

4-H Clover News

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Installation of
Ford County 4-H
Council Officers
at the November
4-H Council
Meeting.

4-H MEMBER & LEADER ENROLLMENT

Make sure to get your enrollment done for the 2019/2020 4-H year! We need you to register before you can attend any camps, conferences, and to keep you up to date on what's happening with 4-H in Ford County! Remember, this year if you choose to have a newsletter mailed, you will need to pay \$12 to the Extension Office otherwise you will receive monthly newsletters by email.

The Valley Boosters 4-H club had the highest percentage of re-enrollments by November 15!! The club will receive a club pizza party for their members timely re-enrollment!! Congratulations to VB for your enrollment efforts.

4-H MEMBER INCENTIVES

The Ford County 4-H Foundation will continue the New Member Drive in Ford County. Each Community Club will receive \$10 for each new member that joins their club this year! New members must qualify for their Membership Pin in order to count. Awards will be given at the 2020 Achievement Banquet. This is a great opportunity for all of the clubs, so make sure to invite your friends to join!



4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.

The next 4-H Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be **December 2 at 6 pm** at the fair building. Bring a dessert if you want. Pizza will be provided. Election of officers will be held. If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic group and what they all do, please check with a current member or call the office. New members are welcome, but activity points do not start accumulating until the special membership form is turned in. We will be hosting a group from Delaware this summer. It should be a great learning experiences for all.

2020 Animal Weigh in Dates

Beef Animal weigh in date will be February 6, 4:30—6:00 p.m., location to be announced in next newsletter. Bad weather date is set for February 13.

4-H Volunteer Screening

A registered 4-H Volunteer is a volunteer, adult or teen, who has completed the full screening process including: application, screening, orientation and has received approval. For the safety of both 4-H members and adults, this system is in place. Each volunteer will also have to have a background check done in order to be approved. **Each year, NEW 4-H volunteers must apply for certification, or in the case of a returning volunteer, renew their status via a renewal form. Both are available through the KS 4-H Online website of ks.4honline.com.**

Who needs to be certified?

- Community Leaders
- Cloverbud Leaders
- Project Leaders (Teen, Adult, County Wide, etc.)
- Camp Counselors
- Any person who will be in contact with 4-H youth for more than 6 hours.

We will not approve your online enrollment until we have received your volunteer application or volunteer renewal form!

Volunteers must complete the volunteer process to be recognized as a leader at the Achievement Banquet next year.

FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES—

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. **Full payment is due by the registration deadline.**
- **For online registrations:** **Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant.** Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancelation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines).
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County (ex. Advanced Master Gardener Training, State FCE Conference, KS Youth Leadership Forum, Discovery Days, Camp at Rock Springs, judging events, etc.).
- **Tagging Livestock:** A service fee of \$25 per trip will be charged for trips made to tag livestock for state shows or to re-tag livestock that have lost their original tags.
- **Transportation for Other Counties:** Ford County will require a \$25 per person to transport participants from other counties to events.

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2020 Extension Council Executive Board

Chairman—Jon Gleason	Joe Gleason
Vice-chair—Travis Goetz	Judy Kregar
Secretary—Shauna Rumbaugh	Julie Pinkerton
Treasurer — Cari Wasson	Shana Tilley

COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Ford County 4-H Club Day is just around the corner. It will be **Saturday, February 22, 2020** beginning at 8:00 a.m., at the Dodge City Middle School. *(The holidays may be a perfect opportunity to start work on your entries!)* The following divisions are divided into junior (ages 11 and younger) & senior (ages 12 & older) members must be enrolled to participate. (Remember, Cloverbuds cannot participate).

