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NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN LASSEN COUNTY

## Calendar of events...

**July 2024—Special Fair Issue**

### JULY

- 4 Happy Independence Day!
- 9 JLA Market Animal Promotion Day & Radio Spot Taping—9:30 am, Memorial Park. Wear your whites. BBQ tickets—return sold ticket stubs and money to 4-H office
- 15 4-H Barbecue—6 pm in Jensen Hall, members needed to wash and wrap potatoes for BBQ.
- 16 4-H Barbecue —Potatoes 12 noon, Setup 4 pm; Serving 5-6:30 pm, club leaders have work signups  
LASSEN COUNTY FAIR—July 17-21
- 20 Fair Parade Entry—9:30 am, meet uptown by 4-H office. All clubs encouraged to participate in the parade.
- 21 Sunday Breakfast for Buyers, 4-H & FFA members/families—volunteers needed to serve, 6 am, grass area outside Judging Pavilion  
Junior Livestock Auction—8:30 am in the Judging Pavilion
- 22 4-H Still Exhibits pickup at the LC Fair, Jensen Hall—9 am or by appointment

### AUGUST

- 20 4-H Promotion Event at Tractor Supply—4 pm setup, 4:30 to 6 pm meet & greet, root beer floats  
LC Fair Carcass Contest & JLA check dispersal—6:30 pm, Judging Pavilion at LC Fairgrounds
- 22 Fair Review—5:00 pm, 4-H office  
Council meeting—6:00 pm, 4-H office
- 30 '23-'24 Club Financial Reports due in the 4-H office

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 3 All Around 4-Her of the Year applications due in the 4-H office  
Club Year-end reports due—4-H staff will set a date  
Record Books competing in County Record Book Evaluation due—Council/4-H staff will set a date  
County Officers' Training—Council/4-H staff will set a date
- 26 Council meeting—6:00 pm, 4-H office



# Lassen County 4-H BBQ Fundraiser

**July 16, 2024 \* 5 to 6:30 pm \* Lassen County Fairgrounds**

The 4-H barbecue is our main fundraiser of the year! All the Proceeds from this annual event are used to fund all of our 4-H Program: project skills days, leadership opportunities, count events and activities, scholarships, All Stars, and yearend recognition and awards. In order for our barbecue to be successful, our members need to sell tickets. We are asking each member to sell 5 tickets—this would help us reach our goal of 800 meals served. Tickets are available from your club leader.

**Menu:** Choice of BBQ tri-tip or chicken, bake potato, green salad, roll, dessert & drink

**Donation:** \$15/plate

**4-H Council will be awarding prizes to the TOP THREE BBQ ticket Sellers...**

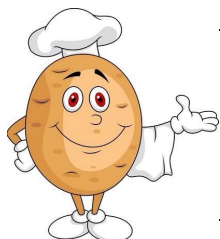


- \* 1st & 2nd High Ticket Seller will each receive a 5-Day Carnival Armband
- \* 3rd High Ticket Sellers will receive a 1-Day Armband

## BBQ help is needed and appreciated!

Each club leader has been given a work signup sheet so that members and adults can volunteer to work an hour or so. These tasks include setup/takedown, serving food and drinks, clearing dining tables, collecting and selling tickets. We encourage everyone to help. The proceeds from the barbecue fundraiser go towards supporting our 4-H program.

- **Barbecue Crew**—2 to 3 pm, meet next to the Dairy Barn
- **Setup tables, serving line and prepare ice tea and lemonade**—4:15 pm
- **BBQ Dinner is open**—5:00 to 6:30 pm
- **Buffet Line and serving drinks to guests**—5:00 to 6:30
- **Take down tables, pickup any trash, load up leftovers & take to Jensen Hall to wash serving utensils and dishes**—6:30 to 7:30 pm in Jensen Hall



### Potato Washer's & Wrapper's Wanted...

We are looking for eight 4-H members to help wash potatoes and wrap them for the barbecue. If you can help, come down to Jensen Hall on Monday, July 15 at 6 PM. It should take less than an hour and you'll receive credit in your 4-H record book.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW ICE-CHESTS** for our 4-H Barbecue. If you can help, please bring them by Jensen Hall anytime after 12 noon. You can pick them up after the BBQ. Don't forget to put your name on it.



