

4-H Clover News

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QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



We hope your club members have been selling Duck Leases and remember this is a major fund raiser for 4-H Council and can be for your club also! The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if each family could sell duck leases. Each club received tickets. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race which will be **held on June 7th at the Dodge City Main Street Festival**. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Council and your 4-H Club. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be obtained by asking your community leaders for the information. The Alley is also selling leases this year. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 27.** Community Leaders/families will need to keep track of who sells and if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us! Please try and sell the tickets your leaders checked out before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we return them.

We will also be needing members to help the day of the Race on June 7. We continue to sell tickets up until approximately 12:00 noon. We have a booth during the Main Street Festival and people purchase tickets from our booth. If you are able, we usually need a few members to assist during the actual races too. Let Ethel know if you can come and help sell and during the races.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day on July 17th. They help 4-H members entering their project, assisting judges by writing comments or taking items to the judges for them to evaluate, by recording ribbon placings, attaching ribbons/stickers to entries, organizing exhibits for judges to select champions and Grand champions. They also assist in creating the display for the project area. These are great leadership activities for your record book!

If you did not sign-up and would still like to help out, please give us a call at the office.



4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meetings will be Tuesday, May 27 (Tuesday due to Memorial Day) at 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.



4-H Exchange

Plans are to meet on Monday, June 2, 6:30 pm to work on finalizing details for our trip to Minnesota, etc.

County Fair, July 17-21....

The Fair Book will soon be posted on our website. Actual books will be available in May.

- ⇒ **Schedule has some changes for 2025! CHECK THE SCHEDULE. These are just a few!**
 - **Again this year, Photography exhibits will be entered and judged on Monday, July 14, 8:30—10 am and judging starting at 9:30 am**
 - **Booth Setup will again be on Tuesday, July 15, approx. 7:30 pm to 10 pm (after set up) and on Wednesday, July 16 in the morning.**
 - **Round Robin showmanship, Monday, July 21, 9:00 am**
- ⇒ **Clothing Fashion Revue judging will be on Monday evening, July 14, 6:00—9:00 pm. Members may enter up to two entries for Shopping in Style Revue.**
- ⇒ **Fair Pre-entry will be through the Online FairEntry program with a July 1, 5 pm deadline.**
- ⇒ **4-H Exhibit entry on July 17 by 11 am. Members entering by assigned times to drop off exhibits based on your last name will still be used.**
- ⇒ **Consultative Judging will be available by signing up after Fair set-up on Tuesday evening and/or on Thursday when you bring you entries.**
- ⇒ **Open Class entries are scheduled between 11:30 and 1:00 pm, with entries by 4-H parents accepted earlier if requested.**
- ⇒ **No actual Livestock Sale but will have the Pillars event on August 9**
- ⇒ **Public 4-H Fashion Revue will start at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 20**
- ⇒ **Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships will be announced at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 20**
- ⇒ **King and Queen Crowning will be held on Sunday evening, prior to the Beef Show at approximately 5:30 pm. Money collected until 5 pm that evening.**
- ⇒ **A Skillathon will take place Saturday, July 19 between 2:00-4:00 pm**

SPRING SHOWS

If you're interested in attending spring shows with any of your livestock, stop by the Extension Office. We have flyers for many spring shows throughout Kansas and the surrounding areas. Be sure to check out the Facebook pages, SWKS Livestock 4-H/FFA Events and/or SW KS Horse 4H/Horse Show/Rodeo Community.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

The nomination deadline for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats is June 15th. All nominations will be done online through Showworks. DNA envelopes ordering deadline is 1 week prior. Call the office to get your barcode stickers.

COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Beef — Matt and Lindsey Durler

Meat Goat — Andrea Burns and Jr. Ld.—Adeline Robinson

Rabbit Jr. Leader—Adeline Robinson

Poultry — Becky Swan

Livestock Judging — Jay Langlois & Eddie Nichols

Horse — Shayla Tieben

Shooting Sports Shotgun — Troy Robinson

Archery — Brandi Stein

Horse Project Information

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member all Horse ID papers need to be turned into our office by June 1 for our signature. There is a new Horse Id form available as of this year for all horses. It is available on our website under 4-H.

To be eligible to show at the State Fair you can qualify at other shows—including our County Fair Show by completing an affidavit.

4-H Horse Project members wishing to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz in addition to other requirements. The webinar and quiz are available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>. They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1). Additional requirements can be found on the Horse Project Page at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/>.

Coggins Testing: All exhibits in the County Fair and State Fair 4-H Horse Show must present proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at check-in.

Please check out the Kansas 4-H Horse Shows and Clinics page for horse project shows and clinics to assist you throughout the coming 4-H program year. Of note, two clinics will be hosted in the NEKS area in May.

Dog Project Information

If you are looking for an opportunity or improve your skills, please check out the Kansas 4-H Dog Qualifiers Page <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/>. This page lists the local invitational shows that 4-H members can participate in. These qualifiers use judges from the approved Kansas 4-H Dog Show Judge list, so members can use these shows to qualify for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES

Practices are beginning. They are held every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Dodge City Gun Club, except for Mother's Day (May 11). Next practice is May 18th. If you are not receiving notifications, please contact Andrea at the Extension Office. Contact Troy Robertson (620-338-3028) if you have questions concerning the practices.

