PRE-FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 18TH, 2018

Each 4-H family should have received a packet with entry information sometime during the week of June 18th. Each packet was personalized so it should be easy to fill out the required information. Unfortunately the forms are not 100% error free. (Tammy has found some mistakes!). Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Forms are to be in our office by close of business on the 18th. Please don’t fax the forms the colored paper doesn’t send/receive well.

We do have a late entry policy, but please work hard to have them in by the deadline.

HARD COPIES OF THE FAIRBOOK ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE. WE HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT LEFT.

Trophy Sponsors Needed.

One aspect of the 4-H program is awards and recognition. If you would like to donate a trophy for the 2018 Dakota-Thurston County Fair, contact the Dakota Extension Office. Trophies are $15 each. If you have suggestions for other ways to reward our youth, please let the Extension Office or a committee member know. If you believe there is a support sponsor that may have not been asked, please relay this information to the Extension Office.

LATE NEWS!!!!! We will have DAKOTA COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS available for purchase. The design is being finalized. Please place order and pay in full by July 18th. Shirts will be ready by August 1st.
COUNTY PROJECT

Fair Grounds Clean-up Days

Do you have 4-H ribbons stored in boxes, tucked away under beds or in the basement? Recycle those ribbons into something new that showcases all your hard work and achievements.

Create an item using 4-H ribbons or rosettes. Wall hanging, frames, quilts and more, check out Pinterest for lots of ideas. Use your imagination!

Item must be made of at least 50% ribbons, your choice for remainder of materials.

Enter project on entry day of the county fair. There is a category/class for county only projects.

COUNTY ONLY SPECIAL PROJECT

DEPARTMENT Q - Section 920 901. Recycled/Upycled 4-H Ribbons - Create an item using 4-H ribbons or rosettes. Examples, wall hanging, frames, quilts and more. Use your imagination. Item must be made of at least 50% ribbons, your choice for remainder of materials.

Make sure you're on hand on Saturday, July 28th starting at 9 AM for the pre-fair clean-up. All 4-H members and families are encouraged to attend and help clean-up the fair grounds. Committee chairs should be there to get together all the stuff they'll need for their show and the projects that need completed. Brooms, rags, hammers, pliers, staple guns, and buckets, bring them along and plan on getting dirty. The fair board will be providing lunch at noon. Just as important is the post fair clean-up, on Monday, August 6th. Everything need to get put away, 9 am start.

The Fair manager suggests bringing, brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, buckets, rags and more!

(Note: Most of the work to be done is really for older youth, we don’t have much for the Cloverbiet age kids to do).

Note: The Extension Staff needs heavy lifting help setting up the Exhibit Hall. Help is needed moving fixtures, chairs, tables, and more.

Family Fun Packs

The Dakota Thurston County Fair Board is pleased to announce that "Family Fun Packs" will be on available for purchase at the Fair Manager's Office on Clean-up day Saturday July 21st as well as during Fair week Sunday July 29 thru Friday August 3rd.

Each Family fun pack costs $40 and consists of:
- 2 Tickets to Impact Pro Wrestling - Friday
- 2 Tickets to Dueling Pianos - Friday
- 2 Tickets to Laser Tag - Friday
- 2 Tickets to Kids Day - Saturday

This is a $60 value for only $40

Interested in camping at the fair? Contact: Sherry Slaughter @ 402-863-2352
Mary Paeper @ 402-922-1299

These wonderful ladies can let you know the availability of camp sites and prices.
ANIMAL EXHIBITS

**Rabbit Exhibitors** - When you enter your animals Monday, July 30th, from 6:00 –8:00 we are asking that you check your animals in with either the superintendents or Extension Staff. We want to try and ensure that our show programs are accurate. Your assistance on this will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

**Bedding** - The fair board will be supplying bedding for livestock projects, which will consist of sawdust. If you have special needs for your projects, it is your responsibility to bring the supplies. If you have any questions, please contact the Stephanie Luedert.

**Stalling Horses** - The Dakota–Thurston County Fairboard voted in 2010, *That if a horse is showed, it must be stalled. No veterinarian excuses will be accepted.* This applies to all horses exhibiting at the 4-H Horse Show, no expectations. Horses must be stalled at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 2nd by 8:00 p.m.

