**4-H Enrollment Update**

By the time you receive this newsletter, the **November 1 deadline for returning member re-enrollment** in Kansas 4-H Online 2.0 is very near or just past. This has been covered in past newsletters, emailed to your email account in 4-H Online and should have been discussed at Club meetings recently! We hope EVERY returning 4-H member has been able to complete re-enrollment & pay your program fee by this deadline! Keep in mind that NEW members may join at any time of year, but will have deadlines for participation in 4-H events. *(example - must be enrolled in 4-H before participation in 4-H Club Day)*

Your 4-H enrollment is an important link to participation in the 4-H program. We will use information in your 4-H Online account to create mailing list *(including monthly 4-H Newsletter)* emails, project list, reports, etc... It is extremely important that you manage your 4-H Online account, keeping information current. This is our main form of communication with our 4-H members, families and volunteers.

**4-H Personal Achievement Goals**

Start the new year off with individual goals to accomplish great things this coming year. 4-H members should take a look at the next Member Achievement Plan that you are eligible for, and establish your personal goals at this time. Goals serve as a guide to keep you on course when times get tough, and prevent you from becoming distracted by unimportant matters. Setting goals has many benefits, a few are: clearer focus, effective use of time, clearer decision making and more effective communication of the plan as well as results. To help with goal setting, a guide was developed several years ago. If you need additional guidance with goal setting, check it out at: [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf)

**Renewal of Statewide Supplemental Accidental Insurance for All 4-H Members and Registered 4-H Volunteers**

Kansas 4-H will continue to provide accidental insurance under a statewide group activity accident policy for 4-H members and registered, 4-H volunteers (Board approved with an active 4HOnline enrollment) through American Income Life. Utilizing resources from the annual 4-H Program Fee, this benefit will strengthen the 4-H commitment to safe environments, quality programming, and support of local extension volunteers through 4-H Youth Development. The policy is the same as the previous year's, but this time of year serves as a good reminder that there is this accident coverage in place. If you have any questions or feel a claim is in order, please visit with us in the Extension office.
48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up

Thanks so much for encouraging your local 4-H Members to take part in 48 Hours of 4-H this year! There were such great projects noted over social media, and we know there are a few are still set to take place! A good response is now needed on the follow up reporting. If you did a 48 4-H activity, take the final step and fill out the online report, https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html. Even if the project did not pre-register, report what was done so the event organizers can be able to quantify what happened and see some photos. If you have thoughts about the event, there is a place to add those in the online report. Thank you for taking the pledge of Hands to Larger Service to heart!

Online Record Keeping with ZBooks

After a successful 2 year pilot program, we are excited to launch the online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software state-wide for the new 2021/2022 program year. This online record keeping software is identical to the new Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H’ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet.
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included.
- Live online ZBooks Support Chat feature

Stay tuned for more information regarding available training resources, and check out the Project Records page of our website: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html

2021 Hutchinson Community College “Winter Classic”

The 2021 HCC Winter Classic Livestock Judging Contest will not have access to any buildings at the state fairgrounds during the 2021 Kansas Beef Expo. Therefore, other options have been secured with an awesome facility in Lyons, KS to host the 2021 Winter Classic event. Hutchinson Community College has remained committed to providing a great learning experience for students and are proud to serve contest host again this year, albeit in a new format and location for this winter.

Below you will find changes/updates for the 2021 winter contest highlighted.

 ⇒ Date: Friday, December 10, 2021, 9:30 AM start time.
 ⇒ Location: Bar K Bar Arena & Celebration Centre: 1145 E. US-56 Hwy Lyons, KS 67554
 ⇒ Registration: https://forms.gle/LdhkUGRxtoDvoFiT6 This link will take you to the entry form on Google forms. Teams need to be entered by Monday, December 6.
 ⇒ Entry Fee: $5.00 per contestant Cash or check only. No credit cards accepted. (Checks made out to: Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Team)

Questions may be directed to Kane Austin at 618-231-3592 or austink@hutchcc.edu

Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

When: Saturday December 4, 2021
Where: Leavenworth County Fairgrounds - Tonganoxie, KS
Cost: $50 Registration fee per participant Registrations due by November 19
What: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, and Dinner provided.
Clinic Educational Instruction from Butler CC Livestock Team
More information at: https://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/
**Cloverbud Refresher**

The Cloverbud program was designed for 5 and 6 year olds (*Meadowlark extends to 7 year olds*). Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused. Furthermore, 4-H Cloverbud members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbuds may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. They may not have animal projects that require long-term, ongoing care or weigh-ins, nor can the member participate as a competitive 4-H exhibitor within animal divisions. Clubs can not offer the Cloverbud program at the club level, without a screened/trained Cloverbud leader. If you or a volunteer in your club is needing to receive this training, please contact your local Extension office to set up a time.

