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OTTER TAIL COUNTY-WEST

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> West Otter Tail County Fair website: www.wotcountyfair.com

Visit the West Otter Tail 4-H site: https://local.extension.umn.edu/local/ otter-tail-west

"Just" A Farm Kid is a Job Prospect Extraordinaire

While attending a job fair last week where Taylor Newspapers manned a booth, I met lots of job seekers.

Some brought resumes. Others just moseved by, picked up the free stuff on our table and asked a few questions.

But one young woman created a memory for me.

She was a senior in high school, seeking summer employment before starting to a community college in the fall.

"Are you hiring?" she asked. We said probably not, but we're always looking for good resources, such as part-time photographers and writers.

'We'd be happy to take your resume," I told her.

Then she said something that stuck with me. "I'm afraid my resume wouldn't be too impressive," she said. "I've spent all my life working on my parents' farm. I go to school in the daytime and do chores morning and night."

Whoa.

I told her to go home and create a resume and write down exactly what she had told me.

As a farm girl, one who has driven a tractor since she was 12, one who has cleaned out barns, scooped grain until her back ached, fed chickens, pigs, cattle and goats - this girl knows the meaning of work.

She knows about dependability and getting jobs done on time. The morning school bus won't wait until a farm kid finishes those chores. They'll be done on time or the young student will miss that all-important ride.

A young person who has put up hay, helped her dad and mother in the farrowing house or candled eggs has something more than words to jot on a resume.

Farm kids don't need to take art appreciation classes in school. They witness picturesque landscapes, sunrises and changes in seasons as they grow up.

They ride horses, drive four-wheelers and neatly stack big bales at the edge of meadows.

They fish in their ponds, learn to handle firearms and shoot deer, rabbits and turkeys.

They work as a family in the garden, raising, harvesting and canning their own vegetables.

by Rudy Taylor

Farm kids learn to keep good records on their livestock. When they raise and sell a 4-H calf, they can calculate the profit gained after deducting feed, vet medicines and other costs.

They typically know how to stand on their own two feet and give project talks, or give oral reasons for judging a class of lambs or swine.

Many of them earn leadership roles in church, 4-H or FFA, so they can moderate a meeting to perfection using Roberts Rules of Order.

They learn early in life the tactics of conservation – how to keep topsoil from washing into Oklahoma; how to plant wind barriers and how to recognize grass -cheating weeds that need sprayed.

Any farm kid can handle a paint brush, spade a garden, pull worms from tomato plants, gather hen eggs, mow grass, groom animals and take one grain of wheat, bit down on it and determine if it's time to start the combine.

And, this girl thinks her resume might be lackluster?

Oh. I don't think so.

Put her to work in a hardware store, newspaper office or grocery store, and she will enter the front door looking for things to do.

It's that way with kids who grow up as farm and ranch kids. Their resume is written on their foreheads and in their hearts.

They should never apologize. Never.

• Rudy Taylor is publisher of three weekly newspapers in southeast Kansas. He also takes pride in being a young farmer during his teenage years and a proud member of FFA.



COUNTY EDITION SPECIAL FAIR

Important information about 4-H activities at the 2019 West Otter Tail County Fair

We require online registration, due NO LATER than June 28th (June 18 deadline for Demonstrations & Food Review) of all Exhibit descriptions are in the 2019 4-H West Otter Tail projects to be exhibited at the County Fair. The "4-H Premi-County Fair Premium List that was included with this mailing. um List" helps you complete your online Registration. *If you register for the fair after the deadline (must be done Example: If you are entering a quilt you will click on by office staff), you will NOT get a t-shirt and may NOT be Department "Non-Livestock" state fair eligible. • Division "Quilting" and the appropriate age group in Class **Non-livestock** projects: You may bring up to 3 items per class*. There should be a "multi entry" option for you to enter the same Department, Division and Class for EACH item **EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE THEIR** you bring in that class. (*Scrapbooking is in Creative Arts and **ONLINE FAIR REGISTRATION BY June 28th** you are allowed just one entry in this class.) Extension staff will enter 4-H Club projects You received a link for a google document to let Leah MINNESOTA



know what your club would be bringing. Contact Leah if

you need the link again.

COUNTY FAIR ADMITTANCE POLICY

Tuesday, July 16 - free entry day! Admission will be charged starting at 4:00 pm on Wednesday and 11:00 am the remaining days of the Fair. Fair admission per day: 10 and under free; 11 and over \$5.00/person (includes parking).

**All 4-H'ers: Report to the 4-H office in the Main Arena to pick up a wristband, t-shirt, and FCS Buck, one each per 4-H'er pre-registered and bringing at least one project to the County Fair.

4-H'er must wear the wristband when entering/re-entering the fairgrounds.

ADVANCED SEASON PASSES will be available for \$12.00/person (parking included). You can receive this reduced rate until July 16. Cost is \$15.00 if purchased at the Fairgrounds office during fair.

Please have correct change when purchasing at the Extension office, or make check payable to "Otter Tail County Fair Association."



Ride tickets will be available for sale at Service Food, The Country Store, and Little Chief in Fergus Falls & the Fairgrounds

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Pre-Fair Events & Information

Register your projects in WestOtterTail.FairEntry.com

Log in to **westottertail.FairEntry.com** using your **4HOnline username and password.** An instruction sheet is on page 18 of this newsletter.

If you need help, please call (218-998-8760), or you may stop by the office any time during

office hours, 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or make an appointment for after hours.

- Registration is open June 1 through June 28.
- Registration deadline for <u>Food Review/Demonstrations</u> is Monday, June 25.

When:	Tuesday, June 25th
Where:	8:30 am-noon PioneerCare
	1131 South Mabelle Avenue Fergus Falls
Who:	Any enrolled 4-H youth
	Team or individual in Food Review, Livestock
	Demonstrations, or Demonstrations.

