

4-H Clover News

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FAIR UPDATE...

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County Fair is just a few short weeks away!!!As we start the count down to Fair please read your Fair Book for class rules and if you have questions, please give any of us a call or email and we will try to help. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Fair Pre-entry DEADLINE is Monday, July 1 by 5:00 pm. Please do not wait until then, try and complete your pre-entries ASAP.

Remember to enter anything you think you might be thinking of bringing to the Fair. We would rather see you pre-enter and not bring instead of not having the chance to exhibit it. The best advice that seasoned 4-H families would probably share with new 4-H families is to just relax and enjoy the Fair. Not everything will go perfectly the first year, but you will learn a lot. 4-H promotes "Learn by Doing" both in our project work and in our activities. The consultative judging process is an opportunity for you to learn from another person who is hired to share their expertise and to make a decision at the end. Hopefully they will share some ideas and ask you to think about other ways something could be done.

Keep in mind, when you bring an item to the fair you are asking for it to be evaluated. The other option would be everyone gets the same ribbon and we just display all the projects - would you learn anything and would that be any fun? The fair provides a learning process which will hopefully help us see another person's point of view. Please put forth your best effort and accept the judge's decisions with grace and respect. Always work to "Make the Best Better".

Remember there is no stupid or dumb question, so don't hesitate to ask! If you are a new family and are not sure about something, PLEASE call and ask!

INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF TIMES—JULY 18

This will be in the middle room of the Fair Building by the north door and the procedure will be the same as last year with drop off exhibits by exhibitor's last name. We rotate check in times by last names and will continue in the future so the same families are not always first or last. If this time absolutely does not work, contact the Extension office to make other arrangements.

7:30-8:15 am — R—S	9:30—10:15 am — E — H
8:15— 8:45 am — T—Y	10:15 —11:00 am — J — P
8:45—9:30 am — A—D	

We will print your entry cards once you check in. You will need to attach cards to your exhibit, then take exhibit to the project department area in the Fair Building.

PHOTOGRAPY JUDGING—NEW for 2024

All Photography entries will be judged on Monday morning, July 15 at the Ford County Fair Building. Entries start at 8:30 a.m. with consultative judging beginning at 9:30 a.m. All entries must be in by 10 am . Photos will be kept after judging and will then be displayed with ribbons on Thursday, July 18 after judging of other exhibits starts.

Need help with mounting your photos for the fair? Kylene Scott will be holding a session on how to mount photos at the Ford County Fair Building on this coming Tuesday, July 2 at 6 –7 p.m. If you are not sure how to put the photos on the matt board (what adhesive, how far down, etc), then come and she will have supplies and help you to do this before the Fair or if you do not have your photos yet, come and learn how to do this on your own later prior to fair.

FASHION REVIEW JUDGING—July 15, evening

We will have Fashion Review Judging for Constructed Garments and Shopping in Style for Girls and Boys on **Monday evening, July 15 starting at 6:00 pm.** Everyone is asked to come in their Shopping in Style outfit and be ready to model. If you have entered in Construction Style Review, bring your outfit to change into after Shopping in Style judging is done. Here is a tentative schedule. We will start shortly after the previous group is done.

6:00 pm	Seniors -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)
7:00 pm	Juniors -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)
7:20 pm	Intermediates -- (Girls/Boys Shopping in Style & Constructed Fashion Review)

Style Revue forms (Clothing and Textiles Presentation Evaluation Scorecard and Style Revue Description Form and Cost Per Wear—Sr. only) need to be turned in to the office prior to 5:00 pm, Monday, July 15. They can be found on our website (go to Ford County Fair on left side bar, then click forms) or stop by the Extension Office. We would like to have them turned in or emailed to Ethel at eschnewe@ksu.edu before 5:00 pm that day.

RABBIT AND POULTRY

All Poultry and Rabbits needs to be checked in and on the Fairgrounds between 7:30– 10:00 am on Thursday, July 18. The Fair's **Rabbit Show** will be on **Friday, July 19 at 11:00 am.** Rabbits will stay on the Fairgrounds this year. **Poultry show** will be held on **Friday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m.** All Poultry and Rabbits will be housed in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn during the Fair.

POULTRY TESTING — testing of birds this year will be on Thursday, July 11, 5:30—7:30 pm at the Ford County Fairgrounds.

