Welcome to Hayley!
Hayley Whitehair will be joining the Chisholm Trail Extension District team on March 1 as the 4-H Office Professional. She is a 4-H alum from Clay County and brings lots of skills to the position. Plan to introduce yourselves and make her feel welcome!

DK 4-H Foundation Phone-a-thon
The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Phone-a-thon will be Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. All funds raised by the 4-H Foundation directly benefit our clubs and members through camp scholarships, community service grants, and sponsorship to attend state and national events. Please plan to support the DK 4-H Foundation in this effort. In keeping everyone healthy, we will be operating with a small crew for both days. Let us know if your family doesn’t usually receive a call and would like to be called!

County Committee Meetings via Zoom
* Spring Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat Show – Wednesday, February 24th, 6:30 p.m.
* Spring Beef Show – Wednesday, February 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Virtual 4-H Day
We had 84 presentations submitted in our virtual version of 4-H Day. Thanks so much to everyone who took on the challenge of doing things a little (a lot!) differently! Checking your video links was a joy as I got to see your faces! Presentations are currently being reviewed by our talented judges. Our 4-H Day committee will be planning ways to share results via social media, website, and email. Stay tuned!

CKFF Fairgrounds Clean-up -IN PERSON March 14
Any 4-Her who participates in the Central Kansas Free Fair or the spring shows held at the fairgrounds is expected to be at the fairgrounds clean-up on Sunday, March 14th. Activities will begin at 2 p.m. Bring your rakes, shovels, and old bed sheets! Large equipment like trucks, skid steers, and loaders are needed! Please RSVP by March 8 at http://bit.ly/ckffcleanup

In order to increase efficiency, 4-H Council officers will be assigning clubs to different sections of the fairgrounds based on RSVPs. They will also be on hand to help answer questions. Please make sure you are respecting the following guidelines:

- Work in family groups and space throughout the fairgrounds
- Masks required when not able to maintain social distance

DK 4-H Foundation Pizza Extravaganza Fundraiser
Make plans to enjoy pizza from Tossed N Sauced Pizza in Abilene following CKFF clean-up. The Hall Family, owners of Tossed N Sauced and Jolly Jays 4-H Club members, will have special hours on Sunday, March 14 from 4-8 PM with 15% of proceeds going to support 4-H Council. A huge thanks to the Hall family for this special event!

Regional 4-H Day
Those participants that receive Top Purple (and in speaking events, Alternate Top Purple) at Virtual County 4-H Day will be eligible to represent Dickinson County at Regional 4-H Day, Virtual Version. Watch your email for more information once results are announced.

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 advisor Shawna Riffel (riffclan@eaglecom.net) with questions or just come to the next meeting!
Next 4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting
When: Monday, February 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 7:00 p.m.
Where: via Zoom
Who: any 4-Her 6\textsuperscript{th} grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!

Online Ambassador Training Available for SQUAD Members**
March 23 - 6:30 p.m.
Topics: The Role of the 4-H Ambassador, First Impressions and Networking
March 30 - 6:30 p.m.
Topics: Promotion to non-4-H Audiences, Relationship Building and Promotional Materials
**Contact Jill or Shawna for zoom links.

DK Clovers Interstate Exchange with Geary County 4-H
All Dickinson County 4-Hers age 13+ are invited to participate in interstate exchange. This 2-year commitment allows you to introduce Kansas to a 4-H member from another state AND travel to visit them! Several fundraisers are held to help cover the costs of the both hosting and traveling. Please call Jill or email martinso@ksu.edu ASAP if you have questions or want to get involved!

4-H Model Meeting Results
Huge congratulations to the Holland Sunflowers for taking on the challenge of a model meeting through zoom and their top purple performance! They are eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day.

