Montgomery County 4-H News
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101st Fair - King & Queen Elections

- May or June clubs will vote on two older youth to represent their club for county-wide voting of a fair King & Queen. After each club turns in their nominations and county-wide ballot will be send out via email with a two week voting window for all active 4-H members
  - If you are elected from your club please go to www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/ and fill out the King and Queen Bio form in the right hand column and return to krohling@ksu.edu as soon as possible!

- If you are elected at your club meeting plan to attend the Coordination and Style Revue, July 26th at the Welsey Center, Independence, KS at 7:00 p.m. The king and queen will be crowned at this event

- King and Queen responsibilities include: helping hand out ribbons for the rest of the style revue of July 26th, working as a team so one of you is always at all livestock shows to hand out ribbons, attending the presentation of inside awards Friday night of fair and staying for the bake sale if needed, attending the presentation of awards before the livestock sale and staying during the livestock sale to assist as needed.

Voting Options During Elections

1. Have youth fill out a form to run for position (Royalty or Club Officer) in advance and print a paper ballot for the meeting.

2. Nominate members at the meeting and provide members with small piece of paper to write the name (initials are easier for young members) of the person they are voting for.

3. Ask all members to close their eyes and put their heads down to vote for each member. Two designated adults should count hands

*Ballots are the preferred method of voting but we understand things don’t always work out that way! Two adults should count the ballots and destroy at the end of voting.
The best way to remind your favorite fair supporter that fair season is just around the corner is to take them a plate of cookies for no reason at all! This simple gesture goes a long way to ensure buyers remember you and are ready to support you at the bake sale and livestock premium sales this summer.

This newsletter is coming out with your fair book. Maybe you’ll keep it with your fair supplies so let’s talk about thank you cards and how they rank with supporters:

We like this thank you card because it has pictures AND a place for a personal handwritten note! Your note should include more than “Thank you for your support”. Tell your supporter what your favorite part of the project was or something new you learned this year!

The traditional thank you card with a handwritten note is always a safe bet!

The picture card gets a smiley face but no thumbs up. We’d really like to see a handwritten message from the kid with a few details about their project or year!
FAIR RULE CHANGE
This rule only applies to youth wanting to show a market animal and put it in the livestock sale! Additional sale rules like weight requirements have not changed!

- Youth must be actively enrolled in 4-H online and attend 5 club meetings or 4 club meetings and YQCA course. YQCA course can be taken online or in-person, certificates from course must be emailed to krohling@ksu.edu by July 1. I will not find you and ask you for your certificates! These are hard deadlines and youth must meet the above requirements to sell an animal in our premium sale. Youth not meeting the requirement are still allowed to show but not put their animal in our premium sale.
YQCA courses cover animal welfare practices, administering medicine, reading feed labels, etc. Cost is $12 online or $3 in-person but the in-person class has already passed for this year. Sign up for the online class at https://yqcaprogram.org.

Camping at Fair
If you plan to camp at fair please fill out the form on the website and email it to krohling@ksu.edu before July

SPOTS LEFT:
Greenbush 4-H Camp
Currently have a few spots left in the cabins! First come, first serve, 7 youth are signed up to go from Montgomery County!

24 hour overnight camp at Greenbush by Girard, KS for youth 7-8 yrs old. Stay in A/C cabins, high low ropes course, canoeing, fishing, archery, games, etc. June 6-7th Cost $75. Scholarships for talks/demos at club day. Sign up www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/

Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp
Day camp with stem activities for ages 9-13. Cost estimated $20. June 9, 2022. Counselors may have the opportunity to spend the night June 8th if there is enough interest. Scholarships for talks/demos at club day. Sign up www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/

Ready for the Ring
- Find beef recorded workshops at https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/youth-ag/beef-across-ks/index.html
- Find their SWINE recorded workshops by reaching “Swine Across Kansas” on YouTube or at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-ImlNfkxWU8aI-CCIluhcBrPN_-VdYhh2
- Meat Goat Feeding and Showing Zoom, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. hosted by K-State Animal Sciences, sign up here: