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2018 4-H Fair Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ashley Fenning and I am the new 4-H Coordinator here in Box Butte County. As the new 4-H Coordinator, I ask that you please work with me this year to help make the 2018 Box Butte County Fair enjoyable for everyone. This is a definite learning process for me, and there will be bumps along the way because I do not know all the events and specific details that take place during the Fair. So please continue to ask me questions, and I will do my best to answer them or I will try to find out the answer. Remember, I am nowhere as fair knowledgeable as Deb nor have the fair experience she did. She knew how the Box Butte County Fair operated and it was second nature to her. So please give me a few years to catch up. ☺

I have been told that Box Butte County has THE BEST volunteers in the Panhandle, and maybe the state, so ask our wonderful 4-H volunteers, superintendents, and 4-H Council members' questions, and they will do their best to answer your questions.

Second, I believe that competition is important, and it teaches our youth great life lessons. However, there are ways we can win humbly and lose humbly. In 4-H, we are always working towards bettering the quality of life within our young people. Instead thinking solely that I lost, we should encourage all who participate and focus on what was learned throughout the process of the project.

Nebraska 4-H focuses on positive youth development where youth gain knowledge by participating in hands-on projects, developing social skills, setting and achieving goals, helping others, and learning new things; skills that are needed to insure a successful future. So, let us as the Box Butte County community come together and help ensure a successful 2018 Fair!

Sincerely,

Ashley Fenning



4-H GROWS HERE

FAIR REGISTRATION FORMS:

To Print Your 4-HONLINE
2018 Fair Enrollment Form:

- Go to ne.4honline.com
- Open your family page
- Member Reports
- Select a Member
- Select a Report
- Fair Registration Form

Open and print the registration form.

Go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boxbutte/bbcfairbook/> → 2018 Fairbook for Class Code and Description to complete registration form.

Mail or drop off completed registration form at Extension Office by **July 1, 2018**

Time to “kick it in gear” and get your projects completed or, in many cases get your projects started???? There are a few changes (some major) in the Fair Book this year so, please check out your project areas for any new guidelines. The Fair Book is online <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boxbutte/bbcfairbook/> *Fair Registration forms not received on or before July 1 will mean you will not be able to exhibit your projects at the fair.*

There is a lot of information included in this Newsletter that is important for an organized and fun 2018 Fair. Please sit down as a family, grab your highlighter, organize your calendar and figure out who’s on first!! *None of us like surprises!*

BOX BUTTE COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

- The approved t-shirts will be official dress for all project areas **except horse which requires a long sleeve white shirt with collar and a 4-H armband.**
- Armbands are available from the office for \$5.
- The 4-H council will pay for a t-shirt for all **new** members including Clover Kids.
- *An order sheet is enclosed with this newsletter* to order your shirt if you are new as well as anyone who wishes to order additional t-shirts. They will be available at **\$10 per shirt** (both short sleeve and long sleeve).
- Please complete it and return it (with your money if applicable with your fair entries. T-shirts will be available to pick up at the office. An email will go out when they are ready for pick up.
- ***WE MUST HAVE YOUR SHIRT SIZES AND MONEY FOR T-SHIRT ORDERS BY JULY 1 WITH YOUR FAIR ENTRIES!*** We will not be ordering extra t-shirts so be sure and take care of your needs so we order enough shirts.

Livestock Committee & Livestock Exhibitors

- Will meet on **Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 PM**
- **Livestock Superintendents will meet before the meeting at 6:30 PM.**
- Livestock Buyer Barbecue Invitations will be distributed for delivery and other duties for the Barbecue and auction will be addressed.

- From 2017.....Buyer BBQ tickets will be mailed to the previous year's buyers so it is certain they receive them in a timely manner.
- Nicely printed invitations to the auction will be available at the meeting giving the livestock exhibitors the opportunity to **personally** invite their previous buyers as well as invite any prospective buyers.
- Delivering them a plate of cookies, cake, snack mix, etc. is a very nice gesture.
- ✚ If you have any question please come and hopefully we can get them answered. Or you can always call the Extension Office 308-762-5616 or email Ashley at astevens4@unl.edu

4-H Council Meeting

- Scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:30 PM** at the **Extension Office**.
- Everyone is welcome to attend this open meeting.
- Items of discussion need to be placed on the agenda by phoning the Extension Office by **NOON on Friday, July 13**.

