Extension Update

The staff of Meadowlark District are grateful for the response we’ve seen & heard from so many of you, over the past six weeks or so. We have not liked announcing the postponements and cancellations, any more than you’ve liked reading them. Not being able to meet and program in a face to face setting until after July 4, has been challenging news for many. As we all know, this is an ever changing and evolving situation, that has far reaching effects. Through it all, one thing remains, 4-H and 4-Hers are resilient and adaptive, working to “Make the Best Better”!

Thank you goes out to everyone who has adapted to new program delivery methods, shared project resources, highlighted project work and offered ideas to make “lemonade” out of the “lemons” we’ve been dealt. The creative ideas and new ways of sharing has been outstanding! We are not yet “back to normal” and may not be for some time. You will find in this newsletter a slightly different approach to sharing, as there are many “moving targets” on future events. There are several early summer events that will likely be transitioning to virtual formats, more to come. We continue to monitor and watch the status of events past the July 4 date. Please be watching your email, our 4-H website and MED 4-H Facebook group for updated information.

New Opportunity - What is a Virtual Competition?

It’s like the County Fair, but all online! Each week there will be competitions where you can submit entries in order to win a prize. There will be prizes awarded in each age category based off the amount of entries. Most of the competitions will be geared toward meeting requirements and preparing you for the 2020 County Fair. Feedback will be given to the 4-Hers from the judges. The competitions will be for five weeks on the following topics:
1. Posters—due April 27
2. 4-H in Action—due May 4
3. Photography—due May 11
4. Educational Displays—due May 18
5. Demonstrations—due May 25

Entry Submission E-mail entries to carar@ksu.edu including your name, age and club. Submissions may be shared on Social Media. Each competition will have a corresponding Facebook post on Meadowlark District 4-H Facebook page. You can email entries at any time to Cara at carar@ksu.edu. Please include in email 4-Her name, age and club and also what week of competition it is for. Winners will be announced on the Friday of the week that they are due on. This will be found our local Meadowlark District 4-H Facebook page.

Rules:
1. Local county fair rules apply. (See 2019 Fairbook on Meadowlark 4-H websites.)
2. Must be an active 4-H member.
3. All submissions will be judged by standard scorecards – but not by the same judge who will judge them at the fair in the summer. So a ribbon placement (prize) is not guaranteed to be the same as the one you will receive at the actual summer fair, if you choose to exhibit your exhibit at the fair.
4. All submissions will be judged in your age group – Cloverbuds will receive participation recognition!
5. Each submission will count as a project meeting for the project it is about.

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Suddenly in Charge

The closing of schools and preschools linked to the spread of the new coronavirus sent parents scrambling to find help in taking care of their young children. That means older children in some cases are helping look after younger kiddos. K-State Research and Extension has launched a new program, “Suddenly in Charge,” aimed at helping older children learn the best ways to handle what in some cases is a new role taking care of younger children, whether in their own homes or those of a neighbor or friend.

“Suddenly in Charge is important for our Kansas communities because many families are trying to work from home, and/or have children now at home responsible for providing care for younger children,” said Bradford Wiles, an extension specialist in early childhood development. “The safety of these children is crucial and we want to help families get some of the basic safety elements in place first, and then help them with age-appropriate activities.”

Over the coming weeks, helpful information will be available on the Suddenly in Charge website https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/families/suddenly-in-charge/index.html for teens, tweens and anyone charged with caring for younger children, whether it’s a new situation or they’ve been doing it for years. “Suddenly in Charge will provide trusted guidance from experts each of the forthcoming weeks with information about the things that families need,” Wiles said. One of the first resources planned is a babysitter information sheet with spaces for parent contact information, other emergency contacts, doctor information and more.

Health and Wellness

Health, exercise and recreation are vital parts of our daily lives. Youth can focus on physical activity, healthy eating, exercise, sports and recreation or first aid in relation to any of the other phases. There are four major phases of this project: Bicycle, Health, Outdoor Adventures & Recreation. Many, if not all, 4-Hers are engaged in health & wellness activities, why not make those a 4-H project???

