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**WELCOME TO
2019 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR
JULY 27-31
4-H, FFA & OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
MERRICK COUNTY'S 66th
FREE FAIR**

1. Exhibits will get their entry card at each department where they wish to enter articles.
2. Open Class entries should be made Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3. 4-H exhibits will be entered on Sunday, July 28, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Youth hogs must be in place by 11:00 a.m.
 - Youth poultry and rabbits must be in place by 1:00 p.m.
 - Youth sheep and goats must be in place by 1:00 p.m.
 - Youth market beef must be in place by 3:00 p.m.
 - Youth breeding beef and bucket calves must be in place by 4:00 p.m.
4. Individuals or firms will be permitted to enter as many animals as they wish in any one Open Class.
5. No ribbon will be given out until animals are properly checked-in with the superintendent of that area. Animals judged according to merit.
6. All livestock owners will have their pens cleaned by 7:00 a.m. each day and put pen cleanings in the designated area.
7. Articles or livestock shown at previous fairs or not handcrafted by the exhibitor will not be eligible for exhibit.
8. Exhibit building will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
9. 4-H and Open Class exhibits will be released from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Premiums will be paid at that time for Open Class only.

IF YOU WANT SPACE

Either for exhibits or commercial booths, arrangements must be made at once! Even if you had a booth or exhibit last year, you must make a new reservation this year. Contact Laurie Johnson (308-940-3121) at once!

4-H AND FFA DEPARTMENT

1. It is the policy of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Merrick County 4-H Council not to discriminate on the basis of sex, age, handicap, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran status, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation.
2. All exhibits are at the exhibitor's risk. The Merrick County Ag Society and Merrick County 4-H Council are not responsible for any damage, loss or death to an exhibit or animal.
3. If a project item or animal is shown at another county fair as a 4-H, FFA or Open Class project it is NOT eligible for competition in Merrick County. It will be disqualified.
4. Judges will place awards on the basis of merit. They will be instructed to use the group method similar to the plan followed by the Nebraska State Fair, whereby exhibits of nearly equal merit will receive equal ribbons.

Purple - Superior
Orange- Flops

Blue - Excellent
Lime Green- Afterschool Project

Red - Good

White - Needs Improvement

- The judges decision will be final in all classes. Awards will be given according to the rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.
5. 4-H AGE REGULATIONS - The age regulations for Merrick County 4-H membership as determined by the Merrick County 4-H Executive Council shall be that a member must be 8 years of age before Jan. 1 of the current year (turn 9 during the current year) and the last year of eligibility is 4-H age 18 on Jan. 1 (or the calendar year the member becomes 19).
 6. FFA members may exhibit livestock until the age of 21.
 7. 4-H and FFA members show together in livestock, crops and plant science. The total number of animals shown is indicated at the beginning of each species area. 4-H and FFA will follow the rules according to this fairbook.

CLOVER KIDS GUIDELINES:

- a) The 4-H Clover Kid Program is for youth between the ages 5 - 7 years old by January 1 of the current calendar year. 4-H Clover Kid exhibitors must be enrolled as a 4-H member by June 15..
- b) Clover Kid animal exhibits are to be no more than six months of age and no more than 350 pounds at time of show, with the exception of small animals (dog, cat, etc.) Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size. Clover Kids will only show in showmanship classes, no market or breeding classes. The horse project is not available for Clover Kids.
- c) Clover Kids may exhibit at the county fair and participate in 4-H contests receiving special ribbons with a premium of \$1.00. However, they will not be eligible for participation in the Livestock Sale, and will not be considered for any incentive, championship, trophy, medal or plaque competition on an individual basis. They will be considered as part of a club or group competition in such activities as booth, herdsmanship or performing arts contest.
- d) Clover Kids have a section where all of the projects are appropriate for their age, this section can be found on page 63.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS: An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting.

