Life Lessons You Can Learn While Cruisin’ To The County Fair

It’s almost time to be “cruisin’ to the county fair.” This year’s fair dates are set for August 2-6. Folks who have booked a cruise often talk about the joy of being stress free. A cruise is said to be unhurried travels about an area in hopes of discovery followed by a detailed survey of the experience. This year’s fair theme accurately describes the 4-H fair experience. After a year of project learning and involvement, fair exhibits provide an opportunity to receive project feedback via the representative exhibit. Following fair, 4-Her’s are expected to share details of their year long 4-H adventures including tips shared during the fair judging experience.

Cruisin’ To the County Fair promises to offer some valuable life lessons for 4-Hers, volunteers and families.

Sometimes you have to extend your journey and indulge. After a night cruisin’, you head home and your favorite song comes on the radio. You can’t just turn off the switch but instead you drive around slowly, reveling in the joy of listening to that tune. Fair offers a chance to extend your 4-H journey of learning and enjoy the result of your project work during the year. Project work is defined as that series of activities you have been involved in since you enrolled in the project last October. The 4-H clover dictionary would define it as regularly participating in your 4-H club meetings and club activities, not just counting the minutes attending project meetings but rather using the skills gained to help you with your project work. Meanwhile, a solid 4-H exhibit represents time devoted to giving talks or presentations about your project. Sharing of your project skills via community service and challenging yourself with project goals that cause you to grow personally as well as perfecting your project skill set. A 4-H journey taken during the year can lead to a stress free fair exhibition. Failing to complete these steps during the year can short change the opportunity to indulge in the joys of satisfaction.

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Remembering where you came from can help you find where you’re going. When you make a wrong turn or if you just have a terrible sense of direction and realize you’re lost, driving back to where you began and reassessing where you’re headed can be the bit of compass guidance that you need. Remember those 4-H goals you were asked to ponder and jot down during the first few months of the 4-H year? They help keep us on task and allow us to enjoy the pleasures of celebrating our achievements.

Stay ready so you don’t have to get ready. Your gas tank is a prime example. Drive around low on fuel, and you risk running out of fuel or feeling panic when there don’t seem to be gas stations nearby. Be prepared and anticipate the importance of things before you need them so that you’re not desperately scrambling. Devoting time to 4-H project work during the year rather than thinking about what to exhibit at the last minute is the difference between being prepared for school, work and life because of your 4-H involvement or simply throwing together an exhibit the night before fair so you can get a ribbon.

Do unto others. We’ve all been in heavy traffic and needed to enter a lane or pass through somewhere that’s littered with other cars. It looks like you’ll be stuck waiting for the next 10 years unless some miracle happens. Or a considerate, kind driver who has likely been in your predicament before lets you do the driving maneuver you need to do. A smile, a friendly wave, a selfless, understanding favor that only requires four seconds of patience – we should all treat our fellow comrades on the road as we’d hope to be treated if the situation were reversed.

Today anger, bickering, unkindness and tearing down others to build ourselves up is all too common. Our nation could learn a lot from 4-Hers who live by the words of the 4-H pledge. I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health for better living for my club, my community, my country and my world. Fair is a time of great joy and pleasure. But it can also offer feelings of disappointment. Sometimes, as the result of spending too many late nights finishing a project at the last minute results in a lack of sleep and builds up stress. Personal disappointment can cause words to be spoken that are not kind. The 4-H pledge is a promise to others, fellow 4-Hers/leaders and extension staff, the communities that support us, our fellow Americans including other fair exhibitors and helpers and even the world that we have the power within us to be kind to one another and show the world kindness by our example.

We hope your 2016 fair cruising’ adventure offers many opportunities for pleasure. And we encourage you to keep a journal of those many 4-H snapshots of personal growth during fair and the 4-H year. Like a scrapbook of cruise memories, your 4-H records are the final step of taking a cruise to the county fair. Yes, this is a reminder from your friendly county extension agents that the 4-H year does not stop with fair. Rather fair is a fun destination during your year long 4-H travels. It is predicted that your 4-H future includes a fun gathering to complete end of the year 4-H tasks. Watch for your invitation following fair for complete details! 4-H can be a fun cruise; and the county fair is one fun stop on your year long journey. Let’s enjoy the 2016 county fair.

