



July 2025 Newsletter

Jefferson County 4-H Fair Edition



Coming up: Week of June 22-28th

June 24th: Fair Entry Deadline

Fair Entry is due June 24th. If you have not went to Jeffersoncounty.fairentry.com and entered your class and projects you must do so. You can call or visit the office M-F 8-4pm for assistance. [Click here for a longer format instruction help sheet with photos!](#)

Extension Staff Directory

The Purdue Extension-Jefferson County can be reached at (812) 265-8919 throughout the fair. Staff will be working in our building on 256 from 8-4 pm and our Fair Office in the center of the fair-grounds from 8-10 pm. The fair office phone is (812) 866-4983. Staff may have to temporarily close the 256 office during busy times during fair but can always be reached in the fair office.

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June 24th: Livestock Quality Care Training at Noon in Community Building

If you have not completed your Quality Care Training (Formerly YQCA) there is an in person opportunity is June 24h at noon in the community building. A reminder this training is required for all livestock exhibitors. If you are unable to attend you can complete YQCA online. Please email your certificate to copelanb@purdue.edu for proof of completion.

June 24: 4-H Fashion Revue

All Sewing Wearable, Sewing for Fun, and Consumer Clothing Exhibitors are invited to participate in the Jefferson County 4-H Fashion Revue on June 25th at 6:00pm in the Community Building. Registration is at 5:30 pm. Letters to contestants have been mailed out and narrations are due. Completion of Fashion Review is required for the Sewing for Fun Project. Register at: <https://25JeffersonFashion.4honline.com>

June 25th: Miss Jefferson County 4-H Fair Pageant

Come out and support our future fair court and retiring Queen Kelly Thorpe at North Madison Christian Church at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 25th

June 25th: Rabbit Meat Pen Tattooing

Rabbit Superintendents will be in the Beef Barn Wednesday, June 25th from 6:00 pm to 7 pm to tattoo Meat Pen Rabbits. **Only Rabbits exhibiting in the meat pen class need to be tattooed.** Contact the office or your rabbit superintendents with any questions

June 26th: Fair Board Meeting at 7 pm

June 26th: Pen Set Up- Changed to Pen Assignments

The Sheep and Goat Barn are getting some new pens for fair! They will not be delivered by pen set up so a large crowd of helpers is not needed this year. **Pen assignments are completed by superintendents after FairEntry is closed on the 24th** so unless you have questions or want to help out with cleaning the barns **attendance is not necessary** at this event this year. **A callout for help may come after the new pens are delivered closer to fair.**

June 28th: Jefferson County 4-H Dog Show

A week early this year! Join the Southpaws in the Community Building at 10 am for this year's 4-H Dog Show of Agility, Showmanship and Obedience.

Auction Reminders

Mandatory Livestock Auction Pictures begin at 6:00 am, Monday, July 7th

All 4-H members selling in the livestock auction need to have their photo taken Monday morning. Please dress as you would for the show ring. Please report at the following times.

Beef Exhibitors: 6:00 am

Swine Exhibitors: 6:30 am

Sheep Exhibitors: 7:00 am

Meat Goat Exhibitors 7:30 am

Auction Etiquette

The Jefferson County 4-H Livestock auction continues to be an impressive community event benefiting both our members and the community. To continue this success we need to remember to show our appreciation to local businesses who support the auction. Here are some ways to do that:

- **Invite businesses to the auction ahead of time.** Consider inviting businesses to participate in the auction ahead of time by visiting in person or through a written letter. Let local businesses know who you are, what you are raising and why you would appreciate their support. Let them also know your connection to their business and how their support benefits the entire program.
 - [Invitation Post Card](#) to Download & Print or Pick up at the office.
- **Attend Livestock Auction pictures.** These photos are given to buyers to promote the livestock auction and thank them for their sponsorship.
- **Thank your buyers in person.** Make a point to personally thank your buyers with a handshake and maybe even a bottle of water.
- **Thank buyers publicly.** Buying an ad in the newspaper to thank buyers or sharing a Facebook post thanking the business is a great way for business to capitalize on supporting our program.
- **Write a Thank you letter for your trophies and banners.** Writing Thank You letters is also strongly encouraged. Include what you learned this year raising your livestock, how you grew through your 4-H participation, and, if appropriate, how you plan to utilize the money you earned. Trophies have addresses stuck to bottom to mail thank you cards. Banners will have a note pinned on the back. Please make use of these addresses.
 - [Example of a great Thank You Note](#)
- **Remember what you represent.** Our program is successful because of the work of our volunteers and character of our 4-H members. Remember that when you are in the ring and outside of the ring you are a role model to younger 4-H members and are representing our program.