\$10 + premium for all demonstrations!

Register for Food Review & Demonstrations in FairEntry.com by June 18.

Registered 4-H'ers will receive further information via email, including the demonstrations schedule. Contact Tammy (218 -998-8760) if you have questions or would like to have basics of demonstrating or food review information sent to you.

4-H <u>Clothing Day</u> & Evening <u>Share-The-Fun</u> contest

Thursday, July 11 8:00 AM-Noon

Kennedy Secondary School, FF

4-H Clothing & Textiles/Fashion Revue Project members who have registered in FairEntry.com will receive a mailing with details and forms for County Clothing Day. Clothing Day judging ALSO includes all non-wearable sewn fabric items (except Quilt). Check the Premium List for all categories. *Please register early at*

www.WestOtterTail.FairEntry.com! <u>SHARE THE FUN/PERFORMING ARTS</u> 7:00 pm- competition will be held throughout the evening's Fashion Revue. All 4-H'ers giving a demonstration will not only receive their premium, they will receive \$10.00!!

There is also a cash incentive to demonstrate at State Fair!

What are you waiting for? Sign up NOW!

All enrolled 4-H'ers are eligible to participate in Food Review or Demonstrations.

Each county is allowed one additional State Fair Livestock trip for a Livestock Demonstration exhibitor.

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association is providing \$30 cash awards to 4-H'ers who present a 4-H <u>Livestock Demonstration at State Fair</u>. Competition starts at the county level.

Champion livestock demonstration winner at the county level, will win a State Fair trip with your animal.

Non-Livestock Demonstration: ALL non-livestock demonstrations at the State Fair will ALSO receive a \$30 cash award. 4-H'er may participate in both a project AND demonstration at State Fair.

Questions and clarification, call Tammy 218-998-8760.

SHARE-THE-FUN / PERFORMING ARTS

Share the Fun and Performing Arts acts will perform and compete throughout the evening at Fashion Revue, **Thursday, July 11th**, 7:00 PM at Kennedy Secondary School Auditorium, Fergus Falls. Please go to FairEntry.com to register your act! (Club Leaders, please send list of participants in your Share-the-Fun act to Leah who will register for you.) Anyone who wants to participate in either competition can sign up!

Winners have option to perform at State Fair!

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

Pre-Fair Events & Information, continued

FAIR RELATED DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10 LQA&E training, Fergus Falls July 8 4-H Food Stand pre-fair cleaning June 24 6:00 pm Amby/Jr. Leader Meeting at Fairgrounds 7:00 pm 4-H Leaders' Council meeting - request 100% club representation - Fairgrounds June 18 Last day to register in FairEntry.com for Demonstrations & Food Review June 25 4-H Demonstration Day & Food Review (MUST pre-register no later than June 18) June 28 County Fair Registration: last day to enter into www.WestOtterTail.FairEntry.com July 11 4-H Clothing Day, Kennedy Secondary School, FF - Share the Fun & Performing Arts in evening JULY 16 Judging for all Non-Livestock Projects, 2:00-7:00 pm, & Livestock Interviews, 3:30-7:00 pm (Supper available for purchase from 4:30-6:30, Main Exhibit Building. Judges break 5-5:30.) JULY 17-20 WEST OTTER TAIL COUNTY FAIR, FERGUS FALLS July 28 4-H Dog Show, 9:00 am, Main Arena, Fairgrounds Aug. 21-25 State Fair Livestock encampment Aug. 27-29 State Fair Non-livestock encampment Sept. 7-8 State Shoot in Douglas County Sept. 14-15 State Horse Show Sept. 21-22 State Dog Show

Camping at the County Fairgrounds - Back gate will be open

Information: Fairgrounds office - 218-736-0272, or www.wotcountyfair.com, "Camping Permits."

NO reservations will be taken until 8:00 am on <u>Monday, June 24</u>. See the attached policies and Camper Contract for information. No phone, mail or email reservations accepted. Contact the Fairgrounds office with questions. This is not handled in Extension.



<u>4-H Food Stand</u> schedule will be filled by FAMILIES scheduling their own shifts on SignUpGenius.com, open June 1. There must be adults on each shift! Each person working must be named, first and last names.

ONE SHIFT – ONE JOB — ONE NAME

Pre-Fair Events & Information, continued

Trophy Sponsorship

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR BOTH THE LIVESTOCK AND NON-LIVESTOCK AWARDS. THE COST IS \$12.00 FOR LIVESTOCK TROPHIES AND SHOWMANSHIP ROSETTES, AND \$7 FOR ALL MEDALLIONS (NON-LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW). YOUR NAME OR BUSINESS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE DAY OF THE LIVESTOCK SHOW OR AWARD CEREMONY.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL EXTENSION (218-998-8760) RIGHT AWAY AS THESE AWARDS NEED TO BE ORDERED SOON. THANK YOU!



If you would like to order a **4-H County Fair t-shirt** for a non-4-H'er or adult (all 4-H'ers who pre-register and bring at least one project to county fair get one free!), **email Leah at Imaerten@co.ottertail.mn.us** with your request and size(s). Cost is \$10.00 each. **Deadline June 28**. Thanks to **Cindy Bartsch** for, getting the funding for and ordering these shirts every year!

WOT 4-H Amby's & Jr. Leaders: 6:00 meeting, Monday, June 24 4-H Food Stand - prior to Leaders' Council meeting

West Otter Tail 4-H leaders' Council/club representative meeting

The next 4-H Leaders' Council meeting is scheduled for <u>Monday, June 24th at 7:00</u> <u>pm.</u> The meeting is held at the 4-H Food Stand, Fairgrounds, in Fergus Falls. The program includes updates and introductions to the 2019 County Fair. Come and learn more about what is going to happen! Bring your questions.

