4-H Record Report Pilot

The life skill of recordkeeping is learned in no better place than through the 4-H Record Book. Meadowlark District has upheld a high standard and support of 4-H recordkeeping at the local level, while much of the rest of Kansas has moved away from record books. A state-level taskforce has been formed to develop a new Kansas 4-H Records Report system, that will eventually replace the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP). Since the proposed Records Report system is very similar to what Meadowlark has been utilizing, our District has committed to be one of the Pilot Extension Units testing these new Record Reports, for the 2019-20 year. So, what does that mean to our 4-Hers?? Here is a quick overview.

What is similar?

- Personal page *(although a modified form for pilot)*
- Permanent record
- Two “types” of records; Animal and General
- Record report “parts” *(less breeding animals)*
- Project story *(Project Reflection for 7-9)*
- Project photos *(progressively more with age levels)*
- Use of records report as an awards tool locally

What is different?

- Hard copy, form-fill PDF and **electronic web (ZSuite)** record book options for forms. The Word fillable templates no longer an option, but online ZSuite is!
- Three age levels of forms and recognition: Junior 7-9, Intermediated 10-13, Senior 14-18 *(Seniors will use Int. forms and online record for this pilot)*
- Overall 4-H Story removed, as are general photos
- Noticeable “formatting” differences
- Record book submission process at the end of the year, only submit one year *(more to come later on specifics)*

What are we asking?

- Use the Pilot record report forms within MED for the 2019-20 year.
- Note the things that you like, don’t like and what is working or not.
- Provide feedback
- Keep an open mind
- Ask questions
- Be understanding & flexible

Part of what the Pilot testing is for, is to give a real world test of these forms. Your opinion and input is valued and important. The state task-force will look at input and possibly make changes based upon feedback received. Locally, we will be evaluating this new process and may modify from it in future years as well. BIG PICTURE – we need your input! The first introduction of this pilot process will be discussed at 4-H Council meetings and the first training will be offered at 4-H Club Day events across the District. The new record reports and a link to ZSuite is available on our website at: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html) Please direct your questions and concerns to me, so I can summarize for Meadowlark District rmostell@ksu.edu or 785-336-2184. Ross Mosteller, DEA 4-H Youth Development
4-H Photo WORKSHOP: Planting Seed of Photography

4-Hers of all skill levels, don't miss the opportunity to sharpen your photography and participate in competitions on Sunday, February 23 at Stormont Vail Events Center in Topeka. Begin your day at 9 AM with a photo shoot competition on the KS Garden Show floor (free entry to show for participants). Follow-up by testing your skills at photo judging at 11 AM. Enjoy the short presentation of the keynote speaker, Kevin Kirkwood, at 1 PM. He will share his unique method of printing photography on different mediums. He will bring sample of his creative techniques. Next, grow your skills through hands-on classes led by advanced 4-H photographers and experienced experts. Learn how to take pictures with light, explore fairy-garden, enhance digital photos, leverage smartphones for photos, practice how to select winning pictures, and sleuth the hidden data in your photos! Join Shawnee County 4-H Photo youth leaders for this exciting workshop in Topeka. Expand your project knowledge and have some creative fun at a Statewide event! Deadline to register is February 6. Register early to get your "preferred class choices." Here is the link to register: https://tinyurl.com/vdh8bnf

March 1 Deadline for States' 4-H Hosting

Costa Rican 4-S members and Taiwan 4-H members who are available for Kansas 4-H through States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) require host family applications due by March 1. Inbounds delegates will be 14-18. The 4-H families should have a host sibling within two years and the same gender of the inbound they host. The Costa Ricans will be with host families June 23-July 24, while the Taiwanese hosting dates are July 23-August 17.