**HERE'S AN IDEA...** Purchase 4-H BBQ tickets for your last year's JLA buyer. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness and it will give them a chance to see all the livestock animals that will be on exhibit this year.

# Things you need to know...



**All members are encouraged to participate in the Fair Parade** on Saturday during fair. Meet uptown at 9:30 am by the 4-H office. Bring your club banner, wear your 4-H t-shirt, hat, and bring a water bottle.

## Preparing 4-H Breakfast Burritos

Council will again be providing breakfast on Sunday, July 24, prior to the Junior Livestock Auction. We need volunteers to help Saturday evening at 6 pm to put the burritos together and again on Sunday morning starting at 6 am. Many 4-H and FFA members, and JLA buyers enjoy this breakfast every year.

## 4-H Sunday Breakfast—Sunday, July 21

We are looking for adults to help serve breakfast the Sunday morning of fair—6 to 8 am. Many 4-H and FFA members and Junior Livestock Auction buyers enjoy this breakfast every year. If you can help, please arrive between 6 and 6:30 am.

## LC Fair Carcass Contest & Junior Livestock Auction check dispersal

will be held on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm at the Lassen County Fair Judging Pavilion. Please send your thank you notes no more than a week after the auction. Your club leader or project leader will check you off after seeing your note.



## 4-H Fair Review

August 22 \* 5 to 6 PM  
CE 4-H Office

Fair Manager, Kaitlyn Midgely will be on hand to answer any questions you may have

Members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.

## Next 4-H Council Meeting August 22 \* 6PM, 4-H Office

- Nomination and election of '24-'25 Council Officers.
- Discuss countywide events/skill day activities
- Introduce your new 4-H Ambassadors
- Meet your new Lassen County 4-H CES

## 4-H Club Treasurer Year-End Reports:

- Don't forget to close-out your '23-'24 4-H treasurer book on June 30, 2024.
- The current program year runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Club leaders must submit final year-end treasurer report on or before August 29, 2024 to the CE 4-H office.



## ALL AROUND 4-HER OF THE YEAR

Applications are available at the 4-H office are due September 2, 2024 in the CE 4-H Office.

## A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY



## Lassen County 4-H Promotion Event

\* All Club setup a club display \*  
**Tuesday, August 20**

**Tractor Supply**  
**4 pm—Clubs setup**  
**4:30 to 6 pm—Meet & Greet**

**Root Beer Floats will be provided by Council and will be served by our new Ambassadors.**

# Junior Livestock Exhibitor Information

**Junior Livestock Auction (JLA) Promotion Day**—July 9, 9:30 am at Memorial Park. If you are taking a market animal to fair, you need to participate in this very important activity. This is where 4-H and FFA members visit businesses and professional people in Susanville and surrounding areas, and hand out brochures and invitations to the JLA. *This is not the time for individuals to hand out personal information about their own animals.* You can certainly go back another time. Please wear your 4-H whites!

**Junior Livestock Auction Promotion Radio Ads**—July 9, 9:30 am at Memorial Park. Each year the JLA committee encourages 4-H and FFA members to come into the radio station and do a 30-second radio ad promoting the auction. ANYONE CAN RECORD AN AD. COME PREPARED—WRITE YOUR SCRIPT BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE RADIO STATION. Grab a friend and give a team ad.

**JLA Buyers Gift Baskets**—Junior Livestock Auction buyers always appreciate the thank you gifts and cards that you give after they purchase your market animal. As 4-H members, you should not put any alcoholic beverages in baskets or as gifts.

## Can I bring my animal into the fairgrounds on Monday?

The Fair staff allows exhibitors to bring animals to the fairgrounds on Monday, July 15th from 5 to 7 pm. All animals will be vet checked before they exit any trailer. There will not be security on the grounds Monday night. As in the past, Lassen County Fair will not provide livestock bedding. STRAW IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED AS BEDDING—AS PER THE FIRE MARSHALL.

## Official Weigh-in on Tuesday, July 16

Check the LC Fair Premium Book for times to weigh in market animals. All junior livestock market beef, goat, sheep and swine will be weighed over scale on Tuesday before officially checking in at the Livestock Office. Those animals not meeting the minimum ADG (average daily gain) and weigh-in requirements will be sent home. Beef, sheep and goats will be weighed at the north area scales and grass area, and market swine will weigh-in in the swine barn. Don't forget to bring your YELLOW SLIP/Bill of Sale.

