The 2021 4-H fair is over, but we’re still wrapping up the 4-H program year.

It’s important to finish the year strong. The ribbons and awards you received from the fair are not the only awards you can receive as a 4-H member. Members can complete and turn in a record book to be judged to receive project awards. Local Record Keeping and Project Report Forms replace the KAP forms for record books in Kansas. Record books are a great way to learn about applying for awards and prepare youth for the scholarship and job application process. Completing record books teaches us how to set goals, take steps to reach those goals and reflect on our accomplishments- something that’s very useful as you wrap up your high school career and look to the future.

Completing record books teaches perseverance, skills in completing award application, organizes awards making it easier to find information for completing other applications in the future and allows reflection about our 4-H experiences.

We encourage you to take the time to complete at least one Record Keeping and Project Report Form on one of your 4-H projects and apply for an Achievement Pin.

To those of you (parents) who still see the value in completing record books and take on this difficult task, we commend you. The process may not be easy, but it is definitely worth it.

— Kelsey Nordyke

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- Kansas State Fair Exhibit Information
- Record Book Information
- 2022 Enrollment
- National 4-H Week
Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Non-livestock and small exhibits for the Kansas State Fair will be accepted beginning Thursday, September 2nd. All exhibits except Foods and Horticulture are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7th. Foods and Horticulture Exhibits will be accepted from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 8th. Please package exhibits appropriately.
Entry tags are available in the Extension Office when you drop off your exhibit. Be sure to collect your free KSF gate passes (2 per exhibitor).

Membership

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years of age before January 1st, 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

4-H Council and Junior Leaders will meet Monday, September 20 in the Extension Office Meeting Room. 4-H Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. followed by Junior Leaders at 7:45.

4-H Council and Junior Leaders will elect officers for the 2022 4-H program year at this meeting. If you are interested in serving, plan to attend.

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Council. The September meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room (Courthouse, 311 E. 9th, Winfield).

Livestock Judging Practice

4-H'ers interested in learning more about how to select their livestock projects should plan to participate in livestock judging. Practices will be held the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Extension Office Meeting room at 5:30 p.m. Judgers will learn the skills needed to select livestock as well as verbal skills to defend their decision. We'll take trips to judging contests throughout the year to compete as a team. Need more info? Contact Kelsey (klnordyke@ksu.edu).

2021 Fair Wrap Up

Supporter Thank You’s

It takes many hands and contributors to make the fair happen. If you received an award for your fair exhibit or sold an animal in the Premium Sale, please make sure to tell your supporters “thank you”.
The Cowley County Fair Association provides many amenities for Cowley County 4-H’ers during the fair including ribbon premiums, livestock bedding and judges’ expenses.
A note of thanks would be appreciated by the members of the board and can be sent to:

Cowley County Fair Association
PO Box 346
Winfield, KS 67156.

Thank you’s can also be sent to:

Winfield Livestock Auction
Justin Brazle
7168 US 160
Winfield, KS 67156

Ty Mitchell
219 Colorado
Oxford, KS 67119

D&D Family Foundation
% Cowley County 4-H
PO Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156

SJ Prill Financial & Investment Planning, Inc.
Shane Prill
12950 E. 13th St. N.
Wichita, KS 67230

Defore Auction
Dan Defore/ Dan A. Defore
112 W 33rd Ave.
Winfield, KS 67156
Fair Suggestions
We know there is always room for improvement. If you have any suggestions for making next year’s fair more successful, or if we did anything at the 2021 fair that you’d like to consider for the future, please follow this procedure:
1. Fair suggestions must be submitted to the attention of the 4-H PDC in writing.
2. Your suggestions must be signed and dated. Suggestions will not be considered without a dated signature. A typed signature on an email is acceptable.
3. All suggestions are due by September 10th at 5 pm. Suggestions will not be considered after the deadline.
4. Suggestions should be turned in, mailed or emailed to: klnordyke@ksu.edu; Cowley County Extension Office, 311 E 9th, PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156.

The 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) reviews all department evaluations and acts on written recommendations which are then made to the Extension Council and Fair Board. Verbal recommendations CANNOT be considered.

Livestock Premium Sale Review
2021 proved to be another great year for the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Auction. This year’s sale grossed $97,325 on 96 lots.

2021 averages:
96 lots – $1410.51
14 beef - $1589.29
16 sheep - $921.88
30 meat goats - $857.50
35 swine- $988.57

Many individuals have a part in the success of the Market Livestock Sale. An extra special thank you to the Cowley County Fair Board, Cowley County Fair Board Livestock Sale Committee, Buyer Pool Coordinators, Justin Brazle, and Ty Mitchell who all make an extra effort to ensure the success of the sale.

