

4-H Clover News

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Congratulations, to all parade float riders on the King and Queen float, Family of the Year –Larry and Linda Martin family, horse riders and those that walked or rode for other community organizations!



State Fair Deadlines..

If you are 4-H age 9 and older and received a BLUE ribbon or higher on a project (except livestock and only if there is a State Fair class/division), you may enter it into the State Fair. Some projects such as Visual Arts and Style Review have already been selected by judges at the county level. Other project areas have certain entry limit numbers such as only being able to take one exhibit (please see page 2 for more info). **All State Fair 4-H Exhibit Entry Forms are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, August 10 at 4:00pm.** Some projects require additional forms to be signed, so please stop by or call to see which forms are required for your project area. No late entries accepted. If you email entries, please check to be sure we received them.

Actual exhibit needs to be brought into the Extension Office by September 2 unless it is Foods or Horticulture. Foods/Horticulture can be brought between 7:30 am – 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7 to the Extension Office Parking lot and we will leave for the State Fair immediately at 8 a.m. Judging will take place that day at State Fair.

GENERAL PROJECT ENTRIES

If you received a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair, your exhibit may be eligible for the State Fair. Check with the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age as of January 1, 2022, to show at the State Fair.

For entry guidelines and class numbers, contact our office.

Every exhibit must be pre-entered electronically through the Extension Office. Your item does not need to come to the Extension Office until later, but your **pre-entries are due on or before August 10 by 4:00 pm. Pre-enter before August 10.** Double check with us to make sure we have

you signed up for the correct project areas and classes!

Please remember to check the Kansas State Fair book for the rules and regulations for the project areas you will be participating in at the 2022 Kansas State Fair. You can find a link to it on our website at www.ford.ksu.edu. If you have any questions, please contact the office for clarification.

What Can I take to the State Fair?

Clothing & Textiles: maximum of two exhibits in two different classes. Buymanship is only the Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champions from Fair.

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks: must have received a blue or higher rating at county or district event.

Dog: must have received a minimum of 170 points at county contest. 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record and \$5 entry fee per exhibitor is needed.

Fiber Arts: one exhibit in each class, maximum of 3 exhibits.

Foods & Nutrition: only one non-perishable entry.

Food Preservation: maximum of two entries, one per class.

Horticulture: enter up to a total of 4 vegetables, fruit and or herb exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

Floriculture: enter up to a total of 4 floral exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

Photography: 1st-7th year in project can enter only ONE class. A 4-H'er with 8 years+ can enter TWO photos in different classes.

Shooting Sports: educational display or poster.

Space Tech: only ONE exhibit per class.

Visual Arts: ONLY the 4-H'ers selected at county contest. These exhibits received a "State Fair" sticker at fair & will receive a letter from the office.

Woodworking: only ONE exhibit.

Posters & Displays? These items are NOT eligible for the State Fair unless they fit under an educational exhibit in a division. (example—shooting sports).

Livestock Animals had to be pre-entered earlier in the year.

TRANSPORTATION OF ENTRIES

The Extension Office will transport most exhibits to the State Fair. Please bring your exhibits to the Extension Office before 12:00 noon on Friday, September 2nd. Exhibits must be wrapped and/or boxed to protect them. Transportation of large exhibits and animals will be the responsibility of 4-H families. Food and horticulture exhibits may be brought to the parking lot across from the Extension Office on Wednesday, September 7, between 7:30—8:00 a.m. We will attach the exhibit entry card/score sheet but any additional forms must be attached by exhibitor before you bring it. (Example—rocketry forms, woodworking plans, etc.

GATE ADMISSION TICKETS

The State Fair is not providing premiums but an exhibitor will receive two gate tickets to fair.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The assistance provided by Extension staff, teen and adult volunteers is absolutely vital to the 4-H Division at the State Fair! A list of exhibit areas and the number of individuals needed is available from our office. An admission ticket will be provided for each day a teen, adult or Extension staff volunteer works. The Kansas State Fair will provide a meal ticket for volunteers who work at least four hours. Parking in the public lots will be free again this year and hang-tags are not need-



September 9-18, 2022

Future Dates to Remember

August

- 12 State Fair Pre-Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- 29 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.

