Lots of Information Here
Please note that this is a multi-month newsletter covering April, May, and June. Keep it handy for reference the next several months. The CKFF edition and July/August newsletter will arrive mid-June. As always, contact our office with questions (263-2001). We are glad to help! ~JM

4-H Basketball
The 71st Annual Dickinson County 4-H Basketball Tournament was held March 9th at the Chapman District Gym. Congratulations to all who participated in this fun event! The girls’ division champs were Clarks Creek (Geary County) with Navarre Boosters taking second place. In the boys/coed division, Humboldt (Geary County) beat out Willowdale to take the championship. Congratulations! Dickinson County 4-Hers should be proud of the county committee that did an awesome job running a smooth tournament!

4-H Alumni Basketball Game
Funds were raised for the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation through the nomination process for the alumni basketball game. A huge thank you to those 4-H alumni and parents that played, Aunt Sandy for her skills as a referee, and the 4-H Leadership SQUAD for their work!

CKFF Clean-up
The CKFF grounds look great thanks to the 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers who helped on March 10th! Thank you to everyone who participated with special appreciation to our heavy equipment operators!

Regional 4-H Day
Congratulations to all our 4-Hers who participated in Regional 4-H Day on March 23rd in Clay Center. We had an excellent showing from Dickinson County. Thank you to those who served as room monitors, you did an outstanding job! Results may be found at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/

DK 4-H Foundation Phone-a-thon and Donate Day
A huge thank you to those who participated in the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation’s Phone-a-thon! The funds raised will help with camp and other event scholarships for the entire year. In addition to the phone-a-thon, $1,960 was added to the 4-H Foundation endowment fund through the Community Foundation during Donate Day on March 15. Please remember to continually thank our generous community members!

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Raffle
Thank you to everyone for your support of the 4-H Council raffle fundraiser. A total of 376 tickets were sold and four lifetime hunting licenses were awarded for a profit of $5,510.00. Big thanks to the Sand Springs Rustlers for suggesting this fundraiser!

DK 4-H Foundation Event Scholarship Application
Because of successful events like the phone-a-thon, the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation will have set scholarship amounts for the coming year. If you are attending one of these events, you must have the scholarship application completed and submitted by the event registration deadline. Applications are available in our office or online at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/. Scholarships for 4-H camp are already included in the registration fee.

- $50 scholarships to: state events such as Discovery Days, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and 4-H Ambassador Training
- $75 scholarships to 4-H camp
- $150 scholarships to National 4-H Congress and Citizenship Washington Focus
- $15 to those serving as camp counselors

Congratulations Graduates!
Best wishes to those finishing high school. Thanks for your commitment to 4-H and to making the best better!
National Volunteer Week - Celebrate Service!  April 7-13
National Volunteer Week is here. This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America’s most valuable assets — our volunteers — and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities. National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example" — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Ways to celebrate may be found at: http://www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week. Thank you to our Dickinson County 4-H volunteers!

County-wide Cloverbud Project Meeting
Leadership SQUAD members will be conducting a county-wide Cloverbud project meeting on Saturday, April 27, at 1:00 PM in the County Annex Meeting Room. Five and six year olds interested in 4-H are invited to attend and participate in the Native Bee Challenge! Please contact our office to sign-up by Thursday, April 25 (263-2001 or dk@listserv.ksu.edu).

Thank You Becky and Debbie!
Wednesday, April 24th (office professional’s day) is the date designated this year to let Becky and Debbie know how much we appreciate the work they do in the Extension Office. They work hard and are always looking out for you, let them know you notice!

Volunteers Needed! – Beautify Abilene Yards
June Larson, Master Gardener, has initiated a project to help elderly and disabled homeowners in Abilene spruce up their yards. 4-Hers are needed to help with raking and other basic yardwork. Please contact our office if you have some time and could help (263-2001 or dk@listserv.ksu.edu). This is a project where you’ll know right away that you made a big difference for someone.

May 1 Deadlines Fast Approaching
- Horse ID papers must be in the Extension Office by May 1st. This is a state rule and there will be no exceptions to this rule! Form may be found at: https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf. Beat the rush, get them in early!
- Nomination deadline for steers and market heifers exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
- 4-H Project Drop/Adds - must be done on 4HOnline. No project changes may be done after May 1st!
- Bucket calf IDs. Form may be found at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/docs/Bucket%20Calf%20ID%20Form.pdf.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech and KSU Polytechnic Training
The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team, Kansas 4-H Youth Development and KSU Polytechnic in Salina are co-sponsoring a Kansas 4-H SpaceTech training on Saturday, April 27, at the KSU Polytechnic Campus, College Center Conference Center, 2310 Centennial Road, Salina, KS 67401. Participants will get to attend two in-depth entry level workshops repeated in the afternoon: rocketry and unmanned aerial systems (drones). Register by April 15th by visiting: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3K0sJZwz0InnDeWRWJApqEyKu1pQw0Ej0DdJDodCdO7T9Q/viewform

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Formerly Livestock Quality Assurance) - ***REQUIRED for ALL market livestock exhibitors***
If you were unable to attend the in-person training, you may do the training on-line.

