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!

CKFF Photos
Photos taken by Tyler, our Communications Manager, and the county fair committee will be available at the following link for a limited time. Many of these would be great to use in record books, so help yourself! https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1v8Qz_v0N8OZsEudtVIVh5_ktVqRd7fUx?usp=sharing

Deadline Reminders
October 1st
  • Kansas 4-H Project Report Forms 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!

September 4-H Council Meeting
Election of officers is on the agenda for the September 27 meeting via Zoom. It is essential that club council representatives attend. The Zoom link will be shared with club leaders who are asked to share it with your club council representatives. 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, sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/CtyCmtee by November 1 to serve on 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.

Follow Us on Social Media!
Facebook: @ChisholmTrailKSRE
Instagram: @chisholmtrail_ksre
Twitter: @ChisholmTr_KSRE
Recognition and Awards Judging
The Trips and Awards Committee will have two weeks scheduled to accomplish award judging. Books will be available in the office for judging every day 9 AM – 5 PM, October 11 – 22. Evening judging times are listed below. 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 senior books for Marion 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 at our office with snacks provided.

**Extended Hours On:**
- **Wednesday, October 13** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Monday, October 18** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Monday, October 25** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Club Officer Training
4-H club officer training will be done individually this year. Each office will have a scavenger hunt worksheet to complete utilizing our [4-H officer training videos](https://www.chisholmtrail.sd.ks.us/resources/officer-training), the [Chisholm Trail District website](https://www.chisholmtrail.sd.ks.us), and Kansas 4-H. Completed worksheets will be due in our office by **December 1** in order to count toward your club’s seal. Please watch your email and check-in with your leaders for details coming in October.

National 4-H Week
Start making plans for your club’s activities to celebrate **National 4-H Week, October 9-13, 2021**. 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](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html) and [http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/](http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/). The most important idea to emphasize is:
- Find Your Spark #findyourspark
- Use hashtags on social media and remember to use: #KS4H and #chisholmtrail4h

Dickinson County 4-H Week Proclamation Signing
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, September 30 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.

Recording Radio Spots for National 4-H Week
Radio spots to be run during National 4-H Week will be recorded on **Tuesday, September 28 at 4 PM** at the KABI studio in Abilene. Participants may be any age, but will need to be comfortable reading a 30 second spot fluently. Contact our office prior if you’d like to participate!

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 9-10, 2021.** 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/](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 on **Saturday, October 9 from 9 AM to 3 PM.** Lunch will be provided in the dining hall. RSVP by **October 1** (chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu or 785-263-2001). Families welcome!
Abilene Community Garden 48 Hours of 4-H Clean-up
All are invited to join DK Leadership SQUAD members as they help clean-up the Abilene Community Garden on **Sunday, October 10, starting at 1:30 PM.** Help will be needed removing garden debris and adding wood chips to the paths. Let us know if you plan to help (chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu or 785-263-2001.)

Record Books!
An email titled **DK 4-H: End of Year Record Keeping Information** was emailed to all enrolled families on Monday, August 30 with details and links to help with completing record books and achievement pin applications. The information shared there is also available at [https://www.chisholmtrail.ks-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html](https://www.chisholmtrail.ks-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html). Please check with your club leaders for due dates and respect those local deadlines!

Achievement Celebration Slide Show
Each club is asked to “share” 10-15 pictures of your club to be included in an end of year slide show. These pictures should show your members engaged in 4-H activities. We would like to have all clubs represented! Photos should be uploaded by **November 15** to: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vkDo5_sl_dbCZinN4usbiq6JTO7GY7C_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vkDo5_sl_dbCZinN4usbiq6JTO7GY7C_?usp=sharing)

Achievement Celebration
The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is working on plans for the Achievement Celebration this year. Sterl Hall continues to be unavailable. Plans will be shared as soon as they’re finalized. If you have ideas about how you’d like to celebrate your 2020-2021 4-H achievements, let Jill know!

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 at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) Remember to use the coupon code **ENTOWP** as payment. This year the Kansas 4-H program fee is being covered by a grant from ADM CARES for ALL Dickinson County 4-H members. Notes of thanks should be sent to:

AMD Milling  
c/o Russ Johnson  
1000 N Washington Street  
Abilene, KS 67410

Kansas 4-H Accidental Insurance
Kansas 4-H will continue to provide accidental insurance under a statewide group activity accident policy for 4-H members and volunteers through American Income Life. This benefit is provided through the $15 annual state program fee (free to all Dickinson County 4-Hers through ADM Cares). This policy covers members and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, so please make sure you are re-enrolled (or enrolled) for the new 4-H year!

