



Clover Connection

Dickinson County 4-H Youth Development
News & Updates
January 2017

4-H Day Entries

This chance to show off your presentation skills is scheduled for **Saturday, February 18th** at the **First Presbyterian Church** in Abilene. The entry deadline is **January 17th**. The link to sign up for 4-H Day 2017 is: <http://tinyurl.com/4hday2017>. This is for individual contests only. *Club Leaders were sent a link to sign up groups online separately, the group contests are not listed for the individual members to enter. * The paper entry form is still available from your club leader, but you are encouraged to use the electronic form. Please let Debbie or Jill know if there are any questions.

Model Meeting

Model meetings will be held on **Saturday, January 7th** at the **Abilene Presbyterian Church**. Remember that the first club scheduled is responsible for setting-up and the last club scheduled is responsible for clean-up.

Model Meeting Schedule:

8:45 a.m. - Fragrant Hilltoppers
9:30 a.m. - Navarre Boosters
10:15 a.m. - Jolly Jayhawkers
11:00 a.m. - Holland Sunflowers
11:45 a.m. - Lyon Prospectors
12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. - Solomon Wranglers
1:45 p.m. - Detroit Ramblers

County Committees

The list of county committees was published in last month's Clover Connection. Hopefully you've noted the committee you are on and are committed to being an active member of that committee! Committees that need to meet soon include: Basketball, 4-H Day, Pizza Night, and both spring livestock shows. Please let Jill know when your meetings are scheduled and keep a notebook of meeting minutes.

Spring Show Committee Meetings

Sheep, Swine, Goat – **Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.** in the County Annex Meeting Room
Beef – **Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.** in the County Annex Meeting Room

4-H Council

4-H Council meets on **Monday, January 23rd** at the County Annex Meeting Room. Officers meet at 6:45 p.m. with full council meeting at **7:30 p.m.** See you there!



4-H Basketball

The 4-H Basketball Tournament is scheduled for **March 18th**. Sign up with your club leader to participate. Rosters are due to the Extension Office by **January 17th**. Don't miss out on the fun! Co-ed teams may be entered again this year. Get your club team entered!

Bread-In-A-Bag

Thank you to all the great helpers who made Bread in a Bag kits. It's fantastic to have lots of help preparing for this special wheat science school enrichment program!

DK Clovers - Interstate Exchange

The next DK Clovers meeting will be with the Geary County interstate exchange group at **6:30 p.m., Monday, January 30 in Chapman**, exact location to be determined. We will work on plans for our exchange with Douglas County, Oregon. Note: the group is still open to members 14+ wanting to be a part of this 2 year commitment to both travel to and host 4-H members from Oregon. Let Jill know if you are interested!

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 (kellicox@ksu.edu) with questions or just come to the next meeting!

Next 4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting

When: **Monday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m.**

Where: County Annex Meeting Room

Who: any 4-Her 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!

Spring Beef Weigh-in and Show

County-wide beef weigh-in will be on **March 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the CKFF fairgrounds. All cattle must be on a halter. The Spring Beef Show will be held **April 1st**; this show will be open statewide and have county classes.

Club Community Service Grants

The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation will again be offering clubs the opportunity to apply for community service grants. \$1500 will be available to clubs for special community service projects. Applications are due **February 1** and may be found at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/ or in your club box. Help your club make a bigger impact by applying!

Kansas 4-H Scholarships

All high school seniors and college 4-H alums are encouraged to complete the state 4-H scholarship application. The application can be found at www.kansas4h.org under the Resources and "4-H Library" button and are due completed in the **Dickinson County Extension Office** by **January 23rd**. Selection is based on 4-H merit: 40 percent on 4-H leadership; 30 percent on 4-H citizenship/community service in 4-H; 20 percent on 4-H participation and recognition; and 10 percent on non-4-H participation, leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community.

Look in next month's issue of the Clover Connection for Dickinson County scholarship application details or visit your school counselor. Applications will be posted on our website at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/. County scholarship applications are due **April 1st**.

4-H Camp

Please note on your 4-H calendar that camp dates for the Purple Power Pack camp group are **June 4th – June 7th**. Camp counselors will report for training on **June 3rd**.

Record Book Assistance Available!

Master 4-H Volunteer Susan Mueller is available to meet with 4-Hers to work on setting project goals and getting your record keeping off to a good start. You are welcome to email her your ideas for feedback or make an appointment to meet with her at muelleronthego@gmail.com.



Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) – REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON!

When: **Saturday, January 21st**

Where: Riley, KS

Who: Open to Youth in the NE Area who are 12 to 18 years of age and adult 4-H volunteers

Registration closes: **January 3rd**

More at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-northeast-4-h-leadership-event/event-summary-e086f1fab49743f4aed547c13ac38509.aspx>

The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This is an event that will help to create leadership skills, with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas. Open to ages 12 to 18, there will be classes for volunteers/adults as well as youth delegates. It will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and an awesome opening speaker. If you're looking for a one-day leadership experience with new friends, leadership skills, and great ideas to take back to your clubs! We hope that you will join us for this year's Northeast 4-H leadership opportunity!

