



# Meadowlark District 4-H News

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## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER 2016

- Sept 5:** Offices Closed – Happy Labor Day!
- Sept 6:** Entries due for Geology Fair
- Sept 8:** KSF entries due in office BY NOON!
- Sept 8:** JA 4-H Council mtg
- Sept 9-18:** Kansas State Fair
- Sept 17:** Quilting Class starts
- Sept 18:** Space Exploration Registration due
- Sept 20:** KSF entries may be picked up in office
- Sept 26:** JF 4-H Council
- Sept 30:** Record books, KAP Pin apps, Club Seal Reports, etc...due
- Oct 1:** 4-H Ambassador applications due  
Discovery Days Taskforce applications due  
State 4-H Youth Council applications due  
National 4-H Conference applications due  
4-H Dog Conference registration due
- Oct 2-8:** National 4-H Week

## County Fair Thanks

On behalf of all the staff members of the Meadowlark Extension District, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers, parents and active 4-H members who worked very hard together, in the true spirit of 4-H, to make the 2016 fair season a huge success! Regardless of purple, blue, red, white or participation ribbon, you are all winners when you work together and share in each other's accomplishments. 4-Hers, please make sure to thank all those who supported you during the fair and 4-H year! Without everyone's hard work, cooperative participation and involvement, these types of large public events would not be possible.

Ross Mosteller



## 4-H Enrollment

On October 1st, 4HOnline will “rollover” to the new 4-H Program year and our state 4-H enrollment system “Kansas 4HOnline” will become open for returning 4-H members and volunteers to re-enroll and open for new 4-Hers as well. Informational brochures for both new enrollments and reenrollments can be found on the “Enrollment” page of the Meadowlark District website, <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html> Please note that members cannot enroll/reenroll for the new 2016-2017 4-H Program Year until October 1st. In the meantime, to assist local Extension staff in gathering information, 4-H interest/contact cards have been developed. This half-page paper form asks for basic contact information and will be filled out and turned into your club leader. **NEW FOR THE COMING 4-H YEAR!!!! ALL RETURNING 4-H members need to complete the re-enrollment process by NOVEMBER 1st** or there will be restrictions placed on your 4-H membership!!! The full policy document may be viewed under “District Policy Resources” on the Resources & Links page of our 4-H website. This will be shared with all 4-H members, leaders and families in the coming months. Do NOT delay re-enrolling in 4-H!

## 4-H NEWS TO NOTE

### **Important Due Date - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

The end of the current 4-H year is September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a good time of year to reflect on the 4-H year; did you meet your goals, what have you learned, what would you like to do differently next year, have you grown as a young person through 4-H work? The 4-H record book, especially Permanent Record and 4-H Story, is a perfect place to journal this reflection.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the date that completed 4-H Record Books, Kansas Award Portfolios, (KAP), Achievement Pin applications, Club Seal Summary reports, Club Goal Summary reports, and other important local forms, are all due to the Extension office. All of these forms can be found on the Meadowlark 4-H website at: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> ONLY the Meadowlark District 4-H record sheets should be used for record books and they may be obtained at: [http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project\\_records.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html) Many of the forms/record sheets are form-fillable, some are not. Please contact Ross in the Seneca office if you are having technical issues. Remember completion of a 4-H Record Book is part of the annual requirement of 4-H membership. During October, Record Books and KAP's will be evaluated to determine local Project Champions.

### **Record Books an Ending to a 4-H Year**

Every 4-H member loves completing a 4-H record book, right? Hopefully everyone has been working on 4-H records throughout the year, but if you haven't and need some information on your 4-H enrollment, there are member reports – namely the Member Enrollment History report – can be found in the Family Member List in your family's 4HOnline account. EVERY 4-H member should complete a summary of 4-H work (record book) every year.

4-H members 13 and younger complete Meadowlark District approved Record Sheets for project recognition and Seniors 14 and up utilize the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) for project recognition. If Senior aged members do not wish to compete for project awards, approved District record sheets will suffice for completion of a 4-H year. More information, forms and record sheets can be found on the Meadowlark District Website. Please consult with your local Club Leader as your club most likely asks for this information to be turned in at the club level much earlier than September 30!

