

# 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 2023 Ottawa County Fair. The 4-H members, parents, and exhibitors are what make our fair so special. To get prepared we have written this 2023 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 2023 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.

**Pre-entries are due online by Monday, June 26, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** Late pre-entries will be accepted, however, they will receive half premiums. An entry form must be on file at the Extension Office prior to the fair in order to receive any premium money.

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

“Life in the Fair Lane”

## ONLINE FAIR PRE-ENTRY

Please list every item that you plan to show at the fair on the online pre-entry card. This includes Fashion Revue and Showmanship classes. It is very helpful if you can keep your divisions in numerical order as you fill in your card. Having a scratch sheet of notebook paper can make this process much easier.



## 4-H PRE-FAIR EVENTS

June 26 Monday

4-H/FFA pre-entries due ONLINE, 11:59 p.m.

July 14 Friday

7:00 p.m. Fairground Cleanup

July 15 Saturday

TBD Shooting Sports Fair Shoot

July 17 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 18 Tuesday

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA and Open Livestock entries accepted

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 at Scout Hall, Markley Grove Park

1:00-3:00 p.m. 4-H Photography Judging Contest, Scout Hall

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 19 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 20 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

1:00 p.m. Family & Consumer Sciences Judging Contest 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 21 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 22 Saturday

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

July 27 Thursday

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

Aug 5 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.

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

### **EXHIBIT CARDS**

You can pick up your white exhibit cards any time between now and the fair. They are available at the Minneapolis and Salina Extension offices. Choosing to fill out your exhibit cards prior to the fair will save time and avoid confusion when entering at the fairgrounds. They are needed for each entry you enter at the fair except Showmanship classes.

### **FAIR CLEAN UP**

The work ethic and teamwork our 4-H members and families showed last year was outstanding. This spring districtwide 4-H members and Ottawa County Fair Board members and supporters have worked hard to update the facilities. On Friday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. all 4-H members are expected to be on hand to help give the fairgrounds a good cleaning. 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 willing workers to lift, shove, push, pull, and polish...that takes lots of elbow grease. Our major job will be cleaning the 4-H and Ag Hall Buildings. 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**

Paint a trashcan and help keep the fairgrounds clean! Trashcans will be judged on creativity, neatness and overall appearance. You may pick up 2 trashcans at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds in the swine barn. Trashcans must be painted before Tuesday, July 18 and will be judged that day. Return painted cans to the stage by 9:00 a.m. This will be a club project. Paint must be provided by the club. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the winning club. The year 2023 must be painted on the trashcan. This contest is sponsored by the Ottawa County Fair Board.

## **4-H PREMIUM MONEY**

**Premium money is not paid out at the fair. All premium money will be paid to the club treasurer on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

## **LIVESTOCK OPEN CLASS PREMIUM MONEY**

**Open class livestock premium money will be available and released on Thursday, July 20<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 14. 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 18 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 enrolled 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 18. 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 there are display and poster options at this year’s Ottawa County Fair. Displays are not to exceed standard 3 foot by 4 foot tri-fold size. Posters should be no larger than 20 inches by 30 inches. Even if your rocket launch this year didn’t go as planned, don’t be ashamed. Instead, turn that experience into a display or poster 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**

Your photos will be judged at Scout Hall on **Tuesday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.** Club schedules are in the fair paper. You will bring your photos with you to the Scout Hall. Scout Hall is in Markley Grove park east of the fairgrounds. After judging is complete, Superintendents will take **ALL** photos to the fairgrounds for you. We are requesting a plastic sleeve be used **after** judging to protect your photos. These will be at the judging site, but you will purchase them when you purchase your photo mounts before the fair. These are available in the Extension Office.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY THEME CONTEST**

This year’s photography theme contest is “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World”.

This contest is open to anyone enrolled in the photography project. Participants are limited to ONE entry for this competition. This is a state fair eligible class, meaning photographs should be prepared using the State Fair guidelines. For the “It’s Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World” theme contest, there will be an overall winner and 2 runner’s up.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CONTEST**

The 4-H Photography Judging Contest at the fair will be on Tuesday, **July 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Scout Hall.** This will be a come and go contest. Be sure to drop by and participate in this judging contest as your schedule allows!

