# THE 4-H FLASH NEWSLETTER

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# A letter from Sarah,

**July 2025** 

Hello July!

The Fair is almost here!!! A BIG ITEM TO CHECK OFF THE LIST IS TO PRE-ENTER BY JULY 2!

There is always some confusion about the difference between enrollment and pre-entries. Think of it this way, 4-H Online or v2.4honline.com is how the county and state of Kansas oversee a whole years' worth of 4-H programming! 4-H is so much more than County Fair. The Show works program or cowley.fairwire.com is how our office organizes the Cowley County Fair with over 3,000 entries!

Please always reach out with questions. I am happy to answer them or put you in contact with mentors that are happy to help.

Now it is time to take a breath!!! You want to know the secret to having a fun fair? Practice, practice and then practice a little more. :) If you practice hard, ask questions and prepare things early you can get to the fair and enjoy it! The County Fair is supposed to be fun, and I am determined to help prepare you so it can be. Always remember everyone is human, we are all there to have a good experience and give these kiddos opportunities. We can be competitive and still have fun, make new friends, make positive memories, have passion and pride of our project with learning what we need to grow on to be better in the future. Do not forget there is always someone looking up to you and watching you. Littles are looking up to older 4-Hers and they all are watching their parents and fair staff. Have grace, let's have some fun and I am so EXCITED to see you all at the Cowley County 4lH!

Sarah



# July 31-August 4

**Pre-Entries Due July 2** 

### Contact us:

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# **Community Leaders**

# **July Check-Up**

- June 30 & July 7 current Fair Entry reports will be published on our website so you can verify exhibitors/entries.
- PLEASE download a club roster in 4honline and verify everyone in your club is enrolled.
- On the downloaded roster, there is a 2nd page showing projects enrolled in. PLEASE make sure the 4-Hers are enrolled in the project they intend to participate in at the Fair.
- \* Are all your club members enrolled and have they done their fair pre-entries?
- \* Have you turned in your food stand and Barn 4 worker lists?

### Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar. (Have you noticed all the links provided?)
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting.

Have you checked out the 4-H Club Corner?

# To-Do

- \* Turn in Foodstand and Barn 4 worker lists
- Remind Barn 4 workers to sign in and wear a Barn 4 / 4-H Supervisor lanyard.
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- \* Check club mailbox at Extension Office

# **Promote/Recruit**

- \* 7/2 Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
- Clothing & Textiles Judging/Fashion Revue/ Foods Judging - SW College
- Remind livestock exhibitors of vet check and directions of traffic to check in.
- \* 4-H Media Team

### Remember

Club t-shirts REQUIRE approval, the form to do so is on our <u>website</u> under 4-H Youth Development, forms, Cowley County 4-H Apparel Approval Form

# Important Dates and Deadlines \*underlined text is a link

# July

- 7/2 FAIR PRE-ENTRIES DUE
- 7/2 ENROLLMENT ENTRY DEADLINE to show at the Cowley Co. Fair (must have an approved enrollment status by 7/2)
- 7/2 ADD/DROP Projects deadline
- 7/4 Cowley County Extension Office Closed
- 7/7 Extension Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 7/8 Foodstand clean up day 3:30 pm
- 7/11 Clothing & Textiles Inspiration Day 10-11:30am
- 7/15 KSF Livestock Entries Due
- 7/15 Livestock Judging Day Camp
- 7/17 Cowley Co. Livestock Committee Mtg 6pm; adults & youth
- 7/22 Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Decorated Foods Judging & Favorite Family Foods Contest- Southwestern College
- 7/24 Jr Leaders Mtg 5:15pm Foodstand
- 7/24 4-H Council Meeting 6 pm- Foodstand
- 7/24 Watermelon Feed! At the 4-H Council mtg
- 7/24 Fair Superintendent Meeting 7pm

- 7/26 4-H Horse Show; Burden Arena 8 am
- 7/26 4-H Junior Rodeo; Burden Arena 5pm
- 7/31 8/4 Cowley County Fair

# **August**

- 8/1 KJLS entries due
- 8/1 4-H Livestock Sweepstake entry deadline
- 8/1 & 8/4 Cowley County Extension Office Closed
- 8/8 Carcass Contest, time TBD
- 8/8 Kansas State Fair non-livestock preentries due in Extension Office
- 8/10-16 Sarah on vacation; no contact on her personal phone please
- 8/16 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- 8/7 Wheat Expo
- 8/17-18 KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

# <u>September</u>

9/5-14 Kansas State Fair

# **4-H Council & Junior Leaders**

# July 24, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. Meeting Location:

Fairgrounds/Foodstand

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

### **Watermelon Feed**

Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports are once again sponsoring a watermelon feed. Please come and enjoy fellowship and watermelon!

### **Junior Leaders**

If you are 12 and older, you can be part of 4-H Junior Leaders. Youth will learn about leadership through activities. Visit the "Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders" Facebook page to see how we are demonstrating leadership.