### **2016 Volunteer U**

Volunteer U is multi-state educational conference for 4-H volunteers, parents and Extension agents wanting to learn fun, creative and innovative techniques for fostering positive youth development. The conference is planned for November 11-13, 2016, at C.A. Vines, Arkansas 4-H Center and Kansas 4-H volunteers, parents and agents are invited to attend. **Register at:** <https://www.regonline.com/2016volunteerumultistate4hconference>

**Registration Deadline** is October 21. The Conference starts at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 11th and runs through Sunday, November 13th at 1:00 pm. Sessions will include 4-H Club Management and Volunteer Best Practices, Positive Youth Development, 4-H Science (STEM) programs, Healthy Living programs, Citizenship/Leadership programs, fun shops, and more!

### **It's Hip to be Square**

4-Hers interested in quilting are invited to participate in a 10 week beginner quilting class beginning September 17 and ending November 19. These classes will be held at the Market Greenhouse in Seneca from 1 to 3 pm. Classes will cover: design, figuring yardage, cutting fabric, piecing, sashing, borders, and bindings. Registration will be \$100 and is limited to 8 people. Please contact Lisa at 785-294-1818 by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### *QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:*

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## AREA & STATE 4-H EVENTS

### **Kansas State Fair**

One of the largest events in Kansas will be happening September 9-18 in Hutchinson - the Kansas State Fair. This is the capstone event for many 4-Hers in project work, but the Fair offers something for everyone. Please visit the State Fair website for more information: <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/>

All 4-H entries need to be brought to the local Extension Offices by Noon on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Entries will be available for pick up beginning, Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office. Please visit the local pages of this newsletter for specifics. 4-H results and information can be found on the Kansas 4-H website at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html> Results will be posted as soon as possible after judging is complete. Good luck 4-Hers!!!

### **48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge**

It's time to make plans, order t-shirts for your club and register your projects online. Go to [www.Kansas4H.org/484H](http://www.Kansas4H.org/484H) We hope every 4-H Club in the District will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information on the state 4-H website and start planning your projects. If your group wants t-shirts they must be ordered online by September 19.

**When:** October 8-9, 2016

**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

### **Geology Fair – At the Topeka Gem & Mineral Show**

Members of the Topeka Gem & Mineral Society invites all 4-H youth who are working on their Geology Project cases to enter their displays in a Geology Fair at the 60<sup>th</sup> Topeka Gem & Mineral Show on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If you have a member interested in geology, but your group does not focus in that area, the club has a Junior Rockhound group that meets monthly to work on projects – visit the website [www.topekagms.org](http://www.topekagms.org) for more information.

The Show will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Kansas Expocentre, 17<sup>th</sup> & Topeka Blvd, Topeka, Kansas. Judging of these displays will be done in accordance with the 4-H rules used at 4-H Fairs. Ribbons will be awarded and a trophy given to the highest scoring case in each Class. Children under 13 years of age will be admitted free when with an adult. Display cases may be set up after 4:00 p.m. Fri, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> or before 10:00 a.m. Sat, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Organizers would appreciate hearing from each Leader or interested 4-H members before September 6, 2016. Please send the names of the boys and girls entering their displays; the name of the 4-H Club and County/District; and the number of specimens being entered. Please send this information to the 4H Exhibits Chairperson, Cinda Kunkler, 210 NE 35<sup>th</sup> ST, Topeka, KS 66617-1440, or you may call: 785-286-1790. If you wish to use e-mail, you may send the information to: [cindakunkler@att.net](mailto:cindakunkler@att.net).

### **4-H Space Exploration and the Mars Habitat Experience Registration Open**

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This inaugural program will feature “Space Exploration and the Mars Habitat.” The experience begins Friday, September 30, at 6 p.m., and will end on Saturday, October 1, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$100 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$100 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items).

The CVent registration system will be used, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Registration will close Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a minimum number required or the Mars Habitat experience will be cancelled. For full details visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/spacetech/>

## **2016 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl News**

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "May the 4-H Dog Be with You." Registration will be through the Cvent 4-H system with registration closing October 1st. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee once participants have registered on Cvent. To register visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Cost is \$105.00 for full-time participants, \$65.00 for Saturday only and \$45.00 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost. Full registration information will be posted on the Kansas 4-H Dog web site page by August 25th: Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>.