Attention Horse Exhibitors:

- Anyone who has not completed Level I Testing needs to get that completed. Give Deb a call or stop by the office to get started.
- You will need to take the written test, give your demonstration at a 4-H meeting or horse practice and do your skills test with Sally. If you don't have a project book, let me know right away and I will get you one.
- You are expected to have arrangements made by July 1 (Fair Entry Deadline). Don't let time get away from you.
- Anyone who has not completed these requirements will not be eligible to show at the County Fair Horse Show.

Camper Spots

- Camper spots are \$50
- Make your checks payable to **Box Butte County Ag Society** as all funds go to the Fair Board.
- If you had a camper spot last year you will have first chance at that spot this year. The \$50 fee will need to be paid and received by the Extension Office *no later than July 1*. If the \$50 fee is **not** received in the office by that date, any spot that has not been paid for will go into a pool.
- The spots in the pool will be available the first business day following July 1 on a first come to the office, pick your spot and pay basis.
- The Extension Office handles the registration of 4-H families as a courtesy to the Fair Board.
- ***NOTE: Only 1 vehicle can be parked along with the camper in each spot. Both vehicle and camper must be out of the fire lane. If we continue to violate this, we may be restricted from parking in the camper area and will have to park outside. FIRE LANES MUST BE OPEN. It is unacceptable to park in your neighbor's parking space. Please be courteous.***

Family Fair Clean-up

- **Fair clean-up is Saturday July 28 at 8 a.m.**
- All 4-H families are encouraged to help ready the buildings and grounds for the Fair. Bring rags, buckets, shovels, rakes, hammers, weed eaters and any other cleaning supplies that you feel would help your work go faster.
- The 4-H Council will be serving lunch at NOON, with door prizes to follow.
- If your family is unable to attend, there may be other projects that need completed that could be done at another time. Please contact Ashley, a fair superintendent or council or fair board member and find out how you can help!

2018 Box Butte County Fair 4-H/FFA Book is online.

- You can reach it through our web page at <http://boxbutte.unl.edu/bbcfairbook>
- You will see a listing of project areas to click on.
- If you have any problems accessing the page, give the office a call.
- Remember that registrations may be dropped in the mail slot in the center door at the back of the building if the office is closed.

Tips to Remember for Fair Registration . . .

- ***If you are entering a class more than once, you must list it more than once. For example: Two market steers, write down the project code for market steer class twice.***
- Don't forget entries for **Showmanship** and **Fashion Show** which are not listed on the list of projects you signed up for. Please check to make sure you are entered in the correct age division. Age is your age on January 1, 2018. Juniors (8-10) Intermediate (11-13) Seniors (14 and above)

Gardening and Flower Exhibits: Go ahead and pre-enter what you *might* be bringing. The office will print entry tags for all pre-registered exhibits. This will save exhibitors from having to fill out entry tags at the fair. Yahoo! If you do not bring everything you registered, just let us know and we will void the entry tags. The following free resources will guide you in preparing your exhibits for entry.

<http://4h.unl.edu/4hcurriculum/preparingcutflowers>

<http://4h.unl.edu/4hcurriculum/preparingvegetabeshersandfruit>

- If you are entering a project in the **Special Garden Project**, don't forget to bring your evaluation form which was enclosed with your seeds or, you can download it from the on-line fairbook.
- **Fashion Show narration cards and Shopping in Style form SF-184 sheets need completed and returned no later than July 15.** We recognize at this time it is more than a month before the fair and you probably don't have your projects ready. We will give you a couple of weeks past the July 1 registration deadline to turn these in. The templates are available at the office and also online with the on-line fairbook. We have some examples of narratives here in the office if you need some inspiration and a place to begin.

