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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 16, 4:00 pm—6:00 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds
Alternate date is Tuesday, April 23

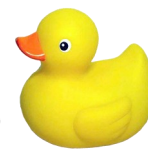
Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals at their farm.

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 of 12. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 1st 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. Please leave the yellow copy of the tickets in the book. Give the white copy to the person buying the ticket. They must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket. Leases are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Checks made to: Z98 GREAT QUACK ATTACK. If purchasing a 6-Quack, mark the box on one lease only as a free duck **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24. 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.



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. The Alley will also be selling leases.

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 22 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Building.

4-H COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LEADER MTGS

The May meetings will be on Tuesday, May 28. (day after Memorial Day)

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

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 are both available on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar page <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/index.html>

They must be completed prior to the entry deadline (August 1, 2024).

No District Horse Show this year. You must have an affidavit for the State Fair to show.

Shooting Sports—Shotgun

County Wide leader, Troy Robertson, will start to hold practices on Sunday, April 20 at 1:30 pm at the Dodge City Gun Club, (1 mile east of Ave A on Garnett, turn south on Longhorn road). If you have questions, contact Troy at 620-620-338-3028

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.

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 \$50

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

"It's In The Bag at 4 Clover Camp"

June 12-14, 2024

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 \$110, but the 4-H Foundation will provide a \$50 scholarship and Ford County 4-H Council will sponsor \$10 scholarship. Your final cost will be \$50. 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 May 31, 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 1. 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 5-7

Theme: Party All Discovery Days

Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024 are invited to register

Cost: \$225, (minus scholarship of \$75 -4-H Foundation and \$50—4-H Council)

Final cost of \$100 for Ford County 4-H'ers

Registration: Is open now until April 15

Classes fill up fast to register soon!

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 \$15 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County.

4-H Shutterbugs at the Zoo

The State Photography Committee will be holding a photography workshop in Garden City, Saturday, May 4 at Lee Richardson Zoo. Doors open at 8:30 am, workshops begin at 9:00 am and will conclude at 12:00 pm. Committee members will be available to teach all aspects of photo composition, how to work with kaleidoscopes, pan blurs, creating a story and more! Please have members bring a smartphone or a camera. There will also be cameras available to check out during the workshop. Members are asked to bring their own SD card so they can take their photos with them when the workshop is over. There is no charge for the workshop, but we ask that you please at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6m4Slk474r4A58i so they can contact participants in case of inclement weather or last minute changes.

Visit the Kansas 4-H website under Events and Activities to the [Photography Shutterbug page](#) to view the flyer for this event.

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 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 31 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 in May.

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.

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.
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.

After the youth have taken the required pre-test and completed the course, they should log into their account at yqcaprogram.org, click on the blue box on the top right with the user name. If you have questions, call Andrea.

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 District Livestock judging contest recently at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Congratulations to all who participated.

Jr. Team—4th

Jr. Individual:

Shaun Scott—7th

Eli Holman—14th

Matilyn Durler—12th

Ryan Nichols—24th

Lena Gleason—23rd

Senior Team: 4th

Senior Individual:

Emma Ackerman - 14th

Klayton Hessman - 12th

Jade Henry—11th

Finn Martinez—13th

Braeden Simon—10th

Other Contest results will be provide in next month's newsletter.

Congratulations!

Check out Judgingcard.com for results and class placings.

2024 State Livestock Nomination Information

The state livestock nomination process is an online system! 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 (1/1/24), 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 (2023) 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.
- There is 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.

Zoom Training for Animal Nominations:

April 8, 7 pm — Beef Session

April 9, 7 pm — Market and Commercial, Breeding Swine, Sheep and Meat Goats

Register Friday before session to receive a link.

Contact Andrea to get registration information.

Nomination Process Updates

Club Options Modified

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local county. All FFA Chapters have also been added to the system under the county in which they are located. For example, Dickinson county 4-H’ers will select “Dickinson” as their “Club” in the system. An Abilene FFA member will find their chapter under “Dickinson – Abilene FFA”. This will allow FFA members to be able to select the appropriate Club more easily, as well as assist the shows in stalling assignments. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club”.