At least one representative from every club should be present—open to all 4-H'ers and parents. Treats will be served!





4-H Fair Schedule



FRIDAY - 7:30 pm Fashion Revue

Share the Fun

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July 16 – 20, 2019 July 16 – 4-H Non-livestock Judging & 4-H Livestock Interviews Hang this schedule on your fridge!

<u>Livestock may be brought into the Fairgrounds after 2:00 pm Tuesday — not any earlier!</u>

<u>Tuesday, July 16</u>

2:00-7:00 pm	Non-Livestock Judging, Main Arena	
	Only day in which non-livestock projects will be judged	
	Judges will take a supper break from 5:00 - 5:30 pm	
	A light supper available for purchase from 4:30 - 6:30 pm	
2:00 pm	Livestock can start coming into fairgrounds	SAME 📩
3:30-7:00 pm	Livestock Interviews: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine	💦 LIVESTOCK 📩
	LIVESTOCK INTERVIEW LOCATION: MAIN ARENA	🗆 🏅 INTERVIEW 🏅
5:00-7:00 pm	Cloverbud Livestock Interviews	LOCATION!
	Rabbit & Poultry posters judged by Veterinary Science judge	
5:00-8:00 pm	Swine weigh-in	

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 am	Swine Show, Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena
Noon-2:00 pm	Beef weigh-in
1:00 pm	Sheep weigh-in
1:30 pm	Poultry Show, Satellite Building
6:00 pm	Sheep Show (beginning with Lamb Lead and Fiber Goat)
6:00 pm	Horse meeting

Thursday, July 18

8:00 am	Horse In Training, Horse Show, Horse Arena
9:00 am	<u>Beef Show</u> , Livestock Arena
3:00-4:00 pm	Market Goat weigh-in (one hour only)
3:30 pm	Rabbit Show, starting with cloverbuds, Satellite Building

Friday, July 19

9:00 am	Dairy Show, Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena	Performing Arts
Noon	Llama Show, Henry C. Stock Live. Arena or Horse Arena	Non-livestock awards
1:00 pm	Goat Show, Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena	
4:00 pm	Champion Non-Livestock photos (Main Arena)	
5:00 pm	Champion Livestock photos (near Beef/Dairy Barn)	
7:30 pm	Fashion Revue, Performing Arts & Share-the-Fun, champion non-livestock	
	award winners recognized - Conservation Park Stage	
	All Champions in Non-livestock will receive a medallion at this time	!
7:30 pm	4-H Dance-Henry Stock Arena	

Saturday, July 20

8:30 am	Round Robin Senior Showmanship, prior to Auction (All large & small animal species will participate)
9:00 am	Blue Ribbon Auction
10:00 am	Cloverbud Horse Show followed by Horse Fun Show!
2:00-7:00 pm	State Fair Registration lab open in Education Center (Main Arena) State Fair Exhibitors Orientation Meeting, Livestock Arena/State Fair Registration Operation State Fair Registration State Fair Registration Operation State Fair Registration State Fair R
3:00 pm	State Fair Exhibitors Orientation Meeting, Livestock Arena/State Fair Registration Oper Peen
4:30 pm	Tug of War, Barnyard Olympics, Watermelon Feed - Livestock Arena
8:00 pm	Release Time - All exhibits including livestock

We need YOU! (volunteer opportunities)

<u>Amby's & Jr. Leaders:</u> We need volunteers to help out the months of July & August in the Extension office and at County Fair. Call Leah, Ashley or Tammy to volunteer - 218-998-8760.

We need adult chaperones for the annual 4-H Dance, on Friday night! Call Brianna Carter or Janelle Hawkinson if you can help. We need Youth Leaders and adults to help on Tuesday as **judging assistants** (orientation/reception at 1:30 in Ed. Center). We also need help with the Livestock shows. If you can help, please call and let us know right away.

FINAL EXHIBIT ARRANGEMENT

We ALWAYS need help with setting up the final 4-H exhibit display in the Main Arena.

All 4-H non-livestock projects will be on display in the Main Arena. Conference judging ends at 7:00 pm Tuesday. After 7:00 pm the judges select the Champions & Reserve Champions.

If you are available to help with the set-up of these displays, please call Extension at 218-998-8760. Some muscle is needed . . . This plea goes to both adults and youth. THANK YOU!!

<u>Shake Shed</u>

Hours: Tuesday, 4:00 - 7:00 pm (tentative) Wednesday - Saturday, 11:00 am - close

If you are 9th grade or older you can work independently. If you are younger you must work with a parent or older person/sibling. Three to four people working at a time is ideal. You will have a great time and receive a **free shake when your shift is done**. Please call Sandy to schedule a time to work.

The proceeds from the Shake Shed helps to provide funds for improvements to the West Otter Tail County Fairgrounds. We can't do it without you. Thank you all for your help in making the Shake Shed a success!!

Please contact Sandy Holo at 218-205-6495 to schedule a time to work.

be stored in the Food Stand cooler. **Thanks! Please call Ashley to volunteer - 218-998-8760.**

If your club would like to purchase and serve the **watermelon** following the Tug-of-War, please contact Extension to let us know that your club is interested. It just means picking up 3-4 melons and serving them! To keep the melons cold, they may

STATE FAIR TRIP CHAPERONES NEEDED

Adults are needed to help chaperone our 4-H groups to the State Fair.

Livestock - August 21-25; Non-livestock - August 27-29. Call Extension if you can chaperone.

Chaperones must complete the volunteer screening process. We always need both male & female chaperones!!







Non-livestock Judging

Tuesday, July 16

- Proceed directly to the Main Arena where you will pick up your entry cards in the front lobby. All non-livestock judging takes place in the Main Arena.
- Livestock interviews are held in the MAIN Arena this year.
- Poultry and Rabbit posters will be judged by the Veterinary Science judge.
- Report to the 4-H fair office to pick up your wrist band, t-shirt, and FCS Buck. (Free stuff!)