Step 1: Call our office and get your unique coupon code(s) that will only work once. You must be a Dickinson County 4-Her with a livestock exhibit to receive your coupon codes. This coupon code covers the cost for on-line training. You should not need a credit card at any point. ADM Cares, through the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation, is covering the costs of YQCA training for all Dickinson County 4-H members this year.

Step 2: Go to http://yqca.org/ and sign in with your 4HOnline credentials. 4HOnline is the system where you enroll and choose your projects. Go to the trainings tab on the top of the page and select YQCA on-line.

Bucket Calf Project Meeting
Jamie Rock, bucket calf project leader, will be having a county-wide meeting on Saturday, April 20, 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the County Annex Meeting Room. Bucket calf ID forms will be available and fun learning activities are planned. Don’t miss it! Jamie may be contacted with questions at: 785-512-9295 or jmrock144@gmail.com.
JOANN & 4-H are empowering more kids in Kansas to learn by doing, creating and making. Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers, and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases at JOANN Fabrics every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H!

Try-outs for Bankes Barrel Races
Tryouts for the Bankes Barrel Races for the 2019 rodeo will be May 31st at 6 PM at the Wild Bill Hickok rodeo arena. Warm-ups at 6:00pm, tryouts 6:30pm or following warm-ups. For information, call Linda Bankes (263-8481) or ask Angela at Auburn Pharmacy downtown.

Horse Judging
The Kansas State University Horse Judging Team will host two separate camps to assist youth in learning to judge horses and give oral reasons. Please visit the website, www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and registration forms.
*Beginner Camp – June 10, 2019
*Advanced Camp – June 11-12, 2019
Registration at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html

Horse Snaffle Bit Project
Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a $10 fee. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Note: there have been big changes to the 2 and 3 year old snaffle bit projects, more info at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html

District Horse Show Information
The District Horse Show is scheduled for July 1st in Salina. Entries must be received by June 1 with achievement levels completed and certified by the entry deadline. The show will be open to exhibitors whose 4-H age is 9 – 18. Entry information will be sent to those enrolled in the horse project.

District Horse Show Volunteers Needed
NC 4-H District Horse Show is scheduled for July 1st starting at 8 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with the show, please call the office and let us know!

Horseless Horse Project
Questions have come concerning the Horseless Horse project below are clarifications based on learning and risk management.
- 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.

4-H Academy…Explore your Pathway
June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center
The 4-H Academy is fun, fast-paced and a great way to build strong, fit mental muscles in a subject that interests you. Explore, learn and ask the experts to satisfy your deeply-rooted curiosity to understand more about the topic. The best part is you choose and register for the pathway that will inspire you at 4-H Academy. Each pathway is created to challenge your critical thinking skills and open new approaches for learning. Pathways being offered this summer are: Horse, Photography, Leadership, STEM, or Environmental. For Youth 13 years old and older. Registration will be posted at www.kansas4h.org with costs expected to be about $300.

Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship
Konley was a former 4-Her and Purple Power Pack camp counselor from Morris County. His family has requested that the scholarship in his honor be made available to 4-Hers from Dickinson, Morris, and Marion Counties. The application may be found at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/ and is due May 10th.
DK Leadership SQUAD
The next meeting will be **Monday, April 22**nd at 7:00 p.m. in the small room at Sterl Hall. All 4-Hers 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

DK Clovers - Interstate Exchange
The next DK Clovers meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.** at the Shamrock Shelter in Chapman.

Science of Agriculture Challenge
The Science of Agriculture Challenge is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 2-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and build solutions. The team will identify agriculture-related issues in their community, develop solutions and share the projects with the community. Each year, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams will receive a scholarship ranging to use at the university, college or trade school of their choice. If you are interested, please contact Jill right away – teams must be registered by **April 15**.

County Committees
Our county committees have been doing fabulous work! Congratulations to the basketball, 4-H Day, pizza fundraiser, and spring show committees for meeting, working together, and accomplishing great things. Committees that need to start gearing up are the Friends of 4-H, family living, and fair committees.

