

# 4-H Clover News

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## Changes due to COVID-19 Information

Many changes have been made due to the COVID-19 virus. We know your family life and ours have totally changed in the past weeks and it will continue to be modified for the rest of the year.

Our Extension Office is not officially open but you can call and make an appointment or ask your questions. We can also be reached by our emails and cell phone numbers. Our Cell phone numbers are listed on the left under how to reach us. The Government Building will be opening but with limited entry into the building. Please call prior to coming in to be sure you can get in.

We have made changes in how we are tagging animals, having meetings, school and classes, graduations, recreation activities, etc. People say they want to go back to normal, but we don't think the new normal will be what we were use to.

We hope you are taking this time to work on your 4-H projects, work with your animals, and even start on your record book!! Ethel is planning to send out tips and helpful suggestions for completing your record book soon. Watch your email for this to come in the future.

## QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER-Postponed to September 13!

All Clubs were given a Duck Lease book with 50 leases in it. These duck leases are for the Q97 Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race which was to be on June 6th at the Main Street Dodge Festival. **Main Street Festival has been cancelled** but the organizer for the Duck Races has arranged for the **event to happen with the International Day Celebration on September 13th**. This event takes place downtown just like the Festival in June. The race will happen at 2:30 pm. Please make sure as you sell the leases to mark the new date on the lease you give to the purchaser.



So for now, you may want to hold off on selling duck leases until after July 4, when we can actually sell in person. If you have already sold some, please let me know and we can get the money deposited and let the purchaser know the situation.

The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Program.



## **4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. through Zoom.

### **County Fair, July 16-20....**

**Some minor changes for the county fair book rules/schedule. The Fair Book will be posted soon on our website.**

- ⇒ **Judging of Sheep and Goats will both be held on the same night of Saturday, July 18**
- ⇒ **Poultry/Rabbits check in time has been changed to 7:30-10 am (same as all projects). Judging will be on Friday, July 17 starting at 11:30 am**
- ⇒ **No rate of gain for sheep, goats, and swine this year.**
- ⇒ **No pen of 3 classes for livestock.**
- ⇒ **Remember, Sheep and Goats can be braced, but must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Prior to the class starting, members will be reminding of the rule. If caught breaking this rule, participant will be dropped to the bottom of the class, a second infraction may result in a disqualification.**
- ⇒ **This year due to several reasons, Grand Champion winners will be receiving a monetary award and ribbon instead of a trophy and ribbon. These awards will still be sponsored by local individuals or businesses and will require a thank you.**
- ⇒ **All judging, activities and schedule may change due to COVID-19 at time of Fair.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS**

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day on July 18th. They also assist in creating the display for the project area. We encourage Livestock Superintendents to assist with their respective livestock weigh-in and out in the ring during the show. These are great leadership activities for your record book!

If you did not sign-up and would still like to help out, please give us a call at the office.

## **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)**

A flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification was emailed earlier to all families. It is also attached to this newsletter. To Register and/or to receive a discount coupon for all sessions at <https://yqca.learnrow.io> —contact Andrea or if you have any questions, please contact Andrea.

## **STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS**

The nomination deadline for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats is June 15th . Remember, directions for how to receive your tags/tagging instructions was emailed to you the last part of April.

## 2020 KANSAS 4-H STATE WHEAT EXPO IN WICHITA

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgewick County Extension Office, 7001 W. 21st St. N, Wichita, KS 67205. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be nine divisions open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. For more information about the wheat expo, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>. For additional questions contact either Andrea or Ethel.

## CHILDREN CARING FOR CHILDREN: NEW PROGRAM WILL HELP

K-State Research and Extension has launched a new program, “[Suddenly in Charge](#),” aimed at helping older children learn the best ways to handle what in some cases is a new role taking care of younger children, whether in their own homes or those of a neighbor or friend.

“Suddenly in Charge is important for our Kansas communities because many families are trying to work from home, and/or have children now at home responsible for providing care for younger children,” said Bradford Wiles, an extension specialist in early childhood development. “The safety of these children is crucial and we want to help families get some of the basic safety elements in place first, and then help them with age-appropriate activities.”

Helpful information is available on the Suddenly in Charge [website](#) for teens, tweens and anyone charged with caring for younger children, whether it’s a new situation or they’ve been doing it for years.

Suddenly in Charge will provide trusted guidance from experts with information about the things that families need. For example, resources about food, media safety, disaster safety, animal care and safety, and mental health and wellness, just to name a few.

One of the first resources is a babysitter information sheet with spaces for parent contact information, other emergency contacts, doctor information and more.

Contact Ethel for more information or check it out on the [K-State Research and Extension website](#).

## Discovery Days - 2020 A Vision for the Future

**Discovery Days is going Virtual!** May 27 - May 29, 2020

The Kansas 4-H Discovery Days event for Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1 of 2020, will be available **virtually for 2020**. Sessions will be offered live on the mornings of May 27th, 28th, and 29th. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with recorded content in the afternoons or whenever they are able. Keeping with the spirit of Discovery Days, participants will also have opportunities to listen to key note speakers, take part in peer-to-peer small group breakout sessions, and do service learning projects. ALL sessions will be recorded and can be viewed at later times.



### ::4-H Shout Outs::

◆ All Community Leaders, 4-H members, and their parents for everything you are doing and adapting with project work, club meetings, etc. during this uncharted time we are dealing with during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Congratulations



**To Our Graduating Seniors!!**

*Bretta Austin*

*Kiowa Derstein*

*Gabe Ellis*

*Tonatiuh Figueroa*

*Cheyann Higby*

*Dalton Prater*

*Brando Puentes*

*Arionne Servis*

## **HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION**

### **Horse Level Testing**

Horse Level Testing is still required to participate in State shows. Due to COVID-19 policies, all components will be moved to an online format. The deadline for completion of Level testing is July 15th. (This is a state deadline and must be followed.) There will be a \$10 fee. Complete instructions, coversheets and leadership sections are available on the 4-H section of the Ford County website at [www.ford.ksu.edu](http://www.ford.ksu.edu). Some of the leadership sections have been expanded to make it easier for members to complete. Each level of the exam contains 50 question and must be completed online in one sitting. Youth can complete multiple levels in one year, but they must be completed in order. Study materials are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html>. Contact Andrea at [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu) to get started!

**2020 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW — CANCELED**

**2020 HIGH PLAINS 4-H HORSE SHOW — CANCELLED**



### **TRACTOR SAFETY**

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold our multi-county Tractor Safety Operator's Course. A course with similar content will be offered via independent study with material from Penn State University. You will have 30 days to review the materials and then will take an exam. Help will be provided virtually if needed. The class will be offered from May 18th until September 1st. The course will only be available to those 14-16 years old. Contact Andrea at [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu) for more information. There will be a \$20 charge for the course.


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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. We wish you the best in your future career choices. We celebrate you as you graduate and all your high school accomplishments!

We hope you all are working on your 4-H projects for the Fair during your time at home.

Have a great summer!

  
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