Ray Ladd, County Extension Agent
Diane Nielson, County Extension Agent
Notes for First Time Fair Exhibitors

Welcome to the fun but sometimes confusing world of 4-H and fair exhibits!

**Rule 1:** Remember there are no silly questions. We realize that around fair time everybody starts speaking in a special green and white language understood only to those who have been a 4-H member for many years! Sorry, please bring us back to the real world by asking “And how do I fill out a green card?” We have tried to answer your questions in this newsletter. But do call the Extension Office at 833-5450 and ask Ray or Diane to answer your questions or visit with club leaders or other families in your club. Learn by doing is the 4-H way and fair is a time to “learn by doing”.

**Rule 2:** Enjoy your fair experience. Remember 4-H is the organization with a learn by doing philosophy. Listen to the judges comments, they should provide advice in addition to a ribbon placing. A red ribbon means that you have met the standard with areas for improvement (what we expect you to do at your age and skill level). Visit with other 4-Hers about their projects. Look around the fairgrounds for ideas for next year. Read the fair book and this newsletter for exhibit tips and rules. Volunteer to help display exhibits, sit with a judge, or help watch a display during the fair, it’s a great way to make new 4-H friends and learn more about 4-H. Enjoy your first 4-H fair and plan to learn more about 4-H!

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**4-H Fair Terms and What They Mean**

**Exhibit** - Your 4-H project work displayed during fair.

**4-H Age** - Your age on January 1.

**Entry Cards** - Used to identify exhibits and to record judging results. Also called Green Cards because of their color. Complete both sides of the card and do not separate. One side stays with the exhibit; the other side is for fair record keeping. All exhibits require a green card. See completed examples attached.

**Judge** - Expert in project subject; evaluates project work to help 4-Her’s learn. Offers tips and suggestions.

**Superintendent** - Volunteer who helps organize the judging. They welcome 4-Hers volunteering to help.

**Extension Agent** - Diane Nielson and Ray Ladd Ask them your questions to make fair easier. They are extension educators trained by Kansas State University about Kansas 4-H.

**Call Back** - Selected by the judge as an outstanding exhibit, you may be considered for a possible champion or the judge may want a second look. A call back does not always mean a purple ribbon will be awarded.

**Award** - Community members donate special prizes. Be sure to thank the donors. Addresses of donors are with the trophy or check with the extension office.

**Premiums** - Money awarded by fair board and donors; the amount varies by project.

**Clothing Label** - Tag sewn/pinned in a garment. Information prevents lost garments.

**Ribbon** - Given to recognize quality of workmanship and project knowledge. Every 4-H exhibit receives a ribbon because judging is based on a project standard.

**Champion** - Exhibit selected by judge as the best exhibit.

**Reserve** - Exhibit selected by judge as the second best exhibit.

**Photography Mat** - Special mat board to mount photos. Purchased at Extension Office. Required for photography exhibits. Cost $1.50.

**Consumer Judging Contest** - A contest for all 4-Hers. Comparing 4 choices related to family consumer science topics. Rank from best to worst choice. Participate to earn a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

**Livestock Judging Contest** - Comparing 4 animals and ranking from best to worst choice. Open to all 4-Hers. Participate to earn a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

**Foods Label** - Placed on bottom of your food exhibit plate. Used to identify food if entry card is lost. Pick up from Extension Office.

**Canning Label** - Information required includes product and canning method, altitude and time. 4-H labels are used in 4-H division only. Pick up from Extension Office.

**Perishable Foods** - Foods requiring heat or cooling for food safety reasons. Foods that must be discarded after 2 hours at room temperature are considered perishable.

**Disposable** - For the purpose of foods judging, any food container which is not returned to the exhibitor.

**4-H Food Stand** - Food sold here to hungry fair goers. 4-H fundraiser. All families required to work 1 shift.
Wanna Have Fun?
Join Atchison County 4-H
4-H Council hopes to promote joining 4-H during upcoming school enrollments and during fair.

USD #409 enrolls on Wednesday, July 27 from 10 to 6 and on Thursday, July 28 from 3 to 7. If you would like to share about 4-H for a couple of hours on either day during enrollment, please let the Extension Office know of your help by July 21.

Also, preschools have been invited for a 4-H tour on Thursday of the fair. 4-H helpers of all ages are needed for this activity, too. This would be a great counselor in training opportunity! Call the office today to volunteer.

4-H Banner and Poster Judging
4-H banners will be judged Monday, August 1 in the Blue Building. Banners and posters should be checked in by noon. A judging time will be assigned at check-in. Sign up with the superintendents if you want to be conference judged. Pet posters are displayed during the week but are judged on Friday at the Pet Show.

Demonstrations
If you were too busy to give a talk at County Day, be sure to plan time in your schedule for a fair demonstration. Judging will be Tuesday, July 26 at ACCJHS. Performing Arts performances will be judged on Tuesday, also. Do consider giving a demonstration this year; public speaking has been one of the cornerstones of the 4-H program. Contact the office. Times given when you call. Schedule will also be posted to the web site. Entries will be accepted on the 26th; but you will need to wait until the end of the day.
4-Hers looking ahead to receive a county project record award this fall or who have a goal of being a state project winner should consider giving a fair demonstration. To promote your favorite project, check to see how it could become a working demonstration during fair.
The Atchison Dairy Board provides premiums for dairy demonstrations. Recipe must contain 2 dairy products to be eligible for premiums.

Consumer Judging Contests
Any 4-Her may participate in consumer judging contests. Classes will be topics from foods to clothing and from consumer shopping to tool identification. Volunteers are always appreciated to help. Contest #2 will be held Tuesday, July 26 during judging at ACCJHS. This contest will operate from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00. The next contest (#3) of the season will be on July 29th at the Blue Building. The contest begins at 10:00 a.m. and will operate until 12:30 p.m. Both top ten judgers and top 4-H club teams are recognized at each contest. Representation is encouraged from each 4-H Club. Participate to earn a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

How Do You Exhibit A Project When There Is Not A Fair Class?
You’ve checked the fair book and there is not a division for your favorite 4-H project. No problem, any 4-H project can be exhibited in the form of a poster, notebook, or mini-display. Other exhibit methods are also possible. Posters should be entered by noon on Monday, August 1. Check with the Extension Office if you are planning to exhibit items other than a poster, such as a notebook or display. Visit with Extension Agents regarding judging times for your project as we will try to match your project with the appropriate judge.
Fashion Revue Script Readers
If you are interested in being a script reader for the public fashion revue on August 3, please contact the office by July 25. To try out to be a script reader, you will need to stop by the Extension Office or visit with Diane for details. Script readers should plan to attend the July 26 fashion revue judging.

Style Revue Judging
ACCJHS will be the site of this year’s July 26 judging. Information about this event has been emailed. If you miss the July 12 deadline for the style revue or have decided to model a second garment, you may still model. However, you will not to be considered for championship honors.

$15 Dollar Outfit Project
Try this fun new 4-H exhibit. It’s simple. The fun comes when you purchase everything you can see being worn for $15. This includes clothes, shoes and accessories. You can grab a pair of shoes from your closet but your cost will be $3.

Visit garage sales, thrift shops, church rummage sales, or great store sales to make your purchases. You can also alter and upstyle your purchase.

Keep your receipts and return your registration form to the Extension Office or e-mail to Atchison CoExt@ksu.edu. Deadline extended to July 25. Registration posted to www.atchison.ksu.edu

Clothing Judging Information
Clothing projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 26 at the ACCJHS. You will take your clothing exhibits home after judging and check them in for fair display on Monday, August 1 from 2:30 - 4:00.

Be sure to check the fair book for additional exhibit opportunities. Clothing displays and educational displays are 2 additional options. Clothing displays will be set up on Monday by noon. Displays will be judged Tuesday afternoon.

Clothing Label Reminder
Clothing labels are required on all sewing projects. This includes, recycled/purchased clothing, constructed garments plus other constructed items. All exhibits must be labeled with name, age, county and club of the 4-Her. Labels must be attached at the neckline or at the waistband of skirts and pants. Labels will be available to pick up on July 26.

