

Weekly Ag Report
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Hello again, this is Cheryl Lauritsen and today I would like to tell you about the Lassen County Fair. As many of you know, the fair is where the 4-H and FFA kids strut their stuff by exhibiting items that they have raised or made during the year. They are also able to sell livestock and, for the second year, woodworking and medal projects. But, did you know that you, yes you, can strut your stuff at the fair too?

Anyone, young or old, who lives in Lassen County, can enter the fair. If you or your child, sew, bake, make jams, preserve pickles, carve wood, knit, garden, take photos, paint, do metal art, make pottery, quilt, tat, crochet, make jewelry, tool leather, arrange flowers, decorate cakes or have a wonderful, awesome collection, can enter those items in the fair. Your child's school project is perfect for an exhibit. Clubs and groups can enter as well in the feature booth category. If you and your family have a lot going on at your farm or in your back yard, there is also a Family Farm class. Just check out the premium book to see what categories are available. I'm sure that you will find something there that fits your talents. The premium book and entry forms can be found on the fair's website or picked up at the fair office. But hurry, entry forms are due Friday, June 12th by 5pm.

Now for some of the new ways you can strut your stuff. There is a class for Proud Grandparents to show off artwork from their grandchildren, an Upcycle class that encourages recycling, pallet gardening for the backyard gardener, classes for Gluten-Free baking and Procrastinator classes for those who procrastinate and miss the entry deadline.

As in the past, there will be many opportunities to learn new skills such as wood carving, quilting, tatting and various gardening demonstrations.

The fair will also host the Frozen T-Shirt, Funnel Cake Eating and Watermelon Eating Contests on Saturday. New this year will be a Jack-pot Horse Shoe Pitching Contest scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This will be a double elimination contest that is open to anyone. Teams will consist of two players with a \$25 entry fee. Also, new to the fair will be the first annual "Junior Chopped" competition on Sunday at 2 pm. Open to all kids ages 5-18, this contest is modeled after the television show, "Chopped". Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members and will be required to use the provided ingredients to develop an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Judges will be local chefs and VIPs.

As in the past, there will be entertainment events throughout the day culminating with evening entertainment. Wednesday will be the Miss Lassen County Pageant at 8 pm. The XX Country Showdown starts at 7:30 pm on Thursday. Headlining the Country Music Night on Friday is John Michael Montgomery. For all of you racing enthusiasts, Saturday's entertainment will be the races **AND** the demolition derby. Finally, the fair will close with some new entertainment, the Freestyle Motor Cross Races.

4-Her's and FFA members, don't forget that your livestock entries are due by this Friday, June 5th at 5pm.

I hope to see you all at the Lassen County Fair, July 15th through the 19th, where the "Friendly Faces and Familiar Places" have been strutting their stuff since 1864.