



Meadowlark District 4-H News

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Upcoming Events

November 2016

- Nov 1:** 4-H enrollment deadline
- Nov 1:** Financial Reviews due!
- Nov 4:** 4-H Achievement, NM
- Nov 5:** 4-H Achievement, JF
- Nov 6:** 4-H Achievement, JA
- Nov 7:** New Family Orientation
Leader Forum- Seneca
- Nov 7:** Project Fair Reg due!
- Nov 8:** New Family Orientation
NE KS Heritage Bldg.
- Nov 10:** Leader Forum- Holton
- Nov 10:** 4H Council Meeting-
Holton
- Nov 11:** Veterans Day,
Offices Closed
- Nov 14:** NM Fairboard Meeting
- Nov 15:** 4-H Project Fair,
Valley Falls
- Nov 18-20:** KYLF
- Nov 19:** Bullmasters Basic class
NE KS Heritage Bldg.
- Nov 24-25:** Thanksgiving-
Offices Closed
- Nov 25:** Youth in Action
Applications Due
- Nov 28:** 4H Council Meeting
Jefferson

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Last 4-H Newsletter

Can it be? Is it true??? Some of you may have read the heading and are cheering, others questioning and still others who will not read this at all! YES, this will be your last 4-H newsletter **IF** you have **NOT** completed enrollment/re-enrollment for the year. Each month we review addresses in the 4HOnline database and reconcile our newsletter mailing list at K-State. If you don't have an address in a 4HOnline account, you will be dropped from this list. Once information shows up in 4HOnline, you will begin receiving correspondence again. It is your responsibility as a member/family to maintain current contact & mailing information in your Kansas 4HOnline account. If you have any questions about 4HOnline, please visit: <http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>

4-H Enrollment Update

By the time you receive this newsletter, the **November 1st deadline for returning member re-enrollment** in Kansas 4HOnline is very near or just past. This has been covered in past newsletters, emailed to your email account in 4HOnline and should have been discussed at Club meetings recently! We hope **EVERY** returning 4-H member has been able to complete re-enrollment by this deadline! If you did not, you will be receiving a letter explaining what future consequences will be. 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 Club Day*)

Your 4-H enrollment is an important link to participation in the 4-H program. We will use information in your 4HOnline account to create mailing list (including monthly 4-H Newsletter) emails, project list, reports, etc... It is extremely important that you manage your Online account, keeping current information (email you check! address changes, phone number changes, etc...). In terms of email, you may want to check your Junk, Spam, Trash, Clutter or other such folders and make sure that emails from: 4HOnline <no-reply@4honline.com> or similar @4honline.com emails are filtered to your inbox. This is our main form of communication with our 4-H members, families, volunteers and others.

REMEMBER that a completed district 4-H record sheet is expected for every project on your enrollment at the end of the 4-H year when you turn in 4-H Record books. Our current record sheets are under revision, but look for streamlined versions coming out soon. **Enrollment in 4-H is more than just what you plan to take to the fair, 4-H is a year-long experience and you may not even take anything to the fair!!!**



4-H NEWS TO NOTE

New Volunteers & Volunteer Renewal

Hopefully all returning 4-H volunteers have submitted a Volunteer Service Renewal form or will be doing so soon. Submission of this form, along with creation of a 4HOnline account and background check every three years, is all that is needed to maintain your status as a registered volunteer.

New volunteers are encouraged to begin the process of becoming a screened volunteer soon. A "4-H Volunteer Screening Process Flowchart" details who needs to complete Volunteer Screening, shows the process and provides links. Check it out at: www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html

ALL 4-H volunteers are encouraged to set-up or re-enroll in a Kansas 4HOnline account, whether your role is Direct, Indirect or Episodic. Details on how to do this can be found at: www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html Please ask questions you may have!

4-H Personal Achievement Goals

Start the New Year off with individual goals for things to accomplish this coming year. 4-H members should take a look at the next Member Achievement Plan you are eligible and establish your personal goals at this time is well. Goals serve as a guide to keep you on course when times get tough, and prevent you from becoming distracted by unimportant matters.

Goals also provide benefits in areas like planning, motivation and the attainment of rapid results. 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. So, let's all set goals!

484H Wrap-Up

Thanks to all the 4-H Members who took part in 48 Hours of 4-H this year! Please report your 484H activities by filling out the online report. Even if you did not pre-register, please report what you did as we want to be able to quantify impact!

2017 Youth in Action Awards

National 4-H Council's Youth in Action Awards recognize outstanding 4-H members who epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. This prestigious award will honor four confident, accomplished 4-H'ers who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced.

Each winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, be featured as the 4-H Youth Spokesperson, and receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards.

