

# 4-H Clover News

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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!

You will be receiving the “Pre-Entry Form” for the fair in the mail soon. This is the form you will use to enter your projects that you would like to take to the fair (i.e. cookies, color photo, ceramic piece.)

Paper copies of the Fair Book will be available soon, it is available online now. Please pay special attention to entry rules and specifications in your respective project areas. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office—we would LOVE to help you! It makes for a much easier and smoother fair for everyone involved when we pre-enter and pre-enter correctly!

Livestock ear tags numbers must be included on the entry form when you pre-enter. If you plan to bring two of a species please list the class twice and enter the ear tag number for each animal.

The county fair and everything that comes with it can be confusing for first year members and parents, so please just ask. No question is a silly question.

Andrea and Ethel will be holding a “**Fair First Stop**” on Monday, June 25 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Ford County Fair Building. We realize it is sometimes difficult to get to the Extension Office during regular hours. So we will be at the Fair Building to answer questions about pre-entry forms, fashion review forms and have labels (foods, clothing, arts/crafts, etc) and photo matte board for sale. If any older 4-H members or community leaders would like to help with this, please let us know.

**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.**

More information on fair pre-entries is on pages 3-4



## **4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE**

4-H Exchange will be traveling to Goodhue, Minnesota on June 18 and returning on June 23. Due to the exchange trip, we will not be having a June Exchange meeting.

## **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. 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.

**2018 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW** — June 28, 2018 Where: Western State Bank Expo Center. Entry deadline: June 15, 2018. Entry forms were emailed out to all in the Horse Project who are eligible.

## **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 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. Remember, there is a \$25 fee if any of the agents have to travel to tag livestock for state shows that weren't brought to the respective weigh-in. If you will need us to come tag any livestock, please make those arrangements as soon as possible. We are gone most of June at different camps, so the sooner you get this done, the better! July 15 is the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair for Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine.

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

Shooting Sports will practice at the Dodge City Gun on Sunday, June 3rd and June 10th and will then take a break till August . Watch future newsletters for more information this Fall.

## **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)**

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This was also emailed to all livestock members. The next meeting will be at the Extension office on June 4, starting at 10 am. You can also do the training online. Register for all sessions at <https://yqca.learngrow.io> (for face to face meeting or online). Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office.

## **TRAVELING PHOTO DISPLAY**

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

## **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! 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.

## **2018 FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS**

Ford County 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. The King Arthur Flour Bar Cookies contest, you must use King Arthur Flour to enter. A new contest this year is concerning a Container Garden exhibit. You do not need to be enrolled in the Arts & Crafts, Foods or Plant Science projects to enter Special Contests.

## **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 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 28th. 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 17, at 5:30 pm and Tuesday 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 for all who help!



A special reward/activity will be announced in the next newsletter for everyone who comes on July 24 and helps with clean up after the fair. More details will be announced soon.

## **FAIR T-SHIRTS**

Victory Electric is again sponsoring t-shirts for all 4-H members exhibiting at the County Fair. Please be sure to update your t-shirt size on our online enrollment webpage ([www.KS4honline.com](http://www.KS4honline.com)) so we will have the correct size ordered. As in the past several years, extra shirts for parent can be ordered for a fee. Additional details will be sent out later by email.

This is your DIVISION number.  
It tells us what project you  
were enrolled in.

FOODS & NUTRITION - DIVISION 20  
Judged Thursday, July 24, 2014

#### FOOD PREPARATION

1. All exhibits are required to have a recipe. (The recipe will not be returned). Recipes in the 4-H Foods and Nutrition Notebook are only guidelines. Comparable recipes from other sources may be used and are encouraged. For copyright purposes include source of recipe used (i.e. name of cookbook, magazine, etc.)
2. For food safety purposes, any food with custard and cream cheese type fillings and frostings, flavored oils, "canned" bread or bread or cakes in a jar, cut fresh fruit or food requiring refrigeration will be disqualified and not be judged.
3. No alcohol should be included as an ingredient in food entries. Entries with alcohol in the recipe will be disqualified and not be judged.
4. Place on waxed paper or aluminum foil covered cardboard, which has been cut to fit the size of the product or a small, white plate, and put the product in a food grade plastic bag. DO NOT PUT PRODUCT DIRECTLY ON THE CARDBOARD. Do not wrap in plastic. Coffee Cakes must be in disposable pan.
5. All exhibits must be clearly labeled with a 4-H foods label sticker. The label must include: name of product, class number, and name of exhibitor. DO NOT ATTACH TO FOOD OR TO BOTTOM OF EXHIBIT - PLACE STICKER LOOSE ON THE INSIDE OF PLASTIC BAG.
6. All unfrosted cakes shall be exhibited in upright position with top crust showing.
7. All items entered in the Foods Division, with the exception of Class 2032 - Food Gift Package and 2033 - Decorated Food Item, will be sold at the 4-H Food Sale and the money shall be donated to the Ford County 4-H Council.
8. The grand and reserve grand champion entry, in each age division, will be given the opportunity to be auctioned at the start of the livestock sale on Monday, July 22. A new product made after the conclusion of the fair by the 4-H'er, is required for the buyer. Winning item from the exhibit area may be used for display at the auction.
9. Due to time restraints, each exhibitor will be limited to 2 entries for conference judging.
10. State Fair classes are available for 4-H members 9 and older prior to Jan. 1, of current year. A blue ribbon must be received to qualify.

