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



Cassie Sanko, Alumni winners
4-H Family of the Year Award - Robert and Lois Swonger family



American Implement Meritorious Award

Member and Leader Enrollment

Make sure to get your enrollment done for the 2022/2023 4-H year! The enrollment link for the website is: <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 and Happy Hustlers 4-H Club had the highest percentage of reenrollments by November 15!! The clubs will receive a club pizza party for their members timely re-enrollment!! Congratulations!

Holiday Office Hours:

Extension Office will be closed December 26 through January 2.
We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 8:30 a.m.

New State 4-H Leader

Sarah Maass, whose professional career in 4-H and youth development spans nearly a quarter-century, has been named the state leader for the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program, effective Nov. 13.

Since 2007, Maass has been the 4-H Youth Development agent in the Central Kansas District, covering Ottawa and Saline counties. She was the Lyon County 4-H Youth Development agent from 2004 - 2007.

Maass will be responsible for management and leadership of the state's largest youth development organization, reaching approximately 74,000 youth and their families each year. She will be located in the state 4-H office on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Prior to K-State, Maass held 4-H positions in Florida and Oklahoma, beginning as a student office assistant in 1999 for the Oklahoma State 4-H office in Stillwater. She earned a doctoral degree in life-span human development from K-State in 2018. Her dissertation was a study of the impact of peer relationships, parental influence and adult mentors on the character development of high school adolescents.

Maass also earned a master's degree in family, youth and community services from the University of Florida in 2004; and undergraduate degree in family relations and child development from Oklahoma State University in 2001.



2022 Extension Council Executive Board

Chairman—Cassadie Steele	Kelsi Jo Crouch
Vice-chair—Alan Eaton	Cathy Reeves
Secretary—Rosalita Schmidt	Tyler Royle
Treasurer — Roxanne Hornberger	Jan Stevens
	Vicky Williamson

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.
- Hosting Exchange Parents

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.

2023 Fair Association Board

Jake Ring—President	Kent Muncy
Curtis Williams—VP	Troy Robertson
Brooklyn Droste—Secretary	Brandi Stein
Regina Lix — Treasurer	Steve Simon
Bobby Downey	Brad Wasson
Ruth Morton	Jeremy Woydziak

2023 Ford County Fair Dates have been set for Thursday, July 20—Monday, July 24.

COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Ford County 4-H Club Day is just around the corner. The tentative date is set for **Saturday, February 4, 2023 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 19 in Garden City. If any volunteer is interested in judging at the area level, please call the office by January 6. 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

ZBooks is an 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, from the website. THEN — Be sure you are using it to open your record!!!! When opening the record, right click and open using Adobe Reader!!!

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.

::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 Braeden Simon for doing a great job as MC during the Achievement Program.
- ★ Our 4-H Family of the Year—Robert and Lois Swonger family; 4-H Alumni Winner — Cassie Sanko; and 4-H Meritorious Winner— American Implement.
- ★ Stanton Custer, Braeden and Quinlan Simon for representing Ford County at KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)
- ★ To Braeden and Quinlan Simon for attending the Western Regional Leadership Forum in Scott City.
- ★ 4-H Council new Officers — Kyle Ruelle— President; Braeden Simon — Vice-President; Morgan Mink — Treasurer; and Erika Fry — Secretary.
- ★ To all of our community leaders from 2021-22 and to our new leaders for 2022-2023.
- ★ To Kyle Ruelle and Erika Fry for attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia. Kyle's trip was awarded for being a state record book winner in Communications last year. Erika was a Centennial Delegate (representing an at-large delegate) from our county.

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.

Future Dates to Remember

December

- 5 Ambassador/Exchange Meeting, 7 pm Fair building.
- 26—Jan 2 Office closed for Christmas and New Years

January 2023

- 11 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm, location TBT
- 16 Office closed Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Area Project Record Judging
- 23 Community Leader and 4-H Council Meeting

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.

Registration is open for 4-H camp in 2023!

Ready, set, register! All 4-H camp sessions are now available for registration online at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. They are finalizing transportation schedule for next summer and we will share it once it is complete.

Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on December 31, 2022.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are now open! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, RSR may be a great fit. They hire approximately 60 staff each summer in a variety of roles from counselor, activity specialist, and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions visit their website under Employment.

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 11th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building, 901 W. Park St., Dodge City. Location may be changed due to Fair Building remodeling. Call the office if you plan to attend to confirm the location. 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.

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be held on January 28 at the K-State Salina Campus, 2310 Centennial Road, Salina, KS. 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. Virtual and in-person events are available. Youth participating ONLY in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. Any adult or youth attending should plan to register for the event. Horse Action Team members should also register and fees will be waived. This is to assist with planning. The deadline is January 10th. Registration is \$55/person. Local units will be invoiced for the total amount of registrations. Checks should be made to: Kansas 4-H, c/o 4-H Horse Panorama. Kansas 4-H Youth Development, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Road; Manhattan, KS 66506. Payment must be received in order for registration to be complete.

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>.

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.

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

The K-State Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, in Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth swine projects. Youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and project leads of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, breeds and ear notching, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 15. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. All attendees, including both youth and adults, must register. Registration is open now and may be completed using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. If you prefer to submit your registration by mail and pay with a check or cash, please email Lexie Hayes at ad-hayes@ksu.edu for a registration form.

K-State Junior Meat Goat Day

The K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, in Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. This event is a one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth meat goat projects. Youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and project leads of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 22. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those registered by February 22 will receive a t-shirt. All attendees, including both youth and adults, must register.

Registration is open now and may be completed using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. If you prefer to submit your registration by mail and pay with a check or cash, please email Lexie Hayes at ad-hayes@ksu.edu for a registration form.

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 cancellation 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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