Drop/Add – May 1
Please login to 4HOnline and make sure your listed projects are correct before **May 1**. Keep in mind that market livestock projects with tagging dates prior to **May 1** (such as market beef) cannot be added after the tagging date because of fair rules specifying a minimum number of days of care/feeding required.

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp
Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp will be held at Rock Springs Ranch this summer, **June 8**th – 11th. Counselors will arrive on **June 7**th. Registration information was included in a previous issue of the Clover Connection. **Scholarships will continue to be available from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation and have been increased from $50 per DK 4-H member to $75 per DK 4-H member, keeping camp costs the same as last year.** Registration forms and applications may be found at: [http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/camp/index.html](http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/camp/index.html).

Camp Scholarships
The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation will have scholarships available to Dickinson County 4-H youth attending Purple Power Pack 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch. A $75 scholarship has been included in the price for Dickinson County 4-H members. The Dickinson County 4-H Council is additionally providing $15 scholarships for those 4-Hers attending camp for the first time. If your club is providing a scholarship for campers or counselors, please let us know!

Needed – Camp Counselors
The Purple Power Pack Camp Group is looking for camp counselors! Any 4-Her who is 14 years and older by the first day of camp may apply to be a counselor. If interested, please pick-up an application or print it from the 4-H and Youth < 4-H Camp Information page at [http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/camp/index.html](http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/camp/index.html) and return it to the Extension Office by **May 7**. Counselors will report to camp on **June 7**th.

4-H Campference
4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held **June 23-26** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference is always full! Registration and detailed information at: [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org).

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. Information, links, and forms are available at: [http://www. dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_volunteers/index.html](http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/4-h_volunteers/index.html). **NEW INFO** Required 3 year updates on the online criminal background check will be done automatically by our office, no need to resubmit to the system! Yearly volunteer renewals will still need to be done by both teen and adult volunteers.
Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh-in
When: Friday, May 10th, 5-7:00 p.m.
Where: Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds

Dickinson County Spring Sheep, Swine, and Market Goat Show
When: Saturday, May 11th
Where: Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds

Spring Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat Show Committee Meetings
When: Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 PM
Where: County Annex Meeting Room
When: Friday, May 11 during sheep and meat goat tagging
Where: CKFF – show set-up

State Livestock Nominations
Updated information on nominating livestock for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show is available at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/.

KJLS & KSF Livestock Nominations
KSU Youth Livestock information can be found on twitter and Facebook. Information about livestock nominations may be found on twitter at: www.twitter.com/KS_YLP, on Facebook at: K-State Youth Livestock Program, or on the web at: www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu. The latest nomination information and forms may be found at these locations. All nominations must be accompanied by a DNA hair sample. Envelopes are available in the Extension Office for a small fee.

Swine Tagging
All market barrows must be at the fairgrounds for the ONLY tagging date – Sunday, April 28th, 2-5 p.m. ONLY. Swine will be tagged on the trailer with ear notches recorded. To address disease concerns, families will be encouraged to tag their own animals, plastic boot covers will be worn, and taggers will be disinfected and dried between trailers to prevent cross-contamination. Those with farrowing operations will receive more information in the mailed tagging letter. Contact our office with questions.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy
The Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy’s goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. One session will be offered this year June 5-8 in Manhattan. Details for this program can be found on the Youth Livestock Program website using the following link: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/

Champions Livestock Judging Camp
This is a three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted like those at a collegiate level. The dates for this year are June 3-5, June 11-13, and June 14-16. More information can be found at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html.

Dickinson County 4-H Council **week early due to Memorial Day**
Date: Monday, May 20th
Time: 6:45 pm – officers, 7:30 pm – full council

Kansas 4-H Wordmark Policy
The K-State Research and Extension/4-H wordmark is required on all 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This means if your club or project group is creating a t-shirt or other apparel, this wordmark is required. More information about the wordmark may be found at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/. Resources are available for local printers to work through the KSU license process. This logo is required on shooting sports posters along with the Kansas 4-H shooting sports logo.
Tri-County Fair Information
The Tri-County Fair is scheduled in Herington July 11th – 13th. Talk to your organizational leaders if you are interested in participating in the queen/king contest or volunteering to serve as a junior superintendent or department helper.

Favorite Food Show
The Favorite Food Show is scheduled for Friday, July 26th with entries due in early July. Put this date on your calendar and look for more information in the CKFF edition of the Clover Connection.

Record Books
Master 4-H Volunteer Susan Mueller is available to assist clubs and individuals who are interested in improving their permanent records and Kansas Award Portfolios. Call Susan at 785-366-6358 or muelleronthego@gmail.com to set-up an appointment!

