

4-H Clover News

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National 4-H Week

Help celebrate this year's National 4-H Week, Oct 3-9, by joining the movement to "Find Your Spark". 4-H Week is 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.

National 4-H Week Gift Card Giveaway!

Earn a chance to win a \$20 gift card during National 4-H Week! You earn 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.



DISCOVER MORE AT KANSAS4-H.ORG



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!

Officers Training

At the request of 4-H Council members, Officers Training will be held in person this year. We are working on a date and time and will be sending more information soon to all families and community leaders.

ONLINE 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT



4-H Member Enrollment started October 1. This year you will need to again select your club and then your projects when you enroll.

The Club with the most member re-enrollments by November 15 of current members will receive a pizza party.

All new and re-enrolling members and volunteers will need to go to the following website to enroll for the new year — <http://v2.4honline.com> .

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FEE AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

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, coupon 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 coupon otherwise each will be it's own transaction. A second transaction does not always go through as it might be considered as a fraudulent transaction. The enrollment fee can be paid through the Extension Office again 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's enrollment the office has a county coupon code to use when enrolling. Indicate payment by check and the office will insert coupon code 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 code by indicating payment by check. You can pay the Extension office and we can insert the coupon code prior to approval Office.

Participation Forms *are completed during enrollment online* as you have done previously.

Enrollment will not become active until approval by our county and state 4-H office. If you have any questions, please contact the office. There are instructions on our 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. If your password doesn't work, you will need to reset it.

All State 4-H Projects will be listed this year in the online enrollment. You can only enroll in projects available due to instructor restrictions for some projects — example some shooting sports disciples. If you are not sure, check with us.

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Ford County 4-H offers the Cloverbud (5-6 year olds who are too young to join 4-H) program.

Cloverbuds should only enroll in the Cloverbud project. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to ALL of our Kansas State Fair Participants!