This is where you can find the rules and specifics about projects

#### Cookie Definitions:

1. Drop - any cookie dough dropped from a spoon onto a cookies sheet.
2. Refrigerator - any cookie made by slicing rich dough, which has been thoroughly chilled.
3. Molded - any cookie dough molded or rolled with the hands.
4. Bar - any cake-like cookie made from a stiff batter spread in a shallow pan and cut into bars or squares after baking.
5. Rolled - any cookie made from stiff dough & rolled with a rolling pin to the desired thickness & cut into desired shapes.

#### Cookies

- Class 2000 4 No Bake Cookies  
Class 2001 4 Bar Cookies  
Class 2002 4 Drop Cookies  
Class 2003 4 Cookies of Other Lands  
Class 2004 4 Molded Cookies  
Class 2005 4 Refrigerator Cookies  
Class 2006 4 Cake Mix Cookies  
Class 2007 Cookie Tray (5 varieties of any kind of cookie - 4 cookies of each variety)

#### Cakes

This is your CLASS number.  
It tells us what specific type  
of exhibit you are bringing.

Above and to the left are excerpts from the  
Ford County Fair Book. Below is an example  
of how to pre-enter cookies.

#### Pre-Entry Form

Ford County Fair		Dodge City, KS 67801		7/17/2014 - 7/21/2014	
Fyb #	Name			Home Phone	
Division	Class	Description	# of entries	Tag #	
20	2002	4 drop cookies	1	(only for livestock)	

**WHAT IS 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 how many trophies to order. If you think you MIGHT take a project to the fair, PRE-ENTER it!

**WHAT IF I FORGET SOMETHING?** In 2018, 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 19, 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. **WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?** Please ask us at the Extension Office or come see us on Monday, June 25 at the Fair Building. We would love to sit down with you and help you fill out your pre-entry forms. 620-227-4542!

## THANK YOU!!!!

- Families who sold Quack Attack Tickets! All funds raised come back to our clubs, council and Fair. You are helping our program in more ways than you know!
- 4-H'ers who signed up as counselors and campers for this 4-H Camping Season!
- Jasmine Moreno, Tamara Robertson and Cassie Wells for attending Discovery Days and representing Ford County!
- Everyone who attended Quality Counts Training this Spring.
- Bucklin Public Library for allowing our Traveling 4-H Photo Display to be there during the month of June.

## KANSAS 4-H WHEAT EXPO

Come join us for the 2017 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the Community Building in South Hutchinson. Watch for more Registration information in the July newsletter. Divisions include different baking classes, photography, education posters, and Cloverbuds.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2—Main Street Dodge Festival—Quack Attack Race 1:30 pm

June 9-12 — Heart of KS camp at Rock Springs

June 14 — 4-H Day Camp

June 15— All swine, lamb, commercial breeding heifers and meat goat nominations for the KSF and KJLF DUE to the Kansas Youth Livestock Program Office.

June 16—High Plains Horse Show @ DC Roundup

June 18-23—4-H Exchange trip to Minnesota

June 20-22— 4 Clover Camp

June 28 — SW District Horse Show, Expo Center

**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 17 —Fair Set Up

July 18 —Booth Set Up

**July 19-23—Ford County Fair**

July 24—Fair Clean Up

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Dear 4-H Families,

Summer is here!! June is crazy with various camps, shows and project activities. We hope you are all working on your projects and deciding what you will be exhibiting at the County Fair.

The Fair will be here before we know it! As parents and leaders it's important that we remember the goal of our children's involvement in the 4-H program. We hope they gain so much more than a blue ribbon!

The County Fair is an opportunity for an independent evaluation of the project skills a member learned through completing a project. This helps to maintain the focus of what we are trying to accomplish in 4-H, which is develop blue ribbon kids, not just blue ribbon projects. Find the time to visit with members about what they have learned about each of their fair entries and help them celebrate their accomplishments regardless of the color of the ribbon they receive at the fair. While entering and displaying a project at the County Fair is the traditional method of public affirmation, there may be other means of exhibitions such as club tours, a visit to the older residents at a Health Care Center or even helping other members at the fair.

Thank You leaders and parents for all your work with our members! Please remind our kids it's not about the color of the ribbon but about the experience!

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