**4-H Club Goals & Area Record**

Completed club goals for the 2021-22 4-H year, are due in the Extension office by **January 3, 2022** by 4:30 PM. This form can be found on the forms page of the Meadowlark District website: [http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-H/forms.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-H/forms.html) Also due to the office this day are Record Reports heading to the NE Regional Screening. Youth eligible to submit at this level should have received correspondence at or after 4-H Achievement Events in November.

**Volunteers Needed for Regional Project Award Judging!!!**

The Northeast Regional Project award review will be held in Manhattan on **Thursday, January 20**. Meadowlark Extension District is able to take NINE volunteers to review Project Records at the regional level. This is a wonderful opportunity to see project work summarized in records from across the entire NE Area of Kansas. Prior records review at the local level is helpful, but we will take anyone with a sincere desire to volunteer and learn more. Contact your local office by **January 3** if this is something that interests you. Typically, we have pooled rides to and from Manhattan. Should this judging be converted to virtual format, we will share those details and will make sure you will have the ability to judge in that format too. Thank you for your consideration!

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals: Beef, Dairy (Cattle & Goats), Meat Goats, Market Rabbits & Poultry, Sheep and Swine. Rabbit and Poultry youth please NOTE: if you are NOT planning to take a MEAT PEN, you will not need this certification, but you (and any youth!) are welcome to take training! Additionally, youth wishing to sell eligible animals in Premium sales within the District must complete this process ANNUALLY before July 1! Please NOTE that 7-year olds ARE NOT able to be certified through this system and will be exempted of this requirement locally.

Youth may acquire certification by attending an instructor led face to face training or complete online learning modules. The first round of face to face training will take place **January 3** – 11:00 AM at Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca and 6:30 PM at 4-H Building in Valley Falls. There will be another face to face training sometime during Spring Break at NE KS Heritage Complex in Holton. Cost to complete in-person training is $3 and you need to sign up BEFORE attending training at the link listed below.

Online training is now open! Log in at: [https://yqca.learnngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learnngrow.io/Account/Login) and choose to use the 4HOnline Sign In Option, selecting “Kansas 4-H Youth Development” and using your family 4HOnline log in email and password. Youth need to sign up for module that corresponds to their appropriate 4-H age on **January 1, 2022**. Online Courses will cost $12, which should be paid for electronically with a credit/debit card online. To fulfill training, youth will complete all the online modules.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ross at: 785-336-2184 or rmostell@ksu.edu

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[Kansas4-H.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org)
4-H Day with Women's Basketball

Save the date! The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" is coming back this year. This year's game will take place on Sunday, January 23 at 1 PM as the Wildcats take on OU. Each game package purchased through KAE4-HA for this event will include: A game ticket, $10 concession voucher, t-shirt, and an awesome day at Bramlage, all for just $22! Registration will once again be online this year with a December 21st deadline. Register at: https://conta.cc/3cbHDDI. Watch your email and News page of our website for information.

Horse Panorama Back at Rock Springs

Horse Panorama will move back to Rock Springs January 28-30, 2022. Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Speaking Contests will be held in person. While photography, logos, posters, and the model horse will be offered as hybrid classes, allowing those unable to attend an opportunity to submit materials. Registration details will be released in early December, closing in early January. The exact dates will be released with registration. Check the Panorama webpage for updates with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

Youth Wool Judging Workshop for Coaches & Agents

K-State will be hosting the Cowboy Wildcat Collegiate Wool Judging Invitational on December 4. Following the contest, there will be a Youth Coaching/Instructional Workshop for agents/leaders/instructors in counties or schools in the surrounding states that are interested in starting a youth (4-H/FFA) team. Dr. Alison Crane and Dr. Whit Stewart (of University of Wyoming) will host this instructional workshop at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. Several other coaches/assistant coaches from surrounding states will assist in conducting the workshop.

Information and registration is available on the KSU Sheep & Meat Goat page (https://www.asi.ks-state.edu/research-and-extension/sheep-and-goats/index.html); the wool judging contest and workshop for youth coaches are listed as an upcoming event at the top of the column on the right. Please share this opportunity with any volunteers who may be interested!