Kansas families can go to https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/docs/2020-General-Inbound-Flyer-Edited.9-24-19.pdf. For more information on hosting inbound exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net. Rose Scott sixtykid2@gmail.com coordinates Japanese Summer Exchanges and Chelsy Champlin chelsycoen@gmail.com coordinates IFYE hosting for Kansas. Feel free to contact them about their specific exchange hosting opportunities.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas State University will host the Leadership Academy on June 24-27, for young livestock industry leaders. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders’ knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Students will stay in university housing with event staff for the duration of the event. The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Twenty high school students (current 9th-12th graders) will be selected to participate. The application deadline is April 15. Application forms are available at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/. For more information, please contact academy director, Sharon Breiner at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

4-H Super Saturday—March 21

You’ll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year’s 4-H Super Saturday. Held on March 21 in Hays, this annual event promises to provide engaging learning opportunities for 4-H'ers of all ages and their parents. The contests are also open to FFA members. Specific contest and workshop details will be available at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html
Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day

Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth beef projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science and alternative proteins, grooming and clipping, low stress cattle handling, the state livestock nomination process, herd health, reproduction, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior beef producer day is $15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 7, or $20 per person after the deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by February 7 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at [http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister](http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister) or by downloading the flyer ([http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays](http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays)), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org). Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, wool judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition, the state nomination process, flock management, herd health, facilities and equipment, wool judging, clipping, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior sheep producer day is $15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 21, or $20 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up February 21 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at [http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister](http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister) or by downloading the flyer ([http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays](http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays)), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org). Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.

### Hold the Dates!!!

#### Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp

The weather has been cold and wintry the past few weeks, but it won’t be long until campers are heading to Rock Springs 4-H Center for our annual summer camp. Meowlark District participates with the Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp. Please hold the dates of June 4-7, for 4-H Camp. ALL youth 4-H age 7, through completed 7th grade, are encouraged to sign up for 4-H camp. We will again need older teens to serve as Camp Counselors, so contact the Extension Office if interested in that volunteer role. Counselor training will begin on June 3. A registration form will be inserted in the April 4-H newsletter and will be posted to the “News” page of the District 4-H website.

#### 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball

The 12th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball team has been scheduled for Sunday, March 8, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas. Tip-off will be at 2:00 PM. For $22, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, and a $10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will be online again this year with a February 18, 2020, deadline. A flyer with details on how to register can be found at [http://www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) under “What’s Hot.”
When I joined 4-H I was a shy 13-year-old who did not like meeting new people. Now I’m older and typically seen as a person who put’s themselves out there and is typically considered a very happy, outgoing person. I have grown in my personality and outlooks on life.

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

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**Concession Stand Manager Application**

4-H Council is taking applications for Concession Stand Manager during the Jackson County Fair. Anyone who is interested please refer to our website for more information: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/jackson/JA-Co-Concession-Stand-Manager-Application.pdf](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/jackson/JA-Co-Concession-Stand-Manager-Application.pdf)

**Horse Judging Practices**

Practices have started. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office.

**Dog Practices**

Practices will start **February 11** at 7 PM in the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. From there on weekly practices will be on **Tuesday evenings.** Please be sure that your dog is up to date on its shots.

**Fair Superintendents Needed**

If you are interested in being a Fair Superintendent, please let Cara know. Help is needed in all areas. Fair Superintendents arrive early day of judging, assist with fair judging and answer any questions judges and 4-Hers may have, place ribbons on exhibits, help with fair set-up and clean-up, etc.

**4-H Event Scholarship**

The Jackson County 4-H Council Scholarship Application is available on our district website and at the Extension Office. This application is for youth attending State & National events such as Discovery Days, CIA, KYLF, Campference, Congress, etc....

**Fair Trophy Sponsors**

We have fair trophies that are in need of sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact the Extension Office.

**Project Leaders**

We hope you have held at least one meeting by now, or are planning to very soon! Project meetings should occur year-round, not just during the summer months. Let us know if you need project support materials or ideas for meetings.

**4-H Senior Scholarship**

Be sure to check out the 4-H Council Senior Scholarship Application. The applications is available on our website and at the office. You may only receive the scholarship once and it is open to all 4-H Seniors. The money raised from the Food Auctions goes towards these scholarships. **Applications are due by July 1** of current 4-H year.

**4-H Alumni Scholarship**

Any former Jackson County 4-Her may apply. They must be a student at an accredited college, university or technical school. Any academic major acceptable and must be enrolled in as a full time student. Application is available on the Meadowlark District 4-H Website under Jackson County.

**Regional 4-H Club Day**

If you receive a Top Purple at 4-H Club Day, you will then have the opportunity to attend Regional 4-H Club Day at Atchison Elementary School. It will be held Saturday, **March 21** starting at 9 AM. Please let your local extension office know by Monday, **March 9** if you plan to attend Regionals.