Use Checkbox Under Market Division for Dual Nominated Females

Exhibitors will continue to have the option to dual nominate gilts, ewes, and does by using a sliding checkbox, under the market division for each specie, rather than entering the information twice (once under each division). Dual nomination means the animal is nominated both in the market division and in the commercial breeding division. Therefore, they are eligible to be entered by an exhibitor and shown in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Families who wish to take advantage of this option will need to nominate all of their gilts, ewes, and does under the market division, and then move the “Dual Nom (Mkt & Com)” slider button to the blue “YES” on the bottom of the page. All animals will still need to be submitted online under each exhibitor account within a family to be available later for all kids during the show entry process. Only one (1) DNA sample is required for dual nominations.

BIG R PRODUCING PARTNERS PROGRAM

Big R is continuing their 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, Cat, 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.

::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants! All participants did an excellent job with their presentations.
- ◆ Cassie Sanko! Thanks for your many years of service to our Ford County Office and our county fair.

TRAVELING PHOTO DISPLAY

The Traveling Photo Display of photos selected from 2023 County Fair will soon be on display at the Bucklin Public Library and The Carnegie Center.

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

Spring Into Volunteering - April 20 in Salina

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus on Saturday, April 20. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Record Books, Facilitating Sparks, International 4-H Opportunities, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more!

Registration for the day is \$20 and includes, materials, snacks and lunch! Online registration is due April 5, 2024 and the fee will be submitted to local offices. Contact the office for more information and registration info.

County Fair Info (July 18-22)

Some changes to expect are:

- ◆ County and State Fair Departments will be listed with the new projects name
- ◆ Grand Champion ribbon premium with an option to order a trophy if wanted after the fair
- ◆ Still working on schedule and details but here are a few changes
 - ◇ Photography judging time will be Monday, July 15 starting at 9 am prior to Fair
 - ◇ There will be some Round Robin changes and will take place the morning of Monday, July 22 with more details to come in the May newsletter
 - ◇ No livestock premium sale/auction, but will have a grand drive event on August 10
- ◆ Ford County Fair Superintendents/Volunteers needed – sign-up sheet
- ◆ Poultry bleeding – will have a date for bleeding birds prior to the Fair (tentative date of July 10 or 11)
- ◆ Fair Books will hopefully be out in mid-May
- ◆ Fair Board will be having two (2) Cow Patty Bingo events during the Fair

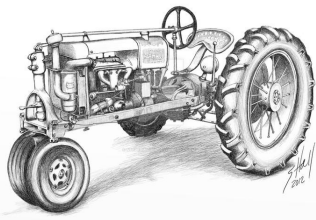
4-H Council

The 4-H Club work day(s) at the Ford County Fairgrounds will be Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21. Original scheduled date was on Saturday, but there will be at least one club which was not able to come and will be working on projects on Sunday. Community Leaders will be receiving more information from Kim Nichols on plans for the day.

Council members at the March 24 meeting also agreed to possibly help with two other Community service projects — World Art Day and Earth Day. More information will be coming by email when we have definite details.

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

Tractor Safety Training is Wednesday, May 29 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.



Planning for National Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2024

It is time to get National Volunteer Week on your calendar so you are sure to have a plan to recognize your local 4-H club leaders and volunteers.

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Encourage club members and families to recognize their organizational leaders, project leaders and other important 4-H volunteers during the week.
- Prepare a series of Facebook posts to recognize volunteers during the week.
- Have a program participant share a success story about the volunteer.

4-H LEADERSHIP DAY: THE YOGOWYPI EXPERIENCE! WITH BILL CORDES

A FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP AND SELF-WORTH

CHECK OUT: WWW.YOGOWYPI.COM TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

APRIL 27TH, 2024
10AM-12:30PM

EVENT LOCATION:
GRAY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
17002 W HWY 50, CIMARRON, KS

SPONSORED BY GRAY COUNTY 4-H AND
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Event is for **4-Hers in 6th -12th grades** and 4-H volunteers.

\$10/4-Her or Volunteer. Registration Due to Local Counties by April 19, 2024

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Age: _____ Circle One: Male Female

Extension County/District: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Food Allergies: _____

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Dear 4-H Families,

Before coming into the office, please check to make sure someone will be here. Until we hire a new office professional, there may be times when both Andrea and Ethel have commitments to be some where and if we do not have a volunteer to cover, the office may be closed.

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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