

# 4-H Clover News

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## FAIR UPDATES

### and PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE...

“All American Fun at the Ford County Fair”, 2025 Ford County Fair, July 17-21! 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 17** to the Fair Building. We plan to have drop off time from 7:30 am to 11:00 am this year. 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 14 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 17, with weigh in begin for each species around 5 pm. See following pages for more details.

In place of the Livestock Sale will be the Pillars of the Community event again on August 9 at the United Wireless Convention Center at 5:00 pm.

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 2. (see page 5)

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 will be available soon 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 17. If 4-H parents/superintendents have exhibits, they may bring them at the same time they bring 4-H exhibits.

# Fair info continued...

## INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 17

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

7:30-8:15 am — T—Y

9:30—10:15 am — J — P

8:15– 8:45 am — A—D

10:15 am—11:00 pm — R—S

8:45—9:30 am — E — H

Consultative Judging will take place if we have enough division superintendents! 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 14, 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 14, starting at 6:00 pm.** **New this year for Shopping in Style: may enter up to two entries – one in the Dressy Class and/or one in the Casual Class**

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)

7:45 pm Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Review)



*PUBLIC FASHION REVIEW is Sunday, July 20 at 1:30 pm during the Fair.*

These classes also require additional paper work which is due into the office by 5 pm on July 14. These forms are available on our website and can be found under the Ford County Fair Tab — Script, score sheet and Seniors only need to complete the cost per wear form.

## 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 17. The Fair's **Rabbit Show** will be on **Friday, July 18 at 11:00 am.** Rabbits will stay on the Fairgrounds this year. **Poultry show** will be held on **Friday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m.** All Poultry and Rabbits will be housed in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn during the Fair.

## OTHER FAIR INFO

Sign up for Photography entries please use drop down quantity number menu and select how many you are planning to bring! Up to 10 per class unless limited to one by rules. You must enter for each entry.

Photography exhibits entered and judged on Monday, July 14, 8:30 – 10 am for entering, consultative judging starts at 9:30 am at the Fair Building.

Livestock Exhibitor Meeting will be Thursday night after weigh-in in the arena.

**Round Robin showmanship, Monday, July 21, 9:00 am (time is half hour earlier) if one 4-H/FFA'er wins in more than one species, he or she must select the one species they want to represent. Participation & species must be declared by exhibiter to fair office by 9pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025. No changes after this time.**

A Fair Schedule is included at the end of the newsletter. We have these available in the office if you need extra schedules. They are also available as a tri-fold brochure. The schedule is also on the back of the Fairbook.

## 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 17. 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 16. We will place our shirt order soon after that. Please email Ethel with your changes or call the office. The shirt color this year will be a Sapphire blue .



**AGAIN 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 16.

## 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 "All American Fun") 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 17, 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: EVERYONE!! 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 15 at 5:30 pm and Wednesday evening, July 23 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 on Tuesday for set up, and hamburgers/hot dogs will be provide for clean up, prior to the After Fair Swim Party for all who come to 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 16, 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 18

The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 18 at 3 p.m.** Registration will start at 2:30 pm in the Pavilion area. Order of judging will be 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 17.

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.

Some specific duties include:

- **Judging begins at 11:30 am.**
- Welcome and introduce yourselves to the judge. Periodically check to see if they'd like a drink.
- **Consultative judging will begin at 11:30 am and people signed up ahead of time.**
- Refer to the fair book for your project's guidelines and rules should questions arise.
- **Superintendent lists will be by class and age group unless the items are not being judged by age of member (Plant Science, livestock).**
- Assist the judge, but do not talk about the exhibits with the judge.
- **Mark the placing correctly on the entry tag and results sheet by circling the abbreviation.** You can write a brief description (blue shirt, cow picture, etc.) for identification purposes if more than one entry in class or division. We do not use State Fair Stickers except on Arts and Crafts.
- These are the correct ribbon abbreviations: PRP = Class Champion  
PNK = Reserve Class Champion  
BLU = Blue, RED - Red, WHT – White

CB- Cloverbud (5 & 6 year olds) receive a multi-colored ribbon for Cloverbuds.

*You will need to write it in the box "Other Placing" if this entry advanced to Grand or Reserve Grand*

- When judging is complete, place ribbons/stickers on exhibits. If a sticker, place sticker on lower right hand corner. Leave entry tags on exhibits, but turn in final results sheet into the Fair Office.
- *Exhibit should only have one ribbon. If the item received a blue, but then went on to receive a class champion/reserve class champion, it would only have the last ribbon received on the item.*



## FairEntry – the Online Fair Management System

We are excited to use the FairEntry for our Ford County Fair. Beginning June 2 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 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 in past years at <http://fordcounty-ks.fairentry.com/>

Classes that are judged by age group, so when you pre-enter you will need continue to the selection with a letter which corresponds to the exhibitor's age

Remember each item must be entered. This could be by repeating the pre-entry for each item or it may be by indicating with a drop down box menu and selecting the number of items. Photos will have a drop down to select the number (quantity) of photos to be entered.

If you have any questions about the process, feel free to stop in or give us a call during regular business hours for assistance. There is also a document on the website with directions on how to use FairEntry and pre-enter projects. 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. Check out the FairEntry directions on our website for help also.

## 4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE

4-H Exchange will meet on Monday, June 23 (tentative) at 7 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. Nine members and 2 chaperones will be traveling to Minnesota June 9-14. If you are interested in joining our exchange group for next year, reach out to any current member or Ethel for more information about the group.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.

