aug 3 Saturday  
9:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show, Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Tony's Event Center, Great Plains Manufacturing Convention Hall, Salina.

Aug 4 Friday  
3:00 p.m. Performing Arts at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church (Salina, KS) – Schedule TBD

Aug 10  
Noon CO2 Car Race @ Tony's Event Center, Great Plains Manufacturing Convention Hall, Salina.

September 2 Thursday (**date & time subject to change**)  
By 5:00 p.m. State Fair exhibits due in extension office (except foods and crop entries)

September 7 Tuesday (**date & time subject to change**)  
By 5:00 p.m. State Fair food and crop exhibits due in extension office

### **FAIR CLEAN UP**

The work ethic and teamwork our 4-H members and families showed last year was outstanding. Our 4-H members, Ottawa County Fair Board members, and supporters have worked hard to update the facilities. On Friday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. - all 4-H members are expected to be in attendance! Please bring buckets, cleaning cloths, paper towels, glass cleaner, rakes, mowers, large brooms, wheelbarrows, hammers and pitchforks. We need a lot of equipment, but even more we need your help! We will also need to clean up the wash racks, clean old leaves out, etc. and install light bulbs in the livestock buildings.

### **OTTAWA COUNTY TRASHCAN PAINTING CONTEST**

Help keep the fairgrounds clean by painting a trashcan! Trashcans will be evaluated based on creativity, tidiness, and overall appearance. You can collect up to 2 trashcans from the swine barn at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. Ensure your trashcans are painted before Tuesday, July 16th, as judging will take place on that day. Return the painted cans to the stage by 9:00 a.m. This project is a club effort, and the club will provide the paint. Prizes money will be \$50, \$30, and \$20 for top three placings, and remember to include "2024" on the trashcan. Sponsored by the Ottawa County Fair Board.

## **4-H PREMIUM MONEY**

**Premium money is not paid out at the fair. Club treasurers will be notified on check availability and delivery after fair.**

## **LIVESTOCK OPEN CLASS PREMIUM MONEY**

**Open class livestock premium money will be available and released on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and can be picked up at the fair office.**

## **WHEAT VARIETY PLOT PROJECT**

If you would like to plant a 4-H wheat variety plot this fall, you need to call our office by Friday, July 12. You will get signs and seed of five varieties.



## **ATTENTION BUG ENTHUSIASTS**

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H is transitioning to the taxonomy as listed in the “Insects in Kansas Book: 2016 Revised Taxonomy” which follows [www.bugguide.net](http://www.bugguide.net).

Resources for exhibiting can be found on the State Kansas 4-H Website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology.html>. Be sure to check out the Entomology rules in the fair paper.

## **ENTERING EXHIBITS**

All Building Exhibits must be in place by noon, Tuesday, July 16 unless otherwise noted. Extremely special requests or considerations regarding 4-H fair entries will be made on a case by case basis. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

If a 4-H member is not entered in the project they have prepared an exhibit for, the 4-H member may bring the exhibit to the fair for the educational opportunity of conference judging. This will include:

- Conference judging with the judge by signing up by the deadline established in the specific division.
- No ribbon premium will be awarded, only the ribbon.
- The exhibit will be displayed, if and only if, room is available in the division area in the 4-H building. The displaying will take place after all exhibits in the division have been judged.
- The exhibit will not be eligible for any awards (i.e. champion, reserve champion, or other special awards.)
- The exhibit will not be eligible to be sold in the silent or live auction.

\*Livestock exhibits (beef, swine, sheep, and goats) can weigh-in between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16. Doing so allows all exhibitors enough time to safely weigh-in as they arrive. For weights to be official, the species superintendent or extension agent must record the weights. No animals may be reweighed once official weights are recorded. Poultry and Rabbits must be entered between 11:00 a.m. and noon. Late entries will not be accepted. Exceptions for emergencies will be granted on a case-by-case basis only by the superintendent’s discretion.

## **FAIR PAPER CHANGES**

Each year the fair paper is updated to reflect changes in rules and competition organization that is more in line with Kansas 4-H policy and Kansas State Fair guidelines. **Please read it carefully to make sure you**

**pre-enter your exhibits correctly.** Some classes offered at the Ottawa County Fair are not offered at the Kansas State Fair. Be sure to look over the fair paper to see which exhibits are “County Only” or State Fair eligible. As you review items, if you find any broken links, please let one of the Extension Offices know and we will get it fixed.

