Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Anyone who is planning to EXHIBIT Beef, Dairy (cows & goats), Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, Meat Poultry or Meat Rabbits, needs to complete the annual certification. Within Meadowlark, we require this training for youth ages 8-18 (age on January 1). Locally 7 year olds are exempt, as they require a specialized training. However, 7 year olds are encouraged to attend an instructor led training or watch online modules with siblings, if applicable. The YQCA requirement will continue for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors for the 2021 shows.

If you need the certification option for a 7-year-old, for KJLS please contact Ross.

Online certification has been the only way to receive training in 2021, and continues to be an option. However, with the relaxing of group size gathering limit at K-State, we are planning to offer a round of in-person trainings with-in Meadowlark District.

Dates and times are:
- Sunday, May 23, 2:00 PM – NE KS Heritage Complex, Holton
- Wednesday, May 26, 7:00 PM – Community Building, Seneca
- Thursday, May 27, 1:00 PM – Valley Falls

Youth may participate in a 60-minute instructor-led training for $3/child, or complete the online certification course for $12/child. Families need to use their 4HOnline credentials on the YQCA website (https://yqca.learngrow.io) to register for training. FFA Members may create an independent account.

EXHIBITORS MUST REGISTER & PAY THE FEE PRIOR TO ATTENDING TRAINING!!! Contact our office if you need to pay with cash, as we will issue you a coupon code to enter on the website. Please contact Ross if you have any registration challenges. 785-336-2184 or rmostell@ksu.edu

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species livestock quality assurance program. This annual certification program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development for youth producing and/or showing livestock. The curriculum grows with a child, so youth will expand their knowledge by covering new topics every year.

District Horse Show Participation Changes

4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.

This rule change was approved and began implementation in December 2019. However, due to the cancellation of District Horse Shows in 2020, it was never practiced. State staff is working with District Horse Show Chairs to manage the change for the 2021 show season, including promoting all District dates. NE District Horse Show is July 1 at Stormont Vail Event Center arena in Topeka. Registration form is located at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html and is due June 10.
Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University's first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 28-30. This event is for youth, ages 13-18, with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization. Participants will get the chance to shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wood yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is free! Register for camp here For more information, email kyhc@ksu.edu

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**Discovery Days**

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021, **June 1-4**. 4-H Discovery Days is for young people ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021. Registration cost is $35 - REGISTER HERE! https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person.

**Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic**

The 2021 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic will be hosted **July 9-10** at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan. This two-day event is comprised of educational opportunities, including a swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, as well as a prospect and market hog show. All Kansas youth ages 7 and older are invited to participate. Entries must be submitted online by 5:00 PM on June 15. Payment needs to also be postmarked by June 15. The flyer and additional details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website later this spring. KSU and local health guidelines at the time of the show will be followed.
2021 State Livestock Nominations & Updates

The 2021 state livestock nomination season has arrived! The current materials have been released and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website under “Nomination Information”. Families must use the current year’s forms (2021) for their nominations to be accepted. To be eligible to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or at KJLS, market animals and commercial females must be formally nominated by the appropriate deadline. Also, there is not a registered breeding doe division at either show, so ALL meat goats (wethers and does) must be nominated to be shown.

There are minor updates to the process this year; a list may be found on the youth livestock website. New families are highly encouraged to visit their local extension office and refer to the “Rookie Guide” for further information and specific details. Nomination is NOT entry. After the nomination process is complete, families must officially enter each child for the show in which they would like to participate! Follow each show’s website and social media pages (Grand Drive, Kansas Junior Livestock Show) for details. Only online entries will be accepted for both shows.

Deadlines:
- May 1 - Market Beef Nominations DUE (market steers and market heifers)
- June 15 - Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, and Commercial Heifer Nominations DUE
 * Nomination information, forms, checklists, and the Rookie Guide may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website: [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu)*

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is being planned for August 21-22. This event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and quiz bowl, all in one, action-packed weekend. In addition to being the Kansas qualifier for the national 4-H contests, sweepstakes awards will also be tabulated for teams and individuals who participate in all of the contests throughout the weekend. Registration must be submitted by the local extension office. Watch the KSU YLP website for more details in June!