Keynote speaker will be "What Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show Judges Look for," by Rachel Wedel and Meadowlark Districts very own...Andy Conser. The conference will have a costume and dog talent contest, a dog job, dog skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, plus s'mores and much more. All youth must be chaperoned by parent or 4-H leader. County groups will be housed in the same cottage and all dogs must be on leash or kenneled in your room. Owners must pick up and bag after dogs. PLEASE NOTE: The 2017 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training is scheduled January 20-22 in Salina.

## **Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - KYLF and KVF**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum information are on the [4-H Online Cvent Registration System](#) and are ready 4-H members and volunteers to register. The Forums will be held November 18-20, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2016 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature training from the Kansas Leadership Center, workshops and information to help volunteer be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2016 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

### **Meadowlark District 4-H Ambassadors**

It is once again time to begin looking for the next group of District 4-H Ambassadors.

4-H promotion and outreach to 4-H and non-4-H groups is a primary purpose for the Ambassadors, but they also serve in many leadership roles within the 4-H program. 4-H Ambassadors are an active group of older 4-H members who are a very visible 4-H presence at many events and activities throughout the year. If this is something you or your 4-H member would like to try, please visit the Meadowlark District 4-H Forms website: [www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html) to find application information. Applications are due **OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>** with interviews and appointment to a term to follow.

### **National 4-H Conference Applications**

National 4-H Conference Applications are now up and ready! All applications are due to the State 4-H Office by October 1, which means that applications need to come into the local Extension office by SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> at the latest. Youth age 15-18 interested in state leadership are encouraged to apply!

### **Youth Council Applications**

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council (K4-HYLC) and Kansas 4-H'ers are looking for committed, enthusiastic members to serve on the 2017 Council. There will be 12 Council members (3 from each Extension area) elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 18-20, 2016, at Rock Springs 4-H Center to serve Kansas 4-H for the 2017 year. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2017 may apply. Applications will include putting information online, uploading references and sending in a signature page. Application Deadline is October 1, 2016.

### **Discovery Days Task Force**

Are you a 4-Her who loves to attend Discovery Days? Consider applying to be on the 2017 Discovery Days Task Force! This committee does all of the planning for this great event! If this sounds like something that interests you, job descriptions and applications can be found at [kansas4-H.org](http://kansas4-H.org), Events and Activities, Conferences and Events and then Discovery Days. Applications are due by October 1 to the State 4-H Office and youth must be 16 or older to apply.

## **4-H VOLUNTEERS**

### **Kansas Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition**

4-H is a community of young people across Kansas who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Volunteers are the heartbeat of the 4-H program serving as mentors, teachers and friends. The National Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exceptional service to 4-H. The Kansas Association 4-H Volunteers has adopted the Salute to Excellence award to recognize and promote Kansas 4-H volunteers who have excelled in their roles locally and continue with selecting Kansas' top volunteers for National competition.

The Kansas Association of Volunteers believes establishing the Salute to Excellence Award will provide two options for the Kansas 4-H Program: 1) recognition of 4-H Volunteers for their outstanding contributions to 4-H youth and 2) enhance the mission and awareness of the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers.

Each extension unit will select their representative and submit their nominees electronically to the Department of 4-H Youth Development by September 20, 2016. These individuals then will have an opportunity to be selected as the Kansas Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. The two Kansas honorees then become Kansas' nominees for the North Central and National award.

If you have a volunteer that you would like to nominate for either or both of these awards, please contact Ross by September 12<sup>th</sup>!!! Information and applications can be found at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/volunteer-salute-to-excellence.html>

### **4-H Volunteer Screening**

The current 4-H year is almost over, but it is never too late for interested volunteers to begin the process of becoming a registered 4-H Volunteer by starting the Kansas 4-H Volunteer screening process. August 1, 2014, Kansas 4-H implemented an updated volunteer screening policy for 4-H volunteers whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth or any adult or youth with authority to independently plan and conduct 4-H educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting. Thank you to everyone who helped us to update files and reflect with greater accuracy to the State, our volunteer workforce!

