4-H Enrollment Open - October 1!!!

It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2019-2020 year opens online at 8 a.m. Tuesday, October 1 at: https://ks.4honline.com

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 enrollment to be completed early in the month of October.

ALL RETURNING 4-H members need to complete the re-enrollment process by NOVEMBER 1, to avoid restrictions being placed on your 4-H membership!!! 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 reference the September newsletter for more information on the State 4-H Program Fee payment process that is a part of 4-H enrollment. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about this important process.

4-H Enrollment Helpful Tips and Reminders

Informational brochures for new enrollments, reenrollments and the state 4-H program fee can be found on the “Enrollment” page of the District or at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html

- You must have a stable internet connection with Firefox and Chrome web browsers working best; Internet Explorer is not supported. It is recommended to use a computer, laptop or tablet to complete this process. Online payment options with a smartphone will be an issue!!!
- You must have a valid email address, that your check regularly, to create a family account (contact the Extension office if you do not have email). We use this email A LOT, please check email frequently!!!
- DO NOT create a new account if re-enrolling and you have an existing 4HOnline account, even if you have sat out of 4-H for a year or two!!! We must connect to past data, so you need to add information to existing accounts. Contact the office if you need any assistance!
- The State 4-H Program fee of $15 MUST be paid before your enrollment is considered complete and active. This is a State fee that we cannot collect locally, which goes directly to the State 4-H program. We ask all members to pay for your fee or request a waiver of the fee yourself. Any club payment or reimbursement should be made to you or your family directly, NOT by payment to the State 4-H Office. Review the following guide: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/docs/Investing%20in%204-H-Program%20Fee%20Guide.pdf

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4-H Record Book Judging - We NEED YOU!!!

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 MED 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%20Book%20Tips.pdf) and the ability to write; positive, encouraging comments to youth. 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 9**: starting at 3:30 p.m., NEKS Heritage Building, Holton
- **October 10**: starting at 1:00 p.m., Oskaloosa City Hall, Oskaloosa
- **October 14**: starting at 9:00 a.m., Community Building, Seneca

New Family Orientations - Hold the Dates

Giving new 4-H families support and direction in their first year is extremely important! In an effort to get families started on the right foot, New Family Orientations are planned for the month of November. 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 with making new families feel welcome!

- **November 6**: Northeast Kansas Heritage Building, Holton - 6:30 p.m.
- **November 11**: Nemaha County Community Building, Seneca - 6:30 p.m.
- **November 16**: St. Aloysius Church in Meriden - 3:00 p.m.

4-H Financial Reviews Due!

Attention 4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders & Financial Review Committee members!!! Start planning now for the annual 4-H Club financial review. A review is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H Clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups etc. An informational letter & form was mailed to the club Treasurer of each 4-H club and affiliated group. Every District club/group is asked to have a committee review the club financial records annually.

Committee members should NOT be family of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. Adults, please work to include youth in the process of the review. This is an important life skill and learning opportunity. All Financial Review paperwork is due **November 1** to your local Extension office. www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%.pdf

4-H Officer Training, Start the Year Off Right!

What is the purpose of 4-H Officer Training? Clubs with a strong officer team know the importance of a well-trained, cohesive officer group to a 4-H club, but what are the reasons why?
- To teach officers their specific officer responsibilities.
- To reinforce concepts for members who have been officers.
- To build teamwork & trust in the club officer team.
- To give officers a chance to learn from each other.
- To allow members to get to know 4-H’ers across the District.

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 will again be occurring over the next month or so. Every club officer and leader is welcome to attend any one of the three training events.

- **Oct 29**: Community Building, Seneca - 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov 3**: NEKS Heritage Building, Holton - 5:00 p.m.
- **Nov 16**: St. Aloysius Church in Meriden - 3:00 p.m.
**Goal Setting Guide**

As we look at enrollment in a new 4-H year, 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.

1. **ACTION** — How are you going to do something.
2. **RESULT** — What are you going to do. Be specific!
3. **TIMETABLE** — 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.