8. All 4-H exhibits that do not conform to the specifications, rules and regulations set forth in this premium list will drop one ribbon placing.
9. Be sure to check the number of entries per project and entry number for each division. **All divisions and sections other than livestock have only one entry per class number.**
10. Premiums will be paid when the 4-H member submits a completed Record Book/Career Portfolio to the Extension Office. Records are DUE in the Extension Office, October 1. Premium money will be available at the year-end 4-H Achievement Celebration. If premium money is not picked up by December 1, monies will be turned back to the Merrick County Ag Society.
11. An * indicates an exhibit is eligible for State Fair. All items eligible for State Fair must receive a purple ribbon. In classes where presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 10 years of age by January 1, of the current year, or become 11 years of age during the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19 years of age.
12. All exhibitors showing beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep, hogs, rabbits, poultry, cats, dogs and other small animals are required to wear the required 4-H/FFA T-Shirt. Exhibitors in the horse show will wear a white long sleeve shirt or blouse, and a 4-H armband. The 4-H armband may be purchased for \$3.00. Exhibitors of beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep, hogs, dogs, rabbits, poultry, cats and other small animals will show without any hats, caps or other headgear.
13. An exhibit or exhibitor must be at least blue ribbon quality before a rosette or award is awarded, and the judge must deem it worthy of the award.
14. Substance Abuse - Use or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in 4-H/FFA at the Merrick County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.
15. PROTESTS
 - a. The respective division superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Premium List, and these will be adhered to by all.
 - b. A committee shall be appointed to serve as a protest group. They will meet daily if needed to act upon concerns. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
 - c. Written protests must be submitted to the Extension Educator. He/She will then convene the committee for their deliberation.
 - d. The written protest must include:
 - i. Names of persons involved.
 - ii. Nature of concerns.
 - iii. Situation and documentation.
 - iv. Recommendations for correction.
 - v. Specific action, rule, etc. in question.
 - vi. Additional persons committee may contact for further clarification.
 - vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the Extension Educator.
 - e. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show official to include county fair management if appropriate, to make a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.

- f. In case of protest the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.
- g. The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- h. The appeals process is limited to the 4-H exhibitor, parent or volunteer leader.
- i. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the 4-H Division.

4-H PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES AND 2019 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR

