**4-H Enrollment Update**

By the time you receive this newsletter, the **November 1 deadline for returning member re-enrollment** in Kansas 4-HOnline2.0 is very near or just past. This has been covered in past newsletters, emailed to your email account in 4-HOnline and should have been discussed at Club meetings recently! We hope EVERY returning 4-H member has been able to complete re-enrollment and 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-HOnline account to create mailing list (including monthly 4-H Newsletter) emails, project list, reports, etc… It is extremely important that you manage your 4-HOnline account, keeping information current. This is our main form of communication with our 4-H members, families, and volunteers.

**New State 4-H Leader is Named**

The Meadowlark District is excited to be working with a new state leader! As per an article from K-State Research and Extension, Sarah Maass, whose professional career in 4-H and youth development spans nearly a quarter-century, has been named the state leader for the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program, effective Nov. 13.

Since 2007, Maass has been the 4-H Youth Development agent in the Central Kansas District, covering Ottawa and Saline counties. She was the Lyon County 4-H Youth Development agent from 2004 to 2007.

“Family, church, and 4-H have played a big part in my life and who I am today,” Maass said. “I am thrilled to be able to help lead the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program into the future. I look forward to having conversations with 4-H volunteers, parents, members and extension professionals about the needs for youth and the 4-H program throughout the state.”

She added: “Together, we have the opportunity to continue to change the lives of the families and youth we work with in our communities. I am excited to work with everyone in this new role, as together we will make the best better for Kansans.”

Maass will be responsible for management and leadership of the state’s largest youth development organization, reaching approximately 74,000 youth and their families each year. She will be located in the state 4-H office on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Prior to K-State, Maass held 4-H positions in Florida and Oklahoma, beginning as a student office assistant in 1999 for the Oklahoma State 4-H office in Stillwater.

She earned a doctoral degree in life-span human development from K-State in 2018. Her dissertation was a study of the impact of peer relationships, parental influence and adult mentors on the character development of high school adolescents.

Maass also earned a master’s degree in family, youth and community services from the University of Florida in 2004; and undergraduate degree in family relations and child development from Oklahoma State University in 2001.
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/eventsactivities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/eventsactivities/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!

Ambassador Advisor Volunteer Position Open for Nemaha County

Purpose: To help facilitate the selection, training and leadership of District 4-H Ambassadors and to help promote 4-H and Extension youth programs in the District.

Contacts: Debra Henry – Nemaha County 4-H Program Manager
Clay Roland – Meadowlark 4-H Agent

Required: Completed VIP Process / VIP Registered

Responsibilities:
1. Serve as a member of County Selection Committee to assist in selection of Ambassadors.
2. With Ambassadors, help plan the county Ambassador program
3. Attend State Training with county Ambassadors
4. Help develop a local training program to include the development of specific skills
   a. Understanding Kansas 4-H
   b. Understanding the county 4-H program
   c. Communicating with both youth and adults
   d. Making presentations – public speaking
   e. Using radio, TV, and newspaper media
5. Promote Ambassador program as opportunity for older 4-H youth to develop new skills.
6. Assist in recruitment of older 4-H youth to serve as 4-H Ambassadors.
7. Serve on the county 4-H promotion committee.
8. Assist Ambassadors in making arrangements for them to speak to various community and civic groups.
9. Help Ambassadors arrange for school visits and other promotional presentations.
10. Coordinate transportation for Ambassador presentations.
11. Communicate Ambassador plans to the District Extension Office.
12. Meet at least once a month with Ambassadors to support and help implement the program, evaluate the progress, and provide training updates.
13. Facilitate evaluation of programs and make recommendations for improvements.
14. Prepare an annual report of activities for distribution to District Extension Office and other interested groups.

Desirable Skills:
- Knowledge of state and district 4-H programs
- Knowledge of community and civic leaders, or the ability to determine who they are
- Willingness to meet people and promote new ideas
- Enthusiasm for youth and the 4-H program
- Ability to relate well to others.

Time Required:
- The 4-H Ambassador Advisor position should be accepted for two years. During the selection and training period, this position may require 15 to 30 hours per month; after training, 4-10 hours per month.

The Meadowlark District 4-H Ambassador Advisor Application is a fillable form that can be found on the website, or clicking the hyperlink. We look forward to potentially working with you!
The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest 2022

The Leavenworth County Livestock Committee is hosting the Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest again this year.

