June and July are busy, busy months for 4-H families! Project meetings will be held, projects groomed and completed. Pre-fair activities will soon be here. All of this is in preparation for the Marshall County Fair to be held on July 16-21 at the Fairgrounds in Blue Rapids.

Remember, this year is fluid and things continue to evolve, so watch the Marshall County 4-H Facebook Page for updates.

So that you will be informed about all of the Pre-Fair and Fair activities, lots of information is included in this and upcoming newsletters. Please read it carefully and keep it handy as an easy reference for summer 4-H events.

**PRE-ENTRY FORMS**

Please fill out these forms and turn them into the Extension Office by Friday, June 12. Forms are also due for livestock, horse, rabbits, and cats.

Please make sure to put your email address on your pre-entry forms. These may be necessary for the way we will be doing judging.

If you have questions about how to fill these pre-entry forms out, please contact the Extension Office.

**CAMPFERENCE**

This event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14 who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. This year Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth. Delegates will also be a part of a community conversation and participate in a skill building workshop with the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The fee is $20. Registration information can be found at www.Kansas4-H.org under the events registration tab. Online registration is open until June 12 or until all spots are filled.

**VIRTUAL VS. REGULAR FAIR**

If we have a virtual fair for FCS exhibits, Flip Grid will be used as a platform for evaluating several exhibits and as a way to tell the judge about your exhibit. This will also be how 4-H’ers will receive feedback on their project. It could be written as well as verbal. Otherwise we strongly encourage you to include a card to tell about your project and what you learned.

If we are in Phase 3, all static exhibits will be drop off. If we drop off for Pre-Fair we will not display static exhibits at the fair. Drop off judging at the fair is currently being discussed.

Please be flexible with us. We know that it is hard to make plans. We are trying to keep everything as easy as possible and hope we do not have a virtual fair.

If we have a drop off fair, please drop off the night before or at a scheduled time.

If we have a “show and go;” fair where animals arrive the day of the show and leave the same day then:
1. Start time may be adjusted to break classes.
2. Bucket calf show will be moved to Sunday and will show with the beef show.
3. No Round Robin or Livestock Judging.

**UNDER CONSIDERATION**

4-H exhibits that won’t be judged in 2020 because there is no State Fair Class:
1. Clothing Construction of boughten clothes
2. Building Creations
3. Cake Decorating
4. Table Setting
5. Recipe Book
6. Commissioner Cookie Container

Please let Susie know if you have concerns with this thought process.
PRE-FAIR JUDGING
THURSDAY, JULY 9
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Location not confirmed yet
CONFERENCE JUDGING FOR:
Clothing Construction - Drop off
Visual Arts - Drop Off
Building Creations - Not state fair class - so no entries
Fiber Arts - Drop off
Photography
Fashion Revue - Virtual or Flip Grid
Consumer Judging Contest - Online
NO buymanship construction

A schedule will be sent out for the Conference Judging if in person, otherwise 4-H families must have an email address.

Each 4-H’er is to specify the approximate number of fair entries they plan to exhibit on the enclosed sheet titled “FAIR ENTRIES”. Watch for more details on the judging.

CONSUMER JUDGING CONTEST
There might be a virtual contest for practice.

TABLE SETTING
No contest unless in Phase 4. If there is interest in a virtual contest, let me know.

ATTENTION 4-H CLOTHING MEMBERS

Pre-entry Clothing Forms are attached in this newsletter for 4-H members enrolled in Clothing Construction project and plan to model their outfit at the Pre-Fair Judging Day. If you need a hard copy of the form, contact the Extension Office.

PUBLIC FASHION REVUE
The Public Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 4:00 P.M. 4-H’ers are asked to model both their clothing construction and buymanship outfits.

Awards will be presented following the Fashion Revue, as well as other special awards. If you are in the running, we would encourage you to be at the Fashion Revue.

MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR PARADE THEME

The 4-H theme of the 2020 Marshall County Fair Parade will be “Country Nights and Carnival Lights”.

PARADE START TIME - 6:00 P.M.
(Unsure when we will know if there is going to be one)

COUNTY FAIR BOOKS

County Fair Books will only be available online. Please visit the Marshall County website at:

www.marshall.k-state.edu/county-fair/
or www.tinyurl.com/2020fairbook

Please be sure to carefully read the fair book, as the judging times of several events have been changed from previous years, as well as many categories and rules.