K-State “Champions” Livestock Judging Camp

The K-State Livestock Judging Team hopes to host their annual “Champions” livestock judging camp this summer. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for more details later this spring! Traditionally, this camp is open to 4-H and FFA members ages 14-18. Numbers will be limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

Why 4-H ???

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

“4-H has had several impacts on my life, that have ranged from growing as a person, to learning life skills to understanding self-motivation. The biggest impact that the 4-H program had on my life is self-confidence.”
Congratulations Seniors!

The class of 2021 has experienced many things in their young lives. Most were born around the time after the 9/11 attacks and are losing out on many junior & 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 28 seniors, those choosing to respond follow.

2002-2003 Tidbits

Price of gas: $1.36-$1.59/gallon
Price of milk: $2.72/gallon
Price of ground beef: $1.72/lb.
Price of corn: $2.28-$2.33/bushel
Price of wheat: $3.25-3.36/bushel
Price of soybeans: $5.13-$6.33/bushel
Average cinema movie ticket: $6.03
Top Two Girl’s Names: Emily & Emma
Top Two Boy’s Names: Jacob & Aidan
Top Grossing Movies: Finding Nemo and Spider Man
U.S. President: George W. Bush
U.S. Vice-President: Dick Chaney
Top Events:
- Department of Homeland Security established
- United Airline & US Airways file for bankruptcy
- Congress passes Iraq Resolution authorizing the Iraq War
- Nicktoons TV launches in the U.S.
- No Child Left Behind Act signed into law
- Sky Marshalls introduced on U.S. airlines in attempt to prevent hijacking
- Fred Rogers, host of Mister Rogers Neighborhood, dies at age 74 from cancer
- Top Thrill Dragster opens in Cedar Point in Ohio as worlds tallest & fastest roller coaster
- In May, 393 tornadoes reported in 19 states
- Largest hailstone ever recorded falls in Aurora, NB
Sports:
- Winter Olympic held in Salt Lake City, Utah with 2,399 athletes. U.S. places third in gold medals
- 2002-Super Bowl Winner New England Patriots over St. Louis Rams 20-17
- 2003-Super Bowl Winner Tampa Bay Buccaneers over Oakland Raiders 48-21
- NCAA Div.1 Basketball Tourney
  Women’s: 2002 Champion Connecticut defeated Oklahoma 82-70 – 2003 Champion Connecticut defeated
  Tennessee 73-68
- NCAA Div.1 Basketball Tourney Men’s :2002 Champion Maryland defeated Indiana 64-52 – 2003 Champion
  Syracuse defeated KU 81-78
- 2002 World Series Anaheim Angels defeated San Francisco Giants in Game 7
- 2003 World Series Florida Marlins over New York Yankees in Game 6
Jackson County

Name: Kyle Bohnenkemper
School: Holton High School
4-H Club: Mayetta Mustangs

Favorite project and why: Swine - I enjoy raising the piglets and watching the transformations.

Favorite 4-H event: Shooting sports

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: My interest is Beef and Swine. I have truly enjoyed learning how they grow and the responsibility it takes to raise the animals. I hope to pass on my passion for beef and swine to my little brother.

Future plans: I plan to attend Mid-America Nazarene University and major in Physical Education and would like to minor in something. I have signed with them to place baseball, too. After college I plan to teach high school PE and coach baseball.

Name: Aidan Colter
School: Hayden High School
4-H Club: Hoyt Livewires

Favorite project and why: Pigs - I love their personalities and they are all so unique.

Favorite 4-H event: Jackson County’s yearly fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Record keeping! Definitely has made me keep better records than I may have. Keeps me accountable with livestock, expenses and income.

Future plans: I am attending a community college and am planning on studying farm and ranch management.

Name: Colby Doyle
School: Jackson Heights High School
4-H Club: Straight Arrows

Favorite project and why: Market Beef—My family has raised market beef my entire life. I really enjoy feeding and taking care of cattle with my dad and grandfather.

Favorite 4-H event: Kansas State Shotgun & the Jackson County Fair.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned to be a better leader serving as my Club President the past two years. I have also learned that hard work is not always easy, but will always pay off.

