

# 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 date.** 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 18, 4:00 pm—6:00 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds  
Alternate date is Tuesday, April 25

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

## 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.

## QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER

Most Club Leaders have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell. The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if all clubs can sell duck leases for this fundraiser. Each club received either a book of 50 tickets or books divided into smaller quantities. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 3rd 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 will also be selling leases. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 or to the Community Leader meeting on May 22. Tickets and money can be returned anytime between now and the deadline.** 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 books your leaders checked out before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in.



4-H Council voted to distribute the funds raised by giving 20% to 4-H Council and the rest of the funds distributed by percentage of tickets/funds raised by each individual club. So the more leases you sell the more money your club will receive back.

## 4-H EXCHANGE/AMBASSADOR MEETING

The Exchange committees will need to start meeting to discuss possible schedules and locations to take our out of state visitors.

The regular scheduled meeting will be April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Building.

## 4-H COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LEADER MTGS

The May meetings will be on Monday, May 22.

## LIVESTOCK SALES/SHOWS

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows are being sent to the Extension Office. These fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder and available in the office. Feel free to come and look through it! You can also ask for these to be emailed to you by contacting Andrea to have your email/name added to her list.

## HORSE NEWS .....

### NO DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS IN 2023

Horse ID Papers are due into the office by June 1 . They must be signed by an Extension Agent. If we are not in the office you will be asked to leave them for a signature.

As part of the qualification requirements for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, members must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz. They will both be available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zbn5XC> on Monday, April 24th at 7pm. They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2023).

## TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

Tractor Safety Training is Wednesday, May 31 for all teenagers who would like to attend. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The training is from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Gray County Fairgrounds. Contact the Extension Office for registration information & more details. Registration fee is \$20 and is due by May 24th.



## ADD/DROP DATE -MAY 1ST!



**WHAT DOES ADD/DROP A PROJECT MEAN?** When you completed your enrollment on the <https://v2.4honline.com/> website, you selected a project(s) to be “enrolled in for this 4-H Year”. This means you are planning to explore/participate/learn about this project and possibly enter something in the fair for that project area. May 1st is your last day to either ADD another project you would like to participate in or DROP a project you already signed up for that you are not interested in anymore. We encourage you to take something for each project that you are enrolled in to the fair; however it is not required. If you don’t remember what you signed up for, just go to the <https://v2.4honline.com/> website and check, you can then either add or drop projects. After May 1st you will not be able to make changes as that part of the enrollment process will be closed. If you have any questions , please call us– we’d love to help you!



## COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leaders/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer at your next club meeting. If you have a friend or other family member who might be interested in helping, please ask them and let us know.

## FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS DUE

High School Seniors and Ford County 4-H Alumni in College are eligible for scholarships through the Foundation. Applications are due into the Extension Office or by email to Ethel by next Monday, April 3! Applications can be found on our Extension website.

# CAMPS INFO

## ROCK SPRING 4-H CAMP

### ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER



RSR will offer more flexible session opportunities for camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They know our camp families are busy so they want to make sure you can fit this important experience into your summer schedules.

**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:**

Offering a choice of 4 days/3 nights OR 7 days/6 nights.

Scholarships available for RSR Camp:

Ford County 4-H Foundation is offering a \$100.

Ford County 4-H Council is offering a \$25

These will be available after we receive your registration notification.

They want to make sure your arrival to camp is safe, fun, and as carefree as possible. Their bus transportation is available for some of the camp sessions. Check it out on their website. Upon camp enrollment, select an available bus option near you and ride with friends or other kids from your area! The incredible team at Rock Springs Ranch can't wait to welcome your child to Camp!

## 4 Clover Camp

### "Buzz Into 4-H at 4 Clover Camp"

June 14-16, 2023

### 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 12 years old are invited to attend this 3 day 2 night camp for \$90, but the 4-H Foundation will provide a \$25 scholarship and Ford County 4-H Council will sponsor \$10 scholarship. Your final cost will be \$55. This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends. This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers. Registration is due June 1, and registrations is on a first come, first service basis. Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost even more!!

**Camp Counselor applications** are due into our Office by May 15. If you would like to be a counselor for 4 Clover Camp (14 or older) or possibly for Day Camp (14 or older), please complete the application! This can be found on our County website and it is a 1 page (front and back) application.

## DISCOVERY DAYS

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planned for KSU campus June 7-9

Theme: THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY DAYS! (Formerly Round Up)

Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2023 are invited to register

**Cost:** \$210, (minus scholarship of \$75 -4-H Foundation and \$25—4-H Council)

Final cost of \$110 for Ford County 4-H'ers

**Registration:** Opening Saturday, April 1, 2023

**General Schedule:** TBA

## Day Camp

Is still to be decided.  
More information will be available soon.

