

4-H Clover News

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Ford County Monthly Newsletter

December 2023

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

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Brooklyn Droste,
Alumni Winner



4-H Family of the Year Award - Melvin and Brandi Stein family



Big R

Member and Leader Enrollment

Make sure to get your enrollment done for the 2023/2024 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-enroll 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 unless you are paying by credit card.

We will approve enrollments after we confirm enrollment payment options.

Remember, if you choose to have newsletters mailed, you will need to pay \$18 (as of 12/1/23) to the Extension Office, otherwise you will receive monthly newsletters by email.

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club had the highest percentage of re-enrollments by November 15!! The clubs will receive a club pizza party for their members timely re-enrollment!! Congratulations!

4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg.

The next 4-H Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be **Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 pm** at the fair building. Everyone is asked to bring a finger food. Meeting was moved to a later date due to the normal meeting date being Christmas. If interested in joining this group, contact Ethel to see about registering.

SOUTHWEST AREA PROJECT

RECORD JUDGING

Southwest Area Record Book judging will be Friday, January 19. If any volunteer is interested in judging at the area level, please call the office by January 4. 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. Congratulations to those eligible to compete:

Stanton Custer— Civic Engagement

Erika Fry—Foods

Rachel Harrold — Meat Goats

Miles Haskell — STEM—Ag Mechanics

Adeline Robinson—Rabbits

Josie Robinson—Horse

Kyle Ruehle — Beef, Clothing/Textiles, Leadership and Visual Arts

Levi Stephenson — Shooting Sports, Woodworking



2024 Extension Council Executive Board

Chairman— Cassadie Steele

KelsiJo Crouch

Vice-chair—Casey Pemberton

Chelsea Deges

Secretary — Beth Vogel

Rick Konecny

Treasurer— Jan Stevens

Cathy Reeves

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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.

2024 Fair Association Board

Jake Ring—President

Kent Muncy

Curtis Williams—VP

Chad Durler

Brooklyn Droste—Secretary

Brandi Stein

Regina Lix — Treasurer

Chip Swan

Chelsea Gleason

Brad Wasson

Ruth Morton

Jeremy Woydziak

2024 Ford County Fair Dates:

Thursday, July 18—Monday, July 22.

Fashion Review judging will be Monday, July 15

Holiday Office Hours:

Extension Office will be closed December 25 through January 1.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 8:30 a.m.

COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Ford County 4-H Club Day is just around the corner. The tentative date is set for **Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Dodge City Senior Center**. We will use Sign Up Genius to register and enter. ***(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.

KS 4-H Scholarships

2024 Kansas 4-H Scholarships are due March 1st, 2024 by 11:59PM CST. The 2024-25 scholarship process for State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program has been streamlined. This process has been designed to encourage more 4-H'ers to apply for these scholarships by simplifying and combining the process.

Applicants will provide a cover letter and resume as part of their application – the same resume may be used for both scholarship processes. Applicants are encouraged to have a separate cover letter for the State 4-H Scholarships from the Vanier Family Scholarship Program. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

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 benefits 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.

Ford County 4-H Project News:

There are several projects listed under the online enrollment projects tab which Ford County does not have current leadership for. Some of these must have a certified leader, example Shooting Sports—BB for youth to participate in actual project meetings. Youth can still learn about these projects on their own but would be restricted to no actual shooting.

If you are participating in Livestock Judging be sure to enroll in Self-Determined—Livestock Judging under projects.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

::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 Kyle Ruele for doing a great job as MC during the Achievement Program.
- ★ Our 4-H Family of the Year—Melvin and Brandi Stein family; 4-H Alumni Winner — Brooklyn Droste; and 4-H Meritorious Winner— Big R of Dodge City.
- ★ Stanton Custer and Kyle Ruele for representing Ford County at KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)
- ★ To Kyle Ruele for being elected to represent Southwest Kansas on the State 4-H Council during elections held at KYLF.
- ★ 4-H Council new Officers — Kyle Ruele— President; Braeden Simon — Vice-President; Jayden Torres — Treasurer; and Jordan Stimpert — Secretary.
- ★ To all of our community leaders from 2022-23;
Becky Swan, Lois Swonger, Adriana Figueroa, Linda Fry, Chelsea Gleason, Donita Derstein, Amy Gerdes, Kim Nichols, Missi Haskell, Angie Woydziak, Debi Schartz-Robinson, Elizabeth Stimpert, Shana Tilley, Kaylee Simon and Brandi Stein.
- ★ To our new leaders for 2023-2024;
Brooklyn Droste, Becky Swan, Lois Swonger, Adriana Figueroa, Linda Fry, Chelsea Gleason, Donita Derstein, Kim Nichols, Cari Wasson, Missi Haskell, Debi Schartz-Robinson, Elizabeth Stimpert, Shana Tilley, Kaylee Simon and Brandi Stein.

Community Foundation's Scholarship

Consider applying for the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas Scholarship. These scholarships are for graduating seniors and youth already in college. February 1 is the deadline to submit. Copies can also be found at www.communityfoundationswks.com.

Future Dates to Remember

December

26—Jan 2 Office closed for Christmas and New Years

January 2024

4 Ambassador/Exchange Meeting, 7 pm Fair building.
9 Ford County Fair Board Meeting
15 Office closed Martin Luther King Day
17 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fair Building
19 Area Project Record Judging
22 Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings

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, or contact Ethel for a copy. Community Leaders were also given a copy at their last meeting.

Registration is open for 4-H camp in 2024!

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, 2023.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2024 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 17th, 2024 at 6:00 pm 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.

Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at K-State Salina, a schedule of events is located on the 4-H Horse Panorama website. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

****New for 2024**** A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore hippology. Adults who volunteer to assist with the day's events can register at a reduced rate.

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama registration will be completed through Qualtrics at the link provided on the 4-H Horse Panorama website. Adults and additional youth attending must also register. Registration is due January 2, 2024. Payment must be made by check.



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 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 Producer Day Dates

The 2024 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set and registration is now open! We are excited to host families on campus again this spring! **The K-State Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 2, with K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 16.** Both events will be hosted in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Beef and sheep events are hosted in even years, with swine and meat goat days in odd years. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. Topics will range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship.

This is a family learning event! Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after the deadline, for both events. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt. Junior Beef Producer Day registrations are due February 12, with Junior Sheep being due February 26. Registration is open now and can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. Junior Producer Day event registrations are non-refundable.

An optional YQCA instructor-led training and state livestock nomination session will be offered at the end of each program. Specific details about the YQCA certification will be shared directly with those who indicate through their registration that they plan to stay for the additional class. More information about the junior day events, including each of the flyers, are available on the @ksuylp Facebook page and the KSU YLP website, under Events, Junior Producer Days.

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 \$15 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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JUDGES TRAINING

MONDAY, JAN. 15

10:30AM TO 3:00PM

\$10 Fee - Lunch Provided

Pay at the door

Registration Due
January 3rd

To register
Use the link or QR
code.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d8cZPUfrrxhYoK



JUDGING AREAS:

STYLE REVUE
PHOTOGRAPHY
CLOTHING
FIBER ARTS
FOODS AND NUTRITION
RABBITS
HORTICULTURE & CROPS
VISUAL ARTS
WOODWORKING
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SHOOTING SPORTS
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



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KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

\$30: Ticket, Voucher (\$10 concessions), & Shirt

\$20: Ticket & Voucher (\$10 concessions)

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD (1/13/24, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (1/13/24, 12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (1/13/24, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due **January 1st, 2024**. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY>

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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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County Extension Agent



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