**4-H Club Day**

Will be **February 23** from 2-4 PM at the Holton Livestock Exchange. Ear tags must be paid for that day and your animals breed will be determined that day.

**Beef Weigh In**

Will be **February 13** at 7 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. Please be sure that your club is represented.

**4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Thursday, **February 13** at 7 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. Please be sure that your club is represented.

**2019-20 Fair Booster Program**

We are asking each family to sell at least 5 sponsorships. Money will be used to pay for fair judges & ribbon premium. The 4-Her who sales the most will receive a $50 gift card of their choice.

**News from the Holton Office**

For more information on 4-H Club Day, please see the publication on our website: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H-Club-Day-Guide-Book.pdf](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H-Club-Day-Guide-Book.pdf)
**News from the Oskaloosa Office**

**Horticulture Workshop**
Join us for our first, quarterly workshop from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, **February 3**, at the Delaware Township Library in Valley Falls. This workshop is open to adults and students 12 years and older, and is being organized by two local Master Gardeners. There will be a presentation by David Hallauer on “Good Bugs, Bad Bugs and More”. Register required in the Oskaloosa Extension Office by Friday, **January 31**. Workshop is free of charge.

**Volunteers**
We love our volunteers and appreciate all that they do to help “Make the Best Better” in our 4-H program. If you have knowledge in a project area, and interest in helping others learn, please let the office and your club leaders know. We always need project leaders, and would be glad to help you go thru the steps of the certification process.

**Interested in camp counseling?**
If you enjoy working with kids and having fun, don’t let this opportunity slip by! We need 16-18 year olds to work as camp counselors at Pioneer Trails camp from **June 4-7**. **Counselor training is June 3**. If you are interested, please contact Linda.

**New Families**
Don’t hesitate to contact a club leader or our office if you have questions about upcoming events or project records. Get involved and attend as many events as possible. Club and project meetings, 4-H Club Day and our 4-H Carnival are just a few examples of events that help our members gain knowledge and skills in their project work, improve presentation skills and have fun!

**Jefferson Co. 4-H Scholarships**
Applications are due in the office on Monday, **March 2**. Available to current high school seniors or high school graduates enrolled in higher education. Must be a current Jefferson County 4-H member. The application can be found on the Meadowlark/Oskaloosa Office webpage, and will be mailed to all high school counselors and seniors.

**JCEEU Scholarship Applications**
The Jefferson County Educational Extension Unit (JCEEU) will be awarding scholarships again this year. All high school seniors or college freshman, who: 1) are planning to attend an in-state institution 2) have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and 3) are residents of Jefferson County, are urged to apply.

To apply for these scholarships, candidates need to complete an application, submit a transcript of grades, and have two letters of recommendation. **Interviews are required**, and will be held from 4:00-6:00 PM on **March 9**. For details on eligibility and scholarship forms, check out JCEEU scholarship information on the Meadowlark/Oskaloosa Office webpage, or contact the office at 785-863-2212. You may also check with your high school counselor. The **deadline for applying is March 2**. Applications can be mailed to the Meadowlark District Extension Office, PO Box 326, Oskaloosa, KS 66066. No late applications will be accepted.

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**
This training is an exhibition requirement for county fairs within our District, as well as for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS. Youth may complete online training for $12/child, or participate in instructor-led session for $3/child. Thanks to those of you who attended the face-to-face training in January. We had a good crowd and appreciate your efforts to be there. If you have not completed this yet, make plans to do so soon.

**Beef Weigh-In**
Saturday, **March 7**, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM @ Valley Falls Fairgrounds

**Sheep and Goat Weigh-In**
Wednesday, **April 29**, from 6:00-8:00 PM @ Valley Falls Fairgrounds

**Jefferson Co. Fair Dates**
Week of **July 27**-**July 30, 2020**
Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the different 4-H events during the holiday break. If you attended the Project Event, make sure to make note of the Citizenship project you did. And WOW the Food Fare was a fun, well-attended event! We had over 130 youth attend. This was our learning year, so we hope to make next year even better.

Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In

The livestock tagging and weigh-in dates have been set. If you are enrolled in market beef, swine, sheep, or meat goats this involves you. To participate in the market animal classes at the Nemaha County Fair you must take part in these events. If you are unable to attend the weigh-in in Seneca, you may also attend weigh-ins in Holton or Valley Falls. Ear tags are $3.50 and must be paid for that day.