**Livestock Check-in** - Wednesday, August 1st from 6:30 - 8:30 pm is check-in day at the fair. Before you unload your livestock trailer, please stop by the livestock office and check-in. In order to verify exhibitors and livestock that are on the fairgrounds. This will help us with correct stall assignments and correct show programs. Reminder: Swine ear tags need to be purchased for $2.00 each at the time of check-in.

**No early release of animals** - Please refer to page 8 of the fair book for the following rule: *All live animals, 4-H/FFA, Open Class (except cats, dogs, household pets/birds) will remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair. No early releases.* Also see page 28 for the following statement from the Fair Board: **Penalty– Premiums will be pulled for exhibits leaving the fairgrounds prior to the aforementioned release time.**

Don’t forget your cats and dogs must have current vaccinations. Forms are available on our website. (Dakota County 4-H, fair information page)

Bucket calves need a record book with their entry. (Dakota County 4-H, fair information page)

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**MOVIE NIGHT AT THE FAIR**

This year’s feature presentation will be:

Jumanji “Welcome to the Jungle”
The movie will be shown in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday night, August 4th, 2018, starting at 9:00 P.M. The movie is free and everyone is welcome!

Adult volunteers are needed to help chaperone, serve popcorn and drinks.
CLOTHING DAY

Clothing day is Wednesday, July 25th at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Emerson. (Pre-entries are due July 18th). STEAM Clothing 1, STEAM Clothing 2, Beyond the Needle, Knitting Crocheting, Attention Shoppers, Shopping in Style, Quilt Quest, and Clover Kid sewing are entered on Clothing Day. (NOT ON FAIR ENTRY DAY).

NOTE: If you are participating in the outfit Challenge, this entry is to be judged on Clothing Day July 25th, not on Entry Day, August 1st.

NEW this year will be a change of time and place for the Public Style Revue.

The Public Style Revue will be held on the same day as Clothing Judging.

Wednesday Evening, July 25th
6:30 P.M.
St Lukes Lutheran Church, Emerson, NE
A meal provided by the Dakota County 4-H Council.
Youth will be modeling during the meal.

The public is welcome to attend we would just like an RSVP so that we have enough food.

CROP & CLIMATE FIELD DAY

Please plan to attend the Climate & Crops Field Day at the Haskell Ag Lab near Concord on Tuesday, August 14. This is a public field day and is open to everyone. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. We will have various tracks with speakers in the morning. A free lunch will be available at 11:30 and tours will be available in the afternoon. Educational booths by extension personnel and outside vendors will be available during the day. Plans include educational programs for children, a shooting sports trailer, speakers on climate and how that impacts crops, insects, economics, and animals, drone demonstrations. The day will conclude around 3:30. Details are still being finalized. Please watch this newsletter for more information each month.

Again, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 14 for the public Climate & Crops Field Day at the Haskell Ag. Lab near Concord. Please pass this along to others in your area.
2018 DAKOTA-THURSTON COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE
(SCHEDULE IS NOT BINDING AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY, July 29, 2018
4-H Cat Show .............................................................. Location: Thurston, NE 1:30 P.M.
Household Pets/Small Animals Show ................................ Location: Thurston, NE 3:30 P.M.
4-H Dog Show .............................................................. Location: Thurston, NE 5:00 P.M.

