

4-H Clover News

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Help celebrate this year's National 4-H Week, Oct 7-13, by joining the movement to "INSPIRE KIDS TO DO!" Since 1968, National 4-H Week has been 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.

During the month we are encouraging members to write letters to the Editor about "Why you like 4-H" or "Why you like being a 4-Her" as a way to promote 4-H. Check with your community leader or the office for more information, contact info for news papers, etc. This was discussed at 4-H Council meeting.

National 4-H Week Gift Card Giveaway!

Get entered to win a \$25 gift card during National 4-H Week! You can get 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to ALL of our Kansas State Fair Participants!

STATE FAIR FASHION REVUE

Congratulations to Brooklyn Hahn for being selected Reserve Grand Champion Women's Buymanship at the State Fair Fashion Revue and Marissa Sanchez for also representing Ford County.

Thanks to Brooklyn for being an awesome narrator for the State Fair Public Fashion Revues. You did a great job!!



KSF PHOTOGRAPHY SELECTIONS

KS 4-H Foundation — Calista Stein

Sunflower Award — Arionne Servis

Cole Bertelsen's
Arts and Crafts —
Rock Springs
Selection



State Fair Demonstrations

Aubrey and Alexa Gerdes
Tamara Robertson
Braeden and Quinlan Simon

Horse

Halle Robinson—Horse Pole
Bending 14-18 — 1st place

State Fair exhibitors were: Cole Bertelsen, Clark Burgert, Kendall Burns, Stanton Custer, Kiowa Derstein, Teaghen Elledge, Candace Fry, Erika Fry, Alexa Gerdes, Aubrey Gerdes, Brooklyn Hahn, Aiden Haskell, Sierra Higby, Briggs Kerr, Brooklynn Kerr, Chance Kerr, Lincoln Martin, Calder McCollum, Madison McGee, Michaela Mink, Paige Mink, Macy Musslin, Brayden Prater, Dalton Prater, Tamara Robertson, Halle Robinson, Jemma Rumbaugh, Madeline Sanchez, Marissa Sanchez, Cameron Schulte, Arionne Servis, Easton Shenk, Braeden Simon, Quinlan Simon, Calista Stein, Cassie Wells, Grace Woydziak.

All state fair results can be found on the [State 4-H Website](#). Congratulations to all Ford County 4-H members who exhibited at the Kansas State Fair. Everyone did an outstanding job! If you have not picked up your exhibits from the extension office, please do so along with you comment cards and ribbons.

Livestock

Brooklynn Kerr—Champion Yorkshire
Breeding Gilt

Easton Shenk — Maintainer Breed
Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer



4-H AMBASSADOR/ EXCHANGE MTG

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, October 22 @7:00 pm. NEW members are welcome! (4th Monday of the month)

The 4-H Exchange Flea Market will be held on October 13 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!

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 3-14. We encourage you to participate at our local Tractor Supply Co. store during Paper Clover and donate.

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 Ambassadors have decided to help the Ford County Fair Association for our service project by painting bleachers, arena boards, and other items to help the fairgrounds look better. They would welcome all 4-H members to join them on Saturday, October 13, 4:00-6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds. Painting supplies and a meal will be provided by Fair Board.

KYLF and Volunteer Forum

Registration deadline for the Ks Youth Leadership Forum and the 4-H Volunteer Forum is October 15. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING, Monday, October 29

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 29 at 6:00pm at the fair building for Officer Training! All newly elected officers are invited to attend an Officer Training workshop.

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. Please call/email the Extension Office by October 24 to register for this jam-packed training! Training will be approximately 1 1/2 hours long. A meal will be provided. There will be a session for Community Leaders so we hope community leaders will plan to attend.



ONLINE 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT

4-H Member Enrollment will be done online again this year. You can begin enrollment and re-enrollment on October 1. **Please wait until this date to enroll.** The Club with the most re-enrollments by November 15 of current members will receive a pizza party.

All enrollment will need to be completed online at <https://ks.4honline.com> for new and re-enrollments. 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, sponsor and waiver. If you have more than one child and do not want several debit/credit card transactions you will need to indicate check or sponsor otherwise each will be it's own transaction. If your club has voted to pay for their member's fee you would select "sponsor". Please let us know if your club or someone else is sponsoring your fee. **Enrollment will not become active until the State 4-H Office has received payment of the fee.** If you have any questions, please contact the office. There are instructions on the online website for re-enrolling.

It is very important to keep 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.

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. 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.

4-H CLOVERBUDS

Kansas 4-H is proud to claim the Cloverbud (5-6 year olds who are too young to join 4-H) program. 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.
- A 4-H Cloverbud group does not have officers.
- The 4-H Cloverbud members do not manage money.

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!

2018 Kansas Water Office Photo Contest

Photos will be accepted through October 12, 2018.

Water is a vital resource in Kansas, and the KWO Photo Contest looks to highlight not only the beauty of the resource, but also its many different uses throughout the state. The top three photos will be displayed in the Kansas Water Office and Kansas Capitol. The winning photo will be featured at the 2019 Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas.