The call for application submissions is open now through November 25th, 5 p.m. EST at www.4-h.org/youthinaction where you can find full guidelines and learn more about Youth in Action. For questions e-mail YouthinAction@4-H.org.

4-H Cloverbud Refresher

The Cloverbud program was designed for 5 and 6 year-olds. Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused. Furthermore, 4-H Cloverbuds members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbuds members many showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds may not have 4-H livestock projects that require long-term, ongoing care or weigh-ins, nor can the member participate as a competitive 4-H exhibitor within livestock divisions. **REMINDER** for a club to offer Cloverbuds you must have a trained leader; contact the extension office for details.

Kansas 4-H Space-Tech Changes

The Kansas 4-H Space-Tech Action Team and Kansas 4-H Youth Development are pleased to add a new area for 2016-17, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), that will be added to 4HOnline as a new state project area under Space-Tech. For the 2016-17 4-H program year, Kansas 4-H will suspend the GPS/GIS project area.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards. ~ *Paul Bryant*

LOCAL 4-H EVENTS

4-H Achievement Events

Don't forget Achievement Events are just around the corner! Please make sure you read the local pages of the newsletter to receive all the details so you don't miss out!

Jackson Achievement: November 6th
NEKS Heritage Building, Holton

Jefferson Achievement: November 5th
St. Aloysius Church, Meriden

Nemaha Achievement: November 4th
Community Building, Seneca

Club Leader Forums

Club leaders please plan to attend Leader forums this month. Visit local pages for details.

November 7th - Seneca

November 10th – Holton

New 4-H Family Orientation

Giving new families support and direction in their first year is extremely important! In an effort to get families started on the right foot, New Family Orientations are planned for the month of November. Please visit the local pages of this newsletter for more details.

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!

November 7th: Community Building
Seneca – 7:00 pm

November 8th: NEKS Heritage Building
Holton – 7:00

AREA & STATE 4-H EVENTS

4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training

The 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 learn about the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience.

This is also a good opportunity for local 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. Details will be available in early December, so please hold the dates for now and be looking for more to come!

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day Date

The 2017 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held on Saturday, March 11th, 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 swine production and youth swine projects. Please visit the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under Kansas Junior Producer Days.

Saddle Club Afterschool at Rock Springs

Join Rock Springs Equine Director, Beth Retzlaff for TWO four-week session after school programs. These sessions will teach youth basic horsemanship skills, western riding and groundwork, along with equine health and overall knowledge.

Ages 8-14 are invited to join. Session 2 begins November 8th and runs Tuesdays through Nov. 29th. Class will be from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Cost for each session is \$175.00.

To register visit:

app.campdoc.com/register/Rocksprings

2017 Horse Panorama

The 2017 4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for January 27-29 at Rock Springs. Registration and contest rules for Horse Panorama will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site soon on the Horse Events page.

2017 NE District Horse Show Date

Hold July 6th, 2017 if interested in participating in the District horse show and the possibility of qualifying for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse show.

On Target with Bullmasters 4-H Shooting Sports

It's been a while since the Bullmasters have had anything in the newsletter, so hopefully we can share all the information from the past year and not bore anyone!! We will start with congratulations that are way overdue and well deserved- Congratulations to the Bullmasters' air rifle team for placing 3rd at the State Spring Match that was held in April at Wabaunsee High School, the team consisted of Anika Beauchamp, Samantha Beauchamp, Janelle Marney and Katelyn Meggison. The Bullmasters' BB-Gun team qualified for the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match by placing 2nd at the KSRA match that was hosted by the Bullmasters in March. With hard work and determination the BB team placed 8th at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match that was held in Rogers, Arkansas over July 4th weekend. This was the first time that a Bullmasters' team has placed in the top 10 in the 6 trips they have made to Daisy Nationals. This team consisted of Anika Beauchamp, Jarred Bohnenkemper, Sidney Bohnenkemper, Trevor Bowser, Colby Doyle, Jessica Marney and Jodi White.

This fall the Bullmasters represented Meadowlark District well at the State Shotgun Match and Small Bore Rifle Match. These matches were held on September 24-25 and October 1 respectively. Trey Manuel brought home a 5th place finish overall in the Jr. division of shotgun, in order to compete for the grand aggregate awards the shooters had to compete in trap, skeet and sporting clays; which is different than it has been in the past because of the addition of sporting clays. The members that competed at the state shotgun match were: Dalton Chartier, Lance Coe, Joel Kennedy, John Kennedy, Tayla Manuel, Trey Manuel and Katelyn Meggison. Katelyn Meggison was the only shooter that competed at the State Small Bore Rifle Match.