STEM Partnership Training Opportunity with KSU Salina

Central Kansas District and McPherson County are excited to provide Extension Professionals and Volunteers the opportunity to come to the Kansas State University, Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus, to participate in a hands-on series of workshops and make connections with individuals on campus as it relates to the STEM areas. This will be the second year of the grant, hosting ONE Train the Trainer, Level 1 Workshop, on Wednesday, January 5, from 9:15 AM–3:30 PM. The workshop will be limited to 20 participants and the registration fee will be $15 which will cover lunch and some materials used during the workshop.

The hands-on session topics will include coding, electrical, wireless communication, and 3-D printing. The goal of these workshops is for participants to receive “how to” information to plan a STEM day for youth back in their Extension Unit. Participants are eligible to receive a mini-grant up to $100 per Extension Unit (Districts may receive mini-grants up to the number of counties in the District) if the STEM day for youth is held within 12 months of attending the Train the Trainer Workshop. Additional details will be provided at the workshop.

To register for this workshop, go to https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IX00bvSdrWyvM7Q. Registration will be due by December 20. These workshops are made possible thanks to the generosity of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Innovation Grant. This is year two of the five-year partnership with KSRE/4-H and Kansas State University, Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus.

4-H Records Survey

As promised, the State 4-H staff are seeking feedback from 4-H members, parents and leaders who used the new 4-H project report forms in either fillable pdf form or online with ZBooks in 2020/2021. Please complete a short, online survey by December 1, located here: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WCffJeoEQfUPLU. Taskforce members will then review the feedback and determine if any adjustments need to be made by January 1.
**Kansas 4-H Record Report Form Refresher**

As mentioned in the Records Survey article, possible revisions might be coming to the Kansas 4-H Record Reports, but it is NEVER too soon to start on 4-H record books! You will be most successful if you work on them all year long, a little bit at a time. As discussed in the November newsletter, ZBooks within ZSuite is now an electronic record keeping option for the entire state. Project Record Reports and the Kansas Permanent Record are a part of ZBooks.

All the information you need to get started can be found at: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html). **PLEASE USE ONLY THESE LINKS AND ALWAYS REFERENCE THE MEADOWLARK DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR ALL FORMS!** You will want to review the **Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition** and **MED 4-H Record Book Tips** which are located on the above referenced page.

Setting goals is a great place to start, the goal-setting guide located at [www.bookstore ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf](http://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf) may help you set meaningful goals within your project work.

Please keep these items in mind as you get started this year.

- **ALL** of the PDF and Word forms **MUST BE DOWNLOADED AND SAVED** to a machine, drive, etc... if you want to edit, save, print later and use throughout the year.
- If you do not have the latest version of Adobe Reader, you WILL have issues, so please follow the instructions found on our website above, on getting that installed on your machine.
- The Personal Information Page found linked on our website is the only one that will be accepted. If you have old versions saved on machines, please replace with this form-fill PDF.
- The Permanent Record had some minor formatting changes. You are welcome to start using the one dated 2020 or continue with the 2008 form – EITHER is acceptable. Permanent Record is in ZBooks, too!
- Only the Project Report forms found on our website or within ZSuite will be accepted. **PLEASE NOTE** that there are 3 age divisions and you need to use the one corresponding to your 4-H age on January 1, 2022!!!
- Additionally, there are two types of reports – one for animal projects and one for all other project areas. If you are unsure of what report to use – **PLEASE ASK!**
- No matter if using ZBooks or PDF formats, the amount of submission “spots” on the Project Report pages are fixed. If you have more of a particular section that what “fits” you will need to summarize in a format that works best for you, as these reports DO NOT expand or shrink. ZBooks does allow unlimited entries, but only a fixed amount can be “included in Record Book”.
- Working/scratch copies are always a good idea, especially if you work on records throughout the year! We can get paper copies of records to you, if you request this.