The fair staff have been adding DG to all of our barns and are going to ask there be no large equipment (bobcats) to clean out the barns at the end of fair this year so we can try to retain as much of it in the barns as possible. They will be adding an additional roll up dumpster so the kids can use that to empty the barns.

## Mandatory Livestock Meeting for Jr. Exhibitors, Parents & Leaders

The Fair Livestock Superintendent and Junior Livestock Auction Committee Chairman will address exhibitors, their parents and project leaders on Tuesday, July 19 in the Judging Pavilion. Check the LC Fair Premium book for more information. The meeting will cover the rules and procedures for exhibiting and participating in the fair and auction. This is the time to ask questions and clear up any concerns you might have.

**Sunday Departure from the Fair**—Exhibitors must clean their pens. The Fair staff requires that all livestock exhibitors clean their pens prior to departure on Sunday. Place dirty bedding in the center of the barns.

**Club & Project Displays & extra animals to remain in place until Sunday at 5 PM!** Fair staff requires that if any club/project displays and animals are removed prior to 5 pm, they will be disqualified from a "Clean Stall Award". For more information, see your Fair Premium Book.

**4-H Public Image at Fair**—While you are at the fair, you are representing 4-H to the public. Please show the community your cooperation, responsibility, and the many things you have learned in your projects. If you are asked questions about your animals or other projects, please share information which you have been taught. Others like to learn also. Remember 4-H is not about making money at fair but is about learning, leadership, and citizenship. Be careful with your appearance as well as your animal's.



## 2024 Junior Livestock Auction Information

To: All 4-H and FFA Market Livestock Leaders, Members & Parents

From: Junior Livestock Auction Committee

The following is to update you on happenings regarding the Junior Livestock Auction. The 2024 Junior Auction is scheduled for **Sunday, July 21 at 8:30 am** in the sale area.

**2024 Sale Order: Beef, Dairy Beef, Ducks, Geese, Swine, Turkeys, Lambs, Rabbits, Goats, Poultry**

**Junior Livestock Auction Promotion Day and radio recording will be Tuesday, July 9, 9:30 am at Memorial Park in Susanville.** Check this newsletter for more information regarding both these activities.

Please do not silicate buyers on the day of the Junior Livestock Auction.

Members are encouraged to contact at least one prospective buyer, either in person or by written invitation. Individual promotion plays a big part! Provide prospective buyers with the following information;

A sale order sheet will be given out at the sale, listing the animals to be sold, their official sale weight and the owner's name. If the buyer needs help in bidding, or has any questions, a ring man will assist. The animal is sold to the highest bidder.

If a buyer wants to support a junior, but does not want to keep the meat, it will be resold for him/her. The buyer pays only the difference between the price he bid and the resale price. This is the current commercial market price, and is listed on the sale order sheet.

Individuals purchasing an animal can have it slaughtered, cut and wrapped for the freezer. A 200 lb. hog, for example, would cost \$200 if \$1.00 per pound were bid. Processing charges (slaughter, cutting, wrapping, curing, etc.) would be added. A 200 lb. hog yields approximately 120 lbs. of packaged meat for the freezer. Two or more individuals can go together on an animal, splitting the cost and dividing the meat. Service clubs could use the meat for a fund raising event, barbecue or raffle.

**\*\*Please read Junior Livestock Auction Rules in the Fair Premium Book!!**

**\*\*Note: Rule #4** - "An exhibitor with two exhibits of the same species eligible for auction, must notify the Auction Committee which animal will be sold. A sale form will be included in the exhibitors armband & car pass envelope. That sale form must be completed and deposited into the Jr. Auction Drop Box located near the Livestock Office. The sale form must be completed with the species, tag number, weight and exhibitors name and chapter or club by 5:00 pm on show day.

Beef exhibitors must submit the sale form by 2:00 pm on show day. If no written response is made by those times, the sale committee will choose the animal that placed the highest for sale.

Pictures for the placards will be taken the Day of Show. Please look for the designated photo area. Members must be in appropriate uniform. If you do not have your picture taken you will not sell your animal.



## *Junior Livestock Auction Information continued...*

Sandwiches will be available for buyers during the auction, and a dessert social will be held following the sale. 4-H and FFA hosting the dessert social. Exhibitors are asked to help make sandwiches and serve to the buyers'.