September

- 2 State Fair Exhibits due in office
- 5 Closed for Labor Day
- 9-18 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Can pick up state Fair exhibits from office
- 26 4-H Com. Leader/4-H Council Mtgs.

October

- 3 Record Books due
New 4-H Year Begins
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 14-15 48 Hours of 4-H
- 24 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg

November

- 5 Achievement Banquet

Fair Winners

Herdsmanship

Final Placings by Club:

Blue— WWW

Red — DIY Jrs

White — VB

BEEF CARCASS WINNERS

Grand—Eli Holman

Res Grand — Ethan Holman

***Beef Carcass results will be available on our website shortly

WE STILL HAVE SOME LOST AND FOUND ITEMS FROM THE FAIR. PLEASE CHECK WITH US IF YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING.

RATE OF GAIN FOR LIVESTOCK

Rate of Gain information can be found on our Extension website. Congratulations to the winners in each category. A complete list of ROG results will be available on our website shortly. Swine show program had some ROG listed for some animals using an incorrect beginning weight.

Swine

GC— Caleb Bertholf 2.28 lbs/day

RGC—Chelce Gebhart 2.08 lbs/day

Sheep

GC— Chailyn Scott 0.9 lbs./day

RGC—MacKenzie Swan 0.84 lbs./day

Meat Goat

GC- Adrienne Wasson 0.55 lbs./day

RGC- Amilee Wasson 0.47 lbs./day

Beef

GC- Klayton Hessman 3.82 lbs/day

RGC- Ethan Holman 3.59 lbs/day



THANK YOU REMINDER...

You will be receiving a list in the mail of Thank You's you need to write from the fair association soon. Your premium checks will be ready to pick up in the Extension Office (100 Gunsmoke St.) after that. The required Thank You's on your list will be for the sponsors who donated for *grand champion premium, reserve grand champion medallions, miscellaneous awards, belt buckles, livestock/foods auction premium and additional add-ons you received from the fair.*

To receive your premium check, you will need to bring in the 'ready- to-mail' thank you cards and check list you received in the mail to the Extension Office. (A 'ready-to-mail' thank you includes a thank you card with an envelope, sponsor name, your return address and a stamp.) You do not need to know the mailing address of the business or person, put their name on the envelope in the return area and we can fill out the rest.

Please write your thank you's and pick up your checks in a timely manner. If checks are not cashed by February 1, the funds will be forfeited back to the Fair Association.

Clubs and families can write a general Thank You and have members or siblings sign just one vs several thank you cards. Let us know if your club or family does this so we can mark it off. Your club can do a general thank you for Victory Electric (t-shirts); Ford County Commissioners and possibly other general sponsors, instead of doing an individual thank you to them. Check with us if you have questions.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

::Ford County Shout Outs::

- ALL of the **Fair Board Members** for all the pre-planning & working at this year's fair! We appreciate all your hard work!
- **Everyone** who helped with setting and cleaning up; all of the Superintendents; and all of the 4-H members who exhibited projects at the fair!
- **Brayden Prater and Jordan Stimpert** for being selected 2022 Ford County King and Queen!
- **All of the volunteers and sponsors** who helped with events and/or sponsorship at the Fair.
- **All the adults** who participated in the Adult Fun Showmanship contest.
- **Lucky Clovers 4-H Club** for organizing the Barnyard Olympics.
- All **4-H Clubs** for their help with Turtle Races.
- To **all the winners** who found the Fair "4-H Medallion" during the Fair and everyone who searched and enjoyed looking for it!!
- Cassie Sanko for keeping the Ford County Fair Facebook page updated with great graphics and information!
- **Brandi Stein and KanEquip** for the pickup and trailer and driving the Exchange float in the parade .
- **Slade and Shana Tilley** for their vehicle and driving the pickup for our Family of the Year honorees—Larry and Linda Martin Family — in the Parade.
- **Ford County 4-H Foundation, City of Dodge City and Fair Board** for a wonderful way to end the fair with a trip to the Dodge City Lagoon Water Park for everyone who helped with clean up!
- **ANYONE & EVERYONE** we have missed who have made this summer a success!

County Fair Ribbon meaning.

The Danish system of judging is a method of evaluation where an exhibit or process is evaluated against a set of standards, and recognition is awarded on the degree to which the standard has been met by each 4-H member. The standards of excellence are often printed on a judge's scorecard and allows for the exhibit to be judged on one's own merit, and not in comparison with others in the class.

