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4-H News

Meadowlark District

Nemaha County Fair Edition - July 2021

Dear 4-H Family,

The FAIR is just around the corner. Please read this newsletter carefully!! This letter and your online fair book will answer most of your questions about the fair and help you to have a successful fair season. If you have misplaced one of your important sheets, everything can be found at <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html>

All exhibits **MUST** have an entry card! But, with this new fair program you will no longer have to fill out the two-sided entry cards! The Extension office will be printing all entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Because of this, it will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.

You will get your exhibit entry cards when you check your exhibit in at judging. We will have a table with each exhibitor's cards in alphabetical order and string/tape for you to attach the cards to your exhibit before judging.

You **MUST** have a label attached to all exhibits with the exception of food and livestock entries. Labels do not have to be 4-H labels, they just need to have your name, address, and class number on the label. You can print labels from our district website <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html>. The office does have sticky labels available here in the office. Food Preservation has its own label that is to be used. We have some here in the office or can be found on our website.

Make sure to have ALL of your entries checked into their designated area before the deadline time.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WILL BE JUDGED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th

AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING IN SENECA

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| * Displays (Legos etc.) | * Table Setting | * Banners and Books | * Home Environment |
| * Reading | * Posters | * Buymanship | * Photography |
| * Clothing | * Fashion Revue | * Visual Arts | * Fiber Arts |
| * Geology | * All Space Tech | * Shooting Sports | |

See enclosed schedule for these judging time sin packet

CONSULTATION JUDGING

When you arrive at consultation judging, you will need to sign-in at a table for each division being judged. This will also be where you pick up your pre-printed entry cards. It will be your responsibility to attach entry cards to your exhibits before they are judged. You will be called to have your entries judged in order according to the sign-up sheet, when all entry cards are attached. We will need extra help at these check-in tables, so please step up and help when you are not getting exhibits judged.

HINTS TO MAKE THE FAIR RUN SMOOTHLY

- * Make sure all equipment is identified with your name and club name.
- * All sticky labels, entry cards, photo release slips, and description cards must be attached to your exhibit before it can be judged.
- * If you are in the fashion revue and have other projects that will be judged that day, please bring these in the morning even though your club may not be judged until the afternoon.
- * Everything but food and animals need to have a sticky label on the back of the item.
- * All visual art pictures / drawings / painting or anything that would hang on a wall must have a hanger on the back. These cannot be set on easels unless they are smaller than 8x10. Otherwise they will be lowered a ribbon.

CONSULTATION JUDGING SCHEDULE

In this packet you will find a schedule for the judging on Wednesday, July 14th. Please work with us! We know this schedule is not ideal, but we hope getting these projects judged on Wednesday will help to free up some time the first day of the fair. If you cannot make the time assigned, you can drop off your exhibits at the Extension Office and we will make sure they are judged.

CLOTHING & BUYMANSHIP CONSULTATION JUDGING

Make sure all garments are securely hung on hangers for the fair! If at all possible please hang your clothing on a swivel hanger. Be sure each piece of clothing has some type of label with your name and address on it. Labels can be made out of cotton and info wrote with a sharpie marker. Each exhibit will need a “cost per wear”. This can be found on our website.

The clothing consultation judging will be Wednesday, July 14th in the Nemaha County Community Building starting at 9:00 a.m. All projects must be checked in by 11:00 am to be eligible to be judged. All clothing will stay after being judged.

The schedule is on a separate sheet with this packet. We ask that you arrive a little early because we do try to stay on schedule, even though we may not succeed.

As with all consultation judging, parents and project leaders are welcome as observers. The conference is between the 4-H'er and the judge.

You will need to bring the following to consultation judging on Wednesday, July 14th

1. Your outfit(s)
2. “Cost Per Wear” form for each outfit. This can be found on our website.
3. A picture of you wearing the outfit mounted on a sheet of white paper.
4. A short story describing cost, care, use and how the outfit fits into your overall clothing plan.
5. The accessories you will wear with the outfit for judging only. **DO NOT BRING ACCESSORIES TO THE FAIR.**
6. Do not bring your records only “cost per wear” form.
7. When exhibiting at the fair, clothing can only be placed in a see-through bag.