Future plans: I am attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Nebraska to study Diversified Agricultural Management.

Name: Sarah Grafton
School: Holton High School
4-H Club: Mayetta Mustangs club for 7 years


Name: Sarah Halbleib
School: Homeschool
4-H Club: Denison Builders

Favorite project and why: Horse - I love riding and working with horses and competing in our local 4-H horse shows is an enjoyable way to learn how to show a horse.

Favorite 4-H event: The Kansas State Fair!

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: How to properly manage animal record keeping!

Future plans: Take online college classes for Vet Tech and continue working to become a horse trainer.
Name: Shelby Phillips  
School: Jackson Heights High School  
4-H Club: Denison Builders  
**Favorite project and why:** My favorite project is dairy. This is because my family is in the dairy business.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** 4-H fair because I get to see all of my fellow 4-Her’s and compete.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** My leadership skills is something I’ll take with me forever.  
**Future plans:** I am planning on working for McManigal Electric and eventually going through Highland Community College to get my business degree.

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Name: Marcus Pruett  
School: Holton High School  
4-H Club: Pleasant Valley Rustlers for 11 years  
**Projects:** Market Beef, Clothing & Textiles - Clothing Buymanship & Photography  
**Jefferson County**  
Name: Taelur Barnes  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Clover Power  
**Favorite project and why:** Clothing Buymanship and Fashion Revue was my favorite project because it challenged me and made me step outside of my comfort zone.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** Was Citizenship Washington Focus. I was able to learn and appreciate our Nation’s Capital in a new way and created new 4-H friendships across Kansas and the US.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** I have learned the value of communication, teamwork and commitment. These will help me overcome the adversities faced in life.  
**Future plans:** I will be attending Barton County Community College this fall to obtain my EMT certification. Summer 2022, I am enrolled in Fire Fighter I and II at Hutchison Community College. I will continue working on my Degree at Barton while doing internships with local fire departments to gain hands on experience. After my Fire Fighter training, I will apply for the Paramedic Program at Barton County in the Fall of 2022.

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Name: Alexis Graber  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Clover Power  
**Favorite project and why:** The Horse Project is my favorite project because of the support and connections I have made while building, improving and showcasing my projects.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** The Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show and Kansas State Fair fun.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** 4-H has taught me to set goals in all project areas. This translates to all aspects of my life. By setting goals, I am challenging myself to do better. This is how I live the 4-H motto of “to make the best better.”  
**Future plans:** This coming fall I will be attending Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. If you ask me what my long-term career goal is, I will say to go to medical school, but in discussing my goals with professors from Truman State University, they encourage me to start with an open mind. I have chosen to major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I will be studying molecules and living organisms. I believe that this is a foundational experience that will lead me to medical school. I plan to take advantage of research opportunities offered at Truman to help me expand my knowledge and further develop my career goals. By preparing for a scientific career, I intend to help others and have the opportunity to give back to the communities that have extended their support to me. I believe that I am selecting a college, degree and career that will utilize and nurture many of the values that I’ve learned throughout my years in 4-H.
Senior Spotlights cont.

Name: Dallas Clark
School: Valley Falls High School
4-H Club: Valley Victors
Favorite Project and why: Goats because we raise them
Favorite 4-H event: Seeing my friends at the fair each year
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Accountability and responsibility
Future plans: work for Davin Electric

Name: Brooklyn Correll
School: Valley Falls High School
4-H Club: Prosperity
Favorite project and why: Visual Arts—I have always loved doing arts and crafts. I started drawing and painting when I was 3 years old when my older siblings were doing their arts projects. My projects have gotten bigger, more costly and require more talent. I have enjoyed planning and leading art projects for other 4-H members in my club and at project fairs for the district as well as helping the elderly in the nursing homes. Winning the state KAP for Visual Arts was one of my most special events in my 4-H career.
Favorite 4-H event: There are a lot of them and it is hard to choose. The county fair has always been one of my favorite activities. I like to show all my projects and learn from the judge on how to improve. I really like to hang out with all my friends at the fair and cheer each other on.
The 4-H Exchange Group has been another of my favorite activities and memories. I have met so many neat 4-Hers and families in Pennsylvania and California. I have learned about where they live, what 4-H is like and their daily lives. I talk to them frequently and hope to get to see them again some day.
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Besides improving my skills in leather art, I have learned that hard work does pay off.
Future plans: My future plans are to finish high school and start a full time job.