**Achievement Events**

Don’t forget Achievement Events are just around the corner! Please make sure you read the local pages of the newsletter to receive all the details so you don’t miss out!

- **Jackson**: November 7
  - NEKS Heritage Building, Holton
- **Jefferson**: November 6
  - St. Aloysius Church, Meriden
- **Nemaha**: November 23
  - Community Building, Seneca

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**Photography Opportunity**

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. Come join us for hands-on learning!

- **What**: Shutterbugs at Old Jefferson Town
- **Where**: Oskaloosa, KS
- **When**: November 6, 2021

Registration begins at 8:30 AM with workshops starting at 9:00 AM.

For questions about these events please contact Aliah Mestrovich Seay at aliah@ksu.edu.

**YQCA Update**

The national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), launched its fifth year of the program on October 1. Therefore, a new set of educational modules are now available for youth to complete online. Instructors are being trained in October and will be offering in-person training sessions later. Keep watching this newsletter and email for more information on in-person training.

Youth may complete the online training for $12/child or participate in an instructor-led session for $3/child. All participants must register and pay through the YQCA site, regardless of the type of training. A young person’s YQCA certification is valid for one year, so youth need to re-certify annually. This will again be a requirement to SHOW at the fairs within Meadowlark Extension District for exhibitors in: Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, MARKET Poultry & MARKET Rabbits.

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS are expected to continue requiring all exhibitors to complete YQCA to be eligible to exhibit in the 2022 shows. Youth will need to re-certify prior to nomination (market animals and commercial females) or entry (those only showing registered breeding females).

**New 4-H Family Orientation**

Giving new families support and direction in their first year is extremely important! New Family Orientations are planned for the coming months of November and January. Please visit the local pages of this newsletter for more details. Club Leaders; please consider attending these with your new families, or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level to assist in making new families feel welcome! One of the most disappointing things we hear from new families it that they didn’t feel welcome, informed or supported, which is not at all what we want as an image for the 4-H program!!! The past two years have been especially challenging, please don’t let new families fall through the cracks!

- **November 15**: Community Building, Seneca—6:30 PM
- **November 15**: NE KS Heritage Complex, Holton—7:00 PM
- **January 10**: Fair Building, Valley Falls—6:30 PM
**Standards for 4-H and FFA**

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants’ knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

**State 4-H Resource Refresher!**

The Kansas State 4-H website has a great wealth of resources designed to help the 4-H member and/or 4-H Project leader. If you have not yet visited the Kansas Clover Classroom please check it out! [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html) New project lessons are being populated all the time. Another resource is the 4-H Club Corner, which has a wealth of information to support Community Clubs. Don’t forget the sub-pages with Officer and Volunteer Resources. [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html)

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

“Through 4-H, I’ve learned many things about myself. I have learned that I can make a difference in the world and in the lives of others.”
Record Book Review Volunteers
A huge THANK-YOU to those who took time out of their busy schedules to help judge the Jefferson County Record Books this year. I couldn’t have done it without you guys!

Club Project Leaders Needed
What is the purpose of a project leader?
Provide Leadership/Teaching in a specific subject matter area to a small group of 4-Hers and assist them to develop life skills. We have lots of resources available for project leaders if you are interested. Please talk to your local club leader and then contact our office for more information.

Bullmasters 4-H Shooting Sports
Happy New Year!! 4-H year that is!!!! With the beginning of the new 4-H year we start talking about starting practices for BB gun, air rifle and air pistol and the basic class for new shooters. We have gotten a date for the basic class and that will be held on December 18 from 9:00-5:00 at the NEK Heritage Complex, so if you know of anyone that is thinking about starting shooting sports (all disciplines) let them know about this date please.

We will begin practices for those shooters that are returning on November 14. We will keep the same hours as previous years, 1:00-3:00 PM, 3:00-5:00 PM for BB gun and then 5:00-7:00 PM for air rifle/air pistol. Since we are still in the middle of open enrollment we aren’t sure how many shooters we will have returning, we will let you choose what time you come for BB practice. After the basic class, we may go to the new shooters at 1:00 and the experienced shooters at 3:00, but we will cross that bridge when we get there!