2021 Beef Rate of Gain
1st- Olivia Clapp, Dexter-Otto 4-H
2nd- Trace Thomson, Floral 4-H
3rd- Brooke Haunschild, Tisdale 4-H
4th- Stetson Shook, New Horizon 4-H
5th- Cale Shorter, Martha Washington 4-H

2021 Meat Goat Rate of Gain
1st- Grace Henderson, Dexter Otto 4-H
2nd- Grace Henderson, Dexter-Otto 4-H
3rd- Isabella Retana, New Horizon 4-H
4th- Aspen Colquhoun, Martha Washington 4-H
5th- Kody Quint- Martha Washington 4-H

2021 Market Lamb Rate of Gain
1st- Kashleigh Hedges, Floral 4-H
2nd- Bailey Haunschild, Tisdale 4-H
3rd- Reagon Mora, Martha Washington 4-H
4th- Kadynce Hedges, Floral 4-H
5th- Harper Haynes, Martha Washington 4-H

2021 Herdsmanship Results
Swine:
1. Burden
2. Walnut Valley
3. Udall

Sheep:
1. Martha Washington
2. Floral
3. Udall

Goat:
1. Cameron
2. Dexter/Otto
3. Floral

Rabbit:
1. Cameron
2. Muddy Creek
3. Walnut Valley

Challenge of Champions
The Agricultural Challenge of Champions is held annually at the Cowley County Fair to recognize an outstanding Cowley County 4-H or FFA Agriculture/Livestock-Oriented youth. One individual who is at least 16 years of age, but not over 19 years of age is selected from the local contest to represent Cowley County at the Kansas State Fair Agricultural Challenge of Champions. Two divisions are held at the local level: Junior (7-13) and Senior (14 and older). The first place senior who participates in the contest at the State Fair receives a $200 cash prize from the Cowley County Fair Association. The competition at the Kansas State Fair includes the opportunity to win a $2,250 scholarship. Thanks to Greg Carver and Marlin Burcham of Winfield FFA for coordinating the contest this year.

Senior Division
1. Elisa Donley
2. Austin Henderson

Junior Division
1. Anthony Jelinek
2. Clayton Gottlob
3. Jake Jelinek
4. Corbin Gottlob
5. Wade Martin
Livestock Judging Contest Results
The Cowley County Fair Livestock Judging Contest was held Monday, August 2nd and officiated by a committee of livestock volunteers.

Senior Division
1. Cale Shorter
2. Stetson Shook
3. Austin Henderson

Junior Division
1. Wade Martin - 1st
2. Wyatt Martin - 2nd
3. Kashleigh Hedges - 3rd
4. Matik Tatum - 4th
5. Colton Bailey - 5th

FCS Judging Contest Results
A Family and Consumer Sciences Judging contest was held on July 20 at the Cowley County Community College during the Fashion Revue and clothing construction judging.

Juniors (150 possible)
1. Lee Preston-148
2. Katie Rankin-145
3. Wyatt Keesey-145
4. Anson Tovar-140
5. Kadynce Hedges-139

Intermediates (300 possible)
1. Morgan Lee-291
2. Aubrey Keesey-291
3. Rachel Jirak-284
4. Trey Noland-272
5. Ashleigh Hedges-229

Seniors (350 possible)
1. Abigail Reid-343
2. Elizabeth Jirak-334
3. Cadence Billiter-331
4. Andrew Preston-331

Kansas State Fair FCS Judging teams will consist of:
Seniors= Caydence Billiter, Charles Hensley, Elizabeth Jirak and Abigail Reid.

Intermediates= Olivia Brodbeck, Anthony Jelinek, Rachel Jirak and Aubrey Keesey

Photography Judging Contest
A Photography contest also took place at Cowley College during the clothing judging. Those placings are:

Junior - Katie Rankin - 250

Intermediates - Morgan Lee - 219
Rachel Jirak - 211
Brooke Haunschild - 209
Kylie Ranking - 184

Seniors - Caydence Billiter - 223
Andrew Preston - 222
Elizabeth Jirak - 214
Abigail Reid - 202

Record Books Due
Kansas Project Records deadline is quickly approaching. Please turn your record books in to your community leaders. Record Books are due in the Extension Office by 5pm Friday, September 17th. CloverBuds do not complete project records and are not eligible for membership pins until they have completed their first year as a regular 4-H member.

