

# 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 6 starting at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served but no meal again this year!

RSVPs are 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 2021/2022 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 and your club will be billed. 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 9, 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 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 22, 6:30 pm. and 7:00 pm. at the Ford County Fair Building.** 4-H Council Officer Elections will be held.

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.

**The Parade of Lights** is scheduled for Monday, November 29. Ford County 4-H Council has provided Chili and drinks for parade participants who would like to eat prior to the parade starting.

DIY Juniors and Valley Boosters have volunteered to bring chili; Lucky Clovers the Hot Choc. Mix and Wright Wonder Workers will provide crackers.

We will start serving at approximately 5:00 pm. **Each club needs to have 2 people to help with serving/cleanup for the evening.**

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Ethel is offering a Barn Quilt Workshop on December 11, starting at 9 a.m. This is open to anyone (youth or adult). If you are interested in more information, call the Extension Office.  
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## 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 newly revised 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 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.

## **2021 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum**

The Kansas Volunteer Leaders Forum is an opportunity for volunteers from around the state to learn together while building a network of likeminded passionate adults. Participants will have the opportunity to dive into interactive content they can use to engage their youth members, connect with state and local extension staff to learn about new and exciting 4-H happenings, and engage with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers as a support system for volunteering efforts throughout the year.

When: November 20-21, 2021

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: 4-H Volunteers

Registration Deadline: November 4th, 2021

Fees: KVF Standard Registration - \$165

KVF KA4-HV Lifetime Member Registration - \$145

Friday Night Early Arrival - \$65

## **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)**

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 of \$200 plus any additional class fees

Friday Night Early Arrival — \$55

Deadline: November 4, 2021

KYLF Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$20

### **Scholarships Available for KYLF:**

Remember there are scholarships you can apply for if you are interested in attending.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation provides a \$50 scholarship.

There is also the Scroggins Camp/Event Scholarship.

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, Campference, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, Sewing Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on [ford.ksu.edu](http://ford.ksu.edu) under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

## Future Dates to Remember

### November

- 11 Veteran Day's—office closed
- 20-21 KYLF and KVLFF
- 22 Community Leader & 4-H Council
- 25-26 Office closed for Thanksgiving

### December

- 24– Jan 2 Office closed for Christmas
- 27 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg.

### January 2022

- 12 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30p.m.
- 17 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!
- ◆ To all members who submitted their Record Books!
- ◆ Club members who donated their time to decorate Window Displays! They looked GREAT!
- ◆ To all Clubs who conducted a 48 Hours of 4-H activity/event.
- ◆ 2021/2022 Ambassador/Exchange Officers: Alexa Gerdes—President; Michaela Mink — Vice President; Canyon Derstein and Morgan Mink— Secretary/Treasurer
- ◆ State Fair Market Lamb omissions from Oct. Newsletter: Crossbred classes: Braeden Simon—9th in Class 3; 6th in Class 8; Quinlan Simon — 11th in Class 11; Jayden Torres — 12 in Class 12; Dorset Class: Colton Hahn — 3rd in class 18.



Winning the \$20 gift card for showing their 4-H spirit during National 4-H Week is **Aubrey Gerdes!** 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 seven local, different school systems and several home schooling families?

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!

## **Kansas 4-H Club Information**

We have some new club leaders this year and we thought we would include some basic information concerning club leadership.

**Club Leaders** ensure that the 4-H club has the necessary leadership to provide positive learning experiences for youth.

### **Club Leader RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- ◆ All individuals who work directly with youth are required to complete the Kansas 4-H volunteer screening process.
- ◆ Organize the 4-H club.
- ◆ Help members in selecting projects and online enrollment.
- ◆ With the 4-H officer team, help develop club goals and plan the program for the year. Have the completed program books printed and distributed.
- ◆ Work with the 4-H officer team in developing the monthly club meeting agenda.
- ◆ Attend all meetings and communicate dates and times of 4-H activities from the local K-State Research and Extension Office to members and their parents.
- ◆ Work with the club's Parents' Committee to identify the volunteer leadership needed for the club. Encourage all parents to become involved in the club program.
- ◆ Make sure all club volunteers complete the online volunteer enrollment and orientation process.
- ◆ Act as a liaison between the club and the local K-State Research and Extension Office. Pick up materials at the local K-State Research and Extension Office before each meeting to share with 4-H members.
- ◆ Complete necessary reports needed by the local K-State Research and Extension Office.
- ◆ Attend leader meetings and/or trainings provided by the local K-State Research and Extension staff.
- ◆ Encourage members to participate in 4-H activities beyond the local club.
- ◆ Work with the New Family Coordinator in welcoming new families to the club.
- ◆ Facilitate ceremonies to celebrate and recognize occasions and accomplishments.
- ◆ Delegate tasks & responsibilities to involve as many volunteers (adult/youth) as you can to complete these tasks.

Rate your Club Meeting by answering with Great, OK or Could Improve to the following questions:

1. Monthly meeting date and time is consistent
2. Agenda received prior to meeting.
3. Each officer does his/her job well.
4. The President uses an agenda.
5. The Secretary has minutes prepared.
6. The Treasurer has report prepared.
7. Business part of the meeting is short and brief.
8. All members take part in discussion.
9. Officers avoid doing all the talking.
10. Volunteers avoid doing all the talking.
11. Meeting place is set up when members start to arrive.
12. Guests are introduced and welcomed.
13. Educational program is interesting and interactive.
14. At least one project talk or demonstration by a 4-H member is given at each meeting.
15. Recreation is appropriate and suitable to the meeting place and size of group. Gets everyone involved.
16. Refreshments are offered.
17. Members engaged in learning.
18. Members connected with each other.
19. Meetings are fun and productive.

This would be great to discuss at your next meeting to find out how club members and leaders rate your club meetings!

## **NEW FOR 2022—ONLINE RECORD KEEPING—ZBOOKS!!**

This online record keeping software is identical to the new Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H'ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. They can continue to fill out the form fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included

More information will be provided on how to sign up for this account and how to use it soon!!

## **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 12, 2022](#). 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.

## **Officer Training**

We are working on an in-person officers training per Ford County 4-H Council's request. More details will be emailed out to members.

## **Parents —**

### **Ways You Can Support the 4-H Club**

- ◇ Attend Meetings!
- ◇ Attend Club and County-Wide Events.
- ◇ Provide food when asked.
- ◇ Provide transportation when asked.
- ◇ Share ideas for programs.
- ◇ Help with recreation or events.
- ◇ Make 4-H one of their priorities this year.
- ◇ Promote 4-H among their friends and acquaintances.
- ◇ Read the 4-H newsletter and other correspondence.
- ◇ Offer support, with project work.
- ◇ Care about other 4-H members.
- ◇ Be a friend to another 4-H parent.
- ◇ Be a good example for the members.
- ◇ Offer encouragement to the organizational leaders.
- ◇ Be a good listener.
- ◇ Attend training workshops when offered.
- ◇ Help the members make decisions.
- ◇ Share skills or knowledge by volunteering to be a project leader.
- ◇ Offer to assist the leader with some small task.
- ◇ Have fun at events planned for the families
- ◇ Help.
- ◇ Cooperate.
- ◇ SMILE!

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Dear 4-H Families,

Please complete your online enrollment soon. Be sure when you select your projects to click on your community club name before continuing. 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 are working on details for officers training in the near future. Watch for more details to come by email.

The holiday season is upon us, so please take care when traveling this season. We hope all of our 4-H families will have a wonderful, safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ethel Schneweis.

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County Extension Agent

Handwritten signature of Andrea Burns.

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