- Members showing a **Dog** or **Cat** need to turn in a shot and health form with your fair registrations by **July 1**. If you have an appointment set for after that date, please communicate with me. I will not be checking the list to make sure you have turned your forms in. This is up to you. If your record is not available at the fair, you won't be able to show your animal. Forms are available at the office or with the on-line fairbook. Check the fairbook or your small animal handbook to make sure you have vaccinated for all required vaccinations.
- Complete all the needed information as neatly as possible. Double check the class numbers and names. If you have questions, please call the Extension office at 762-5616 or stop by.
- **NEW in 2018.....Viewing of the Mandatory Parent/Exhibitor recording and the Large Animal Livestock Agreement must be done and turned into the Extension Office by July 1 with your fair entries. It should be signed by ALL livestock exhibitors in your family as well as a parent/guardian.**
- Small Animal Agreements that are included with your handbook which will be mailed out in the near future must be turned into the office by **July 1** with your fair entries. It should be signed by ALL small animal exhibitors in your family as well as a parent/guardian.

County Fair Stuff You Need to Know . . .

Phone Numbers at the Fairgrounds

- The number for the 4-H Office during fair is **487-5347**.
- The Fair Office number is **487-5223**.

Schedule

- I have e-mailed the schedule of events previously. If you need me to send it again, let me know. This will be the **OFFICIAL 4-H fair schedule**. Sometimes the media provides different information so, always remember.....no matter what you see in the paper or hear on the radio, **this schedule is the correct one for 4-H.**

4-H Members Needed to Keep the 4-H Area Litter Free

- Keeping the 4-H area litter free is very important and a reflection of our organization.
- 4-H Clubs and Independent Members are asked to sign up for a day during the fair to help keep the area clean by picking up litter, dumping the trash cans and sweeping the 4-H "Breezeway".
- Trash bags will be provided and available in the 4-H office.
- Please contact the 4-H office to be placed on the schedule or, sign up at the 4-H office when we get to the fair. Thank you!

DOGS ON THE FAIRGROUND PREMISES: There are **NO** dogs allowed on the fairgrounds with the exception of service dogs. Dogs ARE allowed in the campground area if

you are camping there and if your dog isn't disturbing the peace of others. If your dog is barking or disturbing the peace of others you will be expected to take your dog home.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

- A Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 4 - 6 pm in the Livestock Show Ring.
- Plan on attending and discovering what livestock judging is all about as well as having fun with your family and friends.
- It's not too early to get your team together.

Livestock Auction & Cookie Jar/Cake Auction

- Just a reminder there is a dress code to participate in the Livestock Auction as well as the Cookie Jar/Cake Auction. Check the fairbook or the livestock handbook if you are unsure what the dress code is.
- *Blank thank you notes for buyers of livestock and cookie jars will be distributed at the Fair. Checks will not be mailed to the exhibitors until a written, addressed and stamped thank you note has been submitted to the Extension Office. The thank you notes should not be sealed and may be randomly checked for content.*

Sewing Day - August 2

- All clothing, construction (pillows, etc.), knitting, crochet and Quilt Quest projects will be judged on Thursday, August 2. Construction projects must be entered between 9 AM and NOON in the 4-H Building.
- Quilts will be entered and judged on August 2 with the clothing projects.
- The following project areas have information sheets that must be completed and entered with your exhibit at county fair: Clothing and Quilt Quest. These forms are available with the on-line fairbook.
- The judges will break for lunch at noon on clothing day. Lunch will be provided on Clothing Day for exhibitors and their families.

Shopping in Style Reminder.....

- When shopping for your project, shop for the entire outfit. The new score sheet is based on the entire outfit with all the parts purchased. Your accessories may be something you already have. You must complete the 4-H Shopping in Style Fashion Show Report form SF-184 and submit it to the office no later than July 15 with the narrative cards. This form is available on the on line fair book under Fashion Show. Half of your ribbon placing comes from the information on this form!

Fashion Show – August 2

- The School Art Building will open at **8 AM** for you to begin dressing. Bring old sheets to lay on the floor, so garments will not get dirty when changing.
- Shopping in Style and Attention Shoppers will model and have the written aspects of the project (notebooks, posters, and video) judged also.
- Judging will be in the **Multipurpose Hall** beginning at **8:30 AM**.

