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4-H Enrollment Update

By the time you receive this newsletter, the **November 1 deadline for returning member re-enrollment** in Kansas 4-HOnline2.0 is very near or just past. This has been covered in past newsletters, emailed to your email account in 4-HOnline and should have been discussed at Club meetings recently! We hope **EVERY** returning 4-H member has been able to complete re-enrollment and pay your program fee by this deadline! Keep in mind that NEW members may join at any time of year, but will have deadlines for participation in 4-H events. (example – must be enrolled in 4-H before participation in 4-H Club day)

Your 4-H enrollment is an important link to participation in the 4-H program. We will use information in your 4-HOnline account to create mailing list (including monthly 4-H Newsletter) emails, project list, reports, etc... It is extremely important that you manage your 4-HOnline account, keeping information current. This is our main form of communication with our 4-H members, families, and volunteers.

State 4-H Resource Refresher

The Kansas State 4-H website has a great wealth of resources designed to help the 4-H member and/or 4-H Project leader. If you have not yet visited the Kansas Clover Classroom, please check it out at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html>. New project lessons are being populated all the time. Another resource is the 4-H Club Corner, which has a wealth of information to support Community Clubs. Don't forget the sub-pages with Officer and Volunteer Resources, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html>.

48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up

Thanks so much for encouraging your local 4-H Members to take part in 48 Hours of 4-H this year! There were such great projects noted over social media, and we know there are a few are still set to take place! A good response is now needed on the follow up reporting. If you did a 48 4-H activity, take the final step and fill out the online report, https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a5m06aP6jzvb2IM. Even if the project did not pre-register, report what was done so the event organizers can be able to quantify what happened and see some photos. If you have thoughts about the event, there is a place to add those in the online report. Thank you for taking the pledge of Hands to Larger Service to heart!

Online Record Keeping with ZBooks

The online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software has been launched for 2023-2024 program year. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable .pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same scoresheet and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device connected to the internet.
- Unlimited entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.

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YQCA Update

The national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), launched its fifth year of the program on October 1. Therefore, a new set of educational modules are now available for youth to complete online. Instructors are being trained in October and will be offering in-person training sessions later. Keep watching this newsletter and email for more information on in-person training.



Youth may complete the online training for \$12/child or participate in an instructor-led session for \$3/child. All participants must register and pay through the YQCA site, regardless of the type of training. A young person's YQCA certification is valid for one year, so youth need to re-certify annually. This will again be a requirement to SHOW at the fairs within Meadowlark Extension District for exhibitors in: Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, MARKET Poultry & MARKET Rabbits.

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS are expected to continue requiring all exhibitors to complete YQCA to be eligible to exhibit in the 2023 shows. Youth will need to re-certify prior to nomination (market animals and commercial females) or entry (those only showing registered breeding females).

4-H Personal Achievement Goals

Start the new year off with individual goals to accomplish great things this coming year. 4-H members should take a look at the next Member Achievement Plan that you are eligible for, and establish your personal goals at this time. Goals serve as a guide to keep you on course when times get tough, and prevent you from becoming distracted by unimportant matters. Setting goals has many benefits, a few are: clearer focus, effective use of time, clearer decision making and more effective communication of the plan as well as results. To help with goal setting, a guide was developed several years ago. If you need additional guidance with goal setting, check it out at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

Kansas 4-H T-Shirts Available

There are 2 designs this year! They can be ordered through **December 1, 2023** and will be shipped before **December 25**. The link is up on the Kansas 4-H Website under News and Updates. Group or club orders will be a good idea to minimize shipping fees. People who live near or travel to Manhattan can call Anndee at NZone about local pick up. Thanks for supporting this 4-H Youth Leadership Council Fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H Pride!

2023 Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

The Leavenworth County Livestock Committee is hosting the Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest again this year.

Date: Saturday, **December 2**

Time: Starts at 8:00 AM – Awards and dinner at approx. 5 PM

Place: Leavenworth County Fairgrounds—405 W 4th St., Tonganoxie, KS

Registration Fee: \$50 due **November 21** to guarantee a t-shirt.

Questions: Contact Clay at (785) 863-2212 or croland@ksu.edu or Brian Habjan at blackandgoldfarms@gmail.com

Adding Your Office Position in 4HOnline

As the 4-H year begins, new officers will be getting elected. To help expedite processes within the office, we request that you put your new office into 4HOnline when the new year starts.

The following are instructions on how to do this.

1. Sign in to your 4HOnline profile.
2. Go to and click on the 4H'er that holds the office.
3. On the left menu, select Clubs.
4. On the blank space below Volunteer Type, left click on your mouse.
5. On the dropdown menu under Volunteer Type, select their office
6. Click Save



Regional 4-H Judging School/Contest

Come learn how the 4-H Judging Contest works! Will show you how to properly fill out the judging cards/papers, what to look for in a contest and go over the results right after.

