

# 4-H Clover News

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Help celebrate this year's National 4-H Week, Oct 6-12, by joining the movement to "INSPIRE KIDS TO DO!" Since 1968, National 4-H Week has been held the first full week of October. National 4-H Week is a chance to raise awareness of 4-H, enroll more young people, and recruit more volunteers.

During the month we are encouraging members to write letters to the Editor about "Why you like 4-H" or "Why you like being a 4-Her" as a way to promote 4-H. Check with your community leader or the office for more information, contact info for news papers, etc. This was discussed at 4-H Council meeting.

## National 4-H Week Gift Card Giveaway!

Get entered to win a \$25 gift card during National 4-H Week! You can get 1 entry every day by following these easy steps— That's 7 chances to win! Let's flood Facebook with Ford County 4-H during National 4-H week!

- ★ Post a picture of yourself wearing a 4-H t-shirt on Facebook and tag Ford County 4-H in it.
- ★ Make any post promoting Ford County 4-H on your page so that your friends can see it and tag Ford County 4-H in it.

# CONGRATULATIONS

to ALL of our Kansas State Fair Participants!

**State Fair exhibitors were:** Cole Bertelsen, Clark Burgert, Stanton Custer, Cheyenne Davis, Candace Fry, Erika Fry, Alexa Gerdes, Aubrey Gerdes, Aiden Haskell, Miles Haskell, Sierra Higby, Briggs Kerr, Brooklynn Kerr, Chance Kerr, Lincoln Martin, Calder McCollum, Madison Mink, Michaela Mink, Morgan Mink, Paige Mink, Heaven Montford, Brayden Prater, Dalton Prater, Adeline Robinson, Halle Robinson, Josie Robinson, Grace Ruehle, Jemma Rumbaugh, Madeline Sanchez, Cameron Schulte, Chailyn Scott, Chantelle Scott, Arionne Servis, Easton Shenk, Braeden Simon, Quinlan Simon, Calista Stein, Rhianne Swonger, Harlee Tilley, and Grace Woydziak.

All state fair results can be found on the State 4-H Website. Congratulations to all Ford County 4-H members who exhibited at the Kansas State Fair. Everyone did an outstanding job! If you have not picked up your exhibits from the extension office, please do so along with you comment cards and ribbons.

## KSF PHOTOGRAPHY SELECTIONS

**KS 4-H Foundation** — Cheyenne Davis and Arionne Servis

**KSU President** — Cole Bertelsen

**Rock Springs Ranch** — Lincoln Martin

**Sunflower Award** — Grace Woydziak

## State Fair Demonstrations

Braeden Simon

Stanton Custer

**Arts and Crafts** — Jemma Rumbaugh's drawing — Rock Springs Selection

## Horse

Cameron Schulte—Showmanship 14-18 — 1st place; Horsemanship 14-18 — 2nd place; Overall 2 Yr Old Snaffle Bit—3rd;

Josie Robinson — Fag Race 9-13 — 2nd place

## Livestock

Brooklynn Kerr—Swine—B & O Champion Breeding Gilt; Dar AOB Bread Reserve Champion; Market Hog Crossbred Champion and Reserve Champion

Easton Shenk — Breeding Heifer AOB Breed Reserve Champion

Ford County Extension  
**Final Friday**  
Dodge City Public Library  
**PRESENTS**

Think Outside the Box with  
**EXTENSION**



- 4-H Displays featuring Projects from the 2019 Ford County Fair.
- Traveling 4-H Photo Display.
- Learn about: Alzheimer's 101; ServSafe; Walk Kansas; Dining with Diabetes; Mental Health; Community Health Coalition and Radon Awareness.
- Find out how to join local 4-H Clubs.
- Gather information on local FCE Clubs and Extension Master Gardeners.
- Increase knowledge on gardening, pollinators, crop education, farm management and wildlife.