Things to Learn/Do in the Project

- Learn and practice bicycle safety; identify parts of a bicycle; learn bicycle maintenance and repair; practice safe riding at night and in adverse conditions
- Steps for treating cuts and scrapes; how to prevent sprains, strains and bruises; design a First Aid Kit; choose nutrient-rich "power foods" for snacks; how to improve personal strength, flexibility and endurance; recognize fraudulent information about supplements and enhancements; design your personal fitness plan
- Plan nutritional and physical outdoor activities; what to take when you hike; learn about finding shelter and observing nature; learn the basics of camping; learn about camping gear; the importance of caring for nature; learn basics of backpacking; how to find your way using a compass, GPS, or landmarks; apply the "Leave No Trace" ethics when backpacking and hiking
- Identify personal areas of strength; learn about different types of recreation; learn the benefits of recreation for your body.

Ideas for Community Service

Although we are in a time of social distancing, practicing service to others is as critical now as it has ever been. We may need to change the way we approach 4-H Community service, but shouldn’t stop making the world around us a better place to be. The University of Nebraska, Lancaster County, https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/serviceideas.shtml has a great link listing 366 ideas for community service. Here are a few, check them out and try ways to give back to our communities, especially as so many could be feeling alone and isolated. If possible, we’d love for you to share pictures and descriptions of service on our District 4-H Facebook group.

General Ideas:
- Take photos during an event and donate them to the event organizers.
- Set up a web page for a non-profit agency.
- Make birthday cards for the elderly.
- Practice random acts of kindness.
- Recognize veterans in your community.
- The list goes on and on….
Students, future students and friends of the Department of Animal Sciences & Industry are and continue to be a top priority. The decision has been made to cancel all KSU ASI sponsored judging camps and the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA) this summer. This decision was not made lightly, but the safety and health of the youth served is the highest priority. If you have already sent in your registration please contact Chris Mullinix (Livestock) at cmullinix@ksu.edu or James Lattimer (Horse) at jlat-timer@ksu.edu to discuss cancellation. The departments look forward to having you on campus next year for the Champions Livestock Judging and Beginning/Advanced Horse Judging Camps. Applicants for KASLA are encouraged to re-apply for the academy in 2021. For more information, please contact academy director Sharon Breiner at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

YQCA Requirement for the State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program available for youth ages 8-21. Given the COVID-19 situation, face-to-face trainings have to be cancelled or postponed until after July 4, 2020. Therefore, youth will need to complete the online course in order to submit their certificate with their state livestock nominations. Families need to use their 4HOnline credentials on the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) to register for training. FFA Members may create an independent account.

In addition to being a requirement to SHOW and participate in premium auctions, at County Fairs within Meadowlark District, the YQCA requirement will continue for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors for the 2020 shows. There is now an option for 7-year-olds to become YQCA certified. However, they must participate in a junior-only instructor-led class with a parent or guardian. So, these members will need to wait until an instructor-led class can be hosted to obtain certification. They may not participate in an online course. 2020 will be a transition year for 7-year-olds exhibiting at KJLS, not required for that age group until 2021.

*K-State Livestock Judging Camp, Horse Judging Camp*

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State Livestock Nominations Still in Effect

The state livestock nomination deadlines are in effect and will continue as originally scheduled. May 1 - All market beef nominations are due. June 15 - Market swine, commercial gilt, market lamb, commercial ewe, ALL meat goat, and commercial heifer nominations are due. Youth who plan to show livestock projects in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (youth 4-H/FFA livestock show) or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must first state nominate their market animals and commercial females in order for them to be eligible for either show.

Exhibiting at one or both state shows is a two-step process. The first step is nomination, which goes through K-State, includes formally identifying animals you’d like to eligible to show by submitting paperwork, DNA for your animals, and a nomination fee. The second step is actually entering the show in which you would like to participate by going directly through the online entry system for the State Fair or KJLS. Rules and entry information for the state fair and/or KJLS may be found on their respective websites. Kansas State Fair Grand Drive - http://www.kansasstatefair.com/;KJLS - https://kjls.org/

Given the COVID-19 situation, families may obtain the necessary signatures by exchanging the forms with their agent or ag teacher via email, fax, or quality photos; they do not have to be original signatures. The 2020 Nomination information is posted on the following website. This includes nomination updates, information, forms, specie checklists, the Rookie Guide, and other educational materials. Families are encouraged to use ALL of these resources to successfully guide them through the state livestock nomination process. http://bit.ly/ksunominations

Why 4-H ???

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

“From the age of seven years old, 4-H has been leading me to exactly where I am today. It has equipped me with many life skills that I will use for long after my years of being a 4-Her are over. I am grateful for the opportunities the 4-H organization has given me and I hope to pay it forward someday.”
Congratulations Seniors!

