Lots of Information Here
Please note that this is a multi-month newsletter covering what’s left of March, April, May, and June. Keep it handy for reference the next several months. Due to being shorthanded at the office, it will only be sent via 4HOnline and posted on our website. Please let us know if you would like us to print you a hard copy. The CKFF edition and July/August newsletter will arrive mid-June. As always, contact our office with questions (785-263-2001), watch for emails from 4HOnline, and our social media. We are glad to help!

New Baby!
Big congratulations to Terri, our 4-H office professional, and her family on the addition of baby girl Laekyn to the family on February 25th! Congrats may be sent to Terri and family via our office.

74th Annual 4-H Basketball Tournament
The 4-H basketball committee of the Dickinson County 4-H Council hopes your clubs are looking forward to the upcoming tournament on Saturday, March 12th at the Chapman District Gym, 622 N Marshall, Chapman. Brackets and rules are posted at on the Chisholm Trail District 4-H events page at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html

Alumni Basketball
An alumni game will follow the boys/co-ed championship game at approximately 1:45 PM. All 4-H alumni and/or 4-H parents are eligible to play! $5 to nominate a player, $5 to decline a nomination with all funds going to the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation. SQUAD members will be running the game with DK 4-H alum Jaryth Barten returning to serve as referee (with help from Aunt Sandy Abeldt). You won’t want to miss it!

CKFF Clean-up
CKFF Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, March 13 starting at 2 PM at the fairgrounds. We have LOTS of leaves to remove from the fairgrounds, so bring your rakes, shovels, work gloves, and old bed sheets! Special thanks to those providing large equipment like trucks, skid steers, and loaders, it makes the work that much quicker. In order to increase efficiency, club clean-up assignments have been made and are listed below. Every DK 4-H member who plans to participate in the fair is expected to help with clean-up. This is a team effort!
- Concession Stand Square and Sterl Hall – Chapman Shamrocks, Detroit Ramblers, Lyon Prospectors, Sand Springs Rustlers, Solomon Wranglers
- Large Livestock Arena, open beef barns, center walkway – Holland Sunflowers and Newburn Wideawakes
- Small Livestock Arena, hog barn, new barn, old sheep barn, west alleyway – Fragrant Hilltoppers, Jolly Jays, Mt. Ayr Go-Getters
- East side of Pine Street including horse barns, arena, rabbit/poultry barn – Navarre Boosters and Willowdale

Chisholm Trail District 4-H Day
Great work by all who participated in our first district-wide 4-H Day. 103 club members pre-entered (23 Marion/80 Dickinson) with 110 presentations given throughout the day. There were 51 participants in life skills judging. Best of luck to those representing us at Regional 4-H Day in Clay Center on March 26th!

May 1 Deadlines Fast Approaching
- Horse ID papers must be in the Extension Office by May 1st. This is a state rule and there will be no exceptions to this rule! Form may be found at: https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf. Beat the rush, get them in early!
- Nomination deadline for steers and market heifers exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. **NEW online process, do your homework now!**
- 4-H Project Drop/Add - must be done on 4HOnline. No project changes may be done after May 1st!
- Bucket calf IDs. Form may be found at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html
Drop/Add – May 1
Please login to 4HOnline (https://v2.4honline.com/) and make sure your listed projects are correct before May 1. Keep in mind that market livestock projects with tagging dates prior to May 1 (such as market beef and swine) cannot be added after the tagging date because of fair rules specifying a minimum number of days of care/feeding required.

DK 4-H Foundation Phone-a-thon and Donate Day
A huge thank you to those who participated in the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation’s Phone-a-thon! The funds raised will help with camp and other event scholarships for the entire year. Donate Dickinson County Day is being hosted by the Community Foundation on Friday, March 18. Donations made online or at the Community Foundation that day will be doubled for the DK 4-H Foundation up to $5000! Donate at: https://www.donatedickinson.com/#:~:text=Donate%20Dickinson%20County%20Day%20will,monies%20for%20their%20endowment%20funds.

DK 4-H Foundation Event Scholarship Application
Because of successful events like the phone-a-thon, the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation has set scholarship amounts for the coming year. If you are attending one of these events, you must have the scholarship application completed and submitted by the event registration deadline. Applications are available in our office or online at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html
- Up to $50 scholarships to: regional and state events such as Purple Power Pack Day Camp, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action NELE, 4-H Ambassador Training, etc
- $100 scholarships to 4-H camp at Rock Springs (CIT and LIT programs included) and to Discovery Days at K-State **NEW**
- Additional $25 scholarships to 4-H camp at Rock Springs and Discovery Days **NEW**
- $150 scholarships to National 4-H Congress and Citizenship Washington Focus

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. Check out https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/ for more information.

