



# MERRICK 4-H TIMES

## FAIR 2024 Issue

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### JULY—SEPTEMBER 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

**JULY 10— DUE ALL  
PRE-ENTRIES TO  
EXTENSION OFFICE**

July 20:

- Fair Clean-up Day, 9am-noon, Fairgrounds
- Bicycle Rodeo, 9am, Fairgrounds
- Ice Cream Roll 11am, 4-H Building

July 23:

- Clothing Construction, 9am, 4-H Building
- 4-H Night & Performing Arts Contest 7:30pm, 4-H Building

July 25-27: Static Check-in, 4-H Building, please check for times

### JULY 27— JULY 31 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR

August 10— DUE ALL STATE FAIR ENTRIES, ONLINE by 8PM

August 16— DUE STATE FAIR STATIC ENTRIES, EXT. OFFICE

August 19— NOON—DUE STATE FAIR FOOD & PLANT SCIENCE, EXT. OFFICE

### AUGUST 23— SEPTEMBER 2 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

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## July Pre-Fair & Fair Contests!



### 10— DUE ALL STATIC, LIVE ANIMAL, CLOTHING & FASHION PRE-ENTRIES TO EXTENSION OFFICE

#### 16— Superintendents Meetings @ 4-H Building:

6:00 p.m. Clothing; 7:00 p.m. Static; 8:00 p.m. Live Animal

20— Fair Clean-up Day, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Fairgrounds

20— Bicycle Rodeo, 9:00 a.m., Fairgrounds

20— Ice Cream Roll Contest, 11:00 a.m., 4-H Building

23— Clothing Construction Entry Day, 9:00 a.m., 4-H Building

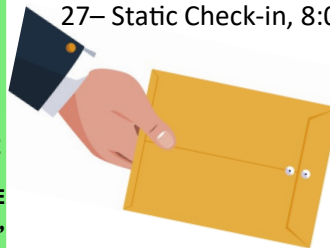
23— 4-H Night & Performing Arts Contest, 7:30 p.m., 4-H Building

25— Static Check-in, 1:00-5:00 p.m., 4-H Building

26— Static Check-in, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 4-H Building

27— Static Check-in, 8:00 a.m.-noon, 4-H Building

*\*Contact Ext. Office for more info or to pre-register for contests.  
\*Checkout page 5 for contest flyers and QR codes!*



## Pick-up Exhibitor Packets!

July 23-27 at Extension Office  
8:00 a.m.—Noon or 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
(static entry tags, show back tags, livestock stall cards)



## Pre-Fair Checklist!



**Organizing for the county fair reduces stress. Here is an example of a “to-do” list for you to create for your family or with your own 4-Her.**

- June 15— turn-in animal ID sheets; make sure you’re enrolled in all projects you are bringing to fair (4honline.com)
- July 8— 4-H t-shirts to show in, available to pick-up (county contests, livestock, pets)
- July 10— turn-in all exhibits you want to bring to fair on pre-entry sheets or online at [merrick.fairmanager.com](http://merrick.fairmanager.com) (so cards can be made and animal stalls assigned)
- July 13— sign-up to work a shift in the 4-H Food Stand
- July club meeting—work with leader to take a shift for herdsmanship
- July 19— fill-out all the documents for clothing day and modeling
- July 25-27— enter all static exhibits at the 4-H building
- July 28— enter animals at the fair

**Want to really teach your 4-H member organization? Make a check list for each event or static exhibit for the county fair. Here are a couple examples:**

#### Static Entry, Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> Watercolor Wall Hanging	<input type="checkbox"/> Entered in correct class	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Item labeled	

#### Dog Show, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination Records	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Shirt
<input type="checkbox"/> 6' Leather Leash	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bowl	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Jeans





# 2024 FAIR SCHEDULE







2024 Results

2024 FAIR DATES: JULY 27 - JULY 31




**Saturday, July 27**

7:00 a.m. **4-H Horse Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 4-H Static Check-in (4-H Building) 


