

Clover Connection

Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County
4-H Youth Development News & Updates
October - November 2024

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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

CKFF Photos

Photos taken during CKFF by the county fair committee will be available at the following link for a limited time, help yourself! [2024 CKFF Photos](#)

Pick Up Your Fair Checks!

If you earned a ribbon at the Central Kansas Free Fair, we have a check for you at our office. Please pick them up right away as they are voided 90 days after the date they're written!

November 4-H Council

When: **Monday, November 25, 7 PM, Officers to meet at 6 PM**

Where: Sterl Hall

What: Set-up for the Achievement Celebration, bi-monthly meeting, and creation of thank you cookie boxes. **Each council representative (2 adults/2 youth per club) needs to bring at least three dozen homemade cookies for cookie boxes.**

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.

Recognition and Awards Judging

Awards and Recognition Committee will have four weeks scheduled to accomplish award judging. Books will be available in the office for judging every day **9 AM – 5 PM, October 7 – November 1**. 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 some snacks provided.

Extended Hours On:

Wednesday, October 9	5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16	5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday, October 21	5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 29	5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *if needed

SQUAD Meeting

When: **Monday, October 28, 8:00 PM (following officer training)**

Where: Emmanuel Church

What: Judge coloring contest pages

District Club Officer Training

District 4-H club officer training is scheduled for **Monday, October 28**, at the **Emmanuel Church in Abilene**. All club officers and organizational leaders as well as Cloverbud leaders and new family mentors should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend. Registration will begin at **6:45 p.m.** with training starting at **7 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend in person, officers may choose to complete the scavenger hunt worksheet utilizing our [4-H officer training videos](#), the [Chisholm Trail District website](#), and [Kansas 4-H](#). The worksheet may be found on our [4-H events page](#). Completed worksheets must be emailed to Megan (mkanguiano@ksu.edu) by **December 1** to count toward your club's seal.

National 4-H Week

Start making plans for your club's activities to celebrate **National 4-H Week, October 6-12, 2024**. We will be posting a 4-H question for you each day on our Chisholm Trail District social media accounts. Please help us out by responding!

- **Sunday, October 6th – Selfie Sunday**
- **Monday, October 7th – Monday Motivation**
- **Tuesday, October 8th – Tuesday Trivia**
- **Wednesday, October 9th – 4-H Spirit Day!**
- **Thursday, October 10th – Throwback Thursday**
- **Friday, October 11th – Friday Night Lights**
- **Saturday, October 12th – Saturday Service - #484H**

**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, 2024**. 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/>. Projects may be completed anytime throughout the month of October.

48 Hours of 4-H Project for Tri-County Free Fair

All are invited to help out with painting bleachers at the Tri-County Free Fairgrounds (810 S Broadway, Herington) on **Sunday, October 13, starting at 2:00 PM**. Be sure to wear old clothes and shoes. If you have paint brushes, please bring them as well. Please contact Shawna Riffel for more information at riffelclan@eaglecom.net.

48 Hours of 4-H and Live Well, Lead Well at Rock Springs Ranch

When: **Saturday, October 12**

What: Service projects at Rock Springs Ranch **9 AM – noon**. FREE with lunch provided! Live Well, Lead Well session with interactive, hands-on activities designed to help you build a Strong Mind, Active Heart, Helping Hands, and Healthy Lifestyles, **1 PM – 5 PM**. Cost \$3.

Who: All youth ages 7 to 18 and adults

How: Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0AMHtXucnsMnX3U

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> Our coupon code sponsored by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation to pay the member fee is **KVBSRQ**. You can also mark **WILL SEND CHECK** and our office will add the coupon code when we approve enrollments. This year the Kansas 4-H program fee is being covered by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation for ALL Dickinson County 4-H members. Notes of thanks should be sent to:

Dickinson County 4-H Foundation
712 S Buckeye Ave
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. 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>

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. Additional details on our [volunteer page](#).

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>. 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 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 17.

Our senior team included Layla Pickerign, Carleigh Abeldt, Jordan Bartlett and Dally Emig. Members of the intermediate team were Addison Acheson, Eyler Holt, Colten Abeldt and Anna Holt. We also had two individuals competing, Rylee Thomas and Emil Pickerign. A thank you and congrats goes out to these 4-Hers and to Bret Toews and Josh Abeldt for serving as the team coaches.

Livestock Skillathon was also held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 17. We were represented by two teams including Steven Bogart, Dally Emig, Cash Emig, Roper Lefert, Reatta Lefert, Lorelai Kuntz, Emil Pickerign, Eyler Holt, Anna Holt, Carleigh Abeldt, and Colten Abeldt. Congrats to these 4-Hers and thank you to Jo Emig for serving as the team coach.

Horticulture Judging was held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 10. Our intermediate contestants were Clayton Gfeller, Allie Gfeller, Janessa Latzke and Scarlett Murphy and senior contestant Renatta Heintz. Congratulations to all!

Photography Judging was held on Sunday, September 8th at the Kansas State Fair. Senior team members included Landen Barten, Kaden Hitz, Josie Wilson and Abigail Zerbe. Representing Dickinson County in the intermediate division was Lorelai Kuntz, Anna Holt, Katy Gans, and Luke Lefert. Congratulations! Special thanks to Kristen Kuntz for serving as the adult sponsor.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be **November 23-24** at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) and the [Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum](#).

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025, 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 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers organizes this Forum for adults.

Registration deadline is October 15, 2024.

The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation provides a 50% scholarship toward these experiences.

