FAIR UPDATE...

Fair Books in print are available. Check with your community leader to see if they possibly picked your club’s books up or come into the office and pick your copy up. Remember it is also on our website under Ford County Fair tab.

As we start the count down to Fair (it is just a few weeks away), please read your Fair Book for 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 consultative 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!

Fair Pre-entries are due by 5:00 pm, July 1. Only projects you have enrolled in 4-HOnline will be available for you to pre-enter and be able to exhibit.

PHOTO MOUNTING MEETING, JULY 1

Kylene Scott will be having a Photo Mounting Workshop tonight, July 1st from 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 or if you do not have your photos yet, come and learn how to do this on your own later prior to fair.
Additional Fair info

FASHION REVIEW JUDGING—July 19, evening
We will have Fashion Review for Constructed Garments and Buymanship for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 19 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)
7:00 pm    Juniors -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)
7:45 pm    Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Buymanship & Constructed Fashion Review)

Style Revue forms (Clothing and Textiles Presentation Evaluation Scorecard and Style Revue Description Form and Cost Per Wear—Sr. only) need to be turned in to the office prior to 5:00 pm, Monday, July 19. They can be found on our website (go to Ford County Fair on left side bar, then click forms) or stop by the Extension Office. We would like to have them turned in or emailed to Ethel at eschnewe@ksu.edu before judging. They must be in before the judging starts at 6 pm.

INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 22
Drop off exhibits by exhibitor’s last name:

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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.

RABBIT AND POULTRY
Due to concerns about Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in neighboring states the 2021 Fair Rabbit Show will be a carrier show on **Friday, July 23 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 22. **POULTRY SHOW** will be held on **Friday, July 23 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 **Wednesday, July 7 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 23
The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 23 at 3 p.m.** Registration will start at 2:30 pm in the Pavilion area. Order of judging will be cats, dogs, aquarium pets, hand pets. Be sure to bring your health papers on cats and dogs. Animals must be kept in appropriate carrier or on a leash.
4-H SUPERINTENDENT MEETING

A brief superintendent meeting will be held for ALL adult superintendents on Tuesday, July 20 after set up. 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 20 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! Stall assignments and t-shirts will be handed out after set up is complete.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts have been ordered for 4-H members and community leaders courtesy of Victory Electric. These will be given out after fair set up and during the fair. Don’t forget to stop by and collect your shirt.

AFTER FAIR CLEAN UP AND POOL PARTY!!!! (Note change of date)

On **Wednesday evening, July 28 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.

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 31. If other 4-H’ers would like to ride on the float, please let Ethel know so we can provide information on time and location to meet. King and Queen candidates for all of the clubs are listed below, This is a fundraiser for the 4-H Exchange Group.

DIY Juniors—Ethan Holman and MacKenzie Swan  
Dodge City Cuauhtli’s — Jason Ortiz and Ximena Puentes  
Lucky Clovers — Cole Bertlesen and Morgan Mink  
Richland Boosters — Finn Martinez and Faith Woydziak  
Valley Boosters—Lincoln Martin and Cami Kirk  
Wright Wonder Workers — Braeden Simon and Candace Fry
LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION & SALE
The Premium Sale will return to being held on Monday evening, July 26 of the County Fair. 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. A printed invite is being developed to be mailed, but if you would like to personally give it to them, please contact the office for a copy.

LIVESTOCK SHOW INFORMATION
Sheep and Goats can be braced, but must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Prior to the class starting, members will be reminding of the rule. If caught breaking this rule, participant will be dropped to the bottom of the class, a second infraction may result in a disqualification.

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 champion 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 $1.50 per sheet.

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 did 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.**

Consultative Judging will take place this year! You will have a chance to sign up for a consultative time to visit with the judge through Sign Up Genius (system we used for Club Day). We will open this system up on Monday, July 12 for your to select your time.

WHAT IF I FORGET SOMETHING? In 2021, 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 1. However, when Suzy showed up to Entry Day at the Fair, 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. The “freebie” may not be used for livestock that were not weighed in at their respective spring weigh-ins or projects that youth are not enrolled in. Plan ahead and pre-enter correctly so you don’t end up in a bind.
2021 FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS

4-H’ers are eligible to enter the Special Contests, which are Photo, Barn Quilts, and Most Unique/Funniest Homemade Face Mask contests during the 2021 Ford County Fair.

Other Fair Information...

**Thursday, July 22** -- check in of exhibits from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Judging starts at 2:00 pm with the building open to the public at 6:00 p.m. **4-H/Open Class Foods Sale is Thursday at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 24** – **Afternoon Games at the Fair** for kids (of all ages) to enjoy from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Turtle Races** start at 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, Saturday & Sunday** evenings. Sponsored by Credit Union of DC. **No Open Class Rabbits in 2021.**

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**Special Attractions …..**

**Salute Our Hometown Hero’s and Fair Hot Dog Feed**
This event is sponsored by the Hi Plains Feed, LLC and will be held Friday, July 23 at 6:00 pm with the first 300 people receiving a free meal.

**3D Roller Coaster Virtual Reality**
Friday, July 23, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 24 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Sunday Morning Breakfast**
July 25 at 9:00 am, The breakfast is sponsored by: KanEquip of Dodge City Church Service @ 10:00 am with Jeff Hiers

**Ice Cream Social**
Sunday, July 25, 2:30 pm
Sponsored by: Ford County Farm Bureau Assoc.

**Fair Dance**
**Country Rewind Band**
On Friday, July 23 come and enjoy the evening starting at 8:30 pm. Brought to you by “Jacobs”. Come out and enjoy some great music.

