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4-H Open Enrollment—October 1!!!

It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the **2025-2026** year opens online, <https://v2.4honline.com/>, at 8:00 AM on **October 1**.

Returning families will be able to log into their Family profile to re-enroll in 4-H. New families will have to create a new family profile to start the enrollment process. Resources to help with the enrollment and re-enrollment can be found on the Enrollment page, <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html>, of our website or within the 4HOnline site. Don't forget that enrollment is not just for members! Cloverbuds and registered volunteers **MUST** maintain active enrollment, but will not pay the program fee. Other volunteers, parents or supporters, now termed "Adult Helpers", are welcome and encouraged to enroll too.

As a returning family, if you cannot remember your username email and/or password, **DO NOT** create another account!!! Contact your local Extension Office and we will assist you with logging back into your existing account. If you ever have any issues or need help with the enrollment process, please contact your local Meadowlark District Extension office.

We encourage all enrollments to be completed early in the month of October. To avoid restrictions being placed on your 4-H membership, **ALL RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS** need to complete the re-enrollment process by **NOVEMBER 1!!!** The full policy document may be viewed under "District Policy Resources" on the Resources & Links page of our 4-H website. Enrollment is needed for participation in events and project meetings! Why wait? Get started today! Please do not hesitate to ask questions about this important process.

National 4-H Week is Oct. 5-11. Theme: Beyond Ready

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

National 4-H Council has a toolkit available at <https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/>. This toolkit is designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week on social media, in your community and beyond. You will need to register to have access to these items. Kansas 4-H Promotional Resources can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/index.html>, as well.

Don't forget to share photos of 4-H Week promotion in our Facebook group!

4-H Record Book Judging—Your Help is NEEDED!!!

Every 4-H member is expected to submit a printed summary of annual work - what we all know as the 4-H Record Book. Some youth choose to take the annual summary a step farther by trying for project recognition, by having their records nominated for project awards, given out at Achievement events. Within Meadowlark District, 4-H Record Books are exchanged between the counties comprising our District. Volunteer screeners review, comment and rank project winners based upon the work recorded in the 4-H Record Books.

This is where YOU come in... WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! All that is needed is a desire to help/learn, a base understanding of Kansas 4-H Records (review the "Tips for Record Book Success, it's all in there, [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record Book Tips.pdf](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record%20Book%20Tips.pdf)) and the ability to write; positive, encouraging comments to youth. We will be using the new evaluation rubric provided by the State 4-H Records Taskforce. Parents typically find this to be a great way to learn about how to help their own 4-H members improve. Older teens, 4-H Alumni, Grandparents and any willing volunteer are welcome! See local pages of this newsletter for specific information about the dates, times and locations. Here is a quick summary:

October 13: Jefferson County Fair Building, Valley Falls

October 13: Woolsoncroft Events Center, Seneca

October 19: NE Kansas Heritage Building, Holton



Remember to Register Your 48 Hours of 4-H event

We hope every 4-H Club will join 4-Hers from across the state 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, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html> for a helpful guide, and to register your project(s).

- **When:** October 11-12, 2025
- **Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents and 4-H Alumni

Reminder of Officer Duties and Responsibilities

As the new 4-H year starts, new officers will be taking their seats in club meetings. There are traditionally four offices. Each of these offices hold unique roles vital to ensuring that meetings and clubs are ran well. The four offices are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- The **President** of a club acts as a leader to the club and meetings. She or he will be responsible for presiding over meetings which includes building the meeting agenda, running the meeting in an orderly manner, and ensure that each voice is heard. The President should also be familiar with the order of business and Parliamentary Procedure. In addition to this, they can be responsible for creating and appointing people to committees.
- The **Vice President** of a club must understand the position of the President as they will conduct meetings in the absence of the President. Additionally, the Vice President can be given additional responsibilities such as: following-up with any committees, serve the role of introducing guests and presenters, and having them oversee any educational portion of the meeting.
- The **Secretary** needs to hold a different set of skills. They will oversee recording the information that the meeting holds. They will record the attendance of members at the meetings. They will also present the minutes from the prior meeting whether this be oral or via a hand-out. Once minutes are approved, they become the official record of the business that was conducted at the meeting. During and after the meeting, Secretaries will record the minutes of the meeting and keep them safe so they can be referenced later.
- The **Treasurer** is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the club. This includes the income and expenditures of the club. The Treasurer oversees balancing the check book, writing checks and making deposits into the club account. In addition to this, they also will provide a treasury report that includes a summary of income, expenses and balances of accounts since the last meeting of the club.

