Thank You!
Thank you to all the fair superintendents, assistant superintendents, board members, junior leaders, parents, volunteers, and 4-Hers who worked to make the Central Kansas Free Fair a fantastic community experience!
~Extension Office Staff

Thank You Notes
If you haven’t already, please take the time to write a note expressing your thanks to those who supported you during the fair and throughout this 4-H year. 4-H volunteers and sponsors are essential to our success and we need to remember to thank them for their work! Need ideas on what to write? Thank them for sponsoring the award, tell them about yourself and your project as well as what you enjoy about 4-H!
  o Award sponsor postcard was attached to your check (if it was a cash award)
    Call us if you aren’t sure who to thank!

Nice Job on Banners!
This year nine of our twelve 4-H clubs exhibited banners at the Central Kansas Free Fair! Start planning now for your club’s 2020 banner and have ALL clubs represented!

Deadline Reminders
October 1st
  • Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs) nominated by club leaders to be judged
  • Achievement Pin Applications
  • Club Summary Reports
  • Club Officer Books
  • Club Completion Sheet
  • Club Financial Report
  • Nominations for Friend of 4-H Awards
  • Project Leader Awards Nominations
  • Outstanding 4-Her Nominations
  • 4-H Family of the Year Nominations

**Please check with your club leaders about their due dates for record books and award applications!

4-H Achievement Pin Applications
Applications are available on the 4-H and Youth – Forms & Applications page at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/. Please talk to your club leader or email Jill (martinso@ksu.edu) or Debbie (dhanna87@ksu.edu) at the office if you aren’t sure which pin to apply for this year. Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 1. Please check with your club leader about club due dates.

September 4-H Council Meeting
Election of officers is on the agenda for the September 23 meeting. It is essential that club council representatives attend. Officers will meet at 6:45 p.m. with the full council at 7:30 p.m.

4-H Council Committees
If you want to take advantage of having a voice in the county 4-H program, contact your club organizational leader by October 1 to sign up for a 4-H Council committee. You will need to indicate a 1st and 2nd choice as well as if you would like to serve as a committee chair. Adult advisors are also needed for each committee.
Recognition and Awards Judging
The Trips and Awards Committee will have a week scheduled to accomplish award judging. Every club needs to be represented on several of these dates for significant amounts of time to accomplish the work; times are come and go as needed. We will be judging books for another county first and then our county awards. If each club could find additional volunteers to help judge, the process would go more quickly. Please make sure the Extension Office knows who is judging from your club so everyone is aware of the judging dates. All meetings will be in the County Annex Meeting Room with snacks provided.

Tuesday, September 24  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26  9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. **note early evening time
Thursday, October 3  9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. **note evening time
Wednesday, October 9  9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **note evening time
Thursday, October 10  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, October 11   9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Officer Training
4-H club officer training has been scheduled for Monday, October 28, at 7 p.m. Please check October’s Clover Connection for more information.

National 4-H Week
Start making plans for your club’s activities to celebrate National 4-H Week, October 6-12, 2019. This is a great time to promote 4-H in your schools and communities to get more people involved in 4-H! Resources can be found at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html and http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/. The most important ideas to emphasize are:

- #InspireKidsToDo and #TrueLeaders
- Use hashtags on social media and remember to use: #DK4H and #KS4H

Dickinson County 4-H Week Proclamation Signing
All Dickinson County 4-Hers and their families are invited to attend the signing of a proclamation declaring Dickinson County 4-H Week, coinciding with National 4-H Week. The proclamation will be signed during the county commission’s regular meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

Since many of our members won’t be able to attend because of school, notes of thanks to the county commissioners for their support of Dickinson County 4-H and their acknowledgement of National 4-H Week may be sent to commission@dkcoks.org.

48 Hours of 4-H
Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. 48 Hours of 4-H will be October 12-13, 2019. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H alums too! Find all the information and start planning your projects at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/.