The 4-H fair office is located in the Main Arena near the commercial exhibits.

Non-livestock Judging:

Tuesday, July 16th 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm Judges will take a supper break from 5:00-5:30 pm

A light supper will be available for purchase from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

All non-livestock projects will be judged on Tuesday only. We hold non-livestock judging on its own day so 4-H'ers who show livestock can totally concentrate on their nonlivestock projects.

The judge will visit informally with you, the 4-H'er, about your exhibit. 4-H'ers are encouraged to ask questions of the judge. You must be present to enter your exhibit.

All 4-H members entering projects need to check in at the Main Arena to receive entry tags, and then proceed to the appropriate judges.

<u>Please follow this schedule alphabetically by clubs</u>:

2:00 - 3:30 pm	Norwegian Grove to Sverdrup
3:30 - 5:00 pm 5:00 - 5:30 pm	Amor to Dalton Judges supper break
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Dane Prairie to Nidaros &
	Home School & Afterschool

Please plan according to this schedule.

Call Extension if you can serve as Judges Assistant at any or all times above.

ASHLEY STEVENS IS BACK!

Ashley is starting her third year as our 4-H Summer Assistant June 5. Ashley just completed her third year of college. Ashley will be doing all cloverbud interviews from 5:00-7:00 pm Tuesday!

We are excited to have Ashley back this summer!

CLUB PROJECTS

4-H CLUB PLANTER

Criteria: 1) Focus on a project theme; 2) club is responsible to water the plant all County Fair days; 3) label your club's name somewhere on the display. Preregister Planter on the special Club Registration form emailed to all Key/Assistant Club Leaders. Bring Club Planter to the flower judge's area. A fun club project!

4-H CLUB BOOTH - Main Arena

Must pre-register Booth with Extension staff in order to reserve booth space (and insert) in the Main Arena.

4-H CLUB BANNER CONTEST

Each year 4-H clubs are eligible to make a 4-H Banner to be entered for competition. It must be made during the current 4-H year. 4-H leaders should pre-register this project. Two banners are eligible to be taken to State Fair.

4-H CLUB SCARECROW

Scarecrow must be prepared so it can be supported on a post, chair, bale, etc. It must be constructed well enough to be displayed outside for all days of the fair.

4-H CLUB BARN QUILT - Satellite Arena

Barn quilts must be framed and ready for installation. Not eligible for State Fair unless submitted as Community Pride project. Bring directly to Satellite Arena.

All Club Projects need to be entered into FairEntry.com by Extension staff. To register, submit entry via https://forms.gle/nVDcp4uQPhivX1hLA

Register for county fair at <u>westottertail.fairentry.com</u>

Non-livestock Information

ATTENTION: Poster makers

We strongly recommend that you use **foam board** (and not tag board) as it is much sturdier for display, stands up better, and looks better!

Take Pride In Your Display!

Stop in to Extension and visit with Tammy regarding making your poster stand out and the do's and don'ts in poster making!

PET EXHIBITORS

It is optional if you want to bring your pet, dog or cat to the fairgrounds on Tuesday

If you are planning to bring your pet to the county fair on Tuesday:

- bring along proof of current vaccinations for all pets, cats and dogs
 check with your veterinarian to have it *done at least 2 weeks prior to the fair*
- * for your own protection you may want to have your cat vaccinated for distemper (feline panleukopenia)
- * it is preferred that you bring it in a carrier or, at a minimum, on some type of leash

With lots of noise and distractions around, we do not want your pet to get away unexpectedly!

- * you will be able to have your pet project judged <u>any time</u> between 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- * bring your pet to the judge
- * make sure pet is restrained or caged
- * also bring a booklet, poster, or visual display about your pet

The judge will look at your pet and ask general questions about your pet and what you have done with it. See the 4-H Premium List for further project requirements. Pets, cats and dogs <u>will not stay</u> at the County Fair. You will need to take the animal home. The poster, booklet, or display will be left on display at the fair.

County Fair T-shirts

Thanks to Farm Bureau and many other sponsors for sponsoring and paying for this year's T-shirts. Shirts will be **handed out at County Fair to 4-H'ers** <u>who have pre-registered and who bring a pro-</u><u>ject</u>. Indicate your size in your FairEntry.com registration.

Be sure to thank these businesses for sponsoring and paying for your t-shirt!

If you would like to order a t-shirt for a non-4-H'er or adult, email Leah at Imaerten@co.ottertail.mn.us. Cost is \$10.00 each; indicate size.

Non-Livestock Awards, Share the Fun, Fashion Revue

Champions in **non-livestock** divisions will be awarded medallions! Example: champion overall Food & Nutrition, Shop, Needle Arts, Vegetable Gardening, etc., will receive a medallion. Medallions will be presented at the **Share-the-Fun/Fashion Revue program** - **Friday evening**, **7:30 pm**, **Conservation Park Stage**.



Give a Livestock Demonstration a try! See Premium List for details. Premium + \$10.00!



4-H Food Stand

ALL 4-H FAMILIES MUST WORK A SHIFT IN THE 4-H FOOD STAND

4-H Food Stand hours: Set-up & fair prep: Pre-fair cleaning:

Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30 am-approx. 8:00 pm Tuesday, July 16, 10:00 am-2:00 pm Monday, July 8, 6:00-8:00 pm



The 4-H Food Stand is our biggest fund raising source to help support countywide activities. Please read all of this information carefully to see what you can do to help.

