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FAIR UPDATES

and PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE...

“Red, White and Blue, This Fair Is For You” is the theme for the 2023 Ford County Fair, July 20-24! We hope your family, neighbors, friends, etc. will all come and enjoy the county fair this year at the Ford County Fairgrounds, 901 W. Park Street, Dodge City. This is a true County Fair as both 4-H members and the public are invited to exhibit and participate in activities!

We will have all **indoor fair (static) 4-H exhibits dropped off on Thursday morning, July 20** to the Fair Building. We plan to have drop off time from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm (noon). 4-H Families will have 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. Superintendents may bring exhibits and check them in when they come to help. The North middle room entrance (not the east), will be used for checking in exhibits prior to you attaching entry cards and before taking exhibits to the appropriate exhibit area. There will be consultative judging available or you can attach a card/paper with more information. The building will be closed to the public (except for superintendents and 4-H members doing consultative judging). Fashion Review judging will be on Monday evening. See next 2 pages for more details.

Livestock Shows will again be held on different days throughout the Fair. All livestock must be on the Fairgrounds by 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 20, when weigh in will begin for each species. See next 2 pages for more details.

The Livestock Sale will be on the Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm, July 24.

Our office will continue to use the Fair management program as in the past couple of years. This system allows each family to pre-enter Fair entries online. Pre-entries are due by 11:59 pm, July 1. Please don't wait to pre-enter as July 1 is a Saturday this year. If you have problems, we will not be available to help you complete your pre-entry. The FairEntry Program is connected with our Kansas 4-H Online Enrollment system so all your basic information and projects enrolled in will already be there. You will be able to log in using your KS4HOnline email and password when we open the entry process. We plan on having this available beginning June 2.

The Ford County Fair Book and schedule are available online at our county extension website of www.ford.ksu.edu and are available now for families or community leaders to pick up at the Extension Office.

Enclosed with this newsletter is information on how to access the FairEntry program to do pre-entries. The Fair schedule and events are subject to change.

Open Class Exhibit Entries will be accepted between 11:30 am—1:30 pm on Thursday, July 20. If 4-H parents/superintendents have exhibits, they may bring them at the same time they bring 4-H exhibits.

Additional Fair info

INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 20

Drop off exhibits by exhibitor's last name:

If this time absolutely does not work, contact the Extension office to make other arrangements. We will print your entry cards once you check in. You will need to attach card to your exhibit and then take exhibit to the project department area in the Fair Building.

7:30-8:30 am — H— L 10:30—11:30 am — A— D

8:30– 9:30 am — M—R 11:15 am—12:00 pm — E—G

9:30—10:30 am — S—W

Consultative Judging will take place again this year! You will have a chance to sign up for a time to visit with the judge after Fair set up on Tuesday evening or when you bring your exhibits on Thursday.

FASHION REVIEW JUDGING—July 17, 6:00 pm

We will have Fashion Review Judging for Constructed Garments and Buymanship for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 17 starting at 6:00 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. Here is a tentative schedule. We will start shortly after the previous group is done.

6:00 pm Seniors -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)

7:00 pm Juniors -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)

7:20 pm Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)



RABBIT AND POULTRY

Due to concerns about Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in neighboring states, the Fair's **Rabbit Show** will be a **carrier show** on **Friday, July 21 at 11:00 am.** This means you will bring your rabbits for the judging and then take them back home. They will not stay at the Fairgrounds.

All Poultry needs to be checked in and on the Fairgrounds between 7:30– 10:00 am on Thursday, July 20.

Poultry show will be held on **Friday, July 21 at 11:30 a.m.** All Poultry will be housed in the Poultry Barn during the Fair.

POULTRY TESTING — No testing of birds this year!!!

HAND PET SHOW—JULY 21

The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 21 at 3 p.m.** Registration will start at 2:30 pm in the Pavilion area. Order of judging will be dogs, aquarium pets, hand pets, and cats. Be sure to bring your health papers on cats and dogs. Animals must be kept in appropriate carrier or on a leash.