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**Academic Year Programs (AYP) for 2022-23**

Academic Year Exchanges, which will involve high school students from Japan and South Korea coming to Kansas in August 2022 and returning to their native countries in June 2023, are now seeking host families for the year. If you have ever considered the possibility of hosting an exchange student, this is a great opportunity to try. The Christmas/New Years holiday break might be a great time to discuss and begin moving forward with the application process. 4-H does its best to support the students and the host families throughout the exchange.

Anyone with questions or who would like access to the Host Family Application link should contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas AYP Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. She is available throughout the holiday period. Families who apply early will have the widest selection of students. There are no requirements of host siblings for this exchange. Families provide food, lodging and transportation. Students pay for their own personal needs, clothing and school expenses. They are provided good health insurance by the program.
4-H Club Day Participation Options
Complete details can be found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H-Club-Day-Guide-Book.pdf

**AGE of the oldest participant in a group will determine if group entry is Junior or Senior.**

*Example: If one youth is 14 or older and the rest are 13 and younger the group will compete in the Sr. group.*

*CLOVERBUDS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AT REGIONAL 4-H DAY AS IT IS A COMPETITIVE EVENT*  
Show and Share/Tell is the proper place for Cloverbuds to participate at a local 4-H Club Day Event.

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| **Talent-Music**       | Chorus                                     | 16 or more 4-H members  
Club or composite group (12 or more if Club membership is less than 16) | 2 numbers                   |
|                        | Vocal Ensemble                             | 2-15 4-H members  
Club or composite group | 2 numbers                   |
|                        | Vocal Solo                                 | 1 - 4-H Member any age                                 | 1 number                    |
|                        | Band/Orchestra                             | 16 or more 4-H members  
Club or composite group | 2 numbers                   |
|                        | Instrumental Ensemble                      | 2-15 4-H members  
Club or composite group | 2 numbers                   |
|                        | Instrumental Solo                          | 1 - 4-H Member any age                                 | 1 number                    |
|                        | Piano Solo                                 | 1 - 4-H Member any age                                 | 1 number                    |
| **Talent-Dance**       | Individual Dance                           | 1 - 4-H Member  
2 - 4 Members  
5 -12 Members  
13 or more Members | 5 minutes  
5 minutes  
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5 minutes                   |
|                        | Small Group Dance                          |                                                       |                            |
|                        | Medium Group Dance                         |                                                       |                            |
|                        | Large Group Dance                          |                                                       |                            |
| **Dramatics**          | Skit                                        | Any # of members                                       | 5 minutes                   |
|                        | Creative Dramatics                         | Any # of members                                       | 15 minutes                  |
|                        | Other (Novelty, stunt, puppets, etc)       | Any # of 4-H members                                   | 5 minutes                   |
|                        | Readings                                   | -Sr. Division - 1 only, 14-18 yrs of age               | 5 minutes                   |
|                        |                                            | -Jr. Division - 1 only, 7-13 yrs of age               | 5 minutes                   |
News from the Holton Office

Council Elects Officers
4-H Council met on Thurs.,
November 4. Election of
officers was held and the
following will be your 2021-22
4-H Council Officers:
- President – Karlie Albright,
Hoyt Livewires
- Vice President – Emma
Deghand, Hoyt Livewires
- Secretary – Olivia Rickel,
Hoyt Livewires
- Treasurer – Brooke Slipke,
North Jackson Jets
- Reporter – Madeline
Montgomery, Lucky Stars.

Fair Superintendents
Needed
If you know someone or
would like to be a fair superin-
tendent please let our office
know. Fair Superintendents help
at pre-fair judging, fair check in,
fair judging and fair check out.
This is all a pretty easy task. I
am in need of helpers for the
following areas:
- Welding
- Posters
- Notebooks
- Educational Displays
- Wildlife
- Animals on Parade
- Round Robin Contest.

Please let us know if you are
interested or have any questions.