For more information on the aforementioned offices and other offices that your club might offer, please visit:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html>.

Adding Your Office Position in 4HOnline

As the 4-H year begins, new officers will be getting elected. To help expedite processes within the office, we request that you put your new office into 4HOnline when the new year starts.

The following are instructions on how to do this:

1. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>.
2. Sign in to your 4HOnline profile.
3. Go to and click on the 4H'er that holds the office.
4. On the left menu, select Clubs.
5. On the blank space below Volunteer Type, left click on your mouse.
6. On the dropdown menu under Volunteer Type, select their office.
7. Click Save

Family Resources for 4HOnline 2.0

Guidebooks have been posted for families and volunteers to include:

- **Family Enrollment**
- **New Adult Volunteer Enrollment**
- **Returning Adult Volunteer Re-enrollment**

Please visit the 4-H Online Family Resources webpage at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>.

4-H Officer Training/Orientation

Hopefully, by October all 4-H clubs have elected new club officers, have done or will do an installation ceremony and are planning to educate officers about their specific roles. Officer Training/Orientation will be done in-person in each county of the Meadowlark Extension District.

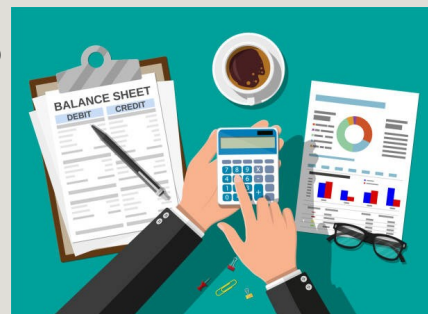
- Jackson County - **November 2**, after the 4-H Achievement Program
- Nemaha County - **November 4**, Northridge Church
- Jefferson County - **November 7**, Valley Falls fair grounds

If you have interest in Club-based officer training options, please visit with your local 4-H Program Manager. All 4-H Clubs have been provided with the National 4-H Officer Training Resource book. If you can't find these, talk to your Club Leader. Kansas 4-H officer publications are available on District 4-H website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/Officer_Resources.html, as well. If you prefer printed copies of the publications, we do have a limited supply of printed copies in the office. Please refer to the local pages of this newsletter and email updates for more specific information on Officer Training.

4-H Financial Reviews

Attention 4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders & Financial Review Committee members!!! Start planning now for the annual 4-H Club financial review. A review of financial records is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H Clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc.. An informational letter & form, [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H CLUB or AFFILIATED GROUP ANNUAL Review.pdf](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%20Review.pdf), was mailed to the club Treasurer of each 4-H club and affiliated group. Every District club/group is asked to have a committee review the club financial records annually.

Committee members should NOT be family of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. Adults—please work to include youth in the process of the review. This is an important life skill and learning opportunity. All Financial Review paperwork is due **November 1** to your local Extension office.





Project Spotlight



4-H Projects

Start thinking about your projects for the new upcoming 4-H year.

Animal Science

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goat
Dog
Horse
Meat Goat
Pets
Poultry
Rabbit
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Natural Resources

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Consumer & Family Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Plant & Environmental Science

Agronomy
Entomology
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding
Astronomy
Building Block Engineering
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Rocketry/Aerospace
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Wood Science

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement (Citizenship)
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

When: November 22-23, 2025

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026

Registration Deadline: Monday **October 15, 2025** by 11:59 PM

Go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/> for more information.

Meadowlark District 4-H Shooting Sports New Shooter Training

The basic safety class for all new 4-H shooters in Meadowlark District will be November 15 from 9:00 AM-5:30 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. A parent/guardian is required to attend with the youth. There will be a 30-minute lunch break around Noon. Please RSVP to bullmastersshootingsports@yahoo.com with the number of youth attending so I make sure that I have enough equipment and assistants.

