

**2025 Special Baking Contest**  
**Sweet Scones**  
**Wednesday, July 23, 2025**  
**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 Sweet Scones. This contest is open to Youth (age 4-17) and Adult (age 18 and older.)

**Contest Guidelines**

- Entry must be displayed on a plate or stiff, foil-covered cardboard. The scones will need to be covered for food safety purposes.
- Entry is to be 3 scones – approximately 3"x4"
- Product cannot contain yeast for leavening.
- Each entry must be prepared from scratch (no mixes) and baked by the person whose name is on the entry form.
- 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 fresh fruits not baked into the product, and/or other non-perishable ingredients. No cream cheese frosting is permitted. Recipes including alcohol will be disqualified.
- 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 23<sup>rd</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 cake will be donated for sale after judging with funds going to the Geary County Free Fair. A portion of the top three judged scones 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, a scone made from the same recipe or same batch of batter may be entered in 4-H or Open Class.



## **DECORATED SQUASH CONTEST**

Decorate any kind of squash – example(s): butternut, zucchini, acorn, spaghetti.

- Squash can be home grown or purchased.
- Squash can be any size. Man-made or natural materials can be used as decorations, or a mix of both kinds of materials.
- Three (3) entries are allowed per person.
- Contest is open to youth and adults and will be judged in two divisions: Youth (age 4-10) (11-15) and Adult (age 16 and over).
- There will be three placings in each division 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Entries will be judged on creativity.
- Entries will be judged on Wednesday at 4:30pm before the Special Baking Contest.
- Entries accepted at the 4-H/Sr. Center Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 3-7 pm and Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30-11am.
- Entries are to be picked up Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm.
- Entries are not eligible for awards in the Open Class or 4-H classes at the fair.