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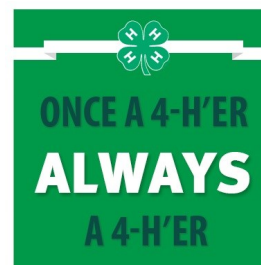
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Congratulations to our Family of the Year recipient — Jake Ring!!!

You are very deserving of this 4-H honor. We appreciate all you volunteer time and donations to our 4-H program. You are a great asset to our Fair Board, our community and our 4-H Program!



KAPS & Record Books DUE October 1st!

It's that time of the year! The 4-H Year ends and begins again October 1st! What does this mean for YOU? The Kansas Award Portfolios (KAP's), Achievement Pin Applications, etc. are DUE to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. On **October 1**. Inside this newsletter is helpful information on how to fill out your KAPS & Record Books. Our website under 4-H record books has other resources. If you need additional assistance ask us for help!

COUNTY FAIR THANK YOU UPDATE

We appreciate everyone who has brought in their Thank You's. Letters were sent out in August containing the list of Thank You's that the 4-H'ers are requested to write in order to receive their premium check. Remember that a Thank You should be in an envelope with the name of the person/business you are thanking on the front along with a stamp. We will fill out the address for you. Keep up the good work!

First National Bank of Bucklin was omitted from your premium letter for their donation of \$1 gold coins for all livestock species showmanship. If you were in showmanship and received a gold coin, please remember to thank them.

KYLF and 4-H Volunteer Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum information is now open on the 4-H Online CVent Registration System. The Forums will be held November 17-18, 2018 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2019 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. Registration deadline is October 15, for both events. **NEW THIS YEAR** - The conferences are on Saturday and Sunday. We have a number of youth with Friday Night school activities and we are trying to make it available to more youth and adults. For those coming from a distance or for scheduling purposes, Friday night lodging and breakfast Saturday will be available at an additional charge.

In an effort to simplify registration for these two events, again this year people will register for both of these events under one title, 2018 Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. It will include workshops, opportunities for networking and sharing resources. Scholarships are available for both of these events! Contact the office for more details.

County Fair Lost and Found Items: If you are missing a beverage cup (we have 3) or a soft baseball bat, contact our office.

KSF TICKETS

If you ordered State Fair Admission tickets and/or Encampment reservations don't forget to pick them up at the Extension Office.



We will transport most exhibits to the State Fair. **Please bring your exhibits to the Extension Office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 5.** Please remove county fair ribbons/cards before bringing to the office. Exhibits must be wrapped and/or

boxed to protect them.

Transportation of large exhibits and animals will be the responsibility of 4-H families. **Food and horticulture exhibits may be brought to the parking lot across from the Extension Office on Friday, September 7 between 7-7:30 a.m.**

National 4-H Week Gift Card Giveaway!

Get entered to win a \$25 gift card during National 4-H Week, October 7-13, 2018! 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.

Future Dates to Remember

September

3	Closed for Labor Day
5	State Fair Exhibits due in office
7	State Fair Food/Hort Exhibits due (7-7:30 am)
7-16	Kansas State Fair
18	Pick up state Fair exhibits from office
24	4-H Com. Leader/4-H Council Mtgs.

October

1	Record Books due New 4-H Year Begins
7-13	National 4-H Week
13	4-H Exchange Flea Market
13-14	48 Hours of 4-H
22	4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg

November

3	Achievement Banquet
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4-H COUNCIL & COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS MEETING



Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm and 4-H Council will meet at 7:00 pm at the fair building on Monday, September 24. If you are unable to attend the 4-H Council meeting, please make sure you find someone else from your club to attend in your spot. **We will be having officer elections at this meeting so please have your new representatives also attend!**

COUNTY AWARDS-CLUBS NOMINATE

The nomination forms for the 4-H Alumni Award, Family of the Year and the 4-H Meritorious Award are available online. Each year these awards are presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. The **Alumni Award** is presented to a past 4-H'er (does not have to be a Ford County resident) and have given leadership and dedication to the total 4-H program in Ford County. The **Family of the Year Award** goes to a Ford County 4-H Family who has been an outstanding star throughout our program. The **Meritorious Award** is given to a person or business who has supported 4-H for several years in various leadership areas. Nominations are due at the September 4-H Council meeting.

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 9:00am-1:00pm. 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.

ONLINE 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-19

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.

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. Date and time will be determined soon and emailed out to all members and families.

4-H Club Officer Elections

As you prepare to elect your officers at your September 4-H meeting, consider these guidelines:

★ Nominate and vote for the member who will carry out the responsibilities of the office well. *Remember to vote for the person you think will do the job and also attend meetings on a regular bases.* Elections should not be a popularity contest.

