



Meadowlark District 4-H News

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Upcoming Events

March 2017

- March 1: DDays Registration Opens
- March 3: Beef Weigh-In,
Seneca, Vet Clinic
- March 4: Beef Weigh-In,
Valley Falls
- March 4: JF Poultry Show
Valley Falls
- March 11: Jr. Swine Producer Day
- March 11: Photo Success Workshop
Registration Due
- March 11: Super 4H Saturday, Hays
- March 13: NM Fairboard Meeting
- March 16: JA Fairboard Meeting
NE KS Fairgrounds
SpaceTech Experience
Registration due
- March 17: JF 4H Scholarship app due
- March 18: Regional Club Days
Atchison
- March 19: Photo Workshop, Auburn
- March 21: Record Book Workshop
- March 25: Jr. Goat Producer Day
- March 27: JF 4H Council Meeting
- March 31- April 1: 4-H Unmanned
Aerial Systems Experience
- April 1: ASI Leadership Academy
Registration due
Discovery Days Floor
Counselor Registration Due
- April 8: JF Spring Beef Show,
Valley Falls
- April 7-9: SS Inst. Cert. Training
- April 13: JA 4H Council Meeting
- April 15: Spring Dog Show
Discovery Days Reg. closes

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Standard of Excellence Delegates – National 4-H Congress

The Standard of Excellence Delegates represents all of the recipients of the Kansas 4-H Key Award during the previous 4-H year. Seven Congress Standard of Excellence Delegates are randomly drawn from names sent to the State 4-H Office. Meadowlark Extension District can submit three names into this pool to possibly be selected to attend the 2017 National 4-H Congress. There is a travel scholarship that goes along with being named a delegate, but members must be willing to cover the remaining balance of the trip (total cost before scholarship around \$1,150) If you are interested in this opportunity and meet the following criteria, please submit your name to Ross by April 28th. If we receive more than three names, they will be randomly drawn and the first three eligible names submitted. To be eligible youth need to meet the following requirements:

- Were presented the Kansas 4-H Key Award in 2016
- Have never attended National 4-H Congress before
- Are enrolled in Kansas 4-H
- Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress
- Are available to attend 2017 National 4-H Congress in its entirety from Nov 24- Nov 28
- Are at least 16 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2017
- Willing to remain committed to attending National 4-H Congress once trip is accepted
- Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future

Another option for interested 4-Hers meeting the above criteria, but not being selected as a Standard of Excellence Delegate is to possibly go as a Centennial Delegate - which is an “at-large delegate” added in 2002 when 4-H celebrated its centennial year. Cost for the Centennial delegate will be the full amount of approximately \$1,150 (no registration grant is offered). A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due to the State 4-H Office, on or before May 15th for delegates. Please visit with Ross if you have questions on this process. rmstell@ksu.edu or 785-336-2184

Add and Drop Projects - May 1st

ADD/DROP project deadline is MAY 1st! So what does this mean? First off, this date is PROJECT enrollment, NOT simply what you plan to take to the fair. You may be enrolled in a project and not exhibit anything at a fair. What this DOES mean is that you are expected to complete a project record sheet for every project on your enrollment on May 1st, at the end of the 4-H year. You do not have to notify the office of your changes, simply log back into your 4HOnline account and make the necessary project adjustments. Please contact the local Extension office if you have questions.

DISTRICT EVENTS

Record Book Workshop/Leader Forum

Need help understanding what all is involved in a 4-H record book? What is a KAP? Or any other 4-H record keeping questions? If so, a Record Book training will take place, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Building in Valley Falls. We will give some tips and pointers for recordkeeping success, as well as get hands-on with your questions. 4-H Leaders, you are encouraged to come to the Leader Forum scheduled for 6:30 that same night and stay to learn more as well. Please direct questions to Ross or Linda.