The class of 2020 has experienced many things in their young lives. Most were born around the time of the 9/11 attacks and are losing out on many final senior experiences due to COVID-19. We want to dedicate this newsletter to you and highlight the seniors who’ve responded to our inquiry. Best wishes to all of you in the years to come!

The opportunity to provide a photo and answer some similar questions was offered to all 32 seniors, those choosing to respond follow.

Senior Spotlights

Jackson County

Name: Sidney Bohnenkemper
School: Holton High School
4-H Club: Denison Builders

Name: Bridget Kucan
School: Holton High School
4-H Club: Luck Stars
Favorite project: Beef
Favorite 4-H event: Putting on the Barnyard Olympics during the Jackson County fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: If you are passionate about something, then you will be happy with what you are doing for the rest of your life.
Future plans: I am planning to attend Kansas State University for Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Name: Trey Manuel
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: North Jackson Jets

Name: Jerilyn Nelson
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: Pleasant Valley Rustlers
Favorite project: anything dealing with showing livestock
Favorite 4-H event: Jackson County Fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I think one of the big things is communication. Everywhere you go and everything you do, you will have to use communication. 4-H has certainly helped me become more confident in speaking in front of people.
Future plans: Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in Ag Communications and Animal Science

Name: Jill Buck
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: Soldier Boosters
Favorite project: Dairy
Favorite 4-H event: KYLF
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Work Ethic
Future plans: Apprenticeship at the Holton Meat Processing plant

Name: Joel Kennedy
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: Soldier Boosters
Favorite project: Market Beef
Favorite 4-H event: Jackson County Fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has helped me with my ability to be a leader as well as helping people. That’s what a lot of 4-H is. It’s helping people in your community and helping fellow members.
Future plans: I plan to attend Southeast Comm. College in Beatrice, NE to pursue a degree in Agricultural Management and Production.
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: MaKenzie Kennedy
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: Soldier Boosters
Favorite project: Clothing and Market Beef
Favorite 4-H event: Jackson County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Being in 4-H has taught me the skills that it takes to be a successful leader, and it has also taught me the importance of giving back to the community that I am a part of.

Future plans: I plan to attend Baker University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Name: Cailin Parks
School: Holton High School
4-H Club: Straight Arrows
Favorite project: Beef and Swine
Favorite 4-H event: Jackson County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: My time in 4-H has taught me that the feel-goods that ribbons and the trophies give are temporary, but the feel-goods that come from helping younger members last forever.

Future plans: I will be attending Kansas State University to dual major in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science and Industry.

Name: Lewis Bolinger
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Fairview
Favorite project and why: Sheep! I just like raising and selling them, and teaching others to do the same. Have been able to use in many ag-related events and nativity scenes at Christmas.
Favorite 4-H event: Livestock Auction and anything social

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Public Speaking and Leadership Skills

Future plans: I am pursuing a career in agriculture and auctioneering.

Name: Riley Buss
School: Jeff West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project: Market Swine
Favorite 4-H event: Pedal Tractor Pull at Jefferson County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Public Speaking Skills

Future plans: I plan to attend Kansas State University, majoring in Agriculture Economics and Mathematics.

Jefferson County

Tidbits for 2001-2002

Price of gas: $1.36-$1.46/gallon
Price of milk: $2.85/gallon
Average price of cinema movie ticket: $5.66
Price of corn: $2.11/bushel
Price of wheat: $2.74/bushel
Price of soybeans: $4.60/bushel
Top Two Girl’s Names: Emily and Madison
Top Two Boy’s Names: Jacob and Michael
Popular Movies: Shrek, Lord of the Rings; Fellowship of the Ring, Pearl Harbor, Princess Diaries, Jurassic Park III
U.S. President: George W. Bush

Top Events:
7.9 Earthquake in India killed over 20,000 people and injured over 167,000
Terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11th
World Economic Slowdown
Microsoft releases Windows XP

Apple releases iTunes
Winter Olympic held in Salt Lake City, Utah with 2,399 athletes.
U.S. places third in gold medals.
Legendary racing drive Dale Earnhardt died in a last-lap crash during Daytona 500 at Daytona National Speedway.
100th Anniversary of the 4-H Program! (2002)

2001—Super Bowl Winner Baltimore Ravens over New York Giants 34-7
NCAA Basketball Tourney Men’s Champion Duke Blue Devils
NCAA Basketball Tourney Women’s Champion Notre Dame Fighting Irish

2002—Super Bowl Winner New England Patriots over St. Louis Rams 20-17
NCAA Basketball Tourney Men’s Champion Maryland Terrapins
NCAA Basketball Tourney Women’s Champion Connecticut Huskers
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Tyler Buttram
School: Perry-Lecompton High School
4-H Club: Fairview
Favorite project and why: Woodworking, because it's nice to build something myself that I, or others, can use.
Favorite 4-H event: Jefferson County Fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Always help those in need.
Future plans: I plan to go into the military.