And don't forget to smile and have fun! The auction is a time to celebrate the hard work you put into raising your animal. Take a moment to thank your family and supporters who helped you get to the ring and be proud of your accomplishments!

Auction Sale Order 2025

1. Beef
2. Barrows
3. Market lambs
4. Poultry Meat Pen
5. 1 lb. Cheese from Grand Dairy Goat
6. Gallon of Milk from Grand Dairy
7. Rabbit Meat Pen
8. Meat Goat Wethers

Livestock Check Out

Thursday July 10th

- **Homebound Swine** are Released at 11 pm

Friday July 11th

- Appraiser Trucks will load out Sold Animals at 11 pm.
- **Homebound Livestock** Released After Appraiser Trucks have loaded out, approximately 11:20 pm
 - The Fair Board will share a traffic map in the barns during fair
 - Release must be cleared with barn superintendents
 - **Horse and Pony members** will follow guidance from their superintendent.

Saturday July 12th

- **Poultry and Rabbits** are released 9 am—11am. Poultry & Rabbits may leave after appraisal livestock on Friday but are encouraged to utilize Saturday morning check out to cut down on Friday night traffic congestion. Purdue University Cooperative Extension is an Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Institution

Adult Volunteer/ Club Leader Reminders

- Leaders get one Complementary Pass for the Fair– Available in extension or Fair Office.
- **Members get a free Farm Bureau Ice Cream Pass** and Barn Pass when they pick up their show numbers. These items can be picked up in the North Exhibit Hall on Project Check In night or anytime at the Fair Office.
- **The 2025 Barrel Painting Contest theme is “Beyond Ready.”** Make sure your masterpiece has the Club Name, Year and Theme painted on it. Drop completed Barrels in the Exhibit Hall Breezeway anytime before project check in day to be judged..
- **Club Challenge**– Thursday July 10th at 2:30pm. We want to see you and your club at Betty's barn for some lively competition, water games, snow cones and hot dogs! Don't miss club challenge! No registration necessary.
- **Mini Barn Blast**– Thursday July 10th at 7:00pm. The fun never stops for Mini 4-H Members! All enrolled 4-H members are invited for fun games and music in the livestock arena.
- **Pam Wehner Mental Attitude Award**– If leaders would like to nominate senior members a short bio and picture is due to the fair office by the last Friday of fair. All leaders can vote on nominees Saturday morning in the fair office before the Awards Program.
- **Suzie Smith Broadhead Scholarship**– Remind your sheep members to pick up a scholarship in the fair office for this award!

Please Help Monitor the Exhibit Hall!

Monitoring the Exhibit Hall to ensure 4-H member's projects are taken care of is a task that requires all of us to complete.

Please fill out this Google Sheet or call the office to fill it out for you. <https://bit.ly/3HjzWya>



Sign Up to Sing the National Anthem

Any 4-H member or club leader can sign up to sing the National Anthem at one or our Livestock Shows.

Email copelanb@purdue.edu by July 1st to sign up!



Indiana State Fair Participation



Exhibit Hall Projects

Any Exhibit Hall Projects that are selected for the Indiana State Fair during the Jefferson County 4-H Fair will receive a letter containing instructions for State Fair submission at project check out.

Please ensure that all static, non perishable exhibit hall projects are returned to the Purdue Extension Jefferson County office by **Friday, July 25th at noon.**

*This date does not apply to Single Vegetable, Garden Collection, Potato and Herb Exhibits, Food Baked, and Food Preserved.

Single Vegetable, Garden Collection, and Potato and Herb Exhibits will need to be dropped off at the Purdue Extension Jefferson County office by **Friday, Aug 1st at 4:00 pm.**

Foods Baked and/or Preserved will need to be dropped off at the office by **Friday, Aug 1st at 4:00pm.** Since turn in is a Monday if you wish, a staff member will have the office open for foods project drop off **on Sunday, Aug 3 from 3-6 pm.**

Animal Projects

All animal projects headed to state fair that had their DNA collected at county tagging will need to enter their classes on the Indiana State Fair's Exhibitors Corner Website. Each animal department has their own deadlines and fees. Most of those deadlines do not close until a week before the respective show. However price increases as you get closer. If you are planning to show your animal at the state fair take advantage of early registration discounts by entering early. All exhibit hall projects, such as photography, are free and entered by the extension office after county fair judging.