2021 Kansas State Fair Static (inside) Exhibits

4-H Photography --Color Photos			Prater, Brayden	Red	DIY Jrs.
Scott, Shaun	Blue	DIY Jrs.	Prater, Brayden	Red	DIY Jrs.
Burgert, Clark	Blue	DIY Jrs.	Prater, Brayden	Red	DIY Jrs.
Stein, Calista	Purple	WWW	Prater, Brayden	Blue	DIY Jrs.
Custer, Lyndon	Blue	DIY Jrs.	4-H Floriculture		
Harrold, Rachel	Purple	DIY Jrs.	Mink, Paige	Blue	LC
Mink, Madison	Blue	LC	4-H Fashion Revue		
Prater, Brayden	Blue	DIY Jrs.	Gerdes, Alexa	Blue	LC
Stimpert, Jordan	Blue	VB	Burgert, Clark	Blue	DIY Jrs.
Custer, Stanton	Purple	DIY Jrs.	Demonstrations		
Figueroa, Tlaloc	Red	DCC	Custer, Lyndon	Blue	DIY Jrs.
Fry, Candace	Purple	WWW	Fry, Erika	Red	WWW
Fry, Erika	Blue	WWW	Simon, Quinlan	Red	WWW
Mink, Michaela	Blue	LC	Simon, Braeden	Red	WWW
Tilley, Harlee	Purple	VB	Custer, Stanton	Purple	DIY Jrs.
Mink, Morgan	Red	LC	4-H Rabbits		
Fry, Candace	Purple	WWW	Custer, Lyndon	Blue	DIY Jrs.
Fry, Erika	Blue	WWW	Custer, Lyndon	Blue	DIY Jrs.
Mink, Michaela	Blue	LC	Breeding Heifers		
4-H Clothing and Textiles			Ruehle, Kyle	4th	Class 25
Gleason, Lena	Purple	WWW	Shenk, Emma	4th	Class 51
Harrold, Rachel	Red	DIY Jrs.	Shenk, Emma	1st	Class 68
Stimpert, Jordan	Red	VB	Hessman, Klayton	4th	Class 5
Fry, Erika	Purple	WWW	Market Beef		
4-H Fiber Arts			Shenk, Easton	6th	Class 4
Mink, Michaela	White	LC	Shenk, Easton	4th	Class 7
Fry, Erika	Red	WWW	Ruehle, Kyle	5th	Class 8
4-H Foods and Nutrition			Ruehle, Kyle	4th	Class 11
Custer, Lyndon	Blue	DIY Jrs.	Breeding Ewes		
Henry, Jade	Red	RB	Hahn, Colton	13th	Class 30
Mink, Madison	Purple	LC	Breeding Gilts		
Elledge, Teaghen	Red	WWW	Martin, Lincoln	3rd	Class 14
Simon, Quinlan	Red	WWW	Kerr, Briggs	9th	Class 22
Simon, Braeden	Blue	WWW	Kerr, Briggs	2nd	Class 4
Custer, Stanton	Red	DIY Jrs.	Kerr, Brooklyn	2nd	Class 17
Wasson, Adrienne	Blue	LC	Kerr, Brooklyn	6th	Class 23
Gerdes, Alexa	White	LC	Martin, Lincoln	4th	Class 25
Fry, Candace	Blue	WWW	Martin, Lincoln	5th	Class 27
Fry, Erika	Red	WWW	Breeding Does		
4-H Food - Preservation			Robinson, Josie	13th	Div 3
Burgert, Clark	Blue	DIY Jrs.	Robinson, Halle	5th	Div 3
Stimpert, Jordan	Multi-color	VB	Market Meat Goats		
Fry, Erika	Purple	WWW	Robinson, Adeline	9th	Div 2
4-H Shooting Sports			Robinson, Halle	4th	Div 3
Simon, Braeden	Blue	WWW	Horse—Elledge, Teaghen	5th	Trail
4-H STEM - Robotics			Schulte, Cameron	3rd	W. Pleasure
Burgert, Clark	Purple	DIY Jrs.	Higby, Sierra	10th	W. Pleasure
4-H STEM - Rocketry			Schulte, Cameron	2nd	Horsemanship
Martinez, Bode	White	RB	Elledge, Teaghen	4th	Horsemanship
Martinez, Finn	Red	RB	Robinson, Adeline	5th	Ranch Horse Rail
4-H Visual Arts			Elledge, Teaghen	1st	Ranch Horse Pattern
Fry, Erika	White	WWW	Robinson, Adeline	9th	Ranch Horse Pattern
Bertelsen, Cole	Purple	LC	Elledge, Teaghen	4th	Ranch Horse Trail
Cundiff, Riley	Blue	LC	Schulte, Cameron	4th	English Pleasure
Figueroa, Tonatiuh	Red	DCC	Schulte, Cameron	1st	Equitation
4-H Woodwork			Higby, Sierra	6th	Equitation
Fry, Candace	Red	WWW	Haskell, Miles	8th	Barrel Racing
Fry, Erika	Red	WWW	Haskell, Miles	3rd	Flag Race
4-H Horticulture			Robinson, Josie	8th	Pole Bending
Mink, Paige	Blue	LC	Haskell, Miles	1st	Pole Bending
Mink, Paige	Red	LC			

4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE MTG

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, October 25th @7:00 pm. NEW members are welcome! (4th Monday of the month). Elections will take place for the new year.

This dynamic group work with the promotion of 4-H to the public and within our own organization here in Ford County. The Exchange program is designed to help youth gain more independence, a greater appreciation for other parts of the state and country, news friends and new experiences. It is a two year commitment and we suggest you enroll in the Self Determined project. Youth must be 12 and older to be an Ambassador and 14 and older to be involved with the State to State Exchange. Call Ethel if you would like more information.



The 4-H Exchange Flea Market will be held on October 30 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!

Horse Project Note from Casey

“Hi guys! October’s meeting will be on Sunday, October 17th at 2pm at the Fairgrounds arena. We will start with showmanship before riding so don’t tack up upon arrival. Hope to see everyone there!”

-Casey Pemberton, Countywide Horse Project Leader

SHOOTING SPORTS INFO

The last Shooting Sports meeting for 2021 will be a Fun Shoot on October 19 at the Dodge City Gun Club at 1:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Troy Robertson.

EXTENSION ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

The Ford County Extension Program Development Committee Election meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 27** from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. at the Ford County Extension Office, Dodge City. Election will be held throughout the day and we will be open during the lunch hour for you to come in and vote. To be eligible to vote you must be 18 or older and a resident of Ford County.

Elections will be for the four programming areas and candidates elected will serve a two-year term. Information about each candidate will be listed on the Ford County Extension website at www.ford.ksu.edu closer to the election meeting.

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.

- ◆ Lucky Clovers 4-H Club in Dodge City will be conducting a community service project during National 4-H Week, Oct. 3-9, 2021. Members will be collecting toiletry items and socks for local people in need. The community is welcome to help support this service project by dropping off items to Beauty Villa (2600 Central Ave in the Gibson’s Mall) Monday through Friday, October 5-9, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2022 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 20-21, 2021

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2022

Registration: Opens late Aug/early Sept

Registration Deadline: November 1

State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

2021 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl: Surviving and Thriving with K9's!
October 23-24, 2021

The educational sessions are open to youth and adults interested in the Kansas 4-H Dog project. To participate in the quiz bowl and public speaking 4-H enrollment is required.