July 8 - 4-H Food Stand Clean-up

July 24- Meeting at the Foodstand, 5:15pm

July 24 - 4-H Council Watermelon feed, Superintendent's meeting

August 3 - 4-H Sunday, Animal Costume Contest

Due to the Dam Jam being canceled, campers may claim their site starting

July 13th





# **Foodstand**

# **ALL HANDS ON DECK!!**

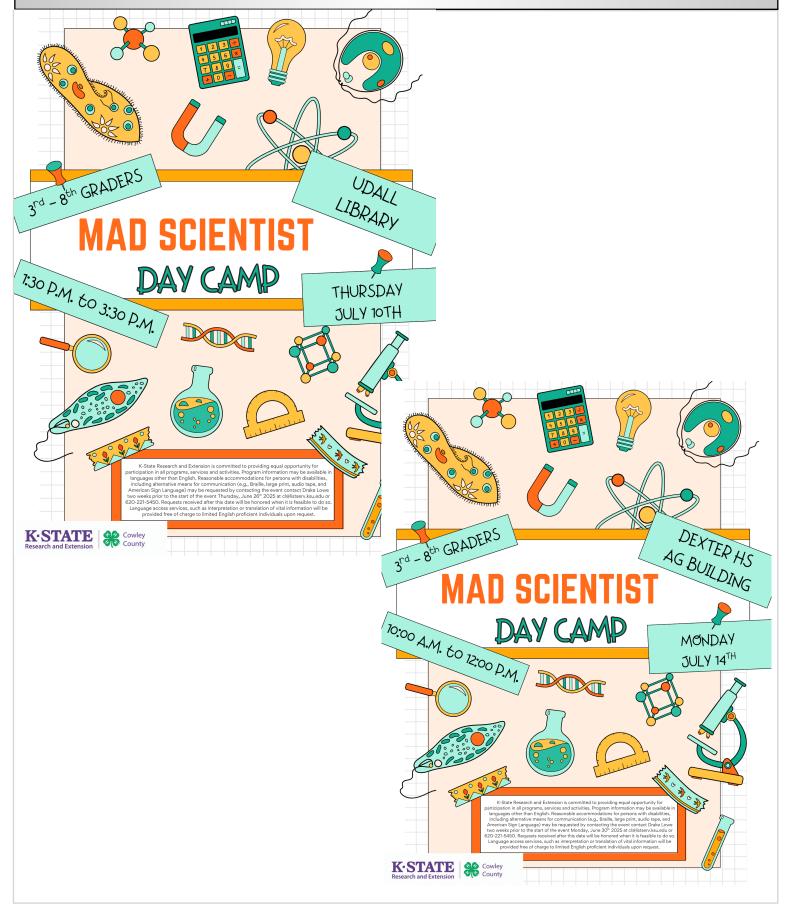
for the 4-H Foodstand Clean Up



# \*\*ATTENTION PLEASE\*\*

Sarah will be on vacation August 10-16. Please do not call or text her personal phone. If you need assistance, please call the Cowley County Extension Office at 620-221-5450 or email cl@listserv.ksu.edu.

# **Dexter or Udall - Mad Scientist Day Camp**



# **Come & Go Event**



Options to get ideas for projects, practice modeling and participate in the "Textile Detectives" Breakout Experience

- ## Friday, July 11, 2025
- (10- 11:30 a.m.



- Field to Fabric Quilt Company 907 Main Street, Winfield KS. 67156
- Provided By Cowley County Extension, 620-221-5450 RSVP at https://bit.ly/4HTextiles

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# **Livestock Judging Day Camp**



**OPENT TO ALL LEVELS!!** 

Fun - Engaging - Food - Judging

- **iii** Tuesday, 15 July 2025
- Starting at 9:30AM Finished by 4:30 PM
- Food provided
- Extension Assembly Room

**RSVP** 





# **Cowley County Fair**

4-H Official Fair Rule Books were mailed to families on June 3rd.

Pre-Entries are online and accepted until July 2nd.

### LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PRE-ENTRIES IS JULY 2nd.

Fair Entries can **NOT** be added at fair, but can be deleted. Late entries are accepted until 5:00 pm on Monday, July 7 with a \$30 fee per participant.

All 4-H pre-entries are due <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>July 2</u> using the fairwire system we've used in the past. All 4-H families were mailed a letter with pre-entry reminders, and the link for the online entries along with the official fair rule book.

### **Fair Superintendents**

Will meet at the fairgrounds on July 24 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Help Us Improve the Fair**

What can we do to improve the Cowley County Fair? This is the procedure you should follow:

- 1. Fair suggestions must be submitted to the attention of the 4-H PDC in writing. Electronic versions (email/ fax) will also be accepted. Verbal recommendations will not be considered.
- 2. Your suggestions must be signed and dated. Suggestions will not be considered without a dated signature.
- 3. All suggestions are due by September 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Suggestions will <u>not</u> be considered after the deadline.
- 4. Suggestions should be turned in or mailed to: Cowley County Extension Office, 311 E 9th, PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156. The 4-H Program Development Committee reviews all department evaluations and acts on written recommendations which are then made to the Fair Board. Verbal recommendations CANNOT be considered.
- 5. 2026 Fair Theme suggestions can be submitted from 8/11/25 to 10/1/25.

<u>Fair Camping:</u> The Cowley County Fair Board requests that 4-H families who camp during the fair, camp in the campground area (west of the barns) at the fairgrounds, not the Pecan Grove. This better insures the safety of our participants, eliminating the need to cross 14th Avenue. The fairboard will not provide security or trash pick up to the Pecan Grove. A complete listing of camping rules can be found at <a href="https://www.cowleycountyfair.com">www.cowleycountyfair.com</a>. UTV's may only be driven by licensed drivers, have working lights and must be fully insured.

Favorite Foods Contest & Decorated Foods Judging July 22, 2025 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mossman Hall, Southwestern College (100 College St. Winfield, KS). In an effort to protect and preserve decorated food entries, judging for 4-H decorated foods will be at Southwestern College. This will also be an opportunity for youth to enter exhibits for the Favorite Foods Contest. Learn more about this contest on the Cowley County KSRE website. This is the same day as 4-H Clothing and Fashion Revue judging (this date is optional, you may choose to show foods at the fair).



# **FAIR; 4-H Foodstand**

The money raised in the Food Stand is used to support our 4-H programs through scholarships to state 4-H events, transportation to Discovery Days, volunteer development awards and recognition at Achievement Night, officer training and much more. Here is the schedule of workers for the Food Stand at the Cowley County Fair. An additional Thursday evening shift has been added. 4-H alumni generously give of their time to help raise money for 4-H during this shift. However, current 4-H families are welcome and encouraged to work during this time.

Please assign at least 5 adults to each shift. They are needed to run the cash register, operate the grill and appliances, and help with food preparation.