Area KAP Screening
The following Dickinson County 4-Hers sent their Kansas Award Portfolios to be judged at the Area Screening: Kolbie Bartlett, Beef; Della Hettenbach, Clothing & Textiles; Callie Jones, Dog Care & Training; Grant Heintz, Entomology & Wildlife; Alice Bathurst, Foods & Sheep; Carly Rothfuss, Horse; Adam Snowball, Plant Science, SpaceTech, & Wood Science; and Zander Ehrich, Photography.
- KAPs advancing to state screening include: Grant Heintz in Wildlife, Callie Jones in Dog Care & Training, and Adam Snowball in SpaceTech, Plant Science, and Woodworking.
Congratulations!

Spring Beef Weigh-in & Tagging
County-wide beef weigh-in & tagging will be on March 28\textsuperscript{th} from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Project members should watch their email for specific instructions. Cattle must have halters ON. All second year bucket calves tagged at the end of CKFF must be at weigh-in and all commercial heifers must be tagged at the county beef weigh-in. Exception: if fall born heifers are purchased after beef weigh-in, they must be tagged by superintendent and/or county agent by May 1. Dickinson County 4-Hers showing at the Marion County Spring Beef Show on March 28 may have their animals tagged and weighed at the show.

Spring Beef Show
Will be held April 3\textsuperscript{rd}, this show will be open statewide and have county classes.

County Committees
The list of county committees was emailed to committee members and club leaders on January 25. Hopefully you’ve noted the committee you are on and are committed to be an active member of that committee! Committees that should be meeting include: 4-H Day, basketball, spring livestock shows, fair committee, and promotion/ fundraiser. Please let contact Jill for details.

4-H Basketball – POSTPONED
Hopes are that warmer weather will give our clubs outdoor options for practice. Please discuss your club’s interest in participating in 4-H basketball later in the spring at your next meeting. Club 4-H Council representatives should be prepared to speak for their clubs at the March 4-H Council meeting.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Formerly Livestock Quality Assurance)
***REQUIRED for ALL market livestock exhibitors***
All youth exhibiting market livestock – beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats - at the Central Kansas Free Fair AND all youth exhibiting livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Please look for mailings, emails, and social media from our office with details. As always, contact our office with questions.

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp *Tentative Plans*
Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp is scheduled to be held at Rock Springs Ranch this summer, June 18-21. Counselors will arrive on June 17th. Once we know for sure camp is a go for this summer, registration information will be available. Camp costs will remain the same as last year. Scholarships will continue to be available from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation. Please make sure your club decides scholarship amounts for members at the March meeting. Registration forms and applications, as they become available, will be found on the 4-H and Youth > 4-H Camp Information at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/camp/index.html.

Drop/Add Deadline
Families may log into 4HOnline at any time to update contact information or project selections. Dropping or adding 4-H projects will be done through 4HOnline (not through your organizational leaders) or by calling the Extension Office. The last date to drop or add projects is May 1st. **4HOnline will not allow any project changes after that date.** Please remember that some market livestock projects have required tagging dates prior to May 1 that must be observed.

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 should complete the process including application, short interview, and orientation. An online background check is required for those volunteers over the age of 18. When 4-H Volunteers enroll through 4HOnline, the process will take the place of what once was the volunteer application and then reenrollment forms. Once volunteers enter their information in the system, they will simply have to reenroll each year, the same way youth currently do through 4HOnline. Instructions for enrolling as a volunteer may be found here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html

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 available through 4HOnline with directions at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html

UPDATES TO Kansas 4-H Project Records
The Kansas Award Portfolio has been replaced by Project Report Forms starting this 4-H year. Links to the forms and a Guide to Project Recognition and supporting records/forms are available online at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. More information will be shared as we learn more and as we’re able to make updates to our county/district 4-H award process. It’s never too early to get started on recordkeeping!

Virtual Junior Meat Goat Week
When: March 15-20, sessions will be hosted online in the evening and recorded
Topics: selection, nutrition and feeding, livestock guardian dogs, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process
Cost: FREE
College Scholarship Opportunities:
The following scholarships for graduating seniors have an **April 1st** deadline.