Rock Springs 48 Hours of 4-H Clean-up
Do you or your club want to participate in 48 Hours of 4-H but haven’t found the perfect project? Join in at Rock Springs for the Fall Clean-Up. Registration and more information will be online at www.rocksprings.net.
Q: What goes in a 4-H Record Book?
Answer: It depends, do you want to receive an award at the Achievement Banquet for a project or do you just want to have your project records done?

- **County Project Contenders** – eligible to apply for county project awards and achievement pins
  1) Personal Page
  2) Kansas Award Portfolio(s) (KAP) arranged alphabetically complete with 4-H story specific to that project
  3) Permanent Record

- **Project Completion** – eligible to apply for achievement pins, but not county project awards
  1) Personal Page
  2) 4-H Story
  3) Simplified 4-H Record (if your club allows) or basic KAP for each project
  4) Permanent Record

Records should be placed in a 3-ring binder (not larger than 1”) or green 4-H record book cover. Tabbed dividers separating KAPs or project records are recommended.

Notes:
- County Project Awards will be judged in two divisions: junior (ages 7-13) and senior (ages 14+)
- 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 should 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+)
- Kansas Award Portfolio forms may be found here: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/kansas-award-portfolio.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/kansas-award-portfolio.html)
- Permanent record, personal page, and simplified 4-H record forms may be found here: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/record-keeping/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/record-keeping/)
- When completing forms on the computer – make sure your information can be saved and reopened
- Organizational leaders will submit books for judging and indicate what projects are to be evaluated in each book
- Pay attention to your club deadlines for submitting records. Deadline for leaders to submit books to our office for judging is October 1
- 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 is only available in the junior division
- Contact Jill Martinson, 4-H Youth Development Agent, with questions at 785-263-2001 or martinso@ksu.edu
- Link to Dickinson County 4-H Forms and Applications: [http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/](http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/)

**Achievement Banquet Slide Show**
Each club is asked to “share” 10-15 pictures of your club with the K-State Research and Extension – Dickinson County Facebook page. 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. Additional ways to share pictures include emailing them to dk@listserv.ksu.edu, burning them to a CD, or bringing them on a jump drive to the office. We would like to have all clubs represented! This needs to be done by November 1!

**4-H Achievement Banquet Table Decorations CLUB CHALLENGE**
The CLUB CHALLENGE: The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation has continued with the fair theme of “There’s Magic in the Air at the Central Kansas Free Fair” for the 2019 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 25. **Cash prizes** will be awarded to the top 3 clubs with the best table decorations!
Enrollment Information
Re-enrollment will be done through 4HOnline (ks.4honline.com) starting October 1. Instructions and link to ks.4Honline.com may be found on our website at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/. This year the Kansas 4-H program fee is being covered by a grant from ADM for ALL Dickinson County 4-H members. Notes of thanks should be sent to:

AMD Milling  
c/o Russ Johnson  
210 NE 3rd Street  
Abilene, KS 67410

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. **NEW This process will be accomplished through 4HOnline. As you set up your profile after October 1st, the system will take you through the volunteer screening process. **NOTE: once completed initially, the outside background check only needs to be completed every three years and can be accomplished by letting our office know to re-submit your information.

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. **If you have submitted an application and have not completed the orientation, you will need to be enrolled as an individual in your family’s 4HOnline account in order to access the training.** Instructions are available at www.dickinson.ksu.edu on the 4-H Youth Development > Volunteer Screening page. The course consists of video modules and quizzes. Please let our office know when you have completed the orientation.

Kansas State Fair Judging Teams
Livestock Judging was held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 17. Our team included Dillon Knepp, Jensen Woodworth, Allison Abeldt, Angie Linder, and Erica Linder. A thank you and congrats goes out to these 4-Hers and to Danny and Allison Forsyth for working with the team and to Elizabeth Forsyth for taking them to Manhattan for the contest.

Horticulture Judging was held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 17. Our intermediate contestants were Renatta Heintz and Adam Snowball, and they placed 6th and 22nd respectively out of 52. Our senior contestants were Grant Heintz and Hannah Snowball, and they placed 10th and 15th respectively out of 42. Congratulations!