### **RE-USE ROCKETS**

“Experience is what you get when you didn’t get what you wanted.” Randy Pausch wrote that in his book *The Last Lecture*. The phrase holds lots of truth. For rocketry participants, damaged or failed rockets have had limited options for 4-H competition. Realizing that much knowledge can be gained from these experiences, we encourage you to make use of the educational exhibit classes. Displays are not to exceed standard 3 foot by 4-foot tri-fold size. Even if your rocket launch this year didn’t go as planned, don’t be ashamed. Instead, turn that experience into an educational display and tell others how much you learned and all the fun you had in the process.

### **WOOD SCIENCE DIVISION**

Just a reminder, in order to enter an exhibit that was made in school, one exhibit must also be entered as not made in school (i.e., at home). This would mean a 4-H member must have two exhibits in this division in order to enter an item that was made in school. If this rule is not met, the exhibit entered will be automatically deducted one ribbon placing.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING - LOCATION CHANGE**

Photo judging takes place on **Tuesday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room.** Don’t forget to bring your photos and entry cards with you. Superintendents will take **ALL** photos to the fairgrounds after judging. Plastic sleeves will be used **after** judging to protect your photos. These will be at the judging site. (You will purchase them at the Extension office when you purchase your photo mounts before the fair.)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY THEME CONTEST**

This year’s theme contest is “Essence of the Written Word.”

4-H members enrolled in the photography project are encouraged to capture the feeling of a poem, story, or even a single line through their lens (no recreating scenes). Submit ONE entry following State Fair guidelines. For this contest, there will be an overall winner and 2 runners up.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CONTEST – LOCATION & TIME CHANGE**

4-H Photography Judging Contest takes place on Tuesday, **July 16, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. under the Big Tent on the fairgrounds.** This will be a come and go contest. Be sure to drop by and participate before or after you drop off your fair entries! No pre-registration is required.

### **CALLING PHOTOGRAPHY VETERANS! (10+ YEARS)**

There’s a class just for YOU! Showcase your 4-H photography journey with a mounted display of your 4 favorite photos

(non-judged). See the fair paper for details.

### **WINNERS PHOTOS**

Did you win at the Ottawa County Fair? Congratulations! Let's get a picture to capture the moment.

We have a great photo backdrop that was made possible by contributions from all of the Ottawa County 4-H Clubs. Central Kansas District Agents will have a camera available for superintendents to use. If you prefer a smart phone, please send winner photos and a brief description to [jwh04@ksu.edu](mailto:jwh04@ksu.edu).

### **FOODS JUDGING - Monday July 15, 8:30 a.m.** Courthouse basement

Check the fair paper for club schedules. Have entry cards and entries ready for judging. Bring recipes (and sugar calculations if appropriate.)

If you need food ideas, check with the Minneapolis Extension office for a listing of food suggestions that can be entered by 4-H members in your age division.

**Heads up on perishables!** Any food needing to stay hot/cold, containing custard, dairy fillings (ex. cream cheese), raw eggs, flavored oils, "canned" bread/cakes, cut fruit, or any other food requiring refrigeration (ex. bacon) is considered perishable. This also includes unbaked items with raw flour. (Ex. No bake cookie) This does not apply to no bake cookies made with oatmeal, cereal, chow mein noodles, etc.

**Perishable entries will not be eligible for State Fair or county champion**

**competition and they cannot be sold in the premium (live) auction or the silent auction.**

Exception: Food Art. Food Art entries will be eligible for their own overall county champion award. They are not eligible for State Fair, premium and silent auctions.

### **NOTES FOR FOODS AND NUTRITION FAIR ENTRIES**

- **Read fair rules in fair paper very carefully.**
- 4-H member can exhibit 2 entries per class. This includes "county only" classes.
- Space in the courthouse refrigerator is limited. Please bring your own container to keep your food hot or cold. You will not be able to cook/bake any items at the courthouse.
- Muffins may be in paper liners or not.
- Cookies - A molded cookie is formed with hands into balls or other shapes. Cookies may be flattened with a fork, cookie stamp or bottom of glass.
- A rolled cookie is rolled out with a rolling pin and cut into shapes with a cookie cutter or knife.
- "County Only", and perishable classes are not eligible for State Fair and will be included in 4-H member's total possible entries. They are also ineligible for the premium and silent auctions.
- All un-frosted cakes should be exhibited in an upright position with crust showing. The exception is for those cakes made with special designs such as Bundt cakes. They should have top crust side down.

