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EXTENSION OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Our office will be closed from December 26 to January 2. We will reopen January 3 with our regular hours.

4-H ENROLLMENTS

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2023 and **volunteers need to update their profiles, too!** *This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter if you have not re-enrolled by January 31.* You are now able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects**, which need to be enrolled in prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each project.

CLUB LEADERS— It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online and verify that you have completed the volunteer training in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing, you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you **MUST** weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. **Beef weigh-in has been set for February 16 at Winter Livestock between 4:00 -6:00 pm. Bad Weather date is February 23.**

Ford County Fair 2023 DATES

The Ford County Fair will be held Thursday, July 20 through Monday, July 24 with fashion review judging July 17, set up on July 18, and clean up on Wednesday, July 26. Please put these dates on your calendars.

Fair Checks and Thank You Notes

A reminder we still have a few exhibitors who have not turned in thank you notes for County Fair premiums, livestock sale etc. Please do so as soon as possible. If checks are not picked up and cashed by February 1, premiums will be forfeited and returned to the Fair Association. These checks had four very generous community businesses donated funds which were evenly split to each exhibitor, so your check is more than just the premium money from your exhibits. You can write a thank you for their general support of the 4-H program and the fair.

4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 23 at the Ford County Fair Building. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm. See Kyle's note on page 4

AREA RECORD BOOK JUDGING

A reminder if your Record Book was selected for area judging, the record book is due into the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Those eligible from Ford County are:

Clark Burgert – Clothing, Performing Arts, STEM; Aubrey Gerdes - Leadership; Stanton Custer – Civic Engagement, Photography; Adeline Robinson – Rabbit; Kyle Ruehle – Beef; Braeden Simon – Foods and Nutrition, Wood Science; Quinlan Simon – Poultry, Shooting Sports, Swine

If any adult would like to attend the judging and help with the screening of these books, please let us know.

FORD COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ford County 4-H Foundation is Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 pm in the Ford County Government Building. (Note this is a different location than stated in the annual membership letter).

Members will vote on two board members for a three year term and elect officers. This is a public meeting and every Ford County resident is invited to attend. A minimum donation of \$5 entitles you to one vote at the annual meeting and election of board of directors.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their annual membership drive. You should have already received a letter asking you to become a member. Support of this organization is through a minimum donation contribution of \$5.00. To make a contribution, send 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; sponsoring trips such as the Denver Consumer Science award trip, officer's training, record book incentives and school enrichment programs. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or call the Extension Office.

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too.

Please check our 4-H Facebook page for cancellations if you are in doubt about the status of an event.



JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS REGISTRATION OPEN

The 2023 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be Saturday, March 11 with Kansas Junior Goat Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 18. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall 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. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are forthcoming. For more information, including details to sign up, please follow the @ksuylp Facebook page and check the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>. Registration is due February 15 (Swine) and February 22 (Goats) and both are a \$20 registration fee.

Discovery Days 2023 DATES

Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

This will take place February 19-20, 2023 in Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza). Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year are able to participate. Registration will be coming soon and the deadline will be February 1, 2023. Let Andrea or Ethel know if you are interested.

4-H AMBASSADOR AND COMMUNICATION TRAINING

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp.

Please get this date on your 4-H Ambassador's calendars now. Friday night registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Dismissal will be Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

We will also be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who are not be part of a local 4-H Ambassador Program, it will be a separate but still connected program that same weekend.

Be watching email for registration information. Registration will be due February 1, 2023.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2023

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship Applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities Webpage](#). All applications and corresponding requested materials must be submitted by **March 1st, 2023**. If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, please contact Andrea or Ethel.

FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES

Please do your part to take responsibility for your own actions and project work. This means calling in to register for events, turning forms in on time, and calling ahead with questions. Responsibility is one of the many life skills to learn! If you need papers signed, please do not wait until the last minute, as both of the agents may be out of the office. Call ahead to **be sure someone will be in the office**.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to 'LIKE' Ford County 4-H on Facebook. We post a lot of important information and updates on this page! It's a great way for us to keep in contact with all of our great Ford County 4-H families!

TRAVELING PHOTOS

We are needing the photos from the 2022 Ford County Fair which were designated for the Traveling Photo Display to be brought to the Extension Office. We would like to have these by January 13 so we can start arranging for displays around the community.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget if you are interested in attending summer camp at Rock Springs this year, you can enroll at www.rockspringsranch4Hcamp.org at anytime. You have choices of 4 days/3 nights or 7 days/6 nights camping opportunities. You can select dates that fit your schedule as our county does not have a specific time frame for camping. Visit with your friends near and far and sign up for the camp you are all interested in. There are camps for 3rd through 12th grades, with different price tiers. Questions? Give us a call.