All completed exhibits meeting the requirements should receive a Purple, Blue, Red, or White rating. The following ribbons apply:

WHITE: Fair, denotes much improvement needed. Fails to meet minimum standards.

RED: Good, some improvements needed. Meets minimum standards.

BLUE: Excellent, minor improvements needed. Exceeds minimum standards.

PURPLE: Superior, outstanding on all standards.

Don't forget, if your exhibit had a sticker instead of a ribbon on it and you want a ribbon but didn't get it exchanged for a ribbon on Monday evening, you can still pick up ribbons here in the Extension office!

4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

The regular scheduled Ambassador/Exchange Meeting will be held the last Monday, August 29 at 7 pm. This is the 5th Monday, but due to Ethel being out of town at a meeting on the 4th Monday of the month, it is being moved to the last Monday. To accommodate College freshman members, it will also be offered by zoom. Information on how to connect will be sent out to the members.

START NOW ON RECORD BOOKS & AWARDS FORMS

With the end of the 4-H year in sight, there is some paperwork/record keeping that must be taken care of! **The following forms and applications must be turned in to your club leaders on or before the date they specify (typically late September).**

Project Records and Award applications are due into our office by October 3 (due to Oct 1 being a Saturday). The Record Book General and the Livestock forms plus the Record Book Check in Sheet are available on our website under 4-H, then forms, and then under Record Books. Records can be completed using the new Z-Books format also.

Z-Books a new record book method!

ZBooks is a user-friendly platform that allows members to complete record books from any device, including mobile! You can log in using your phone or by your computer!

Can you imagine putting in your weigh in data immediately after weighing your animal? Or putting your Club Day placing in right after you receive your rating?

The system allows members to track items throughout the project year — including photos, animal weights, expenses, meetings, presentation, etc.

Get started on those records now, by creating an account at <https://4h.zsuites.org/>
[Other information, along with video tutorials can be found on the Kansas 4-H website at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)



RECORD BOOKS

Remember, all 4-H'ers (with the exception of Cloverbuds) should complete a 4-H record book. All record book forms are available from our website at www.ford.ksu.edu. Please make sure you use the correct age forms.

A complete record book includes:

Personal Page

Project Record Form (includes a story or reflection section)—one for each projected

Members younger than 14 can receive county awards and members who are older are eligible for area judging.)

4-H Permanent Record (brought forward from previous year). If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office. If you need help or get confused, please call the office!

No additional story needed this year. Each project record has a section for a story or project reflection. A general story covering your 4-H year is not required but can be included if you want.

ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

These applications are due with your Record Book. "Pin Apps" are an easy one or two page application for a 4-H'er to fill out each year. These forms are available on our website or in the office.

KEY AWARD

The Key Award is given to youth 16 years or older, who have completed 4 years of 4-H membership, and who have been enrolled in the leadership project for more than 4 years. Youth must meet an additional requirements. It is a very prestigious award, and we encourage all who are eligible to apply!

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS

Reporters, Secretaries, Treasurers ...did you know you can turn your notebooks in for county judging? Turn it in by due date to your club leader.

RECORD BOOKS

Why turn in a Record Book?

The Record Book is an organized summary of your entire 4-H experience that contains a comprehensive report of your goals, plans and accomplishments. It is one way to make a formal review of your goals and achievements and is a helpful tool to plan your own growth for the future. Your records and report will be a good keepsake for years after you've finished your 4-H career. The record you build opens doors to many awards and benefits such as medals, trips, scholarships and other kinds of recognitions. Completing a record book will make it easier when applying for scholarships/state awards.

4-H Members develop the following life skills through record keeping:

- * Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, school and community activities
- * Keeping personal and business records
- * Improving communication with other people
- * Learning time management and organizational skills
- * Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

Do I have to do a Project Record form for EVERY project I'm enrolled in?

The answer to that question is **NO!** Only fill out a record for the projects you would like to be considered for an award in. For example, Suzy is enrolled in Beef, Foods and Visual Arts. She only actively participated in the Beef and Visual Arts Projects during the year. She did take one entry of cookies to the fair. Because she was highly active in Beef and Visual Arts, these are the projects she would consider doing a record for.

