

# 4-H Clover News

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## National 4-H Week

Help celebrate this year's National 4-H Week, Oct 1-7, by helping to promote 4-H. "I ♥ 4-H" is the theme for this year's National 4-H Week, and 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 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. You can also send your picture to Andrea or Ethel to post on our Facebook page.
- ★ 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.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING—Saturday, October 28

All newly elected officers are invited to attend an Officers Training workshop on October 28. 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 October 25 to the office. **This will be in the afternoon and the location is be determined.** More information will be sent out soon. 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!

# 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 pay 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. You may need to let the office know if something needs to be changed and we will make that correction. 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 disciples. If you are not sure, check with us. A couple of name changes this year—Buymanship is now called "Shopping in Style", Clothing Construction is now "Sewing and Textile Design". See a complete list of project names on the enclosed handout.

## 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, Cat, Dog, Fish, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice, Parakeets, Rabbits, Rats
- The 4-H Cloverbud members do not manage money. 2



## 4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE MTG

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, October 30th @7:00 pm (5th Monday of October due to conflict with 4th Monday). 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.

The group will be working on finding a new Exchange partner for the upcoming two year exchange cycle. We would love to have more members involved with the group. Past group members will tell you about some wonderful opportunities to visit with 4-H'ers from other states!!!

Call Ethel if you would like more information.

## EXTENSION ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

The Ford County Extension Program Development Committee Election meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 10** from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. at the Ford County Extension Office, and 5:15 pm to 7 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 (Agriculture and Natural Resources; Family and consumer Sciences; 4-H Youth Development; and Community Vitality) and candidates elected will serve a two-year term.

## PROJECT NEWS

### Shooting Sports Info

State Shooting Sports will be held on October 14. Shooting Sports practice will be October 8 and the 2023 Fun Shoot will be held on October 22nd at the Dodge City Gun Club at 1:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Troy Robertson.

### State Project Name Changes

Please look at the enclosed sheet with State Projects listed. They have made some minor changes. You will notice Clothing, Buymanship and Plant Science have a different name and STEM projects will now be listed under the individual project name instead of STEM. Please let us know if you have any questions or can not find a project you are looking for.

**New Animals Tab in 4-H Online for 2023-24:** Features will include uploading documents, vaccination records, record tracking, weights and custom reports. Guides will be available soon from the State Office.

## 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. 4-H Project Selection Guides are being updated and we will post on our website when we receive the new updated version.



## 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 -Lights, Camera, Action, Leadership!

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be November 18-19 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, 2024 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 Jason Wetzler. He has spoken to over 800,000 people in 45 states and three countries. Jason will have our participants thinking, laughing, and thankful they chose to attend.

Registration is open! Again, this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 16, 2023 for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance. Depending on who signs up, we have usually left early on Saturday morning, arriving just in time for the registration.

## 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.

4-H T-Shirts that were sold at State Fair are available for order if you didn't have a chance to purchase. There are two designs with one costing \$17 and one \$21. Must order by December 1. Call for more details or order from State 4-H Website.



## 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, 2024 or the funds will be forfeited back to the Ford County Fair Association.



# Saturday, Nov. 4th

## 6:00 pm Fair Building

### ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT COMMITTEES

**Decorations:** VB (chair) and HH

Will need to decorate the stage, photo backdrop and tables. We do have some items you can use. Let us know what you might need.

**Tea and Coffee:** RB

**Serving Food:** LC

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

**Clean up:** WWW, DCC and DIY Jrs.

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

All families are asked to bring food items for our Council's 48 Hours of 4-H Food Drive activity

*All families are asked to bring Potluck dish for our 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 a potluck meal, we would appreciate a tentative number of who will be attending to set up for the night. Please call the office by noon on November 1, to let us know number attending.

## 4-H Shout Outs

- ★ All 2022-23 Club, Council and Ambassador/ Exchange Officers for serving this past program year.
- ★ All 2022-23 Community Leaders. To all leaders who will continue being a leader in 2023-2024.
- ★ To all who exhibited at the State Fair and KJLS.
- ★ 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.
- ★ To our Ford County Fair Board Members for all you do for 4-H!

**Congratulations!**

### WINDOW DISPLAYS

Be on the look out for Ford County 4-H Club's Windows at the following businesses:

- DIY Jrs — Long's
- DCC — Landmark Bank
- HH — Spearville Senior Center
- LC — Beauty Villa
- RB — Big R
- VB — Charlie's Hardware, Bucklin
- WWW — J & A Service, Spearville



## 4-H Council News

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

### 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 17) before the next Council Meeting, November 27. 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 October 4-15. We encourage you to participate and donate at our local Tractor Supply Co. store.



## Future Dates to Remember

### October

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| 1-7 | National 4-H Week   |
| 9   | Office closed for Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day)                  |
| 10  | Extension Elections— 8:30 am-5 pm, Ext. Office 5:15—7 p.m., Fair Building |
| 30  | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting   |

### November

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| 4     | Achievement Night                 |
| 18-19 | KYLF and KVLF, Rock Springs Ranch |
| 23-24 | Office Closed for Thanksgiving    |
| 27    | Parade of Lights                  |
| 27    | 4-H Council/Com. Leader Meetings  |

### December

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| 9  | Barn Quilt Workshop (youth and adults) |
| 25 | 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. 4-H Council is doing a Food Drive during Achievement Night, November 4. 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.

# 2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS



Beef  
Dairy Cattle  
Dairy Goats  
Dog  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

Sewing & Textile Design  
Shopping in Style  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Interior Design & Architecture

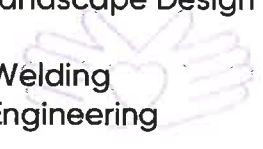
Environmental Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

Civic Engagement  
Leadership  
Reading Adventures  
Self-Determined

Entomology  
Agronomy  
Forestry  
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Ag Mechanics Welding  
Building Block Engineering  
Astronomy  
Computer Science  
Electric & Renewable Energy  
Robotics  
Aerospace/Rocketry  
Small Engines  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
Woodworking



## PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef  
Dairy, Cattle  
Dairy, Goats  
Dog Care & Training  
Horse  
Meat Goats  
Pets (including Cats)  
Poultry  
Rabbits  
Sheep  
Swine  
Veterinary Science

Communications  
Performing Arts  
Photography  
Visual Arts

Clothing & Textiles- Construction  
Clothing & Textiles- Buymanship  
Family Studies  
Fiber Arts  
Foods & Nutrition  
Health & Wellness  
Home Environment

Environment Science  
Geology  
Shooting Sports  
Wildlife

Citizenship (Civic Engagement)  
Leadership  
Reading  
Self-Determined

Entomology  
Plant Science  
Plant Science- Field Crops  
Plant Science- Forestry  
Plant Science- Horticulture

STEM - Ag Mechanics  
STEM - Architectural Block Construction  
STEM - Astronomy  
STEM - Computer Science  
STEM - Energy Management  
STEM - Robotics  
STEM- Aerospace/Rocketry  
STEM - Small Engines  
STEM - UAS  
Woodworking



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Dear 4-H Families,

**Kansas** 


Happy 4-H New Year!

Can you believe it is October? We made it through another 4-H year!

Let' start this new year off right! National 4-H Week is this week. Show your 4-H pride! 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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