

4-H Clover News

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QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



We hope your club members have been selling Duck Leases and remember this is a major fund raiser for 4-H Council and can be for your club also! The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if each family could sell duck leases. Each club received tickets. 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 is also selling leases this year. **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, May 22.** 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 tickets your leaders checked out before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we return them.

Fair Association Assistance

The Ford County Fair Board would like to have members from the community help as associate members of the Fair Association. They could help at the Fair and assist with Fund Raising for the facilities as well as serve on other general committees. Let us know if you are interested.

The Ford County Fair Association's Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/fordcountyfairkansas>

The Fair Board also has started a **Go Fund Me page** to help with improvements and projects at the Fairgrounds. Please share with your family, friends, past 4-H members, etc. These funds will help update the Fair Building and the grounds. Share the following link: <https://gofund.me/6ba00c4f> to support their fund raising efforts for improvements.



**DROP/ADD PROJECT DEADLINE IS MAY 1st. Make changes
at 4-HOnline — <https://v2.4honline.com>.**

4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.



County Fair, July 20-24....

The Fair Book will be posted soon on our website.

- ⇒ Schedule will be similar to the 2022 schedule with some minor changes for 2023!
- ⇒ Clothing Fashion Revue judging will be on Monday evening, July 17, 6:00—9:00 pm.
- ⇒ Fair Pre-entry will be through the Online FairEntry program with a July 1, 5 pm deadline.
- ⇒ 4-H Exhibit entry on July 20 will be the same as last year with members entering by assigned times to drop off exhibits based on your last name. We will have last names starting with H–L drop off first, and last names of E-G will be last due to a rotation schedule. If those times do not work, you will need to call to make arrangements for a different time slot.
- ⇒ Consultative Judging will be available by signing up after Fair set up on Tuesday evening and/or on Thursday when you bring you entries.
- ⇒ Open Class entries are scheduled between 11:30 and 1:30 pm, with entries by 4-H parents accepted earlier if requested.
- ⇒ If you are using the 4-H Clover, be sure to use the correct copyrighted clover. Shooting Sports members need to remember to use the correct Kansas Shooting Sports logo if submitting a poster/display. Check with the office if you need either logo.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

What is a SUPERINTENDENT? A Superintendent is someone who assists judges during entry day on July 18th. They also assist in creating the display for the project area. We encourage Livestock Superintendents to assist with their respective livestock weigh-in and out in the ring during the show. These are great leadership activities for your record book!

If you did not sign-up and would still like to help out, please give us a call at the office.

SPRING SHOWS

If you're interested in attending spring shows with any of your livestock, stop by the Extension Office. We have flyers for many spring shows throughout Kansas and the surrounding areas. Be sure to check out the Facebook pages, SWKS Livestock 4-H/FFA Events and/or SW KS Horse 4H/Horse Show/Rodeo Community.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Register for all sessions at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> including online training and certification. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension Office. The next instructor led training will be May 22 at 5 pm at the Fair Building. Member will need to complete an online pre-test prior to training.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

The nomination deadline for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats is June 15th. All nominations will be done online through Showworks. DNA envelopes deadline for ordering will need to be ordered 1 week prior.

COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Troy Robertson — Shooting Sports
Poultry — Sara Sura

Casey Pemberton — Horse
Shayla Tieben—Assistant Horse Leader

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

There will be a Horse Project Meeting on Sunday, May 14 at the Ford County Fairgrounds Arena at 2 pm. Bring your horse . Casey will start with Showmanship. Remember all Horse ID papers need to be turned into our office by June 1 for our signature. There is a new Horse Id form available for new horses. With the new Horse guidelines, there is no SW District Horse Show to qualify for the State Fair. You can qualify at other shows—including our County Fair Show to be eligible for State Fair.

4-H Horse Project members wishing to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show must complete the Horse Safety Webinar and pass the quiz in addition to other requirements. The webinar and quiz are available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <http://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>. They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2023). Additional requirements can be found on the Horse Project Page at <https://bit.ly/statehorseshowreqs>.

4-H WEBINARS BENEFIT LIVESTOCK AND HORSE 4-H PROJECTS

The Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series and the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series are in their second year and designed to give Kansas 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock and horse industry, career opportunities, good animal husbandry practices and safety skills. Equine webinars are posted the third Monday of the month and Animal Science webinars are posted the fourth Monday. The webinars cover a variety of topics throughout the year. Visit the Animal Science Webinar page or the Equine Webinar page.

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE

Practices have started. They are held every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Dodge City Gun Club, except for Mother's Day (May 14). If you are not receiving notifications, please contact Andrea at the Extension Office. Contact Troy Robertson (620-338-3028) if you have questions concerning the practices.

SHUTTERBUGS AT THE ZOO

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Sessions include: Depth of Field; No bars, no problem; State Fair Judging process; Playing with Kaleidoscopes; Grand Finale workshop for all- BIG Bubbles! **Shutterbugs at the Zoo** —Please note: \$5 registration fee for all attendees with a cap of \$20 per family. Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS, May 6, 2023. Registration begins 8:30 AM in the Finnup Center for Conservation Education. Workshops begin at 9:30.



