

4-H Clover News

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LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATE

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.** 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!

SMALL ANIMAL (SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, BUCKET CALF)

Tuesday, April 14: 4:30 pm—6:30 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds

Alternate date is Tuesday, April 21

Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals.

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.

Youth Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA)
Formerly Quality Counts Check out the enclosed flier for details.

4-H SURVEY

We have developed a short survey with 4 questions asking your opinion concerning future Achievement Awards program / banquet and County Fair Grand Champion trophies.

We hope you will take a few minutes of your time to go to the link and submit your opinion on these topics so decisions can be made. Survey will stay active until March 20th.

Click on the following link to complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/nep3qv7ezCQXnSXE7>

We thank you for taking the survey.





4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, March 30 at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.

FLEA MARKET

The Exchange Trip group will be hosting their 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.

EXCHANGE SOUP SUPPER AND DANCE PERFORMANCE

Exchange along with the Little Feet Dance Academy will be having a soup supper and dance performance on March 12 at the Ford County Fair Building. Meal will start at 5:30 pm with the performance starting at 6 pm. Meal is a free will donation which will help the exchange group host 4-H'ers from Delaware this summer.

LIVESTOCK SALES

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows 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!!

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.

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors and past 4-H members should have received information concerning the Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Remember they need to be turned in by the deadline of April 1. Only complete applications will be considered and each application requires a copy of your last permanent record. Additional copies can be found on our website on the main page or at the Extension Office. One additional scholarship has been added.

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 Morrival — CO2 Cars (Self Determined)
Taylor Fischer—Sheep

CAMP CENTRAL

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 13-16

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

Mark your calendars and plan to send your children to **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp!** For only \$120, (\$195 non 4-H member) your child can experience a lifetime's worth of memories: campfires, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!



All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome.

4-Clover Camp—Game of Life ...with 4-H

June 3-5, 2020 at Dodge City Community College

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 \$65! This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! Theme is "Game of Life ...with 4-H". Camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers.
Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

Day Camp

Calling all kids of Clark, Ford and Hodgeman Counties!

Date TBA

Information will be coming soon on Day Camp date and theme!

DISCOVERY DAYS May 27-29

Manhattan—K-State Campus

Classes will fill up fast, so be sure to register quickly once registration opens! Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Kansas on the Kansas State University campus. It is open to ALL youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2020. Certain classes have special fees, so please pay attention to those! For complete details, check out kansas4h.org once registration opens.

4-H Campference

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 these 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. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration will open in March. Check the state 4-H website for more details.

PLEASE NOTE

Several of the Camps listed are made affordable by financial assistance from the **Ford County 4-H Foundation** and **Ford County 4-H Council**. Take a few minutes out of your day to thank them.

Also consider applying for the **Ford/Gray County Scroggins Scholarship**. This is a one time, per year, scholarship available for members to attend a State level camp or certain state events. Check with the office for more details on this scholarship.

CAMP PAYMENT 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.



Super 4-H Saturday March 23 in Hays

All 4-H and FFA youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences, Saturday, March 21, in Hays. You'll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year's 4-H Super Saturday. 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. Register by Friday, MARCH 13, by mailing the registration form and fees to Ellis County.

Specific contest and workshop details will be available at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html.

FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES—EFFECTIVE JAN. 2014

REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY

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- **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.

STATE FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW CHANGE!!

The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog show is scheduled for September 5, 2020 in the Expo Center. This is the weekend before the start of the fair as the Bison Arena is no longer available for use. This is just an FYI to save the date. As additional details beyond the date are finalized, more updates will follow.



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ All 4-H members who participated in County Club Day and all members who will be competing at Regional Club Day
- ◆ To Clark Burgert, Stanton Custer, Candace and Erika Fry, Aubrey and Alexa Gerdes, Rachel Harrold, Kyle Ruehle, Braeden Simon, Calista Stein, MacKenzie Swan, and Grace and Faith Woydziak for serving as door monitors during county club day
- ◆ The Ambassador/Exchange members for a helping with the Ford County Conservation Supper serving and clean up.

Community Leaders.....

Reminders: Please turn in your Civil Rights form with your signature that you have viewed the materials please do so as soon as possible.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all club members who competed at County Club Day and advanced to Regionals.

Please take a moment and complete the online google survey at the link on the first page of this newsletter. We would appreciate your feedback on these questions.

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter. Remember to get registrations and fees in prior to the deadlines.

Have a great Spring Break and St Patty's Day!



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Soup Supper & Dance Performance

Thursday, March 12, 2020

at 5:30 P.M.

Ford County Fairgrounds

901 W. Park Street

Dodge City, KS 67801



Come enjoy a soup supper provided by the Ford County 4-H Exchange Group while being dazzled by the Little Feet Dance Academy. The soup supper is an at will donation. All donations will go towards helping the Ford County 4-H Exchange Group with their summer exchange hosting of Kent Delaware 4-H'ers. The meal will begin at 5:30pm with dancing beginning at 6:00pm.

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How:

To register for all sessions, visit
<http://yqca.learn-grow.io>

Click on blue "Sign-in" with 4HOnline.

Online registration is **NOT** mobile accessible.

March 16 1 pm Extension Office

March 20 10 am Extension Office

Online - Available Independently

What is it?

Ford County Guidelines

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Ford County Fair (**market only**), Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. **All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2020. *Seven-year-olds need to call the office prior to registering.**

How do youth get certified?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-Led Training (\$3 per child)
- Online Course (\$12 per child)
- Test-Out Exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies based on age.)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Visit www.yqca.org for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website and pay the appropriate fee, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. Families should use their 4HOnline credentials to log in, create an user account and register for training. Each individual must have a separate e-mail address when registering. **At completion of course, certificate should be printed off by individual and turned into the Extension Office.**

How do youth test-out?

There is no test-out option for juniors. The online test-out is available only for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam, with a score of 80% or better, for certification. Families will still have to pay the annual fee for certification. However, eligible youth do not have to pay the fee to attempt the exam. If a young person passes the exam and subsequently submits the appropriate payment, they will receive a multi-year certification. A young person who does not pass will be prompted to complete the annual training, either through instructor-led class or online course.

For more information:

More information may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Website, under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html>.



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