### **DON'T FORGET – CALCULATE SUGAR**

For food safety purposes, any entries with

frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling/recipe only. (This also applies to glazes on Bundt cakes.)

**Calculation must be attached to the entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged.**

Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. The link below is a new worksheet that can help you determine if your frostings or fillings are safe at room temperature:

<https://tinyurl.com/5c95mmnt>

### **RECOMMENDED FROSTING FOR FAIRS**

Confectioner's sugar frosting with vegetable shortening is a great choice for fair exhibits. (It is considered a non-perishable frosting.) It's also known as Baker's or pastry frosting.

#### **Baker's Frosting**

½ cup soft shortening (such as Crisco)  
1 pound (4 cups) sifted confectioner's sugar  
(powdered sugar)  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 Tablespoons milk

Blend together the soft shortening and sugar. Add the vanilla and milk and stir until smooth. Makes about 2½ cups frosting; for 2-8" pans or one 9 x 13 pan, or 16 cupcakes. If frosting seems stiff, set the bowl in warm water for a few minutes to soften.

### **FREEZING FOODS FOR THE FAIR**

Freeze cookies, breads and cakes for county fair! They'll stay competition worthy and save you time and stress. Here are some tips:

- Cool baked goods completely before

freezing to prevent condensation and ice crystals.

- Choose moisture-vapor resistant packaging like freezer bags, aluminum foil, or rigid containers.
- Separate layers of cookies with wax paper or parchment paper.
- For frosted cakes or breads, freeze unfrosted and frost after thawing.
- Freeze pie crusts for later! Whole pies can become soggy, so freeze the crust alone.
- Thaw frozen goods in the freezer packaging at room temperature overnight. Repackage to comply with fair rules.

### **FOOD PRESERVATION**

Review the fair paper carefully, especially for recipe source guidelines and jar requirements. Only clear glass jars are allowed for food preservation entries. Colored jars obstruct judges' view and will result in lowering your ribbon placement by one ribbon. Use approved recipe sources listed in fair paper to avoid disqualification.

### **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES JUDGING CONTEST – LOCATION & DATE CHANGE**

FCS Judging Contest takes place on Tuesday, **July 16, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. under the Big Tent on the fairgrounds.** This will be a come and go contest. Be sure to drop by and participate before or after you drop off your fair entries! No pre-registration is required.

### **VISUAL ARTS JUDGING**

4-H Visual Arts projects will be judged on Monday, July 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement. Club schedules are in the fair paper.



Purple ribbon winners will stay at the courthouse until all judging is complete. All other ribbons (blue, red, white) require exhibitors to bring their projects to the fairgrounds by noon on Tuesday, July 16. Ribbons will be attached at that time.

### **SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN, FIBER ARTS, FASHION REVUE JUDGING**

Sewing & Textile and Fiber Arts entries will be judged at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 in the Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium area. Fashion Revue Judging (shopping in style and constructed garment revue), will begin at 1:30 p.m., July 18 at the same location.

#### **4-H Garments:**

**Entry:** Tuesday, July 16 (8:00 a.m. – Noon) at 4-H Building (in clear plastic bag)

**Judging:** Thursday, July 18 pick-up entries and take them to Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium area (return garments to 4-H Building after judging for ribbon placement.)

### **FASHION REVUE – SHOPPING IN STYLE**

Entries will be judged on Thursday, July 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis High School Auditorium.

#### **4-H Garments:**

**Entry:** Tuesday, July 16 (8:00 a.m. – Noon) at 4-H Building (in clear plastic bag)

**Judging:** Thursday, July 18 pick-up entries and take them to Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium area (return garments to 4-H Building after judging for ribbon placement.)

A color photo of the 4-H member wearing

**their fashion revue project must be included in their paperwork on judging day.**

**Prep for Fashion Revue:** Practice answering these judge's questions beforehand!

- + How much did your outfit cost?
- + Where will you wear the outfit?
- + What is the fiber content?
- + Why did you choose this (fabric, pattern color, etc.)?
- + How does it fit into your wardrobe plan?
- + What is the cost per wear for the outfit?
- + What new things did you learn in the project? (choosing fabric, accessories, putting in zipper)
- + What did you like most about the project?
- + Where did you get help? (Leader, Mom, magazines, visits to stores)
- + How did you feel your project could be improved?
- + What would you do differently next time?