Feb. 7 (Thurs.)	6:00 p.m.	Junior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
Feb. 14 (Thurs.)	6:00 p.m.	Intermediate & Senior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building
April 8 (Mon.)	6:30 p.m.	Public Speaking & PSA Contest - 4-H Building
April 14 (Sun.)	4:00 p.m.	BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol Contests - 4-H Building
April 15 (Sun.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben Market Beef DNA Envelopes - Extension Office
April 27 (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Contest - Sportsman's Club
May 10 (Fri.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE State/District Horse Entry Forms, ID's and Levels Testing - Extension Office
May 20 (Mon.)	6:00 p.m.	Performing Arts & Presentation Contests - Cottonwood Estates, Central City
June 14 (Fri.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes (except Market Beef) - Extension Office
	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL Required County Animal ID's, YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) - Extension Office
July 10 (Wed.)	5:00 p.m.	DUE ALL Static, Animal, Clothing Pre-entries - Extension Office
July 13 (Sat.)	8:00 a.m.	Hunting Skills Contest - Fairgrounds
July 13 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor Archery Contest - Fairgrounds
July 20 (Sat.)	9:00 a.m.	Bicycle Rodeo Contest - Fairgrounds
	1:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Roll Contest - 4-H Building
	3:00 p.m.	Culinary Challenge (Favorite Foods Revue) Contest - 4-H Building
July 23 (Tue.)	8:00 a.m.	Clothing Construction & Fashion Show Judging - 4-H Building
	7:30 p.m.	4-H Night - 4-H Building
July 27 (Sat.)	7:00 a.m.	4-H Horse Show - Indoor Arena
July 28 (Sun.)	8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Hog Weigh-in & Check-in
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Poultry & Rabbit Check-in
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sheep & Goat Weigh-in & Check-in
	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in & Check-in
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Static Exhibit Check-in
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Bucket Calf Check-in, DUE Clover Kids Record/Story
	1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Breeding Beef Check-in, DUE Beef Production Books
	5:00 p.m.	Livestock Judging Contest
July 29 (Mon.)	7:30 a.m.	Hog Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
	9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Show, Poultry Show immediately following - Poultry & Rabbit Barn
	1:30 p.m.	Sheep Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
		Meat Goat Show immediately following: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Market, Breeding - Indoor Arena
	4:00 p.m.	Dairy Show: 4-H Showmanship, Clover Kids, FFA Showmanship, Breeding - Indoor Arena
July 30 (Tue.)	7:30 a.m.	Beef Production Judging - Extension Office & Livestock Barn
	8:00 a.m.	Beef Show: 4-H Showmanship, FFA Showmanship, Clover Kids, Bucket Calves, Market, Feeder Calves, Breeding, Fitting Contest - Indoor Arena
July 31 (Wed.)	8:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Show - Check in begins in the Annex Building
	9:30 a.m.	FFA Tractor Driving Contest - Northwest corner of Fairgrounds
	11:00 a.m.	County Kid's Pet Show Sponsored by Merrick County 4-H Jr. Leaders. Any child may bring any pet to show. Show will be held on the concrete of the indoor arena. Please register pet 15 minutes prior to the show. Pets must be taken home immediately after the show.
	1:00 p.m.	Frog/Toad Jumping Contest Sponsored by Merrick County 4-H Jr. Leaders in front of old 4-H Building
	2:00 p.m.	4-H Cat Show, 4-H Companion Animal Show immediately following - Indoor Arena
	4:00 p.m.	4-H Overall Livestock Showman Contest - Indoor Arena
	5:45 p.m.	4-H & FFA Member Group Picture - Indoor Arena
	6:00 p.m.	Livestock Sale - Indoor Arena
August 1 (Thur.)	1 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Livestock
	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Poultry & Rabbit
	7 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	FREE EXHIBITOR & FAMILY BREAKFAST sponsored by Central City Area Chamber of Commerce
	8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Release ALL Static Exhibits
August 2 (Fri.)	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Fair Recovery Extension Office Closed
Tentatively September 7 (Sat)	8:30 a.m.	Small Bore Rifle (.22) Contest and Pistol Pistol (.22) Contest - Sportsman's Club

SUPERINTENDENTS

Foods – TBD

Beyond the Needle – TBD

STEAM Clothing 1 & 2 – Candice Muller

STEAM Clothing 3 & Quilt Quest – Darcy Ray

Fashion Show – Kendra Jefferson & Jamie Wright

Home Environment – Lana Bushhousen & Sydney Bushhousen

Consumer & Family Sciences – Janice Stuhmer

Clover Kids – Nikki Ferraro

Agriculture, Environmental Science, Plant Science – Larry & Tracy Myers, Doug & Kelly McHargue