So what's happening next with Bullmasters? The basic class is for all new shooters that would like to participate in any discipline. This class is offered once a year and this year's class will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex from 9:00 – 5:00. Each participant will need to have a lunch or a plan for lunch. There is usually 30-45 minutes allowed for a lunch break. This class is for all shooters in Jackson and Nemaha counties. Practices for BB-Gun, air pistol and air rifle will begin the next day, November 20 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. BB-Gun practice will be from 1:45-4:00 (to allow for range set up), air pistol practice will be from 4:00-5:00 and air rifle practice will end the day from 5:00-7:00 (or until the range is put cleaned up).

If you are wondering if you registered your youth for the correct discipline here are some age guidelines we follow: BB-Gun is available for 4-Hers age 8-14, air pistol, air rifle and shotgun is available for 4-Hers age 12-18*, small bore rifle and small bore pistol (.22) is for 4-Hers age 13-18* and archery and hunting skills is for 4-Hers age 8-18. *To be able to participate in these disciplines the shooters must attend & pass the basic class and show the instructors that they are capable of handling the other firearm disciplines and have approval from those instructors.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Cara at the Holton Office at 785-364-4125 or Ralph Cronkhite at 785-851-0685 or Lisa Cronkhite at 785-851-0498 or email bullmastersshootingsports@yahoo.com

4-H Shooting Sports End-of-the-Year Report and Renewals

The annual 4-H Shooting Sports Year-end Report and Renewal Forms are available on the 4-H web site. One for 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator (Coordinator Renewal Form) and another for 4-H Instructors (Instructor Renewal Form) with detailed instructions found [here](#). Please read carefully and have each 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, 4-H Discipline Instructor and volunteer helper that has assisted 4-H Shooting Sports during 2015-2016 and who plans to serve in a volunteer role during the 2016-2017 year complete the forms. The forms have two purposes:

- 1) Provides Kansas 4-H with a summary of Coordinators, Instructors and helpers past year's involvement – hours, disciplines, training, etc. which are summarized and reported to the National 4-H Shooting Sports program.
- 2) Serves as a renewal for the 2016-2017 4-H Year's Shooting Sports volunteers with payment of \$5 for liability insurance, due November 1, 2016. On November 2, the fee per person increases to \$10.

JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

Welcome New Community Club Leaders

Hoyt Livewires – Meghan Cyphers
North Jackson Jets – Phyllis Slipke
Pleasant Valley Rustlers – Jennifer Larison
Soldier Boosters – Carmen Cattrell

Record Book Review Volunteers

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

2016 4-H Achievement Program

November 6, 2016 2 p.m. Northeast
Kansas Heritage Building

Please be sure to attend the 2016 4-H Achievement Program.

This is where the 4-Hers who worked hard on their 4-H record books/KAPS will receive their awards and Membership pins. Everyone is welcome to attend. The following is the list of duties for each club:

Set up & take down tables/chairs – Soldier Boosters

Set up & take down state – Straight Arrows

Decorations – Lucky Stars

Sweep Floors – Delia Early Birds

Take out Trash – Denison Builders

New Family Orientation

There will be a New Family Orientation on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. This will be for all new 4-H Families or those 2nd year families that feel they need a brush up on 4-H. Hope to see all the New Families on the 8th.

Leader Forum

The fall Leader Forum will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 6 pm at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. All leaders are encouraged to attend (especially new leaders). We will be covering the 4-H online enrollment, record books and lots of other good stuff. Please RSVP to Cara by November 9th.



November 4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 7 pm. All club Council Reps 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 reps. 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. Watch your email for upcoming date and time.

Project Training

We will be holding a project training in December. Be watching for e-mails for more information.

Welcome 2016-2017 Ambassadors

We would like to welcome the 2016-2017 Jackson County 4-H Ambassadors. Be watching for them to be out and about promoting 4-H throughout the 4-H year.

Judd & Jerilyn Nelson – Pleasant Valley Rustlers,

Mary Broxterman, Emily Albright & Alyssa

Gooderl – Hoyt Livewires,

Bridget Kucan – Lucky Stars

Evan Fox – Straight Arrows

John Kennedy – Soldier Boosters

Jackson County Fair Dates

July 31st – Aug 3rd 2017



Fair Changes

Be watching for e-mails and the next 4-H newsletter for fair updates. There will be some changes coming!

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

November 1st Deadlines

Enrollment Online for returning members, Annual Club Financial Reports, VIP Renewals, and Prize Description for 4-H Carnival Tickets are due in the office. See the Meadowlark website for forms.

National 4-H Week

Thanks to each club who stepped up and promoted the 4-H program in October to area schools and communities. Good job!

Project Fair

Register by Monday, November 7th for the upcoming Project Fair. It will be held on Tuesday, November 15, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Valley Falls Fair Building. See the October newsletter for registration form and session descriptions. Please register even if there is no payment due. Don't miss out on the great classes being offered!

