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FAIR PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE...

July 2, 2018 by 4:00 pm at the Extension Office

This includes livestock, non-livestock, and everything 4-H!

NOTE: Dog pre-entries are due into the Extension Office by June 29. Dog show will be July 7 at the Multi-County Dog show held at the Gray County Fair Building.

As we start the count down to Fair (it is just a few weeks away), please read your Fair Book for division, number of allowed exhibits per class, class rules and if you have questions, please give any of us a call or email and we will try to help. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The best advice that seasoned 4-H families would probably share with new 4-H families is to just relax and enjoy the fair. Not everything will go perfectly the first year, but you will learn a lot. 4-H promotes "Learn by Doing" both in our project work and in our activities. The consultation judging process is an opportunity for you to learn from another person who is hired to share their expertise and to make a decision at the end. Hopefully they will share some ideas and ask you to think about other ways something could be done.

Keep in mind that when you bring an item to the fair you are asking for it to be evaluated. The other option would be everyone gets the same ribbon and we just display all the projects - would you learn anything and would that be any fun? The fair provides a learning process that will hopefully help us see another person's point of view. Please put forth your best effort and accept the judge's decisions with grace and respect. Always work to "Make the Best Better".

Remember there is no stupid or dumb question, so don't hesitate to ask!

If you haven't received your pre-entry forms in the mail, please come by the office before July 2nd to fill them out! That is the last date to submit your pre-entries for the 2018 Ford County Fair! You need to submit one if you plan on entering any 4-H project in the fair.

Ford Co. Fair Information

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day on July 19th. 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!

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!

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

A Superintendent list is enclosed and we are still needing helpers in several areas.

4-H SUPERINTENDENT MEETING

A brief superintendent meeting will be held for **ALL adult superintendents on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 am.** The meeting will review your job description, the 4-H ribbon system, 4-H entry card, and any major division rule changes. ALL adult superintendents are highly encouraged to attend this meeting so that the judging of exhibits runs smoothly! **We still need superintendents!** We rely on our superintendents to ensure that fair goes smoothly, please don't underestimate the importance of these positions. Contact the office ASAP if you are willing to help out!



HELP NEEDED FOR FAIR SET-UP

How many volunteers does it take to run a successful county fair? The answer is: We need Everyone's help! 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 on Tuesday evening, July 17, 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 for all who help!

AFTER FAIR CLEAN UP AND POOL PARTY!!!!

On Tuesday evening, July 24 at 5:30 pm. we will be having the after Fair clean up. The Ford County Fair Association has arranged for a private swimming party at the Dodge City Lagoon Water Park 8:00—10 pm. The Ford County 4-H Foundation has offered to pay the admission fee for 4-H members and their families who come and help with clean up. Everyone who helps with clean up will be provided a ticket or wrist band to get into the Water Park for free. Those unable to help with clean up but would like to join us will need to pay the admission fee of \$4 a person. Refreshments will be provided at the pool. Supper will be provided after clean up and prior to the swim party.

**2018 Ford County Fair
Superintendents**

| 2018 Superintendents | Adults | Youth |
|---|---|--|
| Arts & Crafts - Crafts | Amy Gerdes | Cole Bertelson, Lauren Fischer, Colton Hahn, Halle Robinson, Josie Robinson, Calista Stein |
| Arts & Crafts - Fiber | Lynette Fry | |
| Arts & Crafts - Skilled | Naomi Harrold | Kiowa Derstein, Faith Woydziak |
| Beef/Bucket Calf | Micki Austin, Greg Ruehle | Bretta Austin, Aubrey Gerdes, Brooklyn Hahn |
| Banners/Booths/Mini Booths/Posters/Notebooks | Chelsea Schwartz | Candace Fry, Jasmine Moreno |
| Clothing | Naomi Harrold | Alexa Gerdes, Brooklyn Hahn, Tamara Robertson |
| Cloverbuds/Exploring 4-H | Sara Bouchard | |
| Energy Management | | |
| Entomology | Alan Eaton | |
| Foods | Barbara Durler, Darlene Elledge, Shelby Robertson | Chloe Bertelson, Paige Mink, Tamara Robertson |
| Geology | Alan Eaton | |
| Goats | | Brooklyn Schneweis, MacKenzie Swan |
| Horse | Dave McCollum, Kelly McCollum, Kelsey Maris, Kent Muncy, Becky Swan | Angel Harder, Michaela Mink, Brooklyn Schneweis, MacKenzie Swan |
| Pets | | |
| Photography | Laura Ellis, Holly Martin, Tammie Mink, Carla Musslin | Bretta Austin, Gabe Ellis, Aiden Haskell, Calder McCollum, Jordan Stimpert, Grace Woydziak |
| Plant Science | Kim Eaton, Kelly McCollum | Michaela Mink, Morgan Mink, McKenzie Swan |
| Poultry | Julie Pinkerton | MacKenzie Swan(show) |
| Rabbits | Amber Harder | Dalton Prater, Brooklyn Schneweis, MacKenzie Swan(show) |
| Sheep | | Dalton Prater |
| Space Tech | Susie Burgert | Clark Burgert |
| Style Review | Naomi Harrold | Alexa Gerdes, MacKenzie Swan |
| Swine | Eric Martin | |
| Woodworking/Welding | | Teaghen Elledge |