Volunteer Screening Process

Our 4-H program relies on volunteers to accomplish our Positive Youth Development goals. As a part of our commitment to these goals is the desire to provide a safe environment for learning. To help accomplish this, Kansas 4-H screens volunteers who work directly with youth. As a potential or current volunteer we ask you to complete the screening process. You will start the process by submitting the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service application. Volunteers who have been through the screening process are asked to submit a volunteer renewal form yearly by **January 3rd**. Screened volunteers must be re-screened through the entire process every three years. Forms and further information about the screening process may be found 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 3rd * will be eligible to be recognized at the Achievement Banquet.**

Important Note for Returning Volunteers

All approved volunteers who were "grandfathered" in under the old system and have not completed a background check are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to complete the re-screening process before **August 1, 2017**. Until that date, the cost of background checks will be covered by our Grow 4-H Grant.

Returning volunteers who have not done a 4-H background check should renew by going to: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_volunteers/index.html and completing the Volunteer Application (online), DCF Release Form (return to our office), and Outside Background Check (online). Please contact our office with questions.

National Festival of Breads

The National Festival of Breads will take place **June 17, 2017** in Manhattan, KS. Do you enjoy baking bread? Or do you know someone who does? Develop an original recipe and enter now! This is for amateur bakers and the eight finalists come to Manhattan to bake their breads and learn about the wheat industry from farm to table. The contest is open to youth and adults. This would a great opportunity for 4-H youth to show off their baking skills and creativity! For more information, go to <http://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/>. Click on "Enter Now" to see the rules, entry form, prizes and more! Entries are due **January 16, 2017**. The contest title sponsors are Kansas Wheat, King Arthur Flour, and Red Star Yeast.

Ready to Take Your Grilling Skills to Reality TV?

Kids BBQ Championship is currently casting kid cooks for this reality show. Talented grill masters from around the country are being sought for a chance to win a grand prize. They are looking for, "Young cooking masterminds who can handle the heat and smoke the competition!" For more information and how to apply, please visit www.JSCasting.com. Any questions can be emailed to BBQKidsCasting@gmail.com.

Citizenship in Action – February 19-20

Youth who are 13-18 by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend Citizenship in Action in Topeka. The purpose of this 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 also show them how they can affect the legislative process. \$50 scholarships from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation are available to those attending. Registration is due for Citizenship in Action by **January 15th** at www.kansas4h.org.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus trip is set for **June 16-26, 2017**. Registration is open now and 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.

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2017 Horse Panorama will be held **January 27-29, 2017** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. There will be a variety of contests held as well as educational activities. Details at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>. Registration is due **January 15**.

State Guidelines for Horseless Horse Project

- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse show and trails rides
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only. No riding.

Dog Judge Certification Workshop

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training will be held **January 20-22, 2017**, in Salina. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to learn about the four phases of dog showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Kansas 4-H 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. For information, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/dog-leader/index.html>.



**4-H Day with the
Wildcat Women's Basketball
Sunday, February 11, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
K-State vs. Iowa State**

Group Ticket Rate of \$20 per person, youth or adult
4-H and non 4-H Families welcome to attend

Orders must be completed online by January 17 at <http://tinyurl.com/2017kae4ha>

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech: Unmanned Aerial Systems Experience

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. The experience will begin **Friday, March 31, at 4 p.m., and end on Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m.** Cost will be \$110 for youth and adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Program topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, a UAS flying challenge inside the Cosmosphere, an outside UAS demonstration (weather permitting), FAA regulations and compliance of registering private and commercial UAS's, guest speaker, UAS applications in agriculture, fixed and rotor wings UAS's, plus much more. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS. The Cvent registration system will be used, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Registration closes **March 16, 2017**. The program is limited to the first 75 who register on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Willie and the Beanstalk – Plant Science Opportunity

This contest is to see who can grow the biggest soybean plant in a 47-day time period. Judging will take place on **April 1, 2017** at the K-State campus as part of the 2017 K-State Open House activities. All contestants will receive a free T-shirt and there will be plaques and certificates for the winning teams. Additional information is available on the contest web site at <http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu> and questions can be addressed to beanstalk@ksu.edu. Note that the registration deadline is **Monday, February 20th**.

Internship Opportunity

K-State Research and Extension will be placing several interns in county and district offices from May to August 2017. During the paid internship, students will work with extension agents in the development and implementation of educational programming. Students who will have reached at least junior status by the fall 2016 semester are encouraged to apply. The job announcement including the application procedure can be found on the KSRE website at www.ksre.ksu.edu.