**Premium Sale Requirements - Start Planning NOW!**

The 2018-19 year marked the first year of enforcement of the Meadowlark District Premium Sale requirements. They are designed to encourage year-round participation in the 4-H experience. The beginning of a new 4-H year is a perfect time to start planning activities to meet these requirements. The form can be found on our website under Forms. Quickly, here are some reminders:

- The Meadowlark Extension District Governing Body in conjunction with Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha County Fair Boards, in accordance with State 4-H Policy J2.3 has reviewed and approved this policy.
- The policy relates to any youth who will potentially participate in an auction where they receive all or a portion of the premium money.
- YQCA is required for livestock exhibitors. Non-livestock projects, eligible for premium sales, are exempt from the YQCA requirement.
- FFA members have a parallel set of requirements.
- These forms will be due JULY 1st TO YOUR 4-H CLUB LEADER OR FFA ADVISOR and they will submit forms to the Extension office.
- The requirements encompass a full calendar year (July to June), so things like State Fair and summer meeting attendance in 2019 will count towards meeting this requirement in 2020.
- The document really lays out what are basic expectations of all 4-H members, and is meant to encourage participation at many levels. An actively engaged 4-H member should have little issue meeting these requirements.

**REMINDERS!!! State Events Happening Soon**

**October 4-5:** Drone & Robotics Olympics, Cosmosphere, Hutchinson [https://events.k-state.edu/event/cosmosphere_4-h_drone_and_robot_olympics#XYKPqWZ7iPa](https://events.k-state.edu/event/cosmosphere_4-h_drone_and_robot_olympics#XYKPqWZ7iPa)

**October 6-12:** National 4-H Week [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html)

**October 12-13:** 48 Hours of 4-H [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)

**October 19-20:** Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl, Rock Springs  Registration due: **October 7**  [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html)

**November 9:** Equine Extravaganza  [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html)  Registration due **October 15**

**November 23-24:** KYLF - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum  [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html)  Early Bird registration **October 15**

**State 4-H Record Sheet Pilot Project**

The State 4-H office has formed a taskforce to look at review and development of a new Kansas 4-H Record Sheet, that will eventually replace the KAP. Meadowlark District will be a pilot unit for the new sheets. Be watching for more information soon!
Kansas State Fair Results & Participation

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to Meadowlark District 4-Hers who exhibited and participated in the 2019 Kansas State Fair. 4-H Youth from across the District had 436 entries in either individual projects, teams or presentations. The successes are far to many to mention individually, but some result highlights are: first place Sr. Crops judging team, breed champions/reserve with animal projects in the Grand Drive, finalist in Fashion Revue (one reserve) and Dog show (one champion), twenty two - top ten placings in Horse, and MANY, individual accomplishments in learning noted with Purple, Blue, Red and White placings.

Full results can be found at: https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/3226
Grand Drive results found at: https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/2019-results/grand-drive-market-show-results  Both of these links can be found on the Meadowlark District 4-H page, as well.

So what does it take to get to the State Fair with a 4-H entry? The 2019 event is over, but it is never too soon to start thinking about next year. Following is a quick summary of who is eligible and how to get entries to the Kansas State Fair. 4-Hers must be 4-H age 9 or above to participate.

- 4-Hers who receive a Purple at your local county fair are eligible to enter in any project area with a FOUR digit number in the fair book, are eligible to be entered. KSF entry forms are available at local fairs and need to be completed and returned sometime around August 10. Extension staff even offer to hold and transport exhibits to Hutchinson in the majority of cases. DON’T MISS OUT!
- Arts & Crafts is non-competitive at KSF and only a select few exhibits are selected for display.
- Presentations noted as “State Fair eligible” at 4-H Club Day must be entered by mid August deadline.
- Dog exhibitors must receive a qualifying score, under a certified judge, at a qualifying event (county fair dog shows typically are qualifying) and they must enter by the mid August deadline.
- Horse exhibitors must receive a Blue or Purple at the NE District Horse show held in June and then be entered by August 1, with stall reservations done with State Fair directly.
- Livestock (Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine) exhibits must be of Blue ribbon quality and have a completely separate set of nomination requirements, which must be done by May 1 for Market Beef and June 15 for all other classes. These exhibitors participate in a combined youth show with FFA that is called the “Grand Drive” at State Fair and must be entered by July 15. More information can be found at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

2020 International Exchanges’ Applications Due November 1

4-H’ers (and alumni) wanting an international exchange experience should apply this month. Flyers and the applications are now posted on the Kansas 4-H web site: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/. Additionally, Chaperones are being recruited for each of the exchanges listed for teens. Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age. Depending on the size or the delegation, one or more will be selected by States’ 4-H at the U. S. national level. States’ 4-H is looking for international travel experience and language capability for non-English speaking areas. They also favor experience working with teens and like to reward volunteers who have helped conduct 4-H exchanges and other programs. Applications can be found on the web page and should be submitted to Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, 1114 North Spring Valley Road, Junction City, KS 66441, munson@ksbroadband.net by November 1. Questions about any of these opportunities, should be directed to Mary Kay.