MONDAY, July 30, 2018
Rabbit & Poultry check-in ........................................... 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, July 31, 2018
Rabbit Show/Open Class Show ....................................... 8:30 A.M.
Poultry Show/Open Class Show (1/2 hour after Rabbit Show; no earlier than 12:30) ........ 12:30 P.M.
4-H and Vendor Booth Set-up ........................................ 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Enter Open Class Products (except food & flowers) ............. 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, August 1, 2018
Enter Open Class ................................................................... 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Mandatory Superintendents & Judges meeting ....................... 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
Exhibit Hall Judging/4-H Interviews .................................. 9:00 A.M. - Noon
CloverKid Interviews ........................................................ 10:00 A.M. - Noon
Exhibit Hall Closed to Public ........................................... 1:00 P.M.
Open Class Products Judging .............................................. 1:30 P.M.
Enter Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats for 4-H & FFA .................... 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
4-H King & Queen and Little Prince/Princess Coronation – Exhibit Hall .................. 7:00 P.M.
Pioneer Farm Award and Good Neighbor ............................. 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, August 2, 2018
Swine Show (Farm Credit serving donuts) ......................... 8:00 A.M.
Exhibit Hall Hours – Open to Public ................................ 10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Bucket Calf records due to 4-H Livestock Office .................. Noon
Goat Show ........................................................................ 1:00 P.M.
Bucket Calf Show (1/2 hour after Goat Show: no earlier than 3:00) ......................... 3:00 P.M.
Parade – Dakota Ave ..................................................... 6:00 P.M.
Video Gaming Truck - Free .............................................. 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
BBQ – Free Will Donation – West of Exhibit Hall ................. 7:00 P.M.
“Tri-State Shootout” Tractor Pull ($10-Adults $5-6-12 yrs 5 under free) ... Gates open at 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
4-H Horses must be stalled ............................................. 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, August 3, 2018
Free Community Breakfast - Sponsored by Farms Pride
...7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
Beef (Cow/Calf, Feeder Calf, Breeding Heifer & Market Beef) Show
...8:30 A.M.
Exhibit Hall Hours – Open to Public
...10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sheep Show (1 hour after Beef Show but no earlier than 2:30)
...2:30 P.M.
Wine & Beer Tasting Event (Sponsored by Hy-Vee)
...6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Video Gaming Truck - Free
...5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Impact Pro Wrestling *Fees & Beer Garden
...7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Dueling Pianos (PG) *Fees & Beer Garden
...9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Laser Tag ($5.00)
...9:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.
*Fees – Adults - $10  Kids 12 under-$5  Kids 5 under-Free
If attended Impact Pro Wrestling and have stamp on hand the fee for Dueling Pianos is half price.

SATURDAY, August 4, 2018  Kids & Family Day
4-H Horse Show
...8:30 A.M.
Exhibit Hall Hours – Open to Public
...10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Jackpot Cattle Show – Open...weigh-in 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Show starts at 11:00 A.M.
Mud Volleyball Tournament
...12:00 P.M.
Pedal Pull – Exhibit Hall
...11:00 A.M.
Kids Day Events ($5 admission)
...1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Climbing Wall
...1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Escape Room  $5 12 Under $10 12 Older/$100 Teams 5 person
...1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Pie Contest (Exhibit Hall), ****Pie sale by the slice after judging****...1:00 P.M.
Music (Exhibit Hall) – Country Flavor Band
...2:00 P.M.
Jarpeo – Mexican Style Bull Ride...Gates open at 2:00 P.M.
...4:30 P.M.
Kids Ranch Rodeo (South Side of Exhibit Hall)...Registration 3:30-4:00 P.M. Events 4:00 – 5:30 P.M.
Mutton Bustin’ (South Side of Exhibit Hall)...Registration 5:30-6:00 P.M. Riding 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.
4-H Sponsored Movie Night (FREE ADMISSION)
...9:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, August 5, 2018
Open Horse Show – GAME DAY
...8:00 A.M.
4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest
...10:00 A.M.
Exhibit Hall Hours – Open to Public
...10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Barrel Racing (IA NBHA Sanctioned) – Free
...1:00 P.M.
Horseshoe Tournament
...1:00 P.M.
Garden Tractor Pull
...1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Round Robin Showmanship
...1:00 P.M.
Awards Ceremony for Static Exhibits
...4:00 P.M.
Bonus Auction
...4:00 P.M.
RELEASE OF STATIC EXHIBITS* (LOCATED IN THE EXHIBIT HALL)
...3:00 P.M.
RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS*
...5:30 P.M.
*OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BONUS AUCTION
*Premiums will be forfeited by the individual if exhibits (static and livestock) are removed prior to stated time.
NEWBRASKA STATE FAIR

Tickets.

Outside gate admission will be $12.00, with $5.00 days on Monday, August 27th and Wednesday, August 29th. Tuesday, August 28th will be $2.00 gate admission and Thursday, August 30th will be $3.00 gate admission. Children 6-12 will be $3.00 every day and children 5 & under will be free every day.