4-H Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet will be at 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 5th, at the St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Meriden. The awards ceremony will follow the meal. Reservations were due October 28th, with forms being in the October newsletter.

4-H Council

The next Council meeting will be November 28th at 7:30 pm-Fair Building in Valley Falls. Possible agenda items include: Model Meeting Problems, Carnival Committee Appointments, Club Day Committees, Achievement Banquet Review and Fair Schedule.

Congratulations 2016-17 4-H Council Officers

President: Lewis Bolinger

Vice-President: Lauren Terry

Secretary: Emma Jolley

Treasurer: Garrett Casto

Reporter: Taelur Barnes



Ambassadors

Ambassadors have been chosen for 2016-2017! They are Lewis Bolinger, Calvin Haverkamp, Madison Hite, Emma Jolley, Allison Nelson, Annabelle Vaught, and Madison Vaught. Congrats to all!

T-Shirts

Each club is to submit at least one quality design to the extension office by November 15th. The design and bid selection will be decided on at the November Council meeting. The council decided at the September meeting that they would like clubs to submit designs based on the 2017 theme "4-H-The Best Game in Town and Country". A \$25 award will go to the member or club submitting the winning design.

County Club Day

Jefferson County Club Day will be Saturday, February 4, 2017, with a snow date of February 18th. It will be held at the Perry-Lecompton Middle and High Schools.

The Billtown and Grantville 4-H Clubs will be responsible for hosting. Start thinking about what presentations you could do now! Regional Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Atchison.

Carnival

The annual 4-H Carnival has been set for the evening of Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the Oskaloosa Schools. Snow Date is April 29th. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.



Shooting Sports

If you are enrolled in Shooting Sports, please see the Meadowlark District/Jefferson County web page for information regarding age guidelines, Basic Safety Course (required before shooting in all disciplines except Archery) and other information.

NEMAHA COUNTY NEWS

New Family /Leader Forum

New 4-H families are invited to attend an orientation session November 7th beginning at 6:30 pm at the Community Building meeting room. There will be a Leaders Forum immediately following. Hope to see all our new families at 6:30!



Clover bud Leaders Training

Does your club have Clover bud members? All clubs with Clover buds need have a trained leader. We will be offering training for anyone interested in being a Clover bud leader on November, 15th at 6:30 pm, in the meeting room at the Community Building, in Seneca.

4-H Activity Calendar

Want a great tool for keeping track of all 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 www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/nemaha.html

4-H Council

Congratulations to the 2016-17 4-H Council officers.

President: Eric Renyer, Stateliners

Vice President: Marissa Randel, Pony Express

Secretary: Anna Knapp, Stateliners

Treasurer: Payton Strahm, Busy Jayhawkers

Reporter: Mika Schmelzle, Woodlawn

Attention Council Members

The next 4-H Council meeting will be January 30th.

Record Book Reviews

A huge "THANK YOU" to those who took time out of their busy schedule to judge Marshall County KAP this year. Every club was represented with 17 adults and 5 youth who helped with this process. What great volunteers we have!

November Fairboard Meeting

The Nemaha County Fairboard will be having their annual meeting November 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the meeting room in the Community Building. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Achievement Night

Congratulations to all individuals receiving awards at Achievement Night and thank you to the clubs that helped make the night a success, especially the Busy Jayhawkers, Red Rustlers, Woodlawn Meadowlarks and Farm Credit. If your award had a donor, please remember to send them a thank you. The donor name and address should be with your award.

Office Closed

The Seneca Extension Office will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

Project Training in December

We will be having a project training in late December. At this time, we do not have plans finalized. We will be sending an email at a later date with all details.

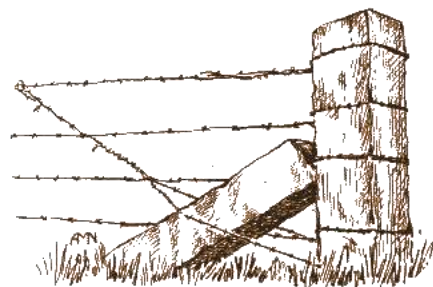
Livestock ID/Weigh-In Dates

Beef weigh-in will be held March 3rd at the Seneca Vet Clinic. Sheep and meat goat weigh-in will be held April 29th at the fairgrounds. Swine ID papers will be due in the office May 1st. If you do not meet these deadlines you will not be able to show a market animal at the fair.

County 4-H Day

The Nemaha County 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, February 18th at the Sts. Peter & Paul School. Be thinking about what events you want to sign up for. Events include show & tell, project talks, demonstrations, music, skits, and dance. The Club Day Guide can be found on the district website under resources for detailed information on all events.

The "**Kansas Pride Theme**" for the 2017 Fair is "Fences in Kansas".





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