Beef Weigh-In - March 21
3:00–5:30 PM @ Seneca Veterinary Clinic

Sheep/Goat Weigh-In - April 25
7:30–8:30 AM @ Fairgrounds North Barn

Swine ID due - May 1 paper-work and pictures due in office

Dog Practice
Dates have been set for dog practice in Seneca. These will be February 17 and 27 at the Community Building in Seneca at 7:00 PM. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen VanWinkle prior to practice at 785-799-5745.

Business Tour

We had a nice turn out for the business tour of Valley Vet. Mark your calendar for February 22, we will be touring Heinen Brothers Agra Service. The tour will begin at 11:00 AM and we will meet at their hanger at 1226 104 Rd, Seneca, KS. You do not have to be in a certain project to attend the business tours, they are open to all 4-H members.

4-H Council

The January 4-H Council meeting was postponed until February 10 at 7:30 PM at the Seneca Extension Office. 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.

Project Leaders

We hope you have held at least one meeting by now, or are planning to very soon! Project meetings should occur year-round, not just during the summer months. Let us know if you need project support materials or ideas for meetings.

Fair Sponsors

Do you or someone you know want to be a sponsor at the fair this year? The Fair Board 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

2020 Fair

The 2020 fair theme will be “Home Grown 4-H Fun”. 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.

4-H Club Day

Club Day will be held March 7 at the Jackson Heights High School. All divisions will begin at approximately 9:00 AM and we will plan to be done by noon.

We hope you all have signed up with your club leader to participate in this event. A schedule will be sent out around February 20, be watching for it on the website as well.

If the weather would turn bad, and you have any doubts whether club day will be held, listen to KMZA or KNZA for information or call Deb at 785-336-1272 or Ross at 785-541-1012.

Judging at Club Day

We will be having several different judging classes set up at Club Day which is March 7. This is open to anyone and is a great way to try something new and see how you do. The judging will be available from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM so 4-Hers can judge whenever their schedule allows.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional Club Day will be held March 21 at the Atchison Grade School. Those 4-Hers who received a Top Purple at our Club Day are eligible for this event. Your score sheet will be marked, if you received a Top Purple. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our Club Day. The Extension Office will need to know if you will be presenting no later than Monday, March 9.
Calendar of Events

Tuesdays in Feb:
- Dog practice-Holton
- Horticulture Workshop-VF
- Photo workshop registration
- 4-H Club entries due-Oskaloosa
- Jr Beef Producer Day reg. due
- 4-H Council meeting-Holton
- 4-H Day entries due-Holton
- 4-H Day entries due-Seneca
- CIA-Topeka
- Dog practice-Seneca
- Wildcat Wm Basketball reg due
- Jr Sheep Producer reg due
- 4-H Club Day-Valley Falls
- Heinen Brothers business tour
- Photo workshop-Topeka
- Beef weigh-in-Holton
- Dog practice-Seneca
- Jr Beef Producer Day-Manhattan
- International hosting deadline
- JCEEU Scholarship app due

Mar 6:
- State Horse Judging Contest

Mar 7:
- Beef weigh-In-Oskaloosa

Mar 8:
- 4-H Club Day-Jackson Heights

Mar 9:
- Regional Club Day entries due

Mar 14:
- Jr Sheep Producer Day

Mar 16:
- JF Co 4-H Scholarship apps due

Mar 21:
- Regional Club Day-Atchison

Mar 21:
- 4-H Super Saturday-Hays

Mar 21:
- Beef weigh-in-Seneca

Mar 28:
- 4-H Carnival-Oskaloosa

Mar 28:
- Beef Show-Valley Falls

All offices will be closed
February 17—Presidents Day

Volunteer Screening Information

If you independently, DIRECTLY work with youth as a volunteer, volunteer screening is required. This includes club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, adult camp counselors, to name a few.

Information on the complete process can be found at: https://www.meadowlark.ks-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html In addition to the active 4HOnline account, with volunteer service information filled out, the other components of the screening process include Orientation, which is found in the Trainings tab of your 4HOnline account, Interview with Extension Staff, and a Criminal Background Check (CBC).