Congratulations Graduates!
Best wishes to those finishing high school. Thanks for your commitment to 4-H and to making the best better!

College Scholarship Opportunities
The following scholarships for graduating seniors have an April 1st deadline.
- Loyd & Leola Black Memorial
- Merle Brehm Memorial
- Frank Garten Memorial
- Orren & Majorie Hottman Memorial
- Jack Sexton Memorial
- Don Bender Memorial Scholarship
- Ethel Startzman Scholarship
- FACS Scholarship
- AFA Scholarship
- Nadine Abeldt Memorial Scholarship
- Holland Sunflower Nadine Abeldt Memorial Scholarship
- Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship
- Larry Michael Fager Memorial
- Willowdale 4-H Club Scholarship in Memory of Dorthy Fager Taylor
- Sand Springs 4-H Scholarship (current or family membership in the club)
- Mary Louise Hoffman Scholarship
- Tokach Family 4-H Achievement Scholarship (must be a state project winner)

More information and applications may be found online at https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html. **BRAND NEW** The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation has added three $1000 scholarships to those available to graduating members who complete the Dickinson County 4-H Scholarship Application.
Regional Project Award Screening
Great work by all who submitted project records to regional screening. Best of luck to those who were selected as state project semi-finalists: Callie Jones – dog care & training and foods & nutrition; Renatta Heintz – entomology, fiber arts, and photography; Adam Snowball – leadership and plant science; and Tucker Stroda – swine.

4-H Leadership SQUAD
All 4-H members 6th grade and up are invited to be a part of this dynamic group! Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month in February, April, June, and August. Participants promote the 4-H program, learn leadership skills, and put leadership into practice! Contact group advisors Shawna Riffel (riffelclan@eaglecom.net) or Becky Chase (r_ruthstrom@yahoo.com) with questions or just come to the next meeting!

Next 4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting
When: Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Sterl Hall
Who: any 4-Her 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!

DK Clovers Interstate Exchange with Geary County 4-H
All Dickinson County 4-Hers age 13+ are invited to participate in interstate exchange. This 2-year commitment allows you to introduce Kansas to a 4-H member from another state AND travel to visit them! Several fundraisers are held to help cover the costs of the both hosting and traveling. Please call Jill or email martinso@ksu.edu ASAP if you have questions or want to get involved!

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, the system will take you through the registration 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/docs/Volunteer%20Orientation%20Training.pdf . The course consists of video modules and quizzes. Please let our office know when you have completed the orientation.

National Volunteer Week - Celebrate Service! April 17-23
National Volunteer Week is almost here. This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America’s most valuable assets — our volunteers — and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities. National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example" — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Ways to celebrate may be found at: https://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/. Thank you to our Dickinson County 4-H volunteers!

Thank You Terri, Barbie, and Cheryl!
Wednesday, April 27 (office professional's day) is the date designated this year to let Terri, Barbie, and Cheryl know how much we appreciate the work they do in the Extension Office. Terri and Barbie are working hard to learn everything they can about Dickinson County 4-H and Cheryl handles all of our 4-H financials from the Marion County office. They work hard and are always looking out for you, let them know you notice!

Club Community Service Grants
Congratulations to those clubs receiving club community service grants this year from the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation! Community Service Grants of $2511.43 were awarded to five clubs supporting special projects including Navarre Boosters - adding acoustic panels to their meeting place, Chapman Shamrocks - establishing a planter at an elementary school, Willowdale - setting up a little food pantry, Fragrant Hilltoppers - maintaining bird feeders at a nursing home, and Newbern Wideawakes - restocking an established giving box. Thank you for making a difference in your community!
Spring Beef Weigh-in & Tagging
County-wide beef weigh-in & tagging will be on **March 27** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at** Hedgewood Prairie Angus. Cattle must have halters ON. All second-year bucket calves tagged at the end of CKFF must be at weigh-in and all commercial heifers must be tagged at the county beef weigh-in. Exception: if fall born heifers are purchased after beef weigh-in, they must be tagged by superintendent and/or county agent by **May 1**. Dickinson County 4-Hers showing at the Marion County Spring Beef Show on **March 27** may have their animals tagged and weighed at the show.

Will be held **April 2**nd, this show will be open statewide and have county classes.