### **PUBLIC FASHION REVUE**

**Date:** Friday, July 19 (6:00 p.m.)

**Line-up:** 5:45 p.m. (south side of covered arena.)

**Script:** Email script for your outfit to [lmnewman@ksu.edu](mailto:lmnewman@ksu.edu) by July 12 at 5 p.m.

An informational handout about how to draft your script will be sent out with judging schedules in early July.





### **LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

Please remember that the livestock shows are no fit shows. "No-fit" is defined as using no adhesive glue, paint, or powder products. Using combs, blow dryers, and clippers is allowed.

### **ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

The Round Robin Showmanship will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19. All round robin competitors will meet ringside for a meeting at 8:30 a.m.

As a reminder, the top two showman in both Junior Division (7-13 years old) and Senior Division (14 years and older) in each livestock show are eligible to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest. However, exhibitors may only qualify in one species. So, if an exhibitor places first in Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship and first in Dairy Cattle Senior Showmanship they must choose which species they will represent in the Round Robin Showmanship. Junior and Intermediate Horse Showman will compete in a final round to determine who will qualify as the Int./Jr. showman and compete

in Round Robin.

**Superintendents are required to secure an adequate number of animals for the contest in their division.**

### **RATE OF GAIN CONTEST**

Market Sheep, Market Goats, and Market Beef exhibitors who attended their specie weigh-in have the opportunity to compete in the Rate of Gain Contest. Starting weights begin at official Central Kansas District Livestock Weigh-in and ending weights are recorded by the livestock agent at the Ottawa County Fair.

**To be eligible, be sure to include Rate of Gain on pre-entry forms and fill out a white entry card.**

### **OTTAWA COUNTY SUPER COW CONTEST**

The Ottawa County Super Cow show is open to ANY cow-calf producer residing in Ottawa County, but limited to the first 10 producers that register. Entry forms are available at the CKD Extension Office in Minneapolis and MUST be turned in by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 10. Show and judging will begin at 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, July 17. All pairs must be unloaded and weighed from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm that morning. Animals may be brought in before 8 am, but please contact extension first to make arrangements. Animals will be judged on type, structure, muscling, natural fleshing, soundness of udder, eyes, feet, and legs. Cow weight and

projected 205-day adjusted weight of the calf will be given to the judge(s) at time of evaluation. Cash awards will be presented to the top three entries overall.



**ATTENTION DOG SHOW EXHIBITORS**

The 2024 County Fair Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 3. In order to make sure we have what we need ready for the contests that day, we ask that everyone register online for this show.

This year you will enter for the dog show just like all the other projects, through Fair Entry online.

Please go to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under county fairs, Ottawa County Fair.

**FAIRGROUNDS UPDATES**

Year after year, the Ottawa County Fair Board has continued to enhance the fairground facilities and amenities to better our fair and the experience of our exhibitors.

If you see a Fair Board member, fair sponsor, or 4-H Fund Drive Donor, give them a hearty handshake and thank them for their support.

**CLEAN UP DURING THE FAIR**

**Livewires-** 4-H building and Ag Hall (includes dusting display areas and sweeping floors).

**Pleasant Valley** – Small tent area, rabbit and poultry barn and area west of the ball field dugouts including the large water tent.

**Woodsdale** - Livestock and horse barn areas.

**Solomon Valley** - Arena area between the roads on south, east and west sides and up to the stage in front of the 4-H building.

**FFA** - Rodeo arena, south of the circle drive, and west of the small baseball diamond and parking lot.

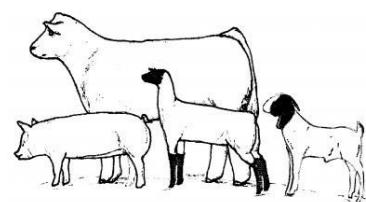
Cleanup should be done by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Take plastic bags with trash out of the box or barrel, throw in nearest dumpster and put a new bag in box or barrel. Also pick up all trash on the ground in your assigned area. Trash bags are available in the fair office.

**CLEAN UP AFTER THE FAIR**

**Livestock exhibits will be released at 11:50 p.m. on Friday, July 19. No exceptions.** Please be mindful that the fair is still open to the public at this time. I encourage you to be extra cautious of the public's safety when loading livestock and equipment during this time. You need to clean livestock pens/cages very well. Rabbits and poultry members will need to bring a brush, soap and bucket to clean their cages. A hose with a nozzle helps to rinse them off. **If a pen or cage is left uncleaned, the fair board will withhold premium and sale money due to the 4-H member until the problem has been corrected.**

**SWINE BARN**

There will be no wood chips or shavings allowed in the swine barn this year. If you'd like to use a rubber mat, you will need to bring your own.