FAIR BOARD MEETINGS DATES

The Fair Board has set their regular monthly meeting dates for the upcoming year to be the second Tuesday of each month starting in February of 2023. Meetings will take place at the Fair Building starting at 7 p.m.

NOTE From Kyle Ruehle, Ford County 2023 4-H Council President

January 2023 Ford County 4-H Newsletter,

Happy New Year! I hope this new year finds you well. As your new FC Council President, I am looking forward to a successful year of serving alongside the officer team and council members to accomplishing many 4-H activities and projects at the county level throughout this year. This new year we will begin setting new goals, budgets and ideas within our council committees throughout the year to help serve all of our 4-H members, communities and county. After returning from National 4-H Congress, it is important that we serve others by using our hands, head, heart and health.

Did you know that over 70,000 kids are enrolled in 4-H in Kansas? This coming year I would like to encourage everyone to invite new friends to your clubs to help increase our county enrollment in order represent and promote Ford County. In 2022, we had 49 record books turned in for a county percentage of 47%. We need to work together to complete our record books and help increase our county percentage so more 4-H Ford County members have an opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress. It's an experience of a lifetime!

As a reminder to new council members, please remember communication to your club and your council is vital because you have been elected to represent the opinion of the majority of your 4-H Club. Also, please find an appropriate substitute to attend 4-H Council meetings if you are unable to attend. You won't want to miss this year because the agenda will be packed with activities!

Thank you to all the former, current and future 4-H FC Community Leaders that help us thrive to become the new upcoming leaders of the world. Most of all, thank you to Ethel, Andrea and Cassie for their continued service to 4-H, our community and our state.

I am looking forward to working with the new council officer team and its members to serve our 4-H Clubs and our community together this coming year!

Kyle Ruehle

Ford County will be one of the counties included with this summer intern program! If you or if you know off someone who might be interested in these two positions here in Ford County, please contact Andrea or Ethel for more information. Applications were due Dec. 16 or until the positions are filled. This is a paid position at \$17 an hour. Here is the link for the application:

<https://ca-reers.pageuppeople.com/742/cw/en-us/job/514039/4h-educatorintern>



**KANSAS 4-H
SUMMER
INTERN
OPPORTUNITY**

- MAY 22 - AUG 4, 2023
- PAID
- FULL TIME
- 12 WEEK INTERNSHIP
- MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
ACROSS THE STATE

For best consideration apply by
Dec 16, 2022. Apply here:



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4-H Day with Women Wildcats!

Join us for our 4-H Day with the Women Wildcats!

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA) is excited to inform you that the annual "4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball" has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12th at 1PM. Join us as the Wildcats take on the Oklahoma Sooners!

For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. This year, a ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15.

Register at: <https://conta.cc/3UkNwIO> by January 15th.

Youth Rabbit Show

Haskell County 4-H Rabbit Club is sponsoring a Youth Only Rabbit Show on January 28, 2023 at the Satanta Community Building, Satanta, KS. This is a carrier show. Youth Contests include Showmanship, Judging Classes, Breed ID and Best Bunny Costumes. There is a show fee of \$4.00 per rabbit. Registration is 8:30-9:30 am and all rabbits must be checked in by 9:30 am. Contests begins at 10 am. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

Dog Judges Training and Re-Certification

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Wichita at the Extension Center on January 27-29. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project.

New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be re-certified. This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be 16-years-old and up to attend this certification and training.

Emails will be sent to judges needing to recertify and encourage them to become familiar with the new Kansas 4-H Dog Rule Book <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1120.pdf>

New judges are always needed. If you are a parent or someone who wants to help our 4H youth with the dog project, please consider taking the training. All registering should have knowledge of the 4-H Dog Program.

[Registration](#) is open! Registration Deadline is January 15, 2023. The Certification cost is \$95 and Observing cost is \$50.

Judges will be able to select which areas they would like to certify in: showmanship, obedience, rally obedience and/or agility.

Those who received a score of 80% or higher are recertified for the next 5 years. If they received a lower score, they will need to complete an in-person recertification process when it becomes available.

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 28, 2023, at K-State Salina. In-person and virtual contests are available to Kansas 4-H members enrolled in the Horse or Horseless Horse project including Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more.

