4-H Campference

4-H Campference began in 2006 as a focused learning activity for youth ages 12-14. The Kansas National 4-H Conference Delegates dreamed up the possibility of campference as a part of their national leadership event, and it became a reality several years later through the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. With the change in the structure of Kansas 4-H Camping in 2022, we are excited that Rock Springs 4-H Center will be offering camp specifically for this age group and we encourage those who would have considered 4-H Campference to consider the possibilities at Rock Springs this summer. Dates and program information can be found at https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/.

4-H Camp Reminders

The March 4-H Newsletter addressed in detail the offerings for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Please remember that the 4-H camping model has shifted to a state run 4-H camp model, not the camp group model of the past 75 years. Expanded opportunities exist for ALL age groups 8-17 in a mix of traditional length to full week camps. Please visit the Rock Springs Ranch website, https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/, to learn more and sign up for 4-H camp. Those targeting the traditional “Pioneer Trails Camp Group” time should select Session #4 June 19-22. Camp registration should be completed May 15!

Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp

Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University's first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 20-23. This event is for youth, ages 13-18, with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization. Participants will get the chance to shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wood yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is free! Register for camp at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF9unsfHiJFxUv-maacC5xmoynP_p3WojR4-sLsm6GK6885VQ/viewform. For more information, email kyhc@ksu.edu.

Virtual Judging Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to the youth members who’ve participated in the practice online judging contest we have been offering this Program Year at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html Our goal is to offer a sample of every contest open at the state level to 4-H members. Thus far we’ve done: Family Consumer Science, Rabbit Breed ID, Crops, Photography, Meats, Dairy and currently have Livestock open. Give these a try! We are trying to post resources to help you through the process and are not worrying about scores, so you might just have fun and learn something new!

Premium Sale Requirements

Any 4-H member wishing to participate in premium auctions at county fair, need to annually complete the premium sale requirement form. This form was reviewed last year to put emphasis on virtual opportunities, serving as satisfactory replacement for n-person activities where applicable. The process encourages year-round 4-H engagement and involvement. FFA member (in counties where eligible for fairs) have a corresponding set of requirements. To review the form please visit: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html
State Nomination Deadline Reminders

The 2022 state livestock nomination season has arrived! Market beef nominations are due by **May 1, 2022**. Any market beef animal, regardless of breed or gender, must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). The deadline is a postmark and online submission deadline, but families need to plan ahead and get them submitted as soon as possible. Late nominations are not accepted. The deadline for all other livestock species (including commercial heifers) is **June 15**.

Youth Livestock has transitioned to an online nomination system, so families will need to order DNA envelopes in advance, as well as complete their YQCA certification and the Declaration Form before submitting their nominations. The nomination fee is now paid through purchasing DNA envelopes, which means no payment will be included when the completed and signed DNA envelopes are postmarked. Additionally, no paper forms will be mailed. Families will only send in their completed DNA samples and a copy of the receipt from their online nomination entry submissions.

Nomination information for all species may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/). This includes an overview of the new, four-step process, as well as a variety of resources. The process was highlighted in the April 4-H Newsletter as well. The online system is located here: [https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/](https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/). No paper forms or old DNA envelopes will be accepted. Families should use the checklist, make sure the DNA envelopes are signed by all exhibitors within the family, as well as a parent, and cross reference the information submitted online with the DNA envelopes.

An informational zoom session covering the new online system was offered for families. The recording may be found here: [https://youtu.be/ldKxncJNvP0](https://youtu.be/ldKxncJNvP0). All families are also encouraged to use the Rookie Guide this year. It is located here: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2022%20Rookie%20Guide_updated%204.5.22.pdf](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2022%20Rookie%20Guide_updated%204.5.22.pdf).

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**YQCA Requirements for Fairs**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in county fairs in Meadowlark District as well as the 2022 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. This includes youth who will be showing market animals, and/or breeding females in Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine. Additionally, MEAT Poultry & MEAT Rabbits need this certification. Horse, Dog & Bucket Calf exhibitors DO NOT need YQCA certification.

The YQCA program recently transitioned to a new platform, so families will need to create an account, using the new website: [https://yqcaprogram.org/](https://yqcaprogram.org/). The program is no longer connected to 4HOnline. Those experiencing technical difficulties should contact the help desk: [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org). Additionally, families need to double check each child is being registered correctly, using their age as of 1/1/2022. Occasionally, the system uses the parent's name as the default, so families need to make sure the correct child is selected before submitting their payment and completing the registration process.