# Project News

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports project practices will be on Sunday in June and July. June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 13, 27. 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. 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 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 your YQCA number. So you must complete this before the Fair entry deadline of July 1.



### ::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.  
You all did a great job of fund raising this year!!!
- ◆ 2024 Traveling Photo 4-H'ers. The display is at the Ford County State Bank in Spearville.

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Photography Matte Board is available at the Extension Office during office hours. Each matte board is \$1.50. If you need help with how to mount your photos, please contact the office.



## 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 17. 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 10. 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—**Harlee Tilley**

Paul Glenn Family Memorial Scholarship— **Jordan Stimpert**

Nathan Martin Memorial Scholarship—**Josie Robinson**

Nobuko Nicholson Family Memorial Scholarship—**Aiden Haskell**

Nicholson Family Scholarship—**Lincoln Martin**

Myron Nicholson Family Memorial Scholarship—**Rachel Harrold**

Belle Hahn Family Memorial Scholarship—**Stanton Custer**

Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships \* — **Teaghen Elledge**

\*The Marjorie Miller & Magdelene Diane Mack Memorials

*Congratulations to all of our winners!*

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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 still 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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# 2025 Ford County Fair Schedule

July 17 – Exhibit check-in 7:30 -1:30, Building Open 6-9 pm; July 18-20 - 9 am-9 pm; July 21 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ALL EVENTS AT FAIRGROUNDS -- 901 W. PARK ST. DODGE CITY

Schedule is subject to change 4-H Medallion Hunt on the Fairgrounds held during the fair!

## Monday, July 14

8:30 -10:00 AM	4-H Photography Check In, Judging begins at 9:30 AM	Fair Bldg
6:00 PM	Clothing Style Review Judging	Fair Bldg

## THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	4-H/FFA and Open Class Poultry and Rabbits Check-In	Poultry Barn
7:30 AM-11:00 AM	4-H/FFA Entry Check-In in the Middle Room of Fair Building	Fairgrounds
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Open Class check in of exhibits and Special Contests	Fairgrounds
11:30 AM	Judging 4-H Non-Livestock Projects	
1:00 PM	Open Class Judging begins	
4:30 – 6:30 PM	Building Creations Special Contest entry (Lego®/Knex®, etc.)	Fair Bldg
5:00 PM	Livestock Weigh-In starts	
5:30 PM	4-H/FFA Livestock must be on Fairgrounds	
	Livestock Sale Meeting follows for youth Exhibitors	Wiles Arena
6:00 PM- 9:00 pm	Exhibit Building Open to Public	
6:30 PM	“Welcome to the Fair Hot Dog Feed” Sponsored by Hi Plains Feed, LLC	Pavilion
6:30 PM	Dodge City Cowboy Band	Pavilion
6:30 PM	4-H and Open Class Food Sale	Fair Bldg

## FRIDAY, JULY 18

8:30 AM	4-H/FFA Swine Show	Wiles Arena
11:00 AM	Rabbit Judging	Rabbit Barn
11:30 AM	Poultry Judging	Poultry Barn
3:00 PM	Hand Pet Show	TBD
4:30 PM	Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City	Pavilion
5:00 PM	Pork Burger Feed sponsored by Parker Haskins Insurance	Pavilion
5:30 PM	Watermelon Feed Sponsored by United Wireless Arena	Pavilion
6:30 PM	Adult Celebrity Showmanship Contest	Wiles Arena
9:00 PM	Dance with Quail Hunters Band	Pavilion

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

7:30 AM	4-H Horse Show	Horse Arena
9:00- 11:00 AM	Touch A Truck	Fairgrounds
12:30-1:00 PM	Pedal Tractor Pull Registration	Pavilion
1:00 PM	Nicholas Williams Memorial Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Competition	
2:00-4:00 PM	Skillathon	Wiles Arena
4:30 PM	Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City	Pavilion
5:30 PM	4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show and Sheep Show	Wiles Arena
9:30 – 11:30 pm	Dance with Savannah Chestnut	Pavilion

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM	Free Breakfast – sponsored by J & A Service/American Implement	Fair Bldg
9:30- 10:30 AM	Sunday Service	Pavilion
1:30 PM	4-H Public Fashion Review	Pavilion
2:00 PM	4-H Foundation Scholarships	Pavilion
2:30 PM	Ford Co. Farm Bureau Ice Cream Social (west side of pavilion)	Pavilion
2:30 PM	Cow Patty Bingo	Fairgrounds
3:00 PM	Barnyard Olympics	Wiles Arena
4:30 PM	Turtle Races sponsored by Credit Union of Dodge City	Pavilion
5:00 PM	Fair King/Queen Crowning	Pavilion
5:15 PM	Wheat Show Results	Wiles Arena
5:30 PM	Beef Show (Bucket Calf, Breeding, Showmanship, Market)	Wiles Arena
9:00 PM	Exhibitor Hamburger Feed	Pavilion

## MONDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM	4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship	Fairgrounds
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Fair Exhibitor Appreciation Meal	Fairgrounds
12:00- 2:00 PM	Release of All Exhibits (livestock and inside)	Fair Bldg
5:00- 7:00 PM	Release of exhibits	

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:30 – 10 AM	Release of exhibits	
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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

5:00 PM	Pillars of the Community's Grand Drive Event (RSVP required)	United Wireless Conference Center
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Questions??? Call 620-227-4542 prior to July 17, 620-371-4078 -July 17-21