

4-H PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES AND 2023 MERRICK COUNTY FAIR

**All dates, times, and contest/show formats are subject to change.
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February

19 (Sun.) 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Market Beef Rate-of-Gain Contest Weigh-in - Central City Vet Clinic
21 (Tues.) 6:00 p.m. Junior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building

March

7 (Tues.) 6:00 p.m. Intermediate & Senior Indoor Archery Contest - 4-H Building

April

3 (Mon.) 6:30 p.m. Communication Contest - 4-H Building
22 (Sat.) 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Contest - Sportsman's Club

May

18 (Thurs.) 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Market Sheep & Goat Rate-of-Gain Contest Weigh-in - Indoor Arena

June

1 (Thurs..) 5:00 p.m. State Horse Entry Forms, ID's, and Levels Testing **DUE** to the Extension Office
15 (Thur.) 5:00 p.m. **ALL 4-H and FFA** Required County Animal ID's **DUE** to the Extension Office
ALL 4-H and FFA State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes **DUE** to the Extension Office

July

8 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Archery Contest - Fairgrounds
10 (Mon.) 5:00 p.m. **ALL 4-H and FFA** Static, Animal, Clothing Pre-entries **DUE** to the Extension Office

ALL 4-H and FFA YQCA training complete
Vaccination records **DUE** for cats, dogs and ferrets



22 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. Fair Cleanup - Fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. **Bicycle Rodeo Contest - Fairgrounds**
11:00 a.m. **Ice Cream Roll Contest - 4-H Building**

25 (Tue.) 8:00 a.m. Clothing Construction & Fashion Show Judging - 4-H Building
7:30 p.m. 4-H Night and Performing Arts Contest - 4-H Building

27 (Thurs.) 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Static Check-in - 4-H Building
28 (Fri.) 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Static Check-in - 4-H Building

29 (Sat.) 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 4-H Food Stand Open
6 a.m.-7 a.m. Horse Show Check-in - Indoor Arena
7:00 a.m. Horse Show - Indoor Arena



4:00 p.m. Cat & Companion Animal Check-in
4:30 p.m. Cat & Companion Animal Show or immediately following the Horse Show - Indoor Arena

30 (Sun.) 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building closed for Judging



8 a.m.-11 a.m. Hog Weigh-in & Check-in - Hog Barn
8:30 a.m. Poultry & Rabbit Check-in - Indoor Arena
9:00 a.m. Poultry & Rabbit Show - Indoor Arena After the show Poultry & Rabbit Stalling- Annex Building



11 a.m.-1 p.m. Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Check-in - Southside Livestock Barn
1 p.m.-4 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Check-in - 4-H Building
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-in & Check-in - Northside Livestock Barn
2:30-3:30 p.m. Breeding Beef Check-in - Northside Livestock Barn
3:30-4 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

July

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| 31 (Mon.) | 7 a.m.-9 p.m. | 4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building Open |
| | 7:30 a.m. | Hog Show - Indoor Arena |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Meat Goat Show - Indoor Arena |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Sheep Show <i>or immediately following Meat Goat Show</i> - Indoor Arena |

August

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| 1 (Tue.) | 7 a.m.-9 p.m. | 4-H Food Stand Open, 4-H Building Open |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Beef Show - Indoor Arena |
| 2 (Wed.) | 7 a.m.-9 p.m. | 4-H Food Stand Open |
| | 7:30 a.m. | Dog Check-in – Vendor and Exhibitor Building |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Dog Show - Vendor and Exhibitor Building |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Dog Agility - Indoor Arena |
| | 12:00 p.m. | County Kid’s Pet Show Sponsored by Merrick County 4-H Junior Leaders. Any child may bring any pet to show. Show will be held at the Annex Building. |
| | | Please register pets 15 minutes prior to the show. Pets must be taken home immediately after. |
| | 1:30 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 |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Release ALL Static Exhibits - 4-H Building |
| 3 (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 CC Area Chamber of Commerce |
| | 8 a.m.-10 a.m. | Release ALL Static Exhibits |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Extension Office Closed - Fair Recovery |
| 4 (Fri.) | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. | Extension Office Closed - Fair Recovery |



4-H AND FFA SUPERINTENDENTS

- Foods – Angela Blomstedt
- Sew for Fun, STEAM Clothing 1, 2, 3, – Amy Greving & Nicole Greving
- Beyond the Needle, Fiber Arts, Quilt Quest – Darcy Ray & Candice Muller
- Fashion Show – Kendra Jefferson & Jamie Wright
- Home Environment – Kelly & Doug McHargue
- Consumer & Family Sciences – Nikki Ferraro
- Clover Kids – Jr. Leaders
- SET, Ag & Earth Sciences – Beth Johnson
- Plant Science – Bailey Jefferson
- Horse – Russ & Carolyn Kucera
- Hog – Brian Jefferson & Isaac Jefferson
- Meat Goat & Sheep – Craig Nelson & Jon Root
- Beef – Kane Brandes & Ryan Kucera
- Poultry & Rabbits – Mollie Nielsen
- Herdsmanship – Dylan Ferris
- Overall Livestock Showman – Alex Stocker & Chase Samuelson
- Cat & Companion Animal – Mollie Nielsen
- Dog – Kim & Travis Stuhmer
- Bicycle Rodeo – Jen Myers
- Livestock Judging Contest – Payden Woodruff, Darcy Ray
- FFA – Payden Woodruff, Jessica Brondel, Alex Stocker, Katie Hornung
- Shotgun – Craig Nelson & Aaron Heins
- Indoor Archery – Sara Umstead & Brian Thomas
- Outdoor Archery – Aaron Blanchard
- Air Pistol & Small Bore – TBD
- BB Gun & Rifle – TBD
- Hunting Skills – TBD