

4-H Clover News

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LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATE

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you **MUST weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates**. What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

SMALL ANIMAL (SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, BUCKET CALF)

Tuesday, April 16: 4:30 pm—6:30 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds

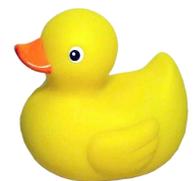
Alternate date is Tuesday, April 23

Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals.

EAR TAG POLICY

4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family.

QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



At your April Club Meetings, your Club Leaders will have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell. The Ford County 4-H Program would appreciate if each family could sell at least 10 duck leases. These duck leases are for the Q97 Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 1st at the Main Street Dodge Festival. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Program. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be found in your packet or on our website. Both the Alley and Sacred Hearst School are also selling leases. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20.** The Family who sells the most duck leases by Monday, May 20 will win a \$100 gift card! Community Leaders/families if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us!

Please try and sell the books your leaders checked out at the Council meeting before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in.



4-H EXCHANGE/ AMBASSADOR MEETING

The next 4-H Exchange meeting will be Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. We will discuss travel plans for the exchange.

4-H COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LEADER MTGS

The May meetings will be on May 21 (one week earlier on Tuesday due to Memorial Day)

LIVESTOCK SALES

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows are being sent to the Extension Office. All these fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder. Feel free to come in and check it out!!

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Ford County has recruited several volunteers and has several youth interested in livestock judging. We will be having some judging workouts for those interested in learning or being on a livestock judging team. To have your name added to the list to receive notifications about practices, please contact the office and get added to the list.

COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Ford County FAIR needs YOU! It takes several volunteers to make sure the Ford County Fair is a success. We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leader/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer and sign up during your next club meeting. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know.

CURRENT COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Livestock Judging ...Brian Bertelsen
Photography Holly Martin
Shooting SportsTroy Robertson & Joe Vogel

2019 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 27, 2019
Where: Western State Bank Expo Center
Entry deadline: June 15, 2019.

ADD/DROP DATE IS MAY 1ST!

WHAT DOES ADD/DROP A PROJECT MEAN? When you completed your enrollment on the KS.4Honline website, you selected a project to be “enrolled in for this 4-H Year”. This means you are planning to explore/participate/learn about this project and possibly enter something in the fair for that project area. May 1st is your last day to either ADD another project you would like to participate in or DROP a project you already signed up for that you are not interested in anymore. We encourage you to take something for each project that you are enrolled in to the fair; however it is not required. If you don't remember what you signed up for, just go to the KS.4Honline website and check, you can then either add or drop projects. After May 1st you will not be able to make changes as that part of the enrollment process will be closed. If you have any questions, please call us– we'd love to help you!

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING



Tractor Safety Training is May 4th for all teenagers who would like to attend. The training is from 8:00am-5:00pm at the Dodge City Community College. Contact the Extension Office for registration information and more details.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT NEWS

The Ford County Shooting Sports project will have their first practice of the season on Sunday, April 7th at 1:30 pm at the Dodge City Gun Club – located at the intersection of 112 & Garnett Road (correction line.) Call the office if you have questions.

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Horse ID Papers are due into the office by May 1 and must be signed by an Extension Agent. If neither of us are in the office you will be asked to leave them and they will be returned to you after signatures are done.

Remember only Level 1 is required to compete at District and State Shows. If you need to complete your level 1 testing, contact the office.

CAMP CENTRAL

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 11-14

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

Mark your calendars and plan to send your children to **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp!** For only \$120, (\$190 non 4-H member) your child can experience a lifetime's worth of memories: campfires, swimming, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!

All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome. Registration due May 1.



**4-Clover Camp—Inspire Kids to Do
June 19-21, 2019**

at Dodge City Community College

Looking for a summer camp closer to home?

4-Clover Camp is the camp for you! 4-H youth ages 7 to 10 years old are invited to attend this 3 day 2 night camp for only \$65! This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! Theme is "Inspire Kids to Do".

Camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers. Registration is due June 1.

Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

Day Camp

Calling all kids of Clark, Ford and Hodgeman Counties! We are combining our 4-H Gunsmoke Day

June 7, 2019

Camp with Boot Hill Cowpoke Day Camp this year. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to experience the newly combined **Day Camp**. Mark your calendars and register early...space is limited! A \$10.00 camp fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. Registration will be handled through Boot Hill and is due by May 24. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend day camp! Registration forms will soon be available.

Camp Counselor applications are due into our Office by April 15. If you would like to be a counselor for Heart of Kansas Camp at Rock Spring (age 15 or older), 4 Clover Camp (14 or older) or possibly for Boot Hill Cowpoke Day Camp (14 or older), please complete the application! This can be found on our County website and it is a front and back application.

DISCOVERY DAYS May 29-31

Manhattan—K-State Campus

Registration closes April 15.

Classes will fill up fast, so be sure to register quickly! Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Kansas on the Kansas State University campus. It is open to ALL youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2019. Certain classes have special fees, so please pay attention to those! For complete details, check out kansas4h.org.

**DISCOVER YOUR
SPOTLIGHT**
4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Check the state 4-H website for more details.

