



Meadowlark District 4-H News

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Upcoming Events

Dec 2016-Jan 2017

- Nov 24-25:** Thanksgiving
Offices Closed
- Nov 28:** JF 4-H Council Mtg,
Valley Falls
- Dec 23:** Seneca office Closed
Christmas Eve
- Dec 26:** Christmas
All Offices Closed
- Dec 29:** Project Discovery Event
9am & Record Book
Class, 11am - Seneca
- Dec 29:** Barn Quilt Class,
Valley Falls
- Dec 30:** Winter 4-H Exploration,
Netawaka, 1-5pm
- Jan 1:** JF Fairbook changes due
- Jan 2:** New Year's Day
Offices Closed
- Jan 3:** 4-H Club Goals Due In
Office
KAP'S Due In Office
- Jan 12:** NE Area KAP
Screening
- Jan 16:** Martin Luther King
Day-Offices Closed
- Jan 16:** NM Fair Board Mtg.
- Jan 20-22:** Dog Judges
Training
- Jan 23:** State Scholarship due
JF 4-H Council Mtg,
Valley Falls
- Jan 25:** JF 4-H Foundation
meeting, Valley Falls
- Jan 27-29:** Horse Panorama,
Rock Springs
- Jan 30:** NM 4H Council
Meeting, Seneca
Kansas State University
Agricultural Experiment
Station and Cooperative
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District Team Does Well at National 4-H Contest

Meadowlark Extension District was well represented at the National 4-H Livestock SkillAthon Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, November 14, 2016. The District team finished in 9th place overall in the Nation. Team members included: Joel Nelson, Judd Nelson and Payke Brown. Jerilyn Nelson was on the qualifying Kansas team, but was too young to attend the national contest. Livestock SkillAthon is a general livestock knowledge competition where 4-Hers compete in individual and team problems related to: Evaluation, Identification and Quality Assurance. Complete results may be found at: www.livestockexpo.org/show%20results/miscellaneousResults.aspx Congratulations!!!



New 4-H Record Sheets!!!

They are finally here as promised, new 4-H record sheets for use in your 4-H record book. Returning 4-H members will remember how nearly every project had a record sheet specific to that project. Upon review of these record sheets (in an effort to streamline and make them more useful) we have found that there were more similarities than differences in the nearly thirty sheets we had. What we are now offering for 4-Hers to use are TWO record sheets. ONE for every project that does not involve animals and ONE for animal related projects. Currently, Word and PDF formats are offered, more will be available as the year progresses.

Every 4-H member is encouraged to look at these record sheets now and begin using them for the current year. There may be sections on the sheet that don't apply to your project or that you choose not to complete – that's ok. Keep in mind that if you are trying for project recognition, the more complete, thorough and accurate your records are, the better chance you have of receiving recognition. Our current Records and Recognition policy is being reviewed, so keep in touch for changes, should they occur.

These records are not replacing the Permanent Record sheet, which is the backbone and fundamental record in the 4-H record book for EVERY member. A 4-H record book should consist of: Personal Page, General 4-H Story, Permanent Record and a Project Record Sheet for each project you are enrolled in. Please check out these sheets and let us know what you think of them. These will be the official sheets to be utilized for the 2016-17 4-H year and into the foreseeable future.

4-H NEWS TO NOTE

What Can Be Found on the District 4-H Website???

In every 4-H newsletter, you will see references made to the Meadowlark District 4-H website. This is probably a good point in time to cover what is available where on the pages and encourage all members, parents and volunteers to explore what we have to offer on the web!

4-H “Home” Page – the general “landing” page which contains general information, contact information for staff members, re-direct links to additional information and a quick overview of events and activities.

New to 4-H – this is the page designed for new families/members. Here you will find resources for joining 4-H as well as information to make your first year a success!

Enrollment – as the name suggest, this is the page designed to help you enroll in the 4-H program. There is a direct link to Kansas 4HOnline as well as supporting information related to all things enrollment.

News – this page is where news information past and current can be found, most notably this is where the monthly 4-H newsletters are posted and can be reviewed.

Events – this page can be a lifeline! All 4-H events – local, District and State, should be found on this page with link to additional information.

Forms – the forms page has all the 4-H related forms that you might need in 4-H. There are individual, project and club forms on this page. 4-H record keeping forms will be found on the Project Records page.

Project Resources – not sure what all is involved in a project or where to start? This page serves as a place to explore projects and find related resources specific to projects.

Project Records – this is your one stop shop for all the documents you will need to complete your annual requirement of a 4-H Record Book. Please use this page and not the state 4-H page as we have project record sheets specific to our District.