4-H Food Stand schedule will be filled by FAMILIES scheduling their own shifts on SignUpGenius.com (you will be emailed an "invitation"). Remember: There must be adults on each shift! We reserve the right to change your duties as we see fit. Every sign up must have first and last name of person doing that job.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS

Food Stand workers must be properly dressed as in any food service. The 4-H Food Stand is under the same health regulations as restaurants and is inspected during the fair by the Department of Health.

4-H FOOD STAND RULES

* <u>no eating in the kitchen</u> * <u>all workers must pay for food eaten</u>

- long hair must be tied back
- no bare midriffs
- no bare feet; those working in the frying area should wear leather shoes—no sandals
- if you have a cold or are not feeling well -- STAY HOME!
- clean fresh clothing must be worn -- change clothing if coming from any barn, including rabbit and chicken barns
- if you have club T-shirts -- wear them; be proud of who you are!!!!
- Adult MUST be at cash register AND at the "Pick-up" food counter

Work and food donations asked of each club:

Workers needed each shift

- Arrive on time to relieve the previous shift
- Do not leave your station until you have been relieved
- Clean your station during quiet times and before leaving your shift—if you're leaning you could be cleaning!
- EVERYONE ON THE LAST SHIFT EACH DAY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN-UP AND CLOSING

To help cover the cost of the pies/cheesecake...

Each <u>family</u> is asked to pay \$5.00 (give to your club leader)

<u>Club Leaders</u>: Please collect the pie/cheesecake money from each family in your club and turn that money in to Extension <u>PRIOR</u> to county fair.



WEDNESDAY	-	Meatball Sub & Fries
THURSDAY	-	Chicken Strips & Fries
FRIDAY	-	Super Taco Nacho Supreme
SATURDAY	-	Pork & the trimmings





Sheep Exhibitors

<u>Weigh-in is at 1:00 pm</u> Wednesday. Please be present to weigh your market animal at this time. <u>Show is at 6:00 pm.</u> <

Sheep exhibitors may bring two market lambs to County Fair. For complete details, refer to the enclosed Premium List under Sheep. There will be a Pen of 3 Market Lamb class, also.

Rabbit Exhibitors

For any 4-H'er showing an "unrecognized" breed of rabbit (ARBA rules, e.g., Velveteen Lops), they must show the rabbit in the Crossbred rabbit class. Crossbred,

"unrecognized" breeds rabbits are not eligible for State Fair. See the American Rabbit Breeder Association Rabbit Standard for approved breeds.

Rabbit Poster contest - check details in the Rabbit section of the 4-H Premium List.

Market Animal Blue Ribbon Auction

Blue ribbon winners eligible for auction **MUST sign up by Friday at 2:00 pm** on the bulletin boards near the 4-H fair office in the main arena. (NO phone calls.)



Goats deadline: conclusion of Meat Goat Show.

Register your county fair projects ONLINE westottertail.fairentry.com

Use your 4HOnline username and password. Instructions on page 17 and at www.co.ottertail.mn.us/extension.

LQA&E RULES

The University requires that any 4-H'er bringing livestock to State Fair must have taken their Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics certification **PRIOR** TO THEIR COUNTY FAIR. **WOT training is June 10. Please pre-register!**

There is an Online option, see page 16 for more details.

County Fair Livestock Health Regulations

Check the Health Regulations listed in the 2019 Premium Book for the type of animal you are planning to bring to the fair. If testing is necessary, make sure you have it done in time so you have results back before County Fair.

4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Don't wait until the last minute! Begin training your animals to lead and show now. Having properly trained animals requires lots of practice just as with anything else. A well trained animal is a great advantage in the show ring.



Livestock Interviews

Beef, Poultry, Rabbit, Horse, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, & Swine

All Livestock Interviews will be conducted from **3:30-7:00 pm, Tuesday, July 16th** in the **MAIN Arena**. Cloverbud interviews will be from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Interviews are not mandatory but highly recommended. There will be basic questions about your animal and its industry. Questions will be appropriate to the age of 4-H'er.

Register for interviews at
WestOtterTail.FairEntry.com

There is a **State Fair trip** for a 4-H'er along with his/her animal in **Swine only**. Even if the animal gets a red ribbon in the show, there is a State Fair trip for the 4-H'er and animal.

Questions: call Tammy at 218-998-8760.

Bring your own staple gun. You can't use ours.



Livestock Continued

Horse Exhibitors

All horses must be stalled at the fair. If you are using 2 animals (1 game, 1 pleasure), BOTH must be housed for the duration of the fair (release time



8:00 pm Saturday) in the horse barn. The Fair Board wants a full barn. Issues with stalling will be addressed on a per-horse basis (injury, cribbing, emotional issues...) by the overall show coordinator and the barn superintendent. All horses must be stalled and checked in <u>no later than 12:00 pm Wednesday</u>, July 17th.

There is a meeting between the horse barns Wednesday at 6:00 pm at which all horse exhibitors must be present.

Horses must remain at the fairgrounds until 8:00 pm Saturday.

Every horse stalled must show in at least one event. Halter Showmanship is strongly recommended. Halter will ONLY have qualifying classes.

Horse Stalling Option for Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds have the option of stalling their horses at the fairgrounds throughout the fair. Please remember that when not stalled, the horses MUST be in the control of an adult or 4-H'er 6th grade+; Cloverbud must not handle or ride without older person in control of horse.

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ASSISTANTS NEEDED TUESDAY & AT LIVESTOCK SHOWS!

Interested adult or junior leaders, please contact Extension. We need assistants in the following areas:

- 1) Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, etc.
- 2) Potatoes, Fruit, Vegetable Gardening, Field Crops
- 3) Flower Gardening, Indoor Gardening, Lawn & Landscape
- 4) Poultry Show
- 5) Photography, Shop, Electric, Safety
- 6) Child Care, Self Management
- 7) Clothing, Home Environment, Needle arts
- 8) Food & Nutrition
- 9) Creative Arts
- 10) Horse Show
- 11) Dairy Show
- 12) Beef, Sheep Show
- 13) Cloverbuds
- 14) Dog Show Recorder15) Rabbit Show
- 16) Swine Show
- 17) Hand out ribbons at livestock shows
- 18) Final Arrangement Set-up
- It takes lots of help to make things go smoothly!