4-H FOODS/NUTRITION RULE FOR FROSTINGS & FILLINGS AT THE STATE FAIR

For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>. And it will be posted on our website.

Entomology

The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 27-28, 2025 in El Dorado, Kansas. Workshop events include collection and photo trips, pinning class, identification class, and a pollinator garden community service activity. One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend the workshop with children. Registration closes May 26. Contact the Extension Office for Registration details.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

You will need to complete this online by registering at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> to take the online training and certification. This must be completed if you are planning on selling an animal at county fair. It needs to be completed by July 1. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension Office.

Message from County Wide Beef Project Leaders, Matt and Lindsay Durler

As beef project leaders, we'd like to hold a project meeting Thursday May 22nd at 6:30p at our farm. 11773 Jewell Rd, Wright Ks.

Featured topic will be beef nutrition led by Dr. Ryan Mass with support from Cindy Wadley of HyPlains Feed.

Dr. Mass has 30 yrs experience as practical beef nutrition with a strong history in feedyard formulation, ethanol coproducts and feed additive impact development.

Key topics-

- 1) Finish Feeding for carcass merit in market animals
- 2) Heifer development and nutrient requirements through the gestation cycle
- 3) Insect, heat and stress management

While formally trained in ruminant nutrition, Dr. Mass has a broad spectrum of nutritional understanding so don't hesitate to bring questions in other species as well.

We'll also have a short session on summer hair care after the nutrition session.

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to ldurler@gmail.com by May 20 for meal planning.

Project Resources and Ideas

Are you trying to figure out what you can do in your 4-H project (s)? Check out the K-State Extension's 4-H Youth Development website—<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> for help. On the left will be listed the major project area, but click on any and you will see all the subject areas covered. Each individual project then will have additional categories in the center of the page —

- ⇒ Things to Learn and Do
- ⇒ Project Materials
- ⇒ Awards and Recognition
- ⇒ Events and Activities
- ⇒ Next Steps—Career Exploration

Below these categories are boxes that you can also click on for additional resources — 4-H Clover Classroom and Calendar of Events. The Kansas Clover Classroom has publications for some individual projects which have additional information and activities which will enhance the learning, leadership and community service within each project area. There are project challenges for many projects but not all. These are still being developed.

Adult Celebrity Showmanship at County Fair

A new type of Adult Showmanship is being held at the Ford County Fair this year — An Adult Celebrity Showmanship! An informational announcement was emailed out to all families last month and was also given to all community leaders at the last 4-H Council meeting. This Celebrity Adult Showmanship contest is being organized by Mike Martinez and he requested all Senior 4-H Livestock Showman wanting to participate, will need to communicate with a local "celebrity" they want to select to show one species of the member's livestock projects (no horse). The evening of the showmanship, the member will be responsible for instructing their celebrity on how to properly show the animal, what breed the animal is and things they may need to know about the animal if asked by the judge. They will have about 25-30 minutes to do this. Plan to introduce the person you select with a brief bio as well as what charity the person has chosen to represent/show for to receive a small donation if selected as the winner. The Showmanship contest will take place on Friday, July 18 at 6:30 pm. See enclosed flier/registration.

Suggestions on possible Celebrities — school superintendents, county sheriff, city police chief, city manager, mayors, school coaches, teachers, county commissioners, city commissioners, bank or business presidents/CEO, community leaders, etc.

The registration form, with all names and contact information needs to be returned to Martinez by June 1.

Camp Headquarters

(Copies of Registration Forms can be found online at ford.ksu.edu)

4-H DAY CAMP, June 17, 2025

Ford County Fairgrounds



“Explore the World with 4-H Day Camp”

Join us at Day Camp on Tuesday, June 17. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to experience the annual Gunsmoke 4-H Day Camp. Mark your calendars and register early! A \$10.00 camp fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend day camp—invite your friends! Registration forms will be posted soon on our website and are due June 10. There will be a minimum number to hold the camp.

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER CAMPS

4-H Open Attendance: Attend any session that fits your schedule. They also encourage all of our county clubs to find a session that they can attend together.

Open Enrollment: They are inviting ANYONE who wants to experience Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs, regardless of 4-H membership. Every young camper deserves to experience the positive youth development that makes 4-H special.

Extended Sessions: Now offering a choice of 4 days/3 nights OR 7 days/6 nights.

There is transportation from Dodge City provided for some of the camps. Camp sessions are filling up, so you might need to register soon!

4-Clover Camp — June 11-13

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 \$40 due to scholarships from 4-H Council and Ford County 4-H Foundation. Theme is “Be a 4-H All Star at 4-H Camp”. This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H’ers. Registration is due May 30, but our numbers maybe limited so registration is on a first come, first service basis.

SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/ EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H’ers of Ford and Gray Counties 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, KYLF, 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. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H’er/per 4-H year (October 1—Sept. 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 June 1 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

Remember 4-H Council provides camp scholarships for 4-Clover Camp of \$20, \$50 for RSR Camp and \$50 for Discovery Days. The Ford County 4-H Foundation provides \$50 for 4-Clover Camp, \$100 for RSR Camp and \$75 for Discovery Days.

Congratulations

To Our Graduating Seniors!!

Riley Cundiff	Aiden Haskell
Stanton Custer	Josie Robinson
Hannah Durler	Braeden Simon
Teaghen Elledge	Jordan Stimpert
Rachel Harrold	Harlee Tilley
Faith Woydziak	



Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners will be announce in the June newsletter. We had several applications this year and the Foundation Board had tough decisions to make when selecting their winners. Thanks to our High School Seniors and former 4-H members already in college for applying this year! All of you are very deserving.

Traveling Photo Display

Our Traveling Photo Display has been on display at the Bucklin Library. We hope you had a chance to look at the pictures. Starting the sometime the week of May 5 they will taken to the Ford County State Bank in Spearville. We hope you take time to go and check out these photos selected at the 2024 County Fair.

Livestock Tips

Thank you to everyone who has asked questions and been patient with getting stickers for nominations, ect. Ford County will be well represented at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Shows.

Just a reminder to those who purchased livestock from out of state or who are planning to travel out of state to various shows that the 840 ID tags and/or scrapies tags that were placed in the animal's ear cannot be removed. It is a violation of federal law to do so. As the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) continues to evolve, this will continue to occur. Kansas 4-H EID tags use a 982 EID tag to legally incorporate and utilize electronic ID universally across all species.

Also make sure to get with your veterinarian and get the required CVI before taking animals over state lines. This is more important now than ever as the nation is currently dealing with lots of rules/regulations to prevent outbreaks of diseases across the United States. If you have questions, please ask Andrea and she will help walk you through the ever- changing regulations.

Don't forget that a nomination is not an entry into a state show. Those entries will be due July 15th for the State Fair and August 15th for KJLS. Small animal nominations and DNA must be postmarked by June 15th. If you are new to the system or new to the new online nomination system, please don't hesitate to ask!



FORD COUNTY
FAIR 2025

CELEBRITY SHOWMANSHIP!

SHINE LIKE A STAR

FRIDAY, JULY 18 AT 6:30 PM
FORD COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

SENIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWMEN

SECURE YOUR CELEBRITY BY JUNE 1

SENIOR LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND CLUB/FFA _____

NAME OF "CELEBRITY" _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

JOB TITLE _____

SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF "CELEBRITY" _____

NAME OF CHARITY THEY WILL BE REPRESENTING _____

"CELEBRITY" EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SPECIES YOUR "CELEBRITY" WILL BE SHOWING _____

RETURN TO MIKE MARTINEZ
ANY QUESTIONS:
CELL 620-338-6634
EMAIL MARTINEZ.MICHAEL@USD443.ORG

Tractor Safety Operator's Course

Students must
attend all day
on June 3rd for
the training
and final test.

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025
Gray County Fairgrounds
17002 W. Highway 50, Cimarron



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PURPOSE OF COURSE & TEST:

To provide teenagers with a fuller appreciation and awareness of needed safety practices around tractors and farm machinery. As well as provide 14 & 15 year old youth an opportunity to receive a tractor operator's permit, required by the Child Labor Regulations in regard to agricultural hazardous occupations before they can be employed to operate a tractor.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE:

Any teenage youth, regardless of age. Those completing the course and test will receive an operator's certificate upon completion of when he/she turns 14. Those who are 16 or older do not need an operator's certificate, but are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

SCHEDULE:

Tractor and other important farm safety skills will be given from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Gray County Fairgrounds.

COST:

\$20.00 (made payable to the Ford County Ag Activity Fund) for noon meal and handouts.

MEAL:

The noon meal, included in the registration fee, is hamburgers hot off the grill. Students are encouraged to eat the meal provided. Please contact the Gray County Extension Office, 620-855-3821 with any participant's dietary restrictions.

ENROLLMENT:

All participants will need to complete a registration form and a 4-H Participation form in order to participate.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TRACTOR COURSE IS REQUIRED BY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Sponsored By:
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Hodgeman, Meade, Pawnee
County Extension Councils,
Walnut Creek Extension District,
& 21st Central Extension
District— Edwards County

K-State Research and Extension is committed to making services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, contact Kurt Werth at 620-855-3821 or kwert@ksu.edu. Requests received will be honored when it is feasible to do so.



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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. Best of luck on your future educational plans.

If you are participating with the Big R Producing Partners program, you can share pictures of your livestock and/or Big R product images with them. Use the hashtag “#BigRProducing Partners” and “#bigrstores” as well as tagging our pages on Facebook and Instagram. Remember if you are under 18 you must have your parent’s permission. By using the hashtags and tagging Big R pages, you are giving Big R the right to repost and share your images.

Don’t forget to sign up for camps for the summer. Deadlines are fast approaching!!

Have a great summer!



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