When: Saturday, **December 9, 2023**

Time: 9:00-Noon

Where: Blue Building

306 Main St., Effingham, KS

Open to all 4-Her's in the counties of Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth, Jackson, Jefferson & Nemaha. Please RSVP to your local extension office by **December 1**.

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REASON SCORE	

Camp Registration Begins November 15

4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch will open on **November 15!** This will include half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. The session dates are below:

Overnight Camp: (Rising 3rd – 12th graders)

Session 1: June 2-5

Session 2: June 5-8

Session 3: June 9-14

Session 4: June 16-19

Session 5: June 19-22

Session 6: June 23-28

Session 7: June 30-July 3

Session 8: July 7-12

Mini Camp: Rising 1st – 3rd graders

Session 1: July 14-16

Leaders in Training (LIT): (Rising 10th and 11th graders)

Session 1: June 9-14

Session 2: June 23-28

Counselors in Training (CIT): (Rising 12th graders)

Session 1: June 9-14

Session 2: June 23-28

Session 3: July 7-12

Specialty Camp – (Rising 6th – 9th graders)

Ranch Camp: June 9-14

Shooting Sports Camp: June 23-28

Family Camp

Session 1: May 17-19

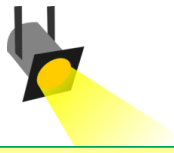
Session 2: August 9-11



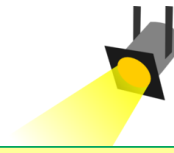
Standards for 4-H and FFA

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.



Interviews



This summer I had the privilege of talking to several people from each county in the Meadowlark District. My intent was not only to include parts of them here in the newsletter but I have taken them back to the state council to gather more information about youth involvement in the state.

There is so much that the state council can learn from youth talking about their experiences and interests. Throughout the next few months I will be sharing more of these interviews for you all to read.

The first two interviews I want to share are the Jefferson County Royalty, King Braxdon Penry and Queen Grace Conser.

Grace Conser

What is your favorite project?

-“The Dog Project”

What is your favorite opportunity in all of 4-H?

-“The 4-H Family and close relationships with people”

What is a fair tradition that you enjoy?

-“ Water balloon fights”

What is something you would change about your fair or county 4-H?

-“More involvement throughout the youth”

What is something you would tell your younger self relating to 4-H?

-“ To get out of my comfort zone and push myself to do my best”

Braxdon Penry

What is your favorite project?

-“The Beef Project”

What is your favorite opportunity in all of 4-H?

-“Meeting new people”

What is a fair tradition that you enjoy?

-“ Fair royalty”

What is something you would change about your fair or county 4-H?

-“More livestock opportunities”

What is something you would tell your younger self relating to 4-H?

-“Don't complain because you will enjoy it much more”

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Brooke Slipke

Kansas State Youth Leadership Council

Jackson County—Meadowlark

Why 4-H ???

*(Noting the **IMPACT** of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)*

“I belong to a countywide 4-H group made up of a lot of different personalities. We plan where we will go, what we will do, and what we will give. I do not agree with every decision, but my ideas get heard and we work together to figure out what is in the best interest of the entire group.”

Record Book Review

A huge THANK-YOU to those who took time out of their busy schedules to help judge the Jefferson County Record Books this year. I couldn't do it without you guys!

New Family Orientation

Welcome New 4-H Families – We are wanting to get you started off on the right foot in 4-H so we have planned an evening where we can sit down and talk about what to expect in your 1st year of 4-H. We have set Wednesday, **November 15** at 7:00 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Building. Please RSVP to Cara at 785-364-4125 or carar@ksu.edu by Thursday, **November 9**.

Club Leaders; please consider attending these with your new families, or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level to assist in making new families feel welcome.

County 4-H Club Day

A tentative date for County 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, **March 2**, at Jackson Heights High School. We will be sharing the facility with Nemaha Co. 4-Hers. Each county will be judged individually. Be thinking about what events you want to sign up for. The Club Day Guide can be found on the district website at <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>

Volunteering with 4-H

Volunteers are the reason 4-H programs exist. They help youth find their spark and encourage them to pursue it. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would please have them contact our office.

4-H Membership/ Recruiting

Any time of the year is a good time to talk to people about 4-H, but the beginning of a new 4-H year is the perfect time to recruit new club members! 4-H membership is open to all youth between the ages of 7 and 18 (4-H age, before January 1, 2024. If a youth turns 7 after January 1, 2024, then they are considered a Cloverbud until the next 4-H year.). A member may join any-time during the year. Any 4-H member who turns 19 before January 1, 2024, may not rejoin for the 2023-24 4-H year. **PLEASE NOTE!!!!**

- It is very important that the 4-H Club Officer and Leader form be turned in on time as this allows us to update the website and emailing lists for 4-H Council.
- Please visit with your club's 4-H Council Representatives so that they are aware of their role and responsibility to attend 4-H Council and fulfill their elected duties. They serve as the conduit of information between the club and the county-wide 4-H Council.