Herdsmanship Winners
The following clubs will
have 1st chance at stall picks for
the 2022 Fair.
- Beef – Soldier Boosters
- Swine – Straight Arrows
- Bucket Calf – Delia Early Birds
- Sheep – Pleasant Valley
- Meat Goats – Lucky Stars
- Dairy Goats – Soldier Boosters
- Dairy Cow – Denison Builders

Fair Changes
Home Raised Class – You
will now be required to show
your market or breeding animal
in their breed class or you
can show the animal in the home
raised class. The animal will only
be shown once, the top animal in
the home raised class will
advance on to the final drive just
like we do with the breed classes.
We will ask you at weigh in
for the market animals which
class you would like to show in.
For the breeding you will just
clarify at pre-entry time.

Project Meetings
Are you looking for ideas for
Project Meetings this spring? If
there is something you would
like to learn about or have some
one interested in teaching, con-
tact Cara. Be watching your
emails for some possible project
meetings in the near future.

Fairbook Changes
Fairbook changes are due
to the office by January 1.

Club Goals
Club Goals are due to the
office by January 3.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council
meeting is February 10.

4-H Club Day
4-H Club Day will be held
March 5 at Jackson Heights
High School. Once again we
are offering a virtual option.
Please be watching for updat-
ed e-mails and sign up forms
coming out in January.

Beef Weigh In
Beef Weigh In is March 6
at Holton Livestock
Exchange from 2:00-4:00
PM.

Calling All 4-H Members . . .
Once again we will have the Meadowlark District Photography Challenge. Any 4-H member may participate. Please be watching for emails and facebook reminders on when to submit your pictures. Remember the theme is “Thinking of the 4-H Pledge”. We will start the 1st week challenge here in December. Please join our Meadowlark District 4-H Facebook Group to be able to vote for your “favorite photo”. Winners will be announced on Facebook and through email to all our 4-H families.
News from the Oskaloosa Office

Achievement Banquet
It was great to recognize our award winners and volunteers at the Achievement Banquet on November 6. THANKS to everyone for your dedication and hard work! Special recognition went to the Jason and Heather Roenne family as our Family of the Year, Anita Nelson, Bill Correll and Frank Boyce for leadership milestones, and Katie Rhodelander and Dianna Welsh for 4-H Alumni awards. We had five Key Award winners! They are Heath Allen, Grace Conser, Elle Jolley, Amanda Nelson and Eryn Vaughan. Many received project and Member Achievement Level awards. Keep up the good work!

Jeff. Co. 4-H Foundation
The annual meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Mon., January 31 at the Valley Falls Fair Building. Each club is required to have two representatives in attendance so that members of the club are eligible for event funding. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with adult representatives. Be sure your club is represented. A meal will be served, and the Foundation is asking each club to provide one dessert to share.

New Family Orientation
Welcome to the 4-H Family! We would love for you to join us at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 10, at the Fair Building in Valley Falls. We will have a session for 4-H members while we meet with parents to provide information and answer questions you may have. Please register with the office by Wednesday, January 5.

Virtual Judging
Considering doing virtual judging? Check out the back page for more information.
Achievement Event

We would like to congratulate everyone on all their hard work they put into their record books this year. A special thank you to those who donated pork for the event:

- Jim Renyer family
- Ross Mosteller family
- Sleek Creek Catering

A big thank you also goes to the Ambassadors for leading the event, the clubs who helped set up, clean up and take care of the refreshment tables.

If you were unable to attend the Achievement event or want to enjoy “A Look back on 2021” power point video, it has been posted to our website. https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

4-H Council

Congratulations to our new 2021 – 2022 4-H Council officers. They are the following:

- President – Monica Stallbaumer
- Vice President – Ryan Uphaus
- Secretary – Addie Haverkamp
- Treasurer – Davis Rokey
- Reporter – Jacob Heinen

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held January 10 at 7:30 PM at the Nemaha County Community Building meeting room. All 4-H Council representatives and leaders are asked to attend. This meeting is open to anyone so if you would like to participate, please plan to attend.

Congrats Key Winners

This year we had four 4-Hers receive the Key Award. This is a very prestigious award. Congratulations to:

- Jacob Heinen – Kelly Twilighters
- Jonathan Knapp – Stateliners
- Brandon Rogers – Pony Express
- Karly Tangeman - HHHH

Fair Sponsors

Do you or someone you know want to be a sponsor at the fair this year? The Fairboard will soon be sending out sponsor letters. Forms can be found on our website at http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html Thank you for your support.