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**Project News:**

**Horse Riding Practices** — Casey Pemberton, County wide Horse Leader, will have a riding practice on **Monday, July 5** at the Ford County Fairgrounds Horse Arena, 2:00—4:00 p.m. Call Casey if you have questions. 254-485-7265

**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.

**4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING**
The next meetings will be held on **Tuesday, July 6**. 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.
County Fair Club Responsibilities

**Food Sale**, July 22, 6:30 pm — Lucky Clovers and DIY Jrs. Clubs

**Outside Monitors** — all night
Thursday, July 22 — Richland Boosters Club
Friday, July 23 — Valley Boosters and DIY Jrs. Clubs
Saturday, July 24 — Wright Wonder Workers Club and DC FFA?
Sunday, July 25 — Lucky Clovers and DIY Jrs. Clubs

**Turtle Races**, 4:30 pm — Sheila Hessman, Chair
Friday, July 23 — Valley Boosters (4-6 people)
Saturday, July 24 — DIY Jrs. (4-6 people)
Sunday, July 25 — Wright Wonder Workers (2-3 people)
Lucky Clovers (2-3 people)

**Afternoon Games at the Fair**—Saturday, July 24—2-4 p.m.
Chair, Missi Haskell,  Workers to be determined at July meeting

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## 2021 Ford County Fair Schedule

### ALL EVENTS AT FAIRGROUNDS, 901 W. PARK ST. DODGE CITY

*Schedule is subject to change.*

### MONDAY, JULY 19
- 6:00 PM  Style Review Judging  Exhibit Building

### THURSDAY, JULY 22
- 7:30-10:00 AM  4-H/FFA Poultry Check-in  Poultry Barn
- 7:30 AM-12:00 Noon  4-H/FFA Entry Check-in  Exhibit Building
- 11:30 AM-1:30 PM  Open Class Entry Check-in  Exhibit Building
  - Including Poultry & Special Contests
- 1:00 PM  4-H/FFA Non-Livestock Projects Judging Begins
- 2:00 PM  Open Class Judging Begins
- 5:30 PM  4-H/FFA Livestock MUST BE on Fairgrounds (Weigh-in Begins)
  *Exhibitor Livestock Sale Meeting to follow weigh-in/check-in.*

### Wiles Arena
- 6:00-9:00 PM  Exhibit Building OPEN to Public
- 6:30 PM  4-H & Open Class Food Sale  Exhibit Building
- 8:00 PM  Game Night Begins  Pavilion

### FRIDAY, JULY 23
- 8:00 AM  4-H/FFA Swine Show  Wiles Arena
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM  Exhibit Building OPEN to Public
- 11:00 AM  4-H Rabbit Show  Pavilion
- 11:30 AM  4-H/FFA/Open Class Poultry Show  Poultry Barn
- 3:00 PM  4-H Hand Pet Show  Pavilion
- 4:00-8:00 PM  3-D Roller Coaster Virtual Reality  Exhibit Building
- 4:30 PM  Turtle Races  *Sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City*  Pavilion
- 6:00 PM  "Hometown Heroes" Hot Dog Feed  *Sponsored by Hi Plains Feed LLC*  Pavilion
- 6:45 PM  Watermelon Feed  Pavilion
- 7:00 PM  Barnyard Olympics  Wiles Arena
- 8:00 PM  Adult Showmanship Fun Contest  Pavilion
- 8:30 PM  Dance featuring Country Rewind Band  *Sponsored by Jacobs*  Pavilion

### SATURDAY, JULY 24
- 7:30 AM  4-H Horse Show  Horse Arena
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM  Exhibit Building OPEN to Public
- 12:30-1:00 PM  Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration  Pavilion
  - Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Begins
- 2:00-6:00 PM  3D Virtual Reality Roller Coaster Ride ($1.00 per session)  Exhibit Building
- 2:30-4:00 PM  Family Fun Afternoon at the Fair  Pavilion
- 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

### SUNDAY, JULY 25
- 9:00 AM  Free Breakfast  *Courtesy of KanEquip*  Exhibit Building
- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM  Exhibit Building OPEN to Public
- 10:00 AM  Sunday Service with Jeff Hiers  Pavilion
- 12:30 PM  4-H Foundation Scholarship Presentation  Pavilion
  - 4-H Public Fashion Review
- 1:00 PM  Corn Hole Tournament Begins  South of Exhibit Building
- 2:30 PM  Ice Cream Social  *Sponsored by Ford County Farm Bureau*  Pavilion
- 4:30 PM  Turtle Races  *Sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City*  Pavilion
- 6:30 PM  4-H/FFA Beef Show  Wiles Arena

### MONDAY, JULY 26
- 8:30 AM  4-H Mini-Livestock Judging Contest  Wiles Arena
- 9:00 AM-7:00 PM  Exhibit Building OPEN to Public
- 1:00-2:30 PM  Water Games  Fairgrounds
- 5:30 PM  Buyers Appreciation Meal  Pavilion
- 6:15 PM  Ford County Market Wheat Show Results Announced  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  INSIDE Exhibits Released  Exhibit Building

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Fair Activities & Schedule are subject to change due to COVID-19 Protocol at time of Fair.
Dear 4-H Families,

This newsletter is full of information for the 2021 Ford County Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. Remember this is a COUNTY FAIR for the Community and for 4-H. It is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase the skills they have learned and the projects they have completed. It is one of the reasons that we do fair. We are glad we have an opportunity to come together to have a county fair.

Remember we are all striving to “make the best better.”

We were able to have 4 Clover Camp and Heart of Kansas Camp at Rock Springs. You can check out our 4-H Facebook page to see pictures of the fun activities they participated in.

We look forward to seeing you all at the County Fair and hope you will invite your neighbors, friends and family to come and participate too!

See you there!!

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