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# Schedule of Events

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

Miss Meade County .....3:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, JULY 20

Swine Shows ..... 11:00 a.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 21

Sheep Shows ..... 11:00 a.m.

Goat Shows ..... 11:00 a.m.

Children's Mini Truck Pull ....6:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Beef Breeding Shows..... 11:00 a.m.

## ALL WEEK LONG

Youth Livestock Online Auction  
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# COVID-19

# Fairground Map and Locations



- B — Farm Bureau Community Bldg.
- C — Concession Bldg.
- D — Commercial Exhibit Bldg.
- E — Fair Board Office
- G — Pit Area
- H — Livestock Barn
- I — Show/Auction Barn
- N — Arena
- O — Home & Garden Bldg.
- P — Public Restrooms
- R — Emergency Services
- T — Pavilion
- V — Horse Arena

## Publisher's Note

Please know that if there is an event, detail about the fair schedule, or general otherwise piece of necessary information about the fair not listed in this fair catalog, it is because the publisher was not provided with that information in a timely manner before the printing of this publication. We have provided everything we were given by the deadline given to the Meade County Fair Board and due to COVID-19, the situation was ever changing until the very last minute.





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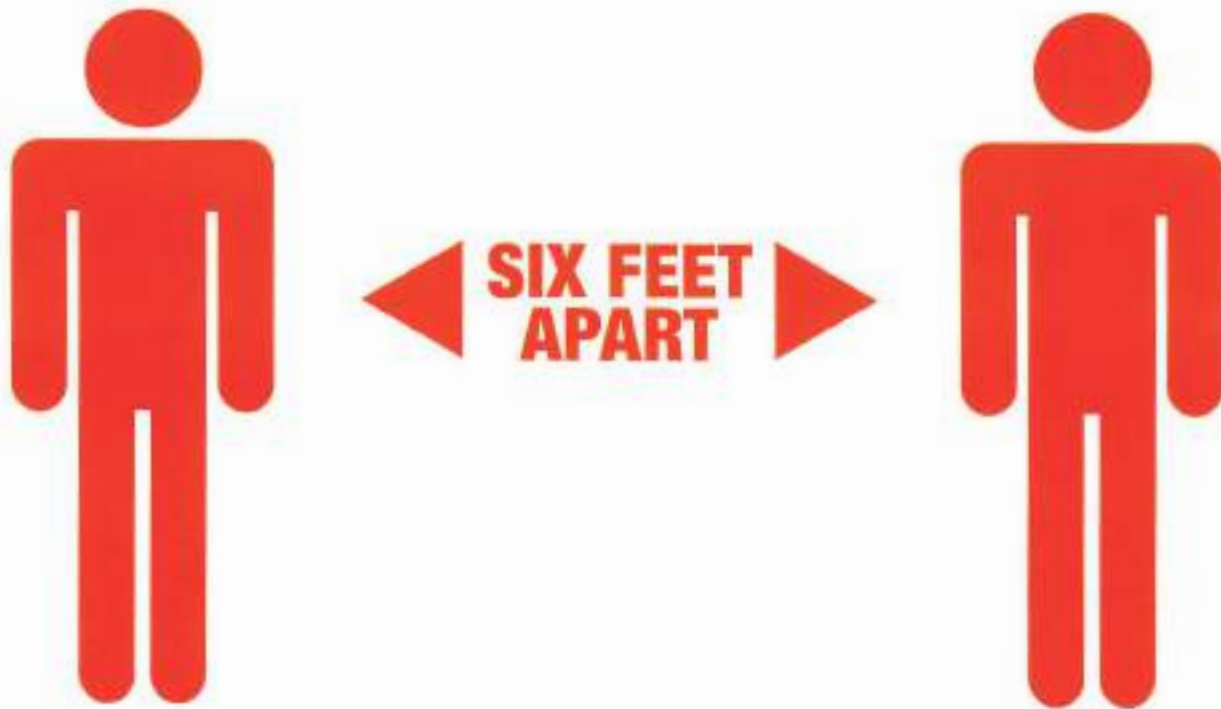
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# **ATTENTION**

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# Fair Rules and Regulations

The fair is planned and conducted according to  
Kentucky Department of Agriculture regulations for the use of state funds.  
*Everyone pays \$5 for parking and admission is free this year.*

1. Gate admission will constitute entry fee for all contests not having an entry fee.
2. There shall be no entry fee for exhibits.
3. Adult classes open to all exhibitors.
4. All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor.
5. All exhibits remain the property of the exhibitor.
6. Premiums not filled remain the property of the Meade County Fair, Inc.
7. No combinations allowed except Junior Agriculture groups.
8. All exhibitors must secure a release from superintendent before removing exhibits from departments.
9. Any exhibits judged unworthy of showing shall not be exhibited. (Decision rests with superintendent of department.)
10. Any article exhibited that is not included in the premium list shall not be awarded a premium.
11. The management shall use the utmost care to guard and protect exhibits, but will not be responsible should losses or damages occur.
12. No exhibitor shall be allowed more than two exhibits in any one ring.
13. Exhibitors shall at all times give the necessary personal attention to whatever they may have on exhibition and at the close of the fair take charge of the same.
14. Premium checks will be mailed after the fair, as soon as possible.
15. Any premium check not cashed within 90 days after issue will be forfeited to Meade County Fair, Inc.
16. Experienced judges shall be engaged to judge the exhibits.
17. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final.
18. Premium ribbons have no value as to payment of premiums since premiums shall be paid from the record of the superintendent.
19. Any exhibitors attempting to interfere with the judges during the adjudications shall be promptly excluded from competition.
20. Vegetables shall be judged on marketable quality and usability.
21. The Meade County Fair shall furnish space on the fairgrounds for all exhibits, including pens for swine, dairy and beef, horses and mules.
22. Exhibitors shall furnish all necessary halters for dairy, beef, horses and mules.
23. Exhibitors shall furnish container for all exhibits such as: field seed and grain, fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, etc.
24. Feed and bedding must be furnished by exhibitor of livestock.
25. Entries in the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America classes are eligible to enter the Open Class rings, **unless otherwise stated in departments.**
26. The Meade County Fair will furnish a space for exhibits, exhibitors and spectators, but will not be responsible in case of loss or injury to either. Any questions not covered by the above rules and regulations shall be answered by the fair committee.
27. No premiums shall be paid if any of the above are broken.
28. Second prize money will be paid if there is only one entry except in animal classes.
29. All premium money will be prorated on percentage basis provided net profit does not exceed premium list.
30. Persons found guilty by the Meade County Fair of misconduct will forfeit any premiums and be asked to remove exhibits from grounds.
31. No reservations will be made for stalls. The stalls will be furnished on a first-come, first-served basis.
32. All 4-H and FFA entries must have been produced in conjunction with an approved project.
33. All entries and exhibits will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday, July 20, **unless otherwise stated in departments.**
34. All entries will be picked up Thursday, July 23, between 2 and 3:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.
35. **Shirts And Shoes Required.**
36. **No Animals, No Drones And No Weapons**



