

# 4-H Clover News

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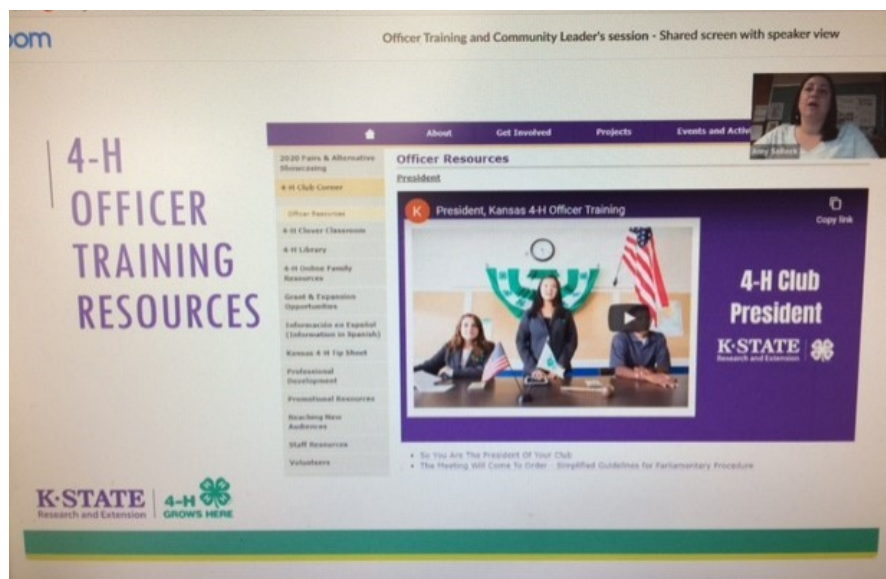
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Officer Training conducted by zoom on November 17!

Thanks to everyone who attended.

## Officer Training, Recording and Survey

Thank you everyone who was able to attend the Virtual Officers Training held by Zoom in November. We know there were a few problems getting people into the right break out room -- and we apologize if you had problems. It was a learning experience for us, as well as for you! For recordings of the sessions, contact Ethel.

Please complete the Qualtrics Survey by clicking on the link below. The survey needs to be completed by those that participated in the zoom and by anyone who watched the recording. This is the official record of who attended or watched the recording for record purposes for club seal and your achievement pin applications. Please have this completed by December 31st to get credit for your club!! You can highlight the link and then right click to open in a new window. It should not take you very long to complete and we would appreciate if each participant completed the survey. We thank you in advance for completing this.

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4YPQcXqMdkrDx9b](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YPQcXqMdkrDx9b)

State Officer training materials can be found at the following website.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html>

## Member and Leader Enrollment

Make sure to get your enrollment done for the 2020/2021 4-H year! The enrollment link for the new website: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

We need you to register before you can attend any 4-H events, and to keep you up to date on what's happening with 4-H in Ford County! We believe there is less payment issues if you indicate paying with coupon and pay locally to our office instead of paying by credit card.

Remember, this year if you choose to have newsletters mailed, you will need to pay \$12 to the Extension Office, otherwise you will receive monthly newsletters by email.

The Wright Wonder Workers 4-H club had the highest percentage of re-enrollments by November 15!! The club will receive a club pizza party for their members timely re-enrollment!! Congratulations to WWW for your enrollment efforts.

## 4-H Volunteer Screening

A registered 4-H Volunteer is a volunteer, adult or teen, who has completed the full screening process including: application, screening, orientation and has received approval. For the safety of both 4-H members and adults, this system is in place. Each volunteer will also have to have a background check done in order to be approved. ***Each year, NEW 4-H volunteers must apply for certification, or in the case of a returning volunteer, renew their status via a renewal form. Both are available through the KS 4-H Online website. Contact the office for questions.***

Who needs to be certified?