No pre-registration is required.



## NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

This new class is only for those photography project members with 10 or more years of experience. This class is a non-judged mounted display consisting of four favorite photos from the member's photography career in 4-H. This is a "display only" class. See the fair paper for more detailed information.

## 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 crensink@ksu.edu or jwh04@ksu.edu.

## FOODS JUDGING - Monday July 17, 8:30 a.m. Courthouse basement

Club schedules are in the fair paper. Please have your products opened and entry cards filled out when you are ready to be judged. Be certain you have recipes (and sugar calculations if appropriate) with you when you are judged.

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.

Remember, any product that must be kept hot or cold until judging time is considered a perishable food item. Also, any food with custard and dairy based fillings and frostings



(ex. cream cheese), raw eggs, flavored oils, "canned" bread or cakes-in-a-jar, cut fresh fruit, or any other food requiring refrigeration (ex. bacon) or any unbaked exhibit with raw flour (ex. no bake cookie) is considered perishable. \* Note: The raw flour rule only applies to exhibits made with any type of flour that is not baked. This does not apply to no bake cookies made with oatmeal, cereal, chow main 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 2023

- **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. Exception: There will be an overall food art champion. It will not be eligible for State Fair or the premium and silent auction.
- 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.

**NEW THIS YEAR – KANSAS 4-H STATE FAIR RULE CHANGE**

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. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at:

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>

**We are adopting this rule on the local level. Don’t forget to attach your calculations with your entries.**

**RECOMMENDED FROSTING FOR FAIRS**

A confectioner’s sugar frosting containing vegetable shortening is recommended for fair exhibits. It is considered a non-perishable frosting. This has been called

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**

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 purple or 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 fair rules.

### **FOOD PRESERVATION**

Be sure to closely read the rules in the fair paper, especially the information regarding recipe sources. Only clear glass jars are to be used for food preservation entries. Colored jars interfere with the judges' ability to properly see the entry. Any other color of jar besides clear entered will result in an automatic lowering of 1 ribbon placing. **Also use approved recipe sources listed in fair paper to avoid disqualification.**

### **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES JUDGING CONTEST**

On Thursday during the fair, come test your family & consumer science knowledge at the judging contest between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium Area. This contest is for 4-H members of all ages and you do not have to be enrolled in a specific project area.

No preregistration is required.

### **VISUAL ARTS JUDGING**

4-H Visual Arts projects will be judged on Monday, July 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement. Club schedules are in the fair paper.

Purple ribbon winners will remain at the courthouse until all judging is completed. Items receiving a blue, red or white ribbon must be taken to the fairgrounds by the exhibitor by noon on Tuesday, July 18. Ribbons will be placed on exhibits at this time.

### **CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION, FIBER ARTS, FASHION REVUE JUDGING**

Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 in the Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. Fashion Revue Judging (clothing buymanship, and constructed garment revue), will begin at 1:30 p.m., July 20 at the same location.

Garments must be entered in the 4-H Building for display on Tuesday, July 18 between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please bring clothing in a clear plastic clothing bag to protect entries. The 4-Her will take their entries to the Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium on Thursday for judging and return the item to the 4-H Building after judging. Ribbons will be placed on the exhibits once they've returned to the building.

### **FASHION REVUE - BUYMANSHIP**

Entries will be judged on Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis High School Auditorium. Garments must be entered in the 4-H Building for display on Tuesday, July 18 between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please bring clothing in a clear plastic clothing bag to protect entries. On Thursday, the 4-Her should pick up entries and take them to the Minneapolis High School Auditorium for judging. After judging, the 4-Her will return entries to the 4-H Building and ribbons will be placed on the garments.

**This year, we are requiring a color photo of the 4-H member wearing their fashion revue project to accompany their paperwork on judging day.**



Modeling in the Fashion Revue -  
Buymanship is easier if you come prepared.  
These are potential questions the judge may  
ask so practice these before you come on  
July 20.

- + 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?