# Livestock Health Requirements

All livestock/animals offered for sale or exhibition at Kentucky County Fairs shall meet the following regulations according to KRS Chapter 257:

A. 302 KAR 20:040 (Entry into Kentucky)

B. 302 KAR 20:065 (Sale and Exhibition of Kentucky Origin Livestock)

Any questions concerning these health regulations should be directed to your local veterinarian or the Kentucky Department of Agriculture State Veterinarian's office at 502-782-5901.

Livestock Health Regulations can be obtained on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture website:

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Please be advised that Livestock Health Regulations are subject to change anytime.

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# Fair Returns to Its Roots Due to COVID-19

**CHAD HOBBS**

*Messenger Staff*

It's been an unprecedented year to say the least. The pandemic has forced delays, rescheduling and cancellations upon a wide array of events. County fairs have been no exception, with many surrounding counties cancelling theirs well over a month ago. The Meade County Fair Board held firm, however, on delaying their decision while many fairs folded for the 2020 season, and the decision has paid off.

As the Governor of Kentucky relaxed the guidelines associated with the pandemic, the board was able to find leeway to host the annual fair, albeit a very modified lineup of events as compared to recent years. Many things will look quite different or be missing, but at its heart this fair will be no different than it has always been since its inception.

We have become quite spoiled due to the fact that, year in and year out, Meade County hosts one of the best county fairs anywhere in the Bluegrass State. Huge crowds and first class events are the norm, but unfortunately much of that will be missing this year. This has nothing to do with the fine men and women who work tirelessly, whether it be the fair board, the superintendents of various events or all the other people who volunteer to make this event the huge success it is known to be. No matter how bad they or we want our "usual" fair, COVID 19 and Frankfort say that isn't possible in 2020.

So, unfortunately, there will be no rides or feature events in the main arena. Truck and tractor pulls, demolition derbies and carnival barkers will be nowhere to be found. To be honest, though, those things were never in our ancestor's vision when they first made the Meade

County Fair a reality many years ago. Showcasing agriculture and coming together as a community was the beating heart of the fair's inception, and it will still be true to its core this year, as well.

No group has been hit harder by pandemic mandates than our youth. They lost a huge part of their spring semester. Many have lost sports seasons. The senior class has been especially devastated. Prom, walking out of the high school, senior seasons in spring sports, banquets and celebrations of all sorts were all canceled.

There is no redo for them. There is no reschedule. It's just gone.

Whether it be preparing for Miss Meade County or all the hard work many have put into their livestock programs, at least the show will go on for them at the fair this year. For many of them, this is their last shot at competing. This is their last chance to shine in a show ring or on the stage. This is the payoff for all the hard work they have put in to get to this moment, and our youth deserve that. They deserve some form of normal, however it can be provided.

I am just a reporter who has been enjoying the fair my whole life, and I am sad it won't be the fair that we have all become accustomed to. We cannot be mad at the great group of people who come together to give us, year in and year out, the greatest fair around. No one wants "normal" more than they do. If you must, be upset at COVID 19 or the governor, instead. Let us come together as a community, be thankful for what we have and enjoy the fair in a form that will look much the way it did in its beginning. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the Meade County Fair; maybe it's more than just ironic that the 99th fair will look quite similar to the first fair the county ever had. The focus will be on agriculture minus many of the bells and whistles the fair has become known for.



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## **IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE:**

1. A contestant must have reached her 16th birthday and cannot have reached her 22nd birthday by October 31st of the year when the local contest is held. (Birth Certificate may be required)
2. Contestants must be residents of Meade County no less than one year prior to the Meade County Fair. (Proof of residency may be required)
3. Contestants must be a natural born female, and must be single. (Never married, never had a marriage annulled, and never had any children.) (Birth Certificate may be required)
4. Winner must be willing to participate in award presentation events as needed throughout the remaining 3 days of the 2020 Meade County Fair.
6. Judging will be on the basis of poise, personality, posture, beauty, general appearance, and stage presentation. Interview is 20%, One-Piece swimsuit is 40%, and evening gown is 40%.
7. The winner will represent Meade Co. in the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant in January 2021 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky.  
\*a.) Contestant will be required to consult with both the pageant committee and/or a panel of individuals in regard to wardrobe, make-up, hair, etc....prior to their purchase /changes for the January pageant. This will allow both the contestant and the Meade County Fair to be well represented at State level.  
\*b.) The committee will also provide the opportunity for pre-pageant interviews and a complete dress rehearsal prior to the event.
8. The winner will receive roses and a crown, along with:  
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9. Other Awards: 1st Runner-Up - \$75.00, trophy / 2nd Runner-Up - \$50.00, trophy
10. In the event that the winner has not, or does not, meet the above stated rules, the first runner-up will then represent Meade County in the State Pageant.
12. For Miss Meade County 2020 ONLY – if for some reason the State pageant in January is cancelled due to Covid-19, the winner will be eligible to compete next year for the title of Miss Meade County Fair 2021, as long as age and all other requirements are met.





