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FAIR UPDATE and Schedule Changes...

We have attached a copy of the letter which was mailed out today to past sponsors of the Ford County Fair Premium Sale. Please note the Premium Sale is an online Sale this year. We are lucky to be able to work with Winter Livestock for our Sale. The sale will use pictures of the 4-H member and their animals as no animals will be at the actual auction. Exhibitors are being asked to send 2-3 pictures of their animals to the following email: fordco4hsale@gmail.com for us to upload to the CattleUSA.com website. Please send these pictures by noon, Wednesday, July 15. We will also try and take pictures of the exhibitor and animals during the shows. All animals consigned to the Fair Livestock Sale will be trucked to the respective market buyers after each individual show. If your animal is going through the sale it becomes the property of the Fair Board. Our Sale is a terminal sale. Animals not in the sale or not going as a floor animal, must be taken home after the show. No animals will be left at the Fairgrounds. Please share this letter with prospective premium sponsors.

Please review the Fair schedule included with the newsletter. The **Swine show** has been moved up by a half hour to start at 8:30 am on Friday, July 17. This means weigh in time will begin at 7:00 am and continue until 8 am. The Fairgrounds will be open for families to start bringing animals at 5:00 am on Friday, July 17, but weigh in will not begin until 7 am. No pen assignments will be made, please align yourselves in a way to practice social distancing between pens. (families may have pens next one another)

Sheep and Goat Show will be on Friday evening, July 17 starting at 6:30 pm with Sheep and followed with the Goat Show. Weigh in will begin at 5:00 pm and go to 6:00 pm. If you have swine, sheep and/or goats you may bring all in together if you want to transport them all at one time. You may pen in the barn as necessary.

Horse Show—Due to concerns with vesicular stomatitis in Kansas, vet checks will be required before trailers are unloaded for the show. A vet will be on hand to check trailers beginnings at 7:30 a.m. This will take place at the gate on the west side of the fairgrounds by the Pavilion. Horse patterns will be emailed out to horse members on Monday, July 13.

An abbreviated show schedule and smaller classes will be put in place in order to follow social distancing guidelines and other recommended protocol during COVID-19. All shows will be held in a spring show format. Shows will be blow and go, animals and exhibitors should come ready to show. Water and electricity will be available prior and during the shows. Animals will not be housed long term on the fair grounds.

In order to practice safe social distancing, only the 4-Her exhibiting and one family member will be allowed in the barns prior to the show. Those in attendance should be limited to family only. Every effort will be made to follow CDC guidelines.

Face coverings are strongly encouraged (masks will be available if needed). Hand sanitizer will be provide. Social distancing should be practiced. Please be courteous and respectful.

Additional Fair info

FASHION REVIEW JUDGING—July 13, evening

We will have Fashion Review for Constructed Garments and Buymanship for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 13 starting at 6:30 pm.** Everyone is asked to come in their Buymanship outfit and be ready to model. If you have entered in Construction Style Review, bring your outfit to change into after Buymanship judging is done. We will not start before the scheduled time.

6:30 pm	Seniors -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)
7:15 pm	Juniors -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)
7:45 pm	Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)

INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 16—PICK UP ON JULY 17

Drop of exhibits by exhibitor's last name:

7:30-8:30 — A– D	10-:30—11:30 am — M-R
8:30– 9:30 — E–G	11:30 am—12:30 pm — S–W
9:30—10:30 am — H– L	

If this time absolutely does not work, contact the Extension office to make other arrangements.

WE have worked out a procedure for families to come in through the East glass doors (please maintain 6 feet social distancing) and bring your items to one of the two registration tables set up in the east room. After checking in of the exhibits, you will be directed to go out of the building through a different door to avoid traffic congestion.

EXHIBIT RELEASE TIMES

Judged Exhibits will be available for families to pick up between 7:00-9:00 pm on Friday, July 17. If you can not pick up on Friday, please let either Ethel or Andrea know and arrangements can be made to pick up at a different time.

THE POULTRY SHOW

The Poultry Show has been moved to start at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 17 due to the judge having a conflict with the earlier time. Poultry will be judged under the open Pavilion on the west side of the fair building this year. Some pens will be available if needed.

HAND PETS SHOW

Hands Pets Show will start at 3:00 pm on Friday, and it will be held under the Pavilion. Please be sure you have vaccination records in hand for dogs and cats.

JUDGES INFORMATION SHEET

Don't forget to fill out an exhibit questionnaire for your exhibits to tell the judge more about your project. This is the only way they will know what you did, why you did it a certain way, what didn't go right, etc. and attach it to your exhibit. This is being done in place of the consultative visit with the judge. The form can be found on our Extension website under Ford County Fair.



A FORD COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI POEM

This poem was written by Regina Lix's daughter who's family is involved in 4-H in another Kansas county. We think it is right on this year!



Twas the night before fair
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a mouse.

The projects were sitting
All ready to go
Or else were abandoned
Maybe next year to show.

The kids were all moping
On tablets and phones
All longing for normal
To come back to their homes.

While covid continued
To disrupt all our lives
We hoped and we prayed
That all would survive

When what to my wondering
Eyes should appear
But another email
To help make things clear.

Masks were required
For each livestock show
The carnival, food stand
Would both have to go.

More projects were scratched
The kids didn't have the heart
What was the point
Of finishing that art?

A virtual fair
Didn't seem quite just
After all the hard work
On the perfect pie crust.

When at last I recalled
The 4-H pledge we proclaim
To head, heart, hands
And health we explain.

My head clearly thought,
"The fair is much more,
Than ribbons and games
And boasting galore."

It's about learning new things
And the friendships created,
Continuing to try
When we get frustrated.