## 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** and the **Blake Stanley Scholarship** mentioned below.

## 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 cancellation 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.

## Teen leadership opportunities available at Rock Springs Ranch

At Rock Springs Ranch, there are two options for teen leadership programs: Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT).

As a reminder, we are continuing to expand our teen opportunities at camp with the LIT program launching this summer. These week-long sessions will be for our rising sophomores and juniors, which will include some great volunteer opportunities as well as some unique camp experiences making friendships along the way.

The CIT program is for rising seniors. Teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience. There will also be time throughout the week for the CITs to enjoy some of the camp activities as a group. CITs will travel with younger cabin groups and be given limited responsibility over the campers from breakfast to bedtime.

Camperships are available for both opportunities through generous donors at the Kansas 4-H Foundation. If you know someone who would be perfect for this program, please send us their contact information or submit it here by March 15, 2023.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13uEmK3pNQeY\\_uem5UH7lvzZXGHZTtczFhkwE2j30L0c/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13uEmK3pNQeY_uem5UH7lvzZXGHZTtczFhkwE2j30L0c/viewform?edit_requested=true) >

## SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County 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, Space Tech Camp, Sewing Camp, 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.** The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. **No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30).** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on [ford.ksu.edu](http://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 May 20 to the Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

## **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)**

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This is a requirement for the Ford County Fair as well as for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show. This must be done by May 1 prior to submitting Beef nominations and June 15 for commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, nominations. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office. For County Fair purposes it must be completed prior to county fair pre-entry.

Andrea will be holding an in-person session for YQCA on May 22 5:30 pm.at the Ford County Fair Building.

Youth who are participating in an instructor-led course for YQCA are required to complete the "Pre-Test" in the system prior to attending the class. This information may be found in the registration instructions, as well as the new help videos the YQCA staff launched at the beginning of the year. Families were encouraged to submit the pre-test previously, but it did not impact an instructor's ability to mark them complete. That is no longer the case. Andrea will not be able to mark a child complete and issue their certificate if they did not do the pre-test. Otherwise, Andrea will have to wait on the member to complete this step, then log back into the system to certify them.

Most families who have previously participated in the program are skipping this step, because the system has not been forcing them to do the pre-test before being certified. Now, it does. The family will receive a notice from YQCA (via email) if Andrea attempts to mark them complete and they have not submitted their pre-test. It might expedite the process if you complete this step prior to taking the in-person class.

Here are the abbreviated steps to guide families in completing the pre-test. Locating it after registering for a class seems to be the biggest challenge families face in getting it completed.

1. Login to user account at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org).
2. Hover over and click username (in blue box in the upper right of page).
3. Select "Enrolled ILT Trainings" towards the bottom of the list.
4. List of enrolled trainings will appear.
5. Click the blue "Pre-Test" button on the right to have each child complete their pre-test. Call the office if you have questions on how to sign up for the April 9 session.

## **LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION**

Great resources for any livestock project member can be found at the following website:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/index.html>

This website has resources, such as project sheets for project activities, project materials (most of these materials mentioned we have copies in the office to check out, so no need to purchase), website links, and various other general information. Check it out if you are new to a specific livestock project area.

## **FORD COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS**

Ford County 4-Hers participated in the SW Area Livestock judging contest recently at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Congratulations to all who participated.

Jr. Individual:

Shaun Scott -10th

Eli Holman -16th

Sr. Individuals:

Lauren Fischer - 4th

Ethan Holman - 13th

Rachel Harrold -15th

Klayton Hessman - 18th

Senior Team: 4th

*Congratulations!*

## 2023 State Livestock Nomination Information

The state livestock nomination process is an online system again year! This will require families to plan ahead in order to successfully complete their nominations. The process includes four (4) primary steps:

- 1.) Purchasing Official DNA Envelopes in Advance through ShoWorks
- 2.) Submitting Animal & Exhibitor Information Online
- 3.) Mailing DNA Envelopes with Submission Receipt
- 4.) Extension Agents & FFA Advisors Approving Nominations Online

Returning exhibitors need to use the existing account they created last year. On the Sign In page, select the option on the right at the bottom of the page, "I have previously registered this year". This will allow you to login, input the child's 4-H age (1/1/23), new YQCA number, and animal housing location, then move on through the system. If you need to edit an exhibitor's contact information or local agent, you can, but if everything is the same, you don't have to re-enter it this year. If you have forgotten your password DO NOT create a duplicate account. This will complicate things later. The system offers an option to reset your password. It typically arrives within 5 minutes. Make sure to check your spam before re-sending the request. DNA envelope orders will close 10 days prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. This will be April 20 for market beef and June 5 for small livestock. Order them early to make sure they arrive in time!