FAIR CLEAN UP
July 12 - 4:00 P.M.

Your help is needed. What will that look like? Good question. Please continue to watch the Marshall County 4-H Facebook page for updates.
COUNTY T-SHIRTS

This is a reminder to 4-H’ers and Community Leaders that the T-Shirt size list is due in the Extension Office on Friday, June 12, 2020. 4-H’ers and community leaders will owe $0.00 for a shirt, and are sponsored by Blue Valley Telecommunications. Project Leaders, parents, and family members can order shirts, but they are to pay the full price which is: child/youth - $7.25; Adult - XX Large - $7.25, and XXXL - $9.25.

SEE ATTACHED T-SHIRT ORDER FORM!

PAST TIME TO GET GEARED UP!!

How many project meetings has your group had? If your group has not met, that is the first important step. Members tend to become discouraged if nothing happens. They join 4-H to become a part of the action.

CONCESSION STAND HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a couple of adults that would be able to help work in the concession stand during the horse show. If you or your family would be interested in helping us our please let us know.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

Comment Writers, Door Monitors, and Helpers are needed to help in the areas of Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Arts and Crafts, and Foods. We are looking for adults and Junior Leaders. Please call the Extension Office and let us know what job and area you prefer.

ATTENTION FOOD LEADERS AND 4-H’ERS

Food Leaders and 4-H’ers who are enrolled in the food project, please stop by the Extension Office to pick up your copy of the Food Safety Recommendations for Acceptable Fair Exhibits publication.

This publication stresses the importance of using proper food preparation methods. It also discusses the use of cream cheese in recipes. If a recipe you are using for the fair calls for cream cheese, consider another recipe, unless the cream cheese is actually blended into the product you are making. Fillings with cream cheese are not acceptable. This includes Zebra brownies that have a cream cheese filling swirled in the chocolate.

If you have any questions about this, contact the Extension Office.

As you are preparing foods for the fair, please take a few minutes to check out the following website: http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/professional-development/index.html

There is some helpful information on: “Just Because It Seals Doesn’t Make It Safe” and “It’s More Than Keeping Your Fingers Out of the Cookie Dough.”

FOOD PRESERVATION PROJECT

Food Preservation will continue to be a class at the State Fair, even though it is no longer listed as a separate project. A 4-H’er does need to be enrolled in a Food and Nutrition Project Level. If you receive a purple in Food Preservation at the County Fair, you will be able to take it to the State Fair.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving as a superintendent for Miscellaneous or as a Co-Superintendent for Foods at the Marshall County Fair please let the office know.
**FREEZING FOODS FOR THE FAIR**

To help save time and stress at county fairs, prepare food entries early and freeze them. Most baked goods freeze well and can still be blue ribbon quality. This includes cookies, yeast and quick breads, and cakes. Here are some tips:

- Bake the product as usual. Cool completely! This helps prevent condensation inside the wrapping and development of ice crystals.
- Use moisture-vapor resistant packaging. This includes freezer safe plastic containers or bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil, and rigid containers.
- Separate layers of cookies with wax paper or parchment paper.
- If a cake or bread is to be frosted, freeze the product only and frost after it is thawed.
- Make pie crusts ahead of time and freeze. Freezing whole prepared pies can cause the filling to soak into the crust.
- Thaw all baked goods in the freezer packaging. They can be thawed at room temperature. Remove from the freezer the night before the fair. Once thawed, repackage into the proper packaging according to your fair rules.

**Source:** Univ. of Georgia, [www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/uga/FreezingPreparedFoods.pdf](http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/uga/FreezingPreparedFoods.pdf)

**MARSHALL COUNTY CAT SHOW**

The Marshall County Cat show will be held on **Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 P.M.** at the Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Marysville.

**PRE-FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING**

We will have Conference Judging, where the 4-H’er will meet with the judge, who will give helpful comments to the 4-H’er. Otherwise it will be drop off.

Please let us know on the pre-entry forms how many photos you plan to bring. If you need a certain time to have your photos judged, please note that on the pre-entry form.

We will have four (4) judges.

**RAILROAD WARNING FOR PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed in Kansas 4-H Photography and may receive a ribbon penalty.