Don't Forget!!! – Jefferson County Poultry Show – Saturday, March 4th – Valley Falls

Jefferson County Spring Beef Show–Saturday, April 8th

The annual spring beef show will be held at the fairgrounds in Valley Falls. The event is open to all youth beef exhibitors and features market, breeding and showmanship classes. Registration is due March 24th for \$10, late fees will apply after that. Contact Caryn and Eric Vaught at 913-796-1714 with questions. Registration form can be found at: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/events.html>

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in

Spring tagging for Sheep and Meat Goats is rapidly approaching. Please keep in mind that weigh-ins are open to any 4-H member from across the district, with most youth generally tagging and weighing at the site associated with their local fair. Each fair/tagging event has its own set of requirement, so visit the local pages of this newsletter for more complete information. The cost of all tags will be \$3.00 again this year, please come prepared to pay for tags at weigh-in. District tagging/weigh-in events are as follows:

Wednesday, April 26th - 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Fairgrounds, Valley Falls

Saturday, April 29th - 8:00 - 9:00 am, Fairgrounds, Seneca

Thursday, May 4th - 6:00 - 7:30 pm, NE KS Heritage Complex, Holton

Swine Tagging

Swine project members will again be identifying 4-H swine projects with an official Kansas 4-H EID tag and swine ID form, sold at the Extension office. We continue to evaluate the risk/benefit of holding a centralized weigh-in/tagging and have decided to NOT hold central tagging events this year. All market swine need to be tagged and swine ID forms returned to the Extension office by **MAY 1st**!

Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus Certification

All Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification must be done by **MAY 1st** to be eligible to show swine at county fairs. The Pork Board has taken some steps to provide youth sign-ups for online training directly through their website. In short, this means that youth enrolled in the swine project now have the option of becoming certified via on-line modules at the Pork Board website. Currently, there are a couple of ways to get to this site.

1. Go to <http://www.pork.org>. Click on "Log In" on the far right edge of the black banner on top.
2. Go to <http://www.pork.org>. Click on "CERTIFICATION" in the orange banner on the top.

All members enrolled in the swine project should have received an email recently, with more details and information specific to the fair you participate in. A list of swine members and YPQA Plus status can be found under "4-H News" on the Meadowlark District 4-H webpage.

2017 Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp

4-H camp may seem like a faraway time, but we will be loading buses and heading to Rock Springs 4-H Center before we know it. Camp dates will be June 21-24, with camp registration due May 19th. Meadowlark District campers will join 4-Hers from: Atchison, Brown, Coffey, Doniphan, Marshall, and River Valley District (Clay, Cloud, Republic and Washington counties). While there will be some changes noted by returning campers and counselors, the main thing that will remain the same is fun times at Rock Springs 4-H Center! Please be looking for complete information and registration details in your April 4-H Newsletter.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

4HOnline Reminders

To fully integrate the use of Kansas 4HOnline as a 4-H Enrollment system, please keep in mind that we utilize this program as the management database for nearly everything we do within the 4-H program. Mailing labels, mass emails, data for fair management software, health and participation information, volunteer screening data, etc... are all housed in this system. It is very important for us to have individuals keep information current!

We have seen some emails that are no longer valid and mailing addresses that don't get to the right place. PLEASE, help us - help you, by making changes to your 4HOnline account. Many times youth will say "that's not my cell phone or email" and normally it is because it is a family or parent email/phone. We can only use what the system gives us, based upon what all of you entered. If you need any assistance with this process, do not hesitate to contact the office.

National 4-H Hall of Fame Opportunities for Teens

The National 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for October 6, 2017 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force is soliciting applications for a 4-H member to serve as the master or mistress of ceremonies and one to provide entertainment (vocal or instrumental) for this event. Each state may nominate one candidate for master of ceremonies and entertainment. Applicants may be current 4-H members or 4-H alumni who are in college.

Kansas 4-H is asking interested candidates to apply since Kansas can nominate only one candidate for each of the categories of Master/Mistress of Ceremonies or Entertainer. Interested candidates can find the application at <http://www.kansas4-h.org> under "What's hot." Applications are due April 15 to Pam Van Horn at pvanahorn@ksu.edu.

4-H Horse: 2- and 3-Year-Old Projects

Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a \$10 fee. The nomination form, a copy of the horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and fee should to be forwarded to the State 4-H Office as soon as possible, for 2-year-old-snaffle and 3-year-olds.

Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year but did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Also note that after May 1 the nominated horse can only be shown and ridden by the 4-H member.

