4-H Enrollment Open—October 1!!!

It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2021-2022 year opens online, https://v2.4honline.com/, at 8 AM on Friday, October 1. We are hopeful that the re-enrollment process in 4HOnline 2.0 will go MUCH more smoothly than it did last year!

Returning families will be able to log into their Family profile to re-enroll in 4-H. New families will have to create a new family profile to start the enrollment process. Resources to help with the enrollment and re-enrollment can be found on the Enrollment page, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollment.html, of our website or within the 4HOnline site. Don’t forget that enrollment is not just for members! Cloverbuds and registered volunteers MUST maintain active enrollment, but will not pay the program fee. Other volunteers, parents or supporters, now termed “Adult Helpers”, are welcome and encouraged to enroll too.

As a returning family, if you cannot remember your username email and/or password, **DO NOT** create another account!!! Contact your local Extension Office and we will assist you with logging back into your existing account. If you ever have any issues or need help with the enrollment process, please contact your local Meadowlark District Extension office or Ross Mosteller, District 4-H agent.

We encourage all enrollments to be completed early in the month of October. To avoid restrictions being placed on your 4-H membership, ALL RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS need to complete the re-enrollment process by NOVEMBER 1!!! The full policy document may be viewed under “District Policy Resources” on the Resources & Links page of our 4-H website. Enrollment is needed for participation in events and project meetings! Why wait? Get started today! Please do not hesitate to ask questions about this important process.

New Family Resources for 2.0

New guidebooks have been posted for families and volunteers to include:

- **Family Enrollment**
- **New Adult Volunteer Enrollment**
- **Returning Adult Volunteer Re-enrollment**

Please visit the 4-H Online Family Resources webpage at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html.
**National 4-H Week is October 3-9: Find Your Spark!**

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. This toolkit is designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week on social media, in your community and beyond. National 4-H Council has a toolkit available at [https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/](https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/). You will need to register to have access to these items. Kansas 4-H Promotional Resources can be found at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/index.html) as well. Don’t forget to share photos of 4-H Week promotion in our Facebook group!

**Register your 48 Hours of 4-H event now!**

We hope every 4-H Club will join 4-Hers from across the state this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

**When:** October 9-10, 2021
**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html) for a helpful guide, and to register your projects(s).

**4-H Record Book Judging—Your Help NEEDED!!!**

Every 4-H member is expected to submit a printed summary of annual work - what we all know as the 4-H Record Book. Some youth choose to take the annual summary a step farther by trying for project recognition, by having their records nominated for project awards, given out at Achievement events. Within Meadowlark District, 4-H Record Books are exchanged between the counties comprising our District. Volunteer screeners review, comment and rank project winners based upon the work recorded in the 4-H Record Books.

This is where YOU come in… WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! All that is needed is a desire to help/learn, a base understanding of Kansas 4-H Records (review the “Tips for Record Book Success, it’s all in there, [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record%20Tips.pdf](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record%20Tips.pdf)) and the ability to write; positive, encouraging comments to youth. We will be using the new evaluation rubric provided by the State 4-H Records Taskforce. Parents typically find this to be a great way to learn about how to help their own 4-H members improve. Older teens, 4-H Alumni, Grandparents and any willing volunteer are welcome! See local pages of this newsletter for specific information about the dates, times and locations. Here is a quick summary:

- **October 11 & 13:** NEKS Heritage Building, Holton
- **October 11:** Community Building, Seneca
- **October 13:** Oskaloosa City Hall, Oskaloosa

**Kansas Youth Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLFF) is planned for **November 20-21, 2021** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

Registration will open sometime after the State Fair. Registration deadline is **October 15, 2021** at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Once registration is open, a note will be sent out via email.
**Shooting Sports Instructor Training Planned**

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held **March 25-27, 2022**, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered. It is our intention to offer training for any discipline that has registered participants. Additional information and registration details will be communicated at a later date. There will not be a training offer this fall.