Bullmasters 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors Needed
Going to get this out there early...the state office has announced that they are planning to do an instructor training March 25-27 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. To become an instructor you need to discuss it with the coordinators, complete the volunteer screening process and "enroll" in 4-H Online. We are in need of new instructors in all disciplines. We are looking for instructors that are not already instructors as it gets to be tough to do multiple disciplines. The way our program works is Bullmasters will pay for 1/2 the training cost up front and then after a successful year of instruction we will pay for the other 1/2. We do require a 2 year commitment as well.

Volunteering with 4-H
Volunteers are the reason 4-H programs exist. They help youth find their spark and encourage them to pursue it. Great volunteers stay up to date on research, they evaluate how their program is doing and they have passion for our youth. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would please have them contact our office.

Meadowlark District Facebook
Are you on Facebook? If so please be sure to like our Meadowlark District 4-H Facebook page so we can help keep you informed and up to date on current 4-H happenings.

Important Dates

4-H Council Meeting
The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 PM. All club Council Representatives are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be officer elections so each club should have their 4 representatives attend the meeting. Club representatives must be at least 1 adult and 3 youth. Only those 4 representatives will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings.

New Family Orientation
Welcome New 4-H Families – We are wanting to get you started off on the right foot in 4-H so we have planned an evening where we can sit down and talk about what to expect in your 1st year of 4-H. We have set Monday, November 15 at 7:00 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Building. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 785-364-4125 or e-mail Cara at carar@ksu.edu by Friday, November 12.

Club Leaders; please consider attending these with your new families, or establishing a New Family Coordinator at the club level to assist in making new families feel welcome.

Annual Fairboard Meeting
This is an open public meeting. This is for the election of Fairboard Directors. If anyone is interested in becoming a fairboard member, please be at this meeting. Meeting will be held December 2 at 6:30 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Building.
National 4-H Week
Wow! Lots of you worked hard to promote 4-H during National 4-H week! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and project work within schools and communities across our county. Check out the District Facebook for posts from across the District. Keep inviting others to join you in our 4-H program!

Key Award
Planning to apply for a 4-H Key Award as an older member? One requirement is 4 years or more in the Leadership project. There are lots of possibilities for leadership roles in the 4-H program. Work on leadership options with your club leaders.

Canned Food Drive
The Ambassadors are collecting canned food and toiletries for our local food pantries and Blessing Boxes. Collection boxes are located at the Extension Office, Oskaloosa Independent, Valley Falls Vindicator, and Nortonville and Winchester Libraries. Please consider donating to this project.

Record Book Judging & Record Books
THANK YOU to the adults and youth who took time to help judge record books on October 13. The teamwork and dedication shown was impressive. We hope you learned a lot from what others are doing and the skills that are being developed thru project work. THANK YOU to every 4-Her who completed their project record books, and to the club leaders/committee who assisted and reviewed record books at the club level. Record-keeping is an important life skill that you learn thru your project work, and we appreciate your efforts, especially with several changes this year.

4-H Council
Congrats to our new 2021-2022 4-H Council Officers. They are: President: Elle Jolley, Vice-President: Grace Conser, Secretary: Aubrey Weishaar, Treasurer: Sara Leitner, and Reporter: Lizzie Dressler. Thank you to our 2020-2021 officers for doing a great job!

Binding Quilted Projects Intro
An intro to binding your quilted projects will be held from 9:00-Noon on Sat., November 27, in the Extension Office basement meeting room. Bring your sewing machines and thread. Beginners will go home with a finished, Christmas themed, hot pad. More experienced sewers could tackle a table runner or other larger project. Register with non-refundable $3.00 fee in office by November 19. Youth and adults welcome.

New Families
Welcome to our 4-H family! We hope you will get involved, ask questions and have a successful year. Don’t hesitate to contact your club leaders, or our office, if you need help. There is a lot to know and learn, and we want our member families to have the information they need.

Mark your calendars now to attend a New Family Orientation at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 10. Look for details in the Dec/Jan newsletter.

4-H Club Day
Plan to share what you are learning in your projects through a Project Talk or Illust. Talk, Demo. or Public Speaking at 4-H Club Day. Vocal, instrumental and dance entry options are also possibilities. It’s not too early to start thinking about what you, or your 4-H club, could start preparing.