All volunteers (in positions requiring screening) must be screened under the new process. Here is a quick reminder of the process, more information found at: <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html>

- Complete Application
  - Face to Face Interview (NEW)
  - Orientation, (Face to Face or online course)
  - Reference check (provide three people who will respond quickly to a character reference)
  - National Background Check (NEW)
  - Data File Review (by Volunteer Screening Review Committee)
  - Approval and appointment by local Extension Unit Board
  - Finally you will need to maintain your volunteer status by completing an annual renewal form
- EACH year you volunteer and have a re-screening with a national background check every three years. Volunteers must also maintain an active 4HOnline account.



# JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

## 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting is Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair building. The Fair board is invited to join us to discuss fair issues. Please come prepared to talk about the fair. Please remember that the Fair board is in charge of facilities and the livestock sale. The council is responsible for 4-H policies and programming.

## Thank You

The Extension Office Staff would like to thank all the volunteers and Fair board members who helped at the Jackson County Fair. Without the help of our volunteers, our 4-H program wouldn't be as strong as it is!

Barb Mattox and Megan Montgomery would like to thank all the 4-H families that took time out of their busy fair to work the concession stands. Without everyone's support the concession stand would not be successful!

Thank you to *Rainbow Communications & Giant Communications* for their generous donations to the fair. *Jackson County Farm Bureau Association* provided a free meal for every 4-Her so a big thank you to them also.

## Premium & Livestock Checks

Leaders may pick up Premium & Livestock Checks from the Extension Office after August 31<sup>st</sup>. **No checks will be mailed out or given to anyone besides your leader.** Please make arrangements with your leader. An explanation of the checkoff & deductions will be included with the livestock checks. **4-Hers please remember to send your buyers a thank you.**

## Remember to send your Trophy Sponsors and Livestock Buyers Thank You Notes or Cards!

Without their support we wouldn't have the trophies and premiums that we do. Trophy sponsors labels can be found on the bottom of your trophies or you may call the office.

## Livestock Sale Results

Total Animals Sold	152
Total Base Amount	\$75,227.55
Total Premium	\$76,025.00
Gross Amount	\$152,952.55

## Special Thanks to Livestock Sale Crew!

A huge THANKS to Kay Andler, Annette Schreiber, Anna Pugh, Danielle Bailey, Carolyn King, Pat Doyle and Garrett Schreiber for clerking the Livestock Sale. Thanks to Mickie Schultz for designing the cover for the Sale bill.

The Livestock Haulers are a special set of volunteers that help out year after year, working the back and we wouldn't have had a sale without them. Also thanks to Dan Harris, Wayne Pagel, Cody Askren and Donny Robinson, the ring men and auctioneers for the evening. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Please be sure to send your thank-you's to the premium buyers, livestock buyers, livestock sale crew & clerks.

## Food Auction

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Food Auction was a great success at the 2016 Fair. The money raised will benefit the Jackson County 4-H Council to finance 4-H activities, trips and awards. This year we sold 78 items for a total of 1,927.50. Thank you for the volunteers who helped plan and run the auction and the buyers. Please be sure to send your buyer a Thank You. Also big thanks to Wayne Pagel for auctioneering.

**State Fair Entries due to the Holton Extension Office by Noon on Sept. 8th**

## Tips for Preparing Foods for the State Fair

- ✓ RECIPES ARE REQUIRED!
- ✓ *Decorated special event cakes will no longer be accepted for exhibit at State Fair.*
- ✓ The entire product must be entered and uncut. Exhibit 3 cookies, 3 muffins, etc.
- ✓ Place sticker label on the bottom of the plate or cardboard.
- ✓ Remove baked product from pan, otherwise exhibit in a disposable container (i.e.pie).
- ✓ Exhibits should be in food plastic bags or boxes.
- ✓ The exhibitor may attach a 3X5 card to give the judge any information you think would be helpful for the judge to know.

## In Appreciation

Thank-you notes are a polite way of expressing gratitude, but more importantly they are an effective means of building strong relationships and creating good will for you and your organization. It is surprising how many times those deserving of special thanks are forgotten. Unfortunately, individuals sometimes stop doing good deeds because they have never received a thank-you note for their generosity of time, money and support.

