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. 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!

75th 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 11th 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

CKFF Clean-up
CKFF Clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, March 12 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 – Navarre Boosters and Willowdale
- Large Livestock Arena, open beef barns, center walkway – Chapman Shamrocks, Detroit Ramblers, Lyon Prospectors, Sand Springs Rustlers, Solomon Wranglers
- Small Livestock Arena, hog barn, new barn, old sheep barn, west alleyway – Holland Sunflowers and Newbern Wideawakes
- East side of Pine Street including horse barns, arena, rabbit/poultry barn – Fragrant Hilltoppers, Jolly Jays, Mt. Ayr Go-Getters

Chisholm Trail District 4-H Day
Great work by all who participated in our second annual district-wide 4-H Day. 85 club members participated with 104 presentations given throughout the day. There were 55 participants in life skills judging. Best of luck to those representing us at Regional 4-H Day in Clay Center on March 25th!

May 1 and June 1 Deadlines Fast Approaching
- Nomination deadline for steers and market heifers exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. **The nomination process is completely online, do your homework now!**
- 4-H Project Drop/Adds - must be done on 4HOnline. No project changes may be done after May 1st!
- Bucket calf IDs. Form may be found on our 4-H forms page.
- Horse ID papers must be in the Extension Office by June 1st. This is a state rule and there will be no exceptions! Form available here. Beat the rush, get them in early!

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. **If you missed getting a call and your family would like to donate, please contact our office. Donations of $100+ are being matched by the Allen and Evelyn Knopp family up to $10,000. Help us take advantage of this generous challenge match!** Donate Dickinson County Day is being hosted by the Community Foundation on Friday, March 17. Donations made online or at the Community Foundation that day will be doubled for the DK 4-H Foundation up to $5,000! [Donate here!](#)

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](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 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, NELE, 4-H Ambassador Training, KS 4-H Dog Conference, etc
- $100 scholarships to 4-H camp at Rock Springs and to Discovery Days at K-State – scholarship application DUE MAY 1
- Additional $115 scholarships to 4-H camp at Rock Springs **NEW** Make sure to complete the application! – DUE MAY 1
- Scholarships to National 4-H Congress and other national events

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. Registration is open now. Check out [https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/](https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/) for more information.

Leaders in Training (LIT) at Rock Springs FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
The LIT experience empowers youth to find their voice and transition into leaders ready to serve their communities. Teens participate in camp activities and challenges while also learning leadership development and civic engagement skills. This camp is open to rising 10th and 11th graders (current freshmen and sophomores) with two sessions to choose from. The Dickinson County 4-H Foundation is providing one full ride scholarship for a DK 4-H member to attend. Learn more about the program and get the scholarship application, you won’t want to miss this opportunity!

Counselor in Training (CIT) at Rock Springs FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP
CITs assist or lead camp activities alongside summer staff at Rock Springs Ranch. This program for rising seniors (current 11th graders) is designed to allow teens the opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also establishing their own community and camp experiences. To apply for this program, visit [https://bit.ly/CITScholarship](https://bit.ly/CITScholarship).

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: Renatta Heintz – entomology and fiber arts; Adam Snowball – leadership; and Tucker Stroda – dairy and meat goats.

Spring into Volunteering
The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting “Spring into Volunteering” in Salina on the K-State Campus on Saturday, April 22. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Technology Tools for Volunteers, Engaging All, Strengthening 4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, 48 Hours of 4-H and more!

Registration for the day is $20 and includes materials, snacks, and lunch. This fee will be covered by the DK 4-H Foundation for volunteers who have completed all steps in the volunteer screening process. [Online registration is due April 1, 2023.](#)
Thank You Megan, Barbie, and Cheryl!

Wednesday, April 26 (office professional’s day) is the date designated this year to let Megan, Barbie, and Cheryl know how much we appreciate the work they do for the Chisholm Trail District. Megan and Barbie work 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 are always looking out for you, let them know you notice!

DK Clovers Interstate Exchange
All Dickinson County 4-Hers age 13+ are invited to participate in interstate exchange. This 2-year commitment allows you to introduce our area 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 if you are interested in participating. The pandemic put the brakes on this program, but we’ll revive it if there’s interest!

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 and Darlene 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)
- Dickinson County 4-H Foundation Scholarships – 5 @ $1000.00 available

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.

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 24, 7:00 p.m.
Where: KSRE Office, Meeting Room
Who: any 4-Her 6th grade and up interested in learning about and practicing leadership skills!
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 16-22
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!