- Community Leaders
- Cloverbud Leaders
- Project Leaders (Teen, Club, County, etc)
- Camp Counselors
- Any person who will be in contact with 4-H youth for more than 6 hours.

We will not approve your online enrollment until we have received your volunteer application or volunteer renewal form!

Volunteers must complete the volunteer process to be recognized as a leader at the Achievement program next year.

## 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.

The next 4-H Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be **December 28 at 7 pm** at the fair building. Hot Chocolate and refreshments will be available. If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic group and what they all do, please check with a current member or call the office. New members are welcome, but activity points do not start accumulating until the special membership form is turned in. We will be hosting a group from Delaware this summer. It should be a great learning experiences for all.

### 2020 Fair Association Board

Jake Ring—President	Russell Higby
Curtis Williams—VP	Kent Muncy
Brandi Stein—Secretary	Troy Robertson
Regina Lix — Treasurer	Steve Simon
Bobby Downey	Brad Wasson
Kelli Enlow	Jeremy Woydziak

**2021 Ford County Fair Dates** have been set for Thursday, July 22—Monday, July 26.



### 2021 Extension Council Executive Board

Chairman—Travis Goetz	Sam Shipley
Vice-chair—Julie Pinkerton	Cassadie Steele
Secretary— Beth Vogel	Shana Tilley
Treasurer — Cari Wasson	Vicky Williamson
	Kristen Winters

## COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Ford County 4-H Club Day is just around the corner. The tentative date is set for **Saturday, February 20, 2021** with more details to be determined. *(The holidays may be a perfect opportunity to start work on your entries!)* The following divisions are divided into junior (ages 11 and younger) & senior (ages 12 & older) members must be enrolled to participate. (Remember, Cloverbuds cannot participate).

### Public Presentations:

- ◆ Show & Tell - *for 1st or 2nd year junior members*
- ◆ Project Talk - *for junior members*
- ◆ Public Speaking - *for senior members*
- ◆ Extemporaneous Speaking - *for senior members*
- ◆ Digital Presentation
- ◆ Demonstration or Illustrated Talk
- ◆ Readings

### Model Meeting

- ◆ Model Meeting - *club and 1 or 2 adults*
- ◆ Gavel Games - *4-6 members; 3 age divisions*

### Dance:

- ◆ Folk Step Dance (including line dances) - *group*
- ◆ Square Dance - *group*
- ◆ Other Dance - *individual or group*

### Dramatics:

- ◆ One Act Play - *group*
- ◆ Skit - *group*
- ◆ Novelty - *individual or group*
- ◆ Vocal Performance - *a solo or group (2 or more) perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges*

**Music:** *(sheet music required, ensemble is 2-5 4-H'ers participating)*

- ◆ Vocal Solo or Ensemble
- ◆ Chorus - *6 or more in group*
- ◆ Instrumental Solo or Ensemble
- ◆ Band or Orchestra - *6 or more in group*

Entry forms will be available soon on our website. If you have questions about what to enter, how to prepare a talk, or about other guidelines, ask your Club Leaders or call the Extension Office. You may also want to visit our website for the official 4-H Club Day manual which includes division rules, guidelines, judges sheets (so you'll know what you are being judged on), etc. The top blue winners at County Club Day have the opportunity to compete at the Regional 4-H Club Day.



## County Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always **looking for County 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 Project leader will be listed in future newsletters as they are confirmed.

## SOUTHWEST AREA KAP JUDGING

Southwest Area KAP judging will be Thursday, January 21 in Cimarron. If any volunteer is interested in judging at the area level, please call the office by January 15. This is a great way to see lots of different books and learn additional tips to help our 4-H'ers complete their records. Please contact the Extension Office if you'd like to volunteer to help judge KAP's on this date.

## Traveling 4-H Photography Photos

If you had a photo selected at the County Fair for the Ford County 4-H Traveling Photo display, please bring it to the Extension Office by the middle of January if at all possible. We would like to schedule some possible locations for the Photo Displays starting in February.



