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Congratulations, to all

parade float riders on the King and Queen float, Family of the Year – Melvin and Brandi Stein Family, horse riders and all who walked or rode for other community organizations!

State Fair Deadlines..

If you are 4-H age 9 and older and received a BLUE ribbon or higher on a project (except livestock and only if there is a State Fair class/division), you may enter it into the State Fair. Some projects such as Visual Arts and Style Review have already been selected by judges at the county level. Other project areas have certain entry limit numbers such as only being able to take one exhibit (please see page 2 for more info). **All State Fair 4-H Exhibit Pre-Entry Forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, August 9 at 4:00 pm** or earlier. Some projects require additional forms to be signed, so please stop by or call to see which forms are required for your project area. No late entries accepted. If you email entries, please check to be sure we received them.

Actual exhibit needs to be brought into the Extension Office by Friday, August 30 unless it is Foods or Horticulture. Foods/Horticulture can be brought between 7:30 am – 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 to the Extension Office Parking lot and we will leave for the State Fair immediately at 8 a.m. Judging will take place that day at State Fair.

GENERAL PROJECT ENTRIES

If you received a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair, your exhibit may be eligible for the State Fair. Check with the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age as of January 1, 2024, to show at the State Fair.

For entry guidelines and class numbers, contact our office.

Every exhibit must be pre-entered electronically through the Extension Office. Your item does not need to come to the Extension Office until later, but your **pre-entries are due on or before August 9 by 4:00 pm.** Double check with us to make sure we have you signed up for the correct project areas and classes!

Please remember to check the Kansas State Fair book for the rules and regulations for the project areas you will be participating in at the 2024 Kansas State Fair. You can find a link at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>

If you have any questions, please contact the office for clarification.

What Can I take to the State Fair?

Clothing & Textiles: maximum of two exhibits in two different classes. Shopping in Style is only the Senior and Intermediate Grand Champions from Fair. They have been contacted.

Communications -Demos, Project Talks, Poetry or Prose & Illustrated Talks: must have received a blue or higher rating at county or district event.

Fiber Arts: one exhibit in each class, maximum of 3 exhibits.

Foods & Nutrition: only one non-perishable entry.

Food Preservation: maximum of two entries, one per class.

Engineering and Technology: Only ONE exhibit per class.

Horticulture: enter up to a total of 4 vegetables, fruit and or herb exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

Floriculture: enter up to a total of 4 floral exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

Photography: 1st-7th year in project can enter only ONE class. A 4-H'er with 8 years+ can enter TWO photos in different classes.

Shooting Sports: educational display or poster.

Visual Arts: ONLY the 4-H'ers selected at county contest. These exhibits received a 'State Fair' selection at fair & have been contacted by the office.

Woodworking: ONE exhibit.

Posters & Displays? These items are NOT eligible for the State Fair unless they fit under an educational exhibit in a division. (example—shooting sports).

Livestock Animals had to be pre-entered earlier in the year.

TRANSPORTATION OF ENTRIES

The Extension Office will transport most exhibits to the State Fair. Please bring your exhibits to the Extension Office before 12:00 noon on Friday, August 30. Exhibits must be wrapped and/or boxed to protect them. Transportation of large exhibits and animals will be the responsibility of 4-H families. Food and horticulture exhibits may be brought to the parking lot across from the Extension Office on Thursday, September 5, between 7:30—8:00 a.m. We will attach the exhibit entry card/score sheet but any additional forms must be attached by exhibitor before you bring it. (Example— Food stickers, rocketry forms, woodworking plans, etc.)

GATE ADMISSION TICKETS

The State Fair is not providing premiums but an exhibitor will receive two gate tickets to fair.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The assistance provided by Extension staff, teen and adult volunteers is absolutely vital to the 4-H Division at the State Fair! A list of exhibit areas and the number of individuals needed is available from our office. An admission ticket will be provided for each day a teen, adult or Extension staff volunteer works. The Kansas State Fair will provide a meal ticket for volunteers who work at least four hours. Parking in the public lots will be free again this year and hang-tags are not needed to park there. Let our office know if you are interested and we can sign you up.



September 6-15, 2024

Future Dates to Remember

August

- 9 State Fair Pre-Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- 26 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.
- 30 State Fair Exhibits due in office

September

- 2 Closed for Labor Day
- 6-15 Kansas State Fair
- 17 Can pick up State Fair exhibits from office
- 23 4-H Com. Leader/4-H Council Mtgs.

