**Special Baking Contest 2024**

**Decorated Cake - Celebrating the Olympics**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

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

Karen Erichsen, Contest Superintendent

The 2024 Summer Olympics will kick off just a day after the Geary County Free Fair wraps up. The baking contest will focus on an Olympic theme with decorated single-layer cakes. This contest is open to Youth (age 4-17) and Adult (age 18 and older.)

**Contest Guidelines**

* Entry must be displayed on stiff, foil-covered cardboard. The cake will need to be covered for food safety purposes. Disposable cake boxes available in local retail stores are preferred.
* Entry is to be an 8x8” or 9x9” square or 8-9” round cake.
* Only single-layer cakes will be accepted.
* 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 nuts, raisins, dried or canned fruits, jams or preserves, 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 24th 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 cakes will be put on display along with a printed picture of the full cake in the Open Class Food showcase.

Entries in the Baking Context are not eligible for awards in the other Open Class or 4-H baking competitions. However, a cake made from the same recipe or same batch of batter may be entered in 4-H or Open Class.