- Loyd & Leola Black Memorial
- Merle Brehm Memorial
- Frank Garten Memorial
- Orren & Majorie Hottman Memorial
- Jack Sexton Memorial
- Don Bender Memorial Scholarship
- Ethel Startzman Scholarship
- FACS Scholarship
- AFA Scholarship
- Nadine Abeldt Memorial Scholarship
- Holland Sunflower Nadine Abeldt Memorial Scholarship
- Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship
- Larry Michael Fager Memorial
- Willowdale 4-H Club Scholarship in Memory of Dorthy Fager Taylor
- Sand Springs 4-H Scholarship
- Melvin Beetch 4-H/FFA Scholarship
- Tokach Family 4-H Achievement Scholarship

More information and applications may be found online at [www.dickinson.ksu.edu](http://www.dickinson.ksu.edu) on the 4-H and Youth > Forms and Applications page. Information is also available on the Mary Louise Hoffman and Konley Harding Memorial scholarships.

Sand Springs 4-H Scholarship: The Sand Springs 4-H Scholarship is available for former members or children and/or grandchildren of former members of the Sand Springs Rustlers 4-H Club.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships: Applications are due **March 1** with instructions at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html)

Horse Happenings

State Horse Judging Contest
The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to **Friday, April 23rd** in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon.

State 4-H Horse Panorama will be virtual in 2021. In partnership with the Horse Action Team, we will be moving all divisions of Panorama to a virtual format. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details:

- Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - Uploads will open **March 26 and close April 7**. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth.
- Hippology - **April 10**
- Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics - **April 10**
- Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom - **April 11**
- Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks - Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, **April 10-14**. Sign-ups will be available.

Please check [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) for more information.

Horse ID Certificates
Horse ID certificates are due **May 1** at the extension office. 4-Hers that intend to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show should transition to the January 2020 certificate, found at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html).

Horse Level Testing
The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. More information at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html).
New Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book Available
The new Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book is now available in the KSRE Bookstore at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=746&pubId=23480

Resources New and Made for You!
Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Corner for tools and resources for club support: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html
Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom for 4-H project information and challenges: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html

CKFF Theme
Since we didn’t get to fully enjoy it last year, the Central Kansas Free Fair theme will be 75 Years of Rodeo - A Wild Bill Celebration.

Kansas Youth Range Camp
This camp will be held June 15-18 and is for youth going into their sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school in the fall of 2021. It is for youth who are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife and will be held at Camp Mennoscah in Kingman County. Participants will learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rate determinations, livestock nutrition, rangeland wildlife management, and much more. Cost is $250 per participant and registration is due by May 15th. Contact Garan Belt at garan.belt@usda.gov or 620-583-5544 with questions.

Summer AgDiscovery Program
Youth in grades 7 to 11 are invited to apply for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) summer outreach program. There are 21 universities that work with USDA to offer middle and high school students a unique summer experience. Participants spend 2 to 4 weeks at a university exploring the field of agriculture. The only cost to participants is travel to and from the university campus. Each university offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. Deadline for application is March 25th. More information can be found online at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program

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Donate Dickinson County Day - will be held March 26th. The purpose of Donate Day is to help area nonprofits raise monies for their endowment funds. The Community Foundation will match up to $5K per agency/organization that is participating. All donations make to the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation endowment with the Community Foundation on March 26 will be matched. Watch our social media pages for your easy link to donate on Dickinson County Donate Day.
4-H Pizza Extravaganza

Tossed n Sauced Pizza
306 NW 3rd St, Abilene, KS

WHEN:
Sunday, March 14th, 4p-8p

WHERE:
Tossed n Sauced Pizza,
306 NW 3rd St, Abilene, KS

WHY:
4-H empowers youth to learn, lead, find their own interests, and value hard work. This delicious fundraiser will directly support Dickinson County youth!
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