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama registration will be completed through Qualtrics at the link provided on the 4-H Horse Panorama website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>). Registration is due January 10, 2023.

Virtual contests for 2023 will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster, PowerPoint and Model Horse. Exhibits must be submitted via Qualtrics by 11:59pm. January 20, 2023. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the Panorama event webpage.

4-H CLUB DAYS

WHAT IS 4-H CLUB DAYS?

Club Days is a great way for 4-H'ers to showcase their talents in music, drama, dance and public speaking with others!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN 4-H CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers can participate in Club Days as a CLUB and/or an INDIVIDUAL. You must be enrolled through KS 4-H Online. Remember Cloverbuds can not participate in this competitive event.

WHAT EVENTS CAN I DO?

There are a variety of events to please everyone. Please see the next page for a brief description of 4-H Club Day events. FULL descriptions and rules can be found on our website.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

EACH 4-H'er participating in an INDIVIDUAL event needs to fill out an event registration online through Sign Up Genius. If a 4-H'er is competing in a CLUB event, the club leader needs to register for a club time through Sign Up Genius. Please list ALL participants names in the comment area.

Registration link will be available on our Extension website after January 3. Registration needs to be completed by January 27.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please call the Extension Office if you need help or have questions.



Ford County Club Day—Feb. 4

Dodge City Senior Center,
2408 Central, Dodge City.

Registration will be through Sign Up Genius. Sign up early to get the presentation time you want. Registration is due by January 27, 2023!!

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, March 4

At the Nazarene Church

BOTH DATES WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM.
Schedules will be available online the week prior for County 4-H Club Days.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I COMPETE AT REGIONAL CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers will be notified after County Club Days if they qualified for REGIONAL CLUB DAYS. 4-H'ers will need to notify the office ASAP if they are able to compete at regionals.

AGE is determined by Age of 4-H members on DECEMBER 31, of the current 4-H year.

Sr. Division – 14 and older

Jr. Division – 13 and younger

(unless otherwise stated in individual sections)
Remember Cloverbuds can not participate in this competitive event.



COUNTY CLUB ::EVENTS::

****Clubs are required to do a group event to count towards their SEAL! ****

Check General Guidelines as several categories you must give the judge a copy of your music, reading, etc.

MODEL MEETING

- **Model Meeting** - club and 1 or 2 adults
This event allows clubs to act out a 'proper business meeting' which 4-H Clubs do each month at their regular 4-H Club Meeting. In this event, clubs must include 5 parliamentary practices found in the 'Club Days Guidelines.' Two additional topics will be drawn at the competition and must be included during the competition. Please contact the office for more information.
- **Gavel Games** - 4-6 members
This is a great way for youth to practice parliamentary procedure in a fun atmosphere. Please see the 'Club Days Guidelines' for complete rules and information.

DRAMATICS:

- **One Act Play** - group
This is FUN for a club to do! Grab a script and practice, practice, practice! Only one scene set allowed.
- **Skit** - group
This is also fun for creative minds. Make up your own skit and put costumes and a set to it!
- **Novelty** - individual or group
Are you in gymnastics? Do you like to do ventriloquists acts, stunts, puppets or other forms of entertainment?
- **Vocal Performance** - a solo or group (2 or more)
perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges.

DANCE:

- **Folk Step Dance** - group
May include circle, line, Irish, polka dance etc.
- **Square Dance** - group
Kick-off your shoes for some good ol' fashioned square dancing! 10 min max.
- **Other Dance** - individual or group
Are you in ballet, tap, cheerleading, clogging, etc? Then this is for you!

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- **Show & Tell** - 1st or 2nd yr. junior members only
This event is as simple as bringing your favorite toy and telling the judge all about it.
- **Project Talk** - junior members only
Gain confidence by talking to a judge about your favorite project in 4-H. Visuals are encouraged.
- **Public Speaking** - senior members only
Take the next step and write your own speech on a topic of your choice. 15 min max.
- **Extemporaneous Speaking** - senior members only
Participant draws two topics at competition and chooses one of them to speak on. 15 min prep time.
- **Digital Presentation**
Put your PowerPoint skills to work! This event can be on a 4-H Project or topic of your choice.
- **Demonstration**
Show the judge how to make a smoothie, sew on a button, or groom your dog in REAL life!
- **Illustrated Talk Readings**
Show the judge how to do something by using pictures or drawings.
- **Readings**
May be a musical, dramatic, interpretive, humorous or other type of reading. 10 minutes or less Readings need not be memorized.

