

## 2026 Special Baking Contest

### Homemade Apple Pie

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Entry 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Judging begins 5:00 p.m.

Karen Erichsen, Contest Superintendent

This year's special baking contest will focus on Homemade Apple Pie. This contest is open to Youth (age 4-17) and Adult (age 18 and older.)

Prizes in each division, 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25

#### Contest Guidelines

- Entry must be submitted in a 9" disposable aluminum pie pan, covered (NO plastic wrap) for food safety purposes. Gallon sized bags can be purchased at the extension office if needed.
- Entry is to be 1 apple pie, uncut.
- Each entry must be prepared from scratch (no purchased pie filling or pie crust) and baked by the person whose name is on the entry form.
- Apple Pie Only, no other fruit added.
- Each entry must be accompanied with a detailed recipe (a photocopy of the original recipe is acceptable.) The recipe should NOT contain the name of the baker. Contestant recipes will be returned to the contestant after the contest.
- Recipes cannot contain **UNBAKED** fresh fruits NOT baked into the pie and/or other non-perishable ingredients. Cream cheese, custard type fillings or raw flour/egg products are **NOT** permitted. Recipes including alcohol will be disqualified. Candies, nuts and dried fruits are NOT allowed.
- No Garnishes.
- Entries must be shelf stable, and not need refrigeration or any special handling.
- Professional bakers are not allowed to enter this contest meaning that entries are not allowed from those who profit from the sale of baked goods.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, texture, aroma, and flavor.

Entries will be accepted at the 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> in the center area of the east side of the fair building.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three places in each division as noted above. Each entry will be donated for sale after judging with funds going to the Geary County Free Fair. A portion of the top three judged entries will be put on display in the Open Class Food showcase.

Entries in the Baking Contest are not eligible for awards in the other Open Class or 4-H baking competitions. However, an entry made from the same recipe may be entered in 4-H or Open Class.

## **DEPARTMENT A – OPEN CLASS AGRICULTURE**

SUPERINTENDENTS - Mary Kay Munson & Sue Penn

Must be current year's crop.

### *CROPS DIVISION:*

Class

- 1000 .. One Gallon Sample of Wheat (variety must be named)
- 1001 .. One Gallon Sample of Oats (variety must be named)
- 1002 .. Ten (10) Ears Yellow Corn (variety must be named)
- 1003 .. Ten (10) Ears Popcorn (variety must be named)
- 1004 .. Ten (10) Heads Hybrid Grain Sorghum (variety must be named)
- 1005 .. Ten (10) Stalks Forage Sorghum (variety must be named)
- 1006 .. Soybeans (bundle of ten (10) plants)
- 1007 .. 3 Heads of Sunflowers (variety must be named, also indicate whether sample is confectionery or oil seed sunflower)
- 1008 .. Alfalfa (one 6" flake or slice from a rectangle bale or a 10" section cut from a round bale, tied in two directions)\*
- 1009 .. Prairie Hay (one 6" flake or slice from a rectangle bale or a 10" section cut from a round bale, tied in two directions)\*
- 1010 .. Brome (one 6" flake or slice from a rectangle bale or a 10" section cut from a round bale, tied in two directions)\*
- 1011 .. Exhibited for display only

\* Alfalfa and Hay exhibits should be brought for exhibit in a large plastic bag.