★ Vote on each office individually. It takes time but allows important learning time for members.

★ Consider having members sign up for the office they are interested in or allow members to nominate themselves from the floor for an office.

★ A nomination does not need a second. It can simply be, "I nominate Joe"

★ In order to "close the nominations" for each office, a motion, second and a vote is required.

★ Voting should be done by ballot. Once again this does take time, but it is the proper way to vote. Ballots should be counted by members who are not running for office.

★ Each member should have one vote per office.

★ In cases where there are more than one person in an office (ex: if there are two song leaders) each member would vote for the corresponding candidates (2 votes for 2 song leaders).

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is **October 7-13, 2018!** This means that your club window displays should be up by October 7. This is a great marketing tool for 4-H, so lets get creative! National theme is "Inspire Kids to Do!"

Here are some other tips to market 4-H year round, but especially during National 4-H Week!

- ★ Wear your 4-H shirts to school!
- ★ Talk to your friends about your favorite 4-H activities and projects, they'll be interested in joining too!
- ★ Hold an "open house" 4-H meeting and invite all of your friends to come check out your club and see what 4-H is all about!
- ★ If your club is doing a community service project or anything interesting, tell the office and send us some pictures. We're more than happy to write a news release to let the public know about all the good 4-H is doing for the community.

EXTENSION ANNUAL ELECTION MTG

The Ford County Extension Program Development Committee Election will be a NEW format for 2018. It will be in partnership with the Dodge City Public Library's Final Friday on Friday, October 26, 4-6 pm in the Lois Flanagan Meeting Room. This will be a come and go format for the election and highlighting 4-H projects, Ag and FCS programs, FCE clubs, etc. Refreshments will be provided for the event..

In accordance with Kansas Extension Law, representatives to serve in agriculture, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development and economic development will be elected on a county-wide basis to serve a two-year term. All persons 18 years of age or older and living within the boundaries of Ford County are invited and eligible for nomination and to vote.

Candidates will be running for the four Program Development Committee (PDC) areas. Information about each candidate will be listed on the Ford County Extension website at www.ford.ksu.edu in October.

ACHIEVEMENT PINS

What are they?

Achievement Pins are like little awards or goals 4-H'ers can work towards each year.

Who can get them?

Anyone in the 4-H Program can earn achievement pins.

Where can I find the applications & paper work?

Go to <http://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-publications/awards-recognitions.html> to find all of the pin applications.

Where do I start?

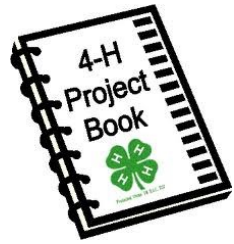
If you are new to the award pin process, start at the beginning. Some of the pin levels require lots of effort and some are just as easy as attending club meetings! Remember to have your club leader sign all of your paperwork!

Ford County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be Saturday, November 3, 6:30 pm at the Ford County Fair Building.

Did You Know?

The Ford County 4-H Foundation gives a cash prize to the club who turns in the largest percentage of Record Books. Even if you do not apply for an award you should turn in a complete book to count for your Club's total. Also, our local 4-H Foundation Scholarships and Awards trips require a Complete Record Book to apply for the awards.

- ★ **Membership Pin** - First in a series of 4-H Achievement Pins. Must attend more than half of the club meetings and complete record book.
- ★ **Bronze Pin** - Second in the series of pins. Exhibit at Fair, complete 4-H record book, attend over ½ of club meetings, attend one county or club event.
- ★ **Clover Pin** - Third in the series of pins. Exhibit at Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete record book and complete three of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Emerald Pin** - Fourth in the series of pins. Exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, give a presentation, complete 4-H record book, and complete 5 of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Silver Pin** - Fifth in the series of pins. Exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, give a presentation, complete 4-H record book, and complete 6 of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Guard for Silver Pin** - Sixth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, give a presentation, complete 4-H record book, and complete 8 of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Leadership Pin** - Seventh in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, give a presentation, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year and complete 11 of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Gold Pin** - Eighth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year and complete 15 of optional guidelines.
- ★ **Guard for Gold Pin** - Ninth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year, be 15+ on January 1 of current year, and complete 16 of optional guidelines.



Visit:

www.ford.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=59

To find all of the forms needed to fill out your record books. Most forms are available in a writeable PDF, Word Doc, or RTF.

If you need materials printed out, we can do so at the office!