Access Entry Books for all Animal Projects here: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/>

Access Exhibitor's Corner here: <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>



4-H Youth Development



Exhibit Hall Project Check In Tuesday, July 1 from 4-7 pm

Fair is creeping up fast! It's time to start researching, snapping those photos and gluing the posters together. If you are enrolled in a 4-H project such as photography, aerospace, or any project that completes with a poster or an exhibit, you will turn your project in to be judged on **Tuesday, July 1st from 4-7pm**. Judges will have the opportunity to ask 4-H members about their projects and give feedback at this open judging event. No record sheets are required. Only skills sheets and recipe cards that are to be turned in or attached to the project. Consult your 4-H Handbook for specific project requirements or call the office.

1. North Exhibit Hall

Door Facing Pavilion

Check-In

Breezeway Door

Giftwrapping, Cake Decorating

2. South Exhibit Hall

Breeze Way Door

Floriculture & Plant Sciences,
Woodworking

Barrel Painting

Garden, Potato, Single Vegeta-
ble, Herb, Fall Crops

Livestock Barn Door

Arts & Crafts

3. Community Building

Main Door

Foods, Food Pres, & Microwave
Foods

Photography

Electric

Consumer Clothing, Sewing for
Fun, Sewing Non-Wearable, Sew-

Home Environment

Child Development

Health

Scrapbook

5. Pavilion

Mini 4-H

6. Betty's Barn

Aerospace

On Check In Day:

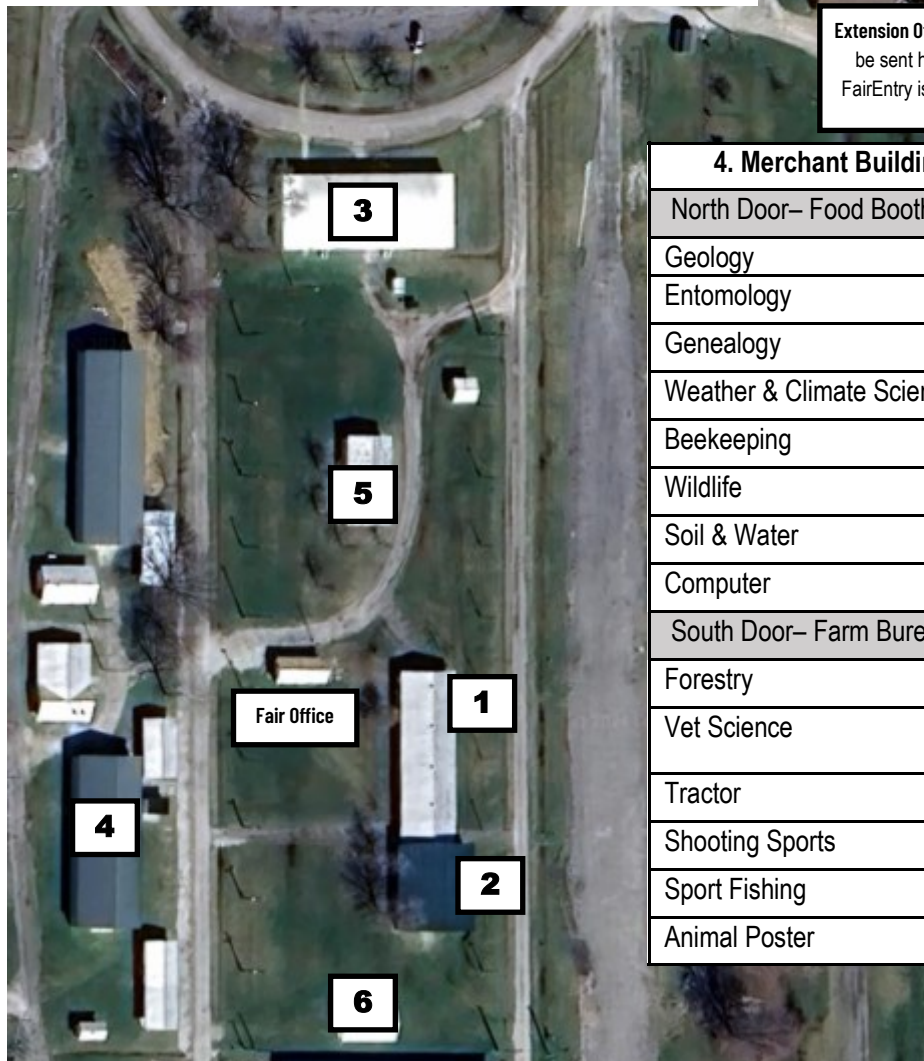
Step 1: Pick up your **Fair Entry** Cards from the North Exhibit Hall Open Class door and attach them to your projects. Make sure you have your skills sheets, recipe cards and references with you if applicable.