The option is now available for 7-year-olds to register and obtain certification through the YQCA program. They must participate in an instructor-led class with a parent or guardian. Those who need a web-based option for a 7-year-old exhibitor should contact their local extension office. The YQCA requirement to include 7-year-old KJLS exhibitors went into effect in 2021. 7-year-olds have been exempted in Meadowlark District and will continue to be in 2022, but this may change in future years.

Online training is available now and the next round of in-person training will be held at the following dates, times and locations. Members need to register for the training PRIOR to attending. Cost for in-person training continues to be $3.

- **June 16**: 1:00 PM, Nemaha County Community Building, Seneca
- **June 16**: 6:30 PM, Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, Holton
- **June 27**: 3:00 PM City Hall, Oskaloosa

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**State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest**

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is planned for Saturday, **August 13, 2022** on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Registration information will be on the web by June 15! Agents you must login to find registration information. Registration is due Monday, **August 1**. The study material is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. There will also be some written study material which will be updated in May. Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

**Dog Conference and T-Shirt Contest**

Join us at Rock Springs on **October 22 and 23, 2022** for the Kansas 4-H Dog Conference. The Dog Conference is a great way for youth and adults to come together and participate in different project-based learning with their favorite dog friend. This year, the 2022 Conference theme is the Doggy Olympics. 4-Hers have the opportunity to send in t-shirt designs using the Doggy Olympics theme by **July 1, 2022**. The 4-Her who sends in the design that is selected to be turned into the conference-themed shirt gets free admission to the Conference. Send T-shirt design ideas to Aliah Mestrovich Seay at aliah@ksu.edu with the email subject title: 4-H DOG CONFERENCE T-SHIRT DESIGN.

**State 4-H Horse Judging**

The contest will be held in a slightly different format this year. Scheduled for **June 9** in Manhattan, it will be directly following the KSU Horse Judging Camp that will be held **June 7-8**. The Advanced session will be 7-8, with a beginner session on the 8. The camp is open to 4-H and non 4-H members. 4-Hers will then be able to use these skills and apply them on Thursday for the contest. Any non-4-Her’s, such as FFA groups, that attend the camp and would like to use this as a practice contest are welcome to do so but will not be eligible for awards. State Horse Judging Contest information, including registration and rules, is available at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html). Judging Camp information can be found at [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html) and their registration will be released soon. The Kansas 4-H State Horse Judging Contest registration will be available beginning Tuesday, **April 12** and close **May 13**.

**KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps**

Calling all Youth Horse Judgers! Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills? Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team. Practice to Purple! 2022 Camps - Beginners: **June 8** and Advanced: **June 7-8**. You can register at [https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND).

**Champions Livestock Judging Camp**

A three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. The camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Camp participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision-making process.

**2022 Camps**
Camp A - **June 6-8** (Monday-Wednesday)
Camp B - **June 13-15** (Monday-Wednesday)
Camp C - **June 16-18** (Thursday-Saturday)

Youth Registration Form is located at [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/22_Judging_registration.pdf](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/22_Judging_registration.pdf).
Price of gas: $1.59-$1.88/gallon
Price of milk: $2.76-$3.16/gallon
  Broke $3/gallon first time in 2004
  Commodity price $1.38/gallon
Price of ground beef: $2.45-$2.68/lb.
Price of corn: $2.33-$2.54/bushel
Price of wheat: $3.36-3.48/bushel
Price of soybeans: $6.33-$7.44/bushel
Average price of cinema movie ticket: $6.21

Top Two Girl’s Names: Emily and Emma
Top Two Boy’s Names: Jacob and Michael
Top Grossing Movies: Finding Nemo and The Curse of the Black Pearl
U.S. President: George W. Bush
U.S. Vice-President: Dick Chaney

Top Events:
- Saddam Hussein, former President of Iraq, is captured in Tikrit by the U.S. 4th Infantry Division.
- A major severe weather outbreak spawned more tornadoes than any week in U.S. history. 393 tornadoes were reported in 19 states.
- Do Not Call List starts providing consumers with an opportunity to limit telemarketing calls.
- Armed undercover "sky marshals" are used on Aircraft to prevent terrorist attacks following 9/11
- Toyota overtakes Chrysler to get the number three slot in US Car Sales
- 10's of thousands of Harley Owners gather in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to celebrate 100 years of Harley-Davidson Motor Cycles.
- The last old-style Volkswagen Beetle rolls off its production line in Puebla, Puebla, Mexico
- Voters recall Governor Gray Davis from office and elect Arnold Schwarzenegger to succeed him.
- US Interest Rates at 45-year record low of 1% and core inflation rate of 37-year record low 1.3%
- The 60th anniversary of D-Day is remembered by world leaders in 2004.
- Facebook is launched as a social networking site only open to students from Harvard in February by Mark Zuckerberg with his college roommates and fellow students Eduardo Saverin, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes.

