

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 to be held on June 1st 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 24.** 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.

Fair Association Assistance

The Ford County Fair Board would like to have members from the community help as associate members of the Fair Association. They could help at the Fair and assist with Fund Raising for the facilities as well as serve on other general committees.

Let us know if you are interested. We appreciate those that are currently serving on a committee and working on livestock fund raising. The parents and other volunteers have always been encouraged to help with fund raising in the past and to help increase community participation and fund donations.

The Ford County Fair Association's Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/fordcountyfairkansas>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day on July 18th. 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 COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Tuesday, May 28 (Tuesday due to Memorial Day) at 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.



4-H Exchange

Plans are to meet on Monday, May 20, 6 pm to work on finalizing schedules, order t-shirts, etc. This is prior to a scheduled 4-H Club Meeting. We will not go over an hour for the meeting.

County Fair, July 28-22....

The Fair Book will soon be posted on our website.

- ⇒ **Schedule has some changes for 2024! CHECK THE SCHEDULE. These are just a few!**
 - **Photography exhibits entered and judged on Monday, July 15, 8:30 am and 9:30 am**
 - **Booth Setup on Tuesday, July 16, approx. 7:30 pm to 10 pm (after set up)**
 - **Entry and exhibit release times have changed.**
 - **Round Robin showmanship, Monday, July 22, 9:30 am**
- ⇒ **Clothing Fashion Revue judging will be on Monday evening, July 15, 6:00—9:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Fair Pre-entry will be through the Online FairEntry program with a July 1, 5 pm deadline.**
- ⇒ **4-H Exhibit entry on July 18 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.**
- ⇒ **If you are using the 4-H Clover, be sure to use the correct copyrighted clover. Shooting Sports members need to remember to use the correct Kansas Shooting Sports logo if submitting a poster/display. Check with the office if you need either logo.**

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.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Register for all sessions at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> including online training and certification. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension Office. The next instructor led training will be May 18 at 11 am at the Fair Building. Member will need to complete an online pre-test prior to training.

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 deadline for ordering will need to be ordered 1 week prior.

COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Troy Robertson — Shooting Sports
Lois Swonger—Sewing and Textiles

Casey Pemberton — Horse
Shayla Tieben—Assistant Horse Leader

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Remember all Horse ID papers need to be turned into our office by June 1 for our signature. There was a new Horse ID form available as of last year for new horses. With the new Horse guidelines, there is no SW District Horse Show to qualify for the State Fair. You can qualify at other shows—including our County Fair Show to be eligible for State Fair.

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://bit.ly/statehorseshowreqs>.

4-H ELECTRIC AND ROBOTICS PROJECTS

Ford County will be hosting a judge and project assembly/help session on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 with Robert Blume in the evening. My Blume will be in Dodge City teaching a class during the day and wants to help out any 4-H youth with their projects in the evening from 4:30-8 p.m. Please call Andrea with questions by 12 noon on Friday May 17 for more information.

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 12). 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

Remember last year for State Fair a new rule concerning frostings and fillings was added. It will be used for this year's County 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. This new rule will be enforced at the 2024 Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Foods Division and our County Fair.



Entomology

It's time to get registered for the 32nd Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday and Saturday, June 21-22. The event will be held in Hays, KS at the Sternberg Museum. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children. Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge. For event info, and to register, visit: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KsBcljnc0vvYZU. **Registration closes May 30.**

Andrea will be hosting a **local Entomology Project Meeting on Saturday, May 18, 10 am** at the Ford County Fair Building. Please RSVP to Andrea by noon, Friday, May 17.

K-State "Champions" Livestock Judging Camp

Camp sessions will be June 3-5 and June 10-12. In addition to evaluating livestock, this camp focuses on reason development and presentation, as well as incorporating performance data into the decision making process. It is open to youth 14-18 years old and participation is filled on a first come, first served basis, until full. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu and look under events for additional details and registration forms. Registration opened, April 1.

Camp Headquarters

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

4-H DAY CAMP, June 27, 2024 Ford County Fairgrounds



“Oh the Fun you Can Have at 4-H Day Camp.

Join us at Day Camp on Thursday, June 27. 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 20. 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 12-14, 2024

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 \$50 due to scholarships from 4-H Council and Ford County 4-H Foundation. Theme is “It’s In the Bag 4 Clover Camp”. This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H’ers. Registration is due May 31, 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 \$10, \$25 for RSR Camp and \$25 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!!

Patrick Amaro
Canyon Derstein
Drew Ellis
Tlaloc Figueroa
Lincoln Martin



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 is being displayed at the Bucklin Library. If you are in Bucklin, take a few minutes to go and check out these photos selected at the 2023 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, there is an increase chance of this occurring. Currently 840 tags are used on cattle and hogs in Kansas and AIN (840 scrapies tags) are used for sheep and meat goats. 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!

Also remember that all youth planning to sell market livestock at the 2024 Ford County Fair need to complete their annual YQCA training, either online or in-person by July 1st. The next in-person training will be help on Saturday, May 18 at 11 am at the Ford County Fair Building. You must register online for either type of training. Registration will be open on Tuesday, May 7th for the next in-person training. Call Andrea with questions.

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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” 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!!

We hope to hire a new Office Professional soon, but until we do, please call before you come to our office to make sure someone will be here.

Have a great summer!

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