Why 4-H ???

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

“4-H has been one of the most impactful events in my life. 4-H isn’t about showing up to club meetings once a month and then attending the county fair in July, it’s so much more than that. 4-H is life changing, life shaping experience. Not only am I learning about different projects, I’m learning about life skills. I love going to State events where I meet new friends/see old friends and learn about this organization that is such a huge part of my life. 4-H has given me a chance to be a better leader and public speaker. I became a member when I was seven and I am a completely different person now than I was then.”
Wrapping Up the 2018-2019 4-H Year and Start of 2019-2020

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

Paper Clover @ TSC

During October 9-20 please join us and help raise funds for 4-H. During those dates 4-Her’s are invited to come by the store & 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.

2019 4-H Achievement Program

Sunday, November 3, 4 p.m.
Northeast Kansas Heritage Bldg

Please be sure to attend the 2019 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
- North Jackson Jets
- Mayetta Mustangs
- Take out Trash
- Pleasant Valley Rustlers
- Serve Refreshments
- Lucky Stars
- Decorations
- Hoyt Livewires

10 Year Members

Listed below are the 10 year members that are will be recognized for the 10 year membership to the 4-H program at the Achievement Program on Sunday, November 3. If we have left someone out please contact the office as soon as possible.
- Colby Doyle
- Jenna McAllister
- Jill Buck
- Jerilyn Nelson
- Joel Kennedy
- Rhett Kennedy
- MaKenzie Kennedy
- Mary Broxterman
- Sarah Halbleib
- Savannah Phillips
- Shelby Phillips

Cloverbuds

Leaders please be sure to look over the list of Cloverbuds. They will receive something at the Achievement Program and we don’t want to leave anyone out.
- Rory Kennedy
- Braiden Moulden
- Breckon Schlodder
- Owen Morris
- Bryson Bradley
- Nora Cyphers
- Kale Becker
- Clara Larison
- Emily Mellies
- Harper Mitchell
- Fintan Cochran
- Emily Martin
- Carter Hare
- Emeliya Pruett
- Lucy Stoues
- Kenna Simpson-Worley
- McKinley Bowe
- Deacon Simpson-Worley
- Ruby Robinson
- Tess Wilson
- Dani Peters
- Eli Bontrager
- Case Harris

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at 7 pm. All club 4-H Council Reps are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be officer elections so each club should have 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.

Important Dates

REMINDER

Remember that National 4-H Week is October 6-12. If you need help finding ways to promote 4-H to your community/school please contact Cara. We have posters and 4-H bookmarks available for clubs to hand out during National 4-H Week.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging Record Books from the Oskaloosa Office on Wed, October 9 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. 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.

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 Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Buildings. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 785-364-4125 or e-mailing Cara at carar@ksu.edu by Friday, Nov 1. 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.

Officer Training

The 2019-20 Officer Training will be held following the 4-H Achievement Program on Sunday, November 3. The Achievement Program starts at 4 p.m. so Officer Training will start around 5 p.m.
**Important Dates**

**4-H Week October 6-12**
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 4-H week. Make sure to be involved in the promotional activities your club is doing and bring someone new to your next club meeting. School announcements, promotion banners and school assemblies are great ways to show your 4-H spirit!

**Record Book Judging - We Need You!**
We will be judging record books from the Seneca office from 1:00-8:00 pm on Thurs, **October 10**, at the City Hall in Oskaloosa. Each club needs to have a different ages/older teens to help with this process-larger clubs should try to bring more. Supper will be provided. People who’ve helped in the past have said they have learned a lot, so please consider joining us!

**Project Fair**
A Project Fair is planned from 6:30-8:30 pm on Monday, **October 28**, at the Oskaloosa City Hall. Be watching your email for more information and registration.

**November 1 Deadlines**
Club Annual Financial Reports and Carnival prize descriptions are due in the office.

**T-Shirt Designs**
4-Hers are creative! Put that asset to work and submit a design for our county t-shirts to the office by **November 15**. Computer-generated or hand drawn is fine. Designs will be discussed and voted upon at the November Council meeting. The winning design receives a $25 prize!

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To check out results, go to the link under 4-H Youth Development on the Meadowlark webpage. We had several who received top honors for their project work and judging efforts.

**Top Honors**
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Individual placings in the Senior Division were:
- Mellany Roenne-2nd
- Preston Feuerborn-6th
- Neva Roenne-10th
- Heather Kahler 11th
- Brooklyn Correll 16th

Intermediate Division: Karson Kahler placed 8th, with Paisleigh Heinen and Brayden Winsor joining him on the team. Those interested in being part of the team next year should inquire at the Office. Thanks to Coach John Kabus for leading and encouraging our participants!

