

4-H Clover News

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Important
Message

Re-Enrollment & Volunteer Screening

Keep reminding everyone in your club and your friends to re-enroll on 4-H Online! We need to get everyone re-enrolled as soon as possible. **If they plan on participating in club day, any camps, conferences, or exhibiting at the county fair** they'll need to enroll before they can do that. The last day to change, drop or add a project is May 1. **Also note that in order to weigh-in any livestock, the exhibitor must be enrolled before weigh-in.**

If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete online your Renewal. Almost everything can be completed at 4-H Online, just click on your name and edit, go to volunteer resources section and click on screening or renewal. If you have questions please contact Andrea and she can walk you through it. They are also available on our website or can be found on-line at www.kansas4-h.org and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

If you have any questions on what you still need to complete on your 2020 volunteer paperwork, please contact the office!

COUNTY FAIR & OTHER SHOWS LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES—

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you MUST weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. Beef weigh-in has been set for Thursday, February 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to Thursday, Feb. 13 You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be Tuesday, April 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

State Fair and Other Shows (not county fair livestock)

A service charge of \$25 will be applied per trip to tag animals for other shows not brought to respective weigh-in dates.

What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

EAR TAG POLICY 4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family and will need to be reimbursed to 4-H Council.

4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. Our Flea Market and hosting plans will be on the agenda.

4-H Exchange Members/families are **selling Country Meats Beef Sticks** for a dollar each. We have a variety of flavors so give one of the members a call or stop by the Extension Office to purchase. This is one of the group's fund raisers. Please consider supporting our group!

Flea Market

The Exchange Trip group will be hosting a spring Flea Market on Saturday, March 28 at the Fair Building. Proceeds to benefit the 4-H Exchange Trip program. If you are interested in having a table at the Flea Market, call the office for more info or to reserve a spot.

Livestock Judging

Brian Bertelsen is working with Andrea on Livestock Judging. Brian will hold a livestock judging workout on Thursday, February 27 at 6 pm at the Western State Bank Ag Expo building. There is also a judging contest in Liberal on March 7.

If you are interested in either of these activities, please let Andrea know by email or by calling the office.

4-H Super Saturday - March 21

You'll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year's 4-H Super Saturday. Held on March 21 in Hays, this annual event promises to provide engaging learning opportunities for 4-H'ers of all ages and their parents. The contests are also open to FFA members.

Contact either Andrea or Ethel for more information if you are interested in attending.

Insect Themed Art Contest

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for 4-H'ers and art students. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to create an "Old Maid" style card game and distributed to Kansas schools. The program encourages youth to get your creative hats on and create an entry before the April 3, 2020 deadline. Entries must feature an insect as the central focus of the art. More information on the rules and how to submit an entry can be found at: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> or you can e-mail fmiller@ksu.edu to have the rules e-mailed to you.

FORD COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, February 22 @DCMS

(Registration is DUE Feb. 13)

Registrations forms available online at
www.ford.k-state.edu

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, March 7@ DCMS

BOTH DATES WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM.

Schedules will be available online
the week prior for County 4-H Club Days

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

4-H

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 Leaders and Projects

Lois Swonger—Clothing Construction

Kylene Scott — Photography

Brian Bertlesen—Livestock Judging

Evan Morrical — CO2 Cars (Self Determined)

Self Determined Project — CO2 Cars

Do you like working with your hands? How about building something from nothing? Then CO2 cars may be the new project for you. What is a CO2 car? A CO2 car is a wooden dragster propelled by CO2 gas. Starting with a block of wood, a CO2 car is cut down to the rough shape that you design, sanded to its final shape, painted, and then raced down a two-lane track against other cars. If something new like CO2 cars sounds like a good fit for you, contact the office and let us know you are interested in the project. This would be listed as a Self-Determined project this year, but if there is enough interest, it might become a project area.

This project is being offered by a new volunteer to our area, Evan Morrical. Evan is a recent K-State graduate, but was a 10 year 4-H member in the Central Kansas District (Saline and Ottawa counties). He was involved in this project for 7+ years as a 4-Her and would like to share his knowledge and start something here in Ford County.