HAND PET SHOW

The Hand Pet Show is scheduled for **Friday afternoon, July 19 at 3 p.m.** Registration will start at 2:30 pm in the Pavilion area. Order of judging will be cats, aquarium pets, dog, hand pets . Be sure to bring your health papers on cats and dogs. Animals must be kept in appropriate carrier or on a leash.

4-H SUPERINTENDENTS

There will not be an actual superintendent meeting this year at set up, but an email will be sent and will review your job description, the 4-H ribbon system, 4-H entry card, and any major division rule changes. We would like superintendents to be at their area by 10:30 am, but can come earlier if you want. We will start our judging earlier this year at 11:30 am, so you may want to eat lunch before it starts.

We still need superintendents! We rely on our superintendents to ensure that fair goes smoothly, please don't underestimate the importance of these positions. Contact the office ASAP if you are willing to help out! Superintendent assignment sheet is enclosed and it indicates where help is still needed. We will not have consultative judging if we do not have enough superintendents. If I missed a club sign up sheet and you sign up at a club meeting and you don't find your name, please give me a call or email.

NO LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION

Instead of a Livestock Premium Sale this year, there is a Pillars of the Community Event on Saturday, August 10, doors open at 5:00 pm, meal is at 6 pm. RSVP's for the meal/event were due by June 1 for 4-H families. The Fair Board did vote not to have a terminal livestock sale this year but will provide market buyers if you do want to market your animals and not take them back home.

LIVESTOCK SHOW INFORMATION

Sheep and Goats can be braced, but must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Prior to the class starting, members will be reminded of the rule. If caught breaking this rule, participant will be dropped to the bottom of the class, a second infraction may result in a disqualification.

CHAMPION FOODS

The Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions 4-H foods in each age division will still have the opportunity to sell by auction at the Pillars of the Community event on August 10. All Grand champion food winners are invited to participate. You will be asked to make a fresh food product for your buyer This is optional.

FAIR SUPPLIES

Photo matte boards, arts & crafts cards, Cloverbud entry tags and clothing tags are available at the Extension Office. Please note that the photo matte is \$1.50 per sheet.

CONSULTATIVE JUDGING

Consultative Judging will take place again this year if we have enough superintendents! You will have a chance to sign up for a time to visit with the judge after Fair set up on Tuesday evening or when you bring your exhibits on Thursday. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. The 4-H member has a chance to explain what and how they made their exhibit and why they did it a certain way. Consider taking this opportunity to learn from the judge! This is optional when having your exhibit judged. 4-H has always been known for teaching public speaking, confidence, and communication skills. What an awesome way to instill these qualities in our youth! We encourage parents to sit at a distance to observe, thus allowing the youth to be solely responsible for presenting the project to the judge.

FAIR RIBBONS AND TROPHIES

Just a reminder, for when you pickup your exhibits at the end of the Fair. If your exhibit has a sticker indicating the ribbon placing, you can request an actual ribbon at the Fair Office in the building prior to leaving. If you received a Grand Champion on one of your exhibits, you can request a trophy instead of receiving a monetary premium for the exhibit. All requests for a trophy must be made in writing and submitted an Extension Agent at the end of the County Fair. All Fair Premiums are usually available (after submitting thank you's) in August and you will receive a letter detailing your premium and what thank you notes are needed for. If you have questions, please contact our office.

WHAT IF I FORGET SOMETHING? Each 4-H member is allowed one (1) "freebie" entry tag. It may be used in any project area that you are enrolled in, but remember each child is only given ONE, so in the event that you need to use it, use it wisely! *(For example...Suzy pre-entered one color photo on her FairEntry pre-entry by July 1. However, when Suzy showed up to Entry Day at the Fair, she had two colored photos that she would like to exhibit. She had two choices 1—take one photo home and enter the other in the fair or 2— use her freebie card to be able to enter both colored photos in the fair.)* Exhibits that utilize the freebie entry card are not eligible for a purple or champion award. The "freebie" may not be used for livestock that were not weighed in at their respective spring weigh-ins or projects that youth are not enrolled in. Plan ahead and pre-enter correctly so you don't end up in a bind.

HELP NEEDED FOR FAIR SET-UP

How many volunteers does it take to run a successful county fair? The answer is: We need Everyone's help! Check with other club members and make sure your club is represented. Parents and 4-H members are needed to help Fair Board members with **set up on Tuesday evening, July 16 at 5:30 pm.** Please bring rakes, brooms, hoses, buckets, rags, etc. to help clean out the barns, clean displays, racks, and other things in the fair building. It won't take long if everyone comes to help. Pizza for all who help! Stall assignments and t-shirts will be handed out after set up is complete.