Local Pages – each office/county within Meadowlark District has a page they maintain for

things specific to that local area. This mainly includes 4-H Council, local groups and Fairs.

School Enrichment – this page contains the information and resources offered to our local schools in our School Enrichment outreach program.

Resources & Links – probably the most under-utilized and most comprehensive page we have! From this one spot you can find resources to support the club, officer materials, presentation guides, District policy, Family guides, Club Day guides and links to external resources. This is also the place where we would link to any websites maintained by local 4-H cubs or groups. **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

Volunteers – the page dedicated to those loyal 4-H volunteers who make our program what it is. You will find information related to Volunteer Screening, volunteer links and resources for volunteers of all kinds.

Kansas Award Portfolio

The original version of the 4-H Project Award Portfolio (KAP) came out in 2008. For the past several years, the formatting and function of this document have been reviewed with changes made in 2014. This application is required for project award recognition for all the District SENIOR aged youth. The most current version has: “Revised 9/15/14” at the top.

Youth who will be submitting KAP’s for Area and possibly State Screening, **MUST** use the KAP that has been updated and posted on the website. IF you used an old KAP this fall and your KAP was chosen to go on to the area screening, you will have to redo the information on the Revised KAP form. Your local office will be sending a letter with details to NE Area eligible youth soon. Please ask questions if you have them!

All NE Area KAPs should be submitted to the Extension office by, Monday, January 3rd, 2017. We would be happy to offer advice and ways to polish up your KAP prior to this date, Christmas break may be a great time to complete this task. Please just visit with your local office to establish a time to review your KAP.

Volunteers Needed!!!

The Northeast Area KAP screening will be held in Manhattan on Thursday, January 12th. Meadowlark Extension District is able to take NINE volunteers to review KAPs at the area level. This is an awesome opportunity to see project work summarized in a KAP from across the entire NE Area of Kansas. Prior records/KAP review at the local level is helpful, but we will take anyone with a sincere desire to volunteer and learn more. Contact your local office by December 16th if this is something that interests you. Typically, we have pooled rides to and from Manhattan that day and will plan to do so again this year. Thank you for your consideration!

State 4-H Scholarships

Attention all seniors and college aged 4-Hers! The State 4-H Scholarship application is due in your local extension office Monday, January 23, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. The scholarship application may be found on our district website at: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> under "General Forms". You may complete the application in either a PDF or Word version – both are form-fillable. (If using the PDF version, keep in mind that you may be unable to save the application to edit later.)

Make sure to follow the instructions on the cover sheet precisely, including required margin & font sizes! You will need your transcript, letters of recommendation, and an Extension Staff member's signature to complete your application, as well as other additional written requirements. In December, Kansas 4-H will be posting a list of the specific scholarships that will be awarded for 2017, so be sure to check back for this list using the same link. Each scholarship's requirements are unique, so be as detailed as possible on your application!

Don't delay – get started today as it will take time to gather all of the required items! If you have been maintaining an accurate Permanent Record you will find this to be an invaluable resource to you during this process! If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H staff in your local District Extension office.

4-H Club Goals

Completed club goals for the 2016-17 4-H year, are due in the Extension office by January 3, 2017 by 4:30 pm. This form can be found on the forms page of the Meadowlark District website: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>

Kansas Photo Contest

The Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student photo contest has an extended date of Dec 16 to submit entries. This is open to all school-age children first through twelfth grade. The theme is "Making a Difference in Your Kansas Community". This opportunity has been extended this year to cover more of the months and activities of the year. Please forward to any families you think would be interested. This would make a great 4-H Photography project opportunity!!! Winners will be announced as part of the state's 156th birthday celebration on January 27, 2017, at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Visit: <http://www.kshs.org/p/student-photo-contest/18622> for more specific details about this opportunity.

National Festival of Breads 2017

The National Festival of Breads will take place June 17, 2017 in Manhattan, KS. Do you enjoy baking bread? Or do you know someone who does? Develop an original recipe and enter now! This is for amateur bakers and the eight finalists come to Manhattan to bake their breads and learn about the wheat industry from farm to table. The contest is open to youth and adults. This would a great opportunity for 4-H youth to show off their baking skills and creativity! For more information and how to enter the contest, go to <http://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/>. Click on "Enter Now" to see the rules, entry form, prizes and more! Entries are due January 16, 2017. The contest title sponsors are Kansas Wheat, King Arthur Flour, and Red Star Yeast.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." - Ronald Reagan

AREA & STATE 4-H EVENTS

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

The 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on Saturday, March 25th, in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Youth, parents and project leaders, of any skill level or knowledge base are invited to participate in this program. Participants will learn about various topics related to meat goat production and youth meat goat projects. Please visit: www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html for more information.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification

The 2017 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 20-22, 2017, in Salina, Kansas. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project. New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be re certified.