SPIN Club Opportunities:

- **Vet Science SPIN Club** – meets the first Tuesday of the month (not January) at Abilene Animal Hospital, 7 – 8 PM, open to all Dickinson County youth ages 12+, sign up in 4HOnline or contact 785-263-2001
- **Brown's Busy Beekeepers** – study up during a few winter sessions in order to help manage two hives on the grounds of Brown Memorial Home. Open to all interested in honey bees. Sign up through 4HOnline or contact Jason Woodworth (jwoodworth@tctelco.net).

4HOnline

4HOnline is our 4-H enrollment database. Both 4-H members and adult volunteers should be enrolled at ks.4honline.com and re-enrolled each year. If you haven't yet activated your memberships for the new 4-H year, please do it today!

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. Project changes may be done until **May 1** (with the exception of certain market livestock projects) and contact information or health/participation form changes may be done **anytime**. Contact Jill or Debbie with questions at 785-263-2001.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

The next 4-H Shooting Sports Training is scheduled for **April 7 - 9, 2017** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Disciplines offered: Coordinator, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage/Cowboy Action. Registration will be at www.kansas4h.org mid-February. Dickinson County currently has a shooting sports coordinator and archery leader, but would benefit from having leaders trained in other disciplines. Please let Jill know if you're interested.

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

The 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on **Saturday, March 25th**, in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Youth, parents, and project leaders of any skill level or knowledge base are invited to participate in this program. Participants will learn about various topics related to meat goat production and youth meat goat 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: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>

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. This highly interactive, hands-on educational event will be a fun filled day of activities in which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members and graduate students, as well as our guest speaker Kade Hummel. All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, T-shirt, and a complimentary noon lunch. Please visit the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under Kansas Junior Producer Days: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>

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. An Android version is not yet available due to additional costs of development.

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

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

In 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service. It was Congress that asked Americans of all backgrounds and ages to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy of turning community concerns to community action. The King Day of Service is scheduled each year on the third Monday of January. In 2017, the day of service is **January 16**. Join a community effort or organize a community service project and become part of 4-H: Mobilizing Head, Heart, Hands and Health to assist families coping with tough times. Suggested project ideas: food or clothing drive, collect pet care items for senior citizens, provide child care or needed child care items, pick up trash in your neighborhood, visit a nursing home...the possibilities are endless!

It doesn't matter what the community service is as the day is more than a day of service - it is about connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in a shared commitment to making a difference in their community.



Feedback on Awards and Recognition System Needed

Following a meeting in October, the 4-H Awards and Recognition committee has proposed the following changes to our county system. Information on this will be shared with your clubs by your 4-H Council Representatives. **Please submit written feedback to our office by Monday, February 6, 5:00 p.m.** for consideration by the 4-H program development committee. Questions may be directed to Jill.

Judging of Kansas Award Portfolios:

- Separate awards judging into junior (7- 13) and senior (14+) divisions
- Junior division will be judged by county awards and recognition committee while senior division judged by another county
- Those 13 year olds who will be 14 for the next 4-H year may choose to participate in the senior division, but must use the 14 years+ form
- 4-Hers will be asked to use the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) form that is designed for their age group (7-8 year olds, 9-13 year olds, and 14 years +)
- Organizational leaders will be asked to submit books for judging and indicate what projects are to be evaluated in each book
- All submitted books will be scored on the Danish system (purple, blue, red, white). Those receiving purples or blues in each project will be ranked. Medals will be awarded to the top ranked equal to 10% of the number of youth in the project, in that age division. Certificates will be awarded to those receiving blues or purples who do not receive a medal
- The top book in each project from the senior division will be eligible to advance to area screening
- Bucket calf will only be available in the junior division
- Books will be organized in one book with tabbed dividers:
 - 1.) Personal Page
 - 2.) Kansas Award Portfolio(s) arranged alphabetically complete with 4-H story specific to that project
 - 3.) Permanent record

General Comment for Consideration:

- Switch from use of 4-H Record Book (green cover) to 3-ring binders with standard front cover page.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 New Years Day	02 Extension Office Closed	03 Volunteer Applications & Renewals DUE	04	05	06	07 Model Meeting - Presbyterian Church, Abilene
08	09	10	11	12 NE Area KAP Screening @ Manhattan	13	14
15 Horse Panorama Registration Deadline	16 MLK, Jr Day of Service Office Closed	17 4-H Day & 4-H Basketball Tournament entries due	18	19	20	21 Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE)
22	23 4-H Council Officers@6:45, Full Council@7:30 KS 4-H Scholarship apps due	24	25 Spring Show committee meetings: Sheep, Swine Goat@6:30 Beef@7:30 CAMR	26	27 Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs	28 Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs
29 Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs	30 DK Clovers - 6:30pm @ Chapman	31	01 DK 4-H Foundation Community Service Grants due	02	03	04
05	06	07 Vet Science SPIN Club, 7pm, AAH	08	09	10	11 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

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