CAMP PAYMENT POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. Full payment is due by the registration deadline.
- **For online registrations:** Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant. Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancelation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines.)
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County.

PLEASE NOTE

Several of the Camps listed 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.

SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, Campference, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, Sewing Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. **No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30).** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on ford.ksu.edu under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

BLAKE STANLEY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are planning to attend 4-Clover Camp, we encourage you to apply for **one of five \$35 scholarships provided by the Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Scholarship fund**. If you are interested in applying, you must write an essay with a maximum word count of 200. In the essay please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to go to 4-H Camp?
- Why is 4-H important to you?
- Why do you need a scholarship for camp?

Essays are due on May 16 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

KANSAS RANGE YOUTH CAMP

Are you interested in Plants, livestock, or wildlife consider coming to a camp June 18-21 at Murdock, KS in Kingman County. Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Livestock Nutrition, Wildlife Management and much more will be covered. Tours and a steak supper are included in the \$250 registration fee, which is due by May 15. For more information and registration, contact the Extension Office.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This is a requirement for the Ford County Fair as well as for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show. This must be done by May 1 prior to submitting Beef nominations and June 15 for commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, nominations. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office. For County Fair purposes it must be completed prior to county fair pre-entry.

COUNTY FAIR JUDGE'S TRAINING

If you are interested in possibly judging at county fairs, Ford County is hosting a SW County Fair Judge's Training on April 13 from 9:30 am to approximately 12:30 pm at the Dodge City Senior Center, 2409 Central, Dodge City. This is for anyone wanting to learn more about judging standards for Arts and Crafts, Clothing, Fiber Arts, Foods/Foods Preservation, Photography and Quilts. There is a \$10 registration fee which includes resource materials and snacks. Registration form and fee is due into the Ford County Extension Office by April 5. For a registration form, please contact Ethel at the Extension Office.



RABBIT and POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

If you are enrolled in the Poultry or Rabbit project consider attending a Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship workshop on Saturday, April 13th, Ness County Fairgrounds, Ness City, 1:00-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per 4-H'er. Proper techniques for rabbit or poultry showmanship will be shown during this hands-on learning opportunity. Bring one rabbit and/or one poultry that you can practice with. There will also be some Rabbit and Poultry skill-a-thon classes set up for your learning opportunities. Must RSVP by Wednesday, April 10 to 785-798-3921.



TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER DRIVE — March 27-April 7

Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) would like to invite 4-H clubs to come by our store during the upcoming Paper Clover event. They know that when clubs are present in-store during the event, donations increase by more than 40%. Your club can get involved by setting up a table to sell Paper Clovers, help bag customer's purchases, display animals, or even demonstrate projects. Andrea and Ethel have set up a 4-H display promoting 4-H. It was also discussed at 4-H Council about clubs possibly trying to sell Duck leases at TSC during the Paper Clover Drive. Please let us know if your club is interested in maybe sell leases, have popcorn or anyone wanting to set up a table showcasing your projects. We just need to let TSC staff know you are coming.



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To all families who helped paint at the Fairgrounds for our 48 Hours of 4-H community service project.
- ◆ The Ambassador/Exchange members for a successful Flea Market.
- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants!



2019 Ford County 4-H Calendar

April

- 7 Shooting Sports practice, 1:30 pm
- 13 SW Fair Judges Training, 9:30 am
- 13 Rabbit and Poultry Workshop
- 15 Discovery Days registration closes
- 15 Camp Counselor applications due
- 16 Small Animal Weigh In – 4:30-6:30 pm
- 21 Easter
- 22 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

May

- 1 Drop/Add Deadline for projects
- 1 Horse Id Papers due into office
- 1 HOK Camp registrations due
- 1 State Beef nominations due to State
- 4 Tractor Safety Training, DCCC
- 16 Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship due
- 20 Quack Attack Duck Leases due into office by 5 p.m.
- 21 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 24 Day Camp registrations due to Boot Hill
- 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 29-31 4-H Discovery Days

June

- 1 4 Clover Camp Registration due
- 1 Quack Attack Duck Race
- 7 Boot Hill Cowpoke Day Camp
- 10 HOK Camp counselors leave
- 11-14 HOK Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
- 15 State nominations for commercial heifers, swine, goats and sheep due to state
- 19-21 4-H 4 Clover Camp
- 24 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

July

- 1 County Fair Pre-Entries Dues
- 4 Office closed Fourth of July
- 9 Poultry Blood Testing
- 9 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 15 Fair Clothing/Style Revue Judging
- 16 Fair Setup
- 18-22 County Fair
- 23 Fair Clean Up
- 26-Aug 4 Dodge City Days

August

- 9 State Fair Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- 26 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

September

- 6-15 State Fair
- 23 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting

October

- 1 Record Books Due
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

November

- 2 Achievement Banquet



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Dear 4-H Families,

Camping Season is right around the corner! Be sure to get a head start and sign-up for camp! Camp is a great place to meet new friends, gain new skills and connect to the great outdoor. You can find more information about camps and their registrations forms on our website OR we have copies available in the Extension Office.

Be sure to decide if you need to drop or add any projects and do this prior to May 1. Remember Horse ID papers are also due then!

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter. Remember to get registrations and fees in prior to the deadlines.


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