**2019 Miss Meade County Fair, Sydney Powers; First Runner-up, Kelli White; Second Runner-up, Sydney Muncy; Third Runner-up, Jordan Tennyson; People's Choice and Miss Congeniality, Kristin Williams**

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1949 Miss Mary Bondurant  
1950 Miss Jo Ann Bruner  
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1956 Miss Virgie Peckenpaugh  
Mr. Kenneth Shelton (King)  
1957-58 No Queens  
1959 Miss Virginia Burnett  
1960 Miss Shirley Ann Claycomb  
1961 Miss Connie Ledford  
1962 Miss Sandra Bartley  
1963 Miss Sandi Dziurgalski  
1964 Miss Karen Stivers  
1965 Miss Rose Mary Brown  
1966 Miss Linda Smith  
1967 Miss Becky Bickett  
1968 Miss Diane Mitchell  
1969 Miss Marta Craig  
1970 Miss Mary Whelan  
1971 Miss Sandra Payne  
1972 Miss Amanda Sermonis  
1973 Miss Kim Smith

1974 Miss Nancy McCoy  
1975 Miss Tami Siewert  
1976 Miss Janet Leigh Pack  
1977 Miss Kathy Wnukoski  
1978 Miss Vickie Wyatt  
1979 Miss Alicia Gail Padgett  
1980 Miss Stacy Lawson  
1981 Miss Jane Richardson  
1982 Miss Deena Casalengo  
1983 Miss Julie Anderson  
1984 Miss Lisa Compton  
1985 Miss Lisa Goins  
1986 Miss Renee Hayes  
1987 Miss Sisi Shacklette  
1988 Miss Nicole Nofsinger  
1989 Miss Kari Thompson  
1990 Miss Carol Carter  
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1992 Miss Lori M. Crutcher  
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1996 Miss Krystal Staples

1997 Miss Jessica Stull  
1998 Miss Sarah Shireman  
1999 Miss Clarissa Foushee  
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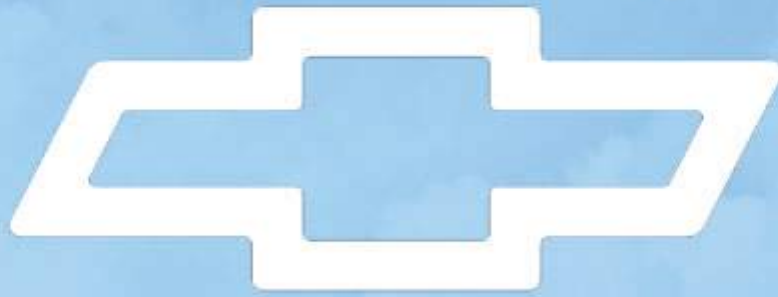
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# 2019 Fair Person of the Year: Sharon Pace



**SETH DUKES**  
*Newsroom Coordinator*

Sharon Pace, wife of Fair Manager David Pace, was named Meade County Fair Person of the Year for 2019.

Sharon said the fair business started 38 years ago for her, right around the same time she married David. Sharon can almost always be found at the front window of the center office at the fair, helping visitors obtain information and solving various problems that arise.

“I’m a nurse, so a lot of the things that are the backbone of being a nurse, like your critical thinking, diplomacy, those are a big part of that window.”

She remembered starting out at a young age and discussed how quickly the future crept up on her.

“When we started this, I hadn’t even turned 20 years old yet,” Sharon said. “I was the youngest person. The Fair Board members were in their 50s, but I thought they were so old. Somewhere, somehow, I walked through a door, and I’m that old person.”

David and Sharon say they feel like the “mom and dad” of all the volunteers when they’re at the fair.

“For me, the best thing is all the memories and the people and the friendships,” said Sharon. “We’re so close in so many ways. Some of their children are as close to me as my own children are. And now, the children are having children, and I only hope to be as close to them as I am their kids. It has been an adventure.”

David said Sharon almost always asks him who the Fair Person of the Year is going to be, but she didn’t this time. Sharon didn’t know she would be receiving the award until David announced it in front of all those in attendance at the Fair Banquet.

Sharon humbly said there were much more deserving people than her, but David insisted that wasn’t the case.

She says she will be there as long as David is and that, when he decides to pass the baton to the next generation, she will also step down.

She called those whom she had worked with and met over the years her “truest treasures.”

“I would say that whether I was fair person of the year or not, but I just feel privileged to have them, to have all of them,” said Sharon. “They’ve blessed me beyond measure in a lot of different ways.”

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# 4-H/FFA Swine Shows

11 a.m.  
Livestock Arena

All classes open to Meade County 4-H/FFA Members only

**SUPERINTENDENTS:** Fred L. Sipes 270-668-2783, Stacy Sipes 502-554-6076 and Whitney Metcalf 270-668-2811

**PREMIUMS:** Blue \$10, Red \$7, White \$5

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7. No wash racks will be available, but water sources will be available.
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10. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals in a manner consistent with good animal husbandry and display proper sportsmanship at all times. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of exhibitor if so recommended by the local show committee. Each local committee shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules.
11. All 4-H/FFA swine must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 am, Monday, July 20, 2020.
12. Exhibitors will declare their animal's weight during check-in; scales will be available as needed. Swine must weigh 220-280 lbs. Classes will be divided after check-in.