$5.00 Discount admission tickets can be ordered through the Extension Office. Orders must be placed and paid in full by August 10th.

Livestock Parking:
All exhibitors wishing to park a vehicle in the Exhibitor Parking West Swine Lot or Brunk’s Lot must purchase a vehicle Permit (Lot 3 A/B for $25. This permit must be affixed to the driver’s side of the windshield.

No trailers will be allowed in the West Swine Lot (Lot Q/B). Trailers can be parked in Brunk’s Lot at no charge. Trailers may be sent to JB Swine lot in case of inclement weather or once Brunk’s Lot is full.

Any exhibitors that do not wish to buy a permit for their vehicle must park in General Parking, which is FREE.

Everyone will come through the Check-In Trailer but will not be allowed back into Brunk’s Lot to park without a permit. You do not need a parking permit to unload your animals on fairgrounds. Once you unload, you must exit the fairgrounds.

Families may also order the discounted tickets and $25.00 parking permits and $25.00 State Fair Exhibitor Pins when entries are placed through ShoWorks.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

AUGUST 10TH: All in-person entries (livestock, small animals, contest, Fashion, Show and Presentations) must be entered in the ShoWorks online entry process by 8:00 P.M. This is done by the families not the Extension office. Entries must be paid for at that time.

Families please visit the following link for helpful tips and instructions with the State Fair Online Entry process
https://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa

AUGUST 21ST: If your Static Exhibit was selected to represent Dakota County at The State Fair it must be delivered to our office by Noon.

AUGUST 24TH. Nebraska State Fair begins at 9:00 A.M and ends on Monday September 3rd.

2018 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR ADISSION PASSES: Below is the ticketing language approved by the State Fair Board as it pertain to 4H:
4-H livestock exhibitors (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Meat Goat, Dairy) wil receive on (1) State Fair Exhibitor Pin (Exhibitor Badge). This State Fair Exhibitor Pin (exhibitor badge) is you pass to the fair for all 11 days. Families wishing to purchase additional State Fair Exhibitor Pins (exhibitor badges) may do so at $25.00 each. If the State Fair Exhibitor Pin (exhibitor badge) is lost or stolen, a new State Fair Exhibitor Pin (exhibitor badge) must be purchased for $25.00 No exceptions. It is also recommended that the purchase of additional State Fair Exhibitor Pins (exhibitor badges) be included in pre-registration through ShoWorks.

4-H Static Exhibitors may purchase reduced price admission tickets or a State Fair Exhibitor Pin

4-Hers who participate in the Fashion Show, Dog Show, Presentations, Events, and Contest at the Nebraska State Fair (NSF) will receive one (1) single-day admission ticket for each day in which they participate.

4-H Judges and volunteers I will receive one (1) single-day admission ticket for each day of the fair in which they assist with a show.

Sponsors (chaperones) will not receive a free ticket.
General parking on the fairground is FREE for your vehicle
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- 7/2 - Dakota County Extension Board Meeting  
- 7/4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY—office closed  
- 7/8 - Beau T  
- 7/12 - Avery O  
- 7/12 - Payton H  
- 7/15-7/19 - State Horse Show—Grand Island  
- 7/18 - FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE  
- 7/25 - Clothing day judging and Public Style Revue  
- 8/28 - Fair Clean-up day  
- 7/29-8/5 - COUNTY FAIR WEEK  
- 8/6 - Post Fair Cleanup day  
- 8/7 - Dakota County Extension Board Meeting  
- 8/10 - In-person and animal exhibit online entries due (State Fair)

- 8/17 - Brody K  
- 8/20 - Gabe C.  
- 8/21 – State Fair Static Exhibit due to extension Office  
- 8/24–9/3 - Nebraska State Fair  
- 9/3 - Labor Day, Extension Office closed  
- 9/4 - Dakota County Extension Board Meeting  
- 9/10 - Joint 4-H Council Meeting TBA  
- 9/15 - Nathan K  
- 9/21 - Shannon J.  
- 9/22 - 1st Day of Fall  
- 9/27-9/30 - Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show  
- 9/28 Emelia H