

# 4-H Clover News

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## Ford County 4-H Achievement Awards Night

We hope to see all of our 4-H members and their families at the upcoming Ford County 4-H Achievement Awards Night on Saturday, November 7 starting at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served but no meal this year!

RSVP is encouraged but not required to attend.

Members and families will be asked to sit with your club members at club designated tables. Awards and prizes will be given during the night! Please dress in nice clothes for the evening.

## 4-H ONLINE

We hope you will enroll soon for the new 2020/2021 4-H year by going online to <https://v2.4honline.com/> and renew your family's 4-H enrollment. Online enrollment began in October and enrollment is now picking up and going strong. If you have any trouble, please contact us so we can get you signed up ASAP.

The enrollment fee can be paid through the Extension Office this year, but you will need to indicate payment by check. You can also still pay with a credit card if you prefer. If your club is paying for member enrollments the office has a county coupon to use when enrolling. Indicate payment by check and the office will insert coupon prior to approval after club payment is received in the office. Club will need to pay 4-H Council for reimbursement.

If your family is paying the fee, you can also use a coupon by indicating payment by check. You can pay the Extension office and we can insert the coupon code prior to approval.

All health information is also completed during enrollment. Once submitted the enrollment will be "pending" and will need to be "approved" by our office. If anything is missing, we will be in contact with you by email.

If you can't recall which email address you used to set up the account, give us a call or send us an email and we will help you out. DO NOT create a new family account. If you cannot remember the password used, click on "I forgot my Password" and you will be sent a temporary password to get in to your account.

Remember if you re-enroll by November 15, the club with the most re-enrollments of current members will receive a pizza party.



## Important Notice

### **FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTION MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm, Fair Building**

Join the Fair Board for soup and then attend their Annual Meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Elections for three Fair Board members, for three year terms, will be taking place. If you'd like more information, please contact any Fair Association Member. Any Ford County resident, 18 and older can vote.

### **Fair Checks and Thank You Notes**

A reminder we still have a few exhibitors who have not turned in thank you notes for County Fair premiums, livestock sale etc. Please do so as soon as possible. With the coming holiday season, we are sure you would appreciate a little extra cash .

### **FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES & RSVP's**

Deadlines and RSVP's are important. Responding to these requests in a timely fashion is important as we work to prepare for programs & meetings and out of respect for the people involved. Many times these deadlines are set by the state (i.e. KSF and KJLS entry deadlines) other times it is for handouts, food or interest in the program.

We understand that sometimes things come up and we will try our best to accommodate if we can. While we hate to turn anyone away, we are not always able to accept or accommodate late additions or late responses.

Responsibility is one of the life skills that 4-H strives to teach young people. Please be courteous of everyone's time and help us to instill these virtues in our young people. This will help us to run a more efficient and effective 4-H program.



### **4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings**

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be ***Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm. and 7:00 pm. at the Ford County Fair Building.***

### **FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION**

The Ford County 4-H Foundation will be 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 13, 2021. 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 by:

- ⇒ providing college and camp scholarships
- ⇒ leadership trainings and officer's training
- ⇒ record book incentives
- ⇒ sponsoring trips
- ⇒ school enrichment programs.

If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or the Extension Office.

## 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. 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. It is usually suggested to take only a few projects when first starting in 4-H. We have project selection guides available in the office if you'd like to learn more about the different projects offered.

## Setting 4-H Project Goals

Writing 4-H project goals should take place towards the beginning of the 4-H year, and NOT right before KAP/record books are due. This publication will guide the 4-H member as they write and set 4-H project goals for the year ahead. Once the young person has selected their 4-H projects, they should plan out what they would like to learn and accomplish. It is very helpful when this process is done with the guidance of an adult volunteer or junior teen leader. Setting measurable goals will help ensure that the 4-H member has a positive 4-H project learning experience.

This publication may be filled out by hand, or is available as a form-fillable pdf. There is room on the publication for up to four project areas, but they are encouraged to attach additional pages as necessary. Download at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

## Leaders and Volunteers

All Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders need to sign up online as well. Leaders will need to go online and submit their Volunteer forms to 4-H Online to be approved. Also note that parents do not need to sign up online unless they are going to be a Community Club Leader, a Project Leader, driver to activities, etc.. If you are interested in becoming a new leader, please complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service application through the 4-H Online system. Go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html> for an enrollment guide for volunteers.

A registered 4-H Volunteer is a volunteer, adult or teen who has completed the full process including: application, screening and orientation. For the safety of both 4-H members and adults, this system is in place. 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 forms are now available through 4-H Online.

- **NEW 4-H Volunteer:**

- \*Sign up on 4-H online
- Fill out a Volunteer Information Profile Application
- \*Complete Orientation
- \*Complete a Child Abuse and Neglect

Registry Form and the National Criminal Background Check

- **Returning 4-H Volunteer:**

- \*Fill out Volunteer Annual Renewal Form
- ◇ Check with office to see if you need to do an updated background check.