Project Leaders Needed

What is the purpose of a club project leader? Provide Leadership/Teaching in a specific subject matter area to a small group of 4-Hers and assist them to develop life skills. We have lots of resources available for project leaders if you are interested. Please talk to your local club leader and then contact our office for more information.

Important Dates

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held after Achievement Program, **November 5**.

4-H Council Meeting

Remember the next 4-H Council Meeting is **November 9** at 7:00 PM. All club Council Representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be officer elections so each club should have their 4 representatives attend the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

Annual Fairboard Meeting

This is an open public meeting. This is for the election of fairboard Directors. If anyone is interested in becoming a fairboard member please be at this meeting. Meeting will be held Thursday, **December 7** at 6:30 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex Building.

Regional 4-H Judging School/ Contest

The Regional 4-H Judging School/Contest is Saturday, **December 9** from 9:00-Noon at the Blue Building in Effingham. Learn how the 4-H Judging Contest works! Open to all 4-Hers in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth, Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha Counties. RSVP to your local extension office by **December 1**.

Ambassador Project Fair

The Winter Ambassador Project Fair will be Tuesday, **January 2** from 10 AM to Noon at the NE Kansas Heritage Complex Fairgrounds. We will have more information in a later newsletter, but be sure to save the date.

News from the Oskaloosa Office

Important Dates

November 1 Deadlines

Enrollment Online for returning members and Annual Club Financial Reports are due in the office.

New Family Orientation

Welcome to our 4-H family! We hope you will get involved, ask questions and have a successful year. Don't hesitate to contact your club leaders or our office, if you need help. There is a lot to know and learn, and we want our member families to have the information they need.

We would love for our first and second-year families to have a meeting. A date hasn't been set yet, but know it will be at the fair building in Valley Falls. Please watch your email for meeting date and time once it is scheduled. Your 4-Hers are invited to attend some project sessions in the north end of the building while parents meet in the south meeting room. Once the date is set, please register with the office at 785-863-2212 or croland@ksu.edu.

4-H Council Meeting

Remember the next 4-H Council meeting is **November 27** at 7:00 PM in the Valley Falls Fair Building.

All club Council Representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. At this meeting you will be able to decide on the proposed logos and t-shirt designs for the upcoming fair! Each club should have their 4 representatives attending the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

Record Books and Judging

THANK YOU to every 4-Her who completed their project record books, and to the club leaders/committee who assisted and reviewed record books at the club level. Record-keeping is an important life skill that you learn thru your project work, and we appreciate your efforts, especially with several changes this year.

THANK YOU to the adults and youth who took time to help judge record books on **October 13**. The teamwork and dedication shown were impressive. We hope you learned a lot from what others are doing and the skills that are being developed thru project work.

Ntl. 4-H Week & 48 Hrs. of 4-H

It was great to see pictures and hear so many things that were happening during 4-H Week! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and project work with in schools and communities across our county. Keep inviting others to join you in our 4-H program!

If your club participated in 48 Hours of 4-H and have not yet reported what you did, it's not too late. Here's the link to do so: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>.

Key Award

It's project enrollment time and if you are planning to apply for a 4-H Key Award as an older member, remember one requirement is that you must be enrolled in the Leadership project four years or more. There are lots of possibilities for leadership roles in the 4-H program, and we hope you will explore your leadership options with your club leaders or by contacting Linda in the office.

County 4-H Club Day Dates

Pending final building approval, County 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, **February 17** in Perry and Regionals on **March 23, 2024** at Atchison Elementary School.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new 2023-24 4-H Council Officers, elected at the September meeting. They are:

- **President:** Aubrey Weishaar, Lucky Four
- **Vice-President:** Abraham Noll, Lucky Four
- **Secretary:** Danielle Reeves, Valley Victors
- **Treasurer:** Chace Terry, Winchester
- **Reporter:** Morgan Casto, Fairview

Thank you to our 2022-2023 officers—Ella Gantz, Brodie Hollis, Dani Reeves, Sara Leitner and Braxdon Penry—for doing a great job!

County 4-H Club Day

Plan to share what you are learning in your projects through a Project Talk, Illustrated Talk, Demonstration, or Public Speaking entry at County Club Day. Vocal, instrumental and dance entry options are also possibilities. It's not too early to start thinking about what you, or your 4-H club, could start preparing.

Adult Volunteers

Don't forget to enroll for the new 4-H year ASAP. We have lots of resources here in the office that are available for your use as you plan face-to-face or virtual meetings. These resources give you the tools you need to plan for quality meetings in a short amount of time.