DOG SHOW—

Please contact Andrea or Ethel for more information on participating in a show in our area.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Livestock Exhibitors please note you will need to put in several items when you pre-enter in FairEntry. You must put in your animal 5 digit Tag number, your YQCA number, and if you have a registered breeding animal, you will need to include tattoo and birthdate of the animal. You will not need to put in your RFID tag number, as this number will automatically be put in the system when you hit save for this entry because it is linked to the 5 digit tag number we use.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We are still needing superintendents for assistance with inside exhibit judging on Thursday, July 20.

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day. They also assist in creating the display for the project area. We prefer youth to be 12 years of age or older to be a superintendent. These are great leadership activities for your record book!

What if I'm new and do not know what I'm doing? No problem! Jumping in and volunteering as a superintendent is a GREAT way to learn about 4-H and that project area! Questions are always welcomed!

If you did not sign-up through your club, you can still help out, please give us a call at the office.

FAIR T-SHIRTS FROM VICTORY ELECTRIC



Victory Electric is again sponsoring t-shirts for all 4-H/FFA members exhibiting at the County Fair. These will be handed out after Fair set up or when exhibits are entered on Thursday, July 20. To be sure your correct t-shirt size is ordered, PLEASE let us know if your shirt size has changed, what the correct size needs to be and we will change it on 4-HOnline. This is the t-shirt size we will use to order for everyone. Corrections need to be completed by June 2! We will place our shirt order soon after

that. Please email Ethel with your changes or call the office.

FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS

Ford County 4-H'ers are eligible to enter the Fair Special Contests, which are Barn Quilts, Building Creations (using Legos®, K'nex, toothpicks, popsicle sticks, etc) and Photo contests (Photo Theme is "Americana") during the Ford County Fair. You do not need to be enrolled in the Arts & Crafts or Photography projects to enter Special Contests. Bring your entries when you bring your 4-H Exhibits on Thursday, July 20, see schedule/fairbook for entry times.

4-H KING & QUEEN CONTEST

It's time to nominate your club's King & Queen contestants for this year's contest! Contestants will need to decorate a coffee can to display at the Fair (be sure the lid can be removed so we can count the money in the can). The King and Queen candidate who earns the most money will be crowned King and Queen at the Premium Sale the last day of the fair. ALL contestants are encouraged to ride on the 4-H Float at the Dodge City Days Parade on July 29. This is a fundraiser for the 4-H Exchange Group.

HELP NEEDED FOR FAIR SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

How many volunteers does it take to run a successful county fair? The answer is: We need you and your family and all club members! Check with other club members and make sure your club is represented. Parents and 4-H members are needed to help Fair Board members with set up and clean up on Tuesday evening, July 18 at 5:30 pm and Wednesday evening, July 26 at 5:30 pm. Please bring rakes, brooms, hoses, buckets, rags, etc. to help clean out the barns, clean displays, racks, and other things in the fair building. It won't take long if everyone comes to help. Pizza will be provided for all who help!



FairEntry – the Online Fair Management System

We are excited to use the FairEntry for our Ford County Fair. Beginning June 2 you can log on to <http://fordcounty-ks.fairentry.com/> from your computer or any mobile device (including smartphones) to submit your entries to the fair. The online entry system will streamline the entry process so, check-ins, show programs and results can be processed and posted quickly and efficiently at the fair.

Online entries will be required for all exhibitors. The deadline for online entries is July 1. This is a Saturday, so please do not wait until the last day as we will not be in the office if you have any problems or issues. This deadline will be strictly enforced since the system will close entries at midnight p.m. CT on this date. Late entries will not be allowed. If you do not have internet access or need assistance with the entry process, or have any questions please contact our office. Any of us can help you. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY TO DO YOUR PRE-ENTRIES!

Classes that are judged by age group when you pre-enter will need you to enter using the following letter depending on exhibitor's age

- a – for ages 7-9 year olds;*
- b – for ages 10-13 year olds;*
- c – for ages 14 and older*

Pre-enter using Fair Entry like last year at <http://fordcounty-ks.fairentry.com/>

If you have any questions about the process, feel free to stop in or give us a call during regular business hours for assistance. We look forward streamlining these processes to make your fair experience the best yet!



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

WHAT IS A FAIR PRE-ENTRY ANYWAYS?