4-H Geology Scholarship

The Geology Action Team offers a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$250 for high school seniors in the Geology project. Applicants must have been enrolled in the Geology project a minimum of three years. The application is available on the [Geology Project](#) page. Applications are due May 1. Mail application packet to: Amy Sollock, 4-H Youth Development, 4500 East Mary Street; Garden City, KS 67846 or email asollock@ksu.edu.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Congratulations to all the participants at our local 4-H Club Day events within the District. For some of you it is now time to move on to the next level of competition. Regional club day will be held in the Atchison on March 18th. If you receive a top award (Top Purple or Top Blue as designated by the judge) at local Club Day you are eligible to attend the Regional event. Please notify the office ASAP if you will not be able to attend so an alternate can be notified to attend in your place.

Participants should receive a letter, schedule and map for Regional Club Day the week of March 6th. This information will also be posted on the Meadowlark District website, as will local Club Day results. Remember too, that some of the Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks have been selected to go on to the Kansas State Fair. Sign-up for these will be at the same time as other 4-H State Fair entries in late July/early August.

STATE 4-H EVENTS

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

High school youth from across the nation are invited to apply for the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Please visit: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/> for more information and registration details. Applications are due April 1st.

REMINDER - Junior Producer Days

Review the February for complete information or visit the Youth Livestock website: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>

March 11: Junior Swine Producer Day

March 25: Junior Goat Producer Day

Ingredients for Photo Success Workshop

The annual Shawnee County Photography workshops and photo judging contest has been scheduled for March 19th at the Auburn Community Center in Auburn, Kansas. You may also register to participate in a photo judging contest. Participants will pay a \$5 registration fee with additional \$2 for the judging contest. Registrations due March 11, 2017. Contact Shawnee County Extension Office, 785-232-0062 extension 111 with questions. For more information visit:

http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/docs/2017_Auburn_Photo_Workshop_Flyer.pdf

Super 4-H Saturday March 11

4-H leaders are encouraged to load up the car and head to Hays for a day filled with 4-H learning fun on March 11. There will be the annual judging contests (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Lifeskills, Livestock and Photography), project workshops and a volunteer gathering. Please help spread the word to 4-H and FFA youth and volunteers. Here's the link to the flier and results

page: <http://www.ellis.k-state.edu/4-h/northwest-judging.html>.

Discovery Days Registration

Discovery Days Registration "Make a Splash" will be opening on March 1, 2017. Registration will then close on April 15 at midnight. Visit the State 4-H website for more details and event opportunities.

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> . 2017 Discovery Days floor counselors are needed. Applications are due by April 1, 2017. To fill out an application, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2017FloorCounselorApp>.

4-H Unmanned Aerial Systems Experience REMINDER

As discussed in the February newsletter, the experience will begin Friday, March 31, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$110 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$110 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. To register visit: www.kansas4h.org/events/index.html. Registration will close March 16, 11:59 p.m.

Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Training

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! If you have an interest in being a 4-H Shooting Sports instructor, please visit with the local coordinators or the local Extension office, to see what opportunities exist. Both of our Shooting Sports programs are in need of volunteers. This is the **ONLY** scheduled training to date and volunteers **MUST** go through this training.

Online registration will be available soon for the spring training at Rock Spring Center April 7-9. Coordinators and agents are responsible for signing up the county/district trainees. If this is something of interest to you as volunteer, please visit with our local Shooting Sports Coordinators (Jefferson – Rod Deeken, Bullmasters – Ralph Cronkhite) or the 4-H staff at the Extension office. More information on Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports can be found at:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/shooting-sports/index.html>

JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

Congrats to County 4-H Day Participants

I would like to thank all of the 4-Her's who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in County 4-H Day. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped as well as the room monitors. Those that received a Top Purple will be moving on to Regional 4-H Day in Atchison on Saturday, March 18th. Club Day results can be found on the Meadowlark District website at <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/jackson.html>

February Council Meeting Wrap Up

February Council Meeting was held February 9th. We reminded everyone to keep selling the Fair Booster Memberships. Asking each family to sell at least 5 & the money goes towards paying for Fair Judges, Ribbon Premiums and other Fair Expenses. The Superintendent Sign-up Sheet will be e-mailed out to everyone. If you are interested in being a Fair Superintendent please fill out the form and return to the office by April 1st.

The Garden Club ladies have graciously offered their help to those 4-Her's who are in the Horticulture project. This is a great group of ladies with a lot of knowledge to share. If you are interested please contact Cara for their contact information.

