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## WELCOME

We would like to introduce our new Office Professional to our 4-H families. Fernanda Vazquez joined our office in May. She was born and raised in Dodge City and graduated from DCHS. Fernanda and her husband have a beautiful little girl and they love to spend time together as a family, going out, traveling and exploring new things. Fernanda said "I'm excited to start my new job here at the Ford County K-State Extension Office and looking forward to working with Ethel and Andrea". Please introduce yourself when you come to the office and help us welcome her to our Extension Office staff!!



## FAIR UPDATES

### and PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE...

"There's No Time Like Fair Time", 2024 Ford County Fair, July 18-22! 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/FFA 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 18** to the Fair Building. We plan to have drop off time from 7:30 am to 11:00 am this year (one hour earlier than in the past). 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). Photography judging will be held on Monday, morning, July 15 and Fashion Review judging will be on Monday evening. See following 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 18, with weigh in begin for each species around 5 pm. See following pages for more details.

No Livestock Sale this year, but will have the new Pillars of the Community event on August 10 at the United Wireless Convention Center at 6:30 pm.

# Fair info continued...

We will 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. Please don't wait to pre-enter. 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 4.

The Ford County Fair Book and schedule are available online at our county extension website of [www.ford.ksu.edu](http://www.ford.ksu.edu) and are available now from your community leaders.

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—1:00 pm on Thursday, July 18. If 4-H parents/superintendents have exhibits, they may bring them at the same time they bring 4-H exhibits

## INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 18

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

7:30-8:15 am — R—S	9:30—10:15 am — E — H
8:15— 8:45 am — T—Y	10:15 am—11:00 pm — J — P
8:45—9:30 am — A—D	

exhibit and then take exhibit to the project department area in the Fair Building.

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.

## SHOPPING IN STYLE (FASHION REVIEW) JUDGING—July 15, 6:00 pm

We will have Fashion Review Judging for Constructed Garments and Shopping in Style (Buymanship) for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 15, starting at 6:00 pm.** Everyone is asked to come in their Shopping in Style outfit and be ready to model. If you have entered in Construction Style Review, bring your outfit to change into after purchased garment judging is done. Here is a tentative schedule. We will start shortly after the previous group is done.

- 6:00 pm Seniors -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)
- 7:00 pm Juniors -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)
- 7:20 pm Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)



## RABBIT AND POULTRY

All Poultry and Rabbits needs to be checked in and on the Fairgrounds between 7:30– 10:00 am on Thursday, July 18. The Fair's **Rabbit Show** will be on **Friday, July 19 at 11:00 am.** Rabbits will stay on the Fairgrounds this year. **Poultry show** will be held on **Friday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m.** All Poultry and Rabbits will be housed in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn during the Fair.

**POULTRY TESTING — testing of birds this year will be on Thursday, July 11, 5:30—7:30 pm at the Ford County Fairgrounds.**

## FAIR T-SHIRTS FROM VICTORY ELECTRIC

Victory Electric is again sponsoring t-shirts for all 4-H/FFA members exhibiting at the County Fair and Community Leaders. These will be handed out after Fair set up or when exhibits are entered on Thursday, July 18. 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 10. We will place our shirt order soon after that. Please email Ethel with your changes or call the office. T-shirt color will be Hunter Green this year!



**NEW THIS YEAR:** Parents, other siblings or volunteers can also place an order for the same t-shirt. Missi Haskell has agreed to coordinate the order for the additional t-shirts that are wanted. We don't have the exact cost at this moment, but if you would like to order, Missi will be contacting community club leaders soon with more information. We will need to know who wants a shirt and the size by June 10.

## 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 "Memories of the Past) 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 18, 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 fair. ALL contestants are encouraged to ride on the 4-H Float at the Dodge City Days Parade on July 27. 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 16 at 5:30 pm and Wednesday evening, July 24 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!

## Club Booth Set Up

Club booths may be set up starting on Tuesday night after Fair Set-Up is COMPLETED, around 7:30 pm till 10:00 pm. Booth set up is also scheduled for Wednesday morning, July 17, 8:00 am— noon. The building will not be open in the evening for booth set up. Booths must be completed by noon on Wednesday.