Name: Eddie Dinger
School: Valley Falls High School
4-H Club: Prosperity
Favorite project and why: My favorite project is leather working because I feel like it is a lost art.
Favorite 4-H event: My favorite 4-H event is competing in archery.
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Besides improving my skills in leather art, I have learned that hard work does pay off.
Future plans: My future plans are to finish high school and start a full time job.

Name: Erin Hellman
School: McLouth High School
4-H Club: Crackerjacks for 5 years
Projects: Rabbits

Congratulations!
Name: Haley Kimble  
School: Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club: Grantville Circle G  

Favorite project and why: Dog project because of all of the people I’ve met through the project, how well behaved my own dog is because of the years of work and dedication, and also the skills I now have on how to train obedient dogs.

Favorite 4-H event: State Fair, I loved going camping with my family and being able to walk around all of the vendors and eat really good fair food.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Public speaking skills, it has helped me not be as nervous to talk to large groups of people.

Future plans: Continuing my education of animal science at Fort Hays State University.

Name: Kenzie Nellis  
School: Valley Falls High School  
4-H Club: Valley Victors  

Favorite project and why: Market Beef—I love animals and this project teaches you how to be comfortable doing things outside your comfort zone.

Favorite 4-H event: 4-H parade

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: All of my leadership goals I have obtained.

Future plans: Attend Washburn University in the Fall of 2021 in hopes of becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Name: Aaron Noll  
School: Maur Hill Mount Academy  
4-H Club: Lucky 4  

Favorite project and why: Poultry and Photography are a couple of my favorite projects. I have learned many things about poultry through my years, but have a lot of satisfaction doing a project that can provide meat and eggs for our family, as well as learning how to raise and show black rose comb bantams. Over the years I have grown in my love of photographing the outdoors while I am hunting, fishing or hiking to capture the beauty of nature.

Favorite 4-H event: Participating in the State Fair fashion revue and placing 3rd has been a highlight of my 4-H career.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: 4-H has taught me many valuable lessons, but the skills of leadership, communication and work ethic will set me up for success no matter the career I choose to pursue. Hard work, and being able to bring people together, clearly communicate directions to complete tasks are valuable assets for success.

Future plans: My near future plans are to attend Highland Community College where I will complete my pre-requisites, as well as play baseball. I plan to finish my school at Kansas State University with a dregree in Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management with an emphasis in fisheries.

Name: Joey O’Trimble  
School: Perry Lecompton High School  
4-H Club: Billtown Go-Getters  

Favorite project and why: Swine because they are sociable, have great personalities and are smart.

Favorite 4-H event: The 4-H Fair.

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

Future plans: I am enrolled in a Business Fundamental Computer Training Course this summer. After completing that, I plan to enroll in a Vet Tech program. I will also continue to help on the family farm.
Name: Wyatt Thayer  
School: Oskaloosa High School  
4-H Club: Jolly Juniors

Favorite project and why: My favorite project is archery. I have always loved archery since my dad took me to the archery shop back in California. I started shooting when I was 8 years old. I grew up with it and was super lucky to be able to use those skills at a competitive level in 4-H. I have also made a lot of friends through our county team and competitions around the state.

Favorite 4-H event: State match for archery

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned a lot through 4-H, but something that I will use through my life is being able to talk in public. Talking in public with all my project talks and running for club and county officer positions has really helped me out a lot. I am sure I will use the public speaking skills I’ve learned for the rest of my life.

Future plans: I plan on attending Washburn University and pursuing a major in Business.

Name: Dalton Voelker  
School: Valley Falls High School & Washburn Technical School  
4-H Club: Valley Victors

Favorite project and why: Beef Project: This project teaches myself and others how to raise a market animal.