What kind of awards can I apply for?

Each of the project areas will award a certain number (a percentage of the total number of 4-H'ers enrolled in the project) of 'project pins' to the award winners.

Visit: <https://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/4hrecordbooks/index.html>

To find all of the forms needed to fill out your record books. Most forms are available in a form fillable format, or we can provide you with a copy!

Additional resources include at the website:

4-H Record Books - Purpose ; Project Goals; Knowledge & Skills Learned in Project; Citizenship vs Leadership; Planning for Leadership Roles; etc.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Before you begin to keep project record reports for the year, please make sure you have a current version of Adobe Reader DC. If you do not, you may download a free version, here:<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. When you click on that link, the following screen will appear. "Uncheck" the 3 boxes in the middle column and click on the link circled in green to begin your download. Follow the prompts to download and install

Ask A Friend to Join Your 4-H Club!!

Consider asking your friends to join your 4-H club. The State has put together this invite card and we can make copies for you to give to your friends or others within your community. Let us know how many you need and we can get them sent to you.

4-H Club Recruitment and Guidelines

As we start recruiting for new club members for the new 4-H year, remember according to our State 4-H Policies Guide, a community club is an organized group of at least five youth from at least three families, led by two or more VIP-registered adults, with a planned program that is carried on throughout all or most of the year. Also, remember, if a 4-H member graduated from High School but is still 18 (4-H Age) as of January 1, they have one more year of eligibility to be in 4-H. As a current member you are the best person to personally invite someone to join by asking them to come to your next club meeting.

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Change is good! Some clubs have a rotation system in place for volunteers to gradually, with training, move into the Organizational Leadership role. This process aids in recruiting volunteers to serve in leadership roles. Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes and ideas...some volunteers are more willing to serve if they know it's not a forever commitment! Plus...the rotation system strengthens a club...as more volunteers know the club's system! The new 4-H year is approaching...will the leadership stay the same? Will it change? Please notify our Extension Office **by October 1** of who the Organizational Leaders will be for the 2021-22 year! **This is important for preparing promotional materials!**

CLUB ELECTIONS

The following are suggested guidelines for conducting the 2021-22 club election of officers:

- ✿ Nominate and vote for the member who would carry out the responsibilities of the office well.
- ✿ **Election of officers should not be a popularity contest.**
- ✿ A nominating committee, made up of 4-H members and parents, should develop a slate of candidates, preferably two or more candidates per office.
- ✿ Vote on each office individually. It takes extra time, but allows important learning time for members. Club members should be allowed the opportunity to nominate members from the floor for offices.
- ✿ A club needs to have a motion, a second and approval to close the nominations for each office.
- ✿ A nomination does not need to be a motion. It can simply be, 'I nominate Joe.'
- ✿ Voting should be done by ballot. Ballots should be counted by two to three members who are not running for office and preferably not by members who made the nominations or by parents..
- ✿ Each member should have one vote per office.
- ✿ In cases where the club may have more than one person in office, each member should vote for corresponding candidates.



BASIC TIPS



FOOD PRESERVATION

\$40 per person, participants will receive recipes, current canning information and samples of recipes made

Thursday, August 11, 2022

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Ford County Fair Building

901 W. Park St, Dodge City

Contact Ford or Gray County Extension at
620-227-4542 or 620-855-3821



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Dear 4-H Families,

This newsletter has information concerning County Fair and information for the 2022 State Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. The State Fair will be held September 9—18, in Hutchinson, KS

All State Fair 4-H static exhibit Judging will be done on September 7 which means all exhibits will need to be brought into the office earlier than in the past. Please read about when to have projects into the office within the newsletter.

We have a few t-shirts left. If your shirt was too small or large, call and we can see if we have a different size we can exchange with you. After exchanges, what we have left, we will ask for a free will donation per shirt. You can call to have your name added to a “buy” list and we will contact you if we have your size.

The start of the new 4-H year will begin October 1. Start promoting to your friends, neighbors, and even relatives about joining 4-H for 2022-2023 and even your 4-H Club. We would like to increase our 4-H membership this coming year and YOU are important in this mission. By talking about why you are a member you can encourage others to join and have fun but also learn life long skills and specific project information. YOU are the best advertising for why other youth would benefit by joining our 4-H program.



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