The public revue is on Friday, July 21 at  
6:00 p.m. Line-up will begin at 5:45 p.m. on  
the south side of the covered arena. **We will  
need your public revue script form for the  
outfit you plan to wear returned to the  
Extension Office by 5 p.m. on July 14.**

The form is included in this mailing.



## **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 21. 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 12. Show and judging will begin at 4:00 pm. on Wednesday, July 19. All pairs must be unloaded and weighed from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm that morning. Animals may be brought in before 8am, 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 2023 County Fair Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 5. 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. Please go to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under county fairs, Ottawa County Fair.

\* Note: There is a special pre-entry link just for the County Fair Dog Show. You will have the option to print a copy of your entry form after you hit SUBMIT on the last page.

### **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**

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

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

**Solomon Valley** - Livestock and horse barn areas

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

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

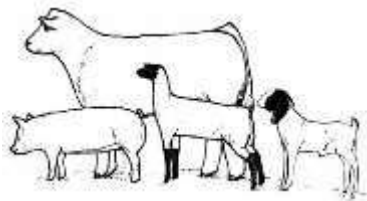
Cleanup should be done by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Take plastic bags with trash out of the box or barrel, throw in nearest dumpster and put a new bag in box or barrel. Also pick up all trash on the ground in your assigned area. Trash bags are available in the fair office.

## CLEAN UP AFTER THE FAIR

Livestock exhibits will be released at **12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 22. 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 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 21!**

## PROJECT, LIVESTOCK AND SILENT AUCTIONS

The auctions are an opportunity to be rewarded for hard work and dedication. Every 4-H member is encouraged to personally invite three potential buyers to the auction. Handwritten invitations, personal visits, and telephone calls are proven methods to invite bidders. Also, thanking last year's buyer with a letter or thank you card can go a long way.

*\* Note: Animals and project exhibits sold in either the live auction or silent auction are ineligible to be exhibited at another 4-H show, Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Exceptions: non-livestock exhibits (photographs, non-perishable foods, etc.) may be reproduced for the Kansas State Fair. For food safety purposes, perishable food entries (anything requiring refrigeration) cannot be sold in the live or silent auctions.*

## 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 21.** 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 21. Only one project per member may sell.

## PROJECT AND LIVESTOCK SALE

The 4-H and FFA Sale will be held Friday, July 21 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 21 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 steers, hogs, lambs, and goats. 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 that portion of their premium. Once payment is received, balance will be paid to the 4H 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**

Each club treasurer will write the 4-H sale checks for their club. The sale committee will meet on Aug. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at River Hills Seed. Your checks will be available from your treasurer after that date.

### **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.



### **AWARD & TROPHY THANK YOU LETTERS**

Many of the awards, trophies, and gift certificates are provided by the Ottawa County 4-H Foundation, established memorials, and a number of individuals, families, and businesses.

If you receive an award or trophy 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 21. 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 receive a purple ribbon during the fair, and wish to enter that exhibit at the Kansas State Fair, you can enter it before you leave the fairgrounds at the fair office. The deadline to enter exhibits for the State Fair is Thursday, July 27 at 5 p.m.



## **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 fulfills 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**

### **June**

- 15 2023 Small Animal Livestock Nomination form to show at State Fair & KJLS deadline.
- 26 **Ottawa County Fair 4-H Pre-entries due ONLINE by June 26 at 11:59 p.m.**
- 28 North Central District 4-H Horse Show – Salina

### **July**

- 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
- 14 Fairground clean up - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Shooting Sports Fair Shoot, TBD
- 17 Food Judging 8:30 a.m. Visual Arts Judging 1:30 p.m.
- 18-21 **OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR**
- 21 Fair livestock entries released at midnight.
- 22 Fair cleanup and fair building entries released at 8:00 a.m.
- 27 **State Fair Entry Sign-up Deadline** (due in Minneapolis Office)

### **August**

- 1 **State Fair Horse Entry Sign-up Deadline** (due online)
- 5 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
- 8 4-H Sale committee payout meeting, 7:00 p.m. at River Hills Seed.
- 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
- 17-19 Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show – Salina

### **September**

- 8-17 Kansas State Fair

### **October**

- Sept 29 – 1 Kansas Junior Livestock Show