Favorite 4-H event: The Fair or the Carnival

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Something I have learned from 4-H is that it takes a lot of work to raise a herd of cattle or any livestock.

Future plans: Heavy equipment operator or truck driver.

Nemaha County

Name: Kendall Durland  
School: Centralia High School  
4-H Club: Red Rustlers

Favorite project and why: Buymanship—I love getting to look for good quality clothes and modeling them.

Favorite 4-H event: Discovery Days

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

Future plans: Attending Cloud County Community College and studying Early Childhood Education and Vocal.

Name: Nyah Heinen  
School: Nemaha Central High School  
4-H Club: Kelly Twilighters

Favorite project and why: My favorite project has been the Fashion Revue because I love fashion!

Favorite 4-H event: The events that stick out the most for me are the county fairs; all the preparation and excitement that lead up to it is something I won’t forget.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: I have learned that record keeping is very beneficial, especially when applying to college and filling out scholarship applications. I plan to continue to keep track of events, accomplishments, volunteer work and goals.

Future plans: I will be attending Kansas State University and majoring in Fashion Studies.

Name: Erin Hueske  
School: Centralia High School  
4-H Club: Kelly Twilighters

Favorite project and why: Foods and Nutrition—I enjoy trying new recipes and foods. Plus, my decorated cupcakes are a big hit with my classmates and teachers!

Favorite 4-H event: Discovery Days

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Speaking in front of others is hard for almost everyone, but it makes it a little easier to do when you know that.

Future plans: Attending Wichita State University and studying accounting.
Name: Malissa Deters  
**School:** Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club:** Achievers  
**Favorite project and why:** Visual Arts because I love creating art.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** Achievement event because we get to see our accomplishments.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** How to talk with a judge about my project.  
**Future plans:** Attend Emporia State University to become an Art teacher.

Name: Nathan Knapp  
**School:** Aletheia Academy  
**4-H Club:** Stateliners  
**Favorite project and why:** Wildlife Management because it involved a lot of outside work where I got to see sunrises and sunsets and where I got to experience creation. I loved getting exposure to animals of many different kinds and learning about their habits. It was good to discover how to use them for food, observation and even as a source of income.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** The County Fair  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** 4-H provided many opportunities throughout my life for public speaking especially through the club day activities. Public speaking is something that can be useful and important in many walks of life and if a person becomes familiar with it early on, he or she is equipped to speak on issues of significance which may arise in the future.  
**Future plans:** I wish to work in the construction trade.

Name: Preston Koch  
**School:** Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club:** Achievers  
**Favorite project and why:** Horse—I love spending time outdoors and riding.

Name: Leah Renyer  
**School:** Sabetha High School  
**4-H Club:** Stateliners  
**Favorite project and why:** Foods and Nutrition because I like to bake and the food project offers a lot of areas to branch out like decorate cakes and table setting.  
**Favorite 4-H event:** Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life:** I have gained a lot of leadership skills throughout my time in 4-H that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. I have also learned through 4-H to step out of my comfort zone and try new things because there's always something new to gain and learn from every experience.  
**Future plans:** I plan to attend Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina to study math education to become a high school or middle school math teacher, and will also be playing on the Lady Coyote basketball team.

Name: Evan Schmitz  
**School:** Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club:** Achievers for 12 years  
**Projects:** Plant Science - Field Crops, Breeding & Market Swine  

Name: Spencer Strahm  
**School:** Sabetha High School  
**4-H Club:** Busy Jayhawkers for 10 years  
**Projects:** Market Beef, Visual Arts & Woodworking
4-H Event Scholarship
The Jackson County 4-H Council Event/Senior/Alumni Scholarships are available on our website under Jackson Page. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

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

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

Fair Pre-Entry Change
We have purchased a new fair management software called FairEntry. There are a few major changes for you as a 4-Her.
1. With this program you as the 4-H member will enter all pre-entries online and will no longer be submitting a paper form to the extension office. In the past we know many will pre-enter the highest number of entries you can enter, but usually don’t exhibit that many at the fair. It will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.
2. You will no longer have to fill out the two sided entry cards! We will be printing them off according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Then you will pick up and attach cards when you bring your exhibit to the fair.
3. All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.

