



Clover Connection

**Dickinson County 4-H Youth Development
News & Updates
November 2016**

Thank You!

A pat on the back to all members who had their enrollment or re-enrollment in 4HOnline by November 1st and to those who attended 4-H Officer Training! You are on the right track to a great 4-H year!

Thank You to Awards and Recognition Committee

A special thank you goes out to the volunteers who dedicated hours and hours to evaluating KAPs and applications. Your time and efforts are much appreciated!

4-H Council Reminder

The November 4-H Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 28, 7:30 pm, in the County Annex Meeting Room. Remember that each club is to bring 3 dozen homemade cookies that will be made into boxes to give to Dickinson County 4-H supporters.** Officers, please remember to be there by **6:00 p.m.**

4HOnline Enrollment

Dickinson County 4-Hers **and volunteers** should be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year in 4HOnline by November 1. Re-enrollments may be done by logging in to your family profile at ks.4honline.com. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, there's a button to help with that. Instructions for enrollment were mailed with the October Clover Connection and may also be found on the right hand side of the page under Newsletters and News at <http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

Please remember in the "Groups" section to enroll in activities you'd like to participate in such as: Brown's Busy Beekeepers SPIN Club, Vet Science SPIN Club, 4-H Leadership SQUAD, DK Clovers Interstate Exchange, horse judging/horse quiz bowl/hippology, horticulture judging, and livestock judging. Let us know if your family needs assistance with internet access. A few notes related to the system to make things easier:

- * Be sure to use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. The system is not set up to work with other browsers.
- * As you are entering your projects, be sure to verify the number of years in each project and adjust as necessary.
- * New this year, T-shirt size is a required field. As we move forward, be sure that you change this each year to move with your member's size.
- * On the screen where each member of your family is listed, there is a report option at the bottom called Enrollment History. This report will show you the 4-H Online history including awards, projects, groups, and activities that have been entered at the county level. This information will be helpful for those filling out record books, pin applications, award applications, and scholarships. If you have any problems or questions, please contact our office at 785-263-2001.

Radio Day

4-H Radio Day, scheduled for Saturday, **December 3**, is a unique opportunity for members to gain experience with radio sales, production, and presentation. Radio Day is a primary fundraiser for 4-H Council and provides the funds for much of what 4-H Council is able to do throughout the year. If you aren't "on air" that morning, make plans to listen to KABI 1560 AM and support our 4-Hers! Especially, plan to call 263-1560 with 4-H questions for our telephone team!

48 Hours of 4-H

Thanks to all our clubs that participated in 48 Hours of 4-H on October 8 and 9!

Achievement Night

The Achievement Night Banquet to recognize member and leader accomplishments is scheduled for **November 22, 6:30 pm**, at Sterl Hall. Please plan to attend this special evening. In order to achieve a more accurate meal count, reservations need to be made by family before **November 14**. The form is available as part of the October newsletter at: <http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/> or may be completed online at: <http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/> under "Events".

4-H Achievement Banquet Table Decorations CLUB CHALLENGE

THE CLUB CHALLENGE: The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation has chosen "Trails, Rails, and Tales" as the theme for the 2016 4-H Achievement Banquet and are asking each club to decorate their club tables using the theme. Sterl Hall will be open for clubs to decorate their tables from **4:30 – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21**. **Cash prizes** will be awarded to the top 3 clubs with the best table decorations!

Achievement Banquet Slide Show

If you haven't yet... each club is asked to "share" 10-15 pictures of your club. These pictures should show your members engaged in 4-H activities and will be used as part of the slide show presentation at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. These may be "shared" with the KSRE-DK Facebook page or additional ways to share pictures include burning them to a CD or bringing them on a jump drive into the office. We would like to have all clubs represented! This needs to be done ASAP if it hasn't been done already.