ALL projects or animals that you exhibit at the Ford County Fair need to be pre-entered! This allows for the Extension Office to plan accordingly with the number of pens we need for livestock, to how big of space we need for inside exhibits, to the number of judges we need for a project, and some awards. If you think you MIGHT take a project to the fair, PRE-ENTER it!

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Email one of us or call the office and we will try and help you over the phone — 620-227-4542! Or come in and visit with us. We are here to help.



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ All 4-H members who sold Duck leases for a county wide fund raising for 4-H Council and your club.
- ◆ To Morgan Mink, for helping with our Extension promotion during Beeson Elementary School's Day of the Young Child activity.
- ◆ To all of the Exchange members for their fund raising efforts so they can host exchange members from Pennsylvania during June.

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

Join us for the 2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Tuesday, August 8th at Pratt Area 4-H Center in Pratt, KS. The wheat expo will be a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate. 4-H members enrolled in Food and Nutrition, Photography and Field Crops are encouraged to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available.

Contests: There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 20 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1 quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters and (9) Cloverbuds, (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

Pre-registration will open June 1 and is required for an accurate meal count and for tours by July 25, 11:59 p.m. at <https://bit.ly/wheatexpo>. For questions contact Kelsey Nordyke at 620-222-1311 or e-mail knordyke@ksu.edu. Cost is \$10/person, includes contest fees, tours and lunch.

**Please complete the online registration to receive your confirmation sheet with the mailing address and wheat information to send your wheat samples.

If you are planning on staying overnight don't delay in making your reservation.



QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER—

All Clubs were given Duck Lease books to sell. Thanks for selling your tickets and returning them to the office. These duck leases are for the Q97 Z98 Quack Attack Duck Races. Races will be held this Saturday, June 3 in downtown Dodge City. Races start at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to Erika Fry, Braeden and Quinlan Simon and Dodge City Cuauhtli's members for volunteering to help sell tickets at the Main Street event that morning. If you know of anyone wanting to purchase duck leases, have them call the Extension Office or come down on Saturday morning and buy from our booth/table.

4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE

4-H Exchange will meet on Monday, June 26 (tentative) at 7 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. Members are hosting 7 4-H member and 2 chaperones from Pennsylvania June 17-23. If you see the group out and about, please stop and say hi to the group. If you are interested in being a member in 2023-2024, please Ethel know. We will be looking for a new state to exchange with for 2024-2025.

4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 11 Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

Project News

HORSE NEWS

Casey Pemberton, county-wide leader, she will be holding a riding practices at the Fairgrounds arena on June 13, 27, July 11 and July 19 starting promptly at 6:00 pm with showmanship. She will be there and have the gates open before 6 pm so everyone can get parked and unloaded. She hopes to see you there.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports project practices will be on Sunday in June and July. June 4, 11, 18; July 2, 9, 16 and 30. If you have questions, please contact Troy Robertson at 620-338-3028. All practices are held at the Dodge City Gun Club range north of Dodge City.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

The nomination deadline for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats is June 15th (DNA for sheep, goats and swine) for KSF and KJLS. July 15 is the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair for Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine. NOTE: If you are needing State Animals tagged for your June 15 nomination, Andrea will only be available between June 1-6. She will be unavailable after June 6, so plan ahead and don't wait till the last minute. Questions, please contact Andrea.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Past newsletters have had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. You will need to do the training online if you did not attend one of the previous in person classes and you are selling livestock at the County Fair.

Register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> You must register, take a pre-test and watch a video. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office.

You cannot enter your Fair market animals on FairEntry without putting our YQCA number. So you must complete this before the Fair entry deadline of July 1.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN

At the County-wide Small Animal Weigh-in, the Scale was not working. All animals were tagged but did not get weighed. Since we were not able to weigh the animals, we will not have Rate of Gain of the small animals at the County Fair this year. The Fair Board does not plan to host a weigh in opportunity, but if you need to have your animal's weight, please contact us and we can offer suggestions on ways to get your animal's weight. Thanks for your patience and understanding the night of weigh-in.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photography Matte Board is available at the Extension Office during office hours. Each matte board is \$1.50.