The following projects will be moved back to be judged Monday, July 31st of the fair – Rocketry, Robotics, Notebooks, Posters (including Shooting Sports) along with the other projects we currently already judged there. Something new this year will be Round Robin buckles awarded to the Top Showman. We are in need of 1 more buckle sponsor. If you are interested please contact Cara at the Extension Office for pricing.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council Meeting will be April 13th at 7 pm at the NE KS Heritage Complex. This meeting we will finalize fair plans and sign up for concession stand times.

Spring New Family & Leader Forum

When: Monday, April 24

Leader Forum – 6 pm New Family – 7 pm

Where: NE KS Heritage Building

Will be touching base about the 2017 Fair!!!!

Spring Dog Show

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Spring Dog Show to be held Saturday, April 15th at the NE KS Heritage Complex. Registration forms will soon be out on the website.

Dog practices have started and are on Tuesday Evenings at 7 pm at the Heritage Building. Dogs must be up to date on their vaccinations and there is a one-time fee. For more information please contact the office.

Spring Weigh In

Spring Weigh In for sheep and meat goats will be Thursday, May 4th from 6-7:30 p.m. Location will be at the NE KS Heritage Complex. You will pay for your tags that day and tags will be \$3.00. All Sheep and Goats must have a scrapie tag in their ear as well. Also please be sure that you know the breed of your animal. What you classify it at weigh in will be the breed it shows in at fair. Also please be sure to get your Livestock Waiver signed and turned in by May 1st. Judd & Jerilyn Nelson will be available to answer any questions you may have on showing your sheep and goats so be sure to stick around.

Spring Livestock Shows

Be sure to save the date for the Jackson County Spring Livestock Show to be held Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th. Saturday will be for beef, sheep and goats and Sunday will be swine. This is a great opportunity to get the animals out to a show before the fair.

Citizenship Opportunity for 4-Her's who Sew

The ladies who run the Quilts in the Courtyard here in Holton are in need of our help. With every quilt they make and donate to a veteran they are asking for a pillow case. Here is where the 4-Hers come in. 4-Hers would make the pillowcases, have them judged at the 2017 Jackson County Fair and then donate them to the Quilt group to give away the following year with the quilts. They give away 50 quilts to veterans. This is a great Leadership/Citizenship activity for you 4-Hers and a great way to give back to our community. If you would like to help them out and make pillow cases please let Cara know.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

County Club Day

Thank you to all of our volunteers, host clubs, judging coordinators, and 4-H families who made our County Club Day at Perry run smoothly. We appreciate the teamwork!

Many thanks to all of our members who participated in presentations-judges were impressed by the talents and knowledge of our 4-H members! We also appreciate all who completed judging in Family and Consumer Science, Livestock and Crops ID. Great job!

Regional Club Day-Saturday, March 18th- Atchison Elementary School

All eligible entries from County Club Day should have received a letter by now, with response requested. Contact the office with any questions.

Poultry Show-Saturday, March 4-Check-in 7:30 am-Show 9:00 a.m. at Valley Falls Fairgrounds

If you are enrolled in the Poultry project, you will learn a lot by volunteering to help with this popular show! Help needed to set-up at 6 pm on Friday, March 3rd. Call Kaitlyn Bower at 785-231-0413. There are not a large amount of local shows available for 4-H poultry members to exhibit and learn in-please take advantage!

4-H Council Meeting - March 27

Be sure to watch your email for agenda items and more information.

Jefferson County 4-H Scholarships-Application due in office on Friday, March 17, by 4:30 pm.

Carnival-Saturday, April 1-Game choices due in office March 1 & prizes March 15th.

Spring Beef Show-Saturday, April 8th

Check-in 7:00 a.m./Show Time 10:00 am. Registration forms must be postmarked by Friday, March 24, 2017. Help is always needed. Contact Caryn and Eric Vaught at 913-796-1714 or 785-423-1506 or email vaught_eric@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer. Registration form can be found on the Meadowlark website under Events.

Archery Project Members

As the weather gets better, look for details on your email concerning upcoming practices. If you have questions, you can reach the leaders at jeffcoarchery@yahoo.com.