Labels are not judged but help to identify your exhibit. The term years on the label refers to the number of years in the clothing project. When exhibits are checked in on Monday a clothing label should be attached.
Arts and Crafts Judging Details

Arts and crafts judging will be Friday, July 29. **Do remember that you must attach an artist statement to each exhibit.** These forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or downloaded from the web site. The judging schedule is printed below. As the schedule is based on projected exhibitor numbers, both early and late entries can cause delays and long waits for others. If you do not plan to exhibit, it is helpful if you let the office know before judging. Do be prepared to visit with the judge about how the principles and elements of design relate to your project exhibit.

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All exhibits should be ready to hang for display. **Items not ready to hang will be dropped one ribbon placing.**

4-Her’s may exhibit four items if enrolled in one phase or four projects per phase if enrolled in two or more phases. For example, a 4-Her enrolled in ceramics and jewelry may exhibit 4 jewelry items and 4 ceramic items. A 4-Her enrolled in crafts only may exhibit a total of 4 craft items. A 4-Her must be enrolled in the project phase to exhibit. **For example, 4-Hers enrolled in leather should not plan to exhibit general craft items. There is one class number per project level.**

For multiple exhibits, you will need to add a number behind the class number. For example, Beginners would be class G-101-1 for the first exhibit; class G-101-2 for the second exhibit.

4-Hers will take exhibits home after judging and check them in on Monday for fair display. To allow judges an opportunity to select project champions and special awards, some exhibits will need to remain until judging is complete. These exhibits will be released following special award selection on Friday. You will need to make arrangements to pick up your exhibit. Exhibits can be checked in for fair display on Monday, August 1 from 9:00-11:00 at the Blue Building.

Fiber Arts Judging

Fiber Arts includes projects such as knitting, crocheting, quilting, and rug making. Members enrolled in all Fiber Arts projects will be judged on Tuesday, August 2 at the Blue Building. Please check in with the open class clothing superintendent when you are ready to be judged. Judging will be from 11:00 a.m. to noon. You should check-in to be judged.

It is suggested to bring your pattern for the judging. Items will be displayed in the 4-H Clothing department during fair.

Cruisin’ to the County Fair

Fair Parade Notes

The annual fair parade on August 2 will kick off at 7:30 p.m. with a theme of **Cruisin’ to the County Fair.** The later time allows time to vote in the primary election.

Parade numbers will be used to identify your float. Please check the parade letter your club received or call the Extension Office for your parade number.

Floats will be judged at 6:30.
Photography Judging Schedule

Photo mats are available at the extension office. Cost is $1.50 per mat. Archival plastic sleeves are included with the mat. They offer a crystal clear view of your photo while offering photo protection during the fair. Be sure to check the fair book for mounting guidelines as this rule is very specific. Picture should be mounted with the board in the vertical position. Judges will visit with 4-Hers on an individual basis. A schedule is printed below. Photos do not need to be checked in prior to judging. However, all photography exhibits must be checked in by 1:00 pm on August 1. Following judging, return your exhibit to the superintendent for further instructions. Do consider entering the photo story, album or other miscellaneous classes.

Judge # 1
(3 years & under)

11:00
Bryn Wagner
Leah Wilson
Vincent Webb
Maria Martin
Jenna Pitts

Noon (approx.)
Addison Schletzbaum
Jaron Chew
Deni Wagner
Danielle Chew
Ellen Miller
Grace Wagner

1:00 (approx.)
Emily Wood
Maci Behernes
Ava Weishaar
Helen Harris
Jodi Banks

Judge # 2
(over 3 years)

11:00
Jessi Bedigrew
Shannon Funk
Lydia Bedigrew
Sara Hamilton
Emmaly Dryden

Noon (approx.)
Jarid Siard
Gwendolyn Crossland
Caitlin Fuller
Carissa McAfee
Vernon Siard

1:00 (approx.)
Karina Johnson
Evan Weishaar
William Gerety
Ella Weishaar

Preparing Fair Friendly Food Exhibits

Fair weather can be hot. This fact should be considered when selecting fair exhibits. Some foods are not acceptable fair exhibits because they cannot be stored at the proper temperature prior to judging. Request a copy of Extension publication Food Safety Recommendations for Acceptable Fair Exhibits or check it out on the web.