4-H DOG SHOW

Sunday, July 28th 9:00 am

Satellite Arena WOT Fairgrounds

Interviews conducted during the show

Media

If there is no one from the media to take a picture of your champion or reserve champion and animal, please take a picture and send it directly to the media outlet(s) of your choice.

Battle Lake:	blreview@arvig.net
Fergus Falls:	newsroom@fergusfallsjournal.com
	results@themidweekpublications.com
Henning:	news@henningadvocate.com
Pelican:	office@pelicanrapidspress.com
Rothsay:	newsrecordreview@bvillemn.net

4-H'er must be present for the judging of their animals. Younger members should have someone available to assist them in carrying exhibits back and forth from barn to judging area.

If a 4-H member is unable to exhibit an animal by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a substitute showperson to help with the exhibition of the 4-H member's livestock project(s).

Rabbit & Poultry Posters

Anyone (K-13) can enter into the Rabbit & Poultry Poster contest by drawing a simple design of either rabbits or poultry.

A champion & reserve will be selected at the County Fair. However, ALL the posters that are judged will be taken to the State Fair. At State Fair, the winners selected will have their poster printed on either the Poultry/Rabbit t-shirts or on the Poultry/Rabbit booklet for State Fair 2019. Poster details are provided in the 4-H Premium List under Poultry & Rabbits.

Poster judging is done with the Veterinary Science judge Tuesday, July 16, 2:00-7:00 pm.

A simple design is the best!



Children's Barnyard, County Fairgrounds, July 17-20 Page 13

To ensure a successful Children's Barnyard...

There is a *need for kid-friendly animals*: lambs, mules, petting rabbits, etc. We prefer animals not already housed in the 4-H barns - different from the 4-H animal exhibits. Also off-breeds, unique breeds would be welcomed. We'd love to have alpacas!



The Children's Barnyard is an FFA project. FFA instructors and some FFA members from Pelican Rapids, Rothsay, Battle Lake and Fergus Falls provide most of the manpower. As in the past number of years, Dave Lindig will coordinate. Dave and the FFA team welcome all to PROVIDE, HELP and ADVISE. Additional *people-power is needed*. Kids, parents, grandparents, senior citizens – anyone who is comfortable around animals and can spend time in the barn handling some of the animals and talking to the little tykes who come to visit the barn. Please stop in to visit or lend a hand. You too can be a part of this team.

<u>TUG OF WAR & BARNYARD OLYMPICS CONTEST</u> 4:30 pm, Saturday, July 20 Livestock Arena

The Awesome Barnyard Olympics Contest & Tug of War Contest

Wheelbarrow Race . . .Skillet toss . . .Surprise events !!!!!

There are four divisions:

Junior teamBoys & girls who have completed grades 3, 4 or 5Girls' team onlyGirls who have completed grades 3 & aboveSenior teamBoys & girls who have completed grade 6 & aboveCloverbud teamBoys & girls who have completed Kindergarten through 2nd grade

- * A team consists of a maximum of 5 members
- * Should wear gloves
- * No spikes or cleats allowed on shoes
- * Teams must be there at 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 20, to register

Watermelon Feed follows . . .

We need adult volunteers to chaperone!

Annual 4-H Dance

Friday July 19th 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM, Henry C Stock Arena Free for all 4-H'ers



Come with your dancin' shoes on and have fun with your friends. Maybe make some new ones!

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16th Annual Senior Round Robin Showmanship Championship!! Held PRIOR TO THE AUCTION - 8:30 am

Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena

<u>All species of animals will participate</u>. The round robin is divided into large animal & small animal. The large animal category is: Beef, Dairy, Llama, Horse & Sheep. Small Animal category is: Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Meat Goat & Dairy Goat. These champions are in a double ring at the same time showing their skill with every large or small species in a round robin style. Judging will take place, crowning an overall Senior Showman in Large Animal AND Small Animal. Previous winners:

2011- 8 th Annual Overall Champion:	LaTeasha Eckley, Fergus 4-H (large animal) Greta Thormodson, Dalton 4-H (small animal)
2012- 9 th Annual Overall Champion:	Abby Ganyo, Norwegian Grove (large animal) Karly Davenport, Buse-Orwell 4-H (small animal)
2013–10 th Annual Overall Champion:	Johanna Knorr, Norwegian Grove 4-H (large animal) Greta Thormodson, Dalton 4-H (small animal)
2014-11 th Annual Overall Champion:	Zachary Anderson, Nidaros 4-H (large animal) Michaela Van de Streek, Nidaros 4-H (small animal)
2015-12 th Annual Overall Champion:	Courtney Bolstad, Dane Prairie 4-H (large animal) Cody Peterson, Fergus 4-H (small animal)
2016-13 th Annual Overall Champion:	Sherry Johnson, Fergus 4-H (large animal) Karly Davenport, Buse Orwell 4-H (small animal)
2017-14 th Annual Overall Champion:	Autum Petterson, Fergus 4-H (large animal) Cody Peterson, Fergus 4-H (small animal)
2018-15th Annual Overall Champion:	Lindsey Petterson, Fergus 4-H (large animal) Cody Peterson, Fergus 4-H (small animal)

ALL livestock exhibitors will want to watch this lively event!

2019 COUNTY FAIR BLUE RIBBON LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, July 20, 9:00 am Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena

The annual 4-H Livestock Auction is supported by business people throughout West Otter Tail County and is conducted by business people, 4-H leaders, and parents who have volunteered their time for this project.