Writing a thank-you note is an expression of your personality, and each individual will express thoughts differently. While there is not a right or wrong way of writing a thank-you note, here are a few guidelines to follow:

- ★ Write the thank-you on nice paper.
- ★ Notes should be hand written & should be an automatic reaction to the things people do for you.
- ★ Always use the person's first name, never Dear Sir or Madam.
- ★ Explain what their help or sponsorship meant to you.
- ★ Make it personal, so they feel you are sincere about the thank-you.
- ★ You can deliver the card in person if it goes to a local person. Baked goods or craft items are a nice touch.



## Record Books & KAP's

The last phase of the 4-H year is the record book – KAP Process. This will be the fourth year for those 4-Hers that are 14 and older to fill out the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP). All 4-Hers that are 13 and younger will need to complete their record books, same as in the past.

All the record book forms, permanent record, personal page and KAP can be found on the Meadowlark District website [www.meadowlark.ksu.edu](http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu). Even if the 4-Her wants to get their achievement pin (membership, clover, etc.) a personal page, permanent record, and pin application must be turned in by the deadline so that pins can be ordered. It's time to record what happened during the year, what you've learned, what brought you success, and what you can improve upon. Community Leader's will receive information on nominating 4-Hers for county awards. Your record books and KAP's are **due to the Holton Extension Office by September 30<sup>th</sup>**. **No Exceptions!**

## Project Nomination Form

Members can get this form from their leader or at the Extension Office. All of the projects and awards are listed, so circle the ones you want to be considered for and turn in to your club leader with your record book or KAP.

## Key Award

This is a state-wide award, the standards are set by the State 4-H Department. Applicants must be 16 years old by January 1, 2016 and enrolled in leadership at least four years.

## 4H Council Scholarship Winners

Those that received the Jackson County 4-H Scholarships were: Samantha Beauchamp-OBB, Elizabeth Roach-HL, Erica Pruyser-HL. Each recipient received a \$100.00.

## Looking For Photos

We are looking for fair photos to put in the 2017 fair book. Please email photos to Cara Robinson at [carar@ksu.edu](mailto:carar@ksu.edu).

## 2017 Fair Dates July 24-28<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Upcoming Dates.....

Sept 8	KSF entries due to Office @ noon
Sept 8	4-H Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sept 9-18	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
Sept 15	Fairboard Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sept 30	Record Books, KAP, Club Seal due to office
Oct 1	Ambassador Applications due to office

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my community,  
my country,  
and my world...

# JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

## **State Fair Entries**

Entries may be brought to the Extension Office beginning Wednesday, September 7th. All entries are due in office no later than noon on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember to pack entries for travel. Please do not tape shut, as we need to make sure all entries have proper paperwork attached. Entries will be available for pick up in the office on Tuesday, September 20th, and must be picked up by Friday, September 23rd.

Good luck to all of our State Fair participants, judging teams, and volunteers. Thank you for participating and enjoy this great event!



## **Fair Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who had a part in another successful fair! The fairgrounds looked great due to the hard work of 4-H families, judging and events ran smoothly in spite of the heat, parade entries were fun to observe, and the 4-H Ambassadors did a great job with games and adding picture boards around the fairgrounds for fun photo opportunities.

We have many others who did a wonderful job to benefit others-Superintendents, Livestock Sale Committee, Haulers and Auctioneers, Trash Committee, Friends of 4-H Picnic Committee, and the Concession Stand Committee. We could not do it without all of our volunteers!

Be sure to write thank-you notes to award donors, your club leaders, and anyone else who helped you with your project work this year. They always appreciate hearing from you.

## **Fair Premium And Livestock Checks**

Premium checks should be out to clubs in September. Livestock premium checks will be mailed to members in September as well. As always, livestock checks include a small deduction to cover plaques for the buyers, accountant, and other costs associated with the livestock sale.

## **Fair Lost And Found**

We have a few items that were turned in at the fairgrounds. Please let us know if you are missing something.

## **Fair Ideas**

If you have ideas on how to improve/change our fair, let your club's council representative or Linda Gantz know. We will be discussing and evaluating the fair at the September 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **Record Books & KAPS**

The 4-H year ends soon, so you should be finishing your record books/KAPS. If you are completing member achievement pin applications, turn these in with your record books, placing them in the very front of your record book. Use the Meadowlark website for records/KAPS forms and achievement pin applications ([www.meadowlark.ksu.edu](http://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu) - select 4-H Youth Development, and then click on Project Records-available form fillable).