Name: Preston Feuerborn
School: Jeff West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: Shooting Sports, because it can be challenging and I like to see improvement over time.
Favorite 4-H event: Shooting Sports Nationals
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught the importance of hard work and perseverance.
Future plans: My future plans are going into a career in aviation.

Name: Jacob Hamon
School: Jeff West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: When younger I really enjoyed the Arts and Crafts. I made many Lego creations and entered them in the fair. I enjoy making things.
Favorite 4-H event: Jefferson County Fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Determination and hard work pays off.
Future plans: I will graduate from Washburn Tech with a certification in HVAC. I just started working full time in the HVAC field and am looking forward to growing my knowledge in the field.

Name: Caden Hellman
School: McLouth High School
4-H Club: Crackerjacks

Name: Colby Hetherington
School: Jeff West High School
4-H Club: Billtown Go-Getters
Favorite project and why: Bucket Calf and Sheep. Bucket Calf was fun and I got to work with my mom. Sheep was something new and fun, too.
Favorite 4-H event: Jefferson County Fair
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: To be more outgoing and talk to people.
Future plans: Large Diesel Mechanic Degree from Washburn Tech.

Name: Heather Kahler
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: Beef and Woodworking! Tie because I like them both!!!
Favorite 4-H event: Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned how to work hard to achieve the goals I set for myself, and not to quit!
Future plans: I plan to attend Washburn University for a degree in Nursing, followed by either Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) or Physician's Assistant schooling.
Name: Josey Mestagh  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Clover Power  
Favorite project and why: Photography. I started taking pictures when I was young and once I started capturing images of cattle, horses and other Ag related things, it helped lead me to the decision to major in Ag Communications. I want to educate people about the importance of Agriculture.  
Favorite 4-H event: Parade night at the Jefferson County Fair  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Perseverance – to keep working until I accomplish my goals.  
Future plans: I am attending Fort Hays State University, majoring in Ag Communications.

Name: Neva Roenne  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Clover Power  
Favorite project and why: Breeding and Market Beef, because I love the project and can do this while spending time with the entire family.  
Favorite 4-H event: Definitely Crops Judging at the state fair!  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Overall, 4-H has taught me that our success is up to us. A purple ribbon or the salary at our future careers doesn’t make us successful. The way we live our lives does that. Success is all about giving and serving others. It is all about putting in the relentless work and reaping the benefits. We define our success and overall, what makes us happy. 4-H has instilled in me one of the most important lessons I can ever learn.  
Future plans: I will attend Kansas State University majoring in Ag-Communications and Journalism, with a minor in Agribusiness. I have committed to the KSU women’s rowing team as well. From there, I plan for my career to keep me in the Midwest and work for an agricultural firm or Ag publication company.

Name: Elizabeth “Libbie” Schmidt  
School: Perry-Lecompton High School  
4-H Club: Billtown Go-Getters  
Favorite project and why: Swine is my favorite because you create a connection with your animals and each of them is different. They have their own little attitudes and they can be super goofy fun to work with.  
Favorite 4-H event: Fair Royalty Contest and Fair Week  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Never give up even when it gets hard.  
Future plans: I plan to attend Highland Comm. College to work towards a degree in marketing or dental hygiene.

Name: Jarett Schnacker  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Clover Power  
Favorite project and why: Beef. It is fun and I get to work with my steer. I also learn a lot about steers and the beef market.  
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. I feel it will help me immensely in both my future career and in my life in general.  
Future plans: Unsure, but believe I will attend a technical school, followed by getting a skilled tradesman job.
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Lauren Terry
School: Jefferson Co. North High
4-H Club: Winchester
Favorite project and why: Sheep and Goat, two of my favorite animals

Favorite 4-H event: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Over the past 12 years 4-H has taught me thousands of life lessons. Although, the skill that shines through in my personality and my various positions, is my leadership ability. My family always jokes that they knew I would be an amazing leader since a very young age. I was always exceptionally talented at bossing my cousins around, but thank you 4-H for teaching that young bossy girl how to be a true leader. I’ve learned over the years that a true leader doesn’t lead from the front, they follow and train new leaders everywhere they go. I can only hope that I have impacted young 4-H’ers across the district and state in a way that brings forth new leaders to follow in my footsteps.