Each club is REQUIRED to have a shift manager. The shift manager must be a responsible adult or teen. Shift managers should recruit workers, view the **shift manager orientation video** and turn a list of volunteers in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 24th.

### 2025 4-H Foodstand Schedule

### Friday, Aug 1

7:30am - 12:45pm Shooting Sports 12:30pm - 5:45pm Muddy Creek 5:30pm - 11:00pm Tisdale

### Saturday, Aug 2

7:30am - 12:45pm Dexter-Otto

12:30pm - 5:45pm Sunrise & Country View

5:30pm - 11:00pm Burden

### Sunday, Aug 3

11:00am - 5:45pm Martha Washington 5:30pm -11:00 p.m. Walnut Valley

### Monday, August 4

8:00am - 1:00pm Floral 12:45pm - 5:45pm Cameron 5:30pm - 11:00pm Udall

# FAIR; 4-H Barn 4

### 2025 Barn 4 Supervisor Schedule

Supervisors are vital to the success of our county fair. It is how we keep our exhibit areas looking nice and provide assistance to our many patrons. Clubs are assigned times to have a committee of at least one adult (1) and two youth present (2) in Barn 4 display area.

Clubs must turn in names by Thursday, July 24th.

Please sign in and wear a "Barn 4/ 4-H Supervisor" name tag while on your shift. Sign in sheet and name tags will be available at the Friends of Extension display in the middle of the barn.

### Friday, Aug 1

6:00pm - 7:30pm Floral 7:30pm -9:00pm Cameron 9:00pm -10:45pm Country View

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# **Cowley County Fair Code of Conduct**

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# Our Commitment to a Safe and Enjoyable Fair

The Cowley County Fair welcomes everyone—exhibitors, guests, staff, vendors, volunteers, and participants—to be part of a respectful, safe, and fun environment. By entering the fairgrounds or participating in any fair-related activity, you agree to uphold the following **Code of Conduct** and **Rules &** 

### Regulations

# **General Fair Rules**

- 1. Open class entries are open to anyone who wants to participate.
- 2. False entries will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize.
- 3. Judges may choose not to award a prize if there is no competition in a class.
- 4. No exhibits may be removed from the grounds before the fair ends **without written permission** from department superintendents.
- 5. The Cowley County Fair Association is **not responsible** for loss or damage to property.
- 6. All protests must be in writing and include a \$50 deposit (forfeited if protest is denied).
- 7. All decisions made by the Cowley County Fair Association are final.
- 8. Exhibitors are responsible for claiming special prizes offered by third parties.

# Camping Rules (#9-11)

- 9. All campers (including Pecan Grove) must pay fees via the City of Winfield's cashless system.
  - o Visit: <u>www.cowleycountyfair.com</u> → Camping Tab
  - o Fees:
    - Primitive camping: \$5/day
    - With electric hook-up: \$17/day
- 10. Camping areas may be roped off beginning July 22, 2025.
- 11. All boundary markers (rope, tape, wire, etc.) must be removed by Monday, July 28, and remain removed throughout the fair. This will be strictly enforced.
  - Handicap Parking is directly south of the Grandstand
  - Violations will result in vehicle removal at the owner's expense, including:
    - o Blocking roads, fire lanes, or barricades
    - o Parking on the Midway or in restricted zones

# Golf Carts, ATVs, Side-by-Sides driven by campers and fair participants (#13)

- Must be insured
- Must have lights
- Must be driven by a licensed driver only

# Picnic Table Return (#14)

Any picnic tables used in camping areas must be returned to the Buyer's Dinner area by 3:00 p.m. Monday

# ADA Assistance (#15)

• Call **620-741-7449** for accessibility accommodations. We'll make every reasonable effort to assist you.

# **Cowley County Fair Code of Conduct**

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# **Protest Demonstration Policy (#16)**

Protests may only occur in the designated area in the northeast parking lot off Hwy 160/W 9th.

### **General Code of Conduct**

Everyone attending or participating in the Cowley County Fair must:

- Be responsible for their **own behavior**
- Abide by rules from the Fair Board, Superintendents, Committees, and Clubs
- Follow directions from directors and staff
- Practice good sportsmanship and leadership
- Use appropriate language
- Show respect for others
- Support and enforce fair policies within their groups

### **Behavior That is Prohibited**

The following conduct is **not allowed** anywhere on the fairgrounds:

- Unruly, disruptive, or illegal behavior
- Offensive language or obscene gestures
- Instigating or encouraging confrontations or fights
- Verbal or physical harassment
- Public intoxication or substance impairment leading to misconduct
- Disrespect toward law enforcement, staff, or security
- Destruction of property or graffiti
- Violation of curfews (youth must be supervised)
- Bullying or intimidation
- Inappropriate content on clothing, social media, or signage
- Fireworks or weapons (unless pre-approved by the Fair Board)
- Bikes, scooters, skateboards, or non-service dogs around barns or midway

# **Cowley County Fair Code of Conduct**

# **Alcohol Policy**

- Alcohol is allowed only in campground areas and only by adults of legal age
  - Behavior must still conform to all conduct guidelines

### **Consequences for Violations**

Violation of rules or conduct expectations may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Immediate removal from the fairgrounds
- Loss or reduction of premiums, awards, and/or prize money
- Suspension or permanent ban from future participation
- Legal action, if warranted

### **Livestock Exhibitor Ethics**

The Cowley County Fair follows the **IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics**:

- Exhibitors must always act with honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship
- Applies to both junior and parents, family and friends
- Violations will result in:
  - Verbal Warning
  - Removal from Fairgrounds
  - Suspension, reduction and/or loss of premiums, showcase, other awards and prize money
  - Loss of future participation privileges
  - Loss of privilege to be on Fairgrounds property
- Youth leaders and advisors must model ethical behavior

# **Final Notice**

By participating in or attending the Cowley County Fair, you affirm your **agreement to these rules** and acknowledge the **consequences of violations**.