**Ford County Extension Election**  
**Friday, October 25, 2019**  
**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Dodge City Public Library**  
**Lower Level Meeting Room**  
**1001 N. Second Ave.**

The Extension Council Election for 2020 will be held in conjunction with this Final Friday event. Members from each of the 4 program areas (Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H Youth and Development, and Community Development) will be elected.



# ATV Safety Rider Course



**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2019

**TWO Session Times:** 8am-12:30pm  
or 2pm-6:30pm (NO Lunch served)

**FREE** - Two 4 ½ hour sessions will be offered. Class size is limited to 8 per session.

**Ages:** 10 and up. Adults welcome.

**Place:** Mandan Boy Scout Camp,  
11639 Garnett Road (Ford County  
Lake Road - NE of Dodge City, KS)

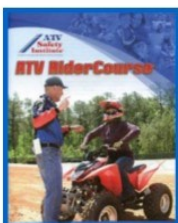
**RSVP by Thursday October 10, 2019**

To register or for more information contact the Gray County Extension Office at 620.855.3821

The ATV Rider Course provides a fast-paced hands-on ATV riding session that includes pre-ride inspection, starting and stopping, quick turns, hill riding, emergency stopping and swerving, riding over obstacles, and more.

**IMPORTANT: What to Wear & Provided Equipment:**

- Bring long-sleeved shirt or jacket
- Long pants
- Over-ankle boots.
- You will be provided with a loaner ATV to ride. Helmets, goggles, and gloves will be furnished.



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## 4-H AMBASSADOR/ EXCHANGE MTG



The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, October 28 @7:00 pm. NEW members are welcome! (4th Monday of the month)

The 4-H Exchange Flea Market will be held on October 19 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in a booth or come to shop and support the Exchange program!

## FORD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Ford County Fair Association will be at the Flea Market on October 19 and will be selling items removed from the old Montana Mike's restaurant. If you would like to see a listing of all the items, please contact the office. They will also be selling some of the larger equipment items through Purple Wave Auction starting at the end of September. There are lots of kitchen items, office items and miscellaneous. Come check it out.

## 48 HOUR CHALLENGE

48-Hours of 4-H challenges club members to explore their service capabilities and take part in a service project. It does not have to be the last weekend of National 4-H Week, but it is encouraged.

Ford County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to participate by doing their own individual service projects. Let us know your project and we can report it to the state.



## ONLINE 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT



4-H Member Enrollment will be done online again this year. You can begin enrollment and re-enrollment on October 1. **Please wait until this date to enroll.** The Club with the most re-enrollments by November 15 of current members will receive a pizza party.

All enrollment will need to be completed online at <https://ks.4honline.com> for new and re-enrollments. Remember the State 4-H Office has a \$15 per member fee. At the end of each 4-H'er enrollment there will be a screen concerning the fee and payment options. Options on the screen will include: Debit/credit card, check, sponsor and waiver. If you have more than one child and do not want several debit/credit card transactions you will need to indicate check or sponsor otherwise each will be it's own transaction. If your club has voted to pay for their member's fee you would select "sponsor". Please let us know if your club or someone else is sponsoring your fee. **Enrollment will not become active until the State 4-H Office has received payment of the fee.** If you have any questions, please contact the office. There are instructions on the online website for re-enrolling.

It is very important to keep your phone numbers current and list your service provider in the online system. This is our means of communicating with you if you want to receive text messages and phone calls. Also if you would like your kids to receive the newsletter by email, list their email address in the individual profile information. This will allow 4-H'ers as well as families to receive newsletters.

If you can't recall which email address you used to set up your account, give us a call or send us an email and we will help you out. Do NOT create a new family account.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING, Saturday, October 19

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19 at 3:30pm—5:00 pm at the fair building for Officer Training! All newly elected officers are invited to attend an Officer Training workshop. You will have the opportunity to learn about teamwork, duties of your respective offices, and the responsibility of serving as an officer for your club. Please call/email the Extension Office by October 15 to register for this jam-packed training! Training will be approximately 1 1/2 hours long. Refreshments will be provided. There will be a session for Community Leaders so we hope community leaders will plan to attend.