FIBER ARTS EXHIBITORS

There will be 1 judge designated for all Fiber Arts, so make sure you take only the Fiber Arts to that judge. Make sure all exhibits are labeled prior to judging and ready to be hung. If the item should be displayed hung up and it is not ready to hang the exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. All exhibits must have a label on the item with your name and address. Entry cards must be attached to the exhibit prior to exhibiting **PLEASE! All fiber arts must be checked in for judging by 12:00 pm on July 14th and will stay after being judged.**

TABLE SETTING

Judging of the Table Settings will be Wednesday, July 14th beginning at 10:00 am. Please see the schedule enclosed. You will not need to bring a table for the judging. But you will need to bring your card table for your display during the fair. Also, Table Settings will need to be in place by noon on Friday, July 23rd or you will be docked a ribbon placing.

VISUAL ARTS

Make sure all projects are CLEAN. It has been brought to our attention, that several times exhibitors have finger prints on their projects. So, check over before you bring them to be judged. All exhibits need to have a description of how you made the item, supplies used, cost and any other important information. We would like to remind you to please pay attention to your grammar and spelling and use complete sentences as you do your write-ups. Learning to do the write-ups correctly is an important part of the project. We do not want pictures on easels unless they are smaller than a 8x10. If the item should be displayed hung up and it is not ready to hang, the exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. All exhibits must have a label on the item with your name and address. Entry cards will be at check-in before judging and must be attached to the exhibit prior to judging! Only purple ribbon exhibits will stay Wednesday, all other exhibits will be taken home, but must be brought back to the fair and checked in **before 10am Friday, July 23rd**. If exhibits are not checked in Friday, July 23rd before 10 a.m. you will **not** receive your premium.

PHOTOGRAPHY

You will need to check in at the Superintendent table to get your entry cards and make sure your photos are ready to be judged. They will be checking proper mounting, photo release, and labeling. **PLEASE** use scotch tape only when taping release form on to the bottom of the photo board. Release forms can be picked up at the Extension office prior to judging or found on our website.

If your photo has a sign “picked for traveling display” on it during the fair, these photos will be put on display for the next year around Nemaha County. These photos need to be put in the box on Deb’s desk Monday during fair tear down. If you have questions, please ask Deb.

FASHION REVUE

The judging for the fashion revue will be **Wednesday, July 14th** in the Nemaha County Community Building. Judging will begin at 1:00 pm. All contestants are asked to please remain at the Community Building until the judging of their division is complete.

Remember to bring the description of the outfit you will be modeling with you on Wednesday, July 14th. Please type the description in 3rd person, with a 16 font, double spaced on a 8 ½ x 11 paper. Be sure to include your name in the write-up. There is a fill in the blank Modeling Script on our website, that can help you with your write-up. **You will be dropped one premium placing if you do not turn in your write-up that afternoon.**

The public fashion revue will be held **Sunday, July 25th** at the Community Building. Starting time is **1:30 p.m.** so make sure you are dressed and ready to go no later than 1:15 pm. **ALL 4-H’ers that model in the Wednesday afternoon judging must model at the public fashion revue or premium will be forfeited.**

FOODS JUDGING SCHEDULE

Enclosed in packet is the schedule for food consultation judging on **Thursday, July 22nd** in the Nemaha County Community Building. Please be courteous of others and make sure that the clubs prior to you have finished judging before you get in line. Check- in with Superintendents prior to judging to pick up your entry tags. **There will be a judge for each level of foods, please go to that judge as they will be picking the Champions for their level.**

Decorated Cakes, Bread Baskets and Cookie Jars will be judged Friday, July 23rd beginning at 10:30 am. A schedule is included in this packet.

All food must be checked in by 2:00 pm on July 22nd

Reminder that recipes are required for all foods exhibited and all foods must be presented on a disposable container, meaning you will not get that container back. Pies can be in a glass pan, but please know you will not get them back. We suggest you purchase a used pie pan from a thrift store. Recipes will be kept with all purple ribbon exhibits; you can just make a photocopy of your recipe and bring it to the judging. Please make sure your name is on the recipe.

Champion and Reserve Champion foods will be on display during the fair.

REMINDER FOR DECORATED CAKES, BREAD BASKETS, AND COOKIE JARS

If you are planning to sell a Decorated Cake, Bread Basket or Cookie Jar, you must have turned in the "Meadowlark District 4-H Premium Auction Requirement" form by July 1st.