Jackson County News

2025 State Fair Items

Congratulations to all 4-Hers who exhibited at the 2025 Kansas State Fair! We had 111 exhibits, with members competing in a variety of areas including Demonstrations, the Dog Show, Livestock Shows, and Static Exhibits. Your items are available for pick-up at the Extension Office, and your club leaders will have your score sheets, if they were provided.

Recycle and Save the Council Money

Did you know we can reuse the bags your photos are displayed in? Bring them back to us and we'll put them to good use! If you no longer want your ribbons, plaques, or even achievement pins, you can also bring those to the office to be recycled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER—National 4-H Week is October 5-11

If you need help finding ways to promote 4-H to your community/school, please contact Cara. We have posters and 4-H book marks available for clubs to hand out during National 4-H Week.

Record Book Judging

County Record Books will be judged on **Sunday, October 19**, from **1:00-7:00 PM** at the **NE Kansas Heritage Building**. This is a great learning opportunity for older 4-H members, parents, grandparents, and volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the faster the process will go! Please let Cara know who from your club is available to help. Each club is asked to provide a few volunteers. Judging is come-and-go as you are able.

End of Year 2024-25 4-H Year and Start of 2025-26

As we close this 4-H year, remember that Club Audits are due to the Extension Office by **November 1**. An audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs, including funds raised or collected by 4-H clubs and project clubs. Also due on **November 1** are the Club Officer List and Leader List. Club leaders—these materials are included in the club leader packet distributed at the last Council meeting.

November 4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be at **7:00 PM** on **Thursday, November 13**. All club Council Representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. Council officer elections are going to be held, so each club should have their four representatives present. Club representatives must include at least one adult and three youth. Only these four representatives will be allowed to vote at Council meetings.

Cloverbuds

Leaders please be sure to look over the below list of Cloverbuds before **November 1**. The kids will be receiving something at the Achievement Program. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Ava Edelman	Jamie McKenzie	Emilee Tims
Harper Foster	Emberly Schultz	Adelynn Tyler
Maxwell Goodman	Aubree Shepherd	
Hannah Lock	Brittany Shepherd	

2025 4-H Achievement Program

Please be sure to attend the 2025 4-H Achievement Program at **3:00 PM** on **Sunday, November 2, 2025** in the **NE Kansas Heritage Building**. This is where the 4-Hers, who worked hard on their 4-H record books, will receive their awards and Membership pins. Everyone is welcome to attend. The following is a list of club duties:

- Set up & take down tables/chairs – Delia Early Birds
- Sweep Floors – Denison Builders
- Set up & take down stage – Straight Arrows
- Take out Trash – Ontario Busy Bees
- Serve Refreshments – Pleasant Valley Rustlers
- Decorations – Soldier Boosters

10 Year Members

Listed below are the 10 year members that will be recognized for the 10 year membership to the 4-H program at the Achievement Program on **Sunday, November 2**. If we have left someone out, please contact the office **as soon as possible**.

Jarrett Abel	Jacob Brees	Gus Rezac
Darren Bausch	Xander Harding	Brynn Shupe
Addison Bontrager	Kolden Ingels	Brooke Slipke
Tinsley Bradley	Presley Phillips	

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held on **Sunday, November 2** after the Achievement Program.

New Family Orientation

Welcome New 4-H Families – We are wanting to get you started off on the right foot in 4-H. We have planned a meeting on Wednesday, **November 19** at **6:30 PM** out at the **NE Kansas Heritage Building** to sit down and talk with you on what to expect in your 1st year of 4-H. Please RSVP to Cara by **Friday, November 14** at 785-364-4125 or carar@ksu.edu.