## PROJECT SELECTION

It is very important to sit down as a family to select 4-H projects for the upcoming year. **4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR**, so time required, costs involved, parental help, etc. should all be carefully considered when selecting projects. It is usually recommended to take only a few projects. A 4-H project is designed to encompass the entire 4-H year, including project meetings, special events/contests, individual time, fair exhibits, record books, etc. We have project selection guides available in the office if you'd like to learn more about the different projects offered.



## County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always looking for County-wide project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers. If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!

County Wide Project leader will be listed in future newsletters as they are confirmed.

## 4-H CLOVERBUDS

Kansas 4-H is proud to claim the Cloverbud (5-6 year olds who are too young to join 4-H) program. Below are the policies and guidelines that the Kansas Cloverbud program follows:

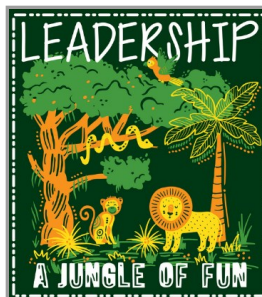
- 4-H Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused.
- The 4-H Cloverbuds programming is cooperative, rather than competitive.
- 4-H Cloverbud exhibits can be showcased at fairs or public events, but a 4-H Cloverbuds member may not participate as a competitive exhibitor in traditional 4-H events.
- A 4-H Cloverbud member may showcase a pet from the approved pet list:

Amphibians	Ant farms	Cats
Dogs	Fish	Gerbils
Guinea Pigs	Hamsters	Mice
Parakeets	Rabbits	Rats

- 4-H Cloverbuds requires a safe environment.
- A 4-H Cloverbud group does not have officers.
- The 4-H Cloverbud members do not manage money.

## INVITE A FRIEND TO 4-H!

In the spirit of National 4-H Week, we challenge each of you to invite a friend to your October and November 4-H meetings! The best way to grow your club and the Ford County 4-H Program is to share your passion for 4-H with your friends! Help us increase Ford County and your 4-H Club's enrollment!



### Leadership Weekend

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend Registration is open.

The Forums will be held November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 by December 31, 2019 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will

feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other.

Again this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2019 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.



**Saturday, Nov. 2nd**  
**6:30 pm Fair Building**

*Families are asked to  
bring a dessert.*



## **ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET COMMITTEES**

### **Program Assembly:** DIY Jrs.

Programs should be ready by Oct. 30. Please let us know when you would like to complete this task.

**Decorations:** Lucky Clovers and  
Wright Wonder Workers

### **Serving Tea and Coffee:** Wilroads Gardens

Please arrive that evening no later than 6:15 pm. We start serving promptly at 6:30 pm. Remember to have long hair tied back and wash your hands prior to putting on serving gloves or serving.

### **Serving Food:** Valley Boosters

Please arrive that evening no later than 6:15 pm. We start serving promptly at 6:30 pm. Remember to have long hair tied back and wash your hands prior to putting on serving gloves or serving.

### **Clean up:** DC Cuauhtli's and Richland Boosters

Help remove table paper from tables and clean up trash, take down decorations and take out trash.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET?**

ALL 4-H Members and Family Members! Even 4-H Supporters are invited and encouraged to attend! Even if you are not receiving an award, you should still join us for a fun evening and support your fellow club members! You have worked hard this past year and deserve an evening celebrating you!

**WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?** Since this is a special event for many of our 4-H'ers, we encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the occasion, i.e., slacks, button downs, dresses, skirts, etc. Jeans & t-shirts are NOT appropriate.

**DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET?** Yes, ALL planning on coming to the Achievement Banquet should purchase a ticket. Tickets are available at the Extension Office, and will be sold until Friday, October 25.

## **PHOTOS NEEDED**

Did you take pictures during the past 4-H year at any of your club or county wide activities? If so, we are looking for some pictures to include in this year's slide show for the Achievement Banquet.