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 $2560.00 were awarded to five clubs supporting special projects including Navarre Boosters – purchase toolbox and tools for volunteer fire department, Holland Sunflowers - to maintain care at the Harmony Cemetery, Willowdale - to maintain food stocking at the little pantry, Fragrant Hilltoppers - maintaining bird feeders at a nursing home, and Newbern Wideawakes – to maintain little food pantry. Thank you for making a difference in your community!

Wild Bill Buckle Bonanza (Beef!)
Will be held April 1st, this show will be open statewide and have county classes. See the flyer for more information.

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 **Sunday, April 16 at 5:00 PM and Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM** at the K-State Research and Extension – Abilene Office Conference Room. 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). To register for YQCA please fill out the form at https://bit.ly/YQCAREGISTRATION

This training is provided free of charge to Dickinson County 4-H members through a grant from ADM Cares. Livestock tagging letters will be posted on our Chisholm Trail 4-H forms and events pages.

Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings
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. 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.
**Dickinson County 4-H Council**  
**Date:** Monday, March 27  
**Time:** 6:45 pm – officers, 7:30 pm – full council  
**Where:** KSRE Abilene Office Meeting Room

**Resources New and Made for You!**  
Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Corner for tools and resources for club support. Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom for 4-H project information and challenges.

**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

**CKFF Livestock Tag Sponsorship**  
Casey and DaLean Barten have volunteered to sponsor tags for all livestock species. Please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity by sending a letter of thanks to them at: Bluestem Embryo Transfer Center, 735 900 Ave, Carlton, KS 67448.

**Advanced Beef Reproduction Workshop**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 17 from 12:30 until 5 pm  
Please arrive by 12:30 for check-in and group assignments. Informational Sessions will begin promptly at 1 pm  
Hosted by Bluestem Embryo Transfer Center (BETC)  
Demonstrations and Discussions on the Following Topics:  
- Live demonstration of Ovum Pick-Up (OPU -Oocyte Collection)  
- Overview of Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer  
- Embryo Transfer Lab Demonstration  
- Discussion on OPU equipment and processes  
- Presentation on Careers and Education in Advanced Cattle Reproduction  
Advanced speakers and group leaders: Harold and Cheryl Miller (Akron, CO [www.7triangle7.com](http://www.7triangle7.com)), Dr. Dave Nichols (KSU), Dr. Clyde Cranwell and Ivan Anderson (FHSU), Dr. Kevin Cain (Technical Service Director - Multi-Min USA), Rod Beranek (Zoets Animal Health)

Register ASAP by contacting Paula Acheson at 785-366-6190.

**Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh-in**  
When: Friday, May 12th, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.  
Where: Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds

**Wild Bill Sheep, Swine, and Market Goat Show**  
When: Saturday, May 13th  
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/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/). The process is completely online, 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 25th, 6-8 p.m. 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 28 with check-in on Tuesday, June 27. Entries are due June 1. Horse identification form(s) must be submitted to our local office by June 1. Please take a look at the revised requirements to qualify for the Kansas State Fair Horse Show.

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 7-9 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.

Picture Perfect Photography Event at Rock Springs Ranch
The Picture Perfect Youth Leaders of Shawnee County have designed this year's workshop around a theme of Starry Night - Glimpse Beyond the Camera Lens. The workshop offers NEW exciting youth and professionally led sessions. We kick-off with a keynote photographer, Aurora Dora Redman. She captures the Great Northern Lights. Following the keynote, there are a variety of course options that take us into sundown to practice and capture night techniques. Lots of Hands-On Experience! 4-Hers can REGISTER NOW with this link. Secure your spot as there is limited capacity. All sessions will be at Rock Springs Ranch south of Junction City. Your registration includes admission to the sessions, pizza, and a post event photo contest. Event is SUNDAY, April 16th from 3 pm - 7:15 pm. Also check out our Workshop Website!

Tri-County Fair Information
The Tri-County Fair is scheduled in Herington July 6th – 8th.

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: Willowdale, Chapman Shamrock, Detroit Ramblers, and Fragrant Hilltoppers. 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 2023 and goes through September 2024. 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.

**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.

**Young Citizen of the Year Recognition**
The Chapman American Legion would like to recognize a Young Citizen of the Year from the Chapman area. If you know a young person who has earned that recognition, please email their name, contact info, and a brief description of why they should be recognized to Matthew Hutzenbiler (hutz1999@gmail.com) by March 20th.
TEEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

For rising 12th graders

CITs assist or lead camp activities alongside summer staff at Rock Springs Ranch. This program is designed to allow teens the opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also establishing their own community and camp experiences.

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REGISTER TODAY!

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