

4-H Clover News

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National 4-H Week

Help celebrate this year's National 4-H Week, Oct 2-8, by joining the movement "Opportunity4All". 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 (courtesy of our Ambassadors) 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.

Nothing Should
Hold a Kid Back.



Create #Opportunity4All
kids this National 4-H Week



4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING—Saturday, November 12

All newly elected officers are invited to attend an Officers Training workshop on November 12. You will have the opportunity to learn about teamwork, duties of your respective offices and the responsibility of serving as an officer for your club. Members will need to register by November 8 to the office. **This will be at the Dodge City Senior Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include lunch.** There will be a session for Community Leaders so we hope community leaders will plan to attend.



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!

**REMINDER— RECORD BOOKS AND ACHIEVEMENT PIN
APPLICATIONS, ARE DUE—MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

ONLINE 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT



4-H Member Enrollment starts October 1. This year you will need to select your club and then your projects when you enroll. The Club with the most re-enrollments of current members by November 15 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 and waiver. If you have more than one child and do not want several debit/credit card transactions you will need to indicate check 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. So you can with credit card or check, which every you prefer. If your club is paying for member's enrollment please indicate check and the office will put in the code prior to approval. Clubs 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. Please do not mail your check to the State 4-H Office as the process will take longer.

Participation Forms *are completed during enrollment online.*

Enrollment will not become active until approval by our county and state 4-H offices. If you have any questions, please contact our office. There are instructions on our website for re-enrolling.

It is very important to keep things like t-shirt sizes and 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 disciplines. 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.
- The 4-H Cloverbud members do not manage money.

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

4-H Leadership Weekend -Take Flight with Leadership.

Leadership Weekend will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) and the [Kansas Volunteer Leader](#) Forum. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers. This year's speaker will be [Kent Julian](#), always a crowd favorite.

Again, this year participants in both forums will register though the same system. Registration deadline is Monday, October 24, 2022 which is a little later than earlier indicated. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance.

State Fair Entries

State Fair entries are in the Extension Office. If you are not able to pick up your projects, please let the office know who you have asked to collect them. We will not release them unless we know from you who will be picking the items up.

Fair Checks and Thank You Notes

A reminder to complete your Fair thank you notes for County Fair premiums, livestock sale etc. Please do so as soon as possible. All Fair checks are asked to be cashed by February 1, 2023 or the funds will be forfeited back to the Ford County Fair Association.



Saturday, Nov. 5th

7:00 pm Fair Building

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT COMMITTEES

Decorations: RB (chair) and VB

Will need to decorate the stage, photo backdrop and tables

Serving Food, Tea and Coffee: DIY Jrs.

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

Clean up: WWW, DCC and LC

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

Refreshments will be served, no meal.



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

- ★ All 2021-22 Club, Council and Ambassador/Exchange Officers for serving this past program year.
- ★ All 2021-22 Community Leaders. To all leaders who will continue being a leader in 2022-2023.
- ★ To all who exhibited at the State Fair and KJLS.
- ★ To State Fair members who had Photos selected by the Ks. 4-H Foundation for display for a year — Stanton Custer, Michaela Mink and Candace Fry.
- ★ To our members who presented their demonstration, project talk or prose during the State Fair.
- ★ To our county wide and club project leaders for your leadership and help for our members.

Congratulations!

New 4-H Club In Ford County

Ford County has a new 4-H Club as of October 1. The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club has re-charted (a former club in the Spearville area). This club will be meeting at 4:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month at the Spearville Senior Center, Spearville KS. Club leaders are Chelsea Gleason and Linda Fry.

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
- HH — Spearville Senior Center
- LC — Crisis Center
- RB — Daylight Donut
- VB — Charlie's Hardware, Bucklin
- WWW — J & A Service, Spearville

4-H Council News

Club representatives to 4-H Council and community leaders will have several items to discuss with their clubs concerning upcoming council decisions. They will then report back to the council, your club's opinion, during the next Council Meeting in November.

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 Ford County's website main page. 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 officer position.

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 and donate at our local Tractor Supply Co. store.