Jefferson Livestock Weigh-In Information

1. Weigh-in/ID sheets for all species will be available at weigh-in.
2. Each animal species has mandatory per animal fees which may include ear tag, scale fee, and optional per animal fees of implanting and deworming (beef). Please have cash, or checks payable to Jefferson County 4-H Council, with you at weigh-in. Ear tags will be \$3.50/tag for beef, and \$3.00/tag for other species.
3. Work with animals so they can be led into scales at weigh-in. Members of weigh-in committees reserve the right to refuse animals on the basis of animal temperament.

Beef Market Steer

- Saturday, March 4-10:00-12:00-Valley Falls 4-H Fairgrounds. Listen to local stations if cancellation due to weather or check JF website. Please enter upper south driveway to avoid congestion.
- Market beef steers, market heifers, and dairy beef steers not weighed at this, or another District Beef Weigh-In, are not eligible to show at the Fair.
- Committee members are: *Frank Boyce, *Ross & Susan Brinker, Jaci Brinker, Eric & Caryn Vaught Family, Gene & Ella Barrett, Aaron, McKayla & Taygen Boyce, and Kelly & Kim Kirkham.

Sheep, Goat, Swine, Bucket Calf

- Wednesday, April 26, 6:00-8:00 pm, 4-H Fairgrounds, Valley Falls.
- Bucket Calf and Swine-Tags will be available for purchase on April 26th (you do not need to bring your animals to weigh-in), or after April 1st at the office. Tags need to be in bucket calves by June 1st, and swine by May 1st. Swine picture 3x6 or 4x6 print for ID form if possible.
- Meat Goat Committee members are: *Becky Weishaar, *Andy Conser, Shanie & Kassie Adams, Lauren & Charles Terry, Melissa Jolley, Cody, Samantha and Colby Clark, Elle & Emma Jolley, Grace & Lauren Conser, Jackson Reich, Megan & Wendi Miller
- Sheep Committee: *Becky Weishaar, *Andy Conser, Tammy Scott, Caryn, Eric, Annabelle, & Madison Vaught, Jerod, Rod & Kim Shufflebarger, and Emma Evans

NEMAHA COUNTY NEWS

Club Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Club Days run smoothly. We had a nice turn out and very talented presenters. Those who received a Top Blue will have the opportunity to present at Regional Club Days in Atchison, March 18th. Just a reminder all club day results are posted on our website under the Nemaha County tab.

4-H Council Food Stand Committee Meeting

There will be a planning meeting Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Community Building meeting room. Anyone that would like to be on this committee is welcome to come. Every club is asked to have at least 2 representatives from their club on this committee. This does not include those that are on 4-H Council. Please make sure the Deb knows who will be on the committee from your club.

Fair Events Committee Meeting

Reminder, there will be a fair events committee meeting Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Extension office. If you would like to help with the fair events or would have ideas for Barnyard Olympics, please plan to attend this meeting.

Nemaha County Fair dates July 28-31

- Deadline for the fair book changes is April 1st.
- If you have a particular volunteer interest, please let Deb know what area you would like to be a superintendent of. It takes everyone to make a successful fair.
- Does your school or church group want to have a fundraiser? Why not do something at the fair. This could be a dunk tank, church games or even snow cones. The Fairboard is looking groups to have these activities.

Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In

The livestock tagging and weigh-in dates have been set. If you are enrolled in market beef, swine, sheep, or meat goats this involves you. To participate in the market animal classes at the Nemaha County Fair you must take part in these events. It is not required for the 4-H exhibitor to be present at the weigh-in and someone else can bring your animals.

If you are unable to attend the weigh-in in Seneca please let the office know. Since we are a district you are able to get your animals weighed at other sites in the district.

- Beef Weigh-In - **March 3rd** 4-5pm @ Seneca Veterinary Clinic
- Sheep/Goat Weigh-In - **April 29th** 8-9am @ Fairgrounds North Barn
- Swine ID due - **May 1st** paperwork and pictures due in office

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.

The cost of ear tags will be \$3.50 each. Please be prepared to pay at weigh-in. Bucket calves and breeding heifers do not need to be tagged and weighed.

The schedule is as follows:

- **4:00pm** - Achievers, Centralia Aces & HHHH
- **4:30pm** - Pony Express, Kelly Twilighters & Red Rustlers
- **5:00pm** - Busy Jayhawkers, Stateliners & Woodlawn Meadowlarks



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