County Fair PSA's

We are working on setting up some recording times for Fair promotion advertising with our radio stations. If you are interested in recording a 30-second ad for the county fair, please contact Ethel by calling or by email. We will write the promotion piece and you will just need to read it. These will be played around our fair dates. We don't have times or dates yet, but will contact anyone who expresses an interest in doing these promotions.

PROJECT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Extension Office has National 4-H Curriculum Project Guide Books for all 30 project areas! These books are jammed packed with activities! These are great resources if you are new to a project. We also have several learning lab kits for livestock projects. If you would like to check any of them out, please stop by the office!

K-State also has project materials available at the following website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>. There is information pertaining to all projects and will have ideas for learning experiences within each project.

Please Note

Several of our Camps are made affordable by financial assistance from the **Ford County 4-H Foundation** and **Ford County 4-H Council**. Take a few minutes out of your day to thank them.

Also consider applying for the **Ford/Gray County Scroggins Scholarship**. This is a one time, per year, scholarship available for members to attend a State level camp or certain state events. Check with the office for more details on this scholarship.



48 Hours of 4-H 2023

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 2-9, 2023

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate.



PARLIE PRO CORNER.....

We decided to include some basic parliamentary procedure information in each of the newsletters.

Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedures provide for justice and courtesy to all members. Address only one issue at a time, the majority rules, but respect the rights of the minority. Each proposition is entitled to full and free debate and the purpose is to facilitate action, not to obstruct it.

Here are some common questions and answers:

How do you address the Chair? Madam or Mr. President/Chairman.

How does the Chair recognize a member and assign him/her the floor? By calling his/her name. This person now has the floor to state a motion or opinions.

What is the correct form of a main motion? "I move that...." Do not say, "I move you..." or "I make a motion....".

What must follow most motions? A second which is another endorsement of the item of business.

What is a quorum? The number of eligible voting members allowed to conduct business. (check your bylaws).

What should follow the second? The chair must state the motion. He should not say, "You have heard the motion." The Chair may require any motion to be written. The Chair states "It has been moved and seconded that the"

What should the Chair say after stating the motion? "Is there any discussion?"

Does the minutes need to be approved by a motion? No. After the minutes are read, the chair ask "Are there any corrections or additions to he minutes?" If there are corrections the chair states "The secretary will please make the correction. Are there any other corrections or additions?" pause "If not, the minutes stand approved as corrected." If there were no corrections the chair will state "If not, the minutes stand approved as read." It could also be "as read, emailed or mailed".

Does a club/council event/activity need to be presented to the members to vote on to officially be an approved activity for the group to be involved in and have coverage under the general 4-H insurance? Yes. To be an official event/activity for the group, members should have an opportunity to vote for or against doing it.



June 2023 Ford County 4-H,

Summer is officially here! We are all getting ready and looking forward to camps, discovery days and the county fair! Congratulations to all current and former 4-H members who graduated this past month!

Last month and this month, I am asking all 4-Hers of all 7 FC 4-H Clubs to consider participating in a community service activity with me for Janelle Robertson, a FC 4-H Foundation member, and Bright Beginnings. Bright Beginnings and Mrs. Robertson needs our help in donating new or used toddler boys pants in the sizes of 2T – 7. I am asking all 4-H Clubs to collect your donations and drop your donations off to the designated box at the 4-H office.

Thank you to all who participated in selling Duck Leases and volunteered for the Great Quack Attack on Saturday, June 3rd.

At May's Council meeting, we spent time planning for the Ford County Fair on July 20-24, 2023! I encouraged everyone to attend the Fort Dodge Memorial Day Service or a similar activity. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11th

June is a time where all 4-Hers are busy with their projects, camps, discovery days and lots of club activities. Flag Day is June 14, 2023 and I encourage everyone to display the US flag outside their homes and businesses. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the county fair on July 20-24, 2023!

Kyle Ruehle

2023 Ford County Fair Schedule

July 20 – Exhibit check-in 7:30 -1:30, Building Open 6-9 pm; July 21-23 - 9 am-9 pm; July 24 – 9:00 am-7 pm

ALL EVENTS AT FAIRGROUNDS -- 901 W. PARK ST. DODGE CITY

Schedule is subject to change

County Fair Medallion Hunt held during the fair!