This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be 16-years-old and up to attend this certification and training. For information, visit:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/dog-leader/index.html>. To register, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSci3TuwLpfzqz9chjRgPGRMai30z9NLYXgfNMAG-ob2spxJ7w/viewform>.

Kansas 4-H with the Wildcat Women

Mark your calendars for February 17th at 1:00 pm for the annual KAE4-HA Wildcat Women Basketball game with Kansas 4-H. Complete information can be found at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/docs/17%204-H%20Day%20Flyer.pdf> your \$20 registration fee will get you a t-shirt, ticket to the game and a meal voucher. Registration will be online ONLY and must be done by January 17th, 2017. To register online please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2017kae4ha> The Lady Cats will be taking on the Iowa State Cyclones that Saturday.

2017 Horse Panorama

The 2017 4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for January 27-29 at Rock Springs. Registration for Horse Panorama will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site soon. Check the following link for information and rules for 4-H Horse Panorama: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>

4-H Shooting Sports Training

The next 4-H Shooting Sports Training is scheduled, Friday - Sunday, April 7 - 9, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Plans are to offer all disciplines within 4-H Shooting Sports provided interests from volunteers across the state matches the disciplines. Disciplines offered: Coordinator, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle loading, Pistol, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage/Cowboy Action. Registration will be on the 4-H web page mid-February. Additionally, a 4-H Volunteer Orientation Session will be offered on Friday, April 7, 10 a.m. for interested participants.

Citizenship In Action (CIA) Feb 19-20

Registration and information for Citizenship In Action will be posted soon, you can find information at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html> Youth who are 13-18 by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities.

Scholarship opportunities will be available through the website. This is a GREAT citizenship/leadership event for older 4-H youth!!! Registration will open soon and is due by January 15th, 2017.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2017

There are still several spots left to attend the 2017 Citizenship Washington Focus trip. Sign up sooner rather than later as spots are going quickly! Registration will close January 15th or when the first 50 seats are taken! For more information, please visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>

AREA & STATE 4-H EVENTS-CONTINUED

Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event

The Northeast area Youth Council members hope you will join them on January 21st as they provide a day focused on leadership. The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This is open to ages 12-18 years old and we hope to meet people from all over the Northeast Area! This is an event that will help to create leadership skills, with class leaders that will share amazing activities to help improve leadership skills. Registration will be due in January; keep watching the Events Page of the District website for more information and registration details. <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/events.html>

NEMAHÁ COUNTY NEWS

The Who, What, When, Where and Why of Record book

We will be offering a class on record books Thursday, December 29th at 11:00 am in the Community Building Meeting room. At this time, we will go over the new records and help you with ideas on what and how to fill out your books. Feel free to bring your books with you.

Achievement Banquet

Were you unable to attend the Achievement event or want to enjoy "A Look back on 2016" power point video? It has been posted to our website. www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/nemaha.html

Congratulations Key Winners

This year we had five 4-Hers receive the Key Award. Congratulations to:

Brianna Hasenkamp – Centralia Aces

Claire Deters – HHHH

Marissa Randel – Pony Express

Mika Schmelzle – Pony Express

Trevor Holthaus – Achievers

Beef Weigh In

We will be having the beef weigh-in on Friday, March 3rd at the Seneca Vet Clinic on Highway 36 west of Seneca. All market beef steers, market heifers, and dairy beef steers must be weighed in and ear tagged on this date.

Project Discovery Event

Come explore many different projects Thursday December 29, 2016 beginning at 9am. You don't have to be enrolled the project to join in on the fun. See descriptions in this newsletter. Please RSVP to dahenry@ksu.edu or call the extension office at 336-2184

4-H Council

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held January 30th at 7:30 pm at the Seneca Extension Office. All 4-H Council representatives and leaders are asked to attend.

Club Days

Be thinking about what you or your club will be doing for Club Days that will be February 18th at Sts Peter and Paul School. The event will begin at 9:00am. All 4-Hers are asked to register themselves in a google doc that can be found at www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/nemaha.html

Fair Board Meeting

Jan 16, 2017, 7:30pm - Community Building meeting room in Seneca.

Office Closed

The Meadowlark District Seneca Office will be closed all day December 23rd & 26th, January 2nd for the Holidays. We will also be closed January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

2016-2017 4-H Council Officers

Congratulations to the following 4-H Council Officers:

President – John Kennedy

Vice President – Judd Nelson

Secretary – Jerilyn Nelson

Treasurer – Emily Albright

Achievement Program

I would just like to congratulate everyone on their hard work they put into their record books this year. We had a great turn out at the Achievement Program this year. Special congrats to those individuals and clubs that received awards this past 4-H year.