The Cowley County Fair Board reserves the right to **modify rules at any time** and **remove individuals at its discretion**.

All decisions made by the Cowley County Fair Board of Directors are final.

# Fair; Camping



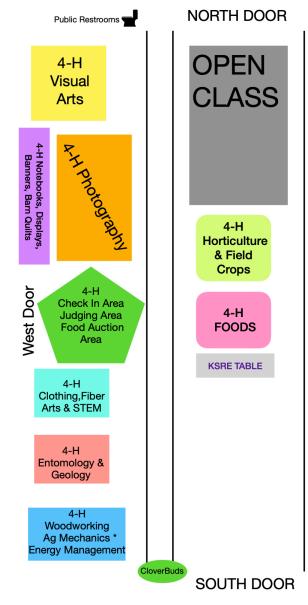
# **CAMPING AT THE COWLEY COUNTY FAIR?**

ALL PERMITS ARE PURCHASED DIGITALLY STARTING IN 2024. YOU WILL NEED TO GO TO WINFIELDKS.ORG TO PURCHASE PERMITS FOR CAMPING. OR SCAN THE LINK BELOW.



Primitive Camping (Tents)- \$5/day Electric Hook up Camping- \$17/day

# Fair; Barn 4 Check In



OPEN CLASS

\*NEW\* Fix-It table will be located in Barn 4 to help with last minute needs.

THURSDAY, JULY 31st

Barn 4 Check-in:

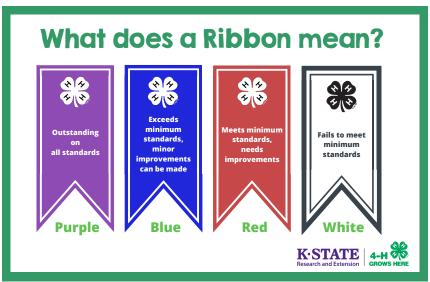
3:45 p.m. <u>ONLY</u> Meat Goat Show families

4:00-7:00 p.m. Barn 4 Check-in and Conference Judging sign up

5:30 p.m. New Barn 4 exhibitor families check in and walk through

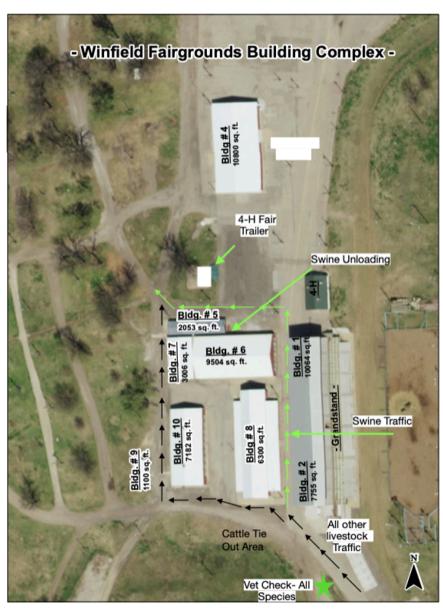
### WHAT IS A GOLD PASS:

If you have a conflicting event, such as a livestock show, you may sign up for a Gold Pass. This will enable you to be first inline for the next available Conference Judge in Barn 4.



# Fair; Livestock Vet Check

9th Avenue Entrance



14th Avenue Entrance
All livestock traffic enter from 14th Avenue.

# ALL ANIMALS are required to vet check on trailer PRIOR to unloading.

ALL TRAILERS need to enter from 14th Ave. Please view the map and follow vet check location and unloading guidelines.

Take note of your species check in time. Check in will close at listed time(s).

July 30- Sheep & Goats 7-9pm
July 31- Swine 8am - 12pm
Beef 9-10am
Breeding Heifer,
Bucket Calf, and Dairy
Cattle check in
closes at 12pm

# Fair; Poultry

Leg Bands are required at check in. You can purchase them at the Extension Office.

Pollurum-Typhoid Testing is required every 5 years. Cowley County is scheduled for 2025 and will be conducted at check in.

# **Fair; Animal Costume Contest**





- Ag Mechanics Welding
- Agronomy
- Cloverbuds
- Electric and Renewable Energy/Small Engines
- Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style
- Food & Nutrition

- Horticulture/Floriculture/Forestry
- Interior Design & Architecture
- Photography
- Sewing and Textiles
- Veterinary Science
- Visual Arts



# **Fair; Livestock Destination**

Are you exhibiting Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Meat Birds, or Meat Rabbits at the Cowley County Fair?

Please read closely and call with questions!

Attached you will find a picture of the Livestock Destination Card. This card is very important for show management as it lets us know where your animal is going when they are released after the fair. This will allow us to send correct and detailed list with our truck drivers and packers and to be efficient and accurate with load outs.

Once your species show is complete you will be able to pick this card up from your specie superintendent. This card needs to be turned in ASAP to your specie

DESTINATION (Check one) Home Base	Exhibitor Club Tag ID Specie/Weight			
Locker Nam				
Market Premium Sale (Terminal) Market Premium Only Sale/Take Home				
Market Premium Only Sale/ Meat is already Sold  Meat Buyers Name				
Meat Buyers Phone # Locker Name				
Check to enter animal in Carcass Contest				
Signature		Pho	ne Number	

LIVESTOCK DESTINATION

superintendent (latest 2:00PM on Saturday) or will result in premium dock. You will have a card for each Beef, Swine, Meat Bird, Meat Rabbit, Sheep or Meat Goat you have at the fair (omitting breeding beef).

STEP 1-Check the cards label information and make sure it is correct (Exhibitor, class, tag, animal, weight ext.)

STEP 2- Select one of the livestock destination options to tell us where that animal is going when released Monday night.

Note the Cowley County Fair is not a terminal show. Starting in 2025 the Market Premium Sale on Monday night of the fair now has a "Take Home" (non-terminal option) you may only sell ONE animal in the premium sale.