**Kansas Project Record Report Form Year #2**

After a pilot year in 2020 and first year of implementation in 2021, we begin the second year of utilizing the standard Kansas 4-H Record Report forms. As we all know, the State 4-H records system is designed to emphasize project learning and growth and resembles more of a record than an award application, while also developing career readiness skills. Here are a few of the highlights:

- At the local level, 4-H members will submit a project record report form for each project. The report form includes project reflection and photos.
- There are 2 versions of the project record report form. An animal form and a general project form. There are also 3 age versions of each form, one form for juniors age 7-9, one form for intermediates 10-13, and one form for seniors 14-18.
- At the regional level, the top local senior 4-H member in each project area will submit their project record report form, as well as a cover letter and resume.
- At the state level, the top 2 senior 4-H members from the regional screening in each project area will submit their project record report form, cover letter & resume and video submission.

All the help information and resources on Record Books can be found at: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html)

**Goal Setting Guide**

As enrollment in a new 4-H year starts, it is important to plan out what you would like to learn and accomplish. What new skills would you like to gain? Who is going to help you along the way? Setting measurable goals will help guide you through positive 4-H project learning experiences. So you might ask, **WHAT IS A GOAL?**

A GOAL is . . . Deciding what you want to do and learn in a 4-H project. Like a road map, it helps you get where you want to go. Your goals should have three parts that will allow you to measure and check your progress. The three parts of a good goal, include:

1. **ACTION** — How are you going to do something.
2. **RESULT** — What are you going to do. Be specific!
3. **TIME TABLE** — When are you going to do it.

There is a worksheet that is designed to help you set your 4-H project goals. Please review it at: [https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf](https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf) These goals can then be transferred into your 4-H Record Sheets. Goals done at the beginning of the year have the most value to the 4-H member!!!
4-H Officer Training/Orientation

Hopefully by October all 4-H clubs have elected new club officers, have done or will do an installation ceremony, and are planning to educate officers about their specific roles. Officer Training/Orientation will follow the 2020 model and not have a traditional centralized in-person training event in each county of MED. You will have the option to request a club-based training with 4-H staff or do a self-study with the video series created by Agents across the NE region of Kansas with teen leaders in 2020. There is an associated survey that can be taken after watching these videos found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/club_resources.html

If you have interest in Club-based officer training options, please visit with Ross or your local 4-H Program Manager. All 4-H Clubs have been provided with the National 4-H Officer Training Resource book, if you can’t find these, talk to your Club Leader. The Kansas 4-H Officer Publications are available on District 4-H website under “Resources and Links”, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html as well. We do have a limited supply of printed copies in the office, if you prefer. Please refer to the local pages of this newsletter and email updates for more specific information on Officer Training.

State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 23-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all Kansas 4-H members, accompanying parents, volunteer 4-H leaders and KSRE staff. The theme is “Survivin' and Thrivin’ with 4-H K9s” Cost is $125.00 for full-time participants, $75.00 for Saturday only and $50.00 for Sunday only. The fee for full-time registration covers all educational sessions, speakers, dog presentations, quiz bowl, skill-a-thon, lunch, dinner and breakfast, breaks, and one night’s lodging at Rock Springs 4-H Center. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost. You can register at https://web.cvent.com/event/4fdff41c-182f-4180-9fa6-8ba09bae107d/summary until October 8.

The conference will have a special youth-dog activity outside, "Dog Fashion Show and Karaoke" evening program, dog skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, prepared presentations, plus s'mores and much more. The mini dog quiz bowl for 7-9-year olds will be continued. Youth will learn how quiz bowls work in a fun, non-threatening environment with lots of hands-on activities to teach new dog skills. Youth participating in the mini quiz bowl may not compete in the general dog quiz bowl on a team or as an individual. All youth must be chaperoned by parent or 4-H leader.

County groups will be housed in the same cottage and all dogs must be on leash or kenneled in your room. Owners must pick up and bag after dogs. Please note that dogs must be current with all 4-H-required vaccinations in order to participate in the Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Project. This includes the Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show and Kansas 4-H Dog Judges’ Certification and Training, and local/county 4-H dog shows. Bedding, pillows, towels, and toiletries are not provided and must be brought by the participant.

Why 4-H???

