

4-H Clover News

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Post Fair swim party for all who helped with Fair clean up. Perfect way to end the fair and evening — having fun with friends on the lazy river and waterpark. Thanks to Ford Co. 4-H Foundation, Fair Board and City of Dodge City!

State Fair Entry Deadline

If you are 4-H age 9 and older and received a BLUE ribbon or higher on a project (except livestock and if there is a State Fair 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 on Friday, August 9th by 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/fax entries, please check to be sure we received them.

STATE FAIR DEADLINES

Mark your calendars now for the following deadlines:

August 9	All Other 4-H Projects Pre-Entry
September 4	ALL non-food/Hort entries to Office by NOON
September 6	ALL Food/Horticulture Entries to parking lot between 7-7:30 AM

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, 2019 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 9 by 4:00 pm. Pre-enter anytime from now to August 9.** 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 2019 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 superior 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.

Home Environment: only one exhibit allowed.

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 & received 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.

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 Wednesday, September 4th. 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 Friday, September 6, between 7-7:30 a.m.

GATE ADMISSION TICKETS

The State Fair will allow the purchase of a Youth Participation Ticket for \$3.00 each for all 4-H'ers participating in the State Fair. The Youth participation tickets cannot be purchased at the gate or other outlet stores such as Dillons. They may ONLY be ordered and purchased in advance through the Extension Office. Adult Advance Gate Tickets may be purchased for \$7 each. Orders with payments are due Friday, August 9th to the Extension Office.

ENCAMPMENT BUILDING RESERVATIONS

The Encampment Building on the State Fairgrounds has a dormitory for 4-H participants, Extension Agents, adult leaders and those who work with 4-H entries to stay during the Fair. Space is not available to children under 7, even if a parent is present. Beds are available at \$15 each and can be reserved online prior to September 2nd. Walk-ins are welcome if there is space still available at that time.

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 needed to park there. Let our office know if you are interested and we can sign you up.

Future Dates to Remember

August

9	State Fair Pre-Entries due
15	KJLS Entries due
26	4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.

September

2	Closed for Labor Day
4	State Fair Exhibits due in office
6-15	Kansas State Fair
17	Pick up state Fair exhibits from office
23	4-H Com. Leader/4-H Council Mtgs.

October

1	Record Books due New 4-H Year Begins
6-12	National 4-H Week
11-13	48 Hours of 4-H
19	4-H Exchange Flea Market
28	4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg

November

2	Achievement Banquet
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Fair Herdsmanship Winners

Friday

Beef/Dairy: Blue– WG, Red– DIY, White– LC

Swine: Blue– DIY, Red– WWW, White– VB

Sheep: Blue– WG, Red– WWW, White– DIY

Goats: Blue - LC, Red - DIY, White - RB

Rabbits/Poultry: Blue– WWW, Red– RB

White– WG

Saturday

Beef/Dairy: Blue– WG, Red– VB, White–WWW

Swine: Blue– DIY, Red– WWW, White– none

Sheep: Blue– WG, Red– DIY, White– RB

Goats: Blue –DIY, Red– RB, White– WWW

Rabbits/Poultry: Blue–WWW, Red– RB, W– DIY

Sunday

Beef/Dairy: Blue– WWW, Red– WG, White– VB

Swine: Blue– LC, Red– DIY, White– VB

Sheep: Blue–WG, Red-DIY, White–LC

Goats: Blue– LC, Red-WWW, White– RB

Rabbits/Poultry: Blue– WG Red–VB, White– DIY

Monday

Beef/Dairy: Blue– VB, Red– BU FFA White– WWW

Swine: Blue– LC Red– DIY, White– WWW

Sheep: Blue– DIY, Red-WWW, White– none

Goats: Blue– WG, Red– RB, White– LC

Rabbits/Poultry: Blue– VB, Red– DIY, White– LC

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION SALE

If you exhibited livestock that sold at the auction during the fair, it is YOUR responsibility to thank the individuals, businesses, or organizations that paid your premium for your animal. Please take the time to thank them properly. If we want our auction to grow in attendance and dollars, we need to make sure our buyers know they are appreciated!

THANK YOU REMINDER...

You will be receiving a list in the mail of Thank You's you need to write in a timely manner from the fair. Your premium checks will be ready to pick up in the Extension Office (100 Gunsmoke St.) at that time. The required Thank You's on your list will be for the sponsors who donated trophies, miscellaneous awards, livestock sale 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, mailing address, return address and a stamp.) Even if you do not know the mailing address of the business or person you are writing to, please just put their name on the envelope and we can fill out the rest.

Please write your thank you's and pick up your checks in a timely manner.

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 does this so we can mark it off. We will have one general Thank

You for Victory Electric for members to sign at the office.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE

Come check out our Ambassador/Exchange group and what all they do. Consider joining for next year. Ask any of the current members about our yearly activities and about their exciting past exchanges with other states. Please let Ethel know if you are interested in joining this next year and plan to attend the next meeting on August 26 at 7 pm at the Fair Building.

RATE OF GAIN FOR LIVESTOCK

Rate of Gain information can be found on our Extension website or by coming into the Extension Office after August 6. These were announced at each individual show during the fair. Congratulations to the winners in each category.

BEEF CARCASS WINNER

Congratulations to Jordan Stimpert. Her market beef animal receives the Grand Champion Beef Carcass Award! Complete Beef Carcass results will be available at the office and online after, August 6.

Seward County 5-State Fair

Pre-entry for the 5 State Fair is August 10. If interested, please contact our office for more information.