This year, five categories will be the focus of our photo contest, as well as a youth division for those 18 years of age and younger. For more information visit: <https://www.kwo.ks.gov/news-events/kwo-photo-contest>.



Saturday, Nov. 3rd
6:30 pm Fair Building

*Families are asked to
bring a dessert.*



ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET COMMITTEES

Program Assembly: Lucky Clovers

Programs should be ready by Oct. 30. Please let us know when you would like to complete this task.

Decorations: DC Cuauhtli's, Wilroads Gardens, Wright Wonder Workers

Serving Tea and Coffee: Valley Boosters

Please arrive that evening no later than 6:15 pm. We start serving promptly at 6:30 pm.

Serving Food: Richland Boosters

Please arrive that evening no later than 6:15 pm. We start serving promptly at 6:30 pm.

Clean up: DIY Jrs.

Help remove table paper from tables and clean up trash, take down decorations and take out trash.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET?

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.

DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A TICKET? Yes, ALL planning on coming to the Achievement Banquet should purchase a ticket. Tickets are available at the Extension Office, and will be sold until Friday, October 26.

PHOTOS NEEDED

Did you take pictures during the past 4-H year at any of your club or county wide activities? If so, we are looking for some pictures to include in this year's slide show for the Achievement Banquet.

You can send photos by email to Andrea at aburns@ksu.edu by Friday, October 26.

ticket prices

\$4.00—members w/ record books

\$6.00—Leaders & Board Members

\$8.00—additional tickets

6 & Younger—children eat for FREE!

WINDOW DISPLAYS

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

- DC Cuauhtli—>Landmark Bank (14th street)
- DIY Jrs —> Christian Book Store
- LC —> Via Christi Med @ Mall
- VB —> Charlie's Hardware
- WG —> Wilroad's School Gym
- WWW—>Spearville Senior Center

COOKIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES



Each club was assigned local businesses at the September 4-H Council meeting to take cookies to during 4-H Week. This is a small gesture of appreciation for their support. Take time out of your day to say thank you in person! Our 4-H Program would not exist without them!

Future Dates to Remember

October

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| 1 | Record Books due
New 4-H Year Begins |
| 7-13 | National 4-H Week |
| 13 | 4-H Exchange Flea Market |
| 13 | 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project of painting fairgrounds projects |
| 22 | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg |
| 26 | Extension Elections—Final Friday
DC Library—4-6 pm |
| 29 | Officer's Training, 6-8 p.m., Fair Bldg. |

November

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| 3 | Achievement Banquet |
| 17-18 | KYLF and KVLF, Rock Springs Ranch |
| 22-23 | Office closed for Thanksgiving |



4-H Shout Outs

- ★ To Brooklyn Hahn for being a narrator for the State Fair Public Fashion Revues (Construction and Buy-manship).
- ★ To all the 4-H members who turned in a Record Book.
- ★ All clubs with 2017-18 club forms turned in and new 2018-2019 Officer and club information in.
- ★ All 2017-2018 Community Leaders and club officers for their fantastic leadership for their clubs.
- ★ 2018-2019 4-H Council officers: Bretta Austin — President; Candace Fry —Vice President; Calder McCollum—Secretary; and Quaid Clark —Treasurer.

2018 Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Robotics Experience Coming

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This fourth program will feature "Robotics." The experience will begin Friday, Nov 16. at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$115 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$115 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors. There will be a final team robot competition. Other engineering activities include making a catapult and launching pencil erasers, plus much more. There will be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration will close Nov. 4. There will be a minimum number required or the Robotics SpaceTech Experience will be cancelled. This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items).

— Ford County Extension —
Final Friday
 — Dodge City Public Library —
PRESENTS


**Agriculture
 & Natural
 Resources**


**Community
 Development**


**Family &
 Consumer
 Science**


**4-H &
 Youth
 Development**



Unlock the Key to
EXTENSION

Ford County Extension Election

Friday, October 26, 2018, 4 to 6 pm

**Dodge City Public Library
 Lois Flanagan Room
 1001 N. Second Ave.**

- 4-H Displays featuring Projects from the 2018 Ford County Fair.
- Traveling 4-H Photo Display.
- Learn about: Alzheimer's 101; ServSafe; Walk Kansas; Dining with Diabetes; and Radon Awareness.
- Find out how to join local 4-H Clubs.
- Gather information on local FCE Clubs and Extension Master Gardeners.
- Increase knowledge on gardening, crop education and wildlife.



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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year!

The new 4-H year begins today and we hope you are planning to enroll for the upcoming year. Invite a friend or two to come and check out your 4-H Club and encourage them to join 4-H. Share why you enjoy being in the 4-H program. Remember we are inviting you to write a letter to the newspaper(s) about 4-H. 4-H is a wonderful youth program and we want to share our enthusiasm to those around us.

We will be celebrating your accomplishments at the 4-H Achievement Banquet on November 3. This is a great opportunity to recognize our 4-H members, volunteers and parents. We hope you will be able to join us.

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