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION & SALE

If you are exhibiting livestock that you wish to sell at auction during the fair, it is **YOUR** responsibility to personally invite individuals, businesses, or organizations to come to the auction and bid on your premium and/or animal. Please take the time to invite them properly, i.e. dress well, give them an invitation, best behavior/manners, thank them for their time, etc.

CHAMPION FOODS

The Grand Champion 4-H foods will sell before the livestock during the Premium Sale on Monday evening of the Fair. All Grand champions food winners are invited to participate. You will be asked to make a fresh food product for your premium buyer but it does not have to be made for the auction. This is optional.

FAIR SUPPLIES

Photo matte boards, arts & crafts cards, Cloverbud entry tags and clothing tags are available at the Extension Office. Please note that the photo matte is \$1.25 per sheet.

FAIR FORMS

Style Revue forms (NEW FORM—Clothing and Textiles Presentation Evaluation Scorecard and Style Revue Description Form and Cost Per Wear—Sr. only) are to be brought to the judging on **Monday, July 16 before 9:30 am**. They can be found on our website or stop by the Extension Office. They may be turned in ahead of time to the office.

CONFERENCE JUDGING

Several 4-H projects are judged in what is considered “conference” style. This is where the 4-H'er visits with the judge to discuss the project, i.e., how it was made, why they made it that way, what they learned, etc. 4-H has always been known for teaching public speaking, confidence, and communication skills. What an awesome way to instill these qualities in our youth! ***We encourage parents to sit at a distance to observe, thus allowing the youth to be solely responsible for presenting the project to the judge.*** 4-H'ers will be able to sign-up for conference judging when they check in their projects. Conference judging will start shortly after 10:00am on Thursday, July 19.

WHAT IF I FORGOT TO PRE-ENTER SOMETHING?

Each 4-H member will be given 1 (and only 1) “freebie” entry tag. It may be used in any project area that you are enrolled in, but remember each child is only given ONE, so in the event that you need to use it, use it wisely! ***(For example...Suzy pre-entered one color photo on her pre-entry sheet on July 2nd. However, when Suzy showed up to Entry Day at the Fair on July 21st, she had two colored photos that she would like to exhibit. Suzy had two choices 1—take one photo home and enter the other in the fair or 2— use her freebie card to be able to enter both colored photos in the fair.)*** Exhibits that utilize the freebie entry card are not eligible for a purple or champion award. Freebies may not be used for livestock that was not weighed in. Plan ahead and pre-enter correctly so you don't end up in a bind.

2018 FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS

4-H'ers are eligible to enter the Special Contests, which are Barn Quilts, King Arthur Flour Bar Cookies, and Container Garden contests during the 2018 Ford County Fair.

4-H KING & QUEEN CONTEST

Every club should have nominated two members for King & Queen contestants for this year's contest! Contestants will need to decorate a coffee can to display at the Fair. If you do not have the can form and other information, please contact Ethel. The King and Queen candidate who earns the most money will be crowned King and Queen at the Livestock Sale the last day of the fair. ALL contestants are encouraged to ride on the 4-H Float in the Dodge City Days Parade on July 28. All money raised will go to the our 4-H Exchange Program.

The Ford County 4-H Ambassador's are asking 4-H'ers over the age of 11 to ride on the 4-H float during the Dodge City Days Parade and help promote 4-H. All members who would like to participate should come to the Civic Center by 9am on Saturday, July 28 and look for the 4-H float..

Special Attractions

Fair Hot Dog Feed

This event is sponsored by the Hi Plains Feed, LLC and will be held Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 pm with Jeremy Ragland (Rad the Ghost) as entertainment.

Teen Dance

DJ sponsored by The Alley
Friday, July 20, 9:00 pm

RORRring Model Car Racing

Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22
1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Ford County Fair Association

Sunday Morning Breakfast/Service

July 22 at 9:00 am The breakfast is sponsored by:
High Plains Farm Credit
Church Service @ 10:00 am with Ryan Ausmus

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 22, 2:30 pm
Sponsored by the Ford County Farm Bureau Assoc.