Public Fashion Review

- ***The Public 4-H Fashion Review & presentation of Clothing Construction Awards will be held on Thursday, August 2 at 7 PM in the Multipurpose Hall at the fairgrounds.***
- The 4-H building will be open at **6 PM** to begin changing.
- At **6:45 PM** models will be lined up in their modeling order *which will be different from Thursday morning.*
- The order of line-up will be posted in the building.
- The Clover Kids will be participating in the style review again this year. A practice will be held at the Multipurpose Hall at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, **July 31 at 6:30 pm**. They will need to have their narrative. If you need help writing a narrative, contact the office and we will provide you with some examples.
- On Thursday, **August 2**, Clover Kids will need to be dressed and at the **Multipurpose Hall** by **6:45 PM**. They will sit together in a reserved space and will be supervised.
- We want to start on time so, don't be late.

4-H Horse Show

- **Check-in time for the Horse Show begins at 7 AM on Saturday, August 4.**
- Don't forget official dress which includes a long-sleeve white shirt and a 4-H armband which is available at the office at the cost of \$4. The complete dress code (hats, type of boots, etc.) is available in your 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (available at the Extension Office).
- Concessions will be available on the grounds.

Dog Show

- **Check-in time for the Dog show is 10:30 AM with the show to begin at 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 5.**
- You must have turned in your vaccination record with your fair entries by **July 1**.

Cat Show

- **Check-in time for the Cat show is 12:30 PM with the show to begin at 1 PM or following the Dog show on Sunday, August 5.**
- **Remember**, your cat will be examined by the Vet on the premises at check-in. Wait for the vet to examine your cat before you make it comfy in a cage.
- You must have turned in your vaccination record with your fair entries by **July 1**.

Poultry & Rabbit & Small Pets

- All Rabbit exhibits need to enter at the front (south side) of the Red Barn to be health checked by a superintendent before they may be entered or housed.
- For the convenience of exhibitors, all entries must be recorded on an entry sheet prior to bringing your exhibits to the table to check in. Forms can be downloaded from the county webpage. This will allow you the luxury of completing them at home.
- Anyone who will be selling rabbits at the livestock sale will have their **sale photos** taken on **Wednesday Morning, August 8 @ 10:00 AM**.

Note from the Little Red Barn

Please do not use kitty litter for rabbit/poultry cages. Use the wood shavings provided. We seem to be running short of water/feed pans. If you have them, please bring your own feed pans and water pans or bottles. Bringing your own pans will save lots of time at clean-up. No more scrubbing pans.....Yeah! If you do not have any pans, there will be a few pans available that will need to be cleaned up at check-out. Thanks for your cooperation.

County Fair Dress Code

- All information is in your small and large livestock handbooks and the 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. Cookie jar/cake auction dress code is stated in the fairbook under that project.

Static (foods, photography, home environment, human development, wildlife, horticulture, etc., etc., etc.) Exhibit Entry & Judging

- **Static exhibit entry and interview judging will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM on Tuesday, August 8. We will judge until we are finished but, you must sign in and be on the waiting list no later than 3 PM.**
- The following project areas have information sheets that must be completed and entered with your exhibit at county fair: Home Environment and Child Development. These forms are available with the on-line fairbook.
- ***NEW in 2018.....During the static interview process ONLY THE EXHIBITOR will be allowed to communicate with the judge. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will not be allowed to be involved during the judging process.***

FOOD PRESERVATION REMINDER:

- On the label of your project, you need to state the source of your recipe. Sources include the **USDA Guide for Food Preservation, So Easy to Preserve, Ball Canning Guide** and Extension publications. Be sure you include the year of publication. Publications must be no earlier than 1994 when processing times made numerous changes. Recipes from a church cookbook or auntie's recipe box are **NOT** acceptable

CLOVER KIDS

Public Style Review:

- A practice will be held at the **Multipurpose Hall** at the Fairgrounds on **Tuesday, July 31 at 6:30 PM.**
- We will need a narrative about your outfit to read while you model. If you need help writing a narrative, we can do this at practice or you can stop by the Extension Office and pick up some examples. The outfit does not have to be sewn by the Clover Kid. Just pick an outfit from your closet or an outfit for school.
- On **Thursday, August 2**, Clover Kids will need to be dressed and at the **Multipurpose Hall by 6:45 PM.** You will sit together in a reserved space and will be supervised.

