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## Important Dates

- July 4** - Office Closed
- July 10** - Pre-fair Entry Deadline
- July 20** - Pre-fair Clean Up
- July 22** - MEGA Monday
- July 23** - Dog Show, Cat & Companion Animal Show, Rabbit & Poultry Check-in
- July 24** - Poultry & Rabbit Show, Static Exhibit Entry, Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, Beef Weigh-in, Swine in pens by 9 p.m.
- July 25** - Swine Weigh-in, Sheep/Goat Show, Opening Ceremonies
- July 26** - Beef Show
- July 27** - Swine Show, Elite Showmanship Contest, Premium Auction
- July 28** - Livestock Judging Contest, All entries released

*\*For a more detailed schedule, see below!*

### Heads Up!

All Consumer & Family Science Exhibits need to be checked in on Monday, July 22nd from 9a.m. -12p.m. If exhibits are brought after 12 p.m., they will be automatically dropped a ribbon placing, and not be eligible for Grand or Reserve, or State Fair. Shopping in Style & \$20 Challenge Exhibits are also due on the 22nd from 9a.m-12p.m!

## 2024 Premium Books Are Ready

The fairbook can also be found at our website by visiting [go.unl.edu/hamcoforms](https://go.unl.edu/hamcoforms) or by scanning the QR Code.



## Fair Clean Up

Please note that all 4-H Clubs and Independent Members will be assigned to areas to help clean up before (7/20/24 @ 9a.m.) and after (7/28/24 @ 3p.m.) the fair. We will communicate this schedule via email - be on the look out! We greatly appreciate your help with this! Many hands make light work!

## Exhibitor Packet Pick Up

Be sure to stop by the Hamilton County Extension Office to pick up your Exhibitor Packets July 16-19! Exhibitor Packets include: exhibitor t-shirts, entry tags, and back tags.

Thank you

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## Pie Fundraiser!

The 4-H Food Stand is our primary fundraiser each year! As our largest fundraiser, this event helps keep the 4-H membership free in Hamilton County, allows you to request manuals at no cost, and pays for youth contests and state fair entry fees. It takes each of us as volunteers to keep our program strong.

We are requesting 1 homemade pie per 4-Her and families with 2 or more 4-Hers are asked to donate 2 homemade pies. If you are able to provide more than that, it is appreciated!

Please bring your pies to the 4-H Food Stand on the following schedule:

*A thru F - Deliver Saturday, July 27th*

*G thru L - Deliver on Thursday, July 25th*

*M thru Z - Deliver on Friday, July 26th*

In regards to frozen pies found in the grocery store, such as Mrs. Smith's pies, the 4-H Food Stand would appreciate NOT using these. However, the Village Maker pies are acceptable. Please make sure they are baked prior to bringing them to the Food Stand as we do not have ovens.



## Heritage Bank Meal

Heritage Bank is sponsoring a FREE meal for all 4-H & FFA exhibitors, along with their families to help recognize your hard work! Join them on Wednesday, July 24th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm.



## Pre-Fair Registration

**DUE JULY 10TH @ 5 P.M.**

Hamilton County pre-fair registration can be completed online at: [hamilton.fairwire.com](http://hamilton.fairwire.com). Using this preferred method of registration, you are ensuring that your entries are submitted correctly. This needs to be completed by Wednesday, July 10th at 5:00 p.m. The online option will shut down automatically after midnight. We will also accept paper copies prior to the deadline in our office and by email ([hamilton-county@unl.edu](mailto:hamilton-county@unl.edu)). If emailing the form, it must be a scan, not a picture! To find these forms, along with Home Environment tags, Photography tags, and Horticulture guides can be found on our website at [go.unl.edu/hamcoforms](http://go.unl.edu/hamcoforms) or by scanning the QR code.



*\*\*Horticulture and Floriculture do not need to be pre-entered and will be accepted at fair entry check-in.*

## Food Stand Sign Up

Please use the link below or scan the QR code to sign up for a Food Stand shift. **All club members and independent members are expected to take a shift** as this helps with our largest fundraiser, that ultimately supports our youth all year long!

<https://go.unl.edu/npzg>

*Thank you!*



## 4-H Projects vs. County Fair Exhibits

What's the difference between 4-H projects and fair exhibits? A 4-H **“project”** is an area of interest you want to learn more about (like a hobby). This is what you may choose when completing your 4-H Online enrollment. A project is intended to help you explore, learn, and practice skills in your areas of interest.

A **County Fair “Exhibit”** is what you actually take to the fair - like the cabbage you grew, the animal you trained, or the rocket you built while exploring and learning about your projects. There are always things you do while exploring your project area that you do not take to fair as exhibits, and that is okay!