Sports:
- Summer Olympics held in Athens, Greece with 10,625 athletes. U.S. places first in gold medals. These were the first Games in which record-breaking U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won his first (6) gold medals and set the record for most medals won at a single Games with 8 in total. First games to feature women’s wrestling and women’s sabre fencing.
- 2003-Super Bowl Winner Tampa Bay Buccaneers over Oakland Raiders 48-21
- 2004-Super Bowl Winner New England Patriots over Carolina Panthers 32-29
- NCAA Div.1 Basketball Tourney Men’s 2003 Champion Syracuse defeated KU 81-78. 2004 Connecticut Huskies defeated Georgia Tech 82-73
- 2003 World Series Florida Marlins over New York Yankees
- 2004 World Series Boston Red Sox over St. Louis Cardinals, breaking an eighty-six year championship drought
- Lance Armstrong wins his fifth Tour De France
- Bill Self’s first year as KU men’s basketball coach
- KU football beat K-State and University of Missouri in 2004
**Senior Spotlights**

**Jackson County**

**Name:** Dakota Abel  
**School:** Jackson Heights High School  
**4-H Club:** Soldier Boosters

**Name:** Amariah Allen  
**School:** Holton High School  
**4-H Club:** Straight Arrows  
**Favorite project and why:** My favorite project is market beef because at the fair, you can be a ring helper and help the younger kids. You get to be a role model and compete live in an arena.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** The Adult Round Robin.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** 4-H has taught me how to persevere. Doing projects wasn’t always easy, so it built my strength and taught me to never give up.  
**Future plans:** I am attending Kansas State University to receive a degree in pre-veterinary sciences, and to attend vet school.

**Name:** Karlie Albright  
**School:** Royal Valley High School  
**4-H Club:** Hoyt Livewires  
**Favorite project and why:** Sewing, it is a great skill that I can use throughout my life.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** County Fair  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** Leadership skills such as public speaking.  
**Future plans:** Attend Kansas State University to major in Agriculture Education.

**Name:** Shelby Fox  
**School:** Jackson Heights High School  
**4-H Club:** Straight Arrows  
**Favorite project and why:** Foods because I get to eat my projects afterwards.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** County Fair because I get to see everyone else's projects and get to hang out with everyone.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** I have learned to adapt to different environments and have learned to work with different people.  
**Future plans:** Attend Emporia State University to earn a bachelor of science in nursing and get a masters in anesthesia.

**Name:** Shyree Jackson  
**School:** Royal Valley High School  
**4-H Club:** Mayetta Mustangs  
**Favorite project and why:** My favorite project is swine because I like raising pigs and showing them.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** Club Days  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** I have learned good communication.  
**Future plans:** I plan on attending Iowa Western Community College and continuing education in Social Work.

**Name:** Madeline Montgomery  
**School:** Holton High School  
**4-H Club:** Lucky Stars  
**Favorite project and why:** Foods and Nutrition, I have been able to learn skills that will help me throughout life. I also enjoy experimenting and sharing my food creations with others.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** Participating in the club tour our 4-H club holds each July. It’s fun to learn about the club members and getting to see how they work on their projects.
Senior Spotlights

Name: Madeline Montgomery (cont.)

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me many skills that I will use now and in the future. I’ve learned how to be a strong leader, developed a strong work ethic, learned how to give back to my community and most of all respect for others.

Future plans: Attend and play Woman’s Flag Football at Pratt Community College, majoring in sports and wellness.

Name: Bronc Reser
School: Rossville High School
4-H Club: Delia Early Birds
Favorite project and why: Beef Steer; because it takes a lot of time so it is very rewarding.

Favorite 4-H event: I love going to the fair. I get to show what I have learned throughout the year and get to see my friends.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Livestock herd management will be beneficial as I work on the family ranch for years to come.

Future plans: I am attending Pratt Community College in the fall on a rodeo scholarship. I will be working on the prerequisites to transfer to Kansas State University to complete a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I would like to help farmers and ranchers by designing quality, affordable, easy to maintain equipment.