Date: Saturday, December 3
Time: Starts at 8 AM – Awards and dinner at approx. 5 PM
Place: Leavenworth County Fairgrounds, Tonganoxie, KS
Registration Fee: $50 due November 14
Questions: Contact Clay at (785)863-2212 or email Clay at croland@ksu.edu or Brian Habjan at blackandgoldfarms@gmail.com

Online Record Keeping with ZBooks

The online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software has been launched for 2022/2023 program year. 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 scoresheet and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks:
- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device connected to the internet.
- Unlimited entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
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.

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

Why 4-H???

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

“I love being in 4-H because I get to see all my friends and get to help the community. The meetings teach me how to be in a group setting and I get to help make decisions as a whole. Not one ever feels left out as we all work as a team.”
Record Book Review

Volunteers
A huge THANK-YOU to those who took time out of their busy schedules to help judge the Nemaha County Record Books this year. I couldn’t have done it without you guys!

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.

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.

Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest
Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter this photo contest with entries due by 5:00 PM on January 9. The contest theme this year is “What Kansas Means to Me”. Winners will be announced as part of the state’s Kansas Day celebration on January 27, 2023 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs is available at https://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthdaykansas-contest/18622.

2022-2023 Jackson County Ambassadors
- Faith Bloom, Soldier Boosters
- Olivia Rickel, Hoyt Livewires
- Lorna Smith, Straight Arrows
- Emma Deghand, Hoyt Livewires
- Aaralynn Allen, Straight Arrows
- Kailei Mitchell, Mayetta Mustangs
- Cole Kucan, Lucky Stars
- Blade Montgomery, Lucky Stars
- Cash Robinson, Lucky Stars

Jr. Ambassadors
- Cyrus Harding, Mayetta Mustangs
- Emberlee Allen, Straight Arrows
- Kennedy Smith, Straight Arrows
- Brooke Slipke, North Jackson Jets
- Christan Kucan, Lucky Stars

Ambassadors are making plans for a Winter Project Fair so please be sure to be watching for emails and updates on this event.

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

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 14 at 7:00 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Building. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 785-364-4125 or e-mailing Cara at carar@ksu.edu by Thursday, November 10. 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.

4-H Council Meeting
The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 10 at 7 PM. All club Council Reps 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 reps. will be allowed to vote at the Council meetings. You do not need to be a 4-H Council representative to try for a 4-H Council officer position.

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 Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Building.
News from the Oskaloosa Office

Record Books and Judging
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.

THANK YOU to the adults and youth who took time to help judge record books on October 13. The teamwork and dedication shown were impressive. We hope you learned a lot from what others are doing and the skills that are being developed thru project work.

Ntl. 4-H Week & 48 Hrs. of 4-H
It was great to see pictures and hear so many things that were happening during 4-H Week! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and project work within schools and communities across our county. Keep inviting others to join you in our 4-H program!

If your club participated in 48 Hours of 4-H and have not yet reported what you did, it’s not too late. Here’s the link to do so: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html.

Key Award
It’s project enrollment time and if you are planning to apply for a 4-H Key Award as an older member, remember one requirement is that you must be enrolled in the Leadership project four years of more. There are lots of possibilities for leadership roles in the 4-H program, and we hope you will explore your leadership options with your club leaders or by contacting Linda in the office.

County 4-H Club Day Dates
Pending final building approval, County 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, February 11 in Oskaloosa and Regionals on March 25, 2023.

Congratulations
Congratulations to our new 2022-2023 4-H Council Officers, elected at the September meeting. They are:

- **President**: Ella Gantz, Billtown Go-Getters
- **Vice-President**: Brodie Hollis, Valley Victors
- **Secretary**: Dani Reeves, Valley Victors
- **Treasurer**: Sara Leitner, Jolly Juniors
- **Reporter**: Braxdon Penry, Prosperity

Thank you to our 2021-2022 officers—Elle Jolley, Grace Conser, Aubrey Weishaar, Sara Leitner and Lizzy Dressler—for doing a great job!

County 4-H Club Day
Plan to share what you are learning in your projects through a Project Talk, Illustrated Talk, Demonstration, or Public Speaking entry at County 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.

Adult Volunteers
Don’t forget to enroll for the new 4-H year ASAP. We have lots of resources here in the office that are available for your use as you plan face-to-face or virtual meetings. These resources give you the tools you need to plan for quality meetings in a short amount of time.

State Fair Follow-Up
The following members were left out of the top results in small animals in our October newsletter:

- Kaylee Noll (Jolly Jr.) and her dog Zoey were Senior level finalists in Showmanship
- Shianne Kimball (Grantville) had the highest score for Rabbit Judging not only in her 13-14 year-old class, but topped the senior level class as well!