All Decorated Cakes and Mayor's Bread Baskets will be auctioned before the Hog Show **on Friday night, beginning at 6:00 pm**. Those planning to sell their items must be present Friday night. Make sure to have your picture taken before heading to the auction so we can put them on display during the fair. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their cake to the livestock arena before the auction.

Commissioner Cookie Jars - The top exhibit will be presented to the commissioner on **Monday night before the auction**. Then all Cookie Jars will be auctioned off before the livestock auction on Monday.

HORSE SHOW Thursday, July 22nd

Horses need to be on the grounds a half-an-hour before show time Thursday. Horses selected to be stalled during the fair must remain on the grounds until release time on Monday at 3:00 pm or will lose their premium.

FOOD STAND SCHEDULE

We are needing someone to grill hamburgers for us this year. If you know of some that is willing please let Deb or Hannah know right away. Otherwise your club will be in charge of grilling when it is your scheduled time.

The schedule was enclosed in the last fair newsletter, and on our website. Please make sure to show up 15 minutes before your shift. We ask that you restock everything before your shift is over. Remember when you work the food stand to check the restroom and trash cans. Additional help may be needed on Sunday night following the parade, please check in with the Food Stand Committee if you would like to help. We ask that each club has at least 4 adults and 5 youth per shift in the building, and 2 adults and 2 youth in the trailer. Every 4-H family should do their part and work at least one shift. The money raised from the concession stand is used to present trainings, send campers to camps, buy Achievement awards and fund the Travel Scholarship to name a few.

If you would like to help with extra shifts in the concession stand, we will have a sign-up sheet in the concession stand. That way if the concession stand is needing extra help they can call you for back up.

We will be selling breakfast pizza and donuts Friday morning until we run out.

Pizza will be \$1 per slice and donuts .50

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will be interviewed on Friday, July 23rd at 11:30 pm in the Community Building. Participants in this class should refer to the 2021 fairbook for details. Remember there are to be no pets brought, instead bring pictures, a notebook, poster or display. Cloverbuds exhibits will be left for display during the fair. Also, each Cloverbud should have a entry card at check-in to attach to their exhibit.

THANK YOU NOTES

If you receive any type of award at the fair this year you will need to stop by the fair office and write a 'Thank You' before you receive your award. This includes all plaques and gift prizes. The reason for this is these sponsors give us money for the awards, but are way too often not thanked. We will be sending all "Thank You" notes to the sponsors for you. However, if you would like to write an additional one at home or take them a treat after the fair, that would be great. These sponsors need to know we do appreciate their support!

4-HER POOL PARTY!

This year we will be doing something a little different than the usual Sunday Night Pool Party. Each 4-Her will be given a one-time pass to be used during the fair at the Seneca Pool. The pool will have a list of 4-Hers and you will need to let them know your name. This great opportunity is sponsored by Rosette Randel and Waddell & Reed.

SMALL PET PARTICIPANTS

Hand pets is limited to animal species that are unable to exhibit in any other Division at the fair. This division excludes rabbits, poultry, swine, goats, sheep, beef, dairy, and horses. Dogs not participating in the show Friday, July 30th can participate in the pet show on Monday, July 26th.

You must have proof of vaccinations for your pet you are showing at the fair. The veterinary clinic can give you proof of the vaccinations. Make sure you groom your animal before the show. Bathe them, brush their coat, and check their ears and nose.

We ask that you keep your animal contained in their cage until you are called for your show.

PREPARING HORTICULTURE FAIR ENTRY RESOURCES

As fair season approaches Plant Science members, please be aware of some resources available to you. K-State Research & Extension publications Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables and Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit are excellent resources for 4-H members and adults that are planning to exhibit their vegetables or flowers. These publications are often used by judges as they evaluate fair entries and can be found on our web page.

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/C405.pdf>

Some of you may be more visual learners. The University of Illinois Extension has prepared a series of videos on YouTube, about how to prepare produce for the fair. These videos give step by step instructions on how to select and groom various types of vegetables for exhibit. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dIS-kgLI>

REMINDER TO SUPERINTENDENTS

Make sure to check and see where you are a superintendent helper. All parents have been assigned definite areas to help with during the fair. **4-Hers we ask that you help with all projects you are enrolled in.** If you are unable to work, and can't find a substitute, please let the office know. These lists are on our website and were in the first packet you received.