## HAND PET SHOW—JULY 19

The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 19 at 3 p.m.** Registration will start at 2:30 pm in the Pavilion area. Order of judging will be cats, aquarium pets, dog, hand pets. 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 18.

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.

## KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is on Monday, August 12th in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, 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. Eight contests are 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.

If you are planning on staying overnight don't delay in making your reservation. The cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open online through visiting <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>. Registration will go live on June 1st. Pre-registration will be required by July 25th, 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 Kelsey Nordyke at (620) 222-1311 or e-mail; [knordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:knordyke@ksu.edu).



## FairEntry – the Online Fair Management System

We are excited to use the FairEntry for our Ford County Fair. Beginning June 4 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 pm. 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. Ethel and Andrea will help you. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY TO DO YOUR PRE-ENTRIES!

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 AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE**

4-H Exchange will meet on Monday, June 24 (tentative) at 7 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. Members are hosting 10 4-H members and 2 chaperones from Minnesota June 18-22. If you see the group out and about, please stop and say hi to the group.

## **4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING**

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 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**

Howdy Horse Project Members! Casey will plan to be at the Fairgrounds arena on Sunday, June 9th at 2pm if anyone is interested in practicing. She will start with Showmanship (don't tack up), then can work on whatever riding classes you want to work on. If you would like to practice at the Fairgrounds arena before the Fair but another day of the week/time besides Sunday afternoons works better for you, please get in touch and Casey will try to accommodate you. Call or text her at (254) 485-7265. She hopes to see you on the 9th! Casey Pemberton, Horse Project Leader.

### **SHOOTING SPORTS**

Shooting Sports project practices will be on Sunday in June and July. June 2, 9, 23, 30; July 14. 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. DNA envelopes must be ordered by June 5 from the State. NOTE: If you are needing State Animals tagged for your June 15 nomination, check with Andrea as to when she will be available as she will be out for camps and Discovery Days. 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 information 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 want to sell 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.

### **WELCOME SUMMER INTERN**

Michelle Mettling is our Summer Intern through a 4-H and Education Grant. She is hired to provide educational programming through the summer on various 4-H project curriculum. Watch our Facebook and emails for upcoming scheduled programs. We have some great project resources she will be using for this during the summer. She is not hired to help with general office or county fair activities. We hope to have some activities planned for the summer and during the county fair.

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photography Matte Board is available at the Extension Office during office hours. Each matte board is \$1.50. There will be a photo mounting meeting in July. The date will be posted in the next news letter.



## 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.

## Day Camp Registration

There is still time to sign up for Day Camp, June 27. Day Camp is for youth K-3rd grade and they do not need to be in 4-H. Registration fee is \$10 and is due by June 20. Form is on our website.

## 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.



## Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners



Jean Zimmer Memorial Scholarship—**Grace Woydziak**

Paul Glenn Family Memorial Scholarship— **Erika Fry**

Nathan Martin Memorial Scholarship—**Lincoln Martin**

Nobuko Nicholson Family Memorial Scholarship—**Paige Mink**

Nicholson Family Scholarship—**Halle Robinson**

Myron Nicholson Family Memorial Scholarship—**Canyon Derstein**

Belle Hahn Family Memorial Scholarship—**Shayla Tieben**

Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships \* (2) — **Tlaloc Figueroa & Morgan Mink**

\*The Marjorie Miller & Magdelene Diane Mack Memorials

*Congratulations to all of our winners!*

## ::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. Also to Carson Burns, Heaven & Esperanza Montford, and Samantha Burnett for helping on Saturday.
- ◆ 2023 Traveling Photo 4-H'ers. The display is at the Ford County State Bank in Spearville.

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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 and premium! 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.

Please note that the east elevator is broke in the Government Building. You can use the west elevator to 3rd floor and then walk to the east end and then walk down one flight of stairs, or walk up to the 2nd floor. If you are unable to do this, please call the office and we can help you or meet you in the lobby.

Have a great and fun summer!

  
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