Future plans: I graduated high school a semester early in December of 2019. For the past semester have been in Lincoln, Nebraska, at Bryan College of Health Sciences studying cardiovascular sonography. I am excited to return to rural America to practice.

Name: Alexandra “Alex” Thompson
School: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Clover Power
Favorite project and why: My favorite 4-H project was shooting sports. I met so many great people through the program.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event was the Jefferson County fair. I loved the visual arts section especially, it was cool to see everyone's hard work.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H taught me that you can't rush art. The best work is done with planning and patience. Don't procrastinate doing your projects for visual arts until the day of judging. Speaking from experience, they will not look good.

Name: Madison Vaught
School: Jeff Co. North High School
4-H Club: Winchester
Favorite project and why: Breeding and Market Beef

Favorite 4-H event: Kansas State Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me the value of giving back to my community by being a good citizen. Volunteering and donating are instilled within me and I hope to continue to give back.

Future plans: In the fall, I will attend Hutchinson Community College (HCC) where I will study agriculture journalism and animal science. I will also be on the livestock judging team. Once I obtain my degree at HCC, I plan to attend Kansas State University where I will study agricultural communications and earn my bachelors. Along my educational journey I plan to cultivate some real-world, experimental learning opportunities with internships too. I look forward to these opportunities to help me share my love for livestock and people with my desire to communicate the story of American agriculture. I would also like to attend law school and study agriculture law. I want to help American farmers and ranchers and protect their legal rights.
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Tymber Winter  
School: Valley Falls High School  
4-H Club: Prosperity  
Favorite project: Swine. I love to watch my little piggies grow up! I love training them for the ring.  
Favorite 4-H Event: Pioneer Trails Camp!  

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me leadership, and knowing when to step up and help others.  
Future Plans: I intend to finish cosmetology school this summer, and then attend Emporia State University, majoring in Music Education with a minor in business. I plan to work at a salon part-time.

Nemaha County

Name: Corley Becker  
School: Nemaha Central High School  
4-H Club: HHHH  
Favorite project and why: Leadership, because there are so many different opportunities to attend 4-H events, make friendships with 4-Hers from across the state and country, and help other 4-Hers learn about all 4-H projects.  
Favorite 4-H event: 4-H Camp, hands down. I absolutely love bonding with my campers and fellow counselors, many who will be my friends for a lifetime.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Always be looking to help and serve others, because there is always someone in need, and they will appreciate your help even more than you know.  
Future plans: Kansas State University majoring in Agricultural Education and minoring in Leadership Studies. I hope to become a 4-H Extension Agent or Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor.

Name: Molly Edelman  
School: Sabetha High School  
4-H Club: Busy Jayhawkers  
Favorite project and why: Although I haven’t done it for a couple years, my favorite project has been rabbits. They’re easy to take care of, easy to show, and I always liked showing the younger project members the ropes!  
Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event hands down is camp! I loved going as a kid and I had a crazy (but awesome) experience as a counselor last summer!  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me so many valuable like skills like leadership, responsibility and hard work that I will continue to apply to my life.  
Future Plans: I will be attending the University of Kansas in the fall to study graphic design.

Name: Courtney Huerter  
School: Centralia High School  
4-H Club: Red Rustlers  
Favorite project and why: I have tried so many different projects, but I have to say Cooking is my favorite. I enjoy baking pies for family, teachers for Christmas gifts, and fund raiser.  
Favorite 4-H event: I really have enjoyed participating in Citizenship projects we have done for the Seniors Citizens and watching their face light up. I also enjoy County 4-H day and reading my favorite poems to judges.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has prepared me in so many ways as I start a new chapter in my life. The one thing I have learned in 4-H that has helped me so much is public speaking. I can get up speak to groups, run a meeting, and do interviews successfully. I will truly miss 4-H, but I am so thankful for it has taught me.  
Future plans: I will be attending Washburn University with a major in English.
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Kiara Niehues  
School: Centralia High School  
4-H Club: Red Rustlers

Favorite 4-H project and why: My favorite project would have to be visual arts because as the years pass I can physically see my improvement and it gives me a chance to try new things and express myself.

Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event would be Discovery Days. It is a more independent event that 4-H has and it really makes people be responsible. It is so easy to make friends with the interactive classes that it has and with the dance.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned responsibility and respect through the 4-H organization which I believe will help further my success. It also showed me I can cook so maybe I won't live off of ramen in college.

Future plans: I will be going to the University of Kansas and will be majoring in Psychology. I hope to become a clinical psychologist and continue to help people the way 4-H has taught me to.

Name: Dylan Schultejans  
School: Nemaha Central High School  
4-H Club: Kelly Twilighters

Favorite 4-H project and why: Swine, I like working with pigs. I have done the project every year.

Favorite 4-H event: Fair, I like to show my animals.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Dedication by completing a project from start to finish. Leadership, I have been the president of the Kelly Twilighters for the past three years.

Future plans: Attending KSU majoring in journalism or education.

Name: Vivian Strahm  
School: Sabetha High School  
4-H Club: Busy Jayhawkers

Favorite 4-H project and why: Horse, because I get to spend time with my dad and enjoy being outdoors.

Favorite 4-H event: Nemaha County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: that when you start a project or task of some kind you continue with it until it is completed.

Future plans: Kansas State University and major in human biology and Pre Health

Name: Emily Weyer  
School: Centralia High School  
4-H Club: Centralia Aces

Favorite 4-H project and why: My favorite project would have to be visual arts, because I love doing art and this project is a great way to showcase it.

Favorite 4-H event: Discover Days is the 4-H event I look forward to attending every year because there are so many activities to do and new people to meet.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Over the past ten years, 4-H has taught me responsibility and hard work and I will use these skills in my future school and career plans.

Future Plans: This fall I’m attending Kansas State University and majoring in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Art.
Thank You!
Despite COVID-19, 4-H is still happening in different formats. We appreciate your flexibility, can-do-it attitudes and eagerness to help in different ways.

4-H Carnival
We hated to see the annual 4-H Carnival cancelled, but wanted to share the top raffle ticket sellers with you. Individual ticket sales: 1st Place-Lexie Welsh of Valley Victor 4-H Club, 2nd Place-Chris Noll of Mooney Creek & Sierra Tucker of Jolly Juniors, 3rd Place-Karlee Porter of Winchester 4-H Club. Top honors in overall club sales went to: 1st Place-Valley Victor 4-H Club, 2nd Place-Mooney Creek and 3rd Place-Fairview. Good Job! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who sold tickets. This has been a challenging year, and we appreciate your efforts early on.

Fairgrounds Improvements
If your club is interested in working on a project(s) at the fairgrounds after July 4, 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.

Bucket Calf, Swine, Sheep, and Goat Tags
Please refer to the District pages of this newsletter, along with emails you should have received, regarding tagging procedures for this year. Tagging deadline is June 1 for species listed. Contact the office with any questions you may have.

Save the Dates
Barring any restrictions, we plan to have multiple project meetings and fair prep info. sessions on July 11 and 16. Be watching for further details.
May 1: Add/drop project deadline
Market Beef State nomin due
May 18: JF 4-H Council Zoom
June 1: Sheep/Goat/Swine and remaining Beef ID’s due
       JF Bucket calf forms due
June 15: State Livestck nomin due
July 1: YQCA certification deadline
July 6: Pre-Fair Judging, Horton
        JA Dog Show
July 20-23: JA Co Fair
July 24-27: NM Co. Fair
July 27-30: JF Co Fair
Sept 15: Sportfishing Tourn. ends

Calendar of Events

4-H Events & Participation

During these new and unprecedented times of “social distancing” and prohibition of meeting face to face, this Calendar of Events section has become much “leaner”. PLEASE be watching your email (remember we use your 4HOnline information so keep it current and check the email address given to us!), our District 4-H Website and MED 4-H Facebook group, as well as Kansas 4-H pages, for information on how events will be managed going forward. Just because we are moving into virtual meetings and events, doesn’t at all diminish the importance and value of attending and engaging in these platforms. STAY ENGAGED & INVOLVED,
4-H is not closed!

Summer Newsletters

During the summer months, we move to county fair, locally mailed newsletters. This May 4-H newsletter will be the last one you receive until after county fairs have concluded. Please review this local, fair related newsletters with great detail, as they are very important to your success in navigating the fair. Be watching for electronic versions of the Fair Books soon. Please be mindful that we are limited to the requirements put in place by state and local government/health officials, as it relates to the large public event of fair.