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

We will be setting up for the fair on Wednesday, July 21st beginning at 6:00 pm.

It has worked well in the past to assign families to help with set-up and clean-up, so PLEASE show up and do your part. Everyone is to meet at 6:00 pm in the Community Building on **Wednesday, July 21st for set up.**

For barn set-up, please bring pliers, baling wire and gloves and anything else you think will come in handy. Pickups will be needed to haul things places as well.

The Community Building crew will be cleaning cases and racks along with setting up tables and cases for the judging. Please bring some old rags, or towels and a small bucket if you have one. A broom might also be a handy tool.

Monday night clean-up will be in the Community Building beginning at 4:00pm. We will tear down everything and pack cases, racks, etc. away till next year. Everything must be out of the Community Building Monday.

Clean-up Tuesday will begin at 8:30 am and will consist of tearing down everything in the barns. Please bring gloves, pliers, pitch forks and shovels for barn clean-up.

We have been short on the Tuesday clean-up crew in the past, so check to see if this is your assignment. If you are unable to help during your assigned time, please trade with someone for different times. A successful fair takes everyone's help so please do your share and don't rely on the next person to do your job. The clean-up and set-up schedule are on our website and were in your last packet.

EARLY CHECK-IN

Again, this year you have the opportunity to bring in your exhibits to the Community Building early. The building will be open Thursday July 22nd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **All exhibits must be in the appropriate judging location Friday morning before 10:00 am.** If you have any questions, please contact the office.

REMINDERS FOR THOSE EXHIBITING ANIMALS

Make sure you look over the animal health requirements and guidelines in this year's fair book. **You must have ALL ANIMALS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY 10:00 am.** It is a very good idea to take your animals into the show ring prior to the show multiple times and walk around, so they are not scared of the big fan and small area.

Livestock weigh-ins will only be at the fairgrounds at the following times

Sheep and Goats 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Swine 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Beef 8:00 am - 10:00 am

INTENT TO SELL CARDS

If you are planning to take your market livestock through the premium auction you must turn in an intent to sell card by **Saturday, July 24th before 8:00 p.m.** Cards will be available at the announcer's booth and must be deposited in the green box in the north barn. If you know ahead of time you will be taking your animal through the auction, turn in your card early. The success of the livestock auction is up to you, the 4-H and FFA member. If you want a good premium for your livestock, you must have bidders attend the auction! **Remember, there will be NO floor buyers, this is a premium only auction.**

BUCKET CALF KNOWLEDGE CONSULTATION

The Bucket calf knowledge consultation is required for all members showing bucket calves at the fair. Consultation will be held **Friday, July 23rd beginning at 2:00 p.m.** The order for this is included in this packet and will be hanging on the bulletin board in the north barn on the east wall. Please check in at the announcer's booth Friday. All bucket calf exhibitors need to go to the announcer's booth Saturday morning before the show to pick up their exhibitor number. They must have these before entering the show ring.

SPECIAL LIVESTOCK NOTES

- All livestock stalls reserved and not used will be subject to a fine of a blue-ribbon rate if not cancelled by 4pm Monday, July 19th. You need to notify the Extension Office as soon as possible.
- Sand will be supplied in the south beef barn. If you do not want sand, please let the office know.
- Sand will not be used in the north barn. **Hog Slat will be providing one bag of wood chips for all SWINE exhibitors. And Bomgaars will be supplying one bag of chips to all Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Goats and Swine exhibitors. You must provide your own after that.**
- Skid steer loaders and manure spreaders needed - We need at least one, preferably 2 skid steer loaders to move sand and gravel for set-up and clean-up and 3 spreaders are needed.
- Help wanted - Monday, July 26th, we need your help for the livestock judging contest and round robin. If you know of any 4-H alumni or other adults, please let them know we can use their help.
- If you are interested in participating in the State Livestock Sweepstakes Aug 21 - 22 in Manhattan, you will need to let Ross know no later than July 26th.

HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT THE LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- A few good ideas for improving relationships between 4-Hers and buyers are suggested below.
- Encourage the 4-Her to visit the business person ahead of the fair. Don't come in the day of the auction wanting them to bid on your animal. Almost all business people will not bid on a stranger's animal.
- Tell them about your 4-H livestock project. Let them know you have a market hog project or raise more cattle than just your steer. They appreciate knowing.
- **BE SURE TO THANK THEM!** In writing and/or in person. We have buyer's addresses in the Extension Office. Go an extra mile and take them a plate of home baked cookies when you thank them. They have given you a very nice donation! Provide a picture of yourself and your project animal.

RECYCLE RIBBONS

Reminder all exhibits will have a ribbon on them at the fair. If you do not want your ribbon after the fair there will be a recycling box that you can put them in. This box will be in the fair office. Please put them in this box and not the trash.

BUILDING CLEAN UP

Because the community building restrooms seem to require extra attention and sometimes need a little clean up and pick up during the fair, we are asking each club to assume this responsibility when they are working the concession stands.

If you need toilet paper or paper towels, please see Deb and she will make sure that you are supplied with these. We will also have the key to the janitors closet where the cleaning supplies are located if you need these.

If everyone does their share, we can keep everything looking nice at the fair.

Also, the floor of the Community Building is swept every night during the fair. This is done at the end of the respective evenings program or around 9:30 p.m. This would count on 4-H achievement pins and is a good junior leadership activity. If anyone would like to help with this, just show up at the Community Building at 9:30 p.m.

SHOULD WE DO A CLUB TOUR THIS YEAR?

Club tour is a fun way to visit the homes of other 4-H families in your club and share the progress on 4-H project work. For many having 4-H guests at your home, this is a highlight of summer. With the concern of some viruses circulating in Poultry, Swine and Horse populations, the question becomes, is it worth the risk? As long as proper Bio-security measures are followed (limiting exposure to other animals/feces, clean clothing/boots, disinfectant use, etc...) the risk should be minimal and 4-H Clubs should not cancel club tour for this reason. As

always, families should be allowed to decline visitors if there is a concern on their part. Please visit with the Extension office with questions or concerns.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES REQUIRED...

State Fair is September 10-19. The State 4-H Office requires ALL State Fair exhibits to be pre-entered through our Extension office.

If you receive a Purple Ribbon at the County Fair on an exhibit that there is a State Fair class (4-digit class numbers), your 4-H age is 9 & up, then you may exhibit the item at the State Fair all except Visual Arts. This also includes those that were invited to do a demonstration from Club Days. You are only allowed one entry per project division.

To make a State Fair entry, you must fill out the pre-entry form by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th There will be a table set up at the fair office, during the fair, for those who would like to pre-enter. The only exception to this deadline is livestock which are shown in a combined 4-H and FFA show. Due dates for market animals are Thursday, July 15th and horse Sunday, August 1st (horses must have qualified at District Horse Show). This is all done online.

Exhibits going to the state fair can be left in Deb's office after our fair. There will be a box for photos, just make sure you have signed the state fair release. All exhibits going to the state fair must be in the Extension office **before 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 8th**. You may pick-up returning entries from the state fair any time on September 21st.

The Kansas State Fair will no longer pay 4-H exhibitor's premiums for their exhibits. But instead each exhibitor will receive two free admission pass to the state fair. Please let us know before **August 10th**. <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. The Kansas State Fair has elected to no longer offer the dormitory housing in the Encampment Building

CROP JUDGING INFO....

Interested in plants, crops and weeds? Then you should consider being part of the State Fair 4-H Crops Team. The Meadowlark District Crops Teams compete the first Saturday of the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Team members can earn plaques, medals, or ribbons. 4-H'ers study and identify 100 crop, weed and seed samples that are common to Kansas. You will find this contest rewarding and especially helpful if you choose to pursue a career or an education in agronomy and/or agriculture. Those interested in being part of this year's team, please inquire at the Extension Office.

4-H DAIRY CATTLE

The Dairy Action Team is pleased to announce that the 2021 Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is scheduled for August 12, 13 & 14 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. More details on this year's event and how to register will be coming out July 1. <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/dairy/jr-dairy-show/> K-State Research & Extension and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2021 Kansas Jr. Dairy Show!

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled to be held Saturday, August 14, 2021 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. The reopening of campus is planned, and we are still waiting on some specifics about how this can take place. The study material will continue for 2021. It is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html> Contact the Extension office before August 1, if you are interested in this opportunity.