County Fair Superintendents

The Ford County FAIR needs YOU! It takes several volunteers to make sure the Ford County Fair is a success. We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leader/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer and sign up during your next club meeting. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know what area they are willing to assist in.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

(YQCA) (formerly Youth Quality Assurance)

YQCA certification is designed to be useful and help prepare you for your show but also prepare young producer's in animal agriculture industry. The program includes information on multiple species even though you may only be raising one or two.

More information will be the March newsletter.

Clothing Project Meeting

County wide project leader, Lois Swonger, is considering having a project meeting the week of March 16.

She was planning to do a service project to make a pillowcase dress to send overseas to underdeveloped counties.

Please let Ethel know if you would be interested in coming and working on this project.

Clothing Style Revue Workshops

Gray County and Edwards County are hosting Clothing Style Revue Workshops on March 17, from 9-noon (Kinsley) and March 18, 1-4 pm (Cimarron). These workshops will be different, but will have general information on modeling, accessories, skin care, etc. More information will be in next month's newsletter. Let Ethel know if you are interested in attending either. Ethel will be attending and may be able to provide transportation.

Photography Workshop

Clark County is hosting a Photography workshop with Pansy Fryman from Garden City on March 23 at 5:15 pm at the Clark County Fairgrounds, Ashland. They are inviting other county project members to come to Ashland and attend. Learn more about your camera and basic photography. We have to RSVP by March 13 as they are going to have a light meal. There is a \$5.00 entry fee. Please call Clark County at 620-635-2811 or email aagraff@ksu.edu to register.

Livestock Sales

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales are being sent to the Extension Office. All these fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder. Feel free to come in and check it out!!



::4-H Shout Outs::

4-H Traveling Photography Display

The 4-H Traveling Photos has been on display at the Dodge City Public Library during the month of January. Beginning the first part of February they will be displayed at the Bucklin Library. If you have a chance, stop and look at the photos which were selected at last year's fair.

- ◆ To all the 4-H'ers with KAP's that competed at area judging: Clark Burgert – Clothing, Performing Arts and Space Tech; Candace Fry – Photography; Aubrey Gerdes – Meat Goats; Paige Mink – Plant Science; Alexa Gerdes -Foods and Horse; Cole Bertelsen – Visual Arts; and Kiowa Derstein – Leadership
- ◆ Congratulations to Clark Burgert for having his Performing Arts KAP and clothing KAP selected for state KAP judging and Cole Bertelsen for having his Visual Arts KAP selected for State KAP judging.
- ◆ To the Richland Boosters 4-H Club for a fantastic 4-H Billboard on south 14th street (just north of the Highway 50 and 14th intersection and south of Bredfeldt Oil). A great way to advertise 4-H!!

The Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth beef projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science and alternative proteins, grooming and clipping, low stress cattle handling, the state livestock nomination process, herd health, reproduction, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior beef producer day is \$15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 7, 2020, or \$20 per person after the deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by February 7 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through www.yqca.org. Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, wool judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition, the state nomination process, flock management, herd health, facilities and equipment, wool judging, clipping, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior sheep producer day is \$15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 21, 2020, or \$20 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up February 21 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through www.yqca.org. Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

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 (county fair animals must attend county wide weigh in) 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.

Camps! Camps! Camps!

Discovery Days will be Wednesday, May 27 through Friday, May 29 at K-State.

Discovery Days registration will be opening in March.

Registration will then close April 15 at midnight.

Ford, Clark and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp —June ? - To be determined

Heart of Kansas Rock Springs Ranch Camp (HOK): Saturday, June 13 – Tuesday, June 16,
counselors Friday, June 12.

4 Clover 4-H Camp with Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District:
June 3-5-DCCC

More details, registration forms and fees will be in future newsletters. Mark the dates on your calendars and consider camping with us or if you are old enough sign up to be a counselor for one of the groups.

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in March.

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Dear 4-H Families,

We hope you are planning to participate in County Club Day with an individual or a club group activity.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to receive the information in each monthly 4-H newsletter. Newsletters can be emailed to each 4-H member's email if you have listed the email address under your online 4-H enrollment profile. Each parent can also have their individual email listed too. Newsletters could then be sent to the family email address, individual parents email and/or 4-H members. Just edit your online enrollment information. Questions? Give us a call and we can help you with this.



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