<u>HOME</u>-This option is for an animal you are going to load up on your trailer and take home. Examples are breeding animals you want to take home, any animal you want to take home to go on to another show, animal that you have an arranged locker appointment for a <u>later</u> date.

<u>BASE</u>- This option is for animals that you do not want to take home nor have the meat sold. If you select Base this animal will be loaded on the base bid buyers trailer and youth will be paid the Base Bid price/pound for their animal. (Those prices will be posted at the fair)

<u>LOCKER</u>-This option is for an animal you do <u>not</u> want to go through the premium sale and you have either already sold the meat or you are getting the animal processed for your family. This option will need to choose from either of the cooperating locker trailers we will have available. This option allows you to load animals on one of those trailers and you do not have to take animal home and haul to a locker at a different date. You do not need to make a locker appointment.

Market Premium Sale(Terminal)- This option signs your animal up to be sold in the Premium Sale on Monday night. This option the meat will be available for the premium buyer to either purchase the meat to be processed at a cooperating locker or send the animal on the Base truck. We have buyers that are looking for lots to purchase that have meat available!

# Fair; Livestock Destination con't.

Market Premium Only Sale/Take Home - This option allows youth to sell the MARKET animal in the Premium Sale on Monday night for PREMIUM ONLY, this allows the youth to take the animal home after. This will be marked in the Auction book as "Premium Only" so buyers know the meat is not available. Examples of this option: Market Female you would like to take home and add to your herd, Market animal you would like to continue to show at State Fair. Market animal that you would like to take to a non-cooperating locker or maybe even just at a later date.

Market Premium Only Sale/Meat already sold-This option allows you to sell the animal in the Premium Sale on Monday night for PREMIUM ONLY, this allows the youth to have already marketed and sold their meat or maybe have decided to keep the meat for their family. This will be marked in the Auction book at "Premium Only" so buyers know the meat is already sold and not an option to purchase the meat. You will need to choose from the cooperating locker options available for pick up Monday night. The transaction of youth and meat buyer is at the youths discretion, the Extension and Fairboard do not oversee this transaction nor will be held liable. Youth will not need to arrange locker dates for these animals.

<u>Check to enter animal in Carcass Contest</u>- Check this line if you want your animal in the Carcass Contest. Animals eligible are all beef, sheep, swine and meat goats going to Walnut Valley Packing or Burden Meats. Carcass Contest Judging is the Friday following the fair. More guidelines can be found in your Fair book

-STEP 3- Turn into your superintendent

Cooperating Lockers that have corresponded they will have a trailer available on Monday night of the Fair are:

Walnut Valley Packing (Carcass Contest) Burden Meats (Carcass Contest) Family Tree Meats Cedar Vale Locker (Seeking a hauler) Stroots

# Fair; Bio Security

COUNTY FAIR BIO SECURITY

START CHECKING YOUR ANIMALS NOW!

FOR THE SAFTEY OF YOUTH, FAMILIES AND ANIMALS PRECAUTIONS NEED TAKEN BY ALL SPECIES



# **BE AWARE**



# **FUNGAL INFECTIONS**

All animals must be free of any fungal lesions. Any animals transported on same vehicle will be sent home



### **GENERAL SICKNESS**

All animals must be free of any sickness, parasites or open wounds to show at the Cowley County Fair



All animals are subject to examination by the exhibiton representatives and shall be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious diseases.



# **ACTION NEEDED**

- \*\* All horse are required to have a negative coggins test
- \*\* To practice good biosecurity we will continue to have NO COMMUNITY WATER TANKS at the County Fair. Exhibitors will need to bring their own buckets to water their own animals.
- Clean and disinfect ALL equipment before-during-after fair
- Do not share tools, feed and water equipment.
- Be considerate of other families, animals and show, doing your part to be bio secure, clean and honest
- Every animal at the fair will be required to vet check prior to unloading. Please refer to vet check/unloading map for path and vet check location

# **BIOSECURITY**



# **BIOSECURITY**

# Keeping your cattle healthy

**Biosecurity** is another way of saying "infectious disease control." Biosecurity is a combination of management practices designed to prevent the introduction and transmission of diseases into and throughout a herd. Infectious diseases can be transmitted by animals, people, equipment and vehicles. Livestock exhibitions are events where animals have an increased risk of getting infectious diseases due to the commingling of animals from different sources. Taking some simple precautions can help reduce that risk and keep your animals healthy. Below are some biosecurity recommendations for ensuring the health of your show cattle.



### **Before the Show**

- Read all guidelines for each show to be sure your animals meet all entry and exhibition requirements.
- Work with your veterinarian to ensure your cattle are up to date on vaccinations.
- Evaluate your cattle's health prior to going to the show. Never take an unhealthy animal to a show. Signs of illness can include decreased appetite, fever, diarrhea, nasal discharge, coughing and blisters around the mouth, nose and/or hooves. If you see any of these signs, please contact your veterinarian.
- Take only clean and disinfected equipment to the show to prevent any potential disease transfer from your cattle to others.

# **During the Show**

- Monitor your cattle daily for signs of illness. If you suspect your animal is sick, notify a show official right away.
- · Avoid personal contact with animals other than your own.
- Do not share feed, feed/water tubs, grooming supplies or other equipment with other exhibitors at the show.
- Keep your area and equipment clean of manure contamination.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water after contact with animals or equipment.