### Fair Judging - What to Expect

The fair is a great opportunity for youth to get feedback and evaluation on the projects they have chosen to learn more about during the year. This experience can be both motivating and educational for 4-Hers. To plan, practice, and present a finished project is to “learn by doing.”

### What projects can I Interview Judge on?

Great question! All static projects entered are eligible for interview judging.

## Why Exhibit?

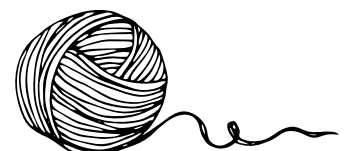
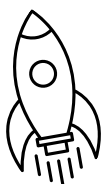
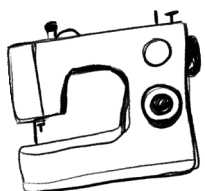
- 4-H projects are designed to help young people learn practical skills, develop abilities and acquire knowledge on topics of interest to them.
- The county fair is “one part” of the entire learning experience for youth involved with 4-H. An exhibit is “one part” of participation in a project area.
- Exhibit judging in fair gives 4-Her's an opportunity to know where their exhibit stands in relation to other exhibits and how well they did compared to an ideal. The award given recognizes the completion of a task.

### What is Interview Judging?

Interview judging is an opportunity for 4-H members to talk to judges about their static exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-Her's also learn what the judge looks for and how to potentially improve skills. Each interview will be different - it is important to think of your interview as a conversation with the judge. This is meant to be an educational experience for the 4-H member; an opportunity to practice communication and interview skills that will be used in the future.

## How do I sign up to participate in Interview Judging for my exhibits?

If you are interested in interview judging for your fair exhibits, you are able to sign up for a timeslot when you drop your exhibits off during the designated times.





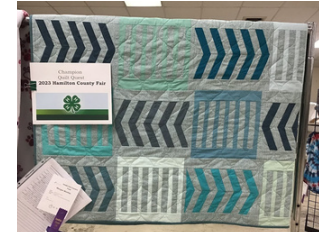
# 2024 HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR

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### PRE-FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

Remember to turn in all of your pre-fair entries by July 10th at 5:00 p.m. *\*More details can be found above.*



**16-19**

### EXHIBITOR PACKET PICK UP

Be sure to pick up your exhibitor packet from the Hamilton County Extension Office July 16th-19th!



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### FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Come and help us clean up the fairgrounds - all hands on deck! Clubs/Members will be assigned to certain areas - watch your email.

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### MEGA MONDAY

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Consumer & Family Science Exhibit Check-in

*\*anything brought after 12:00 p.m. will be automatically knocked down a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve, or State Fair.*

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Consumer & Family Science Exhibit Interview Judging *\*sign up for time slots will be available during exhibit check-in. First come, first serve.*

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Fashion Show Judging *\*assigned time slots - watch your email for the schedule.*

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Favorite Foods Contest (Juniors)

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Favorite Foods Contest (Intermediates)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Favorite Foods Contest (Seniors)

2:45 p.m. - Culinary Challenge (all age divisions)

5:30 p.m. - Fashion Show Models arrive

6:00 p.m. - Public Fashion Show



**23**  
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### TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. - Dog Show Check-In

8:30 a.m. - Dog Show *\*Agility outside with Showmanship + Obedience classes following inside.*

3:00 p.m. - Cat & Companion Animal Show

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Poultry & Rabbit Check-in



**24**  
WED

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open

8:00 a.m. - Open Class Poultry & Rabbit Judging

9:00 a.m. - 4-H & FFA Poultry & Rabbit Shows

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 4-H Static Exhibit Drop Off (Ag Building) *\*all exhibits must be checked in by 9:00 p.m.*

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Beef Weigh-In

*\*4-H & FFA Swine must be in pens by 9:00 p.m.*



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### THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - Swine Weigh-In  
 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open  
 8:00 a.m. - Sheep Show *\*Goat Show will follow immediately.*  
 6:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies, 4-H Awards, 4-H Cake Auction (Farr Building)  
*\*4-H Exhibits will open following the Opening Ceremonies.*

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### FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open  
 8:00 a.m. - Beef Show  
 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibits Open (Ag Building)

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SAT

### SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open  
 8:00 a.m. - Swine Show  
 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibits Open (Ag Building)  
 12:30 p.m. - 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest Testing (Livestock Office)  
 1:00 p.m. - 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest (Arena)  
 4:00 p.m. - Livestock Premium Auction (Arena)

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### SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibits Open (Ag Building)  
 12:00 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest (Arena)  
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - All entries released + Fair Clean Up



## Thank you

TO ALL OF OUR 4-H DONORS,  
SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS!