Step 2: Turn in your projects to be judged at the below locations. Answer questions, receive feedback and you're done!

Step 3: Swarm the exhibit hall the second it opens on the Saturday of Fair to see what ribbon you received! Exhibit Hall Grand Champions receive their trophy at the Awards Program the last Saturday of Fair at 4 pm and have a grand champion t-shirt they can pick up from the Farm Bureau Building during fair.



Extension Office- you will
be sent here if your
FairEntry is incomplete



4. Merchant Building B

North Door- Food Booths

Geology

Entomology

Genealogy

Weather & Climate Science

Beekeeping

Wildlife

Soil & Water

Computer

South Door- Farm Bureau

Forestry

Vet Science

Tractor

Shooting Sports

Sport Fishing

Animal Poster

4-H Fair Board

Scott Hubbard	265-5144	<i>President</i>
Tanner Mahoney	701-6698	<i>Vice President</i>
Larry Sedam	866-5852	<i>Secretary</i>
Mary Ellen Wehner	701-2213	<i>Treasurer</i>
Billy Keller	599-5072	<i>Grandstands</i>
Brice Gray	599-6182	<i>Grounds</i>
Emerson Coles	292-4359	<i>Grandstands</i>
Bill Miller	866-2613	<i>Grandstands</i>
Linda Shimfessel	265-3816	<i>Livestock Auction</i>
Aaron Clayton	701-4101	<i>Merchant Bldgs.</i>
BJ Yager	873-2109	<i>Roads & Parking</i>
Tim McDonough	599-0835	<i>Community Bldg.</i>
Mary Mehl	701-0541	<i>Exhibit Hall</i>
Rick Stockdale	866-5156	<i>Front Gates</i>
Bill Cain	873-6683	<i>Concessions</i>
Adam King	603-9551	<i>4-H Leader Rep.</i>
Britt Copeland	265-8919	<i>Extension Edu.</i>
Savannah Stout	265-8919	<i>Extension Edu.</i>
Ella Morris		<i>4-H Junior Leader Rep.</i>
Molly Bruce		<i>4-H Junior Leader Rep.</i>
Franny Phillips		<i>Extension Homemaker Rep.</i>

Trophy & Award Sponsors

-A & K Beauty Shop	-David & Judy Smith
-Aaron & Greta	-Deputy 4-H Family
-Clayton Family	-Friends 4-H Club
-Abigail Phillips	-Deputy Self Storage
-Alenza & Tyler	-Deputy's
-Deuser	-Performance Horses
-Alexis & Bo Napier	-Deputy Yard &
-Amy Jo Wheeler	-Garden
-Anderson's Sales & Services	-Dale Armstrong
-Annie & Jason	-Family
-Copeland	-Don Phillips
-Ashley & Clint	-Dr. Joy Barron,
-Shepherd	DMV
-Ashley & Cory	-Dr. Ivan Rimstidt &
-Arnold & Ruth Curry	Family
-Auxler Gas Service, Inc.	-Dr. Pat & Dr. Sue
-B & Z Farms	Slack
-Barbara Kelly- BB - DD Ranch	-Dr. Savannah
-Beckman Family	Hubbard, O.D.
-Farm, Chance & Leach	-Elston Farms
-Benny & Robin	-Farm Bureau, Inc.
-Bill & Ginger Sexton	-Caleb, Claire, Cora
-Billy Bob & Kristin Miller	-Insurance
-Black Diamond Farm	-Camille & Ryan
-Blake & Natasha Jones	Leach
	-Cedar Knoll Farm
	-Champs Sports & Hassfurther
	-Corporate Apparel
	-Chris & Tristan Imel
	Family
	-Cliffy Garden
	Center
	-Colin Insurance Agency

Trophy & Award Sponsors Cont.