## 4-H/FFA Showmanship

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1. FFA Showmanship (Freshmen & Sophomores)                  | Banner    |
| 2. FFA Showmanship (Juniors & Seniors)                      | Banner    |
| 3. 4-H Junior Showmanship, age 9-11                         | Banner    |
| 4. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship, age 12-13                  | Banner    |
| 5. 4-H Senior Showmanship, age 14-19                        | Banner    |
| 6. All class winners will compete for 4-H/FFA Grand Showman | \$50 Cash |

*Contributed by: JC Hilltop Farm*

7. Cloverbud exhibitors, age 5-8 (open to Meade County youth only)

Rosette/Banner

*Contributed by: Jeremy Compton Family*

## 4-H/FFA Market Hog Show (Barrows and Gilts)

- |                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. FFA Lightweight                |            |
| 2. FFA Middleweight               |            |
| 3. FFA Heavyweight                |            |
| FFA Champion Market Hog           | Banner     |
| FFA Reserve Champion Market Hog   | Banner     |
| 1. 4-H Lightweight                |            |
| 2. 4-H Middleweight               |            |
| 3. 4-H Heavyweight                |            |
| 4-H Champion Market Hog           | Banner     |
| 4-H Reserve Champion Market Hog   | Banner     |
| 4-H/FFA Grand Champion Market Hog | \$150 Cash |

*Contributed by: K & P Farms*

4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog \$75 Cash

*Contributed by: Nutrien Ag – Cecilia, Greg Thomas*

## 4-H/FFA Premier Exhibitor

- |                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Junior                     | \$20.00      |
| Intermediate               | \$20.00      |
| Senior                     | \$20.00      |
| Champion Premier Exhibitor | \$50.00 Cash |

*Contributed by: FL Sipes Farms*



#### 4-H/FFA Swine Club Record Book Contest

Prize: First \$25.00, Second \$15.00, Third \$10.00

Contributed by: Mark Redmon Highlift Service

1. All Meade County 4-H/FFA members who exhibited a hog in the swine show are **REQUIRED** to enter.
2. Record Books must meet requirements specified by swine club leaders.
3. Final judging will take place in early fall.

#### 4-H/FFA Swine Breeding Gilt Class

Premiums: Lightweight: First \$25, Second \$20, Third \$15, Fourth \$10, Fifth \$5

Heavyweight: First \$25, Second \$20, Third \$15, Fourth \$10, Fifth \$5

1. Breeding gilt classes are open to 4-H/FFA members only.
2. Each exhibitor may show one hog in the class.
3. Gilt's exhibiting in the breeding gilt division CANNOT be shown in the Market Hog Show.
4. Breeding gilts will be divided into weight classes after weigh-in.
5. An overall grand champion will be selected from the weight divisions.

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt

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Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt

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# The Farm Bureau Community Building



## **SETH DUKES**

*Newsroom Coordinator*

As you drive into the Meade County Fairgrounds property, you're greeted by the Farm Bureau Community building. This building has had countless Meade Countians and visitors walk through its doors over the years, but it hasn't always been there.

Meade County Fair Manager David Pace said that, prior to the building, they were in need of a covered facility to host beauty pageants, worship services and to provide sanctuary in case of rain. At the time, Pace was working at the bank. He approached the bank's president with the idea, and he was told it was a great one. Pace's next task would be to approach the Farm Bureau Board.

David needed Farm Bureau to sign the note, and he planned for the fair to pay for the cost. He showed them blueprints, the building layout and revealed what the building might cost: \$190,000.

Farm Bureau agreed to work with Pace, and the project began. Pace told the Board that he planned to pay for the building in 10 years. The Fair Board paid it off in seven. The building was completed in 1994. Pace says the first event they had there was a wedding, and he estimates there were probably 1,000 people inside on its inaugural night.

Outside its uses for hosting events at the Meade County Fair, the nearly 9,000-square-foot building has hosted many weddings, parties and countless other events for the community. They've even sold cattle there.

"That's why we called it the Community Building," said Pace. "We wanted it to be utilized for us, but we wanted everybody in the community to be able to use it, too." Pace and the Fair Board also put a lot of work into maintaining the building so that it can be used for years to come. Pace in particular has his own long-term plans for the building.

"That's probably where my funeral will be," Pace joked, "there or out in the arena."



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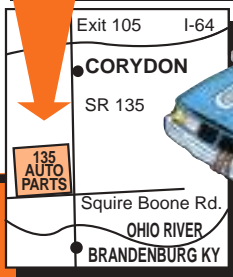
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# 4-H/FFA Sheep Shows

11 a.m.  
Livestock Arena

All classes open to Meade County 4-H/FFA Members only  
Unless otherwise indicated all classes are: **Market Lambs**-Blue \$10, Red \$7, White \$5  
**Superintendents:** Angie Argabright, 270-668-4402, Ruth Ann Nash, 270-668-9218 and  
Dana Moore, 270-945-4035

*"We want EWE!"*

*The Meade County 4-H /FFA lamb club is a great place to be if you want to start learning about raising and showing livestock. This club meets several times during the months of October thru April. At these meetings you will learn to identify sheep breeds and anatomy, how to raise and care for your lamb, how to show your lamb, how to create a project book and so much more!*

*Each season there are many shows that you can attend and of course the lamb show and auction held each year at the Meade County Fair.*

*From one of our members Emily M. - The 4-H Sheep Program has really changed my life. It teaches you responsibility, time management, and leadership. And the thing is, you never stop learning! Every year comes with new hardships, but also new excitement for all that is to come. But most importantly, this program teaches you how to make new friends and how to always help each other.*

*Come join us! You will make new friends and become part of an awesome livestock program!" - Angie Argabright*

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11. **All 4-H and FFA lambs must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 am, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, and ready for weigh-in. Exhibitors will weigh animals in the order that they arrive at the fairgrounds. They will be called to the scales at their designated time; forming a line for weigh-in is not permitted this year.**
12. **Market Lamb classes will be broken down after final weigh-in.**
13. **This show is open to 4-H and FFA members engaged in the Meade County lamb project.**
14. **Exhibitors may enter purebred and grade ewe and wether lambs. Induced cryptorchids, short scrotum lambs and ram lambs may not be shown.**



15. All lambs must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary examination.
16. All lambs must be owned by member and tagged at earlier tag-in date.
17. Lambs will be shown by weight. Weight ranges 75 lbs. or above.
18. Lambs must be docked and clean castrated, and the animal must be slick above the knee and hock (1/4 inch or less).