MUSIC:

- Do you have a favorite song from band or vocal in school that you'd love to share for a judge? If so, enter it for Club Days! 4-H'ers must have sheet music for judges. An ensemble has 2-5 4-H'ers participating.
- **Vocal Solo or Ensemble**
 - **Chorus** - 6 or more in group
Group will sing two songs of their choosing.
 - **Instrumental Solo or Ensemble**
 - **Band or Orchestra** - 6 or more in group

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Dear 4-H Families,



Happy New Year to all. We are looking forward to a great 2023!

Stay warm during this current cold spell and hope you have a very Merry Christmas!

Check out the information in this newsletter for more information concerning County Club Day and Regional Club Day. Consider signing up for public presentation or one of the other events for club day. We would love to have more participation. We have also included a yearly calendar with the newsletter. All dates are tentative.

We know we just got done with Record Books, but now is the perfect time to start on your record book for next year by setting your goals for the year. These can be recorded in the ZBooks records online or by starting your pdf record book files.

Have a great new year!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ethel".

Ethel Schneweis
County Extension Agent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

Andrea Burns
County Extension Agent



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2022-2023 Kansas 4-H

Calendar

All Dates are Tentative & Subject to Change

2023

January 2	Extension Office closed for New Year's
January TBD	Citizenship In Action Registration Open
January 11	Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
January 15	Wildcat Women's Basketball with KAE4-HA Registration Deadline
January 16	Extension Office Closed – Martin Luther Kin Day
January 19	SW Project Award Regional Evaluation, Cimarron, KS 9:30 am
January 23	4-H Community Leader meeting and 4-H Council Meeting
January 28	Horse Panorama, Rock Springs 4-H Ranch
February 4	Ford County 4-H Club Day, Dodge City Senior Center
February 12	Wildcat Women's Basketball with KAE4-HA
February 16	Ford County 4-H Beef (large Animal) Weigh in, 4-6 pm
February 19-20	Citizenship in Action, Topeka, KS
February 20	Extension Office Closed – Presidents Day
February 24-25	4-H Ambassador & Communication Training Event, Rock Springs 4-H Ranch
February 27	4-H Exchange/Ambassador Meeting
March TBD	Discovery Days Registration Open
March 1	State 4-H Project Award Submissions due
March 1	Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications due
March 4	Regional 4-H Club Day, Nazarene Church, Dodge City
March 11	Junior Swine Producer Day, KSU campus
March 18	Junior Meat Goat Producer Day, KSU Campus
March 25	4-H Exchange Flea Market
March 27	4-H Community Leader meeting and 4-H Council Meeting
April 1	Barn Quilt Workshop
April 24	4-H Exchange/Ambassador Meeting
May 1	State 4-H/FFA Market Beef nominations due
May 1	Last day to Drop or Add a Project
May 22	4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings
May 29	Extension Office Closed – Memorial Day
May 30-August 4	Summer Intern Grant Program
June/July	4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs 4-H Ranch
June TBD	Geology Field Trip
June 1	Horse ID's and registrations due
June 7-9	Discovery Days
June 15	State 4-H/FFA Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer nominations due
June 16-17	Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Manhattan area
June TBD	4-H Exchange hosting Pennsylvania members
June 19	Extension Office Closed – Juneteenth
June 26	4-H Exchange/Ambassador Meeting

July TBD	State Livestock Sweepstakes entries open
July 4	Extension Office Closed – July 4 Independence Day
July TBD	4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings
July 19-24	Ford County Fair (Fashion Review judging-July 17, Set up – July 18)
July 28-August 6	Dodge City Days and Round Up Rodeo
August 1	State Livestock Sweepstakes entries due
August 8	4-H Wheat Expo, Pratt
August 11	4-H State Fair Pre-entries due to office
August 12 (tentative)	State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
August 19-20 (tentative)	4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, KSU
August 28	4-H Exchange/Ambassador Meeting
September 1	State Fair Exhibits due in the office
September 4	Extension Office Closed - Labor Day
September 2	Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, Hutchinson, Expo Center
September 6	State Fair Foods and Gardening Exhibits due in the office by 8 am
September 7	Kansas State Fair Entry and Judging Day
September 8-17	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
September 25	4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council Meetings
October 1	New 4-H Year begins, and 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
October 1-7	National 4-H Week
October 2	Record Books, Achievement Pins, etc. due into the office
October 9	Extension Office Closed – Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
October 23	4-H Exchange/Ambassador meeting