-German American Bank	-Larry & Tammy Sedam	-Soil & Water Conservation District
-Gilbert & Paula Black	-Lewis Fritter	-Southwestern IN
-Gray Show Pigs	-Luke, Jake & Allie Coles	-Shorthorn Assoc.
-Hammersley Farms	-Mark & Tara Cash	-Steve Canada
-Head to Tail Equine	-Marshall Club	-Steve & Delores Barnes
-Home Grown 4-H Club	-Marshall Farm LLC	-Story Ridge Farm
-In Memory of Bill & Gwen Keller	-Matthew Brawner & Family	-Sweetwater Lambs
-In Memory of Connie Mohoney	-McKinlie, Laykyn, Caroline & Cole	-Tanner & Sarah Mahoney Family
-In Memory of Dani Riley	-Beckman	-Taylor Alvarez
-In Memory of Dennis Gray	-Melinda Shimfessel	-Hubbard
-In Memory of Gene Stockdale	-Michael & Addison Brawner	-Teresa Keller
-In Memory of Josephine Schoolcraft	-Mid-Cities	-Terry & Binnie Phillips
-In Memory of Kim Coles	-Mike Koehler, Farm Bureau Insurance	-Terry & Kathy Taylor
-In Memory of Pat Beckman	-Mike & Linda Wehner	-The Bachmann Family
-In Memory of Phillip & Mary Stockdale	-Michael & Allie Briggs	-The Keller Families
-In Memory of Tricia Newman - Bub & Lonnie Birge	-Michael & Landon Gross	-The Wilber & Schirmer Families
-In Memory of Tre Colber- Kloss Family	-Mik Markeling, Inc.	-The Woodfill Farm
-In Memory of William & Pauline Hutchinson	-Mr. & Mrs. Stan Phillips	-Tim & Crista Boldry
-James Wehner	-Napier Trucking LLC- Alexis & Bo	-TNT Tool & Equipment Rental
-Feed & Seed	-Napier	-Todd Bruther Farm
-Jason & Mary Ellen Wehner	-Ohio Valley Meat Processing	-Tom & Carolyn Kemp
-Jefferson County Democratic Party	-Penny & Tony Gordon	-Tony & Monica Brawner
-Jefferson County Extension	-Pets Doc Veterinary Clinic	-Top of the Hill Farms- Keesha & Jason Hill
-Homemakers	-Petitt & Associates, INC	-Tyler Yarleng
-Jefferson County 4-H Junior Leaders	-Ridge Top Treeling Walkers	-Walton Creek Farms
-Jefferson County Republican Party	-Riley-Gasper Crop Insurance Agency, INC.	-Waltz Animal Clinic
-Jeremy & Gina Dean	-Rob & Rhonda Hutchinson	-Wanda Blair,
-Jill Deputy	-Rocking H Farm- Jerry & Lola Hay	-Hoosier Hills Reality Fields
-Jim Elston Family	-Rodney & Darla Mahoney	-Wayne & Billie Jo
-Jimmy Long	-Ron & Wanda Thacker	-WORX & WXGO Radio
-John & Kim Garland	-Ryan Cash	
-John & Marilyn Hutchinson	-Savannah Hubbard O.D.	
-John & Rhonda Noel	-Sayo Carline Services	
-John & Vicki Wehner Family	-Scott & Michelle Hubbard Family	
-Keegan Gross	-Shari Stiles	
-Keith & Karen Howard	-Shelia Adams - In Memory of Bennett Adams	
-Krista & Kody Coles	-Short's Farms & Family	
-Kyle & Kira Martin & Family	-Simple Farm Life Boutique	
-Lakyn Wilson		

Jefferson County 4-H Fair



July 7-12

**Jefferson County 4-H
Fairgrounds**

3851 SR 256 Madison, IN 47250

jeffersoncounty4hfair.com

Extension.purdue.edu/county/jefferson

4-H is the largest youth development program in the nation. 4-H prepares youth to be leaders in their communities through hands-on experiences alongside their peers and adult volunteers. 4-H is open to youth in grades 3-12. If you would like to enroll your youth in 4-H, contact the Purdue Extension Jefferson County at (812) 265-8919 or online.