Tentative date & location will be Sat., February 19, at the JCN Elementary/Middle School in Nortonville. Snow date March 5.
News from the Seneca Office

Record Book Reviews
A huge “THANK YOU” to those who took time out of their busy schedule to judge Jefferson County record books this year. Every club was represented with over 20 adults and 8 youth helping with the process. What great volunteers we have!

4-H Council Committees
Any 4-Hers can be on the 4-H Council Committees. There are 5 different committees. Fair events - plans events held during the fair such as Barnyard Olympics; Traveling Scholarship - make recommendations for changes in the current award and then review applications; Food Stand - plan menu and assist with pre-fair prep and during fair; Finance - review financial audit and present budget; 4-H promotion - initiate plans for promoting 4-H.

If you would like to be on one of these committees, please contact Deb at dahenry@ksu.edu.

Food Fare Event
January 3 we will be having a Food Fare for all 4-Hers. This year’s theme is “Tailgating”.

Club Food Booth is a food station organized by a club and relates to the theme. No two Food Fare booths look the same, but booths will consist of 3 homemade food samples and decorations. Tables and paper supplies are provided by the 4-H Council. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to get the chance to plan and carry out a menu as well as improve their cooking skills.

Food Fare participants get to visit each booth at their own leisure and taste all the delicious food! It’s free to all 4-H. It's a fun opportunity for the members to get to try tasty food and maybe get some new recipe ideas.

Be watching your next newsletter for more information.

Achievement Night
Congratulations to all individuals receiving awards at Achievement Night and thank you to the clubs that helped make the night a success, especially the Achievers, Busy Jayhawkers, Centralia Aces and Farm Credit.

If your award had a donor, please remember to send them a thank you. The donor name and address should be with your award. All awards for achievement pins, Rookie of the Year, and top books are paid for by the 4-H Council.

4-H Activity Calendar
Want a great tool for keeping track of your family’s 4-H participation? Use the calendar we have made for you that is located on the District website at the top of the Nemaha/Seneca page http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/nemaha.html

Cloverbud Leaders Training
Does your club have Cloverbud members? All clubs with Cloverbuds need to have a trained leader. Debra is willing to do a Cloverbud Leaders training any time that will work for you. Please contact her at dahenry@ksu.edu to set up a training time.

Winter Project Events
Due to the Extension office being closed between Christmas and New Years, we have decided to make January 3 a 4-H Day. At this time, we are planning to have YQCA at 11:00 followed by Food Fare over the lunch time and then our project event. Be watching newsletters and e-mails for more information.

Presenters Needed
If you are wanting to present a project on January 3, please Deb know as soon as possible.
Calendar of Events

Nov. 1: Re-enrollment Ends
Nov. 1: Club audits due to office
Nov. 6: Shutterbug event
Nov. 6: Achievement Program, JF
Nov. 7: Achievement Program, JA
Nov. 8: Fairboard Meeting, NM
Nov. 11: 4-H Council Meeting, JA
Nov. 12: New Fam. Orient. RSVP, JA
Nov. 14: Bullmasters Practice starts
Nov. 15: New Family Orientation, JA
Nov. 15: New Family Forum, NM
Nov. 15: T-shirt designs due, JF
Nov. 20-21: Youth Leadership Forum
Nov. 22: 4-H Council Meeting, JF
Nov. 23: Achievement Event, NM
Dec. 2: Annual Fairboard Meeting, JA
Dec. 4: Livestock Judging Clinic
Dec. 6: Winter Classic register by date
Dec. 10: HCC “Winter Classic”
Dec. 18: Shooting Sports safety class
Jan. 3: Food Fare Event
Jan. 10: New Family Orientation, JF
Jan. 31: Annual Foundation Meeting-JF

Feb. 19: JF Co. 4-H Club Day
Mar. 5: Club Day, Jackson Heights
Mar. 25-27: S.S. Inst. Train
Jul. 25-28: JA Co. Fair
July 26-30: JA Co. Carnival
Jul. 28-Aug. 1: NM Co. Fair

Offices closed:
Veterans Day—November 11
Thanksgiving—November 25 & 26

Last 4-H Newsletter
This will be your last 4-H newsletter IF you have NOT completed enrollment/re-enrollment for the year. Each month we review addresses in the 4HOnline database and reconcile our newsletter mailing list at K-State. If you don’t have an address in a 4HOnline account, you will be dropped from this list. Once information shows up in 4HOnline, you will begin receiving correspondence again. It is your responsibility as a member/family to maintain current contact & mailing information in your Kansas 4HOnline account. If you have any questions about 4HOnline, please visit: http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html