## NEW RECORD BOOKS FORMS FOR 2021!!!

Ford County 4-H will no longer be using the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) record form. The state 4-H program is moving to a new state wide record book keeping and project end of the year report form.

We will be hosting a training on the new forms, soon, but basically there will be two forms per age group — one general project form and one animal project form. You can check out the new forms on our website at: <https://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/4hrecordbooks/recordbookforms.html>

We will continue to use the Personal Page and Permanent Record forms previously used in the past.

### **Record Keeping & Project Report Forms**

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

To help you through this process, please refer to the **Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition**, at <https://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/4hrecordbooks/recordbookforms.html> found on our website on the top right hand side.

**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 and "Uncheck" the 3 boxes in the middle column and click on the link to begin your download. Follow the prompts to download and install Adobe Acrobat Reader DC.

## ::4-H Shout Outs::



- ★ All officers, leaders, and volunteers who attended our Virtual Officers Training.
- ★ To all the new club officers and leaders for the coming year.
- ★ To Bretta Austin for doing a great job as MC during the Achievement Program.
- ★ Our 4-H Family of the Year—Hoyt/Linda Fry family; 4-H Alumni Winner — Micki Austen; and 4-H Meritorious Winner— Pride Ag Resources

## Junior Producer Days to be held Virtually

The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2021 as a virtual series over the course of a week. The Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussions being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register. Junior Meat Goat Producer Week will follow a similar format March 15-20.

All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers, and specialists will speak about various topics related to project management specific to each species. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health, and showmanship. More details and registration information will be released in the coming weeks. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for updated information and a link to register.

Photos from Achievement Night—November 7.



## Future Dates to Remember

### December

- 24-25 Office closed for Christmas  
28 Ambassador/Exchange Meeting, 7 pm Fair building.

### January 2021

- 1 Office closed for New Year's Day  
13 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fairgrounds  
18 Office closed Martin Luther King Day  
21 Area KAP Judging  
25 Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting

## Winter 2021 Pen Pal Program

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs is launching the online registration for its second Pen Pal Program on November 16! **Registration closes December 11, 2020.** Space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't delay.

### Program Details:

1. The Pen Pal program will run from Jan 18 - April 18, 2021.
2. Participants must be between the ages of 9-18 and from an active States' 4-H state. Kansas 4-H members may participate.
3. There is no cost for participation.
4. Participants sign up by completing an online registration form, which includes a Terms of Use agreement.
5. States' 4-H will match participants with an international peer from one of the participating countries. States' 4-H will make its best effort to match based on country preference, age, gender, and interests. Matching information will be distributed to participants between December 18 - January 11, 2021.
6. Participants are asked to communicate at least **two** times per month with their international pen pal.
7. A positive and enthusiastic attitude are crucial for this program as it will be up to the US participant to initiate contact with their pen pal.

For the registration link and for more information on the Program Outline and Details contact the office.

## K-State 4-H Club Corner

During Officers and Community Leader Training, Amy Sollock, SW Regional 4-H Specialist, referred to several forms — 4-H Club Meeting Reflections, Welcoming New 4-H Members; 4-H Greet Sheet; etc. These forms and more can be found at the following link on the KSRE website.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html>

She talked about using the 4-H Club Meeting Reflections form to evaluate the effectiveness of your 4-H club meetings with this reflection checklist. It includes a section for virtual meetings.

## FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION

The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their annual membership drive. You will be receiving a letter asking you to become a member and attend their Annual meeting on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building, 901 W. Park St., Dodge City. Support of this organization is through contributions. You may make a contribution by sending a check to:

Ford County 4-H Foundation  
100 Gunsmoke St  
Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program in many different ways. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact Ethel at the Extension Office.

## Community Foundation's Scholarship

We have copies of the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas Scholarship available in our office if you need one, please stop by. February 1 is the deadline to submit. Copies can also be found at [www.communityfoundationswks.com](http://www.communityfoundationswks.com).