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals ***REQUIRED for ALL market livestock exhibitors***
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is required for all 4-H/FFA members exhibiting market livestock - beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats - at the Central Kansas Free Fair and all youth exhibiting livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. This training may be done in person or online.

In-person training will be held on **Thursday, April 21** and **Wednesday, May 25**, both at **6:30 PM** at the Sterl Hall. Online training may be done at any time, but should be completed prior to July 5, the pre-entry deadline for CKFF, or prior to nominating livestock for state shows (May 1 - cattle, June 15 - swine, meat goat, sheep).

This training is provided free of charge to Dickinson County 4-H members through a grant from ADM Cares. The YQCA system is in transition so please pay attention to livestock tagging letters and emails from 4HOnline for more details. Livestock tagging letters will be posted 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)
*change from date included in the beef tagging letter

**Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings**
New research has been done and resources are available as you make decisions about frostings and fillings to use with fair exhibits. Food safety is essential and not all frostings and fillings are safe to store at room temperature. Resources on this topic may be found at: [https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html](https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html). Please note that safety calculations must be done by the exhibitor prior to judging. Our 4-H foods judges will not have time to make recipe calculations.

**County Committees**
The list of county committees was included in the December/January Clover Connection. Hopefully you’ve noted the committee you are on and are committed to be an active member of that committee! Please let contact Jill for details.

**Purple Power Pack 4-H Day Camp**
Purple Power Pack is hosting a day camp at Rock Springs on **Saturday, June 4**. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information. Youth who’ve completed grades 1st – 5th and counselors that are 14 years old by June 4 are invited to attend. Counselors will have a required training in Manhattan the evening of **May 26** and will stay overnight at Rock Springs June 4th with more opportunities for camp leadership fun. Counselors attend FREE with camper costs covered by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation by completing an event scholarship application. **Registration due May 1**! Campers register at [https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp22](https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp22). Counselors register at [https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22](https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22).

**Dickinson County 4-H Council**
**Date:** Monday, March 28  
**Time:** 6:45 pm – officers, 7:30 pm – full council  
**Where:** Sterl Hall

**Resources New and Made for You!**
Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Corner for tools and resources for club support: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html)
Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom for 4-H project information and challenges: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html)
Online ZBooks Available for 4-H Record Keeping
Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. Couple of items to make note of:

- Youth may choose to use either record keeping option: a.) the fillable PDF Project report forms or b.) the online ZBooks software
- The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years’ activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

- Click here for instructions and video tutorials for using ZBooks

Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh-in
When: Friday, May 13th, 5-7:00 p.m.
Where: Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds

Dickinson County Spring Sheep, Swine, and Market Goat Show
When: Saturday, May 14th
Where: Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds

State Livestock Nominations
Updated information on nominating livestock for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show is available at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/. The process is completely online and NEW this year, so please check out the required steps now so you don't miss anything.

Swine Tagging
All market barrows must be at the fairgrounds for the ONLY tagging date – Tuesday, April 26th, 6-8 p.m. ONLY. Swine will be tagged on the trailer with ear notches recorded. To address disease concerns, families will be encouraged to tag their own animals, plastic boot covers will be worn, and taggers will be disinfected and dried between trailers to prevent cross-contamination. Those with farrowing operations will receive more information in the mailed/emailed tagging letter. Contact our office with questions.

District Horse Show Information
The North Central 4-H District Horse Show will take place at Kenwood Park, Salina, KS on Wednesday, June 22. Entries are anticipated to be due June 1. Horse identification form(s) must have been submitted to local office by May 1 and Horse Achievement Level 1 completed and certified by the state before June 1. Horse information about horse achievement levels at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html

Horseless Horse Project
- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse show and trails rides
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only, no riding.
**Discovery Days**
This popular event will be held **June 1st – 3rd** on the K-State Manhattan campus for youth ages 13-18 before January 1. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is providing $100 scholarships for attendees with an additional $25 available by completing the event scholarship application. Registration and more information will be available at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html).

**Picture Perfect Photography Event – Shawnee County**
Shawnee County is hosting a Picture-Perfect Photography Event led by 4-H club leaders on **April 24** in Topeka. Programming will include: Hands-on classes in the park, online spotlights of careers in photography, youth photo judging contest, plus videos to improve technical skills.
- What to Bring: camera and/or smartphone, blanket to sit on, reusable drink container, colorful umbrella
Register by **April 1st** at [https://tinyurl.com/mamevyuy](https://tinyurl.com/mamevyuy).