Future Dates to Remember

October

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| 2-8 | National 4-H Week |
| 24 | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg |
| 24 | Extension Elections— 8:30 am-5 pm, Ext. Office
5:15—8 p.m. Fair Building |
| 29 | 4-H Exchange Flea Market |

November

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| 5 | Achievement Night |
| 19-20 | KYLF and KVLf, Rock Springs Ranch |
| 24-25 | Office closed for Thanksgiving |
| 28 | Parade of Lights |
| 28 | 4-H Council/Com. Leader meetings |

December

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| 10 | Barn Quilt Workshop (youth and adults) |
| 26 | Office Closed for Christmas |

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.



Questions????

Remember we are here for you if you have any questions. The only stupid question is the one that is not ever asked. Please call or email Andrea or Ethel with any questions you have concerning a project, enrollment, or an activity/event.



4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE MTG

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, October 24th @7:00 pm. (4th Monday of the month). NEW members are welcome! Officer elections will take place for the new year.

This dynamic group works 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, meet new friends and have 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 29 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!

EXTENSION ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

The Ford County Extension Program Development Committee Election meeting will be held **Monday, October 24** from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. at the Ford County Extension Office, and 5:15 pm to 8 pm at the Ford County Fair Building, Dodge City. The Election will be held throughout the day, including 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.

PROJECT NEWS

Shooting Sports Info

The last Shooting Sports meeting for 2022 will be a Fun Shoot on October 2nd at the Dodge City Gun Club at 1:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Troy Robertson.

Horse Project Meetings

Meetings dates, at the Fairgrounds arena, are: October 9th from 3-6pm; November 6th from 2-5pm ; December TBD. If you are a 4-Her interested in horses, but do not have your own horse or plan to lease one, you are encouraged to consider the Horseless Horse project and attend meetings. You can learn about the different riding classes and may have the opportunity to work with a horse. Plus you can participate in things she has planned for Horse Project members.

As always if you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to get in touch with Casey at 254-485-7265.



2023 4-H Horse Project Changes

Situation: Kansas 4-H Horse Program participation is declining, Kansas 4-H District Horse shows are declining in participation and revenue.

Proposal:

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year- Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members, who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

- 1) The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. A properly identified horse is either a) registered with a breed association in the 4-H'ers or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identified with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local Extension Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file with their local Extension Office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Please see "Horse Ownership" for more clarification.
- 2) Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a "4-H" show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.
 - Group 1** Halter, Showmanship
 - Group 2** Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Equitation
 - Group 3** Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail,
 - Group 4** Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining
 - Group 5** Barrels, Poles, Flags
- 3) Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz annually before completing the State Fair Entry.
- 4) Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1 of the current program year.

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those classes in which they qualified for a particular horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of exhibition via signed affidavit by show management.

The qualification period will be from October 1- August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

4-H Horse Project Members are not limited in the total number of horses they may exhibit. Exhibitors may show more than one horse in the following classes: Halter, Trail, Reining, Ranch Horse Pattern, Ranch Horse Trail, Barrel Racing, Flag Race, and Pole Bending. If a 4-H member has multiple horses in a halter class, the horse must be exhibited by another currently enrolled Kansas 4-H member.

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Horse ownership:

Each horse should be properly identified with the local Extension Office by **June 1** of the current 4-H program year. Horses may be identified by a) completed Horse ID Certificate with all required signatures, or b) breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member's or a family member's name. "Family member" includes: immediate family: parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian.

A copy of the 4-H Horse ID Certificate or the horse's registration papers must be kept on file with the local Extension Office.

4-H'ers exhibiting registered horses must present a copy of the registration papers or the 4-H Horse ID Certificate at check-in to the State Fair.

Level Testing:

Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

Equine Webinar Series- Horse Safety:

All 4-H Horse Project Members are encouraged to participate in the live session or watch the recording of the "4-H Equine Webinar: Horse Safety" episode and quiz. Members who wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show are required to watch the session and complete the quiz prior to entering the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

CONGRATULATIONS

to ALL of our Kansas State Fair Participants!