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

“"I have learned even when I try my best and it seems nothing is doing well, I have the skills to keep trying knowing every experience makes me a better person and builds my resiliency. The 4-H Program has made me the person I am today and will continue to guide me to be the person I will become in the future. No matter what I do or where I go, I will carry the skills and ideals of 4-H with me.”
News from the Holton Office

Wrapping Up the 2020-2021 4-H Year and Start of 2021-2022

As we wrap up the past 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H club audits are due to the office November 1. The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collection by 4-H clubs, project clubs, etc. An informational letter and form was mailed to the club leaders as well as the club treasurer. Also on November 1st VIP Renewals, Club Officer List & Leader List are all due to the Extension Office. Club leaders all this material is in your club leader packet.

4-H Achievement Program
Sun., November 7, 2021, 4 PM
Northeast Kansas Heritage Building

Please be sure to attend the 2021 4-H Achievement Program. This is where the 4-Hers who worked hard on their 4-H record books will receive their awards and Membership pins. Everyone is welcome to attend. The following is the list of duties for each club:

- Set up & take down tables/chairs – Soldier Boosters
- Sweep Floors – Lucky Stars
- Set up & take down stage – Hoyt Livewires
- Take out Trash – Straight Arrows
- Serve Refreshments – Pleasant Valley Rustlers
- Decorations – Mayetta Mustangs

Officer Training

Be watching for updates from your Club Leaders. There will be a couple options available for this training this year.

Recycle and Save the Council Money

Did you know that we can reuse the bags your photos are displayed in? Yes, why not bring them in and let us reuse them. If you no longer want your ribbons, plaques or even achievement pins, these can also be brought into the office to be recycled.

2021-2022 Ambassadors

We would like to congratulate the 2021-2022 Ambassadors for Jackson County. The new Ambassadors are:
- Aaralynn Allen, Straight Arrows
- Amariah Allen, Straight Arrows
- Emma DeGhand, Hoyt Livewires
- Haden Doyle, Straight Arrows
- Cole Kucan, Lucky Stars
- Kailei Mitchell, Mayetta Mustangs
- Blade Montgomery, Lucky Stars
- Madeline Montgomery, Lucky Stars
- Olivia Rickel, Hoyt Livewires
- Lorna Smith, Straight Arrows

CONGRATULATIONS!


We had a total of 70 exhibits exhibited this year. Job well done to everyone. Your exhibits are in back in the office and can be picked up anytime.

Important Dates

REMINDER

Remember that National 4-H Week is October 3-9. If you need help finding ways to promote 4-H to your community/school please contact Cara. We have posters and 4-H book marks available for clubs to hand out during National 4-H Week.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging Jefferson County Record Books on Monday, October 11 from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Holton Extension Office and on Wednesday, October 13 from 4-8 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. This is a great learning tool for older 4-H members and parents. The more volunteers the faster the process will go.

Paper Clover @ TSC

During October 6-17 please join us and help raise funds for 4-H. During those dates 4-Her’s are invited to come by the store and help promote 4-H. 4-Hers can get involved by setting up a table to sell Paper Clovers, help customers with their purchases, display your animals or demonstrate projects. 100% of funds raised support 4-H! If you are interested please let Cara know.
**Important Dates**

**October 1 - 4-H 2021-2022 Online Enrollment Begins**

**4-H Week**
Be proud of your 4-H membership and help spread the word about the many benefits of 4-H to all of your friends during **October 3-9**. Make sure to be involved in the promotional activities your club is doing and bring someone new to your next club meeting.

**Farm Bureau Event**
Our annual Farm Bureau Appreciation event will be at 5:30 PM on Saturday, **October 9**, at the Ozawkie Township Hall. Members and adults are invited to attend this fun event. Let your club leader know if you would like to represent your club that night.

**November 1 - Club Annual Financial Reports due in office.**

**Achievement Banquet**
The date set for our Achievement celebration is Saturday, **November 6**, at 6:00 PM. 4-Hers receiving recognition should receive a letter in the mail in October with information and reservation form. All family members and leaders are invited to attend as we celebrate the years’ accomplishments!

**T-Shirt Designs**
Use your creative powers and submit a design for our county t-shirts to the office by **November 16**. Computer-generated or hand drawn is fine. Designs should follow the fair theme selected at the September 4-H Council meeting. T-Shirt designs will be discussed and voted upon at the November Council meeting. The winning design receives a $25 prize!