Kansas 4-H Participant Code of Conduct and Volunteer Code of Ethics
As you enroll for the new 4-H year, please take time to notice the participant code of conduct and volunteer code of ethics. These documents may be found at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/index.html)

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. 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. If it’s your first time applying, please complete the **Outside Background Check** and contact Jill for a new volunteer interview.

**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. **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 [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html). The course consists of video modules and quizzes. Please let our office know when you have completed the orientation.

**Kansas State Fair Results**
Check out the Kansas State Fair Results LIVE link at [https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/15710](https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/15710) to see a list of Dickinson county results. Congratulations to all participants, you represented us well!

**Kansas State Fair Judging Teams**

**Livestock Judging** was held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 21. Our team included Collin Gfeller, Lawson Jones, Angie Linder, Callie Linder, and Tucker Stroda. A thank you and congrats goes out to these 4-Hers and to TeCoa Stroda for serving as the team’s adult sponsor.

**Horticulture Judging** was held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 13. Our intermediate contestants were Clayton Gfeller and Blake Murphy. Our senior contestants were Renatta Heintz and Adam Snowball. Renatta and Clayton both placed in the top 10 in their divisions. Congratulations to all!

**Photography Judging** was held on Sunday, September 12 at the Kansas State Fair. Our senior team was comprised of Kolbie Bartlett, Collin Gfeller, Teagan Seibert, and Annalee Greene. Representing Dickinson County in the intermediate division was Wyatt Bathurst, Brynlie Olson, Syriana Olson, and Eyler Holt. The intermediate team placed 8th overall. Congratulations! Special thanks to Angela Holt for serving as the adult sponsor.

**Beef Carcass Data**
Copies of the carcass data on the cattle from CKFF that were sent to Tyson is available when you pick up your livestock checks or may be emailed. Let Jill know if you’d like to have it emailed (martinso@ksu.edu).

**State 4-H Dog Conference – Surviving and Thriving with 4-H K9’s**
This conference will be held at Rock Springs **October 23-24**. Features:
- Educational Sessions – two tracks available
- 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 8, 2021**! Click here for information and online registration. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation provides a $50 scholarship toward this experience.

**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, Discovery Days, and other events. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2022 may apply. Application details are available at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html). Applications are due online on **October 1, 2021 before 11:59 p.m. CST** and a signature page and one online reference must be uploaded by the same deadline.
Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for **November 20-21, 2021** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Registration will open sometime after the State Fair. Registration deadline is **October 15, 2021** at an early bird rate or before **November 1** at the regular rate. Watch your email and social media for registration information. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation provides a $50 scholarship toward this experience.

International Travel Opportunities
Travel opportunities for Kansas 4-Hers are detailed on the World Citizenship website at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/index.html. Applications for travel in 2022 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**!

September Cloverbud Meeting!
All Chisholm Trail District cloverbud members are invited to our last meeting of the 4-H year on **Sunday, September 26, starting at 2:00 PM**. We will meet at the Abilene Office located at 712 S Buckeye.
- We will explore what happens when you give a pig a pancake, including making (and eating!) pancakes, crafts, and games.
RSVPs are appreciated by **Friday, September 24** (martinso@ksu.edu or 785-263-2001.) Please contact Jill, Shawna Riffel (785-479-1896), or Becky Chase (785-410-6079) with questions.
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.

If you haven’t already, start recruiting your club Cloverbud leader now!

4-H Camp at Rock Springs
4-H camp at Rock Springs is changing with more choices on when to attend and expanded options for all age groups. For Dickinson County members, if you’d like to stay in touch with your friends and agents from the Purple Power Pack camp group, plan to camp during **session 2, June 12-15, 2022**. Registration is open now with 4-H member discounts until **October 31**! Check out [https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/](https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/) for more information.

Notices for CKFF Livestock Premium Sale 2022
- Animals sold in the sale may only be sent to a local butcher by the premium buyer. If not kept by the premium buyer, the animal will go to the floor buyer. Animals may not be kept by families.
- The livestock sale committee has only scheduled locker appointments for those animals sold through the sale to premium buyers. Make locker appointments now if your family plans to have extra animals butchered locally.
- Extra animals may continue to be sold to the floor buyers, if they meet buyer requirements, i.e. minimum weight. Lightweight animals will only be purchased at floor buyer discretion.
- Families are responsible for the care of animals until they go on the truck to be shipped.

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

Kenny Livingston Trucking
1375 Highway 18
Abilene, KS 67410
FIND YOUR SPARK
DISCOVER MORE AT 4-H.ORG
K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction please contact Jill Martinson at 785-263-2001 or martinso@ksu.edu.