## **MARKET ANIMALS**

All 4-H members showing market animals need to plan on taking them home after the fair. No buyer or floor bids will be set on any animal.

**Premium Sale forms will be available on the Central Kansas District website and need to be done ONLINE by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19!**

## **LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION POLICY CHANGE**

Due to recent policy changes at the state and local levels, livestock that have sold through the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair Livestock Sales are now eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as long as they have not changed ownership. Please feel free to give the Extension Office a call if you have any questions.

## **LIVESTOCK INSURANCE**

As a reminder, if you are taking livestock to the fair, you should have either purchased or opted out of livestock insurance during [re-entries. Insurance cannot be added at the fair, so it's important to have taken care of this in advance.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

Only purple ribbon projects (no animals) are allowed to sell at the silent auction. **You will need to go ONLINE and fill out an “Intent to Sell” form by 11:00 a.m.**

**Friday, July 19.** We will deduct the \$4.00 fee from your sale check. Items should be on display at 5:00 p.m. to allow time for buyers to preview. The silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last until 30 minutes after the livestock sale on Friday evening July 19. Only one project per member may sell.

## **PROJECT AND LIVESTOCK SALE**

The 4-H and FFA Sale will be held Friday, July 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m. **You will need to get your “Intent to Sell” form completed ONLINE by 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 19 if you plan to sell market animals or a grand champion or reserve grand champion project at the sale.** We will deduct the \$4.00 fee from your sale check. If a 4-H member shows up at the sale with a project or animal to sell that was not listed, the project or animal will not be allowed to sell.

Please remember that white ribbon market animals are not sold. Prospect animals are also not eligible to sell. No blue, red or white ribbon building projects will be eligible to sell. Only Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion building projects sell.

If you choose to sell produce, flowers or a non-perishable food, you should plan to provide a fresh item that has not been on display. If you are selling a food item such as a pie or cake, please give the buyer a gift certificate and arrange for a delivery time on another day. Be certain that you follow up with the item after the fair.

The premium auction sale will begin with projects, followed by goats, steers, hogs, and lambs. When you invite buyers to come to the fair, be sure you tell them about the sale order. Sale bills & add on slips will be available at the ring prior to the auction.

### **BY-BIDDING AT THE PREMIUM AUCTION**

This is a reminder that there is no by-bidding allowed at the Ottawa County Fair 4-H Premium Sale.

By-bidding is being defined as the practice of a person or persons bidding at the auction on behalf of the owner in order to run up the price and/or for the purpose of misleading other persons who are bidding in good faith. If it is determined that this practice has taken place, an animal or project will be disqualified from the sale and the premium forfeited.

### **ABSENTEE PREMIUM SALE BUYERS**

Due to the quick turnaround of the premium pay outs to clubs after the fair, it is VERY important that we be able to contact any absentee buyers in a timely manner.

If you are familiar with your absentee buyer, we ask that you provide the contact information (phone, fax, and email) to the sale clerk. **If payment from absentee buyers & add on's is not received by the day of payout, member will not receive their 4-H sale premium check. Once payment is received, the check will be available to the member.**

### **PREMIUM SALE ADD ONS**

There will be multiple ways for buyers to add on to an animal this year.

1. All previous buyers will be provided with an 'add on slip' in their buyer letter that they receive prior to the auction. If they would like to make an add on contribution to a member's project, they may fill that slip out, stating how much they would like to add on and for which exhibitor. They can return it to the extension office either before fair or to the livestock agent prior to the Premium Sale.
2. Add on slips will be provided at the sale along with the sale bill. Buyers may fill it out then and return it to Justine Henderson before the sale begins.
3. Additional add on's may be made by visiting the fair office after the sale.

All buyers who turn in the add on slips before the beginning of the Premium Sale will be announced at the conclusion of the sale. Only buyer names will be announced.

### **4-H SALE CHECKS**

Due to the switch to fair entry, checks will be printed for each exhibitor and delivered to your club treasurer. Club treasurers will be responsible for dispersal of the checks to each exhibitor.

### **SAY "THANK YOU"**

Remember to say "Thank You" to all project buyers after the fair. It's the best way to insure their support for another year. Written notes to buyers are always appropriate and are appreciated by the buyers. Each buyer will be given a ribbon by the 4-H member, immediately after the sale of the 4-H project. Why not add a plate of cookies for them as a thank you?