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**State Fair**
We had a lot of 4-H families traveling to state fair so that our 4-H members could participate in judging events, presentations, livestock and dog shows, and see how their entries placed. Of course, it’s always fun to see other entries from across the state, and take in all the sites and sounds of a state fair event. We are very proud of everyone who participated! We had entries in Clothing, Fiber Arts, Entomology, Foods, Geology, Food Preservation, Photography, Home Environment, Plant Science, STEM, Visual Arts, Wildlife and not to mention many entries in livestock divisions. To check out results, go to the link under 4-H Youth Development on the Meadowlark website, under News, or click here: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html)

Entries are available for pick-up in the office. If you had food or plant science entries, your comment sheets and ribbons will be put in your club’s mailbox in the office.

**Record Book Judging - We Need You!**
We will be judging record books from another county from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM (or until finished) on Wednesday, **October 13**, at the City Hall in Oskaloosa. Each club needs to have four adults/older teens to help with this process-larger clubs should try to bring more. Lunch and dinner will be provided. People who have helped in the past have said they have learned a lot, so please consider joining us! Club Leaders-please let the office know who to expect at each shift by Friday, **October 8**, so meal quantity can be planned. We will have three “formal” shifts (9:00 AM-12:30 PM/12:30-4:00 PM/4:00-8:00 PM), but are flexible if you can come and help at any time.

**Thank You Notes**
If you haven't done them yet, it's not too late to write thank you notes to our generous fair donors and others who may have helped you with your project work during the year. They love to hear from you!

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**State Fair Special Recognition**
A HUGE SHOUT OUT goes to Aaron Noll of the Lucky 4 4-H Club. Aaron won the Men’s Buymanship Fashion Revue! Congratulations Aaron!!!

Mellany Roenne of the Clover Power 4-H Club also received Honorable Mention in the Women’s Buymanship Revue!


Sarah VanHouse received Best of Breed in the Junior Doe Rabbit Class.

Our Crops ID team also did well. Individual placings were, Mellany Roenne, 2nd in Senior Division; Karson Kahler 2nd, Brayden Winsor 7th and Morgan Casto 14th in the Intermediate Division. The Intermediate Team of Karson, Brayden & Morgan placed 2nd overall! Team members study and identify 100 crop, weed and seed samples that are common in Kansas.

If you are interested in being part of a state fair judging team (Crops, Photography, Family & Consumer Sciences, etc.) next year, NOW is the time to contact the office and let us know of your interest. This helps us plan trainings and secure volunteers to help you make this happen.

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**Ambassadors**
4-H Ambassadors work to promote our 4-H program wherever they go. Our 2021-2022 Ambassadors are: Jolene Flannigan, Abraham Noll, Lillyan Lloyd, Eryn Vaughan, and Aubrey Weishaar. If you would like for them to visit your club or have ideas on how to promote 4-H membership, please let the office, or Sponsor Sara Noll, know.
Kansas State Fair

This year we had over 75 exhibits taken to the State Fair, 5 Demonstrations, participants in Crops and Photography judging, Fashion Revue, as well as Rabbits, Poultry, Dogs, Beef, Swine and Horses shown. Exhibiting at the State Fair is one of the highest honors. This is something every member should strive to send at least one project item each year. Congratulations to the few members who participated in the 2021 State Fair. We hope more of you will make this one of your goals for 2022.

2021-2022 Ambassadors

We would like to congratulate the new Ambassadors for Nemaha County! Addie Haverkamp, Pony Express; Dane Haverkamp, Pony Express; John Langill, Pony Express; Luke Kenyer, Stateliners; Davis Rokey, Busy Jayhawkers; Mason Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers; Monica Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers; Chloey Stratham, Achievers; Katie Tangeman, HHHH; Nick Thompson, Centralia Aces; Ryan Uphaus, HHHH; Isabelle Walker, Woodlawn Meadowlarks; and Susannah Walker, Woodlawn Meadowlarks.

4-H Council Meeting

The 4-H Council is made up of two youth representatives from each club. Youth that are on the council need to be active, as it is not the community leaders who need to make the decisions. Everyone is welcome to attend the Council meetings, but your club is only allowed 4 votes. Having club representation at all meetings is part of your club’s purple seal requirement.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on October 11 at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the Community Building. This is the first meeting for the 2021-2022 Council members. We will be holding election of officers at this meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, make sure you understand you need to be able to attend all meetings. Being an officer is a big responsibility.