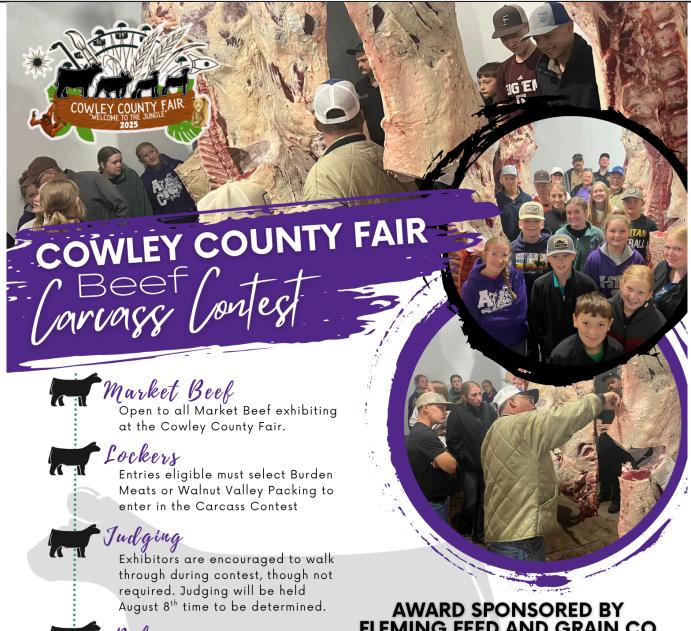
### After the Show

- Isolate the cattle you took to the show from the rest of your herd when you return home.
- The show cattle should be as far from the other animals as possible, but they need to be at least far enough away to prevent nose-to-nose contact. Your veterinarian can help you establish a good location.
- Modify your chore routine to care for your show cattle last each day. Do not share equipment between show cattle and any other animals at home.
- Monitor your show cattle daily for signs of illness, including those signs listed in the "Before the Show" section. Contact your veterinarian if any animal shows signs of illness.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment, shoes, vehicles and trailers you took to the show.
   Allow them to dry completely.
- Talk to your veterinarian to determine the best biosecurity practices for your cattle.

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Other species (Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Horses, Poultry, and Rabbits) located at: <a href="https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-diseases/biosecurity-resources">https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-diseases/biosecurity-resources</a>

# **Beef Carcass Contest**



Rules

It is very important to review the guidelines on page 138 of the 2025 Fair Book

Flint Hills Carcass Clash
Entries automatically will be entered in to the Flint Hills Carcass Clash

FLEMING FEED AND GRAIN CO.

CASH SCHOLARSHIP AND PLAQUE **1ST PLACE -\$500 2ND PLACE - \$400** 3RD PLACE- \$300 4TH PLACE - \$200 5TH PLACE- \$100





# Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat Carcass Contest





Market Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat

Open to all Market exhibiting at the Cowley County Fair.



Lockers

Entries eligible must select Burden Meats or Walnut Valley Packing on their Livestock Destination Cards to enter in the Carcass Contest



Judging

Exhibitors are encouraged to walk through during contest, though not required. Judging will be held August 8<sup>th</sup> time to be determined.



Rules

It is **very** important to review the rules guidelines on page 138 of the 2025 Fair Book

AWARD SPONSORED BY THE HOUSE FOUNDATION DONATION

CASH SCHOLARSHIP IN EACH SPECIE
1ST PLACE -\$300
2ND PLACE - \$250
3RD PLACE - \$200
4TH PLACE - \$150
5TH PLACE - \$100



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# **Club News**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dexter-Otto 4-H club met June 1st at the Tisdale Methodist Church for our exchange meeting. The meeting started at 7p.m. and there were 9 members and 1 community leader present. Roll call was answered by naming your favorite Fair project.

Checks were mailed to Eddie Boatman and Colby Minson for our club seniors scholarships. 3 of our club members left for 4-H camp and we paid half of their registration fee. Community leader Rachel Clapp said that fair books would be sent out on June 3rd and reminded everyone to check the Flash for all the upcoming events.

June Walker gave a project talk on her quilt. Reporter John Walker interviewed Olivia Clapp about her upcoming fair projects.

Our next meeting will be held on July 7th at the Dexter Community Building. Meeting starts at 7p.m., please plan to join us if you haven't found a local 4-H club.

John Walker Dexter-Otto 4-H reporter

Last weekend, 4 members of Cowley County 4-H competed in the 60th annual Kansas Junior Dairy Show in Salina, Kansas. There were 30 total exhibitors showing 29 jerseys, 10 holsteins and 9 brown swiss. The youth had the option of competing in an open dairy judging contest, quiz bowl and skill-a-thon on Friday then showmanship and individual cattle classes on Saturday. The results are as follows:

Adison Henderson - Burden 4-H - 1st place quiz bowl team, 2nd in Senior skill-a-thon, 1st in 17, 18 & 19 year old showmanship and Supreme Showman! With her cattle, Adison placed 3rd with her winter heifer calf Star, 7th with her fall heifer calf Jasmine, 2nd with her winter yearling Dana, 1st with her Sr 2 year old cow Genie. Genie was also named Reserve Senior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion jersey!

Breana Maxwell - Udall 4-H - placed 3rd in 15 & 16 year old showmanship, 5th with her fall heifer calf Kylie, 3rd with her summer yearling Sky, 1st with her winter yearling Lilah and 2nd with her Sr 2 year old cow Diana.

Samantha Henderson - Burden 4-H - 1st place judging contest, 2nd place team quiz bowl, 6th intermediate skill-a-thon, 1st in 11 & 12 year old showmanship and call back for supreme showman! With her cattle, Samantha placed 6th with her fall heifer calf Lucy, 2nd with her summer yearling Scarlet, 1st with her Jr 2 year old Felicity.

Rhett Murphy - Udall 4-H - 4th place Jr judging contest, participated in the quiz bowl and skill-a-thon. Rhett placed 2nd in 9 & 10 year old showmanship, 2nd with his winter heifer calf Stella.

The 4-Hers placed 3rd in county herd as a group and 1st in herdsmanship! Congratulations Cowley County 4-Hers! We are proud of you.