Another suggestion is to try recipes before the week of the fair. There are several reasons to try a recipe prior to exhibiting at fair. Cooking is a science. There are bad recipes that will often result in flops because the directions are poorly written, ingredient portions are incorrect, or the cooking times are not correct for your equipment.

Remember just because a recipe is in print does not mean it is a good recipe. Bring a copy of your recipe to fair. The recipe helps the judge to be able to better evaluate your food exhibit. Food scorecards can also be found on the website to help you prepare for fair.

Be sure to check ingredients before creating your fair exhibit. Summer weather can affect ingredients such as oil, shortening, yeast, cocoa, baking soda and baking powder. The humidity level will alter the amount of flour required in foods such as bread. In the event that you do have a cooking disaster, remember to bring it to fair. Display your flop and “learn by doing.” In memory of Leon Heineken, an award is given for the “worst flop.” Learning by doing is what 4-H is all about, often we learn the most from failures.

Another way to learn is try more challenging recipes each year. Your exhibit should be age appropriate.
Food Project Educational Exhibit Ideas

As you are finalizing fair food exhibit plans, consider entering a place setting exhibit. This educational exhibit would include a menu plan, tableware and napkins. Your menu will determine the place setting. Items would be displayed on a card table. Other exhibit ideas for the educational display class include a recipe box (10 recipes-tried and written by you for each year in the project) posters, displays and notebooks. Check out pages 13 to 15 of the fair book for more details. Foods judging will be August 1 in the Blue Building. A judging schedule will be emailed to 4-Hers early next week. Food labels available at the Extension Office.

Plan to exhibit 4 items such as cookies and muffins. Items except pies should be removed from pan for exhibiting. Remember to stop by for a picture of perishable foods exhibits after judging.

4-Hers are asked to help with the food auction on Tuesday night following the parade. Funds support 4-H activities during the year.

Woodworking Fair Schedule

The superintendents would like to request that all projects be checked in from 1:00-2:30 on Monday, August 1. Judging begins at 3:00. Don’t forget to bring a scaled drawing/plan with your project.

4-H Project Resources

Did you know every 4-H project has a member’s project guide book? Project guides are designed to meet the learning needs of 4-Hers ages 7-18. Level I or Beginner guides offer tips for those just starting a project while Level III materials were planned for older teens ready to explore advanced level project skills. And the good news for project leaders is there is a helper’s guide to help plan fun interactive project learning sessions.

Kansas 4-H recommends that 4-H members and volunteers use these as a guide to assist in growing project skills. The purchase price per book averages about $4. But here’s an exciting announcement for Atchison County 4-Hers and volunteers funds have been set aside by 4-H council to purchase project materials. Be sure to order your project materials for the 2016-17 year. Talk with Ray and Diane for details.

1...2...3 Blast Off 4-H Rocket Project

As you launch your rocket, be sure to take a picture. A picture and a launch summary is required with your rocket exhibit. Details regarding judging times will be posted to the website and e-mailed to 4-Hers.

4-H Buck$

In past years the 4-H food stand has been open on Saturday evening. Volunteers (4-Hers/parents/leaders) who worked earned Buck$. Funds from the evening’s profits were then used to pay camp registration fees, Discovery Day fees and local 4-H registration fees. Each 2 hour shift was a share. A share earned about $20-$25 to use towards 4-H expenses.

Due to lack of participation last year, current plans are not to operate the food stand on Saturday evening. However, if families are interested in this method to help pay for 4-H activities such as camp, please let the office know by Tuesday of fair.
Cage Stall & Reservations

Reserve your stalls by July 25. The fair superintendents will be assigning livestock stalls by clubs again this year. Insurance is optional and costs $5.00 per head. Stop by or call the Extension Office to reserve your stall.

Barn Watchers Needed

Livestock leaders and parents are invited to sign up with the Extension Office by July 25 with your preference of nights to stay in the barns and watch livestock. Fair board tries to have four per night and 3 or 4 from each club. (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday nights). Volunteer today, talk to Ray.