Membership Policy Reminder

Youth must be 7 by **January 1** in order to enroll as a 4-H member. Previously, youth could enroll as soon as they turned 7 and if they were a Cloverbud, could switch and become a full member on their 7th birthday. This change in state policy trumps our previous practice. Questions may be directed to Jill.

Bread-In-A-Bag

Foods project members are needed to help assemble ingredients for the Bread-In-A-Bag school enrichment program. The workday is scheduled for **December 22, 9 a.m. until finished, in the County Annex Meeting Room**. Let us know in the office if you plan to help!

Find us on Facebook!

"Like" **K-State Research & Extension – Dickinson County** on Facebook for updates and news.



Deadline Reminders

DUE December 1: club leader list, club insurance forms, new family coordinator

4-H Club New Family Mentors

In 4-H we "learn by doing" which can often cause new families to feel pretty lost until they've experienced a 4-H event or activity. In order to help ease their anxiety and keep our new families engaged, clubs are asked to recruit an adult volunteer (who is not currently an organizational leader) to serve as a New Family Mentor. This individual will be responsible for checking in with new 4-H families and helping them understand more about Dickinson County 4-H. Please let Jill know by **December 1** who your club's New Family Mentor is.

DK Clovers Interstate Exchange – More Members NEEDED!

Please mark **Monday, November 28, following 4-H Council (8:30ish)** on your calendars for a DK Clovers Interstate Exchange group meeting.

- An email will be sent out when the greenery and soup/dip mix fundraiser items arrive.
- Exchange members should plan to be available starting at **6:00 p.m. on November 22** to help sell the remaining greenery at the Achievement Banquet.

All 4-H members who will be 14 years and up this summer are invited to join the county-wide interstate exchange group, the DK Clovers. Participation in the group involves a two year commitment where the group both hosts and are hosted by 4-H members from another state. Group members are encouraged to participate in two yearly fundraisers to help cover the costs of their trip. The first fundraiser offers holiday greenery. Please call Jill or email martinso@ksu.edu if you have questions.

4-H Leadership SQUAD

All 4-H members 6th grade and up are invited to be a part of this dynamic group! Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month in February, April, June, and August. Participants promote the 4-H program, learn leadership skills, and put leadership into practice! Contact group advisors Shawna Riffel (riffelclan@eaglecom.net) or Kelli Cox (kelllicox@ksu.edu) with questions or just come to the next meeting!

4-H Leadership SQUAD Reminder

- Be ready at Sterl Hall by **6 p.m.** on **Tuesday, November 22** to help with seating special guests at the Achievement Banquet.

Horse Happenings

The 2017 4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for **January 27-29** at Rock Springs. Registration and contest rules for Horse Panorama will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site soon on the [Horse Events page](#).

4-H Day

This chance to show off your presentation skills is scheduled for **February 18th** at the Presbyterian Church in Abilene. The entry deadline is **January 17th**. Start planning your presentations and look for more information in the next Clover Connection.

Volunteer Screening Process

Any person that works with 4-H youth needs to complete the volunteer screening process. This includes, but is not limited to, organizational leaders and project leaders. Anyone over the age of 14 that is a junior project leader or works with 4-H youth in any way must complete the process including application, short interview, background check, and orientation. Applications are available from the Extension Office or (preferably!) at http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_volunteers/index.html. Only those volunteers who have completed the initial application or renewal application by **January 3, 2017** will be eligible to be recognized at the 2017 Achievement Banquet.

Online Volunteer Orientation

The Volunteer Orientation needs to be completed by everyone applying to be a 4-H volunteer. It only needs to be done one time. The only exception is those junior leaders who have served as camp counselors where your counselor training includes the orientation. This orientation is accessible through our 4HOnline enrollment system.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus trip is set for **June 16-26, 2017**. Registration is open now. This trip typically fills up early and has a lengthy waiting list. Registration is limited to 46 youth and 4-5 chaperones. More information may be found at: www.kansas4h.org. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation has \$150 scholarships available for this once in a lifetime trip.