**Dessert Social:** Each family that has youth selling an animal, is ask to bring a dessert to serve 8 people. If at all possible, please try to have it homemade—cookies, cupcakes, bar desserts. Please avoid desserts that require refrigeration. Clearly mark your name on your dish, and pick it up after the sale. Exhibitors are encouraged to help serve, either sandwiches or at the dessert social.

As with almost every livestock sale, a commission is deducted from the check received in payment for the animal. The commission fee will be 6%. The percentage deducted covers these costs: Auctioneer and photographer - Salary, Room, Mileage; Brand Inspection; Donuts, fruit and coffee on sale day for buyers; Buyers luncheon; Buyers plaques; Stationery, supplies and postage; Publicity and printing, Sale sheets, Thank you ads, brochures, etc; Advertising - Radio, brochures, posters; State of California Contingency Fund (This protects the seller if the buyer reneges.) Any other expenses as they may arise.

The Good Morning Social Hour for buyers is sponsored and paid for by the Lassen County Cattlemen's Assn.

The Junior Livestock Auction is a "Terminal Sale". All animals going through the sale are considered sold and must be consigned for immediate slaughter. **There will be no live animal pickup with the exception of rabbits, poultry, and ducks.**

Extra animals may be sold from the pens, but as stated in Junior Livestock **Rules** in the premium book, no "For Sale" signs are allowed in the barns until after the auction. Only animals sold through the auction may be shipped for slaughter on the truck. Lambs and goats will be penned. Arrangements for private treaty animals must be made between the seller and the buyer. **No extra animals will be shipped on the truck.** Beef, dairy and swine members will return their animals to their pens.

PLEASE NOTE!!! Checks will be distributed at the Lassen County Fair Carcass Contest on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 6:30 pm at the Fair Judging Pavilion. Following the carcass contest, Club Leaders/Advisors will distribute checks to their members.

Buyers' addresses will be emailed to club leaders/advisors. If you do not know your buyer or their address, contact your club leader or the CE 4-H office.

**Thank-You Notes:** You must show your thank-you note to your 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor before mailing. Please take the time to write these thank-you notes no later than a week after the auction. Your buyer will appreciate it and you won't have this task hanging over your head! Club Leaders also have the option of collecting thank-you notes.

Thank you notes should be written to:

- Your Buyer
- Additional increases that were donated
- Matandy Land & Livestock Trucking (transported animals to processing facility) PO Box 83, Standish, CA 96128

It is suggested that during the week following the sale, project leaders meet with members to write thank you letters. Make it an interesting letter, telling about yourself and your project. Show appreciation, not just "Thank you for buying my animal." Many businesses display their placards along with the thank you note. You wouldn't want yours to be missing! Leaders, it was also suggested that one note to those who increased sale prices be written and all members in a project receiving the increase sign that note. These supporters are not being thanked! **Remember, Every cent over market price is a GIFT.**

Further questions may be directed to Joe Egan, JLA Chair at 249-3426 or Cindy Weimer, JLA secretary at 254-6802.



## Ten Commandments for Parents of Youngsters Showing Livestock

- 1) Thou shall not feed, train or care for the animal for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
- 2) Thou shall forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring for thou hast made mistakes too!
- 3) Thou shall not get mad when thy child forget items in the show box for one day. Thou may forget the show box.
- 4) Thou shall help the livestock superintendent for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
- 5) Thou shall see that thy child is on time for all show activities for thou would not want to wait on another.
- 6) Thou shall make sure thy child has animals entered and registration papers in order by designated time.
- 7) Thou shall teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
- 8) Thou shall not complain about the judge for it is his opinion that has been sought.
- 9) Thou shall remember that livestock projects are for teaching projects, no necessarily money making projects.
- 10) Thou shall remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