- **Who needs to be Volunteer certified?**

- Community Leaders
- Cloverbud Leaders
- Project Leaders (all—teens, adults, etc.)
- Camp Counselors
- Hosting Exchange Parents
- Any person who will be in contact with 4-H youth for more than 6 hours.

## County-Wide Project Leaders

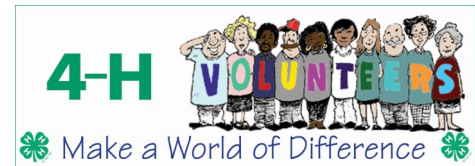
The Ford County 4-H Program is always **looking for County-Wide Project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers.** If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience! County-Wide Project leader will be listed in future newsletters as they are confirmed.

## 2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum – Nov. 20, 2020

The 2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum is scheduled for the evening of November 20, 2020. The event will be hosted virtually for 2020. We will miss the comradery of being at Rock Springs but the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is excited to offer the opportunity to come together virtually to learn from each other. Register by going to: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_byGT9vSIXcRKpox](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byGT9vSIXcRKpox)

The general schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Welcome Opener
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Workshops Session One
- 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - KA4-HV Session
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. - Workshops Session Two



Registration is set to close on **November 16th**. After registration closes participants will receive an email with a more detailed schedule and log-in information.

### The Vibrant 4-H Club

- ◆ Focuses on Weaning, Not Winning
- ◆ Is Firm, Yet Flexible
- ◆ Works Hard and Plays Hard
- ◆ Empowers, Rather Than Embalms
- ◆ Communicates and Listens
- ◆ Balances Chaos and Rigidity
- ◆ Affirms and Supports One Another
- ◆ Uses Mentoring
- ◆ Values and Practices Service to Others
- ◆ Takes Time for Training

Synergy is created when all these elements are present and work together. We can see the vibrancy or synergy in the way the group approaches tasks, activities and through the quality of the accomplishments.

Vibrant 4-H Clubs believe in what they do, celebrate the successes of all members, and express a sense of hope and courage for all youth. The atmosphere within a club reflects on the leadership style and approach of key adults. Vibrant 4-H Clubs:

- ◇ Flow with energy, vigor and activity.
- ◇ Help youth accept responsibility and thrive, not just survive.
- ◇ Nurture self-confidence and help youths reach their full potential.
- ◇ Communicate what they're doing and why they're doing it.
- ◇ Focus on the positive development of young people.

Resource courtesy of Kirk Astroth, Arizona State 4-H Leader. Used at the Western 4-H Institute, Las Vegas, NV, February 2006.

## Future Dates to Remember

### November

- 11 Veteran Day's—office closed
- 20 KYLF and KVLF, Virtually
- 23 Community Leader & 4-H Council
- 26-27 Office closed for Thanksgiving

### December

- 24-25 Office closed for Christmas
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg.

### January 2021

- 13 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30p.m.,
- 18 Office closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 21 Area Record Book Judging
- 25 Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting



## ::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To everyone who participated in National 4-H Week Activities!
- ◆ Club members who donated their time to decorate Window Displays! They looked MARVELOUS!
- ◆ To all Clubs who conducted a 48 Hours of 4-H activity/event. Congratulations to Lucky Clovers 4-H Club for having their coat drive make it on the front page of the Daily Globe.
- ◆ Exchange Group for a successful Flea Market.
- ◆ 2020/2021 Ambassador/Exchange Officers: Candace Fry—President; Alexa Gerdes — Vice President; Calista Stein — Secretary/Treasurer



Winning the \$25 gift card for showing their 4-H spirit during National 4-H Week is **Clark Burgert!** Congratulations!!! Thank you to all the members who posted photos of themselves wearing a 4-H shirt/sweatshirt, comments about being a 4-H'er, etc. YOU are our best marketing resource to increase our 4-H enrollment within our county!!!

## Did You Know....

...Ford County 4-H program has 4-H'ers representing eight local, different school systems and several home schooling families? All have different protocol concerning Covid-19 procedures.

We have members who attend: Dodge City Public Schools, Spearville Public Schools, Bucklin Public Schools, Minneola Public Schools, Cimarron Public Schools, Hodgeman County Public Schools, and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Dodge City. We also have members who attend the Dodge City Community College and several other 2 or 4 year higher education schools.

## Invite All Friends

### INVITE A FRIEND TO 4-H!

Since this is the beginning of the new 4-H year, we challenge each of you to invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting! 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!

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Dear 4-H Families,

Please complete your online enrollment soon. We believe the system is working, but if you have any problems, please let us know. Remember adult volunteers need to also sign up online to either become a new leader or renew.

The best of luck to our 4-H Club officers and community leaders as they begin the new 4-H year. We will have a virtual officers training in the near future. Watch for more details to come by email.

The holiday season is here, with Halloween last weekend and Thanksgiving not far away. We hope all of our 4-H families will have a wonderful, safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,



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