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4-H ENROLLMENTS

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2021. **Volunteers need to update their profiles, too!** *This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter if you have not re-enrolled by January 31.* You are now able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects.** Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each project.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you **MUST** weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. **Beef weigh-in has not been set yet. Fair Board will be meeting January 12 and it will be decided at that time.**

FAIR BOARD MEETINGS DATES

The Fair Board has set their regular monthly meeting dates for the upcoming year to be the second Tuesday of each month starting in January of 2021. Meetings will take place at the Fair Building starting at 7 p.m.

HAND PET CAGE?

A former 4-H'er has a Guinea Pig cage she no longer needs and was wondering if there might be a 4-H'er in small animals that would like it. It sits about 2" off the floor and is 35x15x20. She would like to sell it, but for a very reduced price. She plans to bring it back to Dodge City during the holidays so would be available soon. Contact Ethel for more information.

OFFICER TRAINING SURVEY ON QUALTRICS

Now is a perfect time to complete the online survey for Officers Training. We have very few completed surveys and this is the official list of who participated in person or by watching the videos for club seal purposes. The survey needs to be done by both those who attended the virtual training and for anyone who watched the recorded links. The survey link is:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YPQcXqMdkrDx9b

**Exchange/Ambassador December Meeting — Cancelled—
Next meeting will be February 22, 2021.**

Extension Office Holiday Closures and Hours

The Extension Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and December 25 for Christmas ; and Monday, December 28 through January 1. We will re-open to the public on Monday, January 4 at 8:30 am.



4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 at the Ford County Fair Building. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm. We will meet in person and virtual, if requested.

AREA KAP JUDGING

A reminder if your KAP was selected for Area judging, the KAP is due into the Extension Office no later than Friday, January 15, 2021. Those eligible from Ford County are: Clark Burgert – Space Tech and Performing Arts; Candace Fry – Leadership; Alexa Gerdes - Horse; Cole Bertelsen – Photography and Visual Arts; Stanton Custer – Health and Rabbits; Drew Ellis – Woodworking; and Rachel Harrold – Poultry.

FORD COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ford County 4-H Foundation is Wednesday, January 13th at 5:30 pm in the Ford County Fair Building. Members will vote on two board members for a three year term and elect officers. This is a public meeting and every Ford County resident is invited to attend. A minimum donation of \$5 entitles you to one vote at the annual meeting and election of board of directors.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their annual membership drive. You may have already received a letter asking you to become a member. Support of this organization is through a minimum donation contribution of \$5.00. To make a contribution, send a check to:

Ford County 4-H Foundation
100 Gunsmoke St.
Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program by: providing college and camp scholarships; sponsoring trips such as the Denver Consumer Science award trip, officer’s training, record book incentives and school enrichment programs. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or call the Extension Office.

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our 4-H Facebook page for cancellations if you are in doubt about the status of an event.



JUNIOR PRODUCER DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

This year the junior producer days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational series. A few sessions will be presented on week-night evenings, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. Junior Swine Producer Week is scheduled for February 15-20, 2021. The Junior Meat Goat Producer Week is slated for March 15-20, 2021. All ages and knowledge levels are invited for both events! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, livestock guard dogs, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online. The link for Junior Swine Producer Week is <https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek>. Families may register for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>. The deadline to register and receive the necessary materials is February 8 and March 8, respectively. Participants are encouraged to use an email they check regularly, as links and program details will be communicated to those registered via email.

For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Citizenship in Action will be a virtual event in 2021. Plans are being made for programming on February 14 and 15.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating and finding common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) The Sunday afternoon session could potentially (depending on Covid-19 Restrictions) be a local “watch party” where you have your own conversation as a community of 4-H members.

On Monday the program will begin after lunch and be an opportunity to hear how others decided to make a difference and make a plan to do the same. Tentatively 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration should open in early January and will be due Monday, February 1. More information will be available soon.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2021

NEW PROCESS FOR 2021!

Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021.

Please note that you will now be required to upload some files that would have previously been emailed. Listed below each scholarship application link are the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application.

While the more detailed applications allow you to begin, close and return/reopen, it is suggested to have your files ready to upload when you start the application process. **ALL DOCUMENTS FOR UPLOAD MUST BE IN .PDF FILE FORMAT.**

Before uploading files, please follow these guidelines for naming your files:

- Start ALL file names with your FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME.
- Add the type of document, i.e. Resume, Transcript, Reference
- Example: DRATLIFF Transcript.PDF

PLEASE NOTE – No paper applications or recommendation letters will be accepted.

For more detailed information and the application link, go to:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

FORD COUNTY FAIR

The 2021 Ford County Fair dates have been set for Thursday, July 22 through Monday, July 26. Please put these dates on your calendar.

FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES

Please do your part to take responsibility for your own actions and project work. This means calling in to register for events, turning forms in on time, and calling ahead with questions. Responsibility is one of the many life skills to learn! If you need papers signed, please do not wait until the last minute, as both of the agents may be out of the office. Call ahead to **be sure someone will be in the office.**

FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to ‘LIKE’ Ford County 4-H on Facebook. We post a lot of important information and updates on this page! It’s a great way for us to keep in contact with all of our great Ford County 4-H families!