Name: Heath Allen
School: Allen Academy
4-H Club: Valley Victors
Favorite project and why: My favorite project has been rocketry because it has taught me lots of valuable lessons! Some examples of the lessons I’ve learned are patience attention to detail, and leadership.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event was the royalty contest. In 2020, I participated in the royalty contest and was honored to be selected as 2020 Jefferson County 4-H King.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me so many valuable lessons! Probably the one I will use the most throughout my life is public speaking. Due to many years of doing project talks and demonstrations at county club days, our 4-H meetings and the state fair, I am completely comfortable speaking in front of an audience.

Future plans: I plan to attend Washburn University in the fall. Since I was homeschooled, I feel this will help me to adjust to a different way of learning. After one or two years at Washburn, I plan to transfer to Kansas State University to study Architectural Engineering. In order to tie in my love of music, my ultimate goal is to get my master’s degree in Acoustical Engineering and work on the designs of concert halls and buildings with specific sound and noise control requirements.

Name: Grace Conser
School: Manhattan Virtual Academy
4-H Club: Prosperity
Favorite project and why: My favorite project is Dog Care & Training. This project taught me how to be patient and how to be a leader. I love being a Junior Leader and helping younger kids as much as I can. I believe this is also the most humbling project because you never know what your dog will do.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event is the County Fair. I always say that the fair is my “second home” because I am surrounded by amazing friends who all support each other and help each other when needed. In my opinion, nothing is better than sitting on tailgates by the animal barns on a hot summer day at the county fair, listening to music and hanging out with friends.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me so many life lessons that I will use for the rest of my life. I have learned how to be a leader, how to help others, and the biggest one is public speaking. I would always be very nervous to speak in front of big groups, but because of 4-H I have been able to overcome that fear.

Future plans: I plan to attend MidAmerica Nazarene University in the fall to study business administration. I also plan to become a club leader/judge in the future to give back to 4-H and everything it has taught me.
Name: Bryce Dockweiler  
School: Valley Falls High School  
4-H Club: Prosperity  
Favorite project and why: Swine, because I love working with them and watching them grow.  
Favorite 4-H event: The fair because I get to see what people have been working hard on all year.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Responsibility and leadership  
Future plans: To weld for different people and companies.

Name: Elle Jolley  
School: McLouth High School  
4-H Club: Jolly Juniors  
Favorite project and why: my favorite projects are Horse and Meat Goat. They are my favorite projects because I love working with my horses and goats and showing them at shows. And these projects have also given me a lot of opportunities to work with younger 4-Hers in these projects. I have enjoyed helping the younger kids learn how to brace a goat or clip a goat and learn how to do a showmanship pattern with their horse.  
Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event would have to be the State Fair. My family and I have enjoyed going and showing our horses for the last 12 years. And I love the atmosphere of the Kansas State Fair and the fun times I’ve had with my family and friends.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned so much from 4-H and I’m so grateful and appreciative that my parents made sure that 4-H was a big part of my childhood. I’ve also learned that responsibility, hard work, commitment, helping others, and having a giving attitude and helping out in your community are very important attributes to carry you throughout life. I’ve also learned that the younger kids do look up to the older kids, so it is important for us older kids to be good role models and take any opportunities you have to spend time and help the younger 4-Hers. It will be the best thing you ever do!

Future plans: I have accepted a Summer internship at Freestate Electric Coop in the maintenance dept. with a possible job thereafter.

Name: Amanda Nelson  
School: Free State High School  
4-H Club: Fairview  
Favorite project and why: My favorite project is Visual Arts. I like that I can create many different types of projects and share them with the people around me.  
Favorite 4-H event: My favorite event would have to be the State Fair. My family and I have enjoyed going and showing our horses for the last 12 years. And I love the atmosphere of the Kansas State Fair and the fun times I’ve had with my family and friends.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned so many things, but the most important is to be able to speak in front of groups of people, especially those who may be unfamiliar to me.  
Future plans: I am still exploring options on what I want to do, and part of that is taking first semester to do some additional exploring. Then I will attend Emporia State University and continue to explore different classes to finalize my career plans.