Check with your local club leaders for club deadline date to turn in for club review-don't wait and make them call you! Books/KAPS must be submitted to your club leader(s) for review before coming to the office. You are not eligible for county or area awards unless record book/KAPS are completed! 4-H members who complete books/KAPS get a free meal at the Achievement Banquet.

We will be judging another county's record books in early October. If you would like to be involved in this process, please let us know by September 30th. We always need more adult volunteers, even if you can't stay all day. It is a good way to learn what it takes to be "award worthy" and how to improve upon record keeping.

## **Premium Donors**

If you would like to contribute to our fair premium fund, please contact the office. This fund is distributed to all 4-Hers who had fair entries. Thank you to those of you who have donated in the past. More premium donors are always needed and appreciated.



## Project Leaders/Volunteers Wanted

If you, or someone you know, have a talent and/or interest in teaching and helping 4-H members learn more in their project areas, please notify Linda at [gantz@ksu.edu](mailto:gantz@ksu.edu) or 785-863-2212. We would love for you to pass along your knowledge as a project leader, or volunteer to help at project meetings or workshops. It is not a huge time commitment, and we can provide you with support materials and guidelines.

## Jefferson County 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm at the Fair Building on Monday, September 26th. Newly elected Council Representatives should plan to attend. Items of discussion will include: fair evaluations and theme, audit committee members and 4-H carnival. Please bring your calendars and ideas!

## Fair Royalty

Congratulations to our newly crowned 4-H Royalty! They are:

**Queen**-Karissa Schmalz of the Winchester 4-H Club,

**King**-Calvin Haverkamp of the Crackerjacks 4-H Club,

**Princess**-Mellany Roenne of the Clover Power 4-H Club, and

**Prince**-Karson Kahler of the Clover Power 4-H Club.

You will see these members helping with various events over the upcoming year. Other royalty participants were: Emily Hamm, Colby Hetherington, Daisy Renae, and Joey O'Trimble/Billtown, Mackenzie Green/Clover Power, Annabelle Vaught, Cheyenne Dlugopolski and Eric Peterson/Crackerjacks, Allison Nelson, Amanda Nelson and Garrett Casto/Fairview, Sara Leitner/Jolly Juniors, Makayla Edwards, Emily Johnson and Abraham Noll/Lucky 4, Sarah Wiseman/Mooney Creek, Brooklyn Correll and Bryce Dockweiler/Prosperity, Ashlyn Sapata/Valley Victors, and Bowie Weishaar/Winchester.

THANK YOU to each participant. It is an honor to represent your club as a royalty candidate.

## Livestock Auction

Thank you to all of our livestock and cookie jar buyers! We appreciate your generosity and support of our 4-H program. Auction summary information will be available at the September Council meeting.

## 2016-2017 Enrollment

Check out the District pages on enrollment information. 4HOnline enrollment begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. Returning members need to complete enrollment online during October.



## National 4-H Week

October 2-8. How will you and your club promote 4-H that week? Start planning now! July 4-H Council suggestions included the following: use flyers on how to join 4-H, wear county 4-H t-shirts, pass out information and do talks at schools, use the school's daily announcements to give a fun 4-H fact, and make posters.

The council committee also suggested that during "48 Hours of 4-H" on October 8-9, that it would be good to have a welcome pot-luck dinner and a coat drive/canned food/game night at the fairgrounds for everyone, or do it at a club level.

## Achievement Banquet

Mark your calendars now for 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 5th, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Meriden.



# NEMAHA COUNTY NEWS

## **Thank You**

The 2016 Nemaha County Fair was a great success because of all the help we had! A big thank you goes out to all who helped make the fair happen. The fair would not happen without the help of superintendents, the food stand Committee, fair board members, set-up and clean-up crews, and everyone else. If somebody made an impact on you at the fair make sure you let them know they made your fair amazing.

## **Fair Suggestions**

Is there something you would like to see happen differently at the 4-H fair next year? Did you think something went great and want to make sure it doesn't get changed next year? If so write a note to the Nemaha County Fair board and drop it in the mail. Correspondence should be addressed to the Nemaha County Fair board, 1500 Community Drive, Seneca, KS 66538. You can also talk with any fair board member, their names can be found in the front of the fair book.