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.



Saturday, Nov. 6th

7:00 pm Fair Building



Refreshments will be served, no meal.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT COMMITTEES

Program Assembly: VB

Programs should be ready by November 4. Please check with the office.

Decorations: DIY Jrs and RB

Will need to decorate the stage, photo backdrop and tables

Serving Food, Tea and Coffee: LC

Remember to have long hair tied back and wash your hands prior to putting on serving gloves or serving.

Clean up: WWW and DCC

Help clean up trash, take down decorations and take out trash.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT?

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.

WE ARE NOT REQUIRING A TICKET. Since we are having refreshments only, we would appreciate a tentative number of who will be attending to set up for the night. Please call the office by noon on Friday, November 5 to let us know number attending.

4-H Shout Outs

- ★ To all the 4-H members who turned in a Record Book.
- ★ All 2020-21 Club, Council and Ambassador/Exchange Officers for serving this past program year.
- ★ All 2020-21 Community Leaders, especially those stepping down from being a club leader for the upcoming year: Susie Burgert and Brian Bertelsen for their leadership & dedication to their clubs.
- ★ To State Fair members who had Photos selected by the Ks. 4-H Foundation for display for a year — Stanton Custer, Harlee Tilley and Candace Fry.
- ★ To our county wide and club project leaders for your leadership and help for our members.

WINDOW DISPLAYS

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

- DIY Jrs — Long's Window
- DCC — Landmark Bank (north)
- LC — Crisis Center
- RB — 2nd Ave Art Guild
- VB — Charlie's Hardware, Bucklin
- WWW — J & A Service, Spearville

4-H Council Officer Elections

To assist with trying to keep 4-H Council meetings moving along and not too long, we asked those members wanting to run for an office to complete an Officer Application. This application can be found online on our main page on our Ford County's website. This needs to be submitted by the Friday (November 19) before the next Council Meeting, November 22. Only those submitting a nomination forms will be considered for the office.

TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

Each Spring and Fall, Tractor Supply will help raise money for 4-H programs with the Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming. The Fall campaign dates are Oct. 6 – Oct. 17. We encourage you to participate at our local Tractor Supply Co. store during Paper Clover and donate.



Future Dates to Remember

October

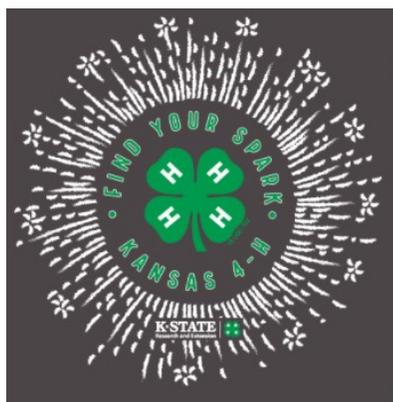
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 25 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg
- 27 Extension Elections— 8:30 am-5 pm, Ext. Office
- 30 4-H Exchange Flea Market

November

- 6 Achievement Banquet
- 20-21 KYLF and KVLF, Rock Springs Ranch
- 22 4-H Council/Com. Leader meetings
- 25-26 Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 29 Parade of Lights

December

- 11 Barn Quilt Workshop
- 24 Office Closed for Christmas



**ORDERS MUST BE
PLACED BY NOV. 24TH.**



Did you see these t-shirts at the State Fair but didn't get a chance to purchase one?

Well you can still buy one or more! We can take orders for them until November 24. Please contact us with what size and color you would like to order. Price starts at \$15 youth sizes and adult sizes small through extra large; 2XL is \$17; 3XL is \$18 and 4XL is \$19.

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Dear 4-H Families,



Happy 4-H New Year!

Can you believe it is October? We made it through another 4-H year!

Let' start this new year off right and try to get more youth to join 4-H in Ford County. Let's find our "spark". Invite your friends to your next club meeting. Promote 4-H online. Share why you like 4-H. The opportunities are endless!

We appreciate all members who turned in a record book this year. Please give us your feedback on the new record forms. Next year you will be able to use an online system to input your information so be watching for more information on this zbook system in the future.

This newsletter is jam packed with information about upcoming opportunities. Be sure to read it carefully and call the office if you have any questions.

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