County Herd 3rd Place Natalie, Samantha, Breana, Adison, Rhett (Dana, Lilah, Diana, Genie, Felicity)



Herdsmanship/County Herd Ribbon Rhett, Breana, Samantha, Adison



Supreme Champion Showman Adison Henderson

# **Fair Resources**

2025 Official Fair Rule Book - Paper books and entry instructions were mailed June 3rd.

Consultative Judging of a 4-H Project Exhibit

KSRE Cowley County Fair webpage

Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook

Preparing Your Photos for Fair

Project Guidelines, Score Sheets, etc.

Cowley County 4-H

K-State Research and Extension - Cowley County

Cowley County Classic Beef Show

Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show

Cowley County Goat Project

Cowley County Sheep Project

Cowley County Swine Project

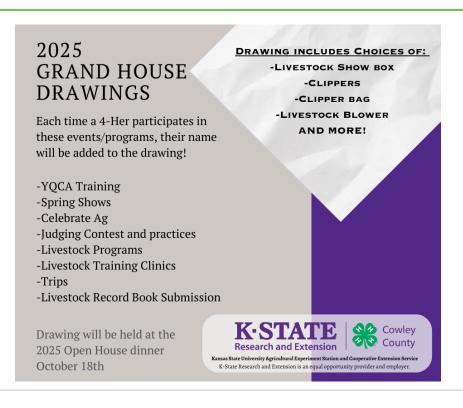
Cowley County Horse Project

Cowley County Dog Project

Cowley County 4-H Sweepstakes Team

Cowley County Dairy Project





# **Kansas State Fair**

### What Can I Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair??

If your 4-H Age is 9 and older, you are eligible to enter a purple-ribbon exhibit from the Cowley County Fair for judging at the Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Division: photos, food items, gift baskets, educational displays, some notebooks, entomology educational display, entomology collection, clothing construction, horticulture, field crops, floriculture, fiber arts, rabbits, energy management, robotics, rocketry, astronomy, geology collection, geology educational display, woodworking, Shooting Sports educational display, wildlife educational display, poultry, demonstration/illustrated talk and forestry notebook.

Two Senior Division Champions may be selected in Fashion Revue/Shopping In Style and Constructed (Clothing & Textiles) categories to compete at the Kansas State Fair.

It is the member's responsibility to complete pre-entry by August 8 in order to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Pre-entries may be made in the 4-H office at the Cowley County Fair, at checkout Tuesday morning in Barn 4, or in the Extension Office following the fair.

Judges will choose six Visual Arts exhibits to be displayed at the Kansas State Fair.

No phone entries will be accepted.

### Ribbon Premium/ Gate Passes

As in the past, in lieu of receiving ribbon premium, each 4-Her with KSF exhibits will receive 2 gate passes.

### Kansas State Fair Volunteers

The highlight of the Kansas 4-H program is the Kansas State Fair. This year's State Fair is September 5th-14th. It takes many volunteers to make the State Fair a success. We are currently looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in assisting at the State Fair, please email Sarah by Wednesday, Aug. 6th. Gate tickets are provided for the days that you volunteer. Job descriptions and details of the opportunities available can be obtained at the Extension Office.

### Contests, Events and Activities at the Kansas State Fair

Did you know that the state fair has so much more for 4- H members to participate in beyond sending an exhibit? Here are a few contests 4-H'ers who are 9 and older can participate in:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest (must have received a Top Blue at County 4-H Day)

Rabbit Judging

Crops Identification Contest

Photography Judging Contest

**Poultry Judging Contest** 

Family & Consumer Sciences Judging (must qualify for a team)

The Kansas State Fair 4-H Department is always looking for youth and adult volunteers to assist with check-in, judging and check-out of 4-H exhibits. This is a great opportunity to meet others from across the state who share a similar interest, learn more about a project area, or just add to your leadership skills! To get involved in a contest, or to volunteer at the State Fair, registration is as simple as entering a State Fair exhibit by August 8th in the Extension Office or in the 4-H Fair trailer at the Cowley County Fair.

# **Shooting Sports**

Check out the club tiktok video announcements on Facebook or tiktok pages. #CowleySS, #PROVENIT

# **July Reminders**

\*\*Members interested in Muzzleloader season, contact us directly about summer practice times.



**Shooting Sports Club Members-** Thursday, July 24th, 5:45pm, at the Winfield fairgrounds: 4-H Council meeting at the Foodstand. We will be hosting a watermelon feed to start off the fair events! Please come and help serve! And eat a slice or two!

Fair Booth Set Up - Wednesday, July 30th - 6:30 p.m. Southend of the Grandstands

**Cowley 4-H Sportfishing Slam entries;** Aug. 2nd - noon to 5:00, Top Anglers announced at 6:00. Stop by the booth for this year's challenge games and learn about the upcoming year events!

**Sportfishing Slam** will be held for youth who want to showcase their summer angler catches! A "Slam" is defined as an individual participant catching 4 different species or subspecies of fish OR visiting 4 different hatcheries or rearing stations. Example: an angler catches a perch, a bluegill, a bass and a catfish and completes the requirements for the pan slam. Requirements:

- All four species or subspecies of fish do not have to be caught in the same year any regulated fishing gear may be used pole, bowfishing, etc. The completion of the sporfishing slam can be accomplished anytime throughout the year and over multiple years if needed.
- 4-H Members must complete the verification sheet with the appropriate signatures and photos to document completion. Enrollment in the sportfishing project is encouraged but not mandatory to enter.
- Participants must submit a photo of them with each of the four species or subspecies of fish or at the hatchery or rearing station.
- -All entries must contain a witnessing adult signature.
- -Verification sheets with photos need to be brought to the Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club fair booth by noon on Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> or emailed to <a href="mailto:cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com">cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com</a> by midnight Friday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

First 5 entries will receive a KWPD hat. "Top Angler" entry will receive recognition at 6:00 pm, Saturday, Aug. 2nd.

Happy fishing this summer!

