



Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County 4-H Youth Development News & Updates November 2023

Radio Day

4-H Radio Day will be hosted on **Saturday, December 9** 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. Club information is due to the extension office by **Wednesday, November 15**. 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.

93rd 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 21, 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 2023 Central Kansas Free Fair, “Sew It, Grow It, Show It”. Cash prizes 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 20**. The November 4-H Council meeting will follow set-up. Club tables will be available for decorating that evening until **9 PM**.

November 4-H Council

When: **Monday, November 20, 7 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 two dozen homemade cookies for cookie boxes.**

Dickinson County Old Fashioned Christmas Club Opportunities

4-H clubs are invited to participate in the Christmas tree decorating club challenge as part of the Old-Fashioned Christmas hosted by the Dickinson County Heritage Center. Trees will be judged by “people’s choice” and other categories sponsored by Pinnacle Bank (**1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100 prizes.**) The event will be held December 2nd – 3rd, at the Dickinson County Heritage Center.

Please email Wanda Pitney at wanda.pitney@pinnbank.com by **November 15** if your club is participating with the contact name and phone number. Each club will have a cedar tree to decorate. Theme of the club’s choice. Trees will be able to be decorated on Friday, December 1st (during normal operating hours) and Saturday, December 2nd (9-11 AM). Trees may be undecorated during Heritage Center hours the following week.

Dickinson County Old Fashioned Christmas Club Opportunities, continued

Special citizenship opportunity during the Old-Fashioned Christmas for 4-Hers:

- **4-Hers to help with crafts in the school house (8th grade and up preferred)**

Let Wanda know if you are interested in helping with this opportunity ASAP at wanda.pitney@pinnbank.com.

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 1, 2023**. Find the application on the [Dickinson County Forms and Applications](#) page.

County Committee Sign-Up – DEADLINE EXTENDED

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 15** 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.

4-H Year Calendar

A calendar full of important dates for the new 4-H year is posted on our district [News & Newsletters](#) page. Check it out!

Elite Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest – QUICK TURNAROUND!

This event will be hosted by the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee on **December 2nd starting at 8:00 AM** in Tonganoxie at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, educational breakout sessions, live animal evaluation, contest, awards, and t-shirt are all included in the \$50 registration fee. Informational flyer with registration information [here](#). This clinic comes highly recommended by those who have attended!

Looking Ahead

- Start thinking about your plans for participating in our district 4-H Day on **February 10** by taking a look at past presentations from our [2021 Virtual 4-H Day](#).
- Get your club basketball teams organized, registration is due **January 20** with the tournament on **March 9**.
- [Re-enroll in 4-H by December 1](#).