A “Thank You” to the auctioneers would be great.

## AWARDS

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## LETTERS

Certificates are provided by the Ottawa County 4-H for a number of individuals, families, and businesses.

If you are awarded an award at the fair, you will be **REQUIRED** to turn in a hand written thank you letter before you receive it. After your show, you will be given an envelope, a blank thank you note, and the name and address of your sponsor. Each exhibitor will be required to write a hand written thank you, address the envelope to the award sponsor, provide a postal stamp for the envelope, and return it to your Livestock Agent (Justine Henderson).

You will **NOT** receive your award until the thank you note has been completed and turned in. In addition, if you know who your sponsor is and see them around the fair, it is highly encouraged you shake their hand and thank them in person as well.

## AG OLYMPICS

Ag Olympics will be held on Friday, July 19. Registration is at 1:45 p.m.; Olympics begins at 2:00 p.m. Each 4-H club is responsible and in charge of an event. No early registration is required and no limit on the number of teams.

## STATE FAIR ENTRIES

If you're awarded a purple ribbon during the fair and plan to showcase at the Kansas State Fair, the process is now simpler! Your entries will be automatically submitted for you. If further details are required, extension staff will reach out closer to the State Fair.

## 4-H SPIRIT AWARD

The Central Kansas District 4-H Council will again be sponsoring the 4-H Spirit Award. There will be a location at the fair where you can pick up a nomination form and submit it for individuals (youth and adults) you have seen:

- Make a positive impact on the fair and/or 4-H members.
- Gone above and beyond to help with 4-H activities or aid 4-H members.
- Demonstrated a positive attitude and forward thinking during the county fair.
- Provide us with details and information thru the Spirit Award Nomination Form.

The 4-H SPIRIT AWARD will be given to the individual(s) who fulfill(s) these characteristics. These nominations will be due no later than 9 a.m. on Friday during the County Fair. They may be given to Paula at the fair office or put in the nomination box in the 4-H building

### **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE 4-H DIVISIONS AT THE FAIR**

We have a committee for 4-H to take grievances throughout the year. This same committee will take grievances from the county fair. Disputes should first be brought to the attention of the appropriate 4-H division superintendent and Extension staff. After receiving a decision from the department superintendent or staff member, any further dispute must be made in writing (within 2-3 hours of the decision by 4-H division superintendent or staff member), using the form available online. A hard copy can also be obtained from the 4-H division superintendent or Extension staff. To receive a ruling from the grievance committee, the dispute form must be accompanied by a \$50 fee (cash, personal check, or money order made payable to “4-H Council”). The fee will be forfeited if enough information is not provided to the grievance committee to be able to make an informed decision. The grievance committee will review the complaint and will get back with the individual named on the complaint form as soon as possible via email.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER (cont. on back page)**

#### **June**

- 15 2024 Small Animal Livestock Nomination form to show at State Fair & KJLS deadline.
- 24 **Ottawa County Fair 4-H Pre-entries due ONLINE by June 24 at 11:59 p.m.**
- 27 **Ottawa County Fair 4-H Late-entries due ONLINE by June 24 at 11:59 p.m.**

#### **July**

- 1 Central Kansas District Showmanship Clinic – Ottawa County Fairgrounds
- 15 **Kansas State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline:** Market Steers, Market Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Registered Breeding Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Registered Breeding Ewes, Market Hogs, Pedigreed Breeding Gilts, Commercial Breeding Gilts, Market Does, and Commercial Does
- 12 Fairground clean up - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Shooting Sports Fair Shoot, TBD
- 15 Food Judging 8:30 a.m. Visual Arts Judging 1:30 p.m.
- 16-20 **OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR**
- 19 Fair livestock entries released at midnight.

20 Fair cleanup and fair building entries released at 8:00 a.m.

### **August**

- 1 **State Fair Horse Entry Sign-up Deadline** (due online through KSF ShoWorks entry system)
- 3 4-H Dog Show, Check-in will begin at 8:30 in Heritage Hall at Tony's Event Center, Great Plains Manufacturing Convention Hall, Salina
- 15 **Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entry Deadline:** Market Steers, Commercial Heifers, Registered Breeding Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Registered Breeding Ewes, Market Hogs, Pedigreed Breeding Gilts, Market Does, and Commercial Does

### **September**

6-15 Kansas State Fair

### **October**

Sept 27 – 29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show



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