AFTER FAIR CLEAN UP AND POOL PARTY!!!! This is on Wednesday after Fair.

On **Wednesday evening, July 24 at 5:30 pm. we will be having the after Fair clean up.** The Ford County Fair Association has arranged for a swimming party at the Dodge City Lagoon Water Park after. The Ford County 4-H Foundation has offered to pay the admission fee for 4-H members and their families who come and help with clean up. Everyone who helps with clean up will be provided a ticket or wrist band to get into the Water Park for free. Those unable to help with clean up but would like to join us will need to pay the admission fee. Supper will be provided after clean up and prior to the swim party.

4-H KING & QUEEN CONTEST

Every club should have nominated two members for King & Queen contestants for this year's contest! Contestants will need to decorate a coffee can to display at the Fair. Ethel will be sending out information soon to all the candidates. The King and Queen candidate who earns the most money will be crowned King and Queen on Sunday, July 21 around 12:45 pm. ALL contestants are encouraged to ride on the 4-H Float in the Dodge City Days Parade on July 27. If other 4-H'ers would like to ride on the float, please let Ethel know so we can provide information on time and location to meet. King and Queen candidates for all of the clubs will have their decorated can at the County Fair for donations. Cans are usually located on a table in the middle room of the Fair Building during the Fair, and donations will be accepted until 11 am on Sunday, July 21. This is a fundraiser for the 4-H Exchange Group.

Project News:

HORSE RIDING PRACTICES — If anyone is interested in horse riding practice on Sunday, July 7th, please let Andrea at the Extension Office or Casey (254-485-7265) know.

STATE FAIR DEADLINES

July 15 — the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair for Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine.

August 1 — State Fair Horse entries are due.

August 9 — All other State Fair 4-H pre-entries are due in the Extension Office & State Fair Volunteer sign up. Remember if you receive a blue ribbon or higher at county fair you can show your exhibit at the State Fair as long as there is a division/class for it. Not all county fair exhibits have a corresponding class at the State Fair. There are also restrictions to number of entries with it usually be only one entry per division/class.

Actual exhibit must be brought into the Extension Office by Friday, August 30.

Foods and Horticulture brought between 7:30 am – 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 to Extension Office Parking lot. Judging will take place that day at State Fair.

2024 FAIR SPECIAL CONTESTS — 4-H'ers are eligible to enter the Special Contests, which are Photo (theme of Memories of the Past), Barn Quilts, and a Building Creation contests during the 2024 Ford County Fair.

Other Fair Information...

Thursday, July 18 - 4-H/Open Class Foods Sale is at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 20 – the Third Annual Nicholas Williams’ Memorial Kids Pedal Tractor Pull; and Touch a Truck event (morning).

Turtle Races start at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Sponsored by Credit Union of DC.

Barnyard Olympics

Barnyard Olympics is on Sunday July 21, 3:00 pm. Here are general guidelines for the event. Participants must enter on Barnyard Olympics sign up sheet. Entry deadline is 3:30 pm on Sunday No entries after that time. Teams of 4 individual participants, limited to being on only two (2) teams. Entry sheets will be available at the “Fair Office”.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts for 4-H members and community leaders are courtesy of Victory Electric again this year. These will be given out after fair set up and during the fair. Don't forget to stop by and collect your shirt.

If you ordered additional shirts, they will be available after they are paid for at the Fair.

SKILL A THON at the County Fair

There will be a Skill-a-Thon at the County Fair on Saturday afternoon. More information will be sent out by email when it is finalized. This will include livestock, photography and possibly other project areas.

Shout Out to....