Name: Aniyah Olson  
School: McLouth High School  
4-H Club: Mooney Creek  
Favorite project and why: Rabbits – They are what got me involved with 4-H and have been my most challenging and rewarding project and what has lead me to my career choice.  
Favorite 4-H event: 4-H National Congress  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Endurance – if something doesn’t work the first time, use what you learned about and why to try again multiple times if necessary to get the desired outcome.  
Future plans: Colby Community College studying Veterinary Nursing
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Mellany Roenne
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: My favorite project is the Beef project. I like it because I get to be outside and work with my dad. The Beef project has taught me a lot about patience and dedication. I also really enjoy the aspect of being able to tame an animal ten times your own weight and have it walk on a lead for you.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite event is the parade at the County Fair because it’s a time for everyone to come together and to see lots of different projects and people. The parade is a fun event that is followed by the watermelon and cantaloupe feed. This night of the fair is always so much fun.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Through 4-H, I have learned the skill of public speaking. I have learned this through club meetings, club days, royalty contests and just being involved in the program. This skill will stay with me throughout my life and help set me up for success.

Future plans: My future plans are to attend K-State and major in Animal Science & Industry or Feed Science and Management. I plan to pursue a graduate school program to become an animal nutritionist. I hope to complete my education and come back to northeast Kansas to help and support local ranchers and families with the health of their animals.

Name: Jacenda Schnacker
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite Project and why: Market Steer. I enjoy the challenge of raising a steer and teaching it to lead and behave.

Favorite 4-H event: Jefferson County 4-H Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Leadership skills and creativity

Future plans: Attend Washburn University and major in Psychology with a minor in Sociology.

Name: Natalie Thompson
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: Dog project. I learned to keep going even though it was difficult. My dog Bill began the project by barking non-stop in the fair building where we trained. By the end of the project, he was able to participate in the competition. We finished with a white ribbon and winners of the Spirit of the Dog Project award.

Favorite 4-H event: Discovery Days

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: At Discovery Days I learned how to make new friends and be independent.

Future plans: I am moving to Lawrence in August and will be attending Johnson County Community College. I will be studying general courses, as I am undecided on my career path at this time.

Name: Eryn Reese Vaughan
School: Perry Lecompton High School
4-H Club: Billtown Go-Getters
Favorite project and why: The swine project because it is a project I have done with my family for the past 9 years and it led me to choosing my career plan to become a Veterinarian.

Favorite 4-H event: I always look forward to competing at the State Fair because it is a great feeling of accomplishment if you do well or get in the top 5 in a class.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Leadership and public speaking skills.

Future plans: I will be attending Kansas State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine.
Nemaha County

Name: Kendall Edelman
School: Sabetha High School
4-H Club: Busy Jayhawkers

Favorite project and why: My favorite project is Foods. I truly enjoy Mayor's Bread Basket because I love to try out new recipes and also because bread is my favorite thing to bake.

Favorite 4-H event: County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Through 4-H I have learned a wide variety of skills such as baking, sewing, and public speaking. I have learned good time management and public speaking skills.

Future plans: Plan to attend K-State majoring in nutrition and health on the pre-physician assistant route.

Name: Kendrick Edelman
School: Sabetha High School
4-H Club: Busy Jayhawkers

Favorite project and why: Market Beef because it paid off the most.

Favorite 4-H event: The County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned good time management and public speaking skills.

Future plans: I plan to attend Kansas State University and major in Finance.

Name: Jacob Heinen
School: Nemaha Central High School & Highland Western Center
4-H Club: Kelly Twilighters

Favorite project and why: My favorite project was pigs, they kept me on my toes, and you never know what’s going to happen in the ring.

Favorite 4-H event: Being a camp counselor was something I thought I wouldn’t enjoy that much but it was a lot of fun and getting to here from different little kids and all their crazy stories they had to tell to each other.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned a lot about how great it is to be organized and efficient it is when putting a project record book together. This has helped me out tremendously now having to do more of this in my schoolwork and college credits.

Future plans: I will have a Certificate of Completion in Industrial Welding from Highland. I plan to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Nebraska. I plan on majoring in Livestock Management, and Ag Business sales. After school I plan to come home and help out around the farm and learn how to spray.

Name: Ryan Lueger
School: Nemaha Central High School/Highland Western Center
4-H Club: Kelly Twilighters

Favorite project and why: Crops, it gave a great reason to walk around in the fields of growing corn and beans.

Favorite 4-H event: CIA, it was fun to be able to spend the evening in the capital and then have fun at the motel afterwards.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: How helpful it is to keep records so you don't forget things from years before.

Future plans: I will have a Certificate of Completion in Precision Ag from Highland. I am going to start working part time for Hammes Seed and the rest of the time Stringtown Ag.