KANSAS LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The 2021 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is tentatively scheduled for August 21-22. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Updates will be announced as more information from the University regarding events becomes available. Regardless of the format, an opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry will be held. Contact Ross before July 26th if interested!

WHY DO WE RECIEVE PURPLE, BLUE, RED AND WHITE RIBBONS IN 4-H?

4-H uses the Danish judging system at county and state fairs. This means that exhibits are judged against a “standard” rather than against other exhibits. For example, a dresser that has been refinished by a 4-Her is not compared to other dressers. Rather, it is judged according to what characteristics of the dresser meet standards of quality for refinished furniture?

- A Purple ribbon means that the exhibit meets superior standards and quality.
- A Blue ribbon means that the exhibit meets high standards and good quality work is shown.
- A Red ribbon means averages to above average quality work is shown, but improvement is needed in some areas.
- A White ribbon signifies below average in quality, and the exhibit does not meet standards.

You’ll notice that the Danish judging is very different from a contest where there is one “winner” whose exhibit is the best of all those present. In the Danish judging system, there could be any number of purples, blues, reds or whites because one exhibit is not compared to another. In 4-H, we believe that using the Danish judging system gives every 4-H member the recognition deserved for the work that was done. It also helps young people recognize the need to improve their skills within a non-competitive atmosphere. Relevant to the judging of exhibits, we believe:

- 4-H members are more important than 4-H exhibits.
- Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself.
- There is more than one good way to do most things.
- A balanced program of work and play, geared to individuals’ needs is more important than winning.
- Every youth needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
- A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon exhibit is more desirable than a red ribbon 4-H member with a blue ribbon exhibit

’Twas the Night Before Fair

’Twas the night before Fair and all through the house ...Not a person was sleeping – not even the mouse.

The unfinished clothes were hung with care, ...In hopes to be finished in time for the fair.

The children were hustling, making mother see red, ...While visions of blue ribbons danced in their heads.

As Judy sewed kerchief and Sue knitted cap, ...Mom and Dad wished for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter, ...Those darn steers were out again! That was the matter.

Away to the window flew Mom like a flash, ...Pulled open the drapes and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the lawn freshly mowed, ...Gave a luster of mid-day to creatures below.

Bill ran for the halter, Dad put on his shoes, ...The girls smelled bread burning -- there go the blues!

More rapid than eagles, the steers, running, came ...As Dad whistled, shouted and called them by name.

Back to the barn, the steers quickly flew, ...Followed by Dad, Mom and all of us too.

Bill came in covered with hay from head to his boot, ...So Mom quickly scolded and told him to "Scoot!

"I'll finish the tags, you finish your sewing, ...Dad'll help John wash sheep, where is this night going."

The bread is a bit brown, but preserves looked quite merry, ...Sue iced coffee cake, topping it with a cherry.

Now blouses have buttons, skirts hemmed at last, ...The dress looks better with seams pressed flat.

By two in the morning, the sheep clean at last, ...John sat in the kitchen and took a short rest.

Bill said his tool box paint was still very wet, ...But Mom said, "At this hour -- Too late to fret.

Go take your showers" -- and she tweaked his nose, ...With yawns and a stretch, the children arose.

Mom cleaned the kitchen while Dad sipped iced tea, ...Glanced at his watch and said, "You'll agree,

We've finally done it -- We've got time to spare, ...4-H really is a family affair."

With a wink of his eye and a nod of his head, he said, ..." Let's go to be, Mother, we've a big day ahead."

If you've made it this far, you're ready for the fair!!! I hope we are too! If you have any questions about items appearing in the newsletter, please be sure to give us a call. Remember the **FAIRBOOK** is your book of knowledge, please read it! Also make sure to check the website for forms, flyers, update information and records!

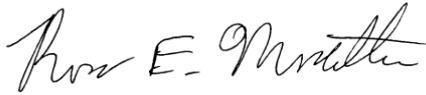
Save the Dates!

State Fair pre-entries due in Extension Office – August 10

Livestock Sweepstakes – Manhattan, August 21-22

Kansas State Fair – Hutchinson, September 10-19

Sincerely,



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ENCL: Consultation Judging Schedules
Auction Buyer Flyer



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