**News from the Oskaloosa Office**

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**Achievement Banquet—November 9th, 6:00 p.m., St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Meriden**
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- Meadowlark Extension Office, P.O. Box 326, Oskaloosa, 66066
- Checks payable to: Jefferson Co. 4-H Council
- Achievement Banquet Reservation-Meal includes smoked meat, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, green beans or corn, rolls with butter, brownie sundaes, and tea/lemonade/water.

Members turning in a completed record book receive a free meal. Club Leaders & Project Leaders who turn in a Project Leader Report Form by October 1 will also receive a free meal.

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**4-H Ambassadors**
4-H Ambassadors work to promote our 4-H program wherever they go. Our 2019-2020 4-H Ambassadors are: Taelur Barnes, Brooklyn Correll, Bryce Dockweiler, Amanda Nelson, and Eryn Vaughan. If you would like for them to visit your club, please let the office, or Sponsor Sherry Seifert, know.

**Join the Fabulous Fall Event!**
Our Fall Event includes Officer Training, New Family Orientation and hearing 4-H members talk about their activities and projects. This event will be from 3:00-5:00 pm on **Saturday, November 16**, at St. Aloysius Church in Meriden. If you know of someone who has recently joined, or is thinking about it, please invite them to attend.

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Kansas State Fair

This year we had over 120 exhibits taken to the state fair, 10 demonstrations, as well as rabbits, poultry, dogs, beef, swine and horses shown. Exhibiting at the state fair is one of the highest honors where you receive feedback on your project work. 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 2019 state fair. We hope more of you will make this one of your goals for 2020.

2019–2020 4-H Ambassadors

We would like to congratulate the new District Ambassadors from Nemaha County! Corley Becker, HHHH; Kendall Durland, Red Rustlers; Thomas Edelman, Stateliners; Kiara Niehues, Red Rustlers; Leah Renyer, Stateliners; Davis Rokey, Busy Jayhawkers; Hillary Stallbaumer, Pony Express; Monica Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers; Vivian Strahm, Busy Jayhawkers; and Karly Tangeman, HHHH.

Yearly Calendars

Once again we have put together a calendar of local and state 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.

Record Book Judging

On October 14th we will be judging record books from the Hotton office 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.

4-H Achievement Event

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on Sat, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at 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 - Stateliners
  - You will need to set up Fri, Nov 8, after school. You will set up the tables and chairs. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.

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

Important Dates

4-H Council Meeting

The 4-H Council is made up of two youth representatives from each club. Youths 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 14th at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the Community Building. This is the first meeting for the 2019-2020 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

We will be having an officers training on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building in Seneca. Even if you are not an officer or junior officer you are welcome to come and learn with all of us. Reminder, club attendance is one of the requirements to help your club receive its Purple Seal. So mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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.

2020 Nemaha County Free Fair

Mark your calendar for next year’s fair. The dates will be July 24-27. If you have an idea for a fair theme, please send it to dahenry@ksu.edu or bring to the October 4-H Council meeting.
Calendar of Events

Oct 1: 4-H Enrollment Begins!!!
Oct 4-5: Drone & Robotics Olympics
Oct 6-12: National 4-H Week
Oct 7: Dog Conference reg. due
Oct 9: Records judging, Holton
Oct 9-20: Paper Clover, Holton TSC
Oct 10: Records judging, Oskaloosa
Oct 12-13: 48 Hours of 4-H
Oct 14: Records judging, Seneca
Oct 15: Equine Extravaganza reg. due
Oct 19-20: Dog Conference, RSR
Oct 25: Achievement res. due, Oskaloosa
Oct 28: Project Fair, Oskaloosa
Oct 29: Officer Training, Seneca
Nov 1: Financial Reviews DUE
Nov 3: Achievement Event, Holton
Nov 6: New Family Orientation, Holton
Nov 9: Achievement Event, Meriden
Nov 9: Achievement Event, Seneca
Nov 14: JA 4-H Council, Holton
Nov 15: T-Shirt designs due, Oskaloosa
Nov 16: Fabulous Fall Event, Meriden

Reflections on a Year Completed

The 2018-2019 4-H year has come to a close. Maybe this has been a year of numerous successes or one that you had goals for turning out differently. Hopefully 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!

All Meadowlark District offices will be closed on November 11 to honor our Veterans.