Name: Mia Schmitz
School: Nemaha Central High School
4-H Club: Achievers
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Monica Stallbaumer
School: Centralia High School
4-H Club: Red Rustlers

Favorite project and why: My favorite project is either the Goat project or the Photography project. I enjoy the goat project because I have animals that I can raise and take pride in. The photography project because it allows me to have a chance to show off my creativity.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event would have to be Pioneer Trails 4-H camp. Not only did I get to experience it and make new friends. I also got to experience it as a counselor and I met so many lifelong friends.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: From 4-H I have learned how to speak in front of a crowd, adults, and any other circumstance confidently and be sure of myself. This is a lifelong skill that any and all people will use in everyday life.

Future plans: Next fall I plan on attending Emporia State University to study Elementary Education.

Name: Karly Tangeman
School: Nemaha Central High School
4-H Club: HHHH

Favorite project and why: Dairy - Because I enjoy working with my animals and seeing the progress made throughout.

Favorite 4-H event: Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Something I have learned from 4-H that I will use throughout my life is my public speaking skills. I am not afraid to speak to a large group of people or talk to strangers. I also enjoy helping out others when they need it.

Future plans: Attend Benedictine College to obtain a degree in elementary education.

High School Memories

Classroom bells and noisy halls,
Watching the clock as last period crawls,
Getting a demerit for talking in class,
Trying to remember where you left your hall pass.

Rooting for your team at a big football game,
Hoping the teacher would not call your name,
Studying for tests trying to get higher scores,
The echoing slams of the hall locker doors.

Pep rallies, homecoming and class elections,
Trying to decide next year's course selections,
Pondering the source of the lunch room's mystery meat,
Choosing lab partners and changing your seats.

Some of these moments may seem rather small,
But it's the little things that you'll remember most of all.
So put on your cap and your gown and stand tall,
It's graduation day, so savor it all.

Your Day Has Arrived

Graduation day is finally here,
And so now ends your high school career.
Always remember the friends you hold dear,
And look toward your future without any fear.

This is the day you've been preparing for
Since the day you walked through that first classroom door.
Now it is time to say goodbye,
And spread your wings - you're ready to fly.

So shed a tear and share a smile,
And be sure to remember all the while,
That although it may now be time to move on,
Today's memories will last your whole life long.
News from the Holton Office

Premium Sale Requirements
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Fair Pre-Entry Change
With the purchase of the new fair management software, FairEntry, last year remember the following are a few major changes for you as a 4-Her.

1. With this program you as the 4-H member will enter all pre-entries online and will no longer be submitting a paper form to the extension office. In the past we know many will pre-enter the highest number of entries you can enter, but usually don’t exhibit that many at the fair. It will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.

2. You will no longer have to fill out the two sided entry cards! We will be printing them off according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Then you will pick up and attach cards when you bring your exhibit to the fair.

3. All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.

Changes at the Fair
Every 4-H family will receive a printed fairbook this year. They will be available for you to pick up from your club leader at your June 4-H meeting. A tentative schedule for the fair is also on our website. Please look over this as there are some changes.

4-H Event Scholarship
The Jackson County 4-H Council Event/Senior/Alumni Scholarships are available on our website under Jackson Page. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

Fair packets
The fair packet will contain lots of important fair information. So don’t just throw it to the side. Please open it right away. It will include instructions on how to pre-enter fair exhibits online.

Entering at the Fair
All 4-H members must be properly enrolled (includes fees paid) by May 1 in order to enter in the 4-H Divisions of the Fair. Members should have an enrollment status of “approved”, not “payment due”, “incomplete” or “not enrolled”. Families should check each member’s status and contact the Extension Office if questions remain.

Helpful Resources
It’s called “4-H at Home”, but anyone can use this wonderful resource! It is full of project ideas to explore, learn, practice or experience. The content is appropriate for beginning, intermediate and advanced project members. Also included are resources and events that might be available, including curriculum, record-keeping and project exhibit ideas.

Poultry Division
New class—Market Egg Class. Exhibitors may exhibit one entry in this class. Entries should include 1 dozen market ready eggs in a plain egg carton.

Important Dates
Swine ID Forms
Due to the office on May 1.

Horse Project Information
Horse ID’s will not be required this year. Horse practice will start in May and be every Wednesday starting at 6:00 PM at the NE Kansas Heritage Arena.

Spring Weigh-In
Spring Weigh-In for sheep and goats will be May 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the NE Kansas Heritage Barn. Tags will be $3.00 and must be paid for that night.

Spring Livestock Show
The Jackson County Spring Livestock Show will be held on May 28. For more information please visit the Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Event page for entry forms or contact Jo Ann Nelson at 785-364-7479.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council Meeting is June 9 at 7:00 PM at the NE Kansas Heritage Building. We will be drawing for concession stand shifts at this meeting.