**MARSHALL COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW**

The horse show will **NOT** break and speed events will start at 5:00 P.M.

**HORTICULTURE BOOKLET**

Don’t forget to pick up a horticulture booklet from the Extension Office or download it from the Marshall County Extension website. There is a lot of helpful information in it when you are ready to exhibit your items at the county fair.

**LIVESTOCK BARN RULES**

- No fitting chutes in the barn
- Tack boxes may be kept along the sides, permitting there is room.
LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN
AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Livestock Weigh-In will be on **FRIDAY, JULY 17**.
The weigh-in schedule will be as follows:
4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Swine will be weighed in first followed by sheep, goats, and beef.

You can weigh-in anytime Anastasia is in the scale house.

If you have a conflict that day, please have someone else bring the livestock. Contact Anastasia at the Extension Office, or one of the Superintendents.

*All livestock needs to be on the fairgrounds by 4:00 P.M. Friday, July 17.*

LIVESTOCK SALE ATTIRE

Any 4-H’er going through the premium sale must be in show attire. The current year’s 4-H shirt is acceptable.

TALKS AT STATE FAIR

* Projects Talks are now eligible to participate at the State Fair competitively. If you received a top award on your project talk, be thinking if this is something you would like to do at the State Fair.
* Gave a reading or solo acting at County or Regional Club Day? Want another opportunity to preform it? The State Fair is encouraging 4-H’ers to showcase their talent in a non-competitive setting. Be watching future State Fair letters for this opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE
STATE FAIR SEPTEMBER 11-20

One of the major highlights of our Kansas 4-H program is the Kansas State Fair. We need your help to reach our goal of making the fair a good experience for both participants and spectators. Fifty-five committees work during the fair. Duties range from clerking for judges, displaying exhibits, or helping with judging contests or shows. Details about these opportunities are at the Extension Office. Please let the office know by July 31 if you would be willing to help. A meal ticket or tickets for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, and/or both weekends of the fair will be provided for those who help four or more hours.

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Exhibits will be released on Tuesday, July 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. If this time is not convenient for you, please ask someone in your club to pick up your exhibit, or make other arrangements with the Extension Office staff.

NEED A PLACE TO STAY
DURING STATE FAIR?

You might want to try the Encampment Building. Encampment bed space is made available to 4-H participants in 4-H events, adult leaders, and those who attend with entries. No children under the age of 7 will be allowed in the dormitories, even if a parent is present. Bed space can be reserved. Beds need to be reserved, more information will follow in the next newsletter. People staying in encampment must provide their own bedding, pillow, soap, and towels. If you are interested in staying in encampment, contact the Extension Office.

4-H VIRTUAL INSECT SPECTACULAR

We may not be able to hold the Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular like we would normally do, be we will still learn from each other and further our interest in all things entomology! Make plans to join us for virtual webinars on June 15, 17 and/or 19. Details and a link to register will be available soon. For now, save the dates!
KANSAS 4-H VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROCESS

Kansas 4-H is committed to providing a safe learning environment for youth. All Kansas 4-H volunteers must complete the 4-H Volunteer Screening process to work with Kansas 4-H youth. To volunteer for Kansas 4-H, contact your local Extension Office, fill out the Volunteer Information Profile Application and complete an orientation to Kansas 4-H Leadership. Find the information online at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/onlinetraining/main.aspx?type_=4-H

ALL 4-H’ERS MAY PARTICIPATE

A plaque is presented each year at Achievement Night to the 4-H’er who writes the most expressive composition about 4-H.

The Wide Awake 4-H Club sponsors this memorial award in memory of a devoted member and leader, Robert Mayer.

To be eligible for this award, 4-H’ers are required to write a story (typewritten) about any of these subjects:

- What 4-H means to me
- What part 4-H has played in my family
- How 4-H has helped me
- What 4-H means to my family and me
- 4-H has taught me many important things
- 4-H has made me a better person because

Entries need to be in the Extension Office no later than September 30.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 15

State Livestock Nominations, including commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and all meat goats (markets, commercial does, and registered does) are due June 15. Nomination is required to exhibit at KSF or KJLS.