**Sunday, July 28**

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Hog Weigh-in & Check-in (Hog Barn)   
 8:00 a.m. **Rabbit Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 11:00 a.m. **Poultry Show** or 30-minutes after Rabbit Show (Indoor Arena)   
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Check-in (Southside Livestock Barn)  
 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-in & Check-in (Northside Livestock Barn)  
 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Breeding Beef Check-in (Northside Livestock Barn)  
 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Feeder & Bucket Calf Check-in, DUE Bucket Calf Project Record Book (Northside Livestock Barn)  
 4:30 p.m. **Livestock Judging Contest** (Indoor Arena) 

**Monday, July 29**

7:00 a.m. **Hog Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 1:00 p.m. **Goat Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 4:00 p.m. **Sheep Show** or 30-minutes after Meat Goat Show (Indoor Arena) 

**Tuesday, July 30**

8:00 a.m. **Beef Show** (Indoor Arena) 

**Wednesday, July 31**

8:00 a.m. **4-H Dog Show** (Vendor & Exhibitor Building)   
 10:30 a.m. **4-H Dog Agility Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 12:00 p.m. **4-H Cat & Companion Animal Show** (Indoor Arena)   
 1:30 p.m. **4-H Overall Livestock Showman Contest** (Indoor Arena)   
 4:45 p.m. **4-H & FFA Member Group Picture** (Indoor Arena)   
 5:00 p.m. **Livestock Sale** (Indoor Arena)   
 8:00 p.m. Release Static Exhibits (4-H Building)

**Thursday, August 1**

1:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Release Livestock  
 6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Release Poultry & Rabbit  
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. **FREE EXHIBITOR & FAMILY BREAKFAST**  
 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Release Static Exhibits  
 12:00 p.m. **Extension Office Closed—Fair Recovery**



**Friday, August 2**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Extension Office Closed—Fair Recovery**

**REMEMBER: WEAR FARM BUREAU T-SHIRTS DURING SHOWS & CONTESTS!  
 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A T-SHIRT OR IT'S OUTGROWN, PICK ONE UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!**

# “2024 Let the Good Times Grow” Cup Fundraiser!

To PRE-ORDER or add personalization:

⇒ Scan QR Code or <https://go.unl.edu/faircups>

⇒ Call Extension Office, 308-946-3843



**PRE-ORDERS  
DUE  
SUNDAY, JULY 14!**

**FREE REFILLS:**



**20oz  
\$25**

**COFFEE**



**30oz  
\$30**

**TEA**



**32oz  
\$35**

**LEMONADE**



**STICKER!**  
can be used  
on any  
32oz cup  
or smaller!  
**\$20**

**2024  
4-H  
Food  
Stand**

**A limited amount of non-personalized cups will be available for purchase at the Food Stand during fair.**



Nebraska Extension-Merrick County

## 2024 4-H Food Stand 2024

ME Merrick County Extension Contact

Already signed up? [Change my sign up](#)

**NOTE:** If you are unable to work your shift, it is your responsibility (not the Extension office) to find a replacement and notify the office of the change.

Before signing up be sure you are mature enough to work, and comfortable following directions.

When working in the 4-H Food Stand, everyone is asked to clean up. Boots, shoes and clothes should be free of mud and manure. Hands must be scrubbed thoroughly before your shift. We also ask that you wear a hat or a visor for your shift. Please sign in when you come to work. You are allowed **one** free drink after your shift.



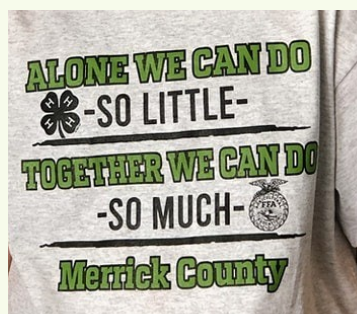
## 4-H Food Stand Help!