CLUB DAYS

WHAT IS 4-H CLUB DAYS?

Club Days is a great way for 4-H'ers to showcase their talents in music, drama, dance and public speaking with others!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN 4-H CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers can participate in Club Days as a CLUB and/or an INDIVIDUAL. You must be enrolled through KS 4-H Online.

WHAT EVENTS CAN I DO?

There are a variety of events to please everyone. Please see the next page for a brief description of 4-H Club Day events. FULL descriptions and rules can be found on our website.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

EACH 4-H'er participating in an INDIVIDUAL event needs to fill out an event registration sheet. If a 4-H'er is competing in a CLUB event, the club leader needs to turn in an event registration sheet with ALL participants names. *Forms are form fillable and can be found on the Ford County Extension Website under 4-H.* **Registration needs to be turned into the Extension Office**

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please call the Extension Office if you need help or have any questions.



County Club Day Changes.....

Due to Covid restrictions we are still uncertain on how we will be conducting County Club Day in 2021. 🤔

We have moved the county club day tentatively to February 27 in order to allow for a little more time to make decisions.

It is very likely we will be doing events differently than usual and club and group events may not be held in person. We are still undecided if some or possibly all events will be held virtual.

AGE is determined by Age of 4-H members on DECEMBER 31, of the current 4-H year.

Sr. Division – 14 and older

Jr. Division – 13 and younger

(unless otherwise stated in individual sections) Remember Cloverbuds can not participate in this competitive event.

CLUB DAYS EVENTS



We left this information for you to think about what you might want to participate in once we determine when and how 2021 Club Day will be conducted. Please note, group activities will probably not be held in person in 2021.

MODEL MEETING

- ~~Model Meeting~~ — club and 1 or 2 adults
This event allows clubs to act out a ‘proper business meeting’ which 4-H Clubs do each month at their regular 4-H Club Meeting. In this event, clubs must include 5 parliamentary practices found in the ‘Club Days Guidelines.’ Two additional topics will be drawn at the competition and must be included during the competition. Please contact the office for more information.
- ~~Gavel Games~~ — 4-6 members
This is a great way for youth to practice parliamentary procedure in a fun atmosphere. Please see the ‘Club Days Guidelines’ for complete rules and information.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- ~~Show & Tell~~ - 1st or 2nd yr. junior members only This event is as simple as bringing your favorite toy and telling the judge all about it.
- ~~Project Talk~~ - junior members only
Gain confidence by talking to a judge about your favorite project in 4-H. Visuals are encouraged.
- ~~Public Speaking~~ - senior members only
Take the next step and write your own speech on a topic of your choice. 15 min max.
- ~~Extemporaneous Speaking~~ - senior members only
Participant draws two topics at competition and chooses one of them to speak on. 15 min prep time.
- ~~Digital Presentation~~
Put your PowerPoint skills to work! This event can be on a 4-H Project or topic of your choice.
- ~~Demonstration~~
Show the judge how to make a smoothie, sew on a button, or groom your dog in REAL life!
- ~~Illustrated Talk Readings~~
Show the judge how to do something by using pictures or drawings.

DANCE:

- ~~Folk Step Dance~~ — group
May include circle, line, Irish, polka dance etc.
- ~~Square Dance~~ — group
Kick off your shoes for some good ol’ fashioned square dancing! 10 min max.
- ~~Other Dance~~ - individual or group
Are you in ballet, tap, cheerleading, clogging, etc? Then this is for you!

DRAMATICS:

- ~~One Act Play~~ — group
This is FUN for a club to do! Grab a script and practice, practice, practice! Only one scene set allowed.
- ~~Skit~~ — group
This is also fun for creative minds. Make up your own skit and put costumes and a set to it!
- ~~Novelty~~ - individual or group
Are you in gymnastics? Do you like to do ventriloquists acts, stunts, puppets or other forms of entertainment?
- ~~Vocal Performance~~ - a solo or group (2 or more)
perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges.

MUSIC:

- Do you have a favorite song from band or vocal in school that you’d love to share for a judge? If so, enter it for Club Days! 4-H’ers must have sheet music for judges. An ensemble has 2-5 4-H’ers participating.
- ~~Vocal Solo or Ensemble~~
 - ~~Chorus~~ — 6 or more in group
— Group will sing two songs of their choosing.
 - ~~Instrumental Solo or Ensemble~~
 - ~~Band or Orchestra~~ — 6 or more in group

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Dear 4-H Families,



Happy New Year to all. We hope that 2021 will be a year of recovery and hope for things to return to normal after the past year we have had.

A lot of state activities have changed to virtual for the beginning of the 4-H year. This is a great opportunity to participate in many state events from the comfort of your own home. Check them out!

Remember our office will be closed during the holiday season. Call or email before you stop by.

Happy Holidays from Cassie, Andrea and Ethel!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ethel".

Ethel Schneweis
County Extension Agent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

Andrea Burns
County Extension Agent



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