::Ford County Shout Outs::

- **Calder McCollum, Dalton Prater, Quaid Clark, Kiowa Derstein, Alexa and Aubrey Gerdes** for doing Radio Promos for the fair.
- ALL of the **Fair Board Members** for a GREAT FAIR, for all the pre-planning & working at this year's fair!
- **Everyone** who helped with setting and cleaning up; all of the Superintendents; and all of the 4-H members who exhibited projects at our fair!
- **Jayden Torres and Calista Stein** for being selected 2019 Ford County King and Queen!
- **All of the volunteers** who helped with Just For Kids and Saturday's Fun Day at the Fair.
- **DIY Jrs and Lucky Clovers 4-H Clubs** for organizing the Barnyard Olympics.
- **Brandi Simon and all club volunteers** for Pop and Hot Dog Sales at the DCD BBQ.
- **Mark and Sonya Clark** for driving the Exchange float in the parade and for arranging for a trailer from Craig Bunnell.
- **Swan Family** for arranging for a pickup and driving our Family of the Year honorees—Reigo Hahn Family — in the Parade. **Lopp Motors** for vehicle.
- **Eric Martin and Brian Bertelsen** for helping with the Livestock Judging contest.
- **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!

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).**

KAPS and Award applications are due into our office by October 1.

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 forms.

A complete record book includes:

Personal Page

4-H Story

KAP—one for each projected

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!

ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

These applications are also 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 as a member. They then receive the appropriate level pin at Achievement Night. These forms are also 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 9 out of 11 requirements. It is a very prestigious award, and we encourage all who are eligible to apply! Again, the form is available on our website.

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS

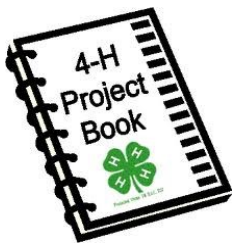
Reporters, Secretaries, Treasurers ...did you know you can turn your notebooks in for county judging? Please turn them in by the date specified by your club leader.

THIS I BELIEVE

- ◆ *4-H youth are more important than the 4-H project.*
- ◆ *4-H is a people program. Its objective is to develop youth. The project is a vehicle of interest we use to reach the youth. Its importance lies in the degree of interest to the youth.*
- ◆ *No 4-H award is worth the reputation of a 4-H member or leader.*
- ◆ *Awards, such as are available in the 4-H program, may tempt parents, leaders, or members to shortcut ethical means in order to attain them. When temptation rears its ugly head, we need to be prepared to cope with it.*
- ◆ *What kind of moral standards and values have we imparted to youth which they can use as a gauge for their behavior?*
- ◆ *What kind of aspirations do we hold for the youth? Are they realistic in terms of his or her goals, or are we imposing our goals upon them?*
- ◆ *Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself.*
- ◆ *We need to look closer at what learning had taken place with the club member. What has this youth gained which will be usable in the future?*
- ◆ *Volunteers work for dreams....Volunteers give the greatest gift they can....themselves.*

Source: Pawnee County 4-H Newsletter, 2000





Visit:

[www.ford.ksu.edu/
p.aspx?tabid=59](http://www.ford.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=59)

To find all of the forms needed to fill out your record books. Most forms are available in a writeable PDF, Word Doc, or RTF.

If you need materials printed out, we can do so at the office!

Additional resources include:

- ⇒ 4-H Record Books - Purpose
- ⇒ KAP Introduction & General Instructions
- ⇒ KAP Q&A
- ⇒ 4-H Record Book - Project Goals
- ⇒ Sharpening Your 4-H Project Skills by Setting Goals
- ⇒ Variety of Related Project Learning Experiences
- ⇒ Knowledge & Skills Learned in Project
- ⇒ Citizenship vs Leadership
- ⇒ Planning For Leadership Roles
- ⇒ 4-H Key Award Information

RECORD BOOKS/KAP'S?

Why turn in a Record Book/KAP?

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 to apply for scholarships and state level 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 Record Book/KAP 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, those would be the Projects she would consider doing a KAP for.

What kind of awards can I apply for?

Each of the 30 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 (only projects checked on the nomination form will be considered for project winners.)

JUNIORS (7-9 YEAR OLDS)

Can fill out the KAP for 7&8 year olds. They are eligible to win county awards only.

SENIORS (AGES 10 & OLDER)

Can fill out the KAP for 14 & older. Members younger than 14 can receive county awards and members who are older are eligible for area judging. Winners will then advance onto State where a video interview will be done. Each of the State Winners in all 30 Project Areas will be honored at the Emerald Circle Banquet in June and may win a trip to National 4-H Conference.

FAIR BUILDING JANITOR NEWS

The Fair Building janitor, Dave Roesener, had a recent fall where he broke his hip and several ribs. He will not be working at the Fairgrounds for an extended time until he is medically able to return to his job. If you would normally call him for something concerning the fair building, please call the office and we will try to help you. If you would like to send get well cards we can get those to him also.



Regina Lix will officially retire from the Extension Office as of August 30, 2019. We will have a come and go retirement reception this month. More details will be sent out at a later date.

Regina has served as one of our Office Professionals since May, 1999. She has been the Office Manager, 4-H and Financial Secretary during most of this time. We will miss having her in the office but wish her the best in her retirement!



Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all of you for your wonderful exhibits at the County Fair and to all our fantastic volunteers (Fair Board, superintendents, night security, etc). We had a GREAT FAIR even with the extreme high temperatures. This fair was a great event because of all of you.

This newsletter has information concerning Kansas State Fair entry process (due Aug. 9) and details to help wrap up County Fair things, especially Thank You's. If your Visual Arts entry was a State Fair selected item, if you had a blue or higher Demonstration at Club Day or if you were Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Fashion Revue winner, you received a letter from us concerning State Fair. Please let us know if you will be participating.

Enjoy the rest of your summer before school starts! Best of luck when you start school.

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