Edward Wunder – Hypnotist

Performances on Saturday,
July 21 at 11 am & 2:30 pm
Sunday, July 22 at 3:00 pm

Fair Dance with Josh Roesener DJ

On Saturday, July 21 at 9 pm. Brought to you by "Jacobs".
Come out and enjoy some great music.

Other Fair Information...

Thursday, July 19 -- check in of exhibits from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Judging starts at 10:00 am with the building open to the public at 5:00 pm **4-H/Open Class Foods Sale is Thursday evening at 6 pm**

Friday, July 20—**Barnyard Olympics** 2:00 pm

Saturday, July 21 -- **Water's True Value Afternoon at the Fair**. They are sponsoring a dunk tank and bounce houses for the kids to enjoy from 2:00 – 4:00 pm Free Watermelon sponsored by **First Dental**.

Saturday, July 21 – **Photo Fun Booth** sponsored by **United Wireless Arena & Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center**

Turtle Races start at 4:30 pm on Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings. Sponsored by Credit Union of DC
Cow Patty Bingo – Sunday, July 22 3:30 pm

2018 FAIR COMMITTEE SIGN UP

Food Sale--Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m. --DIY Juniors

Outside Monitors – all night

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| Thursday, July 19 | Lucky Clovers and Richland Boosters |
| Friday, July 20 | DIY Juniors and FFA? |
| Saturday, July 21 | DIY Juniors and Wright Wonder Workers |
| Sunday, July 22 | Valley Boosters and Wilroads Gardens |

Turtle Races

Chair(s): Sheila Prater and Veronica Blanco

Friday, July 20, 4:30 p.m.

Richland Boosters (2 workers), Wright Wonder Workers (2 workers)
Valley Boosters (2 workers), Dodge City Cuauhtli's (2 workers)

Saturday, July 21, 4:30 p.m.

Valley Boosters (2 workers), DIY Jrs. (2 workers), Wilroads Gardens (2 workers)

Sunday, July 22, 4:30 p.m.

Richland Boosters (2 workers), DIY Jrs. (2 workers), Lucky Clovers (2 workers)

Waters True Value Afternoon at the Fair - Saturday, July 21, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Pick up watermelon and cutting of watermelon: Fair Board

Workers for games: Brooklynn Hahn, Bretta Austin, Candance Fry, Calder McCollum,
Quaid Clark, Colton Hahn

Trailer Parking during Fair

Enclosed is a map with information concerning parking during the fair. The map shows trailer and camper parking areas as well as the extended livestock tie out area. Please note there is no driving around in the back of the fairgrounds during the Horse Show. If you think you might need to leave, please park your vehicle north of the building prior to Saturday morning. Please refer back to rule number 1 on page 14 of the Fairbook. This is to help maintain a more orderly and safe fair. If you are planning to have a camper during fair, we ask you to park on the east side, south of the horse arena and to let the office know so we are aware of who has campers.

FAIR THANK YOU'S REQUIRED

Because each and every one of our **Fair sponsors is very special and deserves special recognition**, the Fair Board is requiring all 4-H'ers to turn in handwritten, stamped and addressed thank-you's before any trophies or premium monies will be given. Thank you's for the Fair Board, Extension Office, 4-H Foundation or 4-H Council do not need postage put on them.

As in the past, 4-H'ers will **NOT** be receiving their checks the night of the premium sale. Each 4-H'er will receive a letter in the mail a few weeks after the Fair

with a list of who they need to write thank you's to. To receive your premium check, you must bring in handwritten, stamped and addressed thank you's to the Extension Office.

Thank you's should be written for any trophies, showmanship money, special awards, and anything else that the 4-H'er won. Clubs and/or families can also do a thank you for general donations instead of each 4-H'er writing one. We will have a special thank you that will need to be signed the night of Fair Set-Up and Clean-up that will cover general donations that pertain to everyone (for example, Victory Electric for t-shirts). If you are not sure if a thank you is needed, feel free to ask. Our sponsors are invaluable – show your appreciation!!



No Parking

Handicap

No Parking

Livestock

No Parking

Livestock

Horse Show Trailers until after
Horse Show

Camper

No driving to
back area during
the Horse Show



4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE

4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring several activities during the Fair and Dodge City Days such as Just for Kids at the Fair and the Kiddie Corral at the Round Up Rodeo. Come check out what this group all does. Consider joining for next year. Ask any of the current members about our yearly activities and about their exciting past exchanges with other states. Please let Ethel know if you are interested in joining this next year and plan to attend the next meeting on August 27 at 7 pm at the Fair Building.