Fairbook Changes

Did you see a mistake in the fairbook this year, or maybe something did not make sense? We need all fairbook changes by March 1. Please let us know if there is anything that needs corrected.

2022 Fair

The 2022 fair will be July 28 – Aug 1. The fair theme will be “4-H is How We Roll”. We will once again be putting together a vintage display. If you or someone you know has old 4-H memorabilia from a Nemaha County 4-H program, please contact Deb.

Project Discovery Event

Come explore many different projects Monday, January 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Seneca. We will be focusing on multiple project areas. There will be static and livestock projects. Plan to stay for the whole event, as we will be having 6 different, 20-minute rotations, where you will learn about all projects.

Important Dates

YQCA Training

There will be a YQCA training in Seneca January 3 at 11:00 AM. This is a required educational component for members exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Meat Poultry, Meat Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. This does not include Bucket Calf. You will need to register with your 4HOnline information prior to the event at: https://yqca.learngrow.io/

Food Fare

January 3 from 12:15 to 12:45 PM will be our Food Fare in Seneca. Hopefully, you have been discussing things at your club level about this event. The theme this year will be “Tailgating”. All 4-Hers are invited to come sample food from each club’s booth. Make sure your club gets their recipes to Deb before December 10.

4-H Club Days

Be thinking about what you or your club will be doing for Club Day on March 5 at Jackson Heights High School. This will be a combined event with Jackson County like in the past. The event will begin at 9:00 AM. Registration is due to your club leader by February 15.
**Virtual 4-H Judging**

During the 2020-21 4-H year, several virtual judging practice contests were offered, with low participation. We will be offering this again in 2021-22, starting with MEATS in December. New contests will be offered every 2-3 weeks throughout the year. **NEW** this year will be prizes for participating in each contest as well as an overall prize for participation in multiple contests. Please keep in mind that these events will count towards a 4-H contest for Achievement pins and Premium Sale requirement form. Give them a try! [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html)

**Calendar of Events**

**Dec. 1:** 4-H Records Survey
**Dec. 2:** Annual Fairboard Meeting, JA
**Dec. 4:** Livestock Judging Clinic
**Dec. 4:** Wool Judging Workshop
**Dec. 6:** Winter Classic register by date
**Dec. 10:** HCC “Winter Classic”
**Dec. 18:** Shooting Sports safety class
**Dec. 28:** Woodworking Proj. Meet, VF
**Jan. 1:** Fairbook changes due, JA & JF
**Jan. 3:** Club Goals due in offices
  - YQCA training, Seneca & VF
  - Food Fare Event, Seneca
  - Project Discovery Event, Seneca
**Jan. 5:** STEM Training, Salina
**Jan. 10:** New Family Orientation, VF
  - 4-H Council Meeting, Seneca
**Jan. 20:** Project Award Judging
**Jan. 23:** 4-H Day Women’s Basketball
**Jan. 24:** 4-H Council Meeting, VF
**Jan. 26:** JF Co. Booster Club meeting
**Jan. 28-30:** Horse Panorama, RSR
**Jan. 31:** Annual Foundation Meeting-JF
**Feb. 10:** 4-H Council Meeting, Holton
**Feb. 19:** JF 4-H Club Day
**Feb. 25-27:** Shooting Sports Inst Train
**Mar. 1:** Fairbook changes due, NM
**Mar. 5:** Club Day, Jackson Heights
  - Beef Weigh In, VF
**Mar. 25-27:** S.S. Inst. Train, RSR
**Mar. 26:** Spring Beef Show, VF
**Apr. 28:** Sheep/Goat Weigh In, VF
**Jul. 25-28:** JA Co. Fair
**July 26-30:** JA Co. Carnival
**Jul. 28-Aug. 1:** NM Co. Fair

**Offices closed:**
Holiday Break: December 23-31

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