The State Horse Show winners will be introduced.

- It is required that 4-H'er shows his/her own animal in the Auction
- 4-H'ers must sign up for the auction on the board near the 4-H fair office by 2:00 pm Friday (goats deadline is at the conclusion of the Meat Goat Show). If you miss the deadline you will not be allowed to participate, no exceptions.
 - The Auction is open to 4-H exhibitors who received a blue ribbon on:
- beef steer, barrow, market gilt, market lamb, dairy steer, market heifer, fryer rabbit, top dairy, market goat
- The animal must have been entered in the appropriate County Fair <u>market</u> class to be eligible for the Auction
- 4-H'ers are allowed to obtain a sale premium on only one animal
- 20 % of the premium is retained by the Leaders Council for 4-H programming.

If you receive an Auction Premium, it is YOUR responsibility to send your buyer a thank you note.

*** Auction checks will NOT be ready until early September. ***





UPCOMING EVENTS

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June

- 1 Jr Meat Doe Kid animal ID deadline
- Livestock Quality Assurance Training, 6:00 pm 10 Otter Tail County Fairgrounds, Fergus Falls
- 18 Registrations due for Food Review & Demonstrations
- County Fair registration due in FairEntry.com 28
- Food Review/Demonstration Day, PioneerCare, FF 29

July

- Jr. Doe Kid goat animal ID deadline 1
- Clothing Day, Kennedy Secondary School; Share the 11 Fun/Performing Arts at evening Fashion Revue
- 16 Non-livestock judging, 2:00-7:00 pm, Fairgrounds
- WOT County Fair, Fergus Falls 17-20
- WC MN Jr. Beef/Sheep Livestock Show, FF 21
- 25-28 EOT County Fair, Perham
- 28 4-H Dog Show, WOT Fairgrounds

August

- 21-25 SF Livestock encampment
- SF Non-livestock encampment 37-29
- 22-9/2 Minnesota State Fair

September

- 7-8
- State Horse Show 14-15
- 21-22 State Dog Show

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🦎 Some of the fun events at this year's fair

Wednesday, July 17 "Touch a Truck"-Free Event, Grandstand

Thursday, July 18 - Senior Day

- 11:00am Senior Resource Fair 11:00 am Sonny Bartels
- 5:30 pm Slew Foot Band
- 6:30 pm Kits Pedal Tractor Pull
- 7:00 pm Modified Tractor Pull
- 7:00 pm aChord

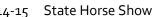
Friday, July 19

- 4:00 pm Balloon Lady
- 5:00 pm Carlisle Band
- 7:00 pm Bull Ridina
- 7:30 pm 4-H Share the Fun/Performing Arts/Non
 - livestock Awards Presentation

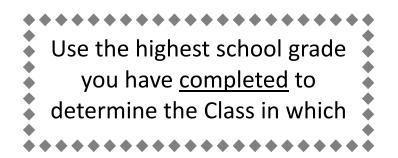
Saturday, July 20 – Veterans Day

- 8:30 am 4-H Senior Round Robin
- 9:00 am 4-H Blue Ribbon Auction
- 2, 3:30, 5 Sherwin Linton
- 4:00 pm Balloon lady

State Shoot



Register for county fair at westottertail.fairentry.com



Family's annual 4-H tasks:

1. Enroll the kids in 4HOnline.com (October 1).

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- 2. ID the animals by deadline dates (February 15 & May 15).
- 3. Register the projects your 4-H'er plans to bring to the County Fair in FairEntry.com (open June 1-June 28).

State Fair Information

State Fair Eligible 4-H'er Responsibilities:

- State Fair trips are posted by the 4-H fair office in the Main Arena go there
- Check for your name on all lists for project areas you entered livestock and non-livestock
- ACCEPT or DECLINE trips as soon as you can deadline:
 - NO LATER THAN <u>2:00 pm FRIDAY, JULY 19th</u> (unless you are showing in the Goat Show)
- If you have accepted a State Fair trip, you will register yourself for State Fair via online registration through FairEntry.
 - ♦ A computer lab & assistance will be in the Ed Ctr from 2:00-7:00 pm, Saturday, July 20.

You are **eligible for State Fair even if you were not the Champion or Reserve Champion in your category**. That's why it is critical to check the State Fair boards next to the 4-H office in the Main Arena.

4-H'ers who earn the right to go on to State Fair this year will go either August 21-25 (livestock) and/or August 27-29 (non-livestock).

In past years the Leaders Council has paid \$30 per participant toward program fee. This is subject to change. <u>Mem-</u> <u>bers must pay the remaining fees for lodging and meals</u>. Submit **CHECK** with **State Fair registration** to Extension no later than **Friday**, **July 26**.

An orientation meeting for all State Fair exhibitors and their families will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 3:00 pm in the Henry C. Stock Livestock Arena

Family self-enters registrations for State Fair in Education Center, 2:00-7:00 pm.

Camping reservations at State Fair opens Tuesday, May 28, 8:00 am: http:// www.mnstatefair.org/competition/overnight_parking.html

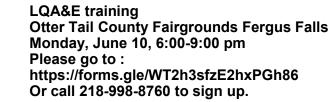
****LQA&E Option**: online course YQCA. This costs \$12 and is good for one year. See more at www.extension.umn.edu/youth/ mn4-H/projects/animal-science/lqae/** To see all the trainings offered in the state or new online option, go to www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/lqae/

2019 Dual Trip Policy

Each year a State Fair aged 4-H'er can exhibit both a livestock project, Llama AND a general project at the State Fair. Additionally, 4-H'ers can utilize non-premium group activities such as Demonstrations, Judging Team and Share the Fun. 4-H'ers pay only one program fee.