Steer Scanning

This information would be used to determine an overall best steer which would use live and carcass evaluation and rate of gain.

This information would be helpful to the owner to know the meat value of your project.

Attention 4-Hers Enrolled In Swine

The swine superintendents are requesting that 4-Hers turn in their green cards at weigh-in. Green cards should be completed for each class that you plan to exhibit/participate in the swine department.

Attention Livestock Exhibitors

Do be responsible to take care of your fair exhibits and the areas of your stall and surrounding area. It is your project and your responsibility to enter, help weigh, and clean the stalls. It is hard to explain to fair goers why adults rather than the youth are caring for their animals. Also, read the fair book on ethics of livestock care.

Fair is a great venue to promote the livestock industry. This year’s fair theme offers a great opportunity. Do consider entering a demonstration/talk at fair. A few topics might be livestock ethics, understanding meat cuts, grilling one great steak, or the importance of the ag industry.

4-H Horse Show Set For July 30

4-Hers enrolled in the horse project will kickoff the fair schedule. The show is set to begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th at Hawk Arena. Events include barrel racing, showmanship, trail and other classes. Do plan to stop by the arena show and watch Atchison County 4-Hers.

Life After Fair

The weeks following fair can become busy. Mark your calendar now to complete your 4-H project and 4-H member pin applications. 4-H project records, member pin applications and officer notebooks will be due October 1. ALL club officers must complete and turn in to office. club reports/books does includes secretary and treasurer’s notebooks. No exceptions. Meanwhile, all 4-Hers are expected to complete 4-H project records. This is part of being a 4-H member. Thanks in advance—parents and 4-H volunteers for encouraging youth to complete this final step of their 4-H year. Looking back over the 4-H year encourages personal growth.

Mikaela is serving as an intern in our office. Mikaela is a KSU College student majoring in family studies. The intern program is an opportunity for college students to explore extension as a career field. Do give Mikaela a friendly Atchison County 4-H welcome
Fair Set Up and Fair Clean Up

Fair set up will be on Saturday, July 30th at 8:00 a.m. Fair clean up will be on Saturday, August 6 at 8:00 a.m. Please do your part to help with both set up and clean up.

Club assignments are below:

**Atchison Aviators**- 4-H/Open Foods

**Prairie View**- Quilts/Opens Arts & Crafts/Clothing

**Meadowlark**- Decorate entrance of Blue Building/Set up north end of Blue Building. Clean and paint displays as needed.

**Lucky Clover**- Blue Building Flowers/Horticulture/ South end building set up. Paint displays as needed. Tidy up before sale.

**Atchison Shamrocks** Weed eat fairgrounds.

**All Clubs** - Clean windows/remove cobwebs/trash pickup of the barn area cleaned before public arrives

**Clean stall areas and surrounding area such as windows/cobweb removal and daily maintenance of assigned club stall areas should be cleaned by club as assigned.** Club president/club leaders oversee.

**Shannon**– Tuesday. Sweep out and clean bleachers/barns/trash pickup. Fairgrounds including barns.

**Effingham Community**-Wednesday. Sweep out and clean bleachers/barns/trash pickup fairgrounds including barns.

**Lancaster Lightning (L-Z)**-Thursday. Sweep out and clean bleachers/barns/trash pickup. Fairgrounds including barns.

**Lancaster Lightning A-K** Friday. Sweep out and clean bleachers/barns/trash pickup. Fairgrounds trash.

**Good Sportsmanship Really Matters**

Fair is a good time to talk about sportsmanship as a family. Sportsmanship can be defined as playing fair, following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of judges and fair officials, treating participants with respect and graciousness in winning and losing.

But sportsmanship is not just reserved for participants in the show ring or those who entered projects; fans, friends and parents also need to be aware of how they behave during competition. Sportsmanship is a style and an attitude and it can have a positive influence on everyone around you. Let’s all be mindful of good sportsmanship and have a great fair!