CKFF Queen and King Reminder
Don’t forget to turn in your club’s names for the CKFF King and Queen contest! Nominations are due to the Extension Office by June 15th. Talk to your organizational leaders for more information.

Decorated Cookie Jar Auction
The following clubs will be making cookies and decorating a cookie jar to be auctioned at the CKFF livestock sale this year: Navarre Boosters, Newbern Wideawakes, Sand Springs Rustlers, and Solomon Wranglers. Proceeds go to the Dickinson County 4-H Council to fund the county-wide program. Keep in mind that cookies sell best when lots of club members are there to display their jar!

Reminders on Club Banners from Joetta Nagely, CKFF Banner Superintendent
-Colors: light on dark or dark on light……when standing at a distance, letters or whole words can be lost if there is not a contrast in color.
-Cover several areas of 4-H …… don’t duplicate by saying the same thing twice.
-Balance for the male and female audience …… make it appealing for both.
-No 3-D……….. please check the rules in the fair paper.
-Lettering………..not too small. Must be able to read from a distance.
-Background …….. when using felt, be careful it stretches. Smooth edges look nicer.
-Enter your banner at the Tri-County Fair. Making a banner costs money and one more premium check will help pay for the supplies.
-Club name may not be on the front of the banner as part of the design.

2019 CKFF Theme: to be determined at the April CKFF board meeting

Dog Project Meetings
Dog project meetings have been scheduled throughout the winter and spring for showmanship and obedience training. Members enrolled in the dog project have been emailed directly. If you are interested in joining the dog project, please contact dog leader Leann Johnson (785) 280-2684 for more information and add the project in 4HOnline.

Foods and Clothing Labels
The 4-H Mall is no longer selling 4-H Foods or 4-H Clothing Labels. We do have some in stock in the office and will use those until they are gone. After that, in clothing, fiber arts, or other exhibits needing a label, exhibitors can make their own label on a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3” x 2½” in size and include exhibitor name, class number and county. For Foods items, there is a label template available for download at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html under "Foods and Nutrition". We have foods and food preservation labels available at the office.

Upcoming Photography Events:
* Shutterbugs in the Garden – Botanica, Wichita, KS - April 27th
* Shutterbugs at the Garden City Zoo – May 11, 2019
* Shutterbugs at Old Jefferson Town – Osakloosa – October 2019
**Discovery Days – "Discover Your Spotlight"**

Discovery Days Registration is open at [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org) until April 15th. Discovery Days is a mini college experience May 29-May 31 (new – one less day) designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age before January 1. The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience through action-oriented learning activities, fun tours, and great evening social events. You will meet new people, build leadership skills and grow as a person. Be sure and register SOON as classes fill up fast! Note: this event is supported with $50 scholarships to applying members from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation and $10 scholarships from the Dickinson County 4-H Council. TEN SQUAD members will be able to attend FREE through our Ag Innovators Experience.

**Reminder: Electrical Code for CKFF**

You may not use box fans with the 2-prong cord attached to a 3-prong adapter. You **must** use a commercial grade 3-prong electrical cord.

**Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment**

Program begins fall of 2019 and goes through September 2020. The enrollment form will be on the Kansas State 4-H Website, [www.kansas4-H.org](http://www.kansas4-H.org) by June 1st. Members are asked to contact our office by July 10th to register. New participants will receive a large plot sign and five individual variety signs.

**CKFF Fair Guide**

Your fair guide newsletter with CKFF information will be published and delivered mid-June. Some reminders:

- Fashion revue pre-entries are due at ckff.fairentry.com by July 1st
- July 15th – online pre-entry at ckff.fairentry.com for: beef, dairy, bucket calf, horse, pony, sheep, goat, swine, dog, cat, and large miscellaneous exhibits

**Find us on Facebook!**

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

**The Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic**

The Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic will be held June 28-29 at the Riley County Fairgrounds at CiCo Park in Manhattan, KS. This 2-day event includes educational opportunities, a showmanship contest, and prospect and market hog shows and is sponsored by Kansas State University’s Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. Look for more information and forms to be posted in the future on the website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu), and on the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page.

**FSA Youth Loan Program**

The FSA youth loan program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size relating to their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For more information see the FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet: [https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index).

**Save the Date!**

**What:** Friends of 4-H Picnic

**Why:** To thank the many businesses and individuals who help make the 4-H program great in Dickinson County

**When:** Tuesday, July 9th, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Sterl Hall

**Reminders:** Clubs are expected to provide a door prize as well as help supply the chicken dinner by submitting $5 per family in the club to the Extension Office in a check payable to DK County 4-H Council. The Dickinson County Leadership SQUAD is planning fun family activities in the time between the end of the picnic and the beginning of swimming. The whole family should plan to participate. More information to come!