Mandatory 2019 State Fair <u>Quality Assurance Training</u>

To show livestock at the State Fair (completed 6th grade +) it is required to have current Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics (LQA&E) training **PRIOR TO COUNTY FAIR**. If your certification is expiring...



State Fair Trip Policy

All 4-H exhibitors <u>must</u> decide <u>no later than 2:00 pm Friday, July 19, which animal trip they will be tak-</u> ing to State Fair. This rule applies to everyone except 4-H'ers showing goats (the Goat Show is still in progress at this time). Upon completion of the Goat Show, decisions must be made and indicated on board. It is frustrating and not acceptable to other 4-H'ers and their families when one 4-H'er does not check the S F Board to indicate which animal/project they are taking to the State Fair. The board is located next the 4-H fair office. DO NOT try to influence 4-H'ers on which project to take. It is up to the individual 4-H'er and their family.

Please be considerate of others and keep checking the State Fair board and indicate your intentions.





COUNTY FAIRS FairEntry – quick start guide for families

Created: March 28, 2016 Updated: April 14, 2017 FairEntry works best with Chrome, Safari, or Firefox. (Internet Explorer is currently unreliable with FairEntry.)

GETTING STARTED AND LOGGING IN

- Each youth registering must be enrolled as an active 4-H member and you must know your 4HOnline family login (email address and password). For more info go to <u>www.4-</u> <u>H.umn.edu/4honline</u>
- For county fair information, premium books, dates and more, visit your county website at: www.co.ottertail.mn.us/extension
- To register for the fair go to the URL supplied by your county or go to <u>www.fairentry.com</u>, "Find your Fair", and when at your fair page, click on the green button to "Sign in with 4HOnline".

NEXT STEPS TO REGISTER FOR YOUR FAIR

- 1. Register (create) an exhibitor
- 2. Add entries to that exhibitor.
- 3. Repeat for additional exhibitors and/or entries.
- 4. Resolve any registration issues (look for the blue notices)

When completed with exhibitors and entries, click "Continue to Payment" and submit the "Invoice". (There are no fees or payments needed, but this step is required to complete your registration.)

LOGGING BACK IN ANOTHER TIME

When logging back in, you will find your family profile in one of three "situations":

- Invoice un-submitted You can continue adding or completing entries on that invoice.
- Invoice submitted, but not approved New entries not allowed- but you can review previous entries until your invoice is approved.
- Invoice submitted and approved You can add entries by starting a new invoice.

NAVIGATION HINTS

Click on the fair "Title" to return to your family Dashboard at any time.

When working on an invoice, you can often click on any of the navigation buttons even if they are not green. This can be helpful for going "back and forth" while working on entries.





Exhibitor and Staff sign-in <u>4</u>H@nline Sign in with 4HOnline

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Review/Complete Outstanding Records

WEST OTTER TAIL COUNTY FAIR CAMPER CONTRACT 2019

Following are the rules for camping on the Fairgrounds during the dates of the 2019 Fair. The camping sites will be numbered. **Registration will open up on June 24**th at 8:00 am. **YOU MUST MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IN PERSON WITH CASH OR CHECK. NO PHONE OR EMAIL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you arrive at the Fairgrounds before the back gate opens at 8:00 am, please line up at **BACK GATE/210 BYPASS.** You will be given a number to hold your place. When the office opens, please form a line according to the number you were given. You will receive 2 permits; one for your vehicle & one to put in your camper window. The camping fees for this year are as follows: (This is for the four days.) 30-amp \$200 15-amp \$150

no power	\$100

No water or sewer hook-ups. All holding tanks must be capped. Only one car or truck per lot.

No campers allowed before noon, Monday, July 15th. All campers must be in place no later than noon, Wednesday, July 17th. We would appreciate it if you stay for the duration of the Fair. All campers must leave by 8:00 pm, Sunday, July 21st.

All persons are required to pay a Daily Gate Admission - - Adults \$5, 10 & under free - - between 11:00 am and 10:00 pm each day of the Fair. Pre sale Season passes are available for \$12.00 per person or \$15.00 per person after July 16th.

The grounds are policed at all times during the Fair. However, THE FAIR DOES NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS LOST OR DAMAGED, NOR FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY.

WEST OTTER TAIL COUNTY FAIR CAMPSITE RESERVATION 2019

	Date
Please check the appropriate boxes and complete the information for what you need:	
Camping Space () 30-amp hookup	\$ 200
() 15-amp hookup	\$ 150
() no power	\$ 100
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE IN ADVANCE	
Camping Site No	
Name	Bring this form and check or cash to:
Address	WOTC Fair Office
City/State	1812 Pebble Lake Road
Zip	Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0352
Phone	(218) 736-0272

2019 West Otter Tail County Fair Camping

Fees: see Camper Contract

Policies:

1. Camping is restricted to the designated camping areas.

2. Camping spots are approximately 15 X 30 feet. Only one car or pick-up truck is allowed per camping spot. All campers and vehicles need to have Camping stickers or they will be towed out of area.

3. All campers must get their assigned camping spot from the fair office and camping fees must be paid before you park your camper. Campers must park in their assigned spot. The fair board reserves the right to remove from the camping site any camper that violates this rule.

4. Tents are not allowed in the camping area, or anywhere on the fairgrounds.

5. Garbage must be bagged and deposited in containers provided. Dumping water or waste fluids on the ground is prohibited. Units with kitchen facilities and waste holding tanks must have their waste outlets capped.

6. If you have a 15 amp plug-in you need to limit your electrical usage.

7. No open fires, fire pits or burning is allowed.

8. Upon arrival, units with gas cylinders must check and tighten fittings.

9. Quiet hours are 11 pm. - 6 am.

10. Please respect other campers in the campgrounds.

11. The Fair Board reserves the right to enforce these rules. Violators may be asked to leave.

Questions may be directed to the Fair Office . . . 218-736-0272