Sign-up using Sign Up Genius at:

- ◆ Preferred times are first come, first serve!
- ◆ Remaining times will be filled-in with those not heard from!
- ◆ Proceeds provide 4-H programming to Merrick County families!
- ◆ *It takes volunteers like you to help our fair run smoothly!*

**THANK YOU for ALL your HARD WORK!**

**4-H  
Food Stand  
Charge  
Account!**



### REMEMBER TO WEAR this t-shirt for 2024 Merrick County Shows!

- ⇒ If you need a t-shirt the Extension Office has them available.
- ⇒ Merrick County Farm Bureau is sponsoring this t-shirt designed by Ella Mottl for the 2023-2025 Merrick County Fairs.
- ⇒ **THANK YOU** Merrick County Farm Bureau, your support is GREATLY APPRECIATED!



# Jr. Leaders Journal

For all 4-H members ages 13-18 years!



## Clover Kid Judging

- ◆ **Sunday, July 28**
- ◆ **9:00 a.m.– until DONE**
- ◆ **4-H Building**



**Jr. Leaders  
ALL HELP NEEDED!**  
*(Contact Emily or Kara or simply show up!)*



Jr. Leaders  
ALL Merrick County 4-H Teens  
*(ages 13-18)*  
2024 Tentative Plan

- ◆ Sept. –Fall Cookout w/Hamilton County
- ◆ Oct. –Review Clover Kid Record Books
- ◆ Oct. 27 –Achievement Party
- ◆ Nov. –Friendsgiving w/Hamilton Co.
- ◆ Dec. –Merrick/Hamilton Lock-In, Merrick 4-H Building

# Leader Ledger

For all 4-H Leaders Past, Present, & Future!

### ⇒ Club Leader Resources



- Club Meeting How-To
- Club Activities & Projects
- Curriculum, Activities & Lesson Plans

⇒ Thank you club leaders and volunteers for all your help getting your club's file in order! If you would still like help getting your club back on track for the NEW 4-H year, call or email the Ext. Office, we're here to help, 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu



# Clover Kids Corner

For all 4-H members ages 5-7 years!

## Wednesday, July 31



## Cat & Companion Animal Show

**12:00 p.m. Indoor Arena**

- Please follow Cat & Companion Animal Rules on page 15-16 of the 2024 Merrick County Fairbook.
- Pets must be taken home immediately after the show.

# BICYCLE RODEO

**Contest:**

8:30 AM: Registration Opens  
 9:00 AM: Contest Begins  
 Events: Control Riding  
 Slalom  
 Bike Balance  
 Figure 8



Pre-register by NOON, the Friday before!  
 Contact the Extension Office, 308-946-3843!

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# ICE CREAM ROLL CONTEST

**4-H BUILDING**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024**  
**10:30AM CHECK-IN, 11:00AM JUDGING**

- 4-H member must measure ingredients without help in front of the judge.
- Recipe is available at the Extension Office.
- Ice cream may be made in a bag or can.
- Ice and rock salt will be provided.
- A friend may help roll the can for canned ice cream.
- Pre-register by NOON, Friday, July 19 using the QR code or contact the Extension Office, 308-946-3843.

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Let the Good Times Grow at the 2024 Merrick County Fair!



## 4-H NIGHT & PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST



**4-H BUILDING - EDUCATION ROOM**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 23**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Pre-register by NOON, TUESDAY, JULY 23 by contacting the Extension Office, 308-946-3843

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# Pre-Fair & Fair Contests

**PRE-REGISTER:**

Scan QR Code or  
 Call: 308-946-3843 or  
 Email: [merrick@unl.edu](mailto:merrick@unl.edu)



**LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST - MERRICK CO.**

- **SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- **4:30 P.M.**
- **INDOOR ARENA**

Funded in cooperation with UNL, and the Merrick County 4-H Council. 4-H youth and development abides with the non-discrimination policies of UNL, and the Department of Agriculture, 1784 Fairgrounds Road, Central City, NE 68826, 308-946-3843

For the latest updates, news, workshops and shows...

@MerrickCo4HNE



Merrick County 4H, Nebraska (UNL Extension) Non-Profit Organization



## State Fair Information & Deadlines

### LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION

- ⇒ **DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 by 8:00 P.M.**
- ⇒ Livestock Exhibitors (4-H & FFA)



### IN-PERSON 4-H CONTEST REGISTRATION

- ⇒ **DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 by 8:00 P.M.**
- ⇒ Fashion Show, Culinary Challenge, etc.