### MARKET LAMB SHOW

#### FFA Showmanship

- Senior Showmanship (Juniors, Seniors and FFA members under 22)      Banner
- Junior Showmanship (Freshmen and Sophomores)      Banner

#### 4-H Showmanship

- Senior Showmanship (14 to 18)      Banner
- Intermediate Showmanship (12-13)      Banner
- Junior Showmanship (9-11)      Banner

- All class winners will compete for Showmanship Grand Champion      \$100.00
- Showmanship Reserve Grand Champion      \$ 50.00
- Contributed by: Outdoor Specialties and Doe Run Federal Credit Union*

- 4-H Cloverbud Showmanship (5-8 Meade County Youth Only)      Rosette

#### FFA

- Market Lambs – Class broken after weigh-in
- Champion FFA Market Lamb      Banner
- Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb      Banner

#### 4-H

- Market Lambs – Class broken after weigh-in
- Champion 4-H Market Lamb      Banner
- Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb      Banner

- 4-H/FFA Grand Champion Market Lamb      Banner
- 4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb      Banner

#### 4-H/FFA Sheep Club Premier Exhibitor

- Junior      \$10
- Intermediate      \$10
- Senior      \$10
- Grand Champion Premier Exhibitor      \$25 and Plaque
- Contributed by: Bruce & Angie Argabright*

#### 4-H/FFA Sheep Club Record Book Contest

- Contributed by: Meade County Messenger*
- Prize: 1st \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15; 4th \$10

1. All Meade County 4-H/FFA members who exhibit a market lamb are required to enter.
2. Record books must meet requirements specified by sheep club leader.
3. Final judging will take place early fall.



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Beef Cook Off*

Since March it seems nothing is normal. Major events have been postponed or cancelled all over the country. Truth is our normal will never be normal again. Things have changed and some of them are definitely for good, some of them are a temporary inconvenience.

I encountered my first county fair 32 years ago when I moved to the county to be the new home economics agent for the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. I experienced firsthand the dedication to the Meade County Fair, not only by the many volunteers and locals, but by outsiders as well. I literally was three weeks into the job and heavily relied on the home economic section volunteers to direct me on my responsibilities. I was fresh out of college with a degree and absolutely no experience working at a county fair. Since then, I have only missed one county fair as I was out of the country and I have gained lots of experience. Since then, my title has changed to the County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences Education and the Meade County Fair has grown a lot larger than my title.

Normally my June and July would be filled with judging food preservation entries at other county fairs and preparing for our own. Many hours go into making the

fair happen, but this year will not be normal. We will not host a Cattlemen's Grill-off, have a King Arthur Flour baking contest or take in entries from the community in the Home and Garden building. This year, we will focus on staying healthy and trying not to contact or spread COVID-19 which has caused havoc and sorrow throughout the world.

The Meade County Extension Service and the Extension Homemakers organization play a major role in the county fair. The Extension FCS program and extension homemakers plan and man the Home and Garden building. The extension homemaker's organization invests a lot of their own funds and many hours into making the building a showcase envied by other county fairs. When I contacted our membership to gather their thoughts on whether to proceed or not participate in this year's fair, the numbers were overwhelmingly not to host. Many of the members are in a high-risk group and with over 1300 entries coming into the building to be tagged, judged and displayed, we decided putting anyone's life at risk was not even an option. Add on a few hundred fair goers who come into the building to view the exhibits, then we raise the risk even higher. We were ready for this year's Meade County fair but instead we will ease into the 2021 Fair, the 100th Meade County Fair, prepared, recovered and ready to enjoy one of the best county fairs in the Commonwealth.

To keep up with what is going on at the extension office, be sure to visit our county webpage at [www.ca.uky.edu/meade](http://www.ca.uky.edu/meade), "LIKE" the Meade County Family and Consumer Sciences, Meade County Nutrition Education Program, Meade County Agriculture Andy Mills and Meade County 4H Youth Development-KY Facebook pages or read our weekly columns in the Meade County Messenger.

*Jennifer Bridge is the Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences Education – Meade County with the University of Kentucky, Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. She can be reached at 270-422-4958 or [jennifer.bridge@uky.edu](mailto:jennifer.bridge@uky.edu)*



# 4-H/FFA Goat Shows

## Livestock Arena

*Immediately following 4-H/FFA Sheep Show with time allotted between the shows to sanitize the area.*

**All classes open to Meade County 4-H/FFA Members only**

**Superintendent:** Stephanie Lee 270-668-9323

**Premiums:** Blue \$10, Red \$7, White \$5

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11. Exhibitors must abide by the general rules for the fair and livestock.
12. **All 4-H and FFA Goats must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 am, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, and ready for weigh-in. Exhibitors will weigh animals in the order that they arrive at the fairgrounds. They will be called to the scales at their designated time; forming a line for weigh-in is not permitted this year.**
13. This show is open to 4-H and FFA members engaged in the Meade County goat project.
14. Animals must have an approved health certificate. Any **OBVIOUSLY UNHEALTHY** animal may result in the entire herd's disqualification from the show, subject to the ruling of the show committee and/or the official veterinarians.
15. Goats shown must be tipped to at least ½ inch or disbudded, regardless of child's age.
16. Age of animals will be computed from July 21, 2020.
17. Goats will be shown by weight. Weight ranges 40 lbs. or above.
18. Entries in the Market Goat Division must still have their milk teeth.
19. Show management reserves the right to cancel, combine or split classes as necessary.
20. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own feed/water buckets.
21. Females cannot be entered in both breeding and marketing classes.
22. Goats shown in showmanship must be tagged in the person's name that is showing unless they are a Cloverbud.