## KS 4-H Scholarships

For the 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, we will be moving to online applications. These will be available by December 23, 2020.

These are usually due to the State 4-H Office by February 1. Check with our office for more details around the end of the month.

Amy Sollock, SW Regional 4-H Specialist, shared the 4-H Parent's Pledge during community leader training. We thought it was something we wanted to share with all of our parents.

# A 4-H PARENT'S PLEDGE



I pledge my **HEAD** to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions.



I pledge my **HANDS** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a club leader, I can help in many equally important ways.



I pledge my **HEART** to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments



I pledge my **HEALTH** to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.



## FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES

—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

### REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. **Full payment is due by the registration deadline.**
- **For online registrations:** **Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant.** Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancelation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines).
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County (ex. Advanced Master Gardener Training, State FCE Conference, KS Youth Leadership Forum, Discovery Days, Camp at Rock Springs, judging events, etc.).
- **Tagging Livestock:** A service fee of \$25 per trip will be charged for trips made to tag livestock for state shows or to re-tag livestock that have lost their original tags.
- **Transportation for Other Counties:** Ford County will require a \$25 per person to transport participants from other counties to events.

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## 4-H Presentation Overview

Kansas 4-H members have been learning to speak skillfully before an audience for more than 100 years. It is often one of the things people say they most remember about their 4-H experiences — before participating in 4-H, they could not speak comfortably in front of an audience. Through 4-H, thousands of youth have learned the skills necessary to clearly organize and present ideas and instructions through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks, and public speaking.

Every 4-H member profits in some way from planning and presenting a project talk, demonstration, illustrated talk, or public speech. Shy, retiring members will develop the ability to express themselves, become part of the group, and develop more interest in 4-H.

Even confident members will learn to organize, to complete a job, and to establish a standard of excellence for themselves and others. Good presenters are made, not born. Presenting is a skill that must be learned, just as other skills are.

Giving presentations in 4-H will teach members many skills that have value later in life, including these marketable skills:

- ◆ How to organize thoughts in a logical manner.
- ◆ How to find information and research a subject.
- ◆ How to express ideas clearly and convincingly.
- ◆ How to prepare visuals and use them to support the presentation.
- ◆ How to listen to the opinions of others and accept feedback.
- ◆ How to teach others.
- ◆ How to manage time.
- ◆ How to manage stress

If you are unsure what the difference is between a Project Talk, illustrated Talk, Demonstration and Public Speaking, check out the table below. More information can be found at this link:

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Category.aspx?id=1&catId=772>

Table I. Different types of presentations.

Criteria	Project Talk	Illustrated Talk	Demonstration	Public Speaking
Format	Tells about	Tells	Shows how. Makes or does something. Often ends with a finished product.	Promotes or presents an issue
Purpose	To inform	To teach	To teach	To persuade, inform, entertain
Age	7 to 11 years old	Any age	Any age	14 years and older
Visuals	Optional but not required. Any visuals used should enhance the talk.	Pictures, charts, models, etc. Electronic visuals OK.	Pictures, charts, lists of parts/procedures. Any visuals used should enhance talk. Electronic visuals OK.	Use as appropriate. Do not use in competition.
Questions	Not to be asked.	Asked for by presenter.	Asked for by presenter.	Optional; asked for by presenter.

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Dear 4-H Families,

This is an excellent time to start thinking about getting a start on your 4-H projects with setting goals, deciding what you want to do, etc. We hope to have some project leader news after the first of the year.

Don't forget to invite a friend, classmate or neighbor to join 4-H and your club!!

All of us in the Extension Office wish you and your family the happiest of Holidays! As we enjoy the Holiday Season, don't forget to "pledge your hands to larger service" by sharing with others. Even with Covid, there are ways to help and provide service to the community. The possibilities are still endless!

Sincerely,



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County Extension Agent



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