Austin Waite Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator 620-222-1982

P.O. Box 422 Winfield, KS 67156 www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com https://www.facebook.com/cowleycounty4hshootingsports



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# **2025 Livestock Production Essay**

Who can participate: 4-H Members exhibiting livestock at the 2025 Cowley County Fair <u>AND</u> submitting a 4-H Project Report.

Participants exhibiting these species will be eligible:

- \* Beef
- \* Bucket Calf
- \* Dairy Cattle
- \* Swine
- \* Sheep
- \* Meat Goat
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Rabbits
- \* Production Poultry

Potential topics to build on:





- \* Production- Breeding animals, what are your future goals? What specific details do you need to consider if you plan to keep this animal and breed them?
- \* Finances- pasture stocking rate, available pasture/rental rates, price to feed, maintain, breed, house this animal?
- \* Marketing- Marketing to sell this animal or their progeny for a return on investment.
  - -Break down your plan
- \* Industry Expectations- interview Bankers, FSA Loan Officers, Extension Agents, Local Farm/ Ranchers, study and cite University publications.
- Goal Setting- does your animal have products to sell? (milk/eggs/offspring) What does your business plan look like for that and how are you going to make that work and grow to be a profitable business owner?
  - -Do you have a market animal? How are you feeding that animal to be the most profitable on the rail? Are you marketing that animal before the fair to get the best price? Do you know how much meat that animal provided after the fair? What is your goal as you feed this animal and how did you do? Hanging weight, back fat, pounds of product.

If you need help with this project, please schedule an appointment with Sarah to help you explore ideas.

The intent of this essay is to dig deeper into the production side of the industry, learning from publications and professionals in our area. You will want to plan to have it reviewed by multiple people.

# Misc.

# **4-H AMBASSADORS**

PURPOSE

WORK TOGETHER WITH A TEAM OF APPROXIMATELY 3-8
AMBASSADORS AND AN ADULT ADVISOR TO DEVELOP A
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE COWLEY COUNTY 4H PROGRAM.

### **RESPONSIBILITES:**

PROMOTE 4-H TO ALL AUDIENCES
ORGANIZE 4-H PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN TO AGE 18 ENTHUSIASM FOR 4-H INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE 4-H PROGRAM TIME REQUIRED:

1 OR 2 YEAR TERM 4-8 HOURS PER MONTH

COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, EMPLOYABILITY AND JOB SKILLS.

THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, 4-H AMBASSADORS WILL HAVE
OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PRACTICE AND IMPROVE

# **APPLY NOW!**

CLICK HERE! to apply for 4-H Ambassadors



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# **CLUB SHIRTS**

4-H Council has voted to pay all royalty fees for Get Branded until Sept 30, 2025. If your club is thinking about getting shirts made, PLEASE use our local merchant. They are licensed and approved for all KSRE/4-H printing. Apparel approval forms can be found on our website.

Get Branded is located at 915 Main St. Winfield, KS 67156 ph. 620-402-6111

Friends of Extension Corner
The Friends of Cowley County
Extension are excited about the
2025 Fall for Extension Fundraiser.

The dinner and auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd at K-Shaw Event Center, Ark City.

Raffle items will be will be announced soon!

Your club can win a pizza party! Contact Sarah to find out how!

# **Cowley County 4-H Enrollment**

- **%** 4-H Online Enrollment Link
- **%** Cowley County KSRE Website with 4-H Enrollment Information

The 4-H year runs Oct. 1st. to Sept 30. **ALL YOUTH and ADULT VOLUNTEERS** participating in the 2024-2025 4-H year should enroll.

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years old before January 1, 2025.

Cloverbuds is for children ages 5-6 before January 1, 2025.

Project Selection Guide (includes descriptions of all projects)

Setting 4-H Project Goals

4-H Project Record Books

**ZBooks** (online record keeping option)

Click here to sign up for a County Committee

**DID YOU KNOW??** 

The Kansas Clover Classroom is packed with helpful project information

# **4-H Scholarships**

# Get Financial Help Attending Events

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college/trade school scholarships to high school seniors and college/trade school freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced "Leadership Development Grants".

**Leadership Development Grants** are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office, or online at <u>cowley.k-state.edu</u>. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Sarah at <u>slag11@ksu.edu</u> or 620-221-5450.

<u>Challenge of Champions Scholarship Opportunity</u> information about the Challenge of Champions can be found on the Kansas State Fair webpage.

Scholarship Applications found at <a href="mailto:cowley.k-state.edu/4-Hyouthdevelopment/forms">cowley.k-state.edu/4-Hyouthdevelopment/forms</a>:

4-H Council Scholarship

Junior Leaders Scholarship

4-H Development Fund Scholarship

Robert Austin Memorial Horse Scholarship

Cowley County 4-H Development Fund Leadership Development Grant

Rock Springs 4-H Camp Scholarship

# **Cowley County Extension Office**

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Jeff Seiler, Ag & Natural Resources, <u>jseiler4@ksu.edu</u>
Cindy Stephens, Office Professional, <u>cstephens@ksu.edu</u>



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Office Hours Monday through Friday 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 5 p.m.

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the

# **Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board**

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you

# **Friends of Extension**

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Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box

# **4-H Development Fund**

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# **Legal Stuff**

event contact Sarah LaGrone two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-221-5450. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# **Local Events**



**Cowley County** 

# FOOD LAB PRESERVATION LAB CLASSES

# **Drying Foods**

Friday, June 20 - 12-1 p.m.

Cowley County Courthouse Extension Assembly Room

# Making Jam

Monday, June 30 - 1-4 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 910 Mound St. Winfield

# **Water Bath Canning**

Tuesday, July 1 - 2 -5 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 910 Mound St. Winfield

# **Pressure Canning**

Monday, July 7 - 1-4 p.m. Location TBA These hands-on sessions will help you practice skills. Enroll in one class or the full series!

Register at: https://bit.ly/CLFoodPres25

Each class requires a minimum of 5 participants.

\$5 lab fee payable at door

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