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**4-H TEENS NEEDED**

Atchison County has 59 teens enrolled in the 4-H program. As a 4-H member, you are encouraged to take on leadership roles during the 4-H year and during the county fair. As a 4-H teen, what does your year round 4-H involvement say about your 4-H leadership and citizenship contributions? Today employers and university admission departments are looking for a strong history of community service as they make employment, admission and scholarship decisions. Listed below are a few ways to share your skills.

- Volunteer to assist department superintendents. Not enrolled in photography, share your helping skills when you are not busy.
- If every teen volunteered one hour at the back to school recruitment booth/fair activities, we could operate for 8 days.
- Offer to help younger members
- Consider working an extra shift in the food stand
- Volunteer to watch exhibits
- Tell the community about 4-H by doing working demonstrations.

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**FairThank you’s Are Important**

*Thank you. I appreciate your support. You were so kind to remember 4-H. Your gift will be so useful in my 4-H project work. Thanks for sharing your time to teach me a project skill. I am glad you were my project leader. Thanks I learned so much this year.*

Simple words, but words that are so important to say. Every year we hear from fair donors. Some donors say that 4-Hers are doing a great job writing thank you notes. Others tell us they never receive a word or note of thanks. As a result, they decide not to sponsor an award. Please don’t be the 4-Her that causes a donor to not sponsor 4-H awards. Thank you for helping us thank donors! Check your award for donor contact info.
4-H Food Stand Notes

Profits from the food stand finances 4-H activities such as county day, pays for fair judges, and helps with county wide activities and trips. Thank you for making this a successful fund-raising event. A big thanks goes to Lancaster Lightning and Effingham Community committees and other helpers.

Each 4-H family is asked to work one shift in the 4-H food stand during fair. **As both adults and youth are required to ensure smooth operations, we ask that the entire 4-H family plan to work during the scheduled time.** If parents have work obligations, we do request that parents recruit at least one adult to work as their replacement. Grandparents, neighbors or other 4-H parents may be willing to help out. 4-H families with a conflict should notify the scheduling club leaders/extension office of changes ahead of time.

Garden fresh tomatoes are a crowd pleaser for 4-H hamburgers. **If your garden is blessed with extra tomatoes, please share with the food stand!** Working in the food stand is like many other 4-H activities where youth learn best as they “Learn by Doing”. Caring 4-H adults can support this learning experience by giving proper guidance “To Make the Best, Better.” Based on customer feedback and observation, we would like to highlight a few areas that may need your attention during your work shift.

- We would remind 4-Hers to greet customers pleasantly. After you give the order to the customer, do thank them and encourage them to return. Courtesy and politeness are vital to having a satisfied customer. Your courtesy represents you and Atchison County 4-H. (4-Hers may view a short video regarding customer service and food safety on our website.)

- 4-Hers are asked to be respectful of adult volunteers and listen to their instructions. No running in the food stand.

- Quality food sells; if the customer has a complaint about food or says they have been overcharged, please follow the motto of good customer service and refund their money or provide a new product.

- 4-Hers should always count back change to the customer. Adults may need to teach this skill. Over the years, we often have heard community members thanking us for teaching this life skill in the real world via 4-H.

- Working in the food stand can be hectic (and when temperatures outside rise and you are tired), it is tempting to say things you later regret. We ask everyone to practice the Golden Rule and treat others as you wish to be treated.

4-H Food Stand Food Safety Notes

Food stand operations must follow the Kansas Food Code. 4-H is not exempt from following commercial food safety best practices. A mandatory food safety training for all shift supervisors and all interested volunteers is scheduled. Do check out the food safety video training on the 4-H page of the extension web site (www.atchison.ksu.edu). Please follow the guidelines below to insure that safe food is being served. Thanks.

1. Wash hands in the hand sink only. Wear gloves to avoid bare hand contact with ready to serve foods. Clean clothes should be worn; a change of clothes may be needed before working in the food stand.

2. Smoking is not allowed in or around the food stand during your shift. Drinks should not be consumed in the food prep area without a straw and need to be covered with a lid. Mark glasses with your name. (Food regulations)

3. Do not thaw hamburger/beef burger at room temperature. See directions for thawing in the work area. Do not prepare raw and cooked products on the same surface. Raw hamburger must be kept off the prepared sandwich preparation area.