Fairgrounds Clean-Up
The fair board will hold their pre-fair set-up on Saturday, July 23 at 9:00 AM. It takes everyone’s help to make the fairgrounds look nice and get ready for fair. So come when you can and lend a hand and make the fairgrounds look nice.
Important Dates

Bucket Calf Tags
Available in the office or at Sheep & Goat Weigh-In on April 27 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Tagging and paperwork must be completed by June 1.

Fair Concession Stand
We need your help! Join the fun and volunteer to help on the concession stand committee. They plan to meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 23, at the fair building.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, May 23. Agenda items will include: Fairground Improvements, Donations to parade floats, premium fund and Foundation Golf Tournament, and Achievement Banquet planning. Please come prepared to discuss these items.

4-H Carnival
Our annual carnival will be held at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds from 6:30-8:30 PM on Saturday, June 4. Rain date is June 11. Game names are due in the office May 1. This is one of our 4-H Council’s largest fundraisers, so it’s important to be selling your raffle tickets. If you need tickets, contact your club leader.

Fair Royalty Candidates
The Royalty Contest will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15. Location TBD. Candidate names should be turned into the office no later than May 1. Candidates will be mailed contest details. It is an honor to be selected as a candidate, and we encourage all clubs to participate in each division.

Fair Participants-Deadlines for Required Forms

- May 1 -
  - Horse ID forms due in office-use 2020 form on website
  - Swine tags in and ID form due in office
  - Last day to add/drop a project. Must be in project to enter exhibits at the fair.
  - Check your 4HOnline account! Make sure you are in each part of a project you intend to be (breeding and/or market animals or various fiber arts areas for example) Project records should be filled out and turned into club leaders in September for each project area you are enrolled in.

- June 1 -
  - Bucket Calf ID form due in office

- July 1 -
  - Fair Participants Code of Conduct due in office. This form is for ALL fair participants and a parent, in any project area, to read and sign. It is completed yearly.
  - Meadowlark District Code of Show Ring Ethics, which all livestock exhibitors and a parent are required to sign, are completed once during your 4-H career. These forms are available on the website or in the office. Call if you are not sure you have on file.
  - Premium Sale Requirements Completed form to club leader PRIOR TO July 1!
  - Fair Pre-Entries Due for ALL project areas
  - Jefferson County Horse Show entry form due in office.

Foundation Members
Current Foundation members include: Nancy Gantz (President), Matt Hollis (Vice-President), Marlene Seifert (Treasurer), Kaye Kabus (Secretary), Jana Winter, Kirsti Adams and Tom Welsh.

Fairgrounds Improvements
If your club is interested in working on a project(s) at the fairgrounds, please notify the office about what you would like to do. If you need ideas of items needing to be done, we can provide a current list and will have more jobs following the May Council meeting.

Jefferson Co. 4-H Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
The tournament is set for Saturday, June 25, at Village Greens Golf Course. Each club should help promote this tournament within our county and surrounding areas. Maybe even organize a team! Team discount with two or more 4-H members or alumni. Sponsoring a hole or cash donations to help the Foundation help our 4-Hers are always needed and appreciated!

Other Fundraising Efforts
The Foundation fully supports shopping local first! If you use Amazon, please consider shopping at smile.amazon.com and naming our Jefferson County 4-H Foundation as a benefactor in their Smile program. There are no extra fees or cost. If your employer participates in charitable program donations, please consider naming the Foundation as a benefactor.

The Foundation will be having a Decorated Cookie Jar contest this year at the fair, so consider entering this fun class. Jars will be auctioned off the last night of the fair.

BB Gun
Congrats to our members who have qualified for the state and national BB gun contests! So proud of your efforts!

75th Fair Anniversary in 2023
We need volunteers to serve on our 75th Fair Planning Committee! Let the office know if you are interested.
4-H Event Scholarship
The Nemaha County 4-H Council Event Scholarship is available on our website under Nemaha/Seneca. This application is for youth attending camps. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

Fair packets
Watch your mail for a BIG BROWN ENVELOPE the first part of June. This will contain lots of important fair information. So don’t just throw it to the side. Please open it right away! Important instructions on how to pre-enter fair exhibits online will be included.