Additional resources include:

- ⇒ 4-H Record Books - Purpose
- ⇒ KAP Introduction & General Instructions
- ⇒ KAP Q&A
- ⇒ 4-H Record Book - Project Goals
- ⇒ Sharpening Your 4-H Project Skills by Setting Goals
- ⇒ Variety of Related Project Learning Experiences
- ⇒ Knowledge & Skills Learned in Project
- ⇒ Citizenship vs Leadership
- ⇒ Planning For Leadership Roles
- ⇒ 4-H Key Award Information

JUNIORS (7-9 YEAR OLDS)

can fill out the KAP for 7 & 8 year olds. Eligible to win county awards only.

SENIORS (AGES 10 & OLDER)

can fill out the KAP for 14 & older. Members younger than 14 can receive county awards and members who are older are eligible for area judging.

Winners will then advance onto State where a video interview will be done. Each of the State Winners in all 30 Project Areas will be honored at the Emerald Circle Banquet in June and may win a trip to National 4-H Conference.

RECORD BOOKS/KAP'S?

Why turn in a Record Book/KAP?

The Record Book is an organized summary of your entire 4-H experience that contains a comprehensive report of your goals, plans and accomplishments. It is one way to make a formal review of your goals and achievements and is a helpful tool to plan your own growth for the future. Your records and report will be a good keepsake for years after you've finished your 4-H career. The record you build opens doors to many awards and benefits such as medals, trips, scholarships and other kinds of recognitions. Completing a record book will make it easier to apply for scholarships and state level awards.

4-H Members develop the following life skills through record keeping

- * Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, school and community activities
- * Keeping personal and business records
- * Improving communication with other people
- * Learning time management and organizational skills
- * Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

Do I have to do a Record Book/KAP for EVERY project I'm enrolled in?

The answer to that question is **NO!** Only fill out a record for the projects you would like to be considered for an award in. For example, Suzy is enrolled in Beef, Foods and Visual Arts. She only actively participated in the Beef and Visual Arts Projects during the year. She did take one entry of cookies to the fair. Because she was highly active in Beef and Visual Arts, those would be the Projects she would consider doing a KAP for.

What kind of awards can I apply for?

Each of the 30 project areas will award a certain number (a percentage of the total number of 4-H'ers enrolled in the project) of 'project pins' to the award winners (only projects checked on the nomination form will be considered for project winners.)

Please note that we will no longer accept the Ford County Simplified Project Page and there is no longer an intermediate section. All of the forms you will need are available online.

New members will use the 4 section permanent record form.

WHAT SHOULD MY RECORD BOOK BE KEPT IN?

Your entire record book should be kept in a **3-ring binder** or the green 4-H extender binder folder.

Which ever way you choose to display your book, make sure you have your first and last name, 4-H club and Ford County on the front. A cover page is available on our website for your use.

Tab dividers are appreciated at the county level since we have you put all KAP's in one book and tabs makes it easier for judges when looking through your record book. They can not be used at area judging.

If you have questions about your final book, please ask us in the office.

PERSONAL PAGE

Only ONE (1) copy is needed for the entire record book.

- Make sure every item is filled out
- Include a color picture
- List ALL projects that you are enrolled in, even if you are not completing a KAP for that specific project.
- Projects should be listed in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER by the name of the state project listing.**

Example:

Beef (Breeding & Market)

Clothing (Construction & Buymanship)

- Signatures from the 4-H'er, Parent and Club Leader are needed and required!

If you have questions about how to fill out your forms, please call the Extension Office at 620-227-4542. No question is a silly question!

Picture Pages

- Each 4-H'er is allowed to have THREE (3) Pages of Pictures for EACH KAP.
- There should be a MAXIMUM of SIX (6) pictures on the front side of each page.
- The pages are divided out into three categories: **Project** Pictures, **Leadership** Pictures and **Citizenship** Pictures.
- You should try to keep pictures related to that project, but it's better to have pictures not related to your project than not to have any.
- Pictures are encouraged to be in color but is not required.
- Captions are a great option to have to explain to the judge what the picture is!



Shout Outs

- ★ to Brooklyn Hahn, the KidFest Committee and all the club members who helped with the Dodge City Days Kidfest in the Park !!
- ★ 4-H'ers and Exchange members for a successful Rodeo Kiddie Corral !!
- ★ Calder McCollum, Lincoln Martin, Lauren Fischer and MacKenzie Swan for taking 28th at the State Livestock Judging Contest.
- ★ To all 4-H'ers who have brought in their Thank You's for our wonderful County Fair supporters!

PERMANENT RECORD TIPS

Permanent Records may seem like a pain and a waste of time, but let me tell you a little secret....there comes a time when you are a Senior in High School applying for College Admissions and Scholarships. They will ask you how you are involved in your community, citizenship activities and what leadership roles you play.