Remember, to receive an Achievement pin, you must turn in a complete Kansas Project Record including the Permanent Record, Project Recognition Sheet, Personal Information Page and pin application.

Record Book and Award News
All members are encouraged to complete the Kansas Project Records. This year’s records have changed and they are no longer the KAP form. Here’s what you need for a complete record book this year:
- Project Recognition Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- Permanent Record

All record book pages and forms can be found at www.cowley.ksu.edu. Go to “4-H Youth Development” and click on the “Forms” link.

Club Seal Reports
Club Seal Reports are the record-keeping document used to award each club seal annually. Club Seals are awarded to recognize club activity, leadership and citizenship. Each club is encouraged to complete and turn in a seal report. Club Seal Reports are due Friday, September 17, 2021 and can be found at https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms/2020ClubSealReport%20form%20fillable2.pdf
4-H Scholarship Applications

If you are a 4-H'er who is a senior in high school or a freshman in post-secondary education, you are eligible for Cowley County 4-H Scholarships.

- Junior Leaders Scholarships TBA
- 4-H Council Scholarships; Two are given at $250 each
- 4-H Development Fund Scholarships TBA

Scholarship applications are available here or at the Extension Office. Applications are due by Friday, September 17th.

Horse Scholarship Available to 4-H Horse Members of Any Age

The Robert Austin Memorial Horse Scholarship is available to 4-H Horse Project members. The scholarship will be awarded to a horse project member who shows leadership and knowledge in the horse project and has completed the following for the 2021 4-H year:

- Completed and turned in a Record Book for the horse project.
- Completed Scholarship Application. Scholarship Applications are due Sept. 17th.

National 4-H Week: Find Your Spark!

Help celebrate this year’s National 4-H Week, Oct 3-9, by joining the movement “Find Your Spark!” Since 1968, National 4-H Week has been held the first full week of October. National 4-H Week is a chance to raise awareness of 4-H, enroll more young people, and recruit more volunteers. Use #findyourspark in social media posts.

4-H members are encouraged to wear their 4-H shirt(s) any (or every) day during National 4-H Week. Clubs are encouraged to establish community promotional projects (hay bales with clover designs, window painting, etc) to celebrate.

Any youth interested in recording a radio PSA should contact Becky at the Extension Office. (There will be an option to do this from your home and e-mail a voice recording).

48 Hours of 4-H

October 9-10, 2021
We hope every club will 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. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!
Achievement Pin Applications

Achievement pins are awarded to 4-Hers who have been active in 4-H projects, leadership, and other 4-H related activities. Pins, listed in order of requirements, include 4-H activities from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Membership
Bronze  
Clover  
Emerald  
Silver  
Silver Guard  
Gold  
Gold Guard

Leadership

All applications and record books (Kansas Project Record) must be signed by your Community Leader before turning them in. You must complete your Kansas Project Record to be eligible for an Achievement Pin, and have it turned in by September 17.

Key Award Applications

The Key award is the highest award given to Kansas 4-H members. Applications are available at https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MG13.pdf The deadline for all Key Award Applications is Friday, September 17th. To qualify for the Key Award, 4-H members must be 16 as of January 1, 2021. Members need to have completed four or more years of 4-H work and have been enrolled in the Leadership project for four or more years.

County Committees

Serving on a county-wide committee is a great way to get involved and provide some input into our activities. Sign up is ongoing throughout the year and will begin at the September 4-H Council Meeting. A complete listing and description of each committee is listed below. If you see a committee you’d like to be involved with, please contact Kelsey.

Achievement Celebration Committee

Committee Duties:
Select committee co-chairs and an adult advisor.  
Determine recognition  
Select a theme for the celebration, plan/collect decorations and purchase paper goods and drinks.  
Design the cover for the Achievement Celebration program.  
Plan and prepare decorations for the location and set them up prior to the program.

Clean up decorations and facility after the program.  
Return all items to appropriate places.

Extension Office Duties:  
Organize all awards and the script.  
Provide signs and set-up supplies as needed by the committee.  
Publicize event in the 4-H newsletter.  
Answer any questions of the committee.  
Contact award presenters.  
Correspond with the school and book the location.