Officer Training

This year we will not be holding an in-person Officer Training. Deb will be coming to your clubs meeting and present the training.

Yearly Calendars

Once again we have put together a calendar with some important dates that have been set. This can be found on our website under the 4-H / Seneca office page. This is a great resource for keeping track of all your 4-H happenings for your record books

4-H Achievement Event

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on Tuesday, November 23 at 6:30 PM in the Nemaha County Community Building in Seneca.

The Achievement Banquet is a celebration of each and every 4-Hers accomplishments during the past 4-H year. While some 4-Hers will receive awards, each 4-Her will likely have achieved at least one goal during the year so please come to celebrate. We hope all 4-Hers, their family members and grandparents will plan to attend this event.

This year again we will be having a meal. The 4-H Council will be providing the meat, table service and drinks. We are asking that each family bring one of the following covered dishes:

- **Potatoes** - Busy Jayhawkers, Red Rustlers and Stateliners
- **Vegetables/other side dish** - Achievers, Pony Express, Kelly Twilighters
- **Dessert** - Centralia Aces, HHHH, Woodlawn Meadowlarks

Achievement Event Club Duties:

- **Set up - Achievers**
  - You will need to set up the tables and chairs on Monday, Nov 22nd, after school. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.

- **Drinks and meal – Centralia Aces**
  - This club is in charge of the meal and drinks. You will need to make and serve drinks, as well as, make sure meat is kept full and covered dishes are equally distributed on both serving lines. We ask that you make sure serving tables are wiped down after the event

- **Clean up – Busy Jayhawkers**
  - This club will put tables, chairs and stage away and sweep the floor. Also, we ask that you take out the trash.

Important Dates

National 4-H Week

October 3-9 is National 4-H Week. Be proud of your 4-H membership and help spread the word about the many opportunities in 4-H to all your friends and families during 4-H week. Make sure to be involved in the promotional activities your club is doing.

Make sure your wear your 4-H shirt on Wednesday, October 6.

Record Book Judging

On October 11 we will be judging record books from another county and will need volunteers to help judge. Each club is required to have two adult volunteers and a total of 8 hours of judging time. The more volunteers, adults or older 4-Hers we have, the quicker judging will go. Judging will be from 9:00 am to ?? in the meeting room at the Community Building. If you plan to attend later in the day, a phone call to the office to check on the status of workload may be a wise idea.

Club Financial Review

Don’t forget your club needs to meet and go over the financial review. These forms are due back in the Extension Office before November 1.

2022 Nemaha County Free Fair

Mark your calendar for next year’s fair. The dates will be July 28-Aug 1. Consultation Judging will be on Wednesday, July 20. If you have an idea for a fair or Kansas Pride theme, please send it to dahenry@ksu.edu or bring to the October 4-H Council meeting.
Calendar of Events

Oct. 1: Enrollment Opens
Oct. 3-9: National 4-H Week
Oct. 6-17: Paper Clover at TSC
Oct. 9: Farm Bureau Appr. Event, JF
Oct. 9-10: Reg. 48 hrs of 4-H Event
Oct. 11: Record Book Judging, Seneca
Oct. 11: Council Meeting, NM
Oct. 23-24: Dog Conference/Quiz Bowl
Nov. 1: Re-enrollment Ends
Nov. 1: Club audits due to office
Nov. 7: Achievement Program, JA
Nov. 20-21: Youth Leadership Forum
Nov. 23: Achievement Event, NM
Mar. 25-27: S.S. Instructor Training
Jul. 25-28: JA Co. Fair
July 26-30: JA Co. Carnival
Jul. 28-Aug. 1: NM Co. Fair

Reflections on a Year Completed

The 2020-2021 4-H year has ended. Maybe this has been a year of numerous successes or one that you had goals for turning out differently. Hope-fully everyone has been able to learn, grow and follow our motto to “Make the Best Better”. As we start a new 4-H year, please take time to thank the people in your life who pour themselves into you. Your parents, Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Superintendents, Extension staff… the list goes on and on.

Regardless of how your 4-H year went, focus on a new start, set goals soon, enroll early and start this new year off on a positive note. Please remember that 4HOnline enrollment opens October 1 and we ask for re-enrollment to be completed by November 1! DON’T DELAY!