**International Citizenship**

Host families are needed for international 4-H exchange students during the 2019-2020 school year. Interested families should contact state coordinator Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net.
SPIN Club Opportunities:

- **Vet Science SPIN Club** – meets the first Tuesday of the month 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 Lisa Tokach (ltokach@aahpa.com).
- **5th-H (Hope)** – focus is on sewing projects that help others. Contact Fiona Tokach (fionattokach@gmail.com) for more information.

Responsibilities of Parents in the 4-H Program:

- Show interest in what your children are doing and give them encouragement.
- Provide any materials and equipment your child may need.
- Help the club and leader when asked. Don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER!
- See that your child finishes as well as starts their project(s). Be a "shadow helper" - guide, advise, help - but let the child do his or her own work.
- Encourage your child when they succeed and even more when they fail. Encourage and reward effort and progress, as well as the end results. Help your 4-Her be a good sport and appreciate the success of others. Support the 4-H leaders. Let the leaders know you appreciate them. Make 4-H a family affair, get the whole family involved in 4-H activities.
- Learn and support the goals and objectives of 4-H. Remember, the development of youth is the mission.
- Know that you are building for the future.
- Know that today’s 4-H activities build the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.
- Know and support the Kansas 4-H Life Skills.

**Project Learning Lab Kits**

Learning lab kits are a fantastic resource for project meetings, providing lots of interactive visuals. Several of these kits are available to be loaned from the Northeast Area Office. If you are scheduling a project meeting and would like to use one of the kits, call us at the Extension Office. Kits are available in the following projects: dog, goat, poultry, sheep, beef, dairy, plant identification, horse, and swine.

**4-H Ag Innovators – Native Bee Challenge**

The 4-H Ag Innovators Experience is an annual interactive activity that challenges young people to apply critical thinking and STEM skills to a real-world agriculture challenge. Dickinson County, representing the state of Kansas, has been awarded a $20,000 grant by National 4-H Council and Bayer Science to participate in the Native Bee Challenge this summer with the goal of reaching 1000 Kansas youth by July. Our leadership team of Rylie Volkman, Shelby Hettenbach, Grant Heintz, Shawna Riffel, and Shannon Heintz have trained 20 SQUAD members so they can take the challenge to the community. If your club or interested in being a part of the challenge, please contact Jill. All activities are hands on and really engaging – youth end up with a native bee nest to place in their backyard!

Key Messages:

- Developed by National 4-H Council and BAYER, the program helps develop critical workforce skills in young people and demonstrates how agriculture can be fun!
- This year’s activity will help youth learn about Native Bees, key pollinators that impact our food supply and agriculture.
- Through this experience, youth will understand the challenges that impact native bees that include habitat loss, diseases, climate change, and pesticide exposure.
Dickinson County Food Preservation Workshop

Wednesday May 29th, 9 am to 4 pm
Sterl Hall, Abilene

Topics:
*Science of food preservation
*Jelly canning
*Food drying (herbs)
*Freezing & storage
*Pressure canning
*Water bath canning

To register, contact your local office by May 22nd

Dickinson County Extension
712 S. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410
Phone: 785.263.2001
Email: dk@listserv.ksu.edu

*Cost of the class will be $30/adult and $10 for any kids that attend with paid adult

*Limited spots available (25)

*Lunch will be provided
2019 Tractor Safety Training

Date: April 29 & 30th (5:30-8:30 both nights)
County Extension office 712 S Buckeye, Abilene

- This school is designed to assist 14 and 15 year-old’s in gaining certification for farm employment.
- Youth ages 12 and 13 are welcome to take the training. However, they cannot become certified until they reach the age of 14.
- Participants must be able to attend both entire days.
- Pre-Registration is required by April 25th. Once you register, you will receive a manual and pre-test to study prior to attending the training.
- The tractor safety manual book is required reading prior to training. Completion of a paper pre-test prior to the training is also required. Bring with you to first training day.
- A youth will not receive the full certification until they return the document signed providing proof that he or she received four (4) hours of equipment operation training.
- Unless already paid, bring $10 in cash or check to first training day.
- Dinner and snacks will be provided on site.

To pre-register by April 25th, please contact one of the following Extension Offices. You will need to provide name, address, phone, and birth date at pre-registration time.

Dickinson Extension Office 785-263-2001 or tonyw@ksu.edu
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