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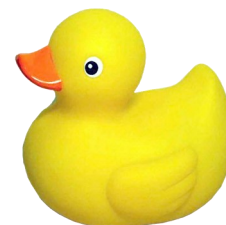
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QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



At your April Club Meetings, your Club Leaders will have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell. The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if each family could sell at least 10 duck leases. Each club received a book of 50 tickets. We can split the books up if the club wants it. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 5th at the Dodge City Main Street Festival. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Council and your 4-H Club. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be obtained by asking your community leaders for the information. The Alley will also be selling leases this year. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24 or to the Community Leader meeting that night.** The Family who sells the most duck leases by Monday, May 24 will win a \$100 gift card! Community Leaders/families will need to keep track of who sells and if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us! Please try and sell the books your leaders checked out at the Council meeting before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in.

Deadlines!!!

May 1 is the deadline for several 4-H things. Since May 1st is a Saturday, paperwork must be in our office by April 30.

- ◆ **Horse Id papers** — These must be on the Jan. 2020 form. Form must be front/back. It will not be accepted on two separate pages. After signing for the current year, we will make a copy at the office and the original will be returned to you.
- ◆ **Heart of Kansas Camp registration** — If you are interested in attending this summer camp June 21-24, registration is due April 30 in our office along with your registration fee. Remember registration is limited.
- ◆ **Drop/Add Deadline for projects** — If you want to **drop a project/add a project** for this 4-H year, you must do this online by **11:59 pm, May 1.**
- ◆ **Market Beef nomination forms** for KJLS and State Fair need to be signed by an agent and must be postmarked due by May 1.

4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.



County Fair, July 22-26....

The Fair Book will be posted soon on our website.

- ⇒ **Schedule will be similar to the 2019 schedule with some minor changes for 2021!**
- ⇒ **Clothing Fashion Revue judging will be on Monday evening, July 19, 6:00—9:00 pm similar to 2020.**
- ⇒ **Fair Pre-entry will be through the Online Fair Entry program we used last year.**
- ⇒ **4-H Exhibit entry on July 22 will be the same as in 2020 with members entering by assigned times to drop off exhibits based on your last name. If those times do not work, you will need to call to make arrangements for a different time slot.**
- ⇒ **Poultry entered at the Fair must be tested prior to Fair. The testing date for Ford County has been set for July 8 at the Fairgrounds and time to be determined.**
- ⇒ **We are currently planning to have Consultative Judging this year, but you may be asked to wear a mask and social distance. We are planning to have you sign up ahead of time through “Sign Up Genius” for time slots.**
- ⇒ **Open Class entries will be scheduled between 11:30 and 1:30 pm, with entries by 4-H parents accepted earlier if needed.**

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.

SPRING SHOWS

If you're interested in attending spring shows with any of your livestock, stop by the Extension Office. We have flyers for many spring shows throughout Kansas and the surrounding areas. Be sure to check out the Facebook pages, SWKS Livestock 4-H/FFA Events and/or SW KS Horse 4H/Horse Show/Rodeo Community.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This was also emailed to all livestock members. Register for all sessions at <https://yqca.learnrow.io> —Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

The nomination deadline for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats is June 15th . Remember, there is a \$25 fee if any of the agents have to travel to tag livestock for state shows that weren't brought to the respective weigh-in. If you will need us to come tag any livestock, please make those arrangements as soon as possible. We are gone most of June at different camps, so the sooner you get this done, the better!

2021 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW — June 29, 2021 Where: Western State Bank Expo Center, Entry deadline: June 15. Entry forms were emailed out to all in the Horse Project who are eligible.

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

If you haven't completed your Level 1 testing, you need to do so before registering for District Horse Show which is due June 15. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE

Practices have started. They are held every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Dodge city Gun Club. If you are not receiving notifications, please contact Andrea at the Extension Office.

SHUTTERBUGS AT THE ZOO



Shutterbugs at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City will be Saturday, May 8 at the Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City. Registration will begin at 8:30 am in the Finnup Center for Conservation Education. Admission is \$5.00 per family member age 6 and up with a maximum charge per family of \$20. Workshops will be held on the half and whole hours with the last starting at 11:30 am. Contact Pansy Fryman with questions at pbef@wbsnet.org.