Purdue Extension is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

4-H Pre-Fair Schedule

Tuesday, June 24

6:00 pm **4-H Fashion Review**

Community Building

Wednesday, June 25

7:00 pm **Miss Jefferson Co. Contest**

North Madison Christian Church

Saturday, June 28

10:00 am **4-H Dog Show**

Obedience, Showmanship & Agility

4-H Fair Events

Tuesday, July 1

4-7 pm 4-H Exhibit Hall Project Check In

Friday, July 4

3-7 pm Enter Poultry and Rabbits

Saturday, July 5

7-9 am Enter Swine

9-11 am Swine Weigh In

10 am 4-H Poultry Show

2:30- 4:30 pm Enter Beef

5-8 pm Enter Sheep & Goats

Sunday, July 6

1 pm 4-H Horse Show

Contesting & English

2 pm 4-H Tractor Operator Contest

Monday, July 7

6 am 4-H Livestock Auction Pictures

Beef- 6 am Swine- 6:30 am

Sheep- 7 am Goat- 7:30 am

Enter Dairy Heifers & Cows

4-H Rabbit Show

Hutchinson Award Sheep Test

4-H Goat Show

Tuesday, July 8

8:30 am 4-H Horse Show- Western

5 pm 4-H Swine Show

Wednesday, July 9

9:30 am Farm Bureau Kiddie Tractor Pull

10 am 4-H Dairy Show

2 pm Rabbit/Poultry Ambassador Test

2 pm 4-H Cat Show

5 pm 4-H Sheep Show

Thursday, July 10

8 am 4-H Beef Show

2:30 pm 4-H Club Challenge

6 pm Horse & Pony Fun Show

7 pm Mini 4-H Barn Blast

11- Midnight Homebound Swine Released

Friday, July 11

1 pm 4-H Livestock Auction

5 pm Auction Dinner

6:30 pm Round Robin Showmanship

11-Midnight Appraiser Livestock Released

4-H Livestock Release to Follow

Must be cleared with Superintendent

Saturday, July 12

9-11 am Rabbit and Poultry Release

Noon-4 pm 4-H Exhibits Released

2 pm Annual Fair Board Meeting

4 pm 4-H Awards Program

4-H Exhibit Hall

View woodworking, aerospace, sewing, photography and many other projects completed by our 4-H youth.

Open Saturday-Friday, July 5-11 from 4-9 pm

Commercial Buildings

Interact with local businesses who support 4-H

Open Monday-Friday, July 7-11 from 6-9 pm

Parking Fee

\$2 admission per car/ walk in during peak hours

Poor Jack Amusements- The Midway

Carnival Rides Open Mon July 7 – Sat July 12

6-11 pm

Kiddie Day is Wed, July 9 from 1-5 pm

Wristbands are \$25, \$17 on Kiddie Day

Tickets are \$1.50

Grandstand Entertainment

Sun 7 pm **Horse Pull**

Mon 7 pm **Bus & Trailer Demolition Race**

Tues 7 pm **ATV & Stock Truck Racing**

Wed 7 pm **Tough Trucks**

Thurs 7pm **Phantom Jeep Club Mud Run**

Fri 7 pm **Demolition Derby**

General Admission for All Grandstand Events:

Adults-\$10, Kids 6-10-\$5, Kids Under 5-Free

Detailed Grandstand information is available at

jeffersoncounty4hfair.com. Pit & Trackside ticket

prices may vary & will be posted at the ticket booth.

Pavilion Entertainment

Sun 6:30 Vespers

Mon 7 pm Jefferson County Sheriff K-9 Demo

Tues 7 pm Southern Indiana Cloggers

Wed 7 pm Taylors Tae Kwon Do

Thurs 7pm Dance Ability Dance Group

Fri 7 pm Country Kickers Line Dancing

Open Class

Opportunity for non-4-H members, no matter their age, to exhibit crafts, woodworking, quilts and more.

Check In Tues July 1, 4-7pm & Wed July 2, 4-6 pm

Exhibits Open Sunday-Friday, July 5-12, 4-9 pm

Project Released Saturday, July 12, 10-Noon

Tots & Tykes Contest

Tuesday July 8th & Wednesday July 9th at 7pm

in the Community Building. Registration begins at

5:30 pm. 4-14 mo. divisions exhibit Tuesday. Birth

to 4 mo. & 14mo. - 4 years divisions exhibit

Wednesday.