4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 10. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm at the Fair Building. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.



PROJECT NEWS

HORSE PROJECT NEWS

County Wide leaders have scheduled horse practices on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm at the Ford County Fairgrounds arena. Practice will be contingent on the weather. Please look for emails or texts from Dave McCollum for more information.

POULTRY TESTING

We will be testing all poultry on July 10 at 5:30 pm at the fairgrounds. This testing is mandatory for all exhibitors who plan on bringing poultry to the 2018 Ford County Fair. All birds that will be shown at the fair this summer, 4-H & Open Class, must be tested on this date. If you have any questions, please call the office.

STATE DEADLINES

July 15 — the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair for Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine.

August 1 — State Fair Horse entries are due

August 10 — All other State Fair 4-H pre-entries are due in the Extension Office, State Fair Volunteer sign up and Encampment reservations are also due.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

If you have not completed this it needs to be done by July 2nd also. Register at <https://yqca.learnrow.io> for the online course. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office.

PHOTO MOUNTING MEETING, JULY 16

Holly Martin will be having a Photo mounting workshop on Monday, July 16 from at 5:30 —6:30 p.m. At the Ford County Fair Building. If you are not sure how to put the photos on the matt board (what adhesive, how far down, etc), then come and she will have supplies and help you to do this before the Fair.

TRAVELING PHOTO DISPLAY

Our County Fair 4-H Traveling Photo Display is currently at the Spearville Public Library. If you have a chance, stop by and take a look at the photos selected from 2017 County Fair. They are AWESOME!!

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

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 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 101 W. Avenue C, South Hutchinson, KS 67505. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office.

THANK YOU!!!!

- HPLC and HPHS committees for successful livestock show and horse show. To all Ford County 4-H'ers who participated at the shows.
- All 4-H'ers for getting pre-entries in on time.
- Kendall Burns, Susie and Clark Burgert for helping at Main Street by selling Quack Attack tickets.
- Calder McCollum, Tamara Robertson and Cassie Wells for being HOK Counselors!
- To 4-H'ers who attended Heart of Kansas Camp at Rock Springs Ranch and 4 Clover Camp.
- Spearville Public Library for allowing our Traveling 4-H Photo Display to be there during the month of July.
- Check out the Ford County 4-H Facebook page for pictures from Discovery Days, HOK Camp, 4 Clover Camp, Exchange trip to Minnesota, Denver Awards Trips, etc.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

We are in need of a 4-H'er who would like to sing the national anthem before the Premium Auction at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 23rd If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Extension Office.

RADIO PROMOTIONS

Would you be interested in recording a radio spot to help promote the County Fair? Let Ethel know if you would like to help with these by July 3, as we will be recording these soon.

DODGE CITY DAYS BBQ CONCESSIONS

Dodge City Days BBQ Contest Drink Stands

Chairs: Janell Robertson and ?? _____

Set up on Friday, July 27, 3:45 p.m. Schoen Elledge
Saturday, July 28 (Each club needs to provide at least 2 workers)

8:30 – 11:00 am

WG and DCC

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

VB and WWW

1:00- 3:30 pm

DIY Jrs. and LC

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2—FAIR PRE ENTRIES DUE!!!!

July 7 —Dog Show @ Gray County (beginning at 9am)

July 10 — Poultry Testing, 5:30 pm, Fairgrounds

July 10—4-H Community Club Leaders at 6:30pm & Council at 7pm, Fair Building

July 16—Clothing & Style Review, Fair Building

(All forms are due by 9:30am)

July 16 — Photo workshop, 5:30-6:30 pm, Fair Building

July 17 —Fair Set Up, 5:30 pm

July 18 —Booth Set Up, 8 am—noon & 5—9 pm

July 19-23—Ford County Fair

July 24—Fair Clean Up and Pool party

July 28 — DC Days Parade

August 1-5 — Kiddie Corral at the Rodeo

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Dear 4-H Families,

The Fair is almost here and we are all getting ready. Here in the Extension Office we are preparing as well. We are preparing lists, getting supplies ready, checking on judges, etc.

Remember the County Fair can be just one part of your yearly project. An opportunity for you to display what you have learned through the year. The county fair is an opportunity for an independent evaluation of the project skills a member learned through completing a project. Remember your project is more than just the exhibit you enter. You have been developing skills and learning through the entire year, it's not about the color of the ribbon received but about the experience!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



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