Any 4-H or FFA youth who would like to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS is required to nominate their livestock projects. The 2020 nomination information has been distributed to county offices and may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website. The 2020 Declaration and Specie Nomination Forms MUST be used for nominations to be accepted. All families are encouraged to use the specie checklist as a guide to ensure their nominations are complete upon submission. This resource may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website, or through the local county office. Please double check that there are not any blank fields or questions on the Declaration and Nomination Forms before placing them in the mail.

As a reminder, ear notches are required for swine nominations and scrapie tag numbers are required for sheep and goats. Nominations received without this information will be considered incomplete and returned to the family for completion. Confirmation letters will be sent to families once their nominations have been processed, and reports will regularly be posted on the Youth Livestock Program website. Families are encouraged to use one of these options to verify their nominations.

A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. The Kansas State Fair and KJLS will release entry information to agents and through their respective website as entry season draws near. State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15, and KJLS entries will be due August 15. Animals who are nominated, but do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show, will not be permitted to show.

The Marshall County Extension Office will be closed on July 3.
FAIR BOOK REMINDERS

FAIR BOOK RULE REMINDERS

This is just a friendly reminder about rule number 10 which states:

The fair management accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. 4-H exhibits at the fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. However, the fair management, or Extension Agents, cannot accept the responsibility for any loss, damage, or accident that may occur during the fair.

Visual Arts participants that bring pottery, ceramics, and porcelain will be asked to put their exhibit in the showcase after the ribbon has been attached to the exhibit, reducing the chance of an article getting broken or cracked.

Please read and know these rules. Rule 16 states that “Any exhibitor, who is found to have tampered with, or inhumanely abuses an animal, or enters an exhibit that is not eligible or does not abide by Marshall County Fair Rules, will be barred from showing in the Junior Livestock Show, and must forfeit any premium, ribbon, or prize won. All grievances should be turned into the Fair Office and should be in writing and signed.”

For livestock going through the livestock sale, there will not be a commission charged.

In addition, there will be no mortality payment for livestock that die at the Marshall County Fair.

Rule 16 of the Junior Livestock Sale states that “Each consignor must pick up and return to the Extension Fair Office, or to the Agricultural Agent, the “Junior Livestock Sale Release Form” by 1:00 P.M. on Monday, July 20. If it is not returned at the appointed time, you may not be able to sell your animal through the premium sale.”

For some 4-H’ers, you may already know what you are going to sell. You may go ahead and let the Extension Office know. Just fill out the paperwork, we can put the ribbon placing on the form.

The important thing is that the Livestock Sale Form be filled out and turned in to the Extension Office by 1:00 P.M. on Monday, July 20.

Remember, swine do not need to be pseudo rabies tested.

4-H’ers in the livestock division may show up to 3 animals per class (market, breeding, or feeder)

Sheep and Goat Health Rules

Sexually intact market and breeding ewes and rams must be identified with an official USDA Premis ID tag.

Sexually intact goat bucks and does must be identified with an official USDA Premis ID tag.

Poultry

Chickens and turkeys will NOT need to be blood tested for the Marshall County Fair.

If your poultry looks or acts sick, please keep them home.

Livestock

Fair pre-entries are due June 12 this year and will include 4-H'er, tag #, gender, breed, and class entered.

Chemical Castration

Any animal found on the load to have been chemically castrated will be responsible for the entire load being condemned and the person responsible will be financially liable for the load.

Clothing

Clothing should be construction judged as modeled. If the outfit was modeled together, it should be construction judged as one outfit.

Recycled Clothing Project – An item made of at least 50% recycled material (recycled means reusing an existing item in a new way). Could be remaking/redesigning a garment, re-purposing a clothing item for a new use, etc. Must include sewing of some kind. A 3"x5" index card MUST accompany
entry describing the recycled materials and how they were used in the item.

**Food Preservation**

Exhibits must be in a non-decorated, clean standard canning jars with matching brand, (use Ball lids on Ball Jars, or Kerr lids on Kerr Jars) two piece lids. Jars must be sealed when entered. No colored food preservation jars will be allowed. Jelly must be in ½ pint or pint jars. All other products must be in pint or quart jars. Note: There are now 12 and 24 oz canning jars available. If there is not a USDA recommended process time for the 12 oz jar, these may be used with a pint jar canning process recommendations. Use quart jar process recommendations for 24 ounce jars. All Food Preservation items must come to the fair with a recipe. Recipe must include recipe source, date of publication, and altitude of residence. Follow guidelines in K-State Research and Extension Food Preservation publications or "USDA's Complete Guide to Home Canning"; "So Easy to Preserve, 6th Edition, Cooperative Extension Service The University of Georgia'; or "Ball Blue Book of Preserving' (2012).