Project Entry Day:

- Enter projects and meet with the judge on Tuesday, August 7 from 1 - 2 PM in the Multipurpose Hall (*Clover Kids can enter up to 3 projects*)

Pet Parade:

- The Pet Parade is scheduled to begin at **3 PM in the Show Ring or immediately after the Clover Kid judging is complete.**
- The Pet Parade will not start until all the Clover Kids have visited with the judge.
- **House pets or stuffed pets** are acceptable for the pet parade.
- Live Animal Examples: Poultry, Rabbit, Cat, Dog, Fish, Lizards, Hamsters, etc.
- **Livestock projects are not acceptable (this includes lambs, bucket calves, feeder calves, goats, dairy animals, horses, swine etc.)**

Fair Photo Schedule for Sale Animals

- Steph from Steph's Studio will be taking pictures of the sale animals again this year.
- She will be taking pictures on Wednesday, August 8 according to the following schedule.
- Please dress in official show dress for your photos. If you're not sure what official dress is, consult your animal handbook or contact the office or your superintendent.

Photo Schedule

Wednesday, August 8

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| • 10 a.m. | Rabbits |
| • 11 a.m. | Sheep/Meat Goats |
| • 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. | Beef |
| • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Swine |

I think everyone is aware of how much energy Steph puts into our fair. Please be courteous and be where you are supposed to when you are supposed to be there. If you have a conflict, find Steph and discuss it with her.

Herdsmanship

- The goal of the Herdsmanship Contest is for the 4-H members to present quality, groomed animals in a clean environment to Box Butte County Fair Visitors.
- Specifics of the Herdsmanship Contest will be announced at the barn meetings on Wednesday and you can also consult your livestock and small animal handbooks.
- Winners will be recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Night Banquet. Awards will be given to the top individual in each species in the Livestock Barn and an overall award for the exhibitor with the most points. There will also be an overall individual in the Little Red Barn.
- Remember.....you can score extra points by displaying a poster in the livestock barn or the little red barn. Details on the posters are available in your livestock and small animal handbooks. Posters will be judged and a ribbon placing awarded. All purple ribbon posters can go on to be displayed in the livestock barns at the State Fair! **There is a class number on the Herdsmanship page listed in the fair book in both the livestock and small animal section. Enter your poster under this class number to be eligible for a ribbon placing and a premium.**

4-H CULINARY CHALLENGE (formerly Tablesetting Contest)

- This contest is open to any 4-Her carrying and exhibiting a foods project. Be sure and pre-register for this contest by **July 1.**

- There will be two age divisions for Tablesetting. Junior (age 8 - 11 as of Jan 1) and Senior (age 12 - 18 as of Jan 1).
- To qualify to participate in the *State Fair Culinary Challenge Contest*, you must compete in a team of 2 youth. You may compete as an individual at the county fair.
- **BEEF** is the **2018** challenge ingredient. **BEEF** must be included in the dish you prepare and serve the judge.
- Reminder.....at the conclusion of the contest there will be a “tasting” where the audience will share a taste of the dish you prepared. Plates and spoons will be provided.
- The 2018 Contest will be held in the **School Art Building** on **Friday, August 10 @ 1 PM**

Reminder: To be eligible for the **Cake & Cookie Jar Auction**, you must carry and exhibit a **foods project**. **No white ribbon projects will sell in the auction.**