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP

What: State 4-H Geology Field Trip —Registration will open soon.

When:

- June 12th – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
- June 19th – Southeast Kansas
- June 26th – Central Kansas

Who: 4-H Geology project members and their families - all participants are asked to register for the event

2021 KANSAS 4-H STATE WHEAT EXPO IN KINGMAN

Join us for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H's first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19 shut down physical/face-to-face 4-H programming in March 2020. We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff.



The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event in early August tentatively scheduled in Wichita-area. Full date and location details will be announced by June 1st. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Cost will be \$6.00 per person registration cost for using the CVent registration system. Registration will go live by June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, August 1st, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 303-349-7403 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp

Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University's first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 28-30. This event is for youth with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization. Participants will get the chance to shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wood yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is free! Contact the office for more information.

CAMP



HEADQUARTERS

(Copies of Registration Forms can be found online at ford.ksu.edu)

4-H DAY CAMP — Will not be held in 2021.

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 22-24

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome. Registration and fee of \$140 is due immediately or by April 30. **Camp numbers will be limited for 2021 camp season & will be filled on a first come basis. Call immediately if you are interested. Registration fee and form must be in to hold a spot. At this time, masks will be worn during most activities except for swimming, eating and sleeping.**

4-Clover Camp — June 15-17, 2021

Game of Life ...With 4-H

Dodge City Community College

Looking for a summer camp closer to home? **4-Clover Camp** is the camp for you! 4-H youth ages 7 to 10 years old are invited to attend this 3 day, 2 night camp for only \$75. Theme is "Game of Life... With 4-H". This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers. Registration is due June 1, but our numbers maybe limited so registration is on a first come, first service basis. **Masks will be worn inside buildings except in their living groups and while eating.**

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021) and is held June 27-30, 2021. This is a great transitional opportunity as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. Early registration and fee payment of \$320 is recommended as space is limited and will fill on a first come, first serve basis. Registration deadline is May 5 or until it is full.

SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/ EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray Counties have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, Campference, KYLF, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—Sept. 30). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on ford.ksu.edu under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

BLAKE STANLEY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are planning to attend 4-Clover Camp, we encourage you to apply for **one of five \$35 scholarships provided by the Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Scholarship fund.**

If you are interested in applying, you must write an essay with a maximum word count of 200. In the essay, please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to go to 4-H Camp?
- Why is 4-H important to you?
- Why do you need a scholarship for camp?

Essays are due on May 15 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.



Congratulations



To Our Graduating Seniors!!

Cole Bertelsen

Cody Farra

Candace Fry

Briggs Kerr

Halle Robinson

Marissa Sanchez

Calista Stein

Congratulations!

Diane (McNeill) Mack, NE 4-H State Specialist,

is retiring from Kansas State Research and Extension.

Her original retirement date was supposed to be in May but she has extended her retirement date to September 30.

Some of you and/or your parents/grandparents may remember Diane from when she served as the Ford County 4-H Youth Development Agent in the late 80's and 90's. She left Ford County and served as an extension agent in Hays before becoming the NE Area 4-H Specialist. Diane even served as the interim State 4-H Leader for a time. If anyone would like to send a note to Diane, please get it to the Extension Office and we will see that she receives it.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for our teen leaders. Do you enjoy working with younger members? Are you creative and artistic? Do you like working with a team to make an event happen?

We have something for everyone! Please call and let me know how you would like to help

- ◆ Help as a junior leader for a project - foods kids, rocketry kids and livestock kids have all asked for help. Would you help a younger 4-H member in your club?
- ◆ Help at fair set-up and fair clean-up. Get a group of friends together and have fun while you work.
- ◆ Be a junior superintendent or an assistant for one of the fair departments. It's fun and you'll learn a lot.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to our graduating seniors.

Don't forget to sign up for camps for the summer. Deadlines are fast approaching with HOK due April 30!!

We hope you all are working on your 4-H projects for the Fair. Please consider helping as a superintendent if you are old enough.

Have a great summer!

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