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!**

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
1325 3300 Ave
Abilene, KS 67410

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!

**Heritage Center 4-H Events Invitation**

Pinnacle Bank is once again sponsoring the Christmas Tree Decorating contest at the DK County Heritage Center Old Fashioned Christmas. The event is **December 7, 4-8 PM at the Dickinson County Heritage Center, 412 S Campbell St.**

Please email Megan Anguiano (mkanguiano@ksu.edu) by **November 15th** if your club is participating with a contact name and phone number of who will be in charge of the decorating of your club's tree. Each club will have a cedar tree to decorate.

Trees will be able to be decorated on **Friday December 6** (during normal operating hours) and **Saturday morning, December 7** (9-11am).

Trees would be able to be "undecorated" beginning Monday between 9-5pm. It will be up to each club to undecorate their tree. If they cannot get there during these hours, arrangements will need to be made with the Heritage Center for another time.

Pinnacle Bank will be sponsoring \$300, \$200, and \$100 prizes. Awards will total \$600.

4-Hers (8th grade and older) are needed to help with old fashioned crafts in the schoolhouse **4-7pm Saturday evening**. Please email Megan Anguiano (mkanguiano@ksu.edu) by **November 15th** if you are available to help.

Radio Day

4-H Radio Day will be hosted on **Saturday, December 14** from 10 AM – 1 PM by KABI AM 1560/95.9 FM in Abilene. This event raises funds for the Dickinson County 4-H Council and allows 4-H members the opportunity to learn more about radio production by selling, writing, and recording ads as well as speaking live on the air and promoting 4-H. Each club is asked to sell at least 3 ads. Club information is due to the extension office by **Monday, November 18**. Talk with your club leader ASAP if you are interested in participating in Radio Day or if you have suggestions of businesses that might want to purchase an ad.

Holiday Greenery!

The Dickinson County 4-H Council is selling greenery this year with each club asked to sell at least 30 items. Items will be shipped and ready by Thanksgiving. Visit sherwoodfundraiser.com/DK4HCouncil to order online or see your 4-H Council Representatives. When checking out online make sure to credit your purchase to your club! These funds help support our county-wide 4-H events throughout the year.

94th Annual 4-H Achievement Celebration

Help the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation celebrate our 4-H members, volunteers, and community supporters at the Dickinson County 4-H Achievement Celebration on **Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 PM at Sterl Hall**. The catered dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 PM with awards to follow. All 4-H families, volunteers, and community supporters are invited to attend.

- RSVP by **November 15** at <https://bit.ly/achievementtrsvp> or by calling our office at 785-263-2001.

Clubs are asked to decorate their club tables using the same theme as the 2024 Central Kansas Free Fair, "Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, Embrace the Future". Cash prizes from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation will be paid to the top three.

Set-up for the celebration will be done by the county-wide achievement celebration committee and 4-H Council representatives starting at **7 PM on Monday, November 25**. The November 4-H Council meeting will follow set-up. Club tables will be available for decorating that evening until **9 PM**.

Club Community Service Grants

The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation seeks to assist county 4-H clubs and project groups in funding worthwhile community service projects. Guidelines for acceptable projects include:

- * Project will have a positive impact on your community
- * Project emphasizes 4-Hers giving back to their community
- * Evidence in budget that the 4-H group is sharing in the total cost of the project through time, dollars, or both.

Total grant dollars awarded will be dependent on the number and quality of applications received. Completed applications are due in the Extension Office by **December 2**. Find the application on the [Dickinson County Forms and Applications](#) page.

Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadline

****NEW**** We now have 3 certified instructors and a coordinator for shooting sports projects. We will be offering bb gun, air rifle, and shotgun for the shooting sports project. If you wish to participate in bb gun or air rifle, you will need to be enrolled in 4HOnline ASAP. There will be a parent meeting the last week of October, so anyone wanting to participate will need to be enrolled in 4HOnline before that time to be included. The shotgun program will not start until spring, so there will be a separate meeting for that at a later date.

Horse Project Hippology

Members interested in learning more about horses (hippology) and competing at Horse Panorama in January, email Susan Buckley at 3bhequine@gmail.com or leave a message 785-280-9092 for more information.

Looking Ahead

- Start thinking about your plans for participating in our district 4-H Day on **February 8** by taking a look at past presentations from our [2021 Virtual 4-H Day](#).
- Get your club basketball teams organized, registration is due **February 1 with the tournament on March 15**.
- [Re-enroll in 4-H by December 1](#).

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!



- Award sponsor postcards were attached to your check or completed at the fair (if it was a cash award). Call us if you aren't sure who to thank!

Alpha of Clovia Hospitality Weekend

Alpha of Clovia is a Cooperative Leadership House located right off the Manhattan campus of Kansas State University. Since 1931, the women of Alpha of Clovia have lived together cooperatively – sharing housework and possessions to reduce the overall cost of living. Throughout the years, women from various backgrounds across the country have become members, participating in activities such as philanthropies, house retreats, the annual national Clovia meeting, and homecoming, among other social events. All of these activities and more are done while maintaining a high sense of academic scholarship while studying at Kansas State University. High school girls are invited to the Fall Hospitality Weekend recruitment event. This FREE event on **November 9th and 10th** will provide them with the opportunity to learn about Clovia, explore K-State, meet new people, and experience the Manhattan community. Register for hospitality weekend with [this link](#) or by contacting Clovia directly at alphaofclovia@gmail.com.

Thinking about coming to K-State?
Don't want to live in the dorms?
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