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!
- 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!

CKFF Photos
Photos taken by Sarah, 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://www.amazon.com/photos/groups/share/tUxWU0H3T-G3UvyMnabinA.de7u0mjEL8nA4S7Gpuszo

Deadline Reminders
October 1st  (will be accepted Monday, October 3 as the 1st is a Saturday)
- 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 26 meeting, 7:30 PM at Sterl Hall - small room. 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, 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
Awards and Recognition 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 – 21. 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:
Thursday, October 13  5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17  5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

District Club Officer Training
District 4-H club officer training is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 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 2-8, 2022. 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!

- Kansas 4-H Spirit Day is set for Tuesday, October 4. Wear all your best 4-H gear and show your 4-H pride!

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 29 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 Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29, 4 PM at the KABI studio in Abilene (200 N Broadway). 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 8-9, 2022. 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 at Neighbor to Neighbor
All are invited to join members of Leadership SQUAD in helping out at Neighbor to Neighbor (803 N Cedar) on Saturday, October 8 starting at 9:00 AM. Please contact Shawna Riffel for more information at riffelclan@eaglecom.net.
**Record Books!**
An email titled **DK 4-H: End of Year Record Keeping Information** was emailed to all enrolled families 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.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html](https://www.chisholmtrail.k-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**
SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 PM! The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is working on plans for the Achievement Celebration this year. Plans will be shared as soon as they’re finalized.

**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) We will have a coupon code to pay the member fee. Until that code is issued, please 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 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. 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](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](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html) 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 20. Our senior team included Jensen Woodworth, Ashley Peters, Lawson Jones, and Collin Gfeller. Members of the intermediate team were Korbin Hackett, Colten Abeldt, Carleigh Abeldt, and Jordan Bartlett. A thank you and congrats goes out to these 4-Hers and to Josh Abeldt for serving as the team coach.

Livestock Skillathon was also held in Manhattan on Saturday, August 20. We were represented by two teams including Steven Bogart, Dally Emig, Kenlee Strunk, Roper Lefert, Layla Pickerign, Lorelai Kuntz, Emil Pickerign, and Anna Holt. 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 13. Our intermediate contestants were Clayton Gfeller, Blake Murphy, and Katie Stoffer. They placed 3rd out of eight teams and all three of them placed individually in the top 10. Our senior contestants were Renatta Heintz and Adam Snowball. Renatta placed in the top 10. Congratulations to all!

Photography Judging was held on Sunday, September 11 at the Kansas State Fair. Our senior team took 2nd place overall with Kolbie Bartlett earning 1st place in the division. Additional team members included Collin Gfeller, Brayden Lexow, and Lawson Jones. Representing Dickinson County in the intermediate division was Kaylin Zook, Breken Coup, Makenzie Hall, and Claire Rock. Congratulations! Special thanks to Valerie Rock for serving as the adult sponsor.

Beef Carcass Data & Spring Beef Show Meeting- Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 PM
Join us for a short educational session on how yield and grade are determined. Carcass results of the CKFF cattle sent to Tyson will be reviewed and winners announced. The spring beef show wrap-up meeting will follow.

State 4-H Dog Conference – Pup Olympics
This conference will be held at Rock Springs October 22-23. Features:
- Educational Sessions
- Dog Skill-a-Thon
- Pup Olympic Challenge
- 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 1! Information and registration link. 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 may apply. Additional information and application links are available on the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council webpage. Application deadline is October 1, 11:59 p.m.
Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
Leadership Weekend will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023 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. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers. This year's speaker will be Kent Julian, always a crowd favorite.
Registration will be open in mid to late September. Again, this year participants in both forums will register though the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2022 for both events. 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. Applications for travel 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 Meeting!**
All cloverbud members are invited to the October meeting on **Sunday, October 9, starting at 2:00 PM.** We will meet at the picnic area across from the Large Livestock Arena on the fairgrounds.
- Games, crafts, stories, and SNACKS!
- Costumes welcome!

RSVPs are appreciated by **Friday, October 7** (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!**

**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
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