This is where your Permanent Record comes in handy! Everything you have been involved in—whether it's church, school, extra curricular activities or 4-H—is right in one location! You can see exactly how many times you volunteered for an event, or when you were president of your club, etc.!

The forms are on our website in Word compatible format. The form can be downloaded to your computer and saved. Each year you will add new information.

What type of information can go into the Permanent Record? Church, school, 4-H, FFA, Scouts, Sports, basically any activity you are involved in can go into the Permanent Record.

There are FOUR (4) sections of the Permanent record:

1. Groups/Organizations

Club Meetings, Committees, Officer Positions, Leadership Roles.



2. Communications/ Presentations, Exhibits, Contests

Project Talks, Contest, Fair Exhibits, Open Shows, Judging Contest

3. Activities

Any leadership or citizenship activity (community service/ volunteering/teaching/ helping others)

4. Most Important Recognitions

Honor Roll, Letters, State Champion, Project Awards, Pins, Grand Champion, etc.

Under the LEVEL column, there are different choices as to where the event took place. Make sure to mark how many times you participated at that level.

Your 4-H Project Story

1. First, introduce yourself. Tell about your age, years in the project, etc.
2. Second, tell about your project. What goals did you set? What did you learn? Tell about the successful and not so great things that happened. How did the project turn out financially?
3. Third, tell about your plans for the future. Will you take the project(s) again. How have they helped you in school and in your other activities?

Technical Stuff:

- ◆ Print one-sided only
- ◆ Top, right side and bottom: 1 inch margins
- ◆ Left side: 1 1/2 inch margin
- ◆ No smaller than 12 point font, double spaced. (14 point font preferred.)
- ◆ Times New Roman or Cambria Font
- ◆ Proper grammar and spelling
- ◆ Use bolding, headings, bullets, etc. to your advantage
- ◆ Should be at least 1 page in length—6 pages maximum

Be creative and go in depth with your project.

What do I need to turn in?

Ask yourself...

“Am I going to apply for an award?”

If you answered: “Yes” please turn in:

- ◆ Personal Page (only one for entire book)
- ◆ 4-H Project Story (one for each KAP, project specific, over project experience, 6 pages max)
- ◆ Kansas Award Portfolio(KAP) for your age group (one for each project area)
- ◆ 3 pages of pictures (only 6 on each page, front side only) for each KAP
- ◆ Permanent Record (only one for entire book)
- ◆ **SENIORS APPLYING FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION MUST FILL OUT A KAP!!!!!!!**

If you answered: “No” please turn in:

- ◆ Personal Page (only one for entire book)
- ◆ 4-H Story (6 pages max)
- ◆ 3 pages of pictures (optional)
- ◆ Permanent Record (only one for entire book)
- ◆ **Your record book will not count towards your club’s total is you do not have all 3 necessary items above in your book.**

COMPLETE A PROJECT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The updated Project Award Nomination forms are available on the Ford County 4-H Website. Be sure to complete it and check the project areas that you want to be considered for awards in. If you need a copy printed, please come to the Extension Office.

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

4-H'er must be at least 4-H Age 16 and be nominated by a Community Club Leader. A nomination form along with a 500 word essay on “Why this 4-H'er Is Deserving of this Award” must be turned into the Extension Office by September 30. For more information, please visit the Ford County 4-H website.

Key Award

Key Awards are presented by the state to only 10% of the 4-H'ers in Kansas. Applications for this award should be obtained early in the year, so the member can work toward meeting the requirements. 4-H'ers 16 and older may apply if enrolled in junior leadership and meet nine of the eleven local, county, and state activities.

The Key Award does take some prior planning. Ask if you have questions about what will count for each of the requirements.

I Dare You Award

To apply for the I Dare You Award a 4-H'er must:

- Be enrolled in the Leadership Project
- Complete a Leadership KAP
- Complete and submit the nomination form


To learn more about the I Dare You Award consider looking up the history of the award and read a little bit about William H. Danforth. It help you understand what exactly this award means!

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Dear 4-H Families,

As we conclude the 2017-2018 4-H year, we hope you have had great learning experiences and will submit what your goals were and what you have learned in your record book. Record books can be very beneficial to you when you get older and are completing college and job applications. Information is all in one place — your RECORD BOOK!

Please remember the new 4-H year will begin on October 1. You will need to re-enroll online at <https://ks.4honline.com> and be sure to sign up for what projects you would like to be in for the upcoming year. We look forward to working with each and everyone one of you! If we can help you as you are working on your record book or have a question about re-enrolling, please email or give us a call.


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