### Process Overview:

Purchase official DNA envelopes directly through ShoWorks for each animal you would like to nominate. 1 animal = 1 envelope.

- This is how the nomination fee will be paid in order to continue honoring family nominations without it costing you on a per child basis. It also allows you to pay via credit card; funds will no longer be included when you mail your DNA samples. The cost is \$12/animal (per envelope).
- The new DNA envelopes have been re-designed to include a place for the barcode sticker, as well as additional animal information.
- Old DNA envelopes (purchased by Extension Units in 2021 or before) will NOT be accepted.
- Extra DNA envelopes ordered last year (2022) may be used. They may also be shared with another family. However, we do ask you notify the Youth Livestock Program if you redistribute extra envelopes to another family.
- NEW THIS YEAR! With the adjustment of moving the DNA envelope order deadline up, we have added an option for expedited delivery. The cost will be \$50 and envelopes will be overnighted. This means we will continue to ship DNA envelopes after the order deadline, but you will have to add the expedited shipping fee to your cart and pay extra for this service upon placing the order in ShoWorks. It is in addition to the \$12/envelope nomination fee. If you order in advance (prior to the appropriate order deadline), you do not need to pay the expedited shipping fee and your envelopes will be sent standard mail via USPS. If you, or someone you trust, will be in the Manhattan area, DNA envelopes may also be picked up in-person. After placing your order through ShoWorks, you will need to contact me immediately to make arrangements for pickup.
- Enter your animal & exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. It is recommended that you use a computer to complete this step

Nominations must be submitted by 5:00PM on the appropriate deadline. The system will automatically close. The deadlines have not changed. Market Beef nominations are due May 1. The Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer Deadline is June 15. These dates include submitting the information online through ShoWorks and postmarking the appropriate DNA sample(s). Late nominations will not be accepted. Information and resources regarding the state livestock nominations process maybe found here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. All families, regardless of experience level, are encouraged to read through the Rookie Guide and use the other resources available from the state. Call Andrea with any questions you might have.

## BIG R LIVESTOCK SPONSORSHIP

Recently we received information that Big R has a Producing Partners Program which 4-H, FFA and other livestock exhibitors can join. Big R will sponsor a maximum of 1 large animal and 2 small animals per participant. Large Animals are listed as Horse and Cattle. Small Animals include Rabbit, Poultry/Fowl, Dog, Goat, Lamb and Swine. Enrollment is from April 1 to May 15.

For more information and an application form, please contact one of the agents or our office.

## TRAVELING PHOTO DISPLAY



The Traveling Photo Display of photos selected from 2022 County Fair is now on display at the Bucklin Public Library.

Be sure to stop in and check out the 4-H photos on display!!

## VISUAL ARTS DISPLAY

New for 2023 is a traveling Visual Arts Display at the Dodge City Public Library. Grand Champions, Reserve Grant Champions and State Fair Selected exhibits from 2022 Ford County Fair were offered the chance to have their exhibit displayed. This is located in a smaller display case in the library on the main floor. Check it out!



## :::4-H Shout Outs:::

- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants! All participants did an excellent job with their presentations.
- ◆ To all Exchange members for a very successful Flea Market, Soup Supper/ Dance Recital and BBQ Raffle.
- ◆ To Melvin and Brandi Stein for organizing the Exchange BBQ Raffle
- ◆ To Clark Burgert, Susie Burgert, Morgan Mink and Paige Mink for providing projects for our Saturday 4-H promotion at Big R.

## Exchange BBQ Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to our winners!

BBQ Grill donated by American Imp.

Andrea Ruiz

8 piece Master Chef Cooler Bag Set

Kent Correll

BBQ Gift Set

Aaron Gerdes

Grilling Gift Basket

Judy Fortner

1.5 lb. Bread Maker Machine

Ana Cervantes

BBQ Gift


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Dear 4-H Families,

If you want to attend camp, you must get your registration and fee submitted as early as possible. Registration for all camps will be a first come basis. You can find more information about camps and their registrations forms on our website OR we have copies available in the Extension Office.

Be sure to decide if you need to drop or add any projects and do this prior to May 1. Remember Horse ID papers deadline is June 1 this year!

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter. Lots of information is included.

  
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