Premium Sale Requirements
If you intend to take an animal through the premium auction. Every year you must complete the Premium Sale Requirement form, which is found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. These forms are due in the Extension office by July 1. You are required to have this form signed by your club leader prior to handing it in to the Extension Office. So make sure to double check this form now.

Changes at the fair
The fairbook will be digital this year and can be found on our website. A tentative schedule for the fair is also on our website. Please look over this as there are some changes.

4-H Projects in 4-H Online
Make sure you are in each part of a project you intend to be (breeding and/or market animals or various fiber arts areas for example). Project records should be filled out and turned into club leaders in September for each project area you are enrolled in. You have until May 1 to make any changes.

2021 Concession Stand
The Concession stand manager for this year will be Anissa Bloom and family. The concession stand committee met a few weeks ago and have some great ideas for new items for the fair concession stand. A representative from your club will meet in May to draw for concession stand shifts for your club. Please remember that this is our only fundraiser for Jackson County 4-H so it is very important that everyone does their job and works their shift during fair week.

Important Dates

Swine ID Forms
Due to the office May 1.

Spring Weigh In
Spring Weigh-In for sheep and goats will be May 6 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the NE KS Heritage Barn. Tags will be $3.00 and must be paid for that night.

Spring Livestock Show
The Jackson County Spring Livestock Show will be held on May 29. For more information please visit the Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Event page for entry forms or contact Jo Ann Nelson at 364-7479.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council Meeting is June 8 at 7:00 PM at the NE KS Heritage Building.

Fairgrounds Clean-Up
The fair board will hold their pre-fair set-up on Saturday, July 17 at 9:00 AM. It takes everyone’s help to make the fairgrounds look nice and get ready for fair. So come when you can and lend a hand and make the fairgrounds look nice.

Washburn University STEM Summer Camp
The camp is for students going into the 7th or 8th grade fall of 2021, residential. The number of students will likely be less this year to allow for social distancing in the dorm.
There are two week long camps in July. Week 1 starts July 12. Week 2 starts July 19.
If interested please contact our office for more information.
News from the Oskaloosa Office

Important Dates

**Bucket Calf Tags**
Available in the office or at Sheep & Goat Weigh-In on April 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Tagging and paperwork completion must be completed by June 1.

**4-H Council Meeting**
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on **Monday, May 24**. Possible agenda items include: Fairground Improvements, Record Book Judging Committee Names, and Fair Updates. Please come prepared to discuss these items and submit any names of volunteers who may be interested in serving on these committees.

**4-H Carnival**
Our annual carnival will be held at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds from 6:30-8:30 PM on **Saturday, June 5**. Rain date is June 19. Game names are due in the office May 1. This is one of our 4-H Council’s largest fundraisers, so it’s important to be selling your raffle tickets. If you need tickets, contact your club leader.

**Fair Royalty Candidates**
The Royalty Contest will be held on **June 23** in Oskaloosa. Candidate names should be turned into the office no later than **May 17**. Candidates will be mailed contest details after that date. It is an honor to be selected as a candidate, and we encourage all clubs to participate in each division.

Age Divisions are:
- 7-13 for Prince/Princess
- 14-18 for King/Queen

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

**Jefferson Co. 4-H Foundation**
- **Annual Golf Tournament**
The tournament set for **Saturday, June 26**, at Village Greens Golf Course. Each club should help promote this tournament within our county and surrounding areas. Maybe even organize a team! Sponsoring a hole or cash donations to help the Foundation help our 4-Hers are always needed and appreciated!

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

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

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

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

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

- **July 1**
  - **Fair Participants Code of Conduct** due in office
  - **Fair Pre-Entries Due for ALL project areas**-This is a change, but will be required with our new fair entry system to help with fair management.
  - **Jefferson County Horse Show Entry Form** due in office.
Premium Sale Requirements
If you intend to take an animal through the premium auction. Every year you must complete the Premium Sale Requirement form, which is found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. These forms are due in the Extension office by July 1. You are required to have this form signed by your club leader prior to handing it in to the Extension Office. So make sure to double check this form now.