## **Looking For 2015-2016 Pictures**

We are looking for any 4-H pictures to have in our slide show at the Achievement Banquet. Please submit photos to [dahenry@ksu.edu](mailto:dahenry@ksu.edu)

## **Thank You's To Sponsors**

Many businesses and individuals sponsor many awards and plaques for the fair each year. Please make sure that if you received an award of any type that you take the time and write the sponsor a thank you. It is not too late! Every 4-Her needs to send a thank you to Rainbow Communications as \$1.34 was added to every member's premium check due to their donation.



## **Fair Premium Checks**

Premium checks will be sent to the club treasurers in September. The club treasurer will then get each exhibitor their premium money. Livestock premium checks, decorated cakes, cookie jars and bread basket checks will be mailed to the families after all buyer checks have been received. **4-Hers please remember to send your buyers a thank you!**

## **Livestock Sale Results**

Total Animals Sold	61
Average Premium	\$615.57
Total Premium	\$35,475.00
Total Add On	\$2,075.00
Gross Amount	\$37,550.00

## **Livestock Judging**

Those from the county that participated in the State Livestock Judging contest were Marissa Randel, Pony Express and Nick Thompson, Centralia Aces



## **Lost And Found**

We have 2 sets of keys that were found during the fair. If these are possibly yours please call the Extension office to claim. There are also a few items that were left behind in the barns. These can be found in the north barn on the rabbit table.

## **State Fair Entries**

All exhibits going to the state fair need to be at the Extension Office before noon on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Results for the state fair can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/> Look on the "What's Hot" tab to the right and there will be a link.

You will be able to pick your state fair entries after the fair anytime on September 20<sup>th</sup> or thereafter.

#### **4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the meeting room in the Community Building. Please make sure you let your new 2016-2017 4-H Council members know about the meeting. Community Leaders are ask to attend as well. Remember your club needs to have a representative from your club at each meeting as part of the purple seal.

#### **4-H Record Books & KAP**

With the 4-H year ending it means you should be finishing up on your record books. Each club has set due dates and judging dates for your record book. Make sure you check with them if you have questions on due dates.

#### **Record Book Judging**

We will be judging Marshall County's record books/KAPS and will need volunteers to help judge. Each club is required to have one volunteer or enough volunteers to cover eight hours of judging. Busy Jayhawkers, Stateliners and Woodlawn Meadowlarks are required to have two volunteers or twelve hours of judging.

Club leaders need to provide the Extension Office with the names of their volunteers by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The more volunteers we have the quicker judging will go. Judging date will be October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to?? in the meeting room at the Community Building. If you are interested in judging contact the Extension Office. If you plan to attend later in the day, a phone call to the office to check on the status of workload may be a wise idea.

#### **Pin Applications**

Make sure you turn in your pin applications with your record books. They should be placed in the very front of your record book. Your 4-H club's Community Leader will review your pin applications to see if you met the requirements for receiving your pin.

Community Leaders if you are not sure if someone has attended an event please contact the office as we keep track of county, district and state events.

#### **Traveling Photos**

If there was a note taped to your photo at the fair to be part of the travel photos those pictures need to be in the Seneca Extension office by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be on display throughout the year and you will get them back next November. Those photos currently on display will be returned to exhibitors in November of this year. Thank you for allowing the showcase of your photography project.



#### **4-H Achievement Event**

We would like to invite you to the 2016 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on **Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca. We will be having finger foods/snacks/desserts and are asking that each family bring one of these dishes. The 4-H Council will take care of the table service and drinks. Busy Jayhawkers, Red Rustlers and Woodlawn Meadowlarks will be our host clubs for the evening. Host clubs are asked to help with set-up and clean-up.

The 4-H Achievement Event is a celebration of each 4-H'ers accomplishments during the past 4-H year. While some 4-H'ers will receive awards and others will not, each 4-H'er will have achieved at least one goal during the year so please come to celebrate.

So.....we hope all 4-H'ers and other family members will plan to come because this evening is for YOU!

#### **Officer and Leader Training**

We will be having training for all officers and community leaders on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at the North Ridge Church in Sabetha. Even if you are not an officer or junior officer you can still come and learn with all of us. Remember this is one of the requirements to help your club receive its Purple Seal. So mark your calendars and plan to attend.



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