Members can make unlimited entries but can not bring multiple jars of the same item per class 1701 through 1707.

**DO NOT use colored jars for fair exhibits.**

**Food and Nutrition**

Maximum number of Food and Nutrition items to be exhibited include:

4 Food Items  
1 Educational Exhibit  
1 Recipe Book - Not in 2020  
1 Commissioner Cookie Jar - Not in 2020  
1 Cake Decorating - Not in 2020

All un-frosted cakes should be exhibited in an upright position with crust showing, except for those cakes made with special designs such as Bundt cakes. They should have top crust side down.

Modified non-perishable food product. Product must be modified from original recipe to nutritionally enhance the food product. Attach one - 8 ½ x 11 inch page (front and back) that includes Original Recipe, Modified Recipe, and Narrative to describe modifications made, why modifications were made and lessons learned such as nutritive value, or changes in appearance, doneness, aroma, flavor, tenderness and/or texture. Suggested resources:

- Altering Recipes for Better Health Purdue University
- Altering Recipes for Good Health Texas A&M University
  http://fcs.tamu.edu/food_and_nutrition/PDF/altering_recipes.pdf

Canning jars should not be used for baking per manufacturer's instructions. They could break during baking.

**4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JUNE**

8 - 4-H Council Meeting  
12 - Pre-entries for food, clothing, arts and crafts, fashion revue, and etc. due to the office  
12 - Livestock pens including rabbits and poultry  
15 - Due date for swine, sheep, and commercial heifer entries for State Fair and KJLS  
23-24 - Campference- Virtual  
26 - Marshall County Cat Show

**JULY**

9 - Pre-Fair Judging Day  
12 - Marshall County Fair Clean-up Day - 4:00 P.M.  
16 - Marshall County Horse Show  
16-21 - Marshall County Fair

**SEPTEMBER**

11-20 - Kansas State Fair  
**30 - 4-H record sheets due in the Extension Office**  
30 - Bob Mayer Essay Entries due in the Extension Office
TIPS FOR POSTERS

1. **Size** - Make sure your letters are big enough to be read from at least 20 feet away. Consider both width and height. For main captions, advertisers recommend letters at least 1½ inches tall.

2. **Color** - Color makes a difference, both in attractiveness and readability. Limit the number of colors you use on a poster to two or three. Consult the chart below for good and not-so-good color combinations.

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3. **Subject** - Remember the KISS rule: Keep it Simple Silly! Don’t attempt to say too much with a poster. Cover one main idea. An outline form works well with posters.

4. **Lettering** - Use upper and lower case letters. All capitals make the poster hard to read. Use well spaced, block letters. Avoid script or fancy letters. Use pencil to design your poster and then fill in with marker or crayon. OR–use the computer to design your letters. Vinyl stick-on letters are another simple way to design a poster. Whatever you do, practice being neat.

5. **Placement** - The eye sees best at eye level. Consider your audience when determining eye level. Are they adults or children? Are they seated or standing?

BAKING TIPS

- Practice making baked entries several times before the final preparation of your fair entry.
- Start early, so you can improve your skills and make changes to recipes.
- Drop cookies are dropped from a spoon onto a cookie sheet. They may or may not be flattened.
- Bar cookies may be cake-like or compact and chewy. They are cut into bars or squares when cool.
- Do not over-mix muffin or cupcake batter. Over mixing causes tunnels.
- Foam cakes should have a rough, slightly cracked top crust; use week-old eggs; allow egg whites to come to room temperature before beating.
- Use solid shortening to grease pans rather than oil or spray.
- Quick breads do not contain yeast.
- Grease muffin pans and quick bread pans on bottom only to avoid a “fry line” around top edge of baked product.
- Use hydrogenated shortening instead of butter or margarine in cake frostings. It has a melting point of 127°F, and produces a better product in hot weather.

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★ Marshall County Fair Events
★ Fashion Revue Judging, Public Revue, and Judging Contest
★ Livestock Exhibitors Notes and Events
★ Fair Forms

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