4. Do not add fresh (new) batches of beef burger, polish sausage, hot dogs to already prepared batches. Crockpots can be used to hold food but electric skillet/roasters should be used to heat foods.

5. Foods should be kept at 140 degrees or higher and should be discarded after 4 hours. Check with shift supervisor for details before discarding.

6. Take food temperatures every hour and record as instructed. If not at the correct temperature, corrective action must be taken and recorded on the food log. Use a separate log for each food. (Required by food regulations.)

7. Wash counters and food contact surfaces with a bleach solution every 2 hours. (Directions posted.)

8. Wash, rinse and sanitize dishes. Follow posted directions. Test strips must be used to check bleach/water solution.

9. All reheated foods (i.e.: beef burger) must reach a temperature of 165 degrees for 15 seconds before they can be served. No exceptions. Hamburgers should be cooked to internal temperature of 155 degrees.

10. Wash, rinse and sanitize dishes. Follow posted directions. Test strips must be used to check bleach/water solution.

11. Food should be cooled properly, time and date marked and properly labeled.
## Food Stand Schedule

### 2016 Food Stand Schedule

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Grill: Lance and Dwight

### Food Stand Notes

The food stand committee has honored your work time requests for your family (adults/4-Hers) shift. **Families not appearing on the schedule should call the Extension Office for a work time.** If you have a last minute conflict, please be responsible and find someone you can trade shifts with. Please let both shift supervisors and the Extension Office know of changes. All families benefit from the food stand profits during fair and throughout the year, thank you in advance for working your shift. Reviewing the schedule, it would appear that the stand will be very shorthanded on Friday afternoon and evening. **As livestock sale buyers and other 4-H supporters often stop by to support the general 4-H program on Friday evening, we would encourage each family to reconsider if a Friday shift might work in their schedule or perhaps volunteer to work an extra shift.**
4-H ARTS & CRAFTS ARTIST STATEMENT

NAME Chris Clover

Interesting facts about this exhibit: The rocks I used to make my frog were from my Grandpa's rock collection. He collected rocks when he was my age.

Special Techniques/Skills:
I learned a lot about selecting the right kind of glue. I glued all the rocks on the pot and it rained. I used the wrong kind of glue, and the rocks fell off. You need to select a waterproof glue that keeps the rocks in place. You need to be careful where you put the rocks or it will look crooked when you are finished.

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## Fair Schedule by project

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*Champions* do not become champions when they win the event, but the hours, weeks, months, and years earlier they spent preparing for it. The victorious performance itself merely is a demonstration of their championship character. —T. Alan Armstrong
Helpers are needed for the **Food Auction**. The auction is after the parade in the livestock arena. Proceeds benefit all 4-Hers. The last few years, we have been short on 4-Hers. It is difficult to explain the lack of 4-H member support to the generous supporters. Please put this on your calendar.

**Active Leadership** project will be judged on Tuesday, July 26 at ACCHS. Plan to bring a notebook portfolio of your project plus your leadership plan. Members should have 2 reference letters from non-family-member mentors.

Mikaela Lehew is serving as an intern in our office. Mikaela is a KSU College student majoring in family studies. The intern program is an opportunity for college students to explore extension as a career field. Do give Mikaela a friendly Atchison County 4-H welcome.

The weeks following fair can become busy. Now is the time to mark time on your calendar to plan to complete your 4-H project and 4-H member pin applications. **4-H project records, member pin applications and officer notebooks will be due October 1. ALL club officers must complete and turn in to office,** club reports/books does includes secretary and treasurer’s notebooks. No exceptions. Meanwhile, all 4-Hers are **expected to complete 4-H project records.** This is part of being a 4-H member. Thanks in advance—parents and 4-H volunteers for encouraging youth to complete this final step of their 4-H year. Looking back over the 4-H year, encourages personal growth.

**4-H Food stand Gift Certificates** are a great way to say Thank You to 4-H project leaders and club leaders who helped you during the 4-H year. Consider giving certificate to livestock buyers to show your appreciation. Gift certificates can be purchased in $2, $5, $10 or other amounts. Stop by the Extension Office to purchase a gift certificate to say thank you or to insure your hungry 4-Hers are well fed!!!