Monday, July 17

6:00 – 9:00 PM Clothing Style Review Judging Fair Bldg

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM 4-H/FFA Poultry Check-In Poultry Barn

7:30 AM-12:00 noon 4-H Entry Check-In in the Middle Room of Fair Building Fairgrounds

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Open Class check in of exhibits, Special Contests & Poultry Fairgrounds

1:00 PM Judging 4-H Non-Livestock Projects

1:30 PM Open Class Judging begins

4:30 – 6:30 PM Building Creations Special Contest entry (Lego®/Knex®, etc.) Fair Bldg

5:30 PM 4-H/FFA Livestock must be on Fairgrounds & weigh-in starts
Livestock Sale Meeting follows for youth Exhibitors Wiles Arena

6:00 PM- 9:00 pm Exhibit Building Open to Public

6:30 PM 4-H and Open Class Food Sale Fair Bldg

8:00 PM Game Night Begins -Yard games, tug a war etc. Fairgrounds

FRIDAY, JULY 21

8:00 AM 4-H/FFA Swine Show Wiles Arena

11:00 AM Rabbit Judging Rabbit Barn

11:30 AM Poultry Judging Poultry Barn

3:00 PM 4-H Hand Pet Show Wiles Arena

4:30 PM Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City Pavilion

6:00 PM "Home Town Pride" Hot Dog Feed Sponsored by Hi Plains Feed, LLC Pavilion

6:00 PM Dodge City Cowboy Band Pavilion

6:45 PM Watermelon Feed Sponsored by United Wireless Arena Pavilion

7:00 PM Barnyard Olympics Wiles Arena

8:30 PM Adult Showmanship fun contest Wiles Arena

9:00 PM Dance with DJ Josh Roesener sponsored by Central Station Pavilion

SATURDAY, JULY 22

7:30 AM 4-H Horse Show Horse Arena

12:30-1:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pull Registration Pavilion

1:00 PM Nicholas Williams Memorial Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Competition

2:00-4:00 PM Touch a Truck Fairgrounds

4:30 PM Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City Pavilion

7:00 PM 4-H/FFA Sheep Show and Meat Goat Show Wiles Arena

9:00 – 11:30 pm Jadynce Jean Concert Pavilion

SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:00 AM Free Breakfast – sponsored by American Implement and J & A Service Fair Bldg

9:30 AM Sunday Service with Ryan Ausmus Pavilion

12:00 PM 4-H Foundation Scholarships and Public Fashion Review Pavilion

1:00 PM Corn Hole Tournament (sponsored by Boot Hill Baggers) Pavilion

2:30 PM Ford Co. Farm Bureau Ice Cream Social (west side of pavilion) Pavilion

2:30 PM Cow Patty Bingo Fairgrounds

4:30 PM Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City Pavilion

6:00 PM 4-H/FFA Beef Show Wiles Arena

MONDAY, JULY 24

10:00-11:30 AM Just 4 Kids Fairgrounds

1:00 -2:00 PM Water Games/Balloon Fight

5:30 PM Buyers Appreciation Meal Pavilion

6:15 PM Ford County Wheat Show Results Pavilion

6:30 PM 4-H King & Queen Crowning Pavilion

7:00 PM 4-H/FFA Food & Livestock Premium Auction Wiles Arena

7:00-10:00 PM Release of INSIDE Exhibits Fair Bldg

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

6:00 PM Fair Building and Grounds clean up Fairgrounds

schedule is subject to change

Questions??? Call 227-4542

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Dear 4-H Families,

As parents and leaders it's important that we remember the goal of our children's involvement in the 4-H program is to provide an educational learning experience. We hope they gain knowledge and experiences, besides just earning a ribbon or trophy! Projects are judged by standards and even if your child is the only exhibitor in a class, it doesn't necessarily mean the exhibit will receive class champion or higher. Exhibits need to be of excellent quality to receive the top ribbons!

County Fair provides an opportunity for 4-H members to display their projects and have a judge provide their feedback on how it could have been done differently or better. They provide their opinion on that specific date and time. Remember it is one person's opinion.

Please read through the information contained in this newsletter. It is full of County Fair information and project news.

Have a great and fun summer!



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