County Fair T-Shirt Designs

It was voted at the last Council meeting that "**CAUTION: Future 4-H Leaders Under Construction**" is the theme for next years County Fair. We

will again be accepting submissions for t-shirt designs! If you wish to submit a design, please have them submitted to the office by **November 20**.



Extension Office Has Moved!

We have moved to our new location, 1615 Branch St. The building is just East of Bomgaars.

We will still be using the Community Building for fair and other events.

Food Fare Event

January 2 we will be having a Food Fare for all 4-Hers. This year's theme is Holidays.

Club Food Booth is a food station organized by a club and relates to the theme. No two Food Fare booths look the same, but booths will consist of 3 homemade food samples and decorations. Tables and paper supplies are provided by the 4-H Council. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to get the chance to plan and carry out a menu as well as improve their cooking skills.

Food Fare participants get to visit each booth at their own leisure and taste all the delicious food! It's free to all 4-H. It's a fun opportunity for the members to get to try tasty food and maybe get some new recipe ideas.

Please let Deb know as soon as your club picks a holiday. Because we do not want duplicates.

Be watching your next newsletter for more information.

Record Book Reviews

A huge "THANK YOU" to those who took time out of their busy schedule to judge Jackson Co. record books this year. It was great to have senior 4-Hers come help with this process. What great volunteers we have!

4-H Activity Calendar

Want a great tool for keeping track of your family's 4-H participation? Use the calendar we have made for you that is located on the District website at the top of the Nemaha/Seneca page <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/nemaha.html>

2023–24 Nemaha Co. 4-H Council Officers

- President – Ryan Uphaus, HHHH
- Vice Pres. – Addie Haverkamp, Pony Express
- Secretary – John Langill, Pony Express
- Treasurer – Mason Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers
- Reporter – Chloey Strathman, Achievers

4-H Council Committees

Any 4-Hers can be on the 4-H Council Committees. There are 5 different committees.

1. Fair events - plans events held during the fair such as Barnyard Olympics
2. Traveling Scholarship - make recommendations for changes in the current award and then review applications
3. Food Stand - plan menu and assist with pre-fair prep and during fair
4. Finance - review financial audit and present budget
5. 4-H promotion - initiate plans for promoting 4-H.

If you would like to be on one of these committees, please contact Deb at dahenry@ksu.edu.

Cloverbud Leaders Training

Does your club have Cloverbud members? All clubs with Cloverbuds need to have a trained leader. Debra is willing to do a Cloverbud Leaders training any time that will work for you. To set up a training time, please contact Deb at dahenry@ksu.edu.

Adult Volunteer Enrollment

We highly recommend that all 4-H parents enroll in 4-H Online, <https://v2.4honline.com>. This is recommended by the State and is also the first process of being a registered volunteer.



Important Dates

Fairboard Meeting

The Nemaha County Fairboard will be having their annual meeting **November 6**, at 7:30 PM at the meeting room in the Community Building. Anyone is welcome to attend.

New Family Forum

New 4-H families are invited to attend an orientation session on **November 13** beginning at 6:30 PM at the Community Building meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend this forum. New 4-H members are encouraged to attend with their parents as Ambassadors will have activities for them to do.

Achievement Event

Remember everyone is invited to the Achievement Event is 6:30 PM, Tuesday, **November 21** in the Community Building.

Council will provide meat, table service and drinks. We are asking if each family brings one of the following covered dishes:

- Potatoes - Centralia Aces, Red Rustlers, Kelly Twilighters
- Vegetables or other side dish - Achievers, Pony Express, Stateliners
- Dessert - Busy Jayhawkers, Woodlawn Meadowlarks, HHHH

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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 1:** Re-enrollments need to be completed
4-H Financial Reviews Due
- Nov. 5:** 4-H Achievement Program, JA
Officer Training/Orientation, JA
- Nov. 6:** NM Co. Fairboard Meeting
- Nov. 9:** 4-H Council Meeting, JA
New Family Orientation, JA
- Nov. 13:** New Family Forum, NM
- Nov. 18-19:** KYLF
- Nov. 21:** 4-H Achievement Event, NM
- Nov. 27:** 4-H Council Meeting, JF
- Dec. 1:** Regional 4-H Judging School/Test registration due
- Dec. 1:** KS 4-H T-shirts available to be ordered by
- Dec. 2:** Elite Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest
- Dec. 7:** Annual Fairboard Meeting, JA
- Dec. 9:** Regional 4-H Judging School/Contest, Effingham

- Jan. 2:** Food Fare, NM
- Mar. 2:** Tentative County 4-H Club Day, JA/NM



The Meadowlark Extension District Offices are closed Friday, **November 10** in observance of Veterans Day.

We will reopen at 8:00 AM on Monday, **November 13**.

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