October

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 1 Record Books due
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 12-13 48 Hours of 4-H
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg

November

- 2 Achievement Night

A BIG THANK YOU TO Our FAIRBOARD

Some of you may not be aware, but it is the Fair Board members who are maintaining the Fairgrounds and Building. They are the ones, mowing, cleaning, restocking restrooms, opening and closing of the building for rentals as well as maintaining the water coolers, heaters, replacing light bulbs, etc. They are devoting a lot of their time and energy to the Fairgrounds during the year, but especially during the County Fair. Some of them come early and stay really late to set up for shows, events and activities. Remember they are all volunteers, just as your community leaders, parents and project leaders are volunteers. They do these things because they believe in the 4-H program and want to have a nice facility for the fair and 4-H clubs to meet. Please help them during the year and not just at the fair if they ask you to pick up trash, move a table, vehicle, help take something inside or outside, etc. Take pride in the facility, say "thank you" to them for the time, energy, and personal funds they contribute.

County Fair Note:

Beef Carcass and Beef Rate of Gain winners/information will be posted on our website.

THANK YOU REMINDER...

You will be receiving a list in the mail of Thank You's you need to write from the Fair Association soon (probably end of August/first of September). Your fair ribbon premium checks will be ready to pick up in the Extension Office (100 Gunsmoke St.) after that. The required Thank You's on your list will be for the sponsors who donated for *grand champion premium, grand and reserve grand champion medallions, miscellaneous awards, general premium, ribbons, and belt buckles awards you received from the fair.*

To receive your premium check, you will need to bring in the 'ready-to-mail' thank you cards and check list you received in the mail to the Extension Office. (A 'ready-to-mail' thank you includes a thank you card with an envelope with the sponsor's name and your return address and a stamp on the envelope.) You do not need to know the mailing address of the business or person, just put their name on the envelope, your name in the return area, stamp and we can fill out the rest.



If you are not able to attend the Pillars of the Community event on August 10, you are asked to write 10 Thank you notes for livestock Grand Drive event sponsors.

Please write your thank you's and pick up your checks in a timely manner. If checks are not cashed by February 1, the funds will be forfeited back to the Fair Association.

We encourage Clubs and families to consider writing a general Thank You and have members or siblings sign just one vs several thank you cards. Let us know if your club or family does this so we can mark it off.

Your club can do a general thank you for Victory Electric (t-shirts); Ford County Commissioners and other general sponsors for the Fair and for your premiums, instead of doing an individual thank you to them.

Check with us if you have questions.

Thank you from Ethel...

I wanted to thank everyone who stepped up in my absence at the County Fair (before and after) and also during Dodge City Days. I was in Wichita with my husband who was in the hospital. I am thankful to all who demonstrated the 4-H life skills and 3 of the 4 H's of Head, Heart and Hands by providing support and assistance to Andrea, Fernanda and the Fair Board while I was unable to be there. Thank you! *Ethel*

::Ford County Shout Outs::

- ALL of the **Fair Board Members** for organizing and managing this year's fair! We appreciate all your hard work!
- **Everyone** who helped with setting and cleaning up; all of the Superintendents; and all of the 4-H members who exhibited projects at the fair!
- **Klayton Goetz and Samantha Burnett** for being selected 2024 Ford County King and Queen!
Rachel Harrold, Hannah Horacek, Addyson Keeler, Jordan Stimpert, Matilyn Durler, Fatima Lopez, Stanton Custer, Quaid Gleason, Wyatt Henry, Kyle Ruehle, Joe Durler, and Tlaloc Figueroa for being their club's candidates.
- **All of the volunteers and sponsors** who helped with events and/or sponsorship at the Fair.
- **All the adults** who participated in the Adult Fun Showmanship contest.
- To all **Round Robin participants and winners**.
- To **Lindsay Durler** for her leadership in conducting a Fair Skill-a-thon and to all the participants.
- **Lucky Clovers club** for organizing the Barnyard Olympics.
- All **4-H'ers** for their help with Turtle Races.
- To **all who qualified** to take projects to the State Fair.
- To **all the winners** who found the Fair "4-H Medallion" and everyone who searched and enjoyed looking for it!!
- **Fernanda Vazquez** for your dedication, help, and learning what all goes on at the County Fair! You did a fabulous job and made it through your first fair.
- **Brandi and Melvin Stein and J & A Repair** for the trailer and pickup and Steve Simon for driving the Exchange float in the parade.
- **Melvin and Brandi Stein Family** for being our Family of the Year honorees in the Parade.
- **Ford County 4-H Foundation, City of Dodge City and Fair Board** for a wonderful way to end the Fair with a trip to the Dodge City Lagoon Water Park for everyone who helped with clean up!
- **ANYONE & EVERYONE** we have missed who have made this summer a success!

