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FAIR UPDATE and PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE...

“In Search of the New Norm” is the theme for the 2022 Ford County Fair, July 21-25! 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 21** 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 as was used last year), will be used for checking in exhibits prior to you attaching entry cards and then 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 21, 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 25.

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 5:00 pm, July 1. 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 7.

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 21. 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 21

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 — E—G

10:30—11:30 am — S—W

8:30— 9:30 am — H— L

11:15 am—12:00 pm — A— D

9:30—10:30 am — M—R

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 18, 6:00 pm

We will have Fashion Review Judging for Constructed Garments and Buymanship for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 18 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. We will not start before the scheduled time.

6:00 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)



RABBIT AND POULTRY — July 22

Due to concerns about Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in neighboring states, the Fair's Rabbit Show will be a **carrier show** on **Friday, July 22 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 21.

POULTRY SHOW will be held on **Friday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.** All Poultry will be housed in the Poultry Barn during the Fair.

POULTRY TESTING — **Poultry Blood testing will be done prior to the Fair on Tuesday, July 5 between 5-7 pm** at the Fairgrounds. They must be tested and have a negative test to be able to show at the County Fair. Open Class birds will also need to be tested at this time.

HAND PET SHOW—JULY 22

The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 22 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—

The multi-county Dog Show has been cancelled this year but our project members have the opportunity to show at the Meade County Fair Dog Show on July 15. Please contact Andrea or Ethel for more information on this show and how to enter.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Livestock Exhibitors will need to put in their YQCA number when doing their pre-entries this year.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We are still needing superintendents for assistance with inside exhibit judging on Thursday, July 21.

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 and would still like to 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 members exhibiting at the County Fair. These will be handed out after Fair set up or when exhibits are entered on Thursday, July 21. PLEASE make sure your t-shirt size has been updated in 4-H Online if your size has changed from when you enrolled. This is the t-shirt size we will use to order for everyone. Corrections need to be completed by Friday, June 3!! We will place our shirt order soon after that.

FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS

Ford County 4-H'ers are eligible to enter the Fair Special Contests, which are Barn Quilts, Recycled Pallet, and Photo contests (Photo Theme is "Earth, Wind and Fire") 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 21.

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. 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 30. 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 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 and clean up on Tuesday evening, July 19 at 5:30 pm and Wednesday evening, July 27 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 online fair management system again for the 2022 Ford County Fair. Beginning June 7 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 deadline will be strictly enforced since the system will close entries at 5:00 p.m. CT on this date. Late entries will not be allowed. We have attached instructions for the entry process on the next page. 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.

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

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*

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 Cole Bertleson, Candace Fry and Alexa Gerdes for participating in the Ford County 4-H Foundation's Denver Awards Trip (was awarded in 2020). And Janell Robertson for attending as Foundation's representative.
- ◆ To Michaela Mink, Erika and Linda Fry for helping with our Extension promotion during Beeson Elementary School's Day of the Young Child activity.

KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

Join us for the 2022 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Thursday, August 4th at the Stafford County Annex Building, 210 E. 3rd, St. John, Ks 67576. 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.

Tours: Everyone will participate in the same tour with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour.

Stafford County Flour Mill, 108 S. Church St., Hudson, KS 67545; 620-458-4121. See where they make the famous Hudson Cream flour and mixes marketed all over the USA; <https://www.hudsoncream.com/>.

Osborne Fruits & Vegetable, 309 East 4th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-5467-3932; with Mike Osborne and Jill Stimatze. Osborne Fruit & Vegetable is a small town, family-owned business that has a wide range of fruits and vegetables to offer from our beautiful, big garden. "From our field to your table!" Spare Farms, 171 SE 20th Ave., St. John, KS 67576, 620-549-3330 is a family-owned business that grows high quality vegetables that are sold at farmers markets in local cities.

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.

Registration: 2022 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo Registration Fee: \$6.00 to cover the Cvent registration fee

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2022, 11:59 p.m.



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 4 in downtown Dodge City. Races start at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to Kendall Burns, 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 27 at 7 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.

4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 practice at the Fairgrounds arena on June 15 starting promptly at 6:00 pm with showmanship. She will be there and have the gates open 20 minutes before 6 pm so everyone can get parked and unloaded. She hopes to see you there.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW — June 23, 2022

Where: Western State Bank Expo Center, Dodge City, Entry deadline: June 10.

Information was sent out to all in the Horse Project who are eligible. Remember, 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. Before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used. Contact the office for other District Horse Show dates.

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.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Past newsletters have had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. Andrea will have an in-person session on Thursday, June 23, 5:30 pm at the Fair Building. You will need to do the training online if you do not attend and you are selling livestock at the County Fair.

Register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> for the in-person class. You use the same link to take the online certification. You must register regardless of the class you choose. Coupons are available for the online class. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT MEETINGS

Countywide leader, Kylene Scott, has a project meeting/picture taking exercise session scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at the Ford County Fair Building, 5:30 pm. Bring your camera and plan to take some pictures. Kylene will discuss cameras and equipment and then everyone will go outside and shoot for a little bit before reviewing some of what was taken. We will have Photo Matte boards there for you to purchase too. Each matte board is \$1.50. Photography Matte Board is also available at the Extension Office during office hours.



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.



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 2022

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 8-9, 2022

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.

www.Kansas4H.org/484H

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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 so much more than a ribbon or trophy!

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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