## MARKET GOAT SHOW

### 4-H/FFA Showmanship

#### FFA Showmanship

Senior Showmanship (Juniors, Senior)

Junior Showmanship (Freshmen and Sophomores)

Banner

Banner

#### 4-H Showmanship

Senior Showmanship (14 to 18)

Intermediate Showmanship (12-13)

Junior Showmanship (9-11)

Banner

Banner

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4-H/FFA Grand Showman

\$25

*Contributed by: Dean Lee, CFM*

4-H Cloverbud Showmanship (5-8 Meade County Youth Only)

Rosette

### Market Wether or Doe

#### FFA

1. Lightweight

2. Middleweight

3. Heavyweight

FFA Champion Market Goat

FFA Reserve Champion Market Goat

Banner

Banner

#### 4-H

1. Lightweight

2. Middleweight

3. Heavyweight

4-H Champion Market Goat

4-H Reserve Champion Market Goat

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4-H/FFA Grand Champion Market Goat

Banner

*Contributed by: Meade County Bank*

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4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat

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*Contributed by: Meade - Breck Goat Producers*

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### 4-H/FFA Goat Club Premier Exhibitor

Junior \$10

Intermediate \$10

Senior \$10

Grand Champion Premier Exhibitor \$25 and Chair

*Contributed by: Meade - Breck Goat Producers*



### 4-H/FFA Goat Club Record Book Contest

Prize: 1st \$25; 2nd \$15; 3rd \$10

Contributed by: Dean Lee, CFM

1. All Meade County 4-H/FFA members who exhibit a market goat are required to enter.
2. Record books must meet requirements specified by goat club leader.
3. Final judging will take place early fall.



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Unless otherwise indicated all classes are: Blue \$15, Red \$10, White \$7

## RULES

1. The following modifications apply only for the 2020 Meade County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show in response to COVID-19. These modifications align with guidelines established by or for the Meade County Fair Board, Meade County 4-H/Extension/University of Kentucky, Meade County FFA program and their respective administrations as well as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's "Guidance for Livestock Shows" – Shows & Fairs Division.
2. Exhibitor must **PRE-REGISTER** for show and auction participation. Instructions and link for pre-registration will be shared via REMIND lists and via home mailing. **Registration WILL NOT be accepted the day of the show.**
3. **Animals can arrive at the fairgrounds between 7:00 am - 9:00 am**; animals may not arrive before or after that time. Animals must arrive "show ready" and limit last minute cleaning and preparation.
4. Upon arrival, **exhibitor and ONE designated adult** must check in at the registration table to check in their animal and to receive entry wristbands. Rosters will be kept on file for contact tracing purposes. Only those who receive a wristband will be permitted to enter show area.
5. At this time, animals should remain on trailers until time to show, no pens will be available in the barn. This is subject to change – updates given at time of check-in.
6. It is expected that all exhibitors, attendees, volunteers and staff always wear a mask over their mouth and nose unless doing so would represent a serious risk to their health and safety (or the health or safety of the exhibitor). During this time the mask may be pulled down or removed but should be put back into place as soon as possible. Exhibitors are permitted to remove their mask while in the show arena.
7. **No wash racks** will be available, but water sources will be available.
8. The exhibitor and their ONE designated adult must check out at the registration table prior to leaving the fairgrounds within one hour of the conclusion of their respective show.
9. The local committee will exercise all reasonable precautions to prevent injuries or losses but will not be responsible for mishaps, injuries, losses or deaths that may befall animals or people during this event.
10. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals in a manner consistent with good animal husbandry and display proper sportsmanship at all times. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of exhibitor if so recommended by the local show committee. Each local committee shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules.
11. Using coloring agents to alter the natural color of an animal is not allowed.
12. Market Beef animals must be owned by exhibitor, be 100% beef blood, weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. and a maximum of 1400 lbs. (**+4% variance**) at fair time and must be tagged at official validation site by the initial weigh-in date. If any Market Beef animal is over/under the weight limits, that Market Beef animal will be disqualified from the youth auction but not from showing.
13. **Exhibitors will weigh animals in the order that they arrive at the fairgrounds. They will be called to the scales at their designated time; forming a line for weigh-in is not permitted this year.**
14. Market Heifers and Market Steers will show in the same weight classes.
15. There will be no Novice or Clover Bud class.

## 4-H/FFA Showmanship Classes

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|---|-------------|
| 1. FFA Showmanship (Freshmen & Sophomores)                | \$25/Banner |
| 2. FFA Showmanship (Juniors & Seniors)                    | \$25/Banner |
| 3. 4-H Junior Showmanship, age 9-11                       | \$25/Banner |
| 4. 4-H Intermediate Showmanship, age 12-13                | \$25/Banner |
| 5. 4-H Senior Showmanship, age 14-19                      | \$25/Banner |
| Contributed by: Don Hayes Angus Farm and Meade Stock Farm |             |
| 6. Grand FFA Showman                                      | \$50        |
| Contributed by: Dennis Farmer in memory of Harry Mills    |             |
| 7. Grand 4-H Showman                                      | \$50        |
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| 8. Supreme 4-H/FFA Showman                                | \$100       |
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## 4-H/FFA Market Beef Classes

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|---|----------------|
| 1. FFA Lightweight  |                |
| 2. FFA Middleweight   |                |
| 3. FFA Heavyweight  |                |
| FFA Champion Market Beef  | Rosette/Banner |
| (All first place market animals must be led into ring to compete)                             |                |
| FFA Reserve Champion Market Beef  | Rosette/Banner |
| (All first place market animals and second place winner in class that produced champion beef) |                |



1. 4-H Lightweight
2. 4-H Middleweight
3. 4-H Heavyweight
- 4-H Champion Market Beef Rosette/Banner  
(All first place market animals must be led into ring to compete)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Market Beef Rosette/Banner  
(All first place market animals and second place winner in class that produced champion beef)

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4-H/FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef \$30 Cash/Banner  
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1. Best Meade County Market Beef \$250 Cash  
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#### 4-H/FFA Beef Club Record Book Contest

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1. All Meade County 4-H/FFA members who exhibited a market beef in the beef show are **REQUIRED** to enter.
2. Record Books must meet requirements specified by beef club leaders.
3. Final judging will take place in early fall.