County Fair Ribbon meaning.

The Danish system of judging is a method of evaluation where an exhibit or process is evaluated against a set of standards, and recognition is awarded on the degree to which the standard has been met by each 4-H member. The standards of excellence are often printed on a judge's scorecard and allows for the exhibit to be judged on one's own merit, and not in comparison with others in the class.

All completed exhibits meeting the requirements should receive a Purple, Blue, Red, or White rating. The following ribbons apply:

WHITE: Fair, denotes much improvement needed. Fails to meet minimum standards.

RED: Good, some improvements needed. Meets minimum standards.

BLUE: Excellent, minor improvements needed. Exceeds minimum standards.

PURPLE: Superior, outstanding on all standards.

Don't forget, if your exhibit had a sticker instead of a ribbon on it and you want a ribbon but didn't get it exchanged for a ribbon on Monday evening, you can still pick up ribbons here in the Extension office!

4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

The regularly scheduled Ambassador/Exchange Meeting will be held the last Monday, August 26 at 7 pm.

Round Robin Results

Senior Round Robin

Grand Champion Adeline Robinson
Res. Grand Champion Lincoln Martin
Chailyn Scott 1st blue
Rebecca Durler 2nd blue
Emma Ackerman 3rd blue
Other participants:
Finn Martinez
Faith Woydziak
Aubrey Pack
Josie Robinson

Intermediate Round Robin:

Grand Champion- Jayden Torres
Res. Grand Champion: Matilyn Durler
Jade Henry- 1st blue
Addyson Keeler 2nd blue
Eli Holman 3rd blue
Other participants:
Bode Martinez
Chase Martinez
Kimber McCormick
Klayson Cundiff
Lena Gleason

Jr. Round Robin:

Grand Champion: Wyatt Henry
Res. Grand Champion: Jace Langlois
Rachael Swonger 1st blue
Chance Scott 2nd blue
Klayton Goetz 3rd blue
Other participants:
Joe Durler
Avia Stein

OVERALL HERDSMANSHIP WINNERS:

1st- Lucky Clovers (blue)

Tie 2nd- DIY (red)

Tie 2nd- Valley Boosters (red)

3rd- WWW (white)

Skill-a-thon results:

Juniors 45 points possible

1. Joe Durler—36
2. Klover Hawes—26
3. Brigham Burke—23
4. Quaid Gleason—23
5. Chance Scott—9

Intermediate: 130 points possible

1. Shawn Scott—93
2. Matilyn Durler—90
3. Ryan Nichols—65
4. Jade Henry— 63
5. Mason Nichols—60
6. Jayden Torres—56
7. Addyson Keeler—36
8. Lena Gleason—32

Seniors: 130 points possible

1. Rebecca Durler—120
2. Lincoln Martin—110
3. Ethan Homan—103
4. Klayton Hessman—95
5. Hannah Durler—81
6. Audrey Pack— 75
7. Justin Keeler—74
8. Emma Ackerman—71
9. Finn Martinez—67
10. David Fischer—64
11. Braeden Simon—59
12. Adeline Robinson 7

Open: 130 points possible

1. Eddie Nichols — 115
2. Matt Durler—111
3. Kylene Scott—107
4. Cody Hawes—106
5. Rylene Hessman—104
6. Dan Burke—100
7. Brandi Stein—94
8. Cindi Burke—91
9. LD Henry—87
10. Briana Stephenson—86
11. Rob Henry—85
12. Dion Stanley—81
13. Mike Martinez—76
14. Tami Henry—71
15. Marlinda Henry—69
16. Judy Fortner—65

START NOW ON RECORD BOOKS & AWARDS FORMS

With the end of the 4-H year in sight, there is some paperwork/record keeping that must be taken care of! **The following forms and applications must be turned in to your club leaders on or before the date they specify (typically late September).**

Project Records and Award applications are due into our office by October 1. The Record Book General and the Livestock forms plus the Record Book Check in Sheet are available on our website under 4-H, then forms, and then under Record Books. Records can be completed using the new Z-Books format also.

Z-Books a record book method!

