

# 4-H Clover News

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT WINNERS BUT ESPECIALLY TO OUR SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS PICTURED BELOW.**

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Casey Pemberton and Todd Durler, Alumni winners

4-H Family of the Year Award - Larry & Linda Martin Family, (Derek, Linda, Eric and Lincoln)

High Plains Journal, Dave Bergmeier, Managing Editor  
Zac Stuckey, Publisher

## Member and Leader Enrollment

Make sure to get your enrollment done for the 2021/2022 4-H year! The enrollment link for the new website: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

This could be your last newsletter if you do not re-enrollment by the end of the year!

We need you to register before you 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, 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 Richland Boosters 4-H club had the highest percentage of reenrollments by November 15!! The club will receive a club pizza party for their members timely re-enrollment!! Congratulations to the club!

## Holiday Office Hours:

Extension Office will be closed December 24 through January 2.  
We will reopen on Monday, January 3, 8:30 a.m.

## **Z-Books is the NEW Way to Record Book!**

ZBooks is a user-friendly platform that allows members to complete record books from any device, including mobile! You can log in using your phone or by your computer!

Can you imagine putting in your weigh in data immediately after weighing your animal? Or putting your Club Day placing in right after you receive your rating?

The system allows members to track items throughout the project year — including photos, animal weights, expenses, meetings, presentation, etc.

Get started on those records now, by creating an account at <https://4h.zsuites.org/>

Other information, along with video tutorials can be found on the Kansas 4-H website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Check it out soon!!!

## **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 27 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 hopefully will be hosting or traveling as a group this summer. It should be a great learning experiences for all.

### **2022 Fair Association Board**

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

**2022 Ford County Fair Dates** have been set for Thursday, July 21—Monday, July 25.



### **2022 Extension Council Executive Board**

Chairman—Kristen Winters	Alan Eaton
Vice-chair—Cassadie Steele	Kathy Redman
Secretary— Rosalita Schmidt	Roxanne Hornberger
Treasurer — Sam Shipley	Shana Tilley
	Vicky Williamson

## COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Ford County 4-H Club Day is just around the corner. The tentative date is set for **Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Dodge City Senior Center**. We will use Sign Up Genius to register and entry. ***(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 PROJECT RECORD JUDGING

Southwest Area Record Book judging will be Thursday, January 20 in Cimarron. If any volunteer is interested in judging at the area level, please call the office by January 14. 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 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.



## 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.

## RECORD BOOKS FORMS INFO

As mentioned on the front page, Kansas 4-H is using Record Books instead of the old KAPS forms. ZBooks is a new online format but you can also still download the forms and complete on your home computer. The forms can be found 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. ZBooks does offer both through the online format too, but you do not need to use unless you want to start using the online format.

### **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.

**ONE OF THE THINGS WE HEARD THE MOST WAS THAT PICTURES AND PRINTING OF THE FORMS DIDN'T WORK LAST YEAR.**

**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.

**THEN — Be sure you are using it to open your record!!!!**

**When opening the record, right click and open using Adobe Reader!!!**

## COUNTY FAIR THEME & COVER CONTEST

The Ford County Fair Board is asking for 4-H Members and Clubs to help with theme and cover ideas.

Remember as you are thinking about this, the Fair is a County Fair, not just a 4-H Fair, so we do not want the word "4-H" in the theme. The cover should be lengthwise like our Fair book is, and have at least a 1/4 inch border around the edge.

## FOODS/NUTRITION OPPORTUNITIES

The Kansas Wheat commission would like to spotlight 4-H members and their spectacular recipes in a variety of ways such as social media, recipe booklets and their websites. What a great way to promote 4-H and the 4-H Foods project! The recipe submitted may be cake, pie, cookie, quick bread or roll recipe. Please include the recipe source and any modifications made to the original recipe. A limited number of recipes will be selected and tested for publication. Please submit the complete recipe and photo of the product, if available, by December 15, 2021 to [cfalk@kswheat.com](mailto:cfalk@kswheat.com).

### **::4-H Shout Outs::**



- ★ All who helped with the Parade of Lights Chili Feed.
- ★ To all the new club officers and leaders for the coming year.
- ★ To Candace Fry for doing a great job as MC during the Achievement Program.
- ★ Our 4-H Family of the Year—Larry and Linda Martin family; 4-H Alumni Winners — Casey Pemberton and Todd Durler; and 4-H Meritorious Winner— High Plains Journal.
- ★ Stanton Custer for representing Ford County at KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)
- ★ 4-H Council new Officers — Alexa Gerdes— President; Braeden Simon — Vice-President; Kyle Ruehle — Treasurer; and Morgan Mink — Secretary.

## Future Dates to Remember

### December

- 24-31 Office closed for Christmas and News Years
- 27 Ambassador/Exchange Meeting, 7 pm Fair building.

### January 2022

- 12 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fairgrounds
- 17 Office closed Martin Luther King Day
- 20 Area Project Record Judging
- 24 Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting

## 4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team will take place on Sunday, January 23. Tipoff is at 1 p.m. The Wildcats will be taking on the University of Oklahoma Sooners. Each game package purchased through KAE4-HA for this event will include: a game ticket, \$10 concession stand voucher, t-shirt, and an awesome day at Bramlage. You get all of this for just \$22. Registration is located at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/> and then look under News and Updates. Registration closes December 21.

## 4-H at Home Holiday Guide

National 4-H has a 4-H at home holiday Guide available for you to download with ideas and activities for you to do with your 4-H members. Check it out either from the Kansas State 4-H website under News and Updates, from the National 4-H website or contact Ethel for a copy.

## Horse Panorama Back at Rock Springs

Horse Panorama will move back to Rock Springs January 28-30, 2022. Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Speaking Contests will be held in person. While photography, logos, posters, and the model horse will be offered as hybrid classes, allowing those unable to attend an opportunity to submit materials. Registration will be released in early December, closing early January. The exact dates will be released with registration. Check the Panorama webpage as we update it with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

## K-State 4-H Club Corner

- Don't forget there are wonderful educational resources available on the Kansas 4-H website. Last year we mentioned handouts, — 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>
- Use the 4-H Club Meeting Reflections form to evaluate the effectiveness of your 4-H club meetings with this reflection checklist. Check out the 4-H Club Corner and 4-H Clover Classroom pages.

## 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 12th, 2022 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 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, we will be moving to online applications. These will be available in December.

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.

**Winter Weather** Kansas has yet to have actual winter weather, but we know Kansas weather can be very unpredictable. Be sure to check our Facebook page, listen to the radio or call the Extension Office if you question if a meeting may be cancelled.

We shared the 4-H Parent's Pledge last year and thought it was something we wanted to share with all of our parents again this year.

## 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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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. Be sure to re-enroll into the Ford County 4-H program by going to website: <https://v2.4honline.com/> and signing up for your projects.

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.

Sincerely,

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