Jefferson County News

New Ambassadors

We are excited to announce the new ambassadors for Jefferson County. They are the following:

- Lizzie Henry, Fairview 4-H Club
- Jayden Herrman, Prosperity 4-H Club
- Aurora Hoffman, Jolly Juniors 4-H Club
- Hadley Houk, Jolly Juniors 4-H Club
- June Klenk, Winchester 4-H Club
- Braxdon Penry, Prosperity 4-H Club
- Zane Penry, Prosperity 4-H Club
- Brayden Winsor, Grantville Circle G 4-H Club

2025-2026 4-H Council Officers

- **President** - Aurora Hoffman, Jolly Juniors
- **Vice President** - Mae McIntear, Billtown Go-Getters
- **Secretary** - Danielle Reeves, Valley Victors
- **Treasurer** - Hadley Houk, Jolly Juniors
- **Reporter** - Morgan Casto, Fairview

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jefferson Co. Farm Bureau 4-H Appreciation Event

The event will start at **5:30 PM** on **October 4** in the Ozawkie Community Building.

Club Officer Training

Let's kick off the new 4-H year by giving our newly elected club officers the training and resources they need for success. Club officers and junior officers are invited to gather **Tuesday, October 7** from **7:00-8:00 PM** to gain understanding of their role, dive into their responsibilities, and collaborate with their peers.

Record Book Judging

Jefferson County is responsible for judging another county's record books on **Monday, October 13**. We need many volunteers to help make this process run smoothly. Lunch will be provided. Please use this link, www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BADAD23A7FCC34-58765202-record#/, to select the shift that works best for you.



Fair Book Edits

Families have two ways to propose updates for the 2026 fair book:

1. Share ideas through their club leader.
2. Submit ideas anonymously at www.kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6KIEexpRvILXr8

Submissions due **October 31**.



Superintendent Interest

Do you have particular interest in a 4-H project and want to take the next step toward leadership? There could be a Superintendent opening in your area of expertise. Express your interest by emailing Amanda at ammanville@ksu.edu by **October 31**.

Achievement Banquet

Our premier awards event is just around the corner! Join Jefferson County 4-H on **Saturday, November 8** at **6:00 PM** at Oskaloosa Public Schools (404 Park St.). Awards will be presented to both youth and volunteers. The Council voted to offer a meal featuring BBQ meatballs, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert for \$16 per plate.

Something new in 2025!

Families may now digitally submit their registration. Physical payments are still required. Get your family on the list:

www.kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8lhThHedyBr3fdl



Design the Next Fair's T-Shirt

Council members voted "Party on the Prairie" to be the 2026 Jefferson County Fair theme. All members are invited to create a design that would bring that theme to life on the 2026 fair t-shirts. Something to remember: the design should include the names of the 4-H clubs somewhere. Send your hand drawn or computer generated design by **November 14** to Amanda at ammanville@ksu.edu. The creator of the chosen design earns a \$25 prize.

Fall Project Fair

Members can get excited about an opportunity to discover projects offered in 4-H and participate in hands-on workshops. The Fall Project Fair and New Family Orientation event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 15, 2:00 PM** at the fair grounds. Workshops and registration information to come.

4-H Council Meeting November 24

The next 4-H Council Meeting will be on **November 24** in the Valley Falls fair building at **7:00 PM**.

Future Dates to Know

February 21—4-H Carnival, location TBA

March 7—County Club Day, location TBA

March 21—Regional Club Day, Atchison Elementary

July 27-30—2026 Jefferson County Fair

Nemaha County News

Kansas State Fair

This year, we had over 90 exhibits taken to the Kansas State Fair, 7 Public Presentations, and 2 members participating in the Fashion Revue. Members also competed in Photography, Crops, and Poultry judging. Several 4-H'ers showed Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry, and Beef at the Fair.

Exhibiting at the State Fair is one of the highest honors, and every member is encouraged to strive to send at least one project item each year. Congratulations to those who participated in the 2025 Kansas State Fair! We hope even more of you will make this one of your goals in 2026.

2025-2026 Ambassadors

We are excited to announce the new Ambassadors for Nemaha County: **Kadence Buessing**, Achievers; **Calie Deters**, Centralia Aces; **Carson Edelman**, Pony Express; **Sullivan Haverkamp**, Pony Express; **Cora Langill**, Pony Express; **Kyra Niehues**, Red Rustlers; **Ella Sourk**, Woodlawn Meadowlarks; **Abbie Stallbaumer**, Red Rustlers; and **Logan Uphaus**, HHHH. Congratulations!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Council Meeting

The 4-H Council is made up of two youth representatives from each club. Youths that are on the council need to be active, as it is not the community leaders who need to make the decisions. Anyone is welcome to attend the Council meetings, but your club is only allowed 4 votes. Having club representation at all meetings is part of your club's purple seal requirement.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **October 6 at 7:30 PM** in the meeting room at the Community Building. This is the first meeting for the 2025-26 Council members. We will be holding election of officers at this meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, make sure you understand you need to be able to attend all meetings. We will also be voting on the 2026 Fair Theme, so send your ideas to your club's council representative.