Photography Judging was held on Sunday, September 8 at the Kansas State Fair. Our senior team was comprised of Brayden Lexow, Della Hettenbach, Christian Dobbs, Haily Rock, and alternate Callie Jones. Representing Dickinson County in the intermediate division was Collin Gfeller, Syriana Olson, Kolbie Bartlett, Makenzie Hall, and alternate McKenna Hughes. The senior team placed 5th overall with Christian placing 6th individually and Della placing 16th. In the intermediate division, Collin placed 16th individually. Congratulations! Special thanks to Susan Hettenbach for sponsoring the teams.

Discovery Days Task Force
Love Discovery Days? Apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force! Youth will meet once in December and then will have several conference calls throughout the year. Task force members arrive in Manhattan the day before Discovery Days begins to help set up and will provide leadership throughout that week. Applications are due October 1. The application can be found at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html. Jessyka Barten, Jolly Jays, served on the 2019 Discovery Days Task Force and Jaryth Barten served as a Colligate Advisor from the Kansas 4-H Youth Council.
Mail Service
Please be aware that mail received at the Abilene post office (in the drop box or lobby) after 1:50 p.m. will be postmarked for the next day. This becomes important when you are meeting postmark deadlines for nominations, entries, and applications.

Beef Carcass Meeting
Copies of the carcass data results from cattle sent to the Tyson processing plant are available following the meeting held on Wednesday, September 11th. Thank you to Justin Lefert for leading the meeting.

SQUAD Upcoming Dates
Community Conversations Youth Facilitator Training Course – September 21st
Paint the Town Green – Sunday, October 5th
The Golden Spork Event – October 6th
48 Hours of 4H Service – October 12-14
Make a Difference Week – Team #1 Sunday, October 13th, and Team #2 Monday, October 14th
Rock Springs Clean-Up – Saturday, October 12th
County Cloverbud Meeting – October 20th
Community Conversations – October 26th
SQUAD Meeting – October 28th (at 4-H Officer Training)

State 4-H Dog Conference – Rock Star 4-H Dogs
This conference will be held at Rock Springs October 19-20. Features:
♦ Educational Sessions – two tracks available
♦ Dog Fashion Show (evening program)
♦ Dog Skill-a-Thon
♦ Rock Star Dog Race
♦ Karaoke with s’mores
♦ Quiz Bowl (mini experience for 7-9 year olds)
♦ Youth must be chaperoned by a parent or 4-H leader
Registration Deadline: October 7, 2019! Information and online registration is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) will be held November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2020 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas Volunteer Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. Registration may be done online at www.kansas4h.org and is due November 1 (but the earlier you sign up, the more class choices you have.) The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation will be providing $50 scholarships. Scholarship application can be found at: http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_and_applications/. Don’t miss this great leadership opportunity!

Kansas Youth Leadership Council
Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing, and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H and Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2020 may apply. Application details will be available at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html. Applications are due online on October 1, 2019 before 5 p.m. CST and a signature page and 2 letters of reference must be postmarked or uploaded on or before October 1, 2019.
International Travel Opportunities
Travel opportunities for Kansas 4-Hers are detailed on the World Citizenship website at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=561. Applications for travel in 2019 are due November 1. Host families are always needed.

Standards for Participation in Kansas FFA and 4-H Youth Development Educational Opportunities
The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants’ knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.
- 1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
- 2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
- 3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
- 4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
- 5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
- 6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

4-H Club New Family Mentors
In 4-H we “learn by doing” which can often cause new families to feel lost until they’ve experienced a 4-H event or activity. To help ease their anxiety and keep our new families engaged, clubs are encouraged 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 help them understand more about Dickinson County 4-H. Let us know who your club’s new family mentor is when you turn in your club leader list by December 1!