### Merrick County Exhibits DUE to Ext. Office

- ⇒ **Friday, August 16** ⇒ **Monday, August 19**
- ⇒ By 5:00 P.M. ⇒ By NOON
- ⇒ ALL Static (non-perishable) ⇒ ALL Food & Plant Science



**August:** Tessa Buller, William Brondel, Emmitt Kremer, Kayden Tyan, Hazel Purvis, Harper Perry, Kalya Talbott, Thomas Musil, Landon Flodman, Autumn Harlow, Maya Blauhorn, Leyton Dalland, Genevieve Ferraro, Hudson Earl, Kadeya Sanborn, Otto Harrie, Greta Stettner, Kali Birnie, Easton Neville, Raegan Ferraro, Jessica Kroeger, Trent Detlefsen, Mackenzie Benson, Berklie Nelson, Parker Santin, Trace Buller

**September:** Renee Reimers, Baylor Whalen, Emma Blasé, Kellen Kucera, Ava Bearnes, Rachel Hale, Kaja Brondel, Kallen Roberts, Morganne Roberts, Jaxlynn Ritta, Ariel Malachias, Alanna Zmek, Addison Blauhorn, Owen Ferris, Paisley Burkhardt, Makenna Grigsby, Will Zanger, Harper Scott, Camden Nelson, Brady Myers, Lexi Malander, Naiya Sanborn, Easton Benner, Braiden Greving, Peyten Earnest





# July 7, 2024 — September 30, 2023

For more information please contact the Extension Office 308-946-3843 or email merrick@unl.edu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 <b>July</b>	8	9	10 <b>DUE ALL COUNTY PRE-ENTRIES</b> Extension Office or ShowWorks online	11	12	13 9am Outdoor Archery Contest, Fairgrounds
14	15	16 <b>4-H Building</b> 6pm Clothing Supers 7pm Static Supers 8pm Live Animal Supers	17	18	19	20 <b>FAIRGROUNDS</b> 9am Fair Clean-up 9am Bicycle Rodeo 11am Ice Cream Roll
<i>State Horse Show—Grand Island! State Horse Show—Grand Island! State Horse Show—Grand Island!</i>						
21 <b>DUE Food Stand Cup Pre-Orders, Online or Call Ext.</b>	22	23 <b>4-H Building</b> 9am Fashion & Clothing Construction  7:30pm 4-H Night & Performing Arts Contest	24	25 1-5pm Static Entry, 4-H Building	26 8am-5pm Static Entry, 4-H Building	27 <b>4-H Building</b> 7am Horse Show 8am-noon Static Entry
28 Livestock Entry Day! 8am Rabbit Show 11am Poultry Show 4:30pm Livestock Jdg.	29 7am Hog Show 1pm Goat Show 4pm Sheep Show	30 8am Beef Show	31 8am Dog Show 12pm Cat/Comp. Show 1:30pm Overall Livestock 4:45pm Group Picture 5pm Livestock Sale	1 <b>August</b> Fair Clean-up! 7-8:30am Breakfast! Noon - Ext. Office Closed	2 Ext. Office Closed Fair Recovery	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>DUE STATE FAIR ENTRIES ONLINE BY 8PM</b> (livestock, in-person contests, etc.)
11	12	13	14	15	16 <b>DUE STATE FAIR</b> All Static Exhibits, Ext. Office	17
18	19 <b>DUE STATE FAIR</b> Food & Plant Science NOON, Ext. Office	20  7pm Post Fair Super Meeting	21 State Fair Entry Day	22	23 First Day NE State Fair	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Nebraska State Fair—Grand Island! Nebraska State Fair—Grand Island! Nebraska State Fair—Grand Island! Nebraska State Fair—Grand Island! Nebraska State Fair—Grand Island!</i>						
1 <b>September</b>	2 Last day NE State Fair Ext. Office Closed Labor Day	3  7pm 4-H Council Meeting	4 Pick-up State Fair Static, Ext. Office	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28