- Cookie Jars will be entered on Tuesday, August 7.
- Entry will be at the south door of the 4-H building.
- Entries will be on display until the auction on **Friday, August 10 at 4 PM**
- Remember each 4-Her must present their Cookie Jar/Cake in the auction ring Friday afternoon, Aug 10 in order for it to be sold. The Exhibitor must be able to carry their jar in the ring without assistance.
- Please refer to the fairbook for complete details.
- **Junior level:** Must bake no less than 2 types of cookies for the cookie jar
- **Senior level:** Must bake no less than 4 types of cookies for the cookie jar
- A dozen cookies of each kind must be baked for the Cookie Jar Auction.
- Only one of each kind will be needed for judging.
- **Auction Cakes will be entered on Friday, August 10 from 10 to 11 AM in the 4-H Building.** Interview judging will take place so be ready to meet with the judge. Please refer to the fairbook for details.
- Checks will be prepared and signed at the August 4-H Council meeting for the cookie jars and cakes and will be mailed to you when the office has received a written, addressed and stamped thank you note to your buyer.

13th Annual Luke Jensen Memorial Shoot

- The 13th annual BB Gun and Air Rifle shoot will be held on **Sunday, July 29** beginning at **8 AM** at the **Woolrich Building** in **Alliance**.
- Please consult the Fair Book under Shooting Sports for details.
- You need to register for this event with the rest of your fair registrations.
- If you have any questions, please call the office.

Trap Shoot

- The trap shoot will be held on **Monday, July 30** at the **Alliance Trap Club** beginning at **3 PM**.
- Please consult the Fair Book under Shooting Sports for details.
- You need to register for this event with the rest of your fair entries.

A Note from the Livestock Sales Clerk

4-H Members **DO NOT** receive a check from the sale of their livestock until the buyers pay for their purchase **AND** until the Extension Office has received a written, addressed and stamped thank you note to your buyer(s)

Thank You Cards

- 4-H projects which receive awards will include a thank you note addressed to the sponsor of the award.

- **The awards are to be turned into the office after the contest is over and will be on display throughout the remainder of the fair.**
- The thank you card (**stamped**) must be turned into the 4-H Office when you pick up your awards on Sunday morning. If you forget your stamps, they will be \$.50 that day. I know you are exhausted by this time but, **thank you's are very important.** Take a few minutes and put some thought into your message. *A message of "Thanks" and signing your first name is not acceptable.* If you need help, come find Ashley or ask your parents or an older sibling.
- I also encourage you to write or personally thank all those who have helped you with your projects and all the volunteers at the Fair. Our Fair would not be possible if there were no volunteers. Those thank you's are their only payment for all the hard work they do and that is all they expect. Blank thank you cards are available at the office or any note card or paper will work perfectly.

Release of Exhibits

Exhibits will be released **Sunday August 12 from 10 AM to NOON.** Everyone is pooped out by Sunday, so please don't make people wait. If you will be out of town, ask a fellow club member to pick up your exhibits.

Problems?

- ✓ **First, please refer to your Large or Small Animal Handbooks, the Box Butte County General Rules or the Fairbook.**
- ✓ **Second, if you still have any specific problems or complaints, they should be directed *in writing* using the **NEW "Care to Share"** forms to the 4-H Coordinator or Extension Educators. These forms can be found at the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds.**
- ✓ If the problem cannot be resolved by the FFA Advisors, Superintendents, 4-H Coordinator, or Extension Educators the matter will be taken to the 4-H Council.
- ✓ The Box Butte County 4-H Council will serve as the Fair 4-H Rules Committee, and reserves the right to change classes and requirements where necessary.
- ✓ **Any suggestions for improvement, complaints or protest must be signed and submitted in writing on the NEW "Care to Share" Forms to be considered.**
- ✓ Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. We are always looking for ways to make things better.
- ✓ Reminder: ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!

4-H MUSIC CONTEST:

- Junior and Senior Division
- Individual and Group Performances
- Vocal and Instrumental
- Date: Saturday, August 11 @ 4:30 pm
- Location: Multi Purpose Hall at Fairgrounds
- An entry form (available with the on line fairbook) must accompany your fair registration by **July 1**
- Rules and information are available in the fairbook

State Fair Stuff You Need to Know . . . will be provided at a later date. Stay tuned!!!