Kansas Ambassador Training

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team is a group of 4-H member, volunteer leader, and Extension staff enthusiasts who give leadership and guidance to presenting the annual Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training. The 2017 training will be **February 24-25** at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all DK 4-H Leadership SQUAD members. The theme is "Ambassadors – Growing 4-H." There will be workshops, speakers, fun and fellowship. Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site later this fall.

Dog Judge Certification Workshop

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held **January 20-22, 2017**, in Salina, Kansas. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to learn about the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project. This is also a good opportunity for local 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. Details for registration will be available in early December at www.kansas4h.org.

Purple Power Pack Camp

Save the date! Camp will be **June 4-7** with counselors reporting on **June 3**.

U.S. State Department Announces Scholarships for Study Abroad

These merit-based scholarships include international airfare, tuition, and program costs, as well as meals and living accommodations (often with a host family). The programs have no language prerequisites and gap year students are encouraged to apply as long as they meet the age requirements. Please note that each program has a separate online application process, and application deadlines vary from late October through early January. Visit the program websites or www.exchanges.state.gov for specific information and application deadlines. We are particularly trying to reach young people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in a study abroad experience.

Thinking About Hosting an International 4-Her?

Kansas 4-H hosts Academic Year Exchanges with Japan, Korea, Mexico and Eurasia. These programs involve welcoming a teen into your family for the school year from August until June. They are screened for English skills deemed adequate to participate fully in U.S high schools and are expected to maintain an academic program, as well as participate in family, school and community activities and contribute as volunteers. 4-H AYP programs are conducted through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs with the high standards for school programs that provide a support system for families and students through 4-H.

The Eurasian students are part of the FLEX Program for countries in Eastern Europe and Asia. They are selected from large numbers of applicants in their home countries and funded by the U. S. Government. We hope 4-H families will consider school-year hosting through 4-H. We encourage interested families to apply by January for fall 2017 in order to have the broadest choice of students accepted in the 4-H programs. Contact Mary Kay Munson for information and application at munson@ksbroadband.net.

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day

The 2017 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**, in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Youth, parents, project leaders, and extension agents of any skill level or knowledge base are invited to participate in this program. Participants will learn about various topics related to swine production and youth swine projects. More details and registration information will be released later this fall. Please visit the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under Kansas Junior Producer Days.

Strengthening Clubs

From "Seven Keys to Consider: Exceeding Family Expectations in 4-H Clubs," based on: "Inside the Magic Kingdom: Seven Keys to Disney's Success", written by Tom Connellan. Lesson 2: Pay fantastic attention to detail. How little things make a big difference. On Main Street in Disneyland there are 37 hitching posts. Now this in itself may not seem amazing. However, each of the hitching posts are stripped down and repainted – nightly. All of the hitching posts do not receive the same amount of wear, but the high-wear points are done every night, attention to detail is part of the company's culture.

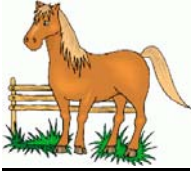
In our 4-H Clubs, if we knew that increased attention to detail would improve 4-H Family retention, how much more attention would a club be willing to focus on it? What would clubs focus on? What are people's first impressions of 4-H?

Kansas Horse Council Equine Educational Seminar

Horse Care 101 will be held on **December 3** on the KSU Campus in Weber Arena with Dr. Temple Grandin as the featured speaker. Limited space is available. More information at <http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com/>.

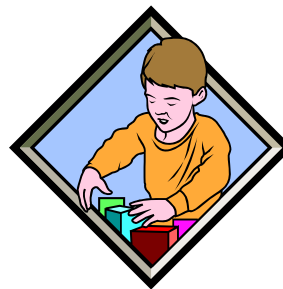
Saddle Club Afterschool Program at Rock Springs

Join Rock Springs Equine Director, Beth Retzlaff for TWO four-week session after school programs. These sessions will teach youth basic horsemanship skills, western riding and groundwork, along with equine health and overall knowledge. Ages 8-14 are invited to join. Session 2 begins **November 8th** and runs Tuesdays through November 29th. Class will be from 4:00pm to 6:00 p.m. Cost for each session is \$175.00. To register visit: app.campdoc.com/register/rocksprings.