4-H Event Scholarship
The Nemaha County 4-H Council Event Scholarship are available on our website under Seneca office (Nemaha). This application is for youth attending camps. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

Changes at the fair
The fairbook will be digital this year and can be found on our website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html A tentative schedule for the fair is also on our website. Please look over this as there are some changes.

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

Fairgrounds Clean-Up
The fair board will hold their pre-fair clean-up night in June. Be watching for the date. It takes everyone’s help to make the fairgrounds look nice. So come when you can and lend a hand and make the fairgrounds look nice.

Fair Pre-Entry Change
We have purchased a new fair management software called FairEntry. There are a few major changes for you as a 4-Her.

1. With this program you as the 4-H member will enter all pre-entries online using your 4h online account and will no longer be submitting a paper form to the extension office.
2. In the past we know many will pre-enter the highest number of entries you can enter, but usually don’t exhibit that many at the fair. It will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.
3. You will no longer have to fill out the two sided entry cards! We will be printing entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Then you will pick up and attach cards when you bring your exhibit to the fair.
4. All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.

Pork Needed for Concession Stand
The 4-H Council Food stand is looking for someone to donate pork for the fair. We would like 175 lbs. of pulled pork and 85 lbs. of ground pork for Polish Sausage. Please contact Deb if you or someone you know is willing to donate.

Important Dates

Rabbit Project Meeting
Anyone interested in Rabbits should plan to attend a Rabbit project meeting on Wednesday, May 12 in Sabetha. This meeting will be held at the Sabetha, Sixth Street Ball Park (2 blocks north of Main Street on 6th). Please bring your rabbit questions!

Ambassador Day Camp
The Nemaha County Ambassadors will once again be hosting their annual Day Camp on Wednesday June 9. This is open to all youth ages 6-9. These youths do not have to be 4-H members, so invite your friends or cousins. The morning event will be held at Sabetha City Hall from 9:30-11:30 AM. The afternoon event will be from 1:30-3:30 PM at the Community Building in Seneca. More information will be handed out at the schools in May.

Pie Contest at the Fair
Again this year there will be homemade pie served in the fair concession stand! We will be using all pie entries entered in the Pie Contest, as well as, any 4-Hers pie they enter in the food project for this. So why not enter a pie and then help the 4-H Council food stand. Pass the word about the pie contest and let’s see who makes the best pie in Nemaha County. The contest will be Saturday July 24, with pies being entered before 10:00 AM. Watch for more information.
Calendar of Events

May 1: Add/drop project deadline
Market Beef State nomin due
Swine ID forms due in office
JF Horse ID forms due
May 6: Sheep/Goats Weigh-in
May 12: Rabbit Proj Mting Sabetha
May 18: JF 4-H Council Zoom
May 23: YQCA, Holton
May 24: JF 4-H Council Meeting
May 26: YQCA, Seneca
May 27: YQCA, Valley Falls
May 29: Livestock Show, Holton
June 1: JF Bucket calf forms due
June 1-4: Virtual Discovery Days
June 5: JF 4-H Carnival
June 8: JA 4-H Council Meeting
June 9: NM Amb. Day Camp
June 10: Dist. Horse Show reg. due
June 12: Wstrn KS Smoky Hill trip
June 15: State Lvstck nomin due
June 19: SE KS field trip
June 23: JF Fair Royalty Contest
June 27-30: Campference
June 28-30: Farm to Fashion Camp
July 1: YQCA certification deadline
Pre-entries due in FairEntry
Prem. Sale Req. due in office
NE District Horse Show
JF Horse Show form due
Code of Conduct form due
Show Ring Ethics form due
July 6: Pre-Fair Judging, Horton
JA Dog Show
July 9-10: Dr. Hines Swine Classic
July 12: WU STEM Summer Camp
July 17: JA Co. Fair pre-clean up
July 19: WU STEM Summer Camp
July 20-23: JA Co Fair
July 24: NM Pie Contest
July 24-27: NM Co. Fair
July 27-30: JF Co Fair
Aug 21-22: 4-H Lyst Sweepstakes
Sept 15: Sportfishing Tourn. ends

Virtual Judging Contest

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