2022 Kansas State Fair Static (inside) Exhibits

4-H Photography Color Photos

Justin Keeler	Purple	
Lyndon Custer	Blue	
Bode Martinez	Purple	
Canyon Derstein	Blue	
Madison Mink	Blue	
Morgan Mink	Blue	
Erika Fry	Blue	
Candace Fry	Purple	
Harlee Tilley	Blue	
Rachel Harrold	Blue	
Michaela Mink	Blue	Ks 4-H Foundation
Paige Mink	Purple	
Stanton Custer	Blue	Ks 4-H Foundation

4-H Photography Black and White Photos

Karley Webb	Blue	
Jade Henry	Blue	
Clark Burgert	Blue	
Shaun Scott	Blue	
Candace Fry	Purple	KSU President
Harlee Tilley	Blue	
Michaela Mink	Blue	
Stanton Custer	Purple	

4-H Clothing and Textiles — Grace Hampton White

4-H Energy Management Electronic Projects

Clark Burgert	Blue	
Lyndon Custer	White	

4-H Food Product — Addyson Keeler Red

Jade Henry	White	
Lyndon Custer	Red	
Quinlan Simon	Blue	
Madison Mink	White	
Braeden Simon	Purple	
Michaela Mink	White	
Stanton Custer	Purple	
Erika Fry	Red	
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4-H Food - Preservation — Erika Fry Red

4-H Shooting Sports Promotional Poster

Adrienne Wasson	Red	
Braeden Simon	White	
Quinlan Simon	White	

4-H STEM - Robotics — Clark Burgert Purple

4-H STEM - Rocketry — Finn Martinez Blue

Bode Martinez	Blue	
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4-H Visual Arts — Jordan Stimpert Blue

Harlee Tilley	Blue	
Erika Fry	Purple	

4-H Woodworking — Ethan Holman Red

4-H / FFA Horticulture Annual Garden Flower Paige Mink Red

4-H Presentations Demonstration

Eli Holman	Blue
Ethan Holman	Red
Braeden Simon	Blue
Quinlan Simon	Red
Stanton Custer	Blue
Lyndon Custer	Purple
MacKenzie Swan—Prose	Multi-color

4-H Fashion Revue — Clark Burgert Purple

Beef (market and breeding)

Klayton Hessman—breeding -3rd class 19 Chianina	
Breeding- 10 class 30 Hereford	
Kyle Ruehle — Breeding—1st class 57	
Market—Breed champion Shorthorn	
Easton Shenk — 5th overall	
Register breed champion (% Simmental)	

Sheep (market and breeding)

Colton Hahn — Reg. Breeding - 7th class-2 Dorset	
Market—10th class 4 -Hampshire	
Market — 10th class 16-Speckled Face	
Shayla Tieben — Com. Breeding 16th class 8	
Market — 8th class 2- Dorset	
Market — 12th in class 12-Crossbred	
Braeden Simon — 14th class 18-Crossbred	
12th class 22 -Crossbred	
Quinlan Simon — 15th class 18 -Crossbred	
12th class 24 -Crossbred	
Chailyn Scott — 8th class 19 -Crossbred	
2nd class 24 -Crossbred	

Swine (market and breeding)

Brooklyn Kerr — Com. Breeding—4th class 2	
Market—2nd class 17- Crossbred	
1st class 19 -Crossbred	
7th class 24 -Crossbred	
Lincoln Martin—Breeding Gilt -2nd class 6 -Duroc	
Com. Breeding - 1st class 9	
1st class 10	
Market—5th class 12 Yorkshire	
Sr. Showmanship— 3rd	
Braeden Simon — Market — 9th Class 27- Crossbred	
Quinlan Simon — Market—7th class 6 - Duroc	

Goats (market and breeding)

Adeline Robinson—Breeding—5th class 1	
Breeding—4th class 6	
Breeding—7th class 8	
Market—5th class 3	
Josie Robinson—breeding—7th class 5	

Horse — Teagan Elledge — 2nd Sr. Ranch Trail 4th Sr. Trail 1st—Sr. Ranch Pattern 3rd Sr. Ranch Rail

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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's start this new year off right! National 4-H Week theme is "Opportunity4All". We encourage you to try to get more youth to join 4-H in Ford County so they can experience everything 4-H has to offer! Remind them 4-H is more than just livestock and is for any youth, whether they live in town or the country. 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 any issues you had with the record forms.

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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