Pie Contest at the Fair
Again this year there will be homemade pie served in the fair concession stand! We will be using all pie entries entered in the Pie Contest, as well as, any 4-Hers pie they enter in the food project for this. So why not enter a pie and then help the 4-H Council concession food stand. Pass the word about the pie contest and let’s see who makes the best pie in Nemaha County. The contest will be Saturday, July 30, with pies being entered before 10:00 AM. Cash prizes will be given for top 2 pies in each division. Watch for more information.

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3. We will be printing entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Then you will pick up and attach cards when you bring your exhibit to the fair.
4. All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.

Changes at the Fair
- The Bucket Calf Show has been moved back to Saturday, July 30 at 12:30 PM.
- The state has 2 new STEM divisions, Architectural Block Construction and Ag Mechanics. Rules for the state division can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html
- Architectural Block Construction. This is for Legos that are original designs. All kits can still be exhibited in Self-Determined -Exhibits. Rules for the state division can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html
- There is no longer a Self-Determined – Welding division. It is now all under Ag Mechanics.
- Fair Clean-up will be Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 PM.

Fair Books
The fairbook will soon be sent to print for those who signed up for one through their Club Leader. Books will be handed out to Club Leaders with family names on them as soon as we have them. We hope to have it posted on our website in the next few weeks.

Trash Cans for Fairgrounds
The Fairboard is asking every club to paint at least 1 trash can, but more is welcome. Deb has 50-gallon barrels for your club to use. You need to let her know when you want to pick yours up to paint. Council has decided to give prizes to the top 3 barrels. So, let your creativity begin and paint some cool 4-H barrels.

Important Dates

 Ambassador Day Camp
The Nemaha County Ambassadors will once again be hosting their annual Day Camp on Thursday, June 9. This is open to all youth ages 6-9. Those attending do not have to be 4-H members, so invite your friends or cousins. The event will be from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Community Building in Seneca. More information will be handed out at the schools in May.

YQCA Training
We will be hosting one more YQCA training in Seneca on June 16 at 1:00 PM. There has to be a minimum for 10 registered or this in person class will be cancelled. The training will take place at the Community Building in Seneca. To register for this event, you will need to go to https://yqcaprogram.org/

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May 1:
- Add/drop project deadline
- Market Beef State nomin due
- Swine ID forms due in office
- JF Horse ID forms due
- Carnival Game Names Due, JF
- Candidate Names turn in, JF

May 12:
- Sheep/Goats weigh-in, JA

May 13:
- Horse Judg Cont. Reg closes

May 15:
- Pioneer Trails Camp reg.
- Fair Concession Meet, VF
- 4-H Council Meeting, VF

May 23:
- Fair Concession Meet, VF
- 4-H Council Meeting, VF

May 28:
- Spring Livestock Show, JA

June 1:
- Bucket Calf paperwork, JF
- 4-H Carnival, VF

June 6-8:
- Livestock Judging Camp A

June 7-8:
- Horse Judging Camps, Man

June 9:
- 4-H Council Meeting, JA
- Ambassadors Day Camp, NM
- State Horse Judging, Manhat.

June 13-15:
- Livestock Judging Camp B

June 15:
- Other livestock state nomin.
- Dr. Hines Swine Classic entry
- Royalty Contest, JF

June 16:
- YQCA, Seneca at 1:00
- YQCA, Holton at 6:30

June 16-18:
- Livestock Judging Camp C

June 19-22:
- Pioneer Trails Camp #4

June 20-23:
- Farm to Fashion Camp

June 25:
- JF Co. Golf Tournament

June 27:
- YQCA, Osksaloosa at 3:00

Jul. 1:
- Premium Sale Req. forms due
- Fair Pre-Entries Due
- Horse Show entry form due, JF
- Dog Conf. t-shirt designs due

Jul. 1-2:
- Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

Jul. 23:
- Pre-fair set up, JA

Jul. 30:
- Bucket Calf Show, NM
- Pie Contest, NM

Aug. 1:
- State Hort. Judging Reg. due

Aug. 2:
- Fair Clean-up, NM

Aug. 13:
- State Horticulture Judging

Oct. 22-23:
- Dog Conf., Rock Springs

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

The 2022 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic is scheduled for July 1-2 at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan. This two-day event includes an educational swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. It is open to all Kansas youth ages 7-18 as of January 1, 2022. Entries must be submitted online by 5:00 PM on June 15, with payment postmarked the same day. Brochures are available on at www.KSUswine.org or www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu under the “Spring Show” tab. For more information, contact Joel DeRouchey (785-532-2280; jderouch@ksu.edu) or Lexie Hayes (785-532-1264; adhayes@ksu.edu).