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# Peewee Miss Pageant



**Pee Wee Miss Meade County Fair** – Eleanor Roberts; **First Runner-Up** – Rhett Pike; **Second Runner-Up** – Hannah Wentz; **Third Runner-Up** – Nora Darnall

## **PAM MEDLEY** *Pageant Director*

*“We want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and their precious little girls that were planning on participating in the Miss Pee Wee or Miss Precious pageants at the 2020 Meade County Fair. Unfortunately, do to COVID-19 we will not be having the pageants this year. The safety and health of your family, during this difficult time, is our main priority.*

*Don’t get discouraged! There is always next year! We would love for you to sign up and participate in the 2021 Meade County Fair Miss Pee Wee or Miss Precious pageants. The dates have not been set yet but you can stay updated on fair information by going to Facebook and look up Meade County Fair... Stay Safe! Look forward to seeing you next year!!!! Thank You!” - Pam Medley*





# Precious Miss Pageant



**Precious Miss Meade County Fair** – Nova Reeder; **First Runner-Up** – Austyn Pierce; **Second Runner-Up** – Kinley Schmidt; **Third Runner-Up** – Eva Myers



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# Showing Livestock Is a Lot More Than Just Showing Up

**CHAD HOBBS**

*Messenger Staff*

It could be argued that no group has more time and work invested in the Meade County Fair than the youth, parents and adults who are involved with the livestock shows. These shows have been a part of the fair since its inception. They have changed a lot over the years in some ways, but for the 4-H and FFA students who are involved, it is still one of the most rewarding programs for a child to be involved in. The life skills a child learns through these programs are invaluable, regardless of what field of employment they choose to pursue as adults.

Those who will be showing their animals at this year's fair started the requirements to participate last fall. You don't just show up to show. Each species has clubs that require monthly meeting attendance. Often industry leaders attend these meetings, educating the participants on various topics related to the animal.

Many of the animals are required to be at market standard weights by show time in order to compete. This requires very careful planning of birthing dates and feeding programs to ensure the animals are neither too large nor too small by the end of July. They can't just go buy a market sized animal and show up. Most of the livestock had to be tagged in the early part of this year by their respective clubs as proof that it is the original animal they chose to stand by with their project.

There is also the record book that is required to be presented in order to show. This book requires the youth to log everything from birth dates to animal weight and daily feed amounts provided to the livestock along with essay questions about their project. Math, writing, biology and accounting are just a few of the subjects that are

reinforced by the livestock programs.

By far, though, one of the most important lessons the children and teenagers must embrace is responsibility. They have been feeding the animal daily. Depending on the species, the youth have learned to care for the specific needs of the animal to get it show ready, whether it is shearing, trimming hooves or other grooming requirements the animal presents. Handling and bonding with the livestock is crucial, as well. Nothing catches a judge's eye more than a skittish animal shooting across a ring out of control to provide proof of what little effort a contestant has put into their program.

Thirty years ago, a person could walk into the hog barn on show day and witness chaos at its finest. When pens were opened for the animals to make their way to the show ring, the aisles were filled with hogs bolting and squealing in every direction with little order to the madness. Today, that has all changed. The students lead their hogs to the ring with no need for cutting boards and gates. The animals have been worked with and trained to the point that they will follow their owner with more discipline than a show dog without a leash. This does not happen overnight but is only possible with hours upon hours of dedication and work.

When school was shut down earlier this spring, these students were still learning valuable lessons. Many of them have spoken about how their livestock programs helped take their minds off what they were missing because school was canceled. For a group who has lost so much due to the pandemic, especially the senior members of the livestock programs, their ability to show this year was paramount; not just because of the time, work and finances they had invested in their animal but also to return just a little normalcy to their world that the pandemic has turned upside down.



# MEADE COUNTY FAIR 4-H FFA/ YOUTH AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2020, Virtual Auction Format

## Consignor Regulations

1. Market animals must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member and tagged with RFID tag. In the event of a lost tag, exhibitor must contact their FFA Advisor or Extension Office to receive instructions on re-tagging.
2. 4-H and FFA members can only sell through their senior year in high school. Each 4-H or FFA member can only sell one market animal per year.
3. Market animals must meet weight requirements as listed below upon arrival at the Meade County Fair.
  - a. Swine - 220-280 lbs., Market Beef - 900-1400 lbs., Lambs - 75 lbs. min., Goats - 40 lbs. min.
4. **Consignor must have pre-registered for show and auction using link provided. Exhibitors will have to declare their auction animal at the time of show and auction pre-registration.**
5. If an exhibitor is in **BOTH** 4-H and FFA, he/she must show in the program area (**FFA/4-H**) that is identified at the tagging (ex. if your form is signed by an FFA advisor, you show FFA).
6. Each market animal that sells must show in its respective show. Example: market hogs must show in market hog show, etc.
7. A selling fee will be charged to help pay for advertising. The fees are as follows: Swine 3%, Lambs 5%, Beef 2%, Goats 5%.
8. **Exhibitor will retain possession of animal after the virtual auction.**
9. Any disputes or final decisions concerning the sale will be addressed and settled by the Meade County Fair 4-H/FFA Youth Auction Committee.
10. Auction check must be cashed by December 31, 2020, or it will be forfeited back to the Meade County Fair 4-H/FFA Youth Auction Committee account.