~ Clyde D. Lane, Extension Specialist, University of Tennessee



## TIPS FOR SHOWMANSHIP

- ✓ Wear a clean, complete uniform—white pants, white shirt, tie or scarf and 4-H hat. If you need white pants or shirt, stop by the 4-H office and check out our supply.
- ✓ Tie long hair back into braids or ponytail so the judge can see your face.
- ✓ Wear a belt, boots or tennis shoes (no sandals).
- ✓ Secure your hat, but don't worry if it drops off in the show ring.
- ✓ Use a tie tack to pin down the ends of your tie, use a ring for the scarf.
- ✓ NO GUM CHEWING
- ✓ Show from the minute you enter the ring until the judge dismisses the class.
- ✓ Look as if you are enjoying your animal and keep your animal set-up at all times.
- ✓ Don't crowd, give yourself and others room to show.
- ✓ Watch the judge or animal, ignore the audience.
- ✓ Don't panic if your animal gets away. *Just do your best!*
- ✓ Know the sex, breed, and age of your animal. The judge may ask you questions, so know the parts of your animal, where the breed can from, or any pertinent information about your animal.



# LESSONS LEARNED SHOWING AT THE COUNTY FAIR...

This week marks the week of our local county fair back in my hometown in California. And I am feeling kind of nostalgic about it as I realize this will be the first time in probably 16 years that I won't attend the fair. Being a 4-H'er for nearly 10 years and then becoming a 4-H leader for several more years, I put in my fair share of time at the fair and got to experience both sides of the spectrum. And I always loved it. But over those years, there were a lot of lessons learned, some of them hard and some of them not so hard. (= So in light of "Fair Week", I decided to share what I've learned over the years while showing my livestock at the county fair.

**1. Always Keep a Positive Attitude** – It's easy to lose your cool over PLENTY of things... Your livestock animal isn't cooperating although you've spent countless hours practicing, you forgot X or Y, tensions run high during fair time, that's understandable. But it's important to remain calm and keep a positive attitude. While you are at the fair, you are representing 4-H, your county, your town, maybe your school, and your family. And you want to be remembered as that person with maturity and who handled a difficult situation well. Not the person who completely lost their cool and made a fool of themselves. If you find yourself in a difficult situation at the fair, take a deep breath, walk away, compose yourself, and maybe try again later. Or if you can't walk away, keep a smile on your face and continue on. There is always next year and nobody is going to fault you for your animal misbehaving or the fact that your grooming job isn't perfect.

**2. Always Do Your Best** – It doesn't matter what show you go to, what fair you attend, across the country it's the same. There will ALWAYS be someone with more money, someone who shows better, someone who grooms (fits) better, someone with better equipment, someone who ALWAYS wins... We all know those families who will stop at nothing to win. But don't let that get you down and certainly don't let that get in your way of doing the best you possibly can. There is nothing more fulfilling than selling your animal knowing that you put your all into it so take pride in your products and don't worry about what those other people are doing! Focus on you, your project, and doing your very best!

**3. Always Act Like Someone is Watching** – Because at the fair, someone is ALWAYS watching. I can't tell you how many times I had people tell me they saw me at the fair and I NEVER saw them. If you are doing something you shouldn't be while you're at the fair, better think twice. In the worst case scenario, someone who knows nothing about agriculture could be watching you and if your actions look suspicious or dangerous, you could be doing more harm for agriculture for good. It's important to always treat our animals the best we possibly can and ensure safety for both us and our animals at all times while at the fair.

**4. Take Time for Opportunities to Educate** – The fair gives people that have no involvement with agriculture a chance to be up close and personal with Ag. Take that opportunity to talk with those people if you have time. Talk with them about your livestock animal and all the work you've put into your project. Educate them on the potential dangers of approaching a livestock animal that doesn't know them. Don't just blow them off, engage them in dialogue and hope that person will walk away from your interactions feeling good about 4-H & FFA and good about agriculture.

**5. Don't Forget to Show Thanks for Those Who Help You** – Whether it be your leader, your parents, the buyer of your animal, a fellow 4-H member, the show judge whoever. There is a whole slough of people who donate their time into making the chance for you to show your animal possible. Don't forget to thank those people. Show appreciation and when the time comes, be willing to donate your time to help them out too!

**6. Have Fun!** – So many times we get so caught up in the stress of the show and making sure everything is perfect that we forget to have fun. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and the last few days with your livestock animal you've raised for months on end. Have fun with your fellow 4-H members and their families. Take some time to enjoy the fun things about the fair, maybe go ride the ferris wheel. Do your best but at the same time don't forget to have fun too! One day you will miss these years and give yourself some good memories to look back on! Those are my lessons for successful years of showing your livestock during "Fair Week"!