Horse – Russ & Carolyn Kucera

Trail Class – Violet Crouch

Hogs – Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson

Sheep & Meat Goat – Craig Nelson & Jon Root

Beef – Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera

Poultry & Rabbits – Gaylene & Wayne Bennett

Herdsmanship – Dylan Ferris

Cats & Companion Animal – Gaylene & Wayne Bennett

Dog – Kim & Travis Stuhmer

Overall Livestock Showman – Mikaela Wilshusen & Sara Umstead

Bicycle Rodeo – Brian Jefferson

BB Gun & Rifle – Ryan Zmek & Aaron Wells

Air Pistol & .22 Pistol – Brock Ekhoﬀ & Buck Umstead

Shotgun – Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins

Indoor Archery – Sara Umstead, Mike Siwinski & Aaron Blanchard

Outdoor Archery – Aaron Blanchard & Scott Goyette

Hunting Skills – Renee Ekhoﬀ

FFA Tractor Driving Contest – Gary Maresh

Livestock Judging Contest – Dennis Mottl, Juliana Kroeger, Darcy Ray & Jen Myers

FFA – Gary Maresh, Dennis Mottl, Juliana Kroger & Jessica Brondel

Air Pistol & Small Bore - Brock Ekhoﬀ & Buck Umstead

Indoor Archery - Sara Umstead, Mike Siwinski & Aaron Blanchard

Outdoor Archery - Aaron Blanchard & Scott Goyette

BB Gun & Rifle - Aaron Wells & Ryan Zmek

Hunting Skills - Renee Ekhoﬀ

Shotgun - Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins

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FFA FARM SHOP

One entry per class number.

FFA members will exhibit their livestock, crops, and plant science with the 4-H Club Members. NO double or dual entries with 4-H. Judging of FFA shop projects will be on the following basis:

Construction and workmanship	50 points
Utility and design	30 points
Material finish	20 points

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

FFA100-01. Large Carpentry - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects shall consist of the following: feed bunks, 12' or more; sheds; hog houses; picnic tables; workbenches, 12' or over, etc. Built in the Vo Ag shop.

PREMIUM: Purple \$2.00; Blue \$1.50; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

FFA100-02. Small Carpentry - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects built in the Vo Ag shop shall consist of nail boxes, saw horses, show boxes, dog houses, small feed bunks, or workbenches, etc.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

FFA100-03. Large Metal - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Shall consist of the following examples: pipe trailer, stock trailer, gas barrel stand, power unit trailer, gates, 4' or longer, etc. Built in the Vo Ag shop.

PREMIUM: Purple \$2.00; Blue \$1.50; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

FFA100-04. Small Metal - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects shall consist of welding tables, gates (under 4'), car ramps, etc. Built in the Vo Ag Shop.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

FFA100-05. Combination Project - Limited to 3 per entry number. Projects built in the Vo Ag Shop shall consist of wagons, loading chutes, carts, 3 pt. hog carriers, etc.

PREMIUM: Purple \$5.00; Blue \$4.00; Red \$3.00; White \$2.00

FFA100-06. Farm Machinery Rebuilding or Construction - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Farm machinery that has been re-built or constructed in the supervised Vo Ag Program.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

FFA100-07. Arc Welding - Limited to 1 entry per entry number. An entry shall consist of 6 different arc welds arranged on a display board.

PREMIUM: Purple \$1.50; Blue \$1.25; Red \$1.00; White \$.50

FFA100-08. Gas Welding - Limited to 1 display board per entry number. An entry shall consist of 6 different gas welds.

PREMIUM: Purple \$2.50; Blue \$2.00; Red \$1.50; White \$1.00

FFA100-09. Forge Projects - Limited to 3 projects per entry number. Projects made using the forge in the supervised Vo Ag Program.

PREMIUM: Purple \$2.50; Blue \$2.00; Red \$1.50; White \$1.00

FFA100-10. Metal Lathe Project - Limited to 3 projects per entry number.

Projects made using the metal turning lathe in the supervised Vo Ag Program.

FFA TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST - one entry per class number.

The contest will be conducted according to the rules set forth in the Nebr. 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest Circular, EC 7-54-2. The contest will be divided into three groups according to age. FFA members and 4-H members will not compete against each other in the contest. 4-H members must be enrolled in the Tractor Safety Project.

PREMIUM: Purple \$3.00; Blue \$2.50; Red \$2.00, White \$1.00

Contest rules used in State Fair Tractor Driving Contest will apply. Any FFA member from Merrick County may participate until 6 months after high school graduation.

2 wheel	4 wheel	
FFA100-11	FFA100-12	FFA Member
FFA100-13	FFA100-14	4-H 8-11 years (as of 1/1/19)
FFA100-15	FFA100-16	4-H 12-13 years (as of 1/1/19)
FFA100-17	FFA100-18	4-H 14-18 years (as of 1/1/19)
FFA100-19.	Lawn Tractor Driving Contest 8-11 years (as of 1/1/19)	