Public Presentations:

- ◆ Show & Tell - *for 1st or 2nd year junior members*
- ◆ Project Talk - *for junior members*
- ◆ Public Speaking - *for senior members*
- ◆ Extemporaneous Speaking - *for senior members*
- ◆ Digital Presentation
- ◆ Demonstration or Illustrated Talk
- ◆ Readings

Model Meeting

- ◆ Model Meeting - *club and 1 or 2 adults*
- ◆ Gavel Games - *4-6 members; 3 age divisions*

Dance:

- ◆ Folk Step Dance (including line dances) - *group*
- ◆ Square Dance - *group*
- ◆ Other Dance - *individual or group*

Dramatics:

- ◆ One Act Play - *group*
- ◆ Skit - *group*
- ◆ Novelty - *individual or group*
- ◆ Vocal Performance - *a solo or group (2 or more) perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges*

Music: *(sheet music required, ensemble is 2-5 4-H'ers participating)*

- ◆ Vocal Solo or Ensemble
- ◆ Chorus - *6 or more in group*
- ◆ Instrumental Solo or Ensemble
- ◆ Band or Orchestra - *6 or more in group*

Entry forms will be available soon on our website. If you have questions about what to enter, how to prepare a talk, or about other guidelines, ask your Club Leaders or call the Extension Office. You may also want to visit our website for the official 4-H Club Day manual which includes division rules, guidelines, judges sheets (so you'll know what you are being judged on), etc. The top blue winners at County Club Day have the opportunity to compete at the Regional 4-H Club Day on March 7.



County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always **looking for County-wide Project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers.** If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!

County Wide Project leader will be listed in future newsletters as they are confirmed.

SOUTHWEST AREA KAP JUDGING

Southwest Area KAP judging will be Thursday, January 9 in Cimarron. If any volunteer is interested in judging at the area level, please call the office by January 3. This is a great way to see lots of different books and learn additional tips to help our 4-H'ers complete their records. Please contact the Extension Office if you'd like to volunteer to help judge KAP's on this date.

2020 Fair Association Board

Jake Ring—President	Russell Higby
Curtis Williams—VP	Kent Muncy
Brandi Simon—Secretary	Troy Robertson
Regina Lix — Treasurer	Steve Simon
Bobby Downey	Brad Wasson
Kendrick Baker	Jeremy Woydziak

2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training



The 2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 22-23 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It is open to all county/district 4-H ambassadors, interested teens, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is “4-H Ambassadors Go Wild with Leadership.” There will be six youth workshops, three adult workshops, two speakers, with lots of fun and fellowship.

Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site by December 7th. Registration will be on the Cvent system, and will close on Sunday, February 10, 11:59 p.m. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round.

Sheep and Goat Wellness Clinic

- Gray County Extension is hosting a Sheep and Goat Wellness Clinic on January 16 at 6:30 pm at the Gray County 4-H Building, Cimarron, KS.
- Dr. Meredyth Jones, DVM, MS, DACVIM-LA will be the guest presenter.
- A flier with more information is included with the newsletter. More information will be coming in December, but save the date if you are interested in attending.

INVITE A FRIEND TO 4-H!

We challenge each of you to invite a friend to your next 4-H meetings! The best way to grow your club and the Ford County 4-H Program is to share your passion for 4-H with your friends! Help us increase Ford County and your 4-H Club’s enrollment!

SOUTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP

FORUM—

Are you interested in boosting your leadership and communications skills and at the same time meet new people and have a blast doing it?

The SW Youth Leadership Forum (SWYLF) is **Saturday, Jan. 18 2020** at **the Church of the Nazarene, 1700 W. Ross Blvd., Dodge City.**

Registration is available now and is due no later than January 3. Registration fee of \$30 per person and includes program materials, t-shirts, snacks and lunch.

A flier with more information is included with the newsletter. Forms will be posted on the website at www.ford.ksu.edu

Ford Co. Conservation Scholarship

The Ford County Conservation District Board offers college scholarships to youth from our county. Applicant must be a Ford County High School graduate or a resident of Ford County at the time of High School graduation. Applicant must currently be attending a post secondary institution and maintain a 2.75 grade point average. Special consideration is given to those applicants enrolled in agriculture related studies. Scholarship is in the amount of \$250 and is awarded at their annual meeting. Application deadline is January 2, 2020. Contact the Conservation District or contact Andrea for application and complete rules/guidelines.



SHEEP & GOAT WELLNESS CLINIC

January 16, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

Gray County 4-H Building

Cimarron, Kansas

Presenter:

Dr. Meredyth Jones, DVM, MS, DACVIM-LA

Dr. Jones received her DVM from Oklahoma State University in 2002. She entered private mixed-animal practice in Brandenburg, Kentucky, later completing a residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine-Emphasis Food Animal and received a MS degree in Veterinary Biomedical Sciences at Oklahoma State University. She then taught food animal field services at Kansas State and Texas A&M. She is the owner of Large Animal Consulting & Education, an online continuing education company. She joined the food animal faculty at Oklahoma State in the fall of 2018.