Club Day Committee

Committee Duties:
Select committee co-chairs and two adult advisors.  
Select a date for Club Day. A date should be selected at the May or July 4-H Council meeting.  
Select where Club Day will be held.  
Recommend judges at the November meeting. One judge should be secured per room.  
Publicize the event in local news media.  
Be available to assist with room set up on Friday afternoon, the day prior, to the event.  
Be available the day of the event to work at the front “Information Table” and to check on judges periodically during the day.  
Bring judges items they need, and collect score sheets for the tabulation room.  
Check in with each room to be certain that room monitors are present, and find substitutes in the event of an absence.  
Sort completed score sheets by club.  
Be available to assist with room clean up on Saturday late morning. Rearrange classrooms, and return all items to the appropriate location.  
Return all Extension supplies (easels, ribbons, score sheets, pencils, tape, signs, etc.) to the Extension vehicle.

Extension Office Duties:  
Collect entries and produce a schedule for the event.  
Send judging correspondence to judges.  
Orientate judges prior to the judging start time.  
Provide paper, pencils, judge packets, door signs and other supplies as needed by the committee.  
Publicize the event in the 4-H newsletter, and assign clubs rooms and time slots for room monitoring.  
Answer any questions of the committee.  
Correspond with the school and book the location.
**Fashion Revue Committee**

**Committee Duties:**
Select committee co-chairs and two adult advisors.
Select a theme for the public fashion revue by the May 4-H Council meeting.
Plan and prepare decorations for the public fashion revue.
Set up and decorate prior to the evening public fashion revue.
Clean up stage decorations and fashion revue location.
Return all items to appropriate places.
Committee members may also be asked to help with judging tear down.
Recruit script readers.

**Extension Office Duties:**
Provide signs, judging supplies and other office supplies needed by the committee.
Handle all details associated with the judging portion of the day.
Secure judges for the judging portion.
Organize the script for the public fashion revue.
Provide resources needed by the judges.
Book the location of the judging and the public fashion revue.
Answer any questions of the committee.

**Finance/Policy Committee**

**Committee Duties:**
Select committee co-chairs and two adult advisors.
Determine the annual 4-H Council budget under the guidance of the 4-H Agent.
Present the budget to the 4-H Council at the November meeting for approval.

**Extension Office Duties:**
Keep record of funds spent for budget line items.
In cooperation with the Treasurer, pay 4-H Council bills.
Answer any questions of the committee.

**Foodstand Committee**

**Committee Duties:**
Select committee youth co-chairs and two adult advisors.
Determine needed foodstand improvements and present to 4-H Council for approval.
Coordinate needed improvements of the foodstand.
Purchase supplies to make foodstand improvements.

**Extension Office Duties:**
Publicize foodstand work days.
Check out foodstand key to committee chair(s).
Publish events in the 4-H newsletter.
Answer any questions of the committee.

**Awards Committee**
(Adults Only)

**Committee Duties:**
Select committee co-chairs.
Provide training to families on completing Project Records.
Provide training to screeners to judge record books.
Coordinate dates and times to screen record books.
Recruit volunteers to screen record books.
Provide a list of record book screening results to 4-H Agent.
Determine judging criteria for scholarships and award applications.
Meet with 4-H Agent/4-H PDC to approve record screening process as needed.

**Extension Office Duties:**
Print information.
Provide information to members.
Publish information in the 4-H newsletter.
Update information on the Cowley County Extension Website.
Answer any questions of the committee.
Correspond with Community Leaders.

**Fair and Shows Committee**

**Committee Duties:**
Select committee youth co-chairs and two adult advisors.
Plan the program for 4-H Sunday at the fair.
Promote 4-H Sunday at the fair.
Secure speakers for 4-H Sunday at the fair.

**Extension Office Duties:**
Print 4-H Sunday programs.
Publish events in the 4-H newsletter.
Answer any questions of the committee.
Help Wanted
Cowley County 4-H seeks County-Wide Project Leaders for the upcoming year to provide positive learning experiences for 4-H youth. The volunteer(s) in these positions would be responsible for the following:
- hold at least 6 educational project meetings/activities for project members throughout the year.
- serve as a resource to project members
- work under the direction of the Cowley County 4-H Youth Development Program Development Committee.
- communicate with families enrolled in the project(s)
Volunteers need not be current 4-H parents/family members.
To apply, contact the Extension Office at cl@listserv.ksu.edu or 620-221-5450. All volunteers will be asked to enroll as a volunteer at ks4honline.com and must complete the volunteer screening process including: volunteer service application, 2-part criminal background check, orientation and review by 4-H PDC and Extension Council.