- ◇ To our Exchange group who hosted 4-H members from Goodhue Minnesota. They had a jam packed schedule with tours across the SW part of the state to show our visitors the best that Kansas has to see! A special thanks of gratitude to all or the parents — Linda and Hoyt Fry, Tammie and Scott Mink, Brandi and Melvin Stein, Chad and Andrea Burns; Matt and Lindsay Durler; Ryan and Briana Stephenson, Kaylee Simon/Rocky Darcy and Mike and Ethel Schneweis for hosting and helping with the schedule/tours. Those participating were: Kendall Burns, Hannah and Rebecca Durler; Erika Fry; Madison Mink; Braeden and Quinlan Simon; Levi Stephenson and Jayden Torres.
- ◇ To Quinlan and Braeden Simon, Chase Martinez, Brekyn Sullivan, Chailyn Scott, Lori Wiseman, Jayden Torres and Kendall Burns, for recording ads to promote the Ford County Fair at our two local radio stations!
- ◇ To our outstanding camp counselors for 4 Clover Camp and Day Camp — Kendall Burns, Braeden Simon, and Quinlan Simon! Thank you for your help!
- ◇ To Michelle Mettling, our summer intern, for a very well planned summer Day Camp. A special thanks to Jateice Vieux , Meade County’s Summer Intern for your assistance during the day.



2024 FAIR & Dodge City Days COMMITTEE Lists

Food Sale, July 18, 6:30 pm — Lucky Clovers Club

Outside Monitors — all night – Please let Ethel know the name of at least one adult who will be staying, so she can give them a key and instructions for the evening.

Thursday, July 18 — Richland Boosters Club

Friday, July 19 — DIY Jrs. Club

Saturday, July 20 — Happy Hustlers Club and Wright Wonder Workers Club

Sunday, July 21 — VB ?

Turtle Races, 4:30 pm—Chairs -- Wright Wonder Workers and DIY Clubs

Friday, July 19 —

Saturday, July 20 —

Sunday, July 21 —

Barnyard Olympics – Lucky Clovers 4-H Club

Sunday, July 21 @300 pm entry sign up sheet: kids and adult teams

entry cut off time is 3:30 no entries after that

Teams of 4 participants, participants can only be on 2 teams

King/Queen Float in Dodge City Days Parade– July 27, 9:15 am – any 4-H member plus

K/Q candidates and King/Queen

Kid Fest – Sunday, August 4 – 1:00 – 3:30 pm; Chairs – WWW/ Brandi Stein

Wright Wonder Workers Club, other clubs are asked to help
with a 1-2 members only

FAIR RELEASE OF EXHIBITS AND APPRECIATION MEAL

Release of all County Fair Exhibits will be on Monday, July 22, noon to 2 pm, or 5—7 pm or Tuesday morning, July 23, 8:30—10:00 am. These times are new for 2024. This includes inside and outside exhibits unless we are in a Heat Contingency Plan for Livestock.

All exhibitors (4-H/FFA and Open Class Exhibitors), 4-H parents and fair workers are invited to an Exhibitor's Appreciation Meal starting at 11:30 am and going to 12:30 pm at the Fair Building after the Livestock Round Robin Showmanship contest. All fair sponsors are also invited to attend!

thank you!

2024 FAIR SUPERINTENDENT

FAIR DIVISION	ADULTS	4-H MEMBERS (12 & older)
Aerospace/Rocketry, Astronomy, Building Block Engineering, Computer Science/Robotics, Uncrewed Aerial Systems		
Ag Mechanics Welding Woodworking	Greg Lix	
Clover Buds & Exploring 4-H		Becca Durler
Electric, Small Engines, Entomology, and Geology		
Fashion Revue (Shopping in Style) (help with public revue and decorations)		Matilyn Durler
Fiber Arts		
Foods & Nutrition & Preservation	Briana Stephenson Lindsay Durler	Braeden Simon
Hand Pets		
Horse	Casey Pemberton	
Horticulture, Forestry/ Gardening/Flowers/ & Agronomy		
Photography	Kylene Scott Tammie Mink	Shaun Scott
Posters & Notebooks/Displays Shooting Sports, Wildlife, Vet Science, Banners		Quinlan Simon
Poultry		Josie Robinson
Rabbits		Josie Robinson
Sewing & Textile Design (clothing)		Hannah Durler
Visual Arts - Crafts		
Visual Arts – Skilled		

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Dear 4-H Families,

This newsletter is full of information for the 2024 Ford County Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. Remember this is a COUNTY FAIR for the all residents and for FFA and 4-H. It is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their skills they have learned and the projects they have completed. It is one of the reasons that we have a fair. We are happy we have an opportunity to come together to have a county fair for our youth and for our communities.

Remember we are all striving to “make the best better.”

We look forward to seeing you all at the County Fair and hope you will invite your neighbors, friends and family to come and participate too!

See you there!!



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