Watch for more information

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SOUTHWEST 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Church of the Nazarene

1700 W. Ross Blvd

Dodge City, KS 67801

The Southwest 4-H Youth Leadership Forum (SWYLF) is put on by the Southwest Area Representatives from the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. SWYLF is designed to empower youth to become leaders. This event is open to all young people in grades 7 to 12.

If you're looking for a one day leadership experience to make new friends, strengthen your ability to work collaboratively, and learn new skills to communicate effectively, we hope that you will join us for this year's Southwest 4-H Youth Leadership Forum!

Cost per person is \$30 and includes program materials, t-shirt, snacks and lunch.

Registration opens December 1, 2019 and will close January 3, 2020. You must register online through [Cvent](#). Please take payment to your Local Extension Office by January 3, 2020, or your registration will be cancelled.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

This year's Communication Bootcamp will be a high energy, full day of training. We are excited to bring Dr. Lorenza Lockett, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Aliah Mestrovich-Seay, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, both with Kansas State University, to facilitate at this year's forum. See you there!

9:30 am	Registration/Energizers
10:00 am	Welcome & Overview of Day
10:15 am	Empathy
11:15 am	Communication Styles
12:00 pm	Leadership Initiative Breakout 1
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Leadership Initiative Breakout 2
1:30 pm	Conflict Styles
2:30 pm	Leadership Initiative Breakout 3
3:00 pm	Snack Break
3:15 pm	Intro to Community Conversations
3:45 pm	Reflection & Call to Action
4:00 pm	Homeward Bound



Future Dates to Remember

December

- 2 Ambassabor/Exchange Meeting,
6:00 pm Fair building.
- 25 Office closed for Christmas

January 2020

- 1 Office closed for New Year's Day
- 9 Area KAP Judging
- 15 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual
Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
- 20 Office closed for Martin Luther King
Day
- 27 Community Leader and 4-H Council
Meeting



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ★ All officers, leaders, and volunteers who attended Officers Training.
- ★ To all the new club officers and leaders for the coming year.
- ★ To Bretta Austin for doing a great job as MC during the Achievement Banquet.
- ★ To Ford County Farm Bureau Association for providing hamburger meat for the Club's Parade of Lights Chili.

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION

The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their annual membership drive. You will be receiving a letter asking you to become a member and attend their Annual meeting on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ford County Extension Office Conference Room. Support of this organization is through contributions. You may make a contribution by sending a check to:

Ford County 4-H Foundation
100 Gunsmoke St
Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program in many different ways. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member.

KS 4-H Scholarships

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

These are due to the State 4-H Office by February 1, 2020. Please note that all scholarships must use the 2020 application which is located at the URL above.

KS Junior Producer Days

The 2020 Kansas Junior Producer Days have been scheduled! Junior Beef Producer Day will be hosted on February 29, 2020, with Junior Sheep Producer Day being March 14, 2020. Both junior day programs will be in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry's Weber Hall on the K-State campus. These events are one-day educational opportunities for youth, parents, agents, and project leaders to learn about various aspects of livestock project selection and management.

There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program. The YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day. Registration information will be released later this fall

Community Foundation's Scholarship

We have copies of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas Scholarship available in our office if you need one, please stop by. February 1 is the deadline to submit. Copies can also be found at www.communityfoundationswks.com.

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Dear 4-H Families,

This is an excellent time to start thinking about getting a start on your 4-H projects with setting goals, deciding what you want to do, etc. We hope to have some project leader news after the first of the year . Remember if your club or the county has a project meeting, please try to attend. These volunteers are giving of their time and knowledge to help you. Please show your appreciation.

All of us in the Extension Office wish you and your family the happiest of Holidays! As we enjoy the Holiday Season, don't forget to "pledge your hands to larger service" by sharing with others. Consider donating food, clothing, blankets, coats or gifts to the less fortunate. The possibilities are endless!

Sincerely,


Ethel Schneweis
County Extension Agent


Andrea Burns
County Extension Agent



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