Way to go girls!
Record Book Reviews
A huge “THANK YOU” to those who took time out of their busy schedule to judge Jefferson County’s record books this year. Every club was represented with over 25 adults and 8 youth helping with the process. What great volunteers we have!

New Family Forum
New 4-H families are invited to attend an orientation session November 14 beginning at 6:30 PM at the Community Building meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend this forum. Please bring your 4-Her with you as they will be doing activities with the Ambassadors.

Achievement Event Reminder
The 2022 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event will be Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 PM in the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca. Make sure to invite your grandparents and bring the whole family.

There will be a meal, which Council will be providing the meat, table service and drinks. We are asking that each family bring one of the following covered dishes:
- Potatoes – Achievers, Pony Express, and Kelly Twilighters
- Vegetables/other side dish – Centralia Aces, HHHH, and Woodlawn Meadowlarks
- Dessert – Busy Jayhawkers, Red Rustlers and Stateliners

Club Duties -
- Set-up – Red Rustlers
You will need to set up November 21, after school. This will include setting up the tables, chairs and stage. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.
- Drinks & Meal – Woodlawn Meadowlarks
This club is in charge of the meal and drinks. You will need to make sure the meat is kept full, uncover dishes, and make sure dishes are equally distributed on both serving lines. We ask that you wipe down tables after event.
- Clean-up – Stateliners
This club will put table, chairs and stage away and sweep the floor. Also, we ask that you take out the trash.

County Citizenship Project
Each year the Ambassadors try to have a county wide citizenship project. This year they have decided to ask everyone that is coming to the Achievement Event on November 22 to bring a pair of socks. The socks will then be donated to Meals on Wheels and Hospice. So, don’t forget to bring sock November 22!

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/seneca.html

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 dahenery@ksu.edu

Winter Project Event
Again, before everyone heads back to school, we will have FUN 4-H Day on January 3. We will begin at 11:00 AM with YQCA training. This is a requirement for all youth who plan to show Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, Market Poultry and Market Rabbits at the 2023 fair.

At 12:00 PM we will have our International Food Fare. Where members can visit it clubs booth and sample delicious food. See below for more details.

Then at 12:30 PM we will have a Project Event. There will be several different stations where members can learn about and experiment new projects. If any members would like to have a booth, please let Deb know.

Food Fare Event
January 3 we will be having a Food Fare for all 4-Hers. This year’s theme is “International”.
We ask that each club have a Food Booth. The food booth will be organized by a club and relates to the theme. No two Food Fare booths look the same, but booths will consist of 3 home-made food samples and decorations. Tables, plates, and cups will be 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.

Please let Deb know by December 1 what country your club has chosen and a copy of the recipes you will making so she can get a flyer with all recipes put together.

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.

County 4-H Club Day
A tentative date for 4-H County Club Day will be Saturday, March 4, at North Ridge Church in Sabetha. We will be sharing the facility with Jackson Co 4-Hers. Each county will be judged individually. Be thinking about what events you want to sign up for. The Club Day Guide can be found on the district website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html
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Calendar of Events

**Nov 1:** YQCA program open
- Financial Review paperwork due
- VIP Renewals due
- Club Officer lists and Leader lists due - JA

**Nov 5:** Shutterbug Photography Event - JF
**Nov 6:** 4-H Achievement Program - JA
- 4-H Officer Training - JA

**Nov 7:** New Family Orientation Reg. due - JF
**Nov 10:** 4-H Council Meeting - JA
**Nov 11:** New Family Orientation RSVP - JA
**Nov 14:** New Family Orientation - JA
- Judicial Clinic & Contest Reg. due
**Nov 15:** New Family Orientation, JF
- New Family Forum, NM

**Nov 22:** 4-H Achievement Event - NM
- County Citizenship Sock Project - NM

**Nov 28:** 4-H Council Meeting - JF
**Dec 1:** Food Fare Event Country due - NM
**Dec 3:** Judging Clinic & Contest

**Jan 3:** Fun 4-H Day - NM
- Food Fare Event - NM
**Jan 6:** County t-shirt designs due - JF
**Feb 11:** County 4-H Club Day - JF (tentative)
**Mar 4:** County 4-H Club Day - JA & NM
**Mar 25:** Regional 4-H Club Day, Atchson
**June 1:** Camp Counselor Applications due
**Sept. 8-17:** 2023 Kansas State Fair

All Meadowlark District offices will be closed:
- November 11 to honor our Veterans
- November 24 and 25 to celebrate Thanksgiving

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