Record Book Judging

On **October 13**, we will be judging record books from another county and need volunteers to help. Each club is required to provide two adult volunteers and a total of 8 hours of judging time. The more volunteers—adults or older 4-H'ers—we have, the quicker the judging will go. Judging will take place from **9:00 AM** until completion in the big room at the Extension Office. If you plan to attend later in the day, we recommend calling the office first to check on the workload status.

Officer Training

We will be having an Officer Training with Brown County **November 4** at Northridge Church. The event will begin at **6:30 PM**. This event is open to all 4-H members.

Club Financial Audit

As we wrap up the 2025 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H Club Audits are due to the Extension Office before **November 1**. Information should have been sent to your clubs Treasurer and Leaders.

4-H Achievement Event

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on **Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 PM** in the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca.

The Achievement Banquet is a celebration of every 4-Hers accomplishments during the past 4-H year. While some 4-Hers will receive awards, each 4-Her will likely have achieved at least one goal during the year so please come to celebrate. We hope all 4-Hers, their family members and grandparents will plan to attend this event.

The Council again voted to have a meal, which they will be providing the meat, table service and drinks. We are asking that each family bring one of the following covered dishes.

Potatoes – Centralia Aces, Pony Express, Stateliners

Vegetables/other side dish – Achievers, Pony Express, Centralia Aces

Dessert – Busy Jayhawkers, HHHH, Kelly Twilighters

Achievement Club Duties -

Set-up – Stateliners

You will need to set up **Monday, November 24**, after school. This will include setting up the tables, chairs and stage. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.

Drinks & Meal – Woodlawn Meadowlarks

This club oversees the meal and drinks. You will need to make sure the meat is kept full, uncover dishes, and make sure dishes are equally distributed on both serving lines.

Clean-up – Red Rustlers

This club will clean up after the event. We ask that you take out the trash.

Yearly Calendars

Once again, we have put together a calendar with some important dates we know have been set. Remember these dates may change. This can be found on our web-site under the 4-H /Seneca office page. This is a great resource for keeping track of all your 4-H happenings for your record books.



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Why 4-H ???

*(Noting the **IMPACT** of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)*

"4-H has prepared me for college by teaching me time management skills, reliability and dependability."

Calendar of Events

Oct. 1: 4-H Open Re-enrollment/Enrollment
Youth Council & Ntl. Conference applications due
Oct. 4: Farm Bureau 4-H Appreciation Event, JF
Oct. 5-11: National 4-H Week
Oct. 6: 4-H Council meeting, NM
Oct. 7: Club Officer training, JF
Oct. 8: 4-Her's wear 4-H shirt to school, NM
Oct. 11-12: Register your 48 hours of 4-H event
Oct. 13: Judge record books, JF
Judge record books, NM
Oct. 19: Judge record books, JA
Oct. 11-12: 48 Hours of 4-H
Oct. 31: Last Day to re-enroll in 4hOnline
Fair book edits, JF
Interest in being superintendent deadline, JF
Nov. 1: Financial Review paperwork due to office
Club Officer & Leader Lists due to office
Nov. 2: Achievement Program, JA
Club Officer training, JA
Nov. 4: Club Officer training, NM
Nov. 7: Achievement Program, JF
Nov. 8: Achievement Banquet, JF

Nov. 13: 4-H Council meeting, JA
Nov. 14: Design next fair's t-shirt deadline, JF
Nov. 15: Fall Project Fair, JF
Nov. 22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
Nov. 23-Dec 14: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign
Nov. 24: 4-H Council meeting, JF
Nov. 25: Achievement Event, NM
Nov. 27 & 28: Offices closed for Thanksgiving



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