ZBooks is a user-friendly platform that allows members to complete record books from any device, including mobile! You can log in using your phone or by your computer!

Can you imagine putting in your weigh in data immediately after weighing your animal? Or putting your Club Day placing in right after you receive your rating?

The system allows members to track items throughout the project year — including photos, animal weights, expenses, meetings, presentation, etc.

Get started on those records now, by creating an account at <https://4h.zsuites.org/>

[Other information, along with video tutorials can be found on the Kansas 4-H website at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html)

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS

Reporters, Secretaries, Treasurers ...did you know you can turn your notebooks in for county judging? Turn it in by due date to your club leader.

RECORD BOOKS



Remember, all 4-H'ers (with the exception of Cloverbuds) should complete a 4-H record book. All record book forms are available from our website at www.ford.ksu.edu. Please make sure you use the correct age forms.

A complete record book includes:

- ◆ Personal Page
- ◆ Project Record Form (includes a story or reflection section)—one for each projected
- ◆ Members younger than 14 can receive county awards and members who are older are eligible for area judging.)
- ◆ 4-H Permanent Record (brought forward from previous year). If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office. If you need help or get confused, please call the office!
- ◆ No additional stories beside the individual record story. Each project record has a section for a story or project reflection. A general story covering your 4-H year is not required but can be included if you want.

ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

These applications are due with your Record Book. "Pin Apps" are an easy one or two page application for a 4-H'er to fill out each year. These forms are available on our website or in the office.

KEY AWARD

The Key Award is given to youth 16 years or older, who have completed 4 years of 4-H membership, and who have been enrolled in the leadership project for more than 4 years. Youth must meet an additional requirements. It is a very prestigious award, and we encourage all who are eligible to apply!

RECORD BOOKS

Why turn in a Record Book?

The Record Book is an organized summary of your entire 4-H experience that contains a comprehensive report of your goals, plans and accomplishments. It is one way to make a formal review of your goals and achievements and is a helpful tool to plan your own growth for the future. Your records and report will be a good keepsake for years after you've finished your 4-H career. *The record you build opens doors to many awards and benefits such as medals, trips, scholarships and other kinds of recognitions. Completing a record book will make it easier when applying for scholarships/state awards.*

4-H Members develop the following life skills through record keeping:

- * Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, school and community activities
- * Keeping personal and business records
- * Improving communication with other people
- * Learning time management and organizational skills
- * Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

Do I have to do a Project Record form for EVERY project I'm enrolled in?

The answer to that question is **NO!** Only fill out a record for the projects you would like to be considered for an award in. For example, Suzy is enrolled in Beef, Foods and Visual Arts. She only actively participated in the Beef and Visual Arts Projects during the year. She did take one entry of cookies to the fair. Because she was highly active in Beef and Visual Arts, these are the projects she would consider doing a record for.

What kind of awards can I apply for?

Each of the project areas will award a certain number (a percentage of the total number of 4-H'ers enrolled in the project) of 'project pins' to the award winners.

Visit: <https://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/4hrecordbooks/index.html>

To find all of the forms needed to fill out your record books. Most forms are available in a form fillable format, or we can provide you with a copy! Additional resources include at the website:

4-H Record Books - Purpose ; Project Goals; Knowledge & Skills Learned in Project; Citizenship vs Leadership; Planning for Leadership Roles; etc.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Before you begin to keep project record reports for the year, please make sure you have a current version of Adobe Reader DC. If you do not, you may download a free version, here:<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. When you click on that link, the following screen will appear. "Uncheck" the 3 boxes in the middle column and click on the link circled in green to begin your download. Follow the prompts to download and install Adobe Acrobat Reader DC.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you to all the superintendents and 4-H families for their help and patience during the 2024 Ford County Fair. It was greatly appreciated. Patience and perseverance are two lifelong qualities that will forever be instilled in the youth. Thanks again.

This newsletter has information concerning County Fair and for the 2024 State Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. The State Fair will be held September 6—15, in Hutchinson, KS

All State Fair 4-H static exhibit Judging will be done on September 5. Please read about when to have projects into the office within the newsletter.

The start of the new 4-H year will begin October 1. Start promoting to your friends, neighbors, and even relatives about joining 4-H for 2024-2025. We would like to increase our 4-H membership this coming year and YOU are important in this mission. By talking about why you are a member, you can encourage others to join and have fun, but also learn life long skills and specific project information. YOU are the best advertising for why other youth would benefit by joining our 4-H program.



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