Cloverbud Information
Kansas State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development offers 4-H Cloverbuds, an educational program designed specifically for youth ages five and six. Children of this age have distinctive learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older youth who participate in 4-H. That is why the 4-H Cloverbud program is designed with specific educational objectives and policies focused on the 5- and 6-year-old child.
- 4-H Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused.
- The 4-H Cloverbud programming is cooperative, rather than competitive.
- 4-H Cloverbud exhibits can be showcased at fairs and public events, but a 4-H Cloverbud member may not participate as a competitive exhibitor in traditional 4-H events.
- A ratio of two adults to 12 4-H Cloverbud members (2:12) is required.
- 4-H Cloverbuds requires a safe environment.

Requirements for Dickinson County:
- Dickinson County 4-H clubs will only be able to enroll Cloverbud members if they have an active Cloverbud leader who is willing to work with the Cloverbud members on active, hands-on experiences during the regular club meeting. Cloverbuds are still encouraged to be a part of roll call, recreation, and the program, but are not to be expected to sit through the club business meeting.
- Please contact Jill to schedule training for new leaders.
- Cloverbuds will only be able to exhibit animals on the approved state list at the fair.

If you haven’t already, start recruiting your club Cloverbud leader now!
Join the Dickinson/Geary County 4-H Exchange Group (aka DK Clovers)

What is a County 4-H Exchange?

An Interstate Exchange program is an exciting opportunity for teenage youth. Exchange programs are a series of learning experiences in which individuals from the county visit in the homes of 4-H members in another geographical area, and are visited by them in return. Counties usually host a group one year and visit the homes of their guests the following year.

Exchanges Objectives

The interstate exchange program is designed to help youth:
- Learn more about themselves and their own family, friends, county, and state.
- Learn to help plan and conduct fundraising projects to pay expenses for the trip and for hosting a visitor.
- Learn to be a good host or hostess.
- Develop as individuals by learning to interact with people who may have practices, beliefs, and customs different from their own.
- Create new and lasting friendships.
- Learn more about 4-H in other states.
- Have fun as a member of a 4-H exchange.

Dickinson & Geary County Interstate Exchange
Form is due October 1st to the Extension Office

Name _________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Names __________________________________________________

4-H Club _______________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

Telephone Numbers: (Home)______________________________________________

(Cell)________________________________________________

(Other?)______________________________________________

* Please mark THE BEST number to reach you

Email address that is checked regularly ___________________________________
**Exchange Requirements**

- Be at least 13 years old 4-H age.
- Be enrolled in a local 4-H club.
- Host a member from the other state and participate for a two-year term which includes both hosting and traveling.
- Present self in a manner that positively represents the county and state 4-H program by actions, attitude and dress.
- Members and families are expected to participate in ALL exchange planning and group functions. The process of planning the exchange is as educational as the trip and hosting.
- Every participant is responsible for the cost of the program. Fundraisers may be planned. Funds raised will be divided evenly between all exchange participants who participate in each individual fundraising event. Credit will be given and a record will be kept on the amount of money each member has earned.

Under no circumstances should Kansas youth participants transport other youth.

**Family Requirements**

- Exchange host families should be willing to participate fully in the exchange and provide supervision for their own children and the youth they are hosting.
- Be willing to create a positive environment, uphold the code of conduct, promote safe participation and be open to youth and adults who may have different values and cultural norms.
- While hosting, you will be required to make your home a welcoming, clean and comfortable environment.
- Delegates should be treated as a member of the host family. The exchange delegate will be included in all family activities. Every effort will be made to make sure the exchange delegate feels comfortable around friends and feels included.
- As a host, you are expected to participate in all group activities with your exchange delegate. If for some unusual circumstance you are unable to participate in a group event, your delegate must still participate.
- Hosts must provide reliable and safe transportation to and from all planned activities.
- All family members 19 years of age and older, who are residing in the host family dwelling, will be expected to complete and pass the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening process.
- Families are encouraged to attend the exchange trip meetings. Family involvement helps ensure a successful exchange experience.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
SPOOKY GOOD TIME

HALLOWEEN CLOVERBUD
MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019
4:00-5:00 P.M.
COUNTY ANNEX MTG. ROOM

GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND
STORIES

FEEL FREE TO WEAR YOUR
COSTUME!
# September 2019

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- Recognition & Awards Judging - 9am - 5pm CAMR
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