**Photography Opportunities**
Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

**2022 Events:**

1. **Botanica**
   - Please note: $9 entry fee per person for all-day pass to Botanica
   1. Where: Botanica Gardens, Wichita, KS
   2. When: **April 23, 2022**
   3. Registration begins at 9:00 AM
2. **Shutterbugs at the Zoo**
   1. Please note: $5 registration fee for each of the first five members of a family. Children 5 and under are free.
   2. Where: Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS
   3. When: **May 7, 2022**
   4. Registration begins 8:30 AM

**Tri-County Fair Information**
The Tri-County Fair is scheduled in Herington **July 8th – 10th**.

**Decorated Cookie Jar Auction**
The following clubs will be making cookies and decorating a cookie jar to be auctioned at the CKFF livestock sale this year: **Navarre Boosters, Newbern Wideawakes, Sand Springs Rustlers, and Solomon Wranglers**. Proceeds go to the Dickinson County 4-H Council to fund the county-wide program. Keep in mind that cookies sell best when lots of club members are there to display their jar!

**Reminders on Club Banners from Joetta Nagely, CKFF Banner Superintendent**
- Colors: light on dark or dark on light……when standing at a distance, letters or whole words can be lost if there is not a contrast in color.
- Cover several areas of 4-H …… don’t duplicate by saying the same thing twice.
- Balance for the male and female audience …… make it appealing for both.
- No 3-D…….. please check the rules in the fair paper.
- Lettering……not too small. Must be able to read from a distance.
- Background ……. when using felt, be careful it stretches. Smooth edges look nicer.
- Enter your banner at the Tri-County Fair. Making a banner costs money and one more premium check will help pay for the supplies.
- Club name may not be on the front of the banner as part of the design.

**CKFF Queen and King Reminder**
Don’t forget to turn in your club’s names for the CKFF King and Queen contest! Nominations are due to the Extension Office by **June 15th**. Talk to your organizational leaders for more information.
Foods and Clothing Labels
Members in clothing, fiber arts, or other exhibits needing a label, can make their own label on a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3” x 2½” in size and include exhibitor name, class number and county. For Foods items, there is a label template available for download at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html under “Foods and Nutrition”. We have foods and food preservation labels available at the office.

Reminder: Electrical Code for CKFF
You may not use box fans with the 2-prong cord attached to a 3-prong adapter. You must use a commercial grade 3-prong electrical cord.

Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment
Program begins fall of 2022 and goes through September 2023. The enrollment form will be on the Kansas State 4-H Website, www.kansas4-H.org by June 1st. Members are asked to contact our office by July 10th to register. New participants will receive a large plot sign and five individual variety signs.

Livestock Educational Materials
Lots of great livestock materials are available on the Kansas Youth Livestock page at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/educational-materials.html. This includes guides and videos from junior livestock producer days hosted virtually and at Kansas State University.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy
Applications are now available for the 2022 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 22-25 and June 29-July 2 in Manhattan. Each four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate in each group based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. Additional information and application is available at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/. Applications must be postmarked by April 15.

FSA Youth Loan Program
The FSA youth loan program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size relating to their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For more information see the FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index.

Responsibilities of Parents in the 4-H Program:
- Show interest in what your children are doing and give them encouragement.
- Provide any materials and equipment your child may need.
- Help the club and leader when asked. Don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER!
- See that your child finishes as well as starts their project(s). Be a "shadow helper“ - guide, advise, help - but let the child do his or her own work.
- Encourage your child when they succeed and even more when they fail. Encourage and reward effort and progress, as well as the end results. Help your 4-Her be a good sport and appreciate the success of others. Support the 4-H leaders. Let the leaders know you appreciate them. Make 4-H a family affair, get the whole family involved in 4-H activities.
- Learn and support the goals and objectives of 4-H. Remember, the development of youth is the mission.
- Know that you are building for the future.
- Know that today’s 4-H activities build the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.
- Know and support the Kansas 4-H Life Skills.
COME & JOIN US AT

PURPLE POWER PACK DAY CAMP

WHO  4-H youth that've completed grades 1st - 5th and
     Counselors* that are 14 by June 4th

WHEN  Saturday June 4th, 2022, 9am - 5pm

WHERE  Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp

WHY  Youth will explore, learn, play, and grow! A taste of camp w/ your local extension agents

HOW DO WE JOIN?!  
Register by May 1st
Campers - $30  tinyurl.com/P3Camp22
Counselors* - FREE!  tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22

*Counselors will have a May 26 evening training and a June 4th-5th overnight experience after campers depart.

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