This year county fair
May not be what we hoped for
But these kids will become
Stronger than ever before.

Their hearts will be loyal
Their hands will serve plenty
They'll look out for the health
Of those in our city.

So as we finish our projects
Know the future is bright.
Happy Fair Days to all
And to all a good night.

Good Luck to all our 4-Hers!!



2020 FORD COUNTY 4-H/FFA

FAIR SCHEDULE



Subject to change/modification

Thursday, July 16

7:30 am to 12:30 pm
Afternoon

Drop off of indoor exhibits
Judging of indoor exhibits—Building will be closed
No consultative judging in 2020

Friday, July 17

7:00—8:00 am
8:30 am
8:00 am

1:00 pm
3:00 pm
5:00—6:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00—9:00 pm

Weigh in of Swine
Swine Show
Judging of indoor exhibits —Building will be closed
Non consultative judging in 2020
Poultry Show, under the Pavilion
Hand Pet Show, under the Pavilion
Weigh in of Sheep and Goats
Sheep Show, followed by Goat Show
Pick up of indoor exhibits

Saturday, July 18

5:00—6:00 pm
6:30 pm

Weigh in Beef
Beef Show
(bucket calves, showmanship, breeding, market)

Sunday, July 19

7:30 am
8:00 am
9:00 am

Horse Vet Check
Outdoor Church Service—Horse Arena
Horse Show

Monday, July 20

3:00 pm

Livestock Sale—online at CattleUSA.com
or at Winter Livestock Sale Arena

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100 Gunsmoke
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Dear 4-H Families,

This abbreviated newsletter is full of information for the 2020 Ford County Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. Remember that this is uncharted water for all of us and we need to be willing to be patient and be respectful. The kids and giving them the opportunity to showcase the skills they have learned and the projects they have completed, is the reason that we do fair. We know it looks different. We know it might not be as fun. We know things aren't ideal. Trust us, we know. We are just glad we have an opportunity to come together as a 4-H family to have a fair, no matter how it looks. Please encourage your children to have a positive attitude and give it their all!

Ask questions. If you don't understand something or are unsure of something, ask. There may be details that we did not think about or overlooked. Please be patient with us as we are learning this year as we go along too. We will get lots more accomplished if we all work together.

Remember we are all striving to "make the best better."



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FORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
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DODGE CITY, KANSAS 67801

The Ford County 4-H/FFA members have been hard at work this year raising their livestock projects. COVID-19 took away some of their opportunities to participate in many things, including local spring shows. While the 2020 Ford County Fair will look different, we will still be having a premium only sale to help the youth out with the expenses they incur with their livestock projects.

The 2020 Ford County Fair will be a 4-H/FFA Fair only and will not be open to the public. You can still view the projects from the Fair on the Ford County 4-H Facebook page, www.facebook.com/fordcounty4h/

The Ford County Fair is the culmination of a year's worth of work, dedication and learning by these young people. This year the Ford County Fair Association is partnering with Winter Livestock to have an online sale. The sale will still take place on Monday, July 20th. You can participate online at CattleUSA.com or by going in person to Winter Livestock, 1414 East Trail Street Dodge City, at 3:00 p.m. on July 20th. Social distancing is strongly encouraged.

Registering-

Winter Livestock has set up a sale event for us at CattleUSA.com. Log on to Cattle USA.com and scroll down until you find our sale "**Ford County KS 4-H Sale.**" Click on the blue submit button to set up an account or log on to your account if you already have one. If you will be participating online, you must create an account prior to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20th. When registering, you will need the following information to create an account:

First name
Last name
e-mail address
State
Username
Password

A complete sale bill will be available online beginning Sunday, July 19th.

Bidding-

Bids will be taken through the CattleUSA.com website as well as in person at Winter Livestock the day of the sale, July 20th. Bids will be taken and monitored by employees of Winter Livestock.

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Payment-

Payment will not be accepted through CattleUSA.com. All invoices will be sent to you from the Ford County Fair Association via e-mail to the address you provided when registering for the auction. You may pay by check or cash to the following address:

Ford County Extension Office
100 Gunsmoke
Dodge City, KS 67801

Make checks PAYABLE TO: Ford County Fair Association.

Payments can be made in person or by mail and should be received by August 1, 2020 so that checks can be issued to the 4-Hers in a timely fashion.

Add-on Money-

The option to do add-on money will still be available. A form fillable document is available on the Ford County Extension website at www.ford.k-state.edu. These forms and payment need to be turned in to the Ford County Extension Office by August 1st, 2020.

IMPORTANT NOTICE-

Due to availability of kill dates at local lockers, unless you have made previous arrangements with a Ford County 4-H Family to take their animal, this year's sale will be a ;./ sale. This means that you will not have the option of taking the animal unless arrangements were made with the 4-H family prior to July 18th. If you have made arrangements to take the animal, please contact Andrea Burns at (620)682-5530. These arrangements would need to have been made in advance as neither the youth or the animals will be present at the auction.

Champion Foods Auction-

Just like years past, champion foods will also be included in this sale. Arrangements will be made to deliver the food to the buyer at a later date.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ford County Fair. If you have any questions, contact Curtis Williams, Ford County Fair Board Vice President at (620)253-1010. Special thanks to Brian Winter, Tanner Turley and Winter Livestock for helping make this year's sale possible!

FORD COUNTY FAIR

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ADD-ON FORM



Date: _____

Donor's Name _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Add-Ons will be accepted until August 1st.

4-Her's Name/4-H Group's Name	Species/Class	Amount
TOTAL		

Thank you for supporting Ford County Fair Participants!

Office Use Only

Payment Received

Initial _____

CK # _____

Cash

Invoice