County-Wide Project Leader Wish List:
The following is a list of project areas with high enrollment. Local needs include, but are not limited to the projects on this list:

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2022 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.
When: November 20-21, 2021
Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center
Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2022
Registration: Opens late Aug/early Sept
Registration Deadline:
Early Bird Rate = October 15, 2021
Regular Rate = November 1, 2021

Kansas 4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training
Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Fall Volunteer Project Leader Training Series. As a volunteer, the time and hard work you contribute to make the 4-H program an amazing experience for youth across Kansas is greatly appreciated!
To help you kick off the new program year, this series is designed to provide tangible ideas and resources you can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30 CST. The general outline for sessions is as follows:
Sept. 21 – Personal Development – Public Speaking
Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – FCS – Textile Science
Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning
Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy
Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife
To register for the event visit - https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/project-leaders/index.html
Club Financial Review

As we begin wrapping up the 2021 4-H program year, clubs need to begin completing the 4-H Club Financial Review. It is important to note that the club financial review is NOT an audit. It is simply a committee of two adults and two youth reviewing the club’s financial documents and record keeping to ensure that the club is following Kansas 4-H Policy.

Club financial reviews for Cowley County are due in the Extension Office by **November 1, 2021. We are short-staffed, we appreciate you turning this in in a timely manner without us having to send multiple requests to receive them.**

The information about Extension Law and the policy for Financial Reviews is listed below and the Club Financial Review Document is attached to this email.

**Please note: If your club does not complete a Financial Review, you risk losing your club charter and the ability to operate as a 4-H club in Cowley County.**

Kansas Extension law requires that the Director for Extension (at K-State) and the Extension Board (our local board) are accountable for funds raised and/or collected by 4-H Clubs and 4-H Councils. In order for the local Extension unit to ensure compliance with financial requirements for 4-H and other Extension affiliated groups, a yearly financial review of those accounts is to be conducted by a Financial Review Committee of the club/group. Approval of the reports should be documented by the local unit board, **recording in their minutes a motion to approve the reports, including in the minutes the name of each club/group that is being approved.** This review and board approval is **required** of all clubs/organizations. It is recommended to have reviews completed and reports submitted to the local unit Extension office by November 1st.

See the following resources can be found at [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/county_district_financial_resources/](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/county_district_financial_resources/) for more information:


[7] 4-H Club/Group or Other Extension Affiliated Group Annual Financial Report (KSU 4-3)

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**

The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes was held August 21-21 at Kansas State University. The event includes livestock judging, livestock skillathon, meats judging and quiz bowl. Cale Shorter participated in the livestock judging. He placed 5th in cattle and 3rd in reasons.

**Congratulations, Cale!**
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**October 2021**

- **November 1**: National 4-H Week
- **November 15**: 4-H Shooting Sports Project
- **November 29**: Livestock Judging Practice

**Events**

- **October 1**: National 4-H Week: 6:00 AM
- **October 2**: National 4-H Week: 2:00 PM
- **October 3**: National 4-H Week: 6:30 PM
- **October 4**: National 4-H Week: 7:00 PM
- **October 5**: National 4-H Week: 7:00 PM
- **October 6**: National 4-H Week: 7:00 PM
- **October 7**: National 4-H Week: 5:30 PM
- **October 8**: National 4-H Week: 7:00 AM
- **October 9**: National 4-H Week: 3:00 PM
- **October 10**: Indigenous Peoples' Day: 3:00 PM
- **October 11**: Columbus Day: 7:00 PM
- **October 12**: Junior Leaders: 4:30 PM
- **October 13**: 4-H Shooting Sports Project: 6:30 PM
- **October 14**: Livestock Judging Practice: 5:30 PM
- **October 15**: 4-H Shooting Sports Project: 7:00 PM
- **October 16**: 4-H Shooting Sports Project: 6:30 PM
- **October 17**: Muddy Creek 4-H Mtg: 2:00 PM
- **October 18**: 7:00 PM
- **October 19**: 5:30 PM
- **October 20**: 5:30 PM
- **October 21**: 4-H Shooting Sports Project: 6:30 PM
- **October 22**: 7:00 PM
- **October 23**: 7:00 PM
- **October 24**: 7:00 PM
- **October 25**: 7:00 PM
- **October 26**: 7:00 PM
- **October 27**: 7:00 PM
- **October 28**: 7:00 PM
- **October 29**: 7:00 PM
- **October 30**: 7:00 PM
- **October 31**: 7:00 PM

**Holidays and Events**

- **October 31**: Halloween
- **November 1**: Election Day
- **November 5**: Diwali
- **November 6**: Election Day
I pledge...

My head to clearer thinking
My heart to greater loyalty
My hands to larger service and
My health to better living
for my club, my community,
my country and my world