Just a reminder that record books is not just based on how you did at the fair but your whole 4-H project (including project talks, demonstrations, leadership, citizenship and overall activity within the whole 4-H program).

Key Award Winners

This year we had 3 Key Award winners. This is a very prestigious award. Recipients were John Kennedy and Brianna Cattrell from Soldier Boosters and Katelyn Meggison from the Ontario Busy Bees 4-H Club.

A Special thanks to the Ambassador Group for leading the ceremony and the clubs who helped set up, take down, clean up and serve refreshments.

THANK YOU!

4-H Scholarship Application

The Jackson County 4-H Council Scholarship Application is available on our district website and at the Extension Office.

This application is for youth attending State & National events such as Discovery Days, CIA, KYLF, Campference, Congress, etc....

County 4-H Day

This will be held February 4th, starting at 9 am at Jackson Heights High School. The registration form is on our website or you may sign up with your club leader.

Forms are due to the Extension Office by January 26th. Room Monitors are needed for the day and need to be 4-Hers that are 13 years or older.

For more information on County 4-H Day, please see the publication on our website at: www.meadowlark.kstate.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H%20Club%20Day%20Guide%20Book.pdf

Beef Weigh-In

Weigh-In will be February 26th from 2-4 pm at the Holton Livestock Exchange. Ear tags must be paid for that day and your animals breed will be determined that day as well. If you plan on bringing back 2nd year bucket calves as market steers, please remember that it must be weighed in.



Holton Office Hours

The Meadowlark District Holton office will be closed November 24-25 and December 26, 2016, and January 2, for the holidays, and January 16, 2017 in Observance of Martin Luther King day. In case of inclement weather, please call the office at 785-364-4125 before traveling in.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

Achievement Banquet

We had many 4-Hers and leaders recognized at the annual Achievement Banquet. CONGRATULATIONS to each of you and THANK YOU for all of your hard work! It was a good evening shared with a lot of 4-H friends and supporters.

Special recognition went to the Dave and Terri Pearson Family of the Clover Power 4-H Club as Family of the Year, Bill Correll and Frank Boyce for leadership milestones, and Kaye Kabus and Marlene Seifert for 4-H Alumni awards. Lots of our 4-Hers earned county champion and member achievement level awards-way to go!

Jefferson County 4-H Foundation

The annual meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at the Valley Falls Fair Building. Each club is required to have two representatives in attendance so that members of the club are eligible for event funding. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with adult representatives. Be sure your club is represented.

A meal will be served, and the Foundation is asking each club provide one dessert to share. The Foundation appreciates all donations, which help our 4-Hers attend a wide variety of 4-H events throughout the year.

If you have a funding request for a 4-H event, it will need to be completed, signed by a community club leader and turned into our office by the event registration date. Funding requests are not based on financial need and all 4-Hers are encouraged to apply. Forms are available in our office and on the Jefferson web page. Please contact a Foundation member or our office with any questions.

Fairbook Changes

Submit changes you would like to have considered by January 1st to our office.

4-H Council Meeting

January 23, 2017, at 7:30 pm at the fair building in Valley Falls.

Club Goals

Due in the office by Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Livestock Weigh-In Dates

Beef-10 am-Noon on Saturday, March 4, 2017. In case date needs to be changed due to inclement weather, you will be notified. Snow date is Saturday, March 11th.

Sheep and Goat-6:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.



County Club Day

Jefferson County Club Day will be Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Perry-Lecompton Schools. Snow date is Saturday, February 18th. Entry forms will be due in the office January 27th, and will be given to club leaders. Check ages and guideline requirements for events. We will not have access to a copier, so make sure you have all the copies you need ahead of time.

Committee appointments and model meeting problems were decided on at the November Council meeting. Club Day is an excellent way to improve your public speaking and presentation skills, and we hope each 4-H family will be involved.

Talent numbers, talks and demonstrations, public speaking, and model meetings are great ways to be involved! Talk to your club leader or contact the office for more information.

Barn Quilt Class

A Barn Quilt Class will be held from 1:00-4:30 pm on Thursday, December 29, at the fair building in Valley Falls. Registrations are due to the extension office by December 7th.

Oskaloosa Office Hours

The office will be closed November 24-25 and December 26, 2016, and January 2, and 16, 2017. In case of inclement weather, call the office at 785-863-2212 before traveling in.



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