NEW 4-H FOODS/NUTRITION RULE FOR FROSTINGS & FILLINGS AT THE STATE FAIR

There is a *NEW* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for the 2023 Kansas State Fair. The new rule is as follows: For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>. While the concept has been encouraged and taught in previous years, it has not been a required item or stated in the rules. This new rule will be enforced at the 2023 Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Foods Division.

Entomology

The 31st Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, will be held Friday and Saturday, June 16-17. The event will be around Manhattan & Wamego, KS. It is open to youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children. Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. This year's event features a guided tour of the K-State Insect Zoo, collecting in the K-State Gardens, and a night hunt at Tuttle Creek! For event info, and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2UewHuq>. Registration closes May 26.

Camp Headquarters

(Copies of Registration Forms can be found online at ford.ksu.edu)

4-H DAY CAMP, June 28, 2023

Ford County Fairgrounds

“Back to Nature with 4-H Day Camp.

Join us at Day Camp on Wednesday, June 28. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to experience the annual Gunsmoke 4-H Day Camp. Mark your calendars and register early! A \$10.00 camp fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend day camp—invite your friends! Registration forms will be posted soon on our website and are due June 14. There will be a minimum number to hold the camp.

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER CAMPS

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: Now offering a choice of 4 days/3 nights OR 7 days/6 nights.

4-Clover Camp — June 14-16, 2023

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 \$55 due to scholarships from 4-H Council and Ford County 4-H Foundation. Theme is “Buzz into 4-H at 4 Clover Camp”. This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H’ers. Registration is due June 1, but our numbers maybe limited so registration is on a first come, first service basis.



SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/ EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H’ers of Ford and Gray Counties 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, 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. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H’er/per 4-H year (October 1—Sept. 30). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on 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 June 1 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

Remember 4-H Council provides camp scholarships for 4-Clover Camp of \$10, \$25 for RSR Camp and \$25 for Discovery Days. The Ford County 4-H Foundation provides \$25 for 4-Clover Camp, \$100 for RSR Camp and \$75 for Discovery Days.

Congratulations



To Our Graduating Seniors!

Clark Burgert

Lauren Fischer

Erika Fry

Aubrey Gerdes

Breklyn Konecny

Jace Ochs

Emily Shenk

Congratulations!

Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners will be announce in the June newsletter. We had several applications this year and the Foundation Board will have tough decisions to make when selecting their winners. Thanks to our High School Seniors and former 4-H members already in college for applying this year! All of you are very deserving.

Traveling Photo Display

Starting in May our Traveling Photo Display will be displayed at the Ford County State Bank in their lobby. If you are in Spearville, take a few minutes to go and check out these photos selected at the 2022 County Fair.

Note from Kyle Ruehle (Council President)

May 2023 Ford County 4-H,

April Showers bring May Flowers! Months like April and May are filled with 4-H opportunities, activities and events!

The FC 4-H Council Members and Leaders were invited to participate in two community service events this April. On April 15th, we celebrated World Art Day with the Carnegie Center for Arts! My deepest gratitude to not only several 4-Hers who participated in the traveling photo exhibit showcased in the front gallery but nearly twenty 4-H members & leaders who helped clean up the Reading Garden, who sanded cabinets and donated 7 green bicycle lawn ornaments for the garden. Vincent Van Gough once said "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." You can read more about this event, thanks to Clark Brurgert for submitting the photo and article that appeared in April 20th Dodge City Globe's newspaper, website and Facebook page. On April 22nd, we celebrated Earth Day & Arbor Day with the City of Dodge City! Again, my deepest gratitude to nearly twenty 4-H members & leaders who helped plant 7 Redbud trees to represent all FC clubs in front of the Long Branch Lagoon where we can continue to watch them grow every year especially during FC Fair July 20-24th!

This month of May, I am asking all 4-Her's of all 7 FC 4-H Clubs to consider participating in a community service activity with me for Janelle Robertson, a FC 4-H Foundation member, and Bright Beginnings. Bright Beginnings and Mrs. Robertson needs our help in donating new or used toddler boys pants in the sizes of 2T – 7. After discussing this with her, I am asking all 4-H Clubs to collect your donations and have your council members and/or leaders bring your club's donation to the next council meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023! If we have each 4-H club bring at least 7 pants – we will have almost 50 clothing items to donate! If you have questions or concerns, please contact me. At March's Council meeting, we spent time meeting with committees and gearing up for the Ford County Fair July 20-24, 2023!

With Memorial Day approaching, I encourage everyone to take time this May to shower others with help and participate in a community service activity. Kyle Ruehle

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. Best of luck on your future educational plans.

We appreciate everyone's understanding during the small animal weigh-in with the scale not working as expected. The Fair Board members and both of us know it was not the ideal situation, but we got everyone's animals officially tagged and the scale has been fixed.

Don't forget to sign up for camps for the summer. Deadlines are fast approaching!!

We hope you all are working on your 4-H projects for the Fair. Please consider helping as a superintendent if you are old enough.

Have a great summer!



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