You can send photos by email to Andrea at [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu) by Friday, October 25.

## **ticket prices**

**\$4.00**—members w/ record books

**\$6.00**—Leaders & Board Members

**\$8.00**—additional tickets

6 & Younger—children eat for FREE!

## WINDOW DISPLAYS

Be on the look out for Ford County 4-H Club's Windows at the following businesses:

- DC Cuauhtli—>Landmark Bank (14th street)
- DIY Jrs —> Longs
- LC —> Via Christi Med @ Mall
- RB — > Village Square Mall (east entrance)
- VB —> Charlie's Hardware
- WG —> KanEquip
- WWW—>Spearville

## COOKIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Each club was assigned local businesses at the September 4-H Council meeting to take cookies to during 4-H Week. This is a small gesture of appreciation for their support. Take time out of your day to say thank you in person! Our 4-H Program would not exist without them!



## Future Dates to Remember

### October

- 1 Record Books due  
New 4-H Year Begins
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 19 4-H Exchange Flea Market
- 19 Officer's Training, 3:30-5 p.m., Fair Bldg.
- 25 Extension Elections—Final Friday  
DC Library—4-6 pm
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg

### November

- 2 Achievement Banquet
- 23-24 KYLF and KVLF, Rock Springs Ranch
- 28-29 Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 25 4-H Council/Com. Leader meetings

### December

- 9 Parade of Lights



## 4-H Shout Outs

- ★ To all the 4-H members who have or will turn in a Record Book.
- ★ All clubs with 2018-19 club forms turned in and new 2019-2020 Officer and club information in.
- ★ All 2018-2019 Community Leaders and club officers for their fantastic leadership for their clubs.
- ★ 2019-2020 4-H Council officers: Bretta Austin — President; Kiowa Derstein —Vice President; Candace Fry—Secretary; and Arionne Servis — Treasurer.

**Fall Horse Show Series—Buckle Bonanza** — Registration is from 9:30-9:50 A.M. Shows start at 10:00 A.M.

\*Rain/Snow Date December 15th — Hosted by Meade County Extension and the Wild West Extension District

October 19, 2019 GARDEN CITY, GCCC —Blue Barn

November 9, 2019 SUBLETTE, Haskell County Fairgrounds

December 14, 2019 MEADE, Meade County Fairgrounds (Gene Harris Arena)

These are very small shows and are based primarily on learning for the kids. It is great for new/beginner members to get their feet wet, but also for older more experienced members to polish and refine what they can do. We ask the judges to judge, but also to teach the kids what then need to work on or improve in a more hands on approach than you see at other shows. I've also been know to jump in a coach kids too. We work to improve not only their horsemanship in performance class, but also in speed events.

### Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all Kansas 4-H members, accompanying parents, volunteer 4-H leaders and KSRE staff. The theme is "Rock Star 4-H Dogs"

Cost is \$125.00 for full-time participants, \$75.00 for Saturday only and \$50.00 for Sunday only. The fee for full-time registration covers all educational sessions, speakers, dog presentations, quiz bowl, skill-a-thon, lunch, dinner and breakfast, breaks, and one night's lodging at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Part-time registration costs are less for fewer educational programs and services provided. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost. For more information contact our office. Registration is due October 7.



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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year!

The new 4-H year begins today and we hope you are planning to enroll for the upcoming year. Invite a friend or two to come and check out your 4-H Club and encourage them to join 4-H. The easiest way to increase club membership is to invite classmates, friends and neighbors to come join your club! Share why you enjoy being in the 4-H program. Remember we are inviting you to write a letter to the newspaper (s) about 4-H. 4-H is a wonderful youth program and we want to share our enthusiasm to those around us.

We will be celebrating your accomplishments at the 4-H Achievement Banquet on November 2. This is a great opportunity to recognize our 4-H members, volunteers and parents. We hope you will be able to join us.

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