**4-H Cloverbuds**

Activities this age group enjoy doing include: running, jumping, singing, drawing, painting and coloring. However, don't forget that when 5- and 6-year olds do these activities it's not for very long - probably 10 - 15 minutes tops! So when planning 4-H Cloverbuds activities remember age appropriateness.

Activity	Age Appropriate
Cloverbuds meeting with 3 - 4 lessons; each lesson 10 minutes long	Yes - short learning opportunities matches well with 5- and 6-year olds attention spans.
4-H Club Business Meeting	No - most club meeting average 1-1½ hours in length and parliamentary procedures are abstract and beyond the 5- and 6-year olds capabilities to understand.
Refreshments	Yes - healthy snacks that encourage good nutrition and well-being.
Project Meeting	No - most project meetings average 1 -1½ hours studying one subject with limited variety and most 5- and 6-year olds attention span are limited to 10-15 minutes and therefore they become bored easily.
Show and Tell	Yes - encourages youth to share what they are learning with others in a noncompetitive environment promoting free expression.



Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Changes for 2016-17

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech currently has five project areas: rockets, robotics, astronomy, computers and GPS/GIS. Through the years, as new sub-areas have developed, they have been added to SpaceTech. The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team and Kansas 4-H Youth Development are pleased to add a new area for 2016-17, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), that will be added to 4HOnline as a new state project area under SpaceTech. While commonly referred to as "drones", Kansas 4-H will refer to them as Unmanned Aerial Systems. Because of declining enrollment, the GPS/GIS project has been suspended for the 2016-17 4-H year.



Thank you for CKFF Swine and Cattle Hauling

If you had cattle or swine go on the truck following CKFF, that trucking was provided to you completely free of charge by Kenny Livingston Trucking. Please send a note letting the Livingston family know how much we appreciate their support at:

Kenny Livingston Trucking
1375 Highway 18
Abilene, KS 67410

4-H Livestock Record App

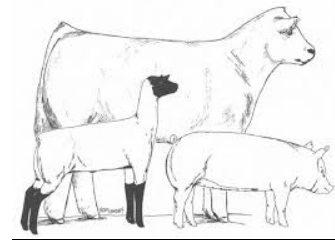
Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customized reports right to your email inbox.

- Track multiple 4-H'ers and their individual livestock project animals
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contests and more
- Record animal weights, feed, and health and monitor average daily gains
- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements
- Use photos to customize each 4-H'er and animal
- Export reports to analyze in spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in state or local 4-H record keeping forms

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place.

So stop writing animal weights on feed sacks and trying to re-create records from calendars, checkbooks and faded receipts. There's a better way!

To download the app, visit the iTunes Store and search for "4-H Livestock Record"



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 Re-Enrollments due Vet Science SPIN Club, 7pm, AAH	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10 Radio Day Ads due	11 Veteran's Day <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13	14 4-H Achievement Banquet reservations due	15	16 Radio Day Promotional Spot Recording 4PM at KABI	17 Radio Day Promotional Spot Recording 4PM at KABI	18 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Volunteer Forum @ Rock	19
20	21	22 4-H Achievement Banquet - 6:30pm Sterl Hall	23	24 Thanksgiving <i>Office Closed</i>	25 National 4-H Congress (Atlanta) <i>Office Closed</i>	26 National 4-H Congress (Atlanta)
27	28 4-H Council - CAMR Officers - 6:45 Full Council - 7:30 DK Clovers - 8:15	29	30	01 Club Leader List, Officer List, Insurance Forms due	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10

Notes

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