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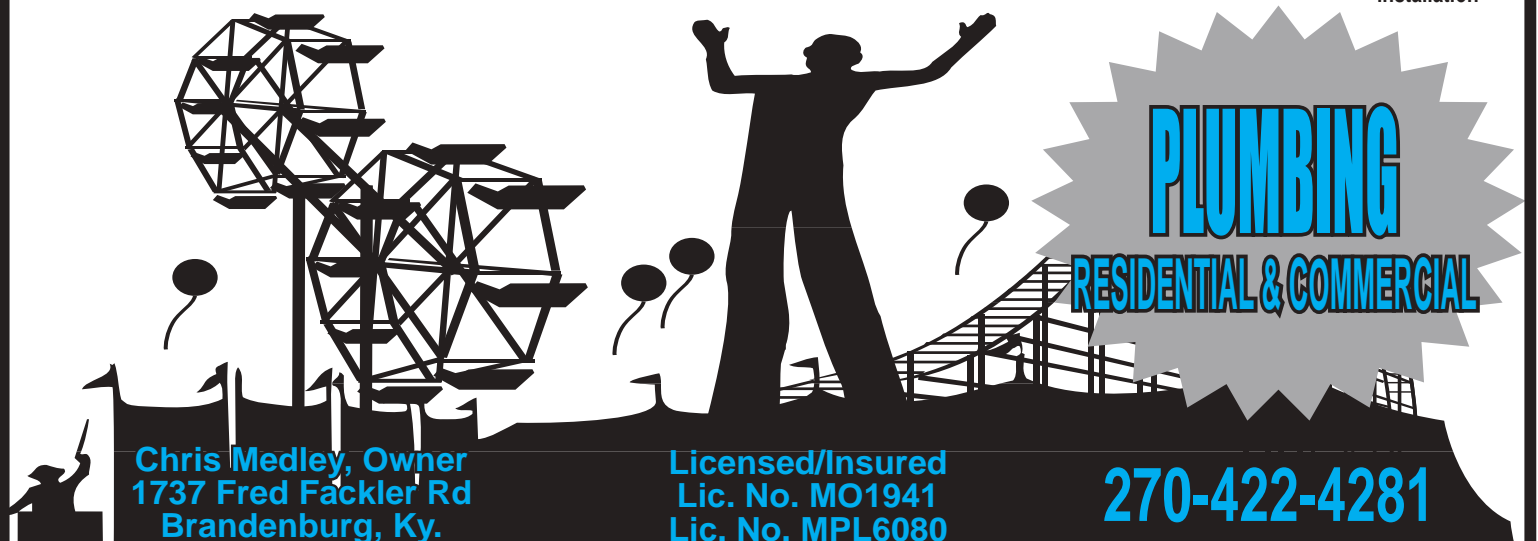
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# Still a Beauty Queen?

**SETH DUKESS**  
*Newsroom Coordinator*

Jo Ann Bondurant, 85, was crowned Meade County Fair Queen in 1950. She says this is an honor that had a positive effect on her attitude about life.

Born in Buck Grove to Edwin and Ethel Bruner, she spent her younger years helping on the family farm. Jo Ann says she loved animals.

"I had a pet everything," said Jo Ann. "I had a duck, I had a coon, and I had a groundhog that I caught myself."

Jo Ann loved to fish, too. She remembers her father getting a television, and she reckons it must have been one of the first. They had an ice box instead of a refrigerator. They didn't have electricity because RECC had not brought it to the area yet.

"At that time, things were quite different," said Jo Ann. In high school, Jo Ann tried to be a part of everything she could. From newspaper staff to the homemakers to the cheerleading squad and various clubs and organizations, she did a little of everything. She also played the alto horn in band and was in two plays.

She recalled what she wore the night of her victory at the fair. Her gown was white lace, and she wore baby-doll pump shoes with rhinestones.

At that time, the event was held outside.

"We didn't have all the nice new buildings that we have today," said Jo Ann.

Jo Ann says she was a bundle of nerves.

"I looked at some of the other dresses, and there was one girl that had on the most beautiful dress in the world," said Jo Ann. "I looked down at mine and thought, 'Oh, I bet she's going to get the award.'"

No sooner than Jo Ann convinced herself to stay positive, her name was called, and she was crowned Meade County Fair Queen.

"I even get excited today," said Jo Ann. "I hold that in my heart as a very special event for me. I loved it."

She says being crowned Meade County Fair Queen made her so proud that she wanted to excel in all aspects of her life and be proud of what she did.

After graduating from Meade County High School, Jo Ann went on to study at the University of Kentucky and, eventually, work at Fort Knox. She retired from Fort Knox after 34 years as a personnel specialist GS-11.

She was married to Jackie Sturgeon for 53 years. After the two of them retired, they moved to Alabama for 10 years. When her husband passed away, Jo Ann came back to Kentucky and, years later, married Joe Bondurant and moved to Lexington. Joe was a pharmacist and the owner of a large pharmacy there. The two were married for five wonderful years before Joe passed away. Jo Ann moved back to Buck Grove, where she lives to this day.

For the last five years, she has been seeing Edwin Hub-



bard.

"He is a very special friend," said Jo Ann.

Jo Ann is a Kentucky Colonel, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a collector of antiques. She also attends the fair almost every year. Her favorite events are still the beauty pageants, but she also enjoys the baby contests and other events.

Her daughter Jennifer says Jo Ann still has that beauty queen mentality in her day-to-day life. She recalled a time when Jo Ann was in the hospital, and she had to bring hair curlers and makeup.

These days, Jo Ann loves playing Rook and dancing twice a week. She loves going out to eat at nice restaurants. She's also a member of Buck Grove Baptist Church.

She gives credit to God for being the backbone of anything she does and says she couldn't have done anything in her life without her family.

"I get emotional just thinking about how wonderful they are," Jo Ann said through swelling eyes. "Without them, I just couldn't have made it, and we still have a good time. We just enjoy everything."

More than 50 years later, Jo Ann Bondurant is still a beauty queen, inside and out.



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