4-H Enrollment Open—October 1!!!

It is that time of year again, a new 4-H year! 4-H Enrollment for the 2020-2021 year opens online at 8 AM Thursday, October 1 at: https://ks.4honline.com

We are all anxiously awaiting some of the new features and look of 4HOnline 2.0.

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 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 Reenrollment

Please visit the 4-H Online Family Resources webpage at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html for the above guidebooks. More resources coming soon!
**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 be happening a bit differently this year. Agents across the NE region of Kansas have been working with teen leaders to create a video orientation series that youth officers can watch & respond to – either individually or in a club setting. Additionally, a regional ZOOM meeting has been scheduled for **December 6**, as a check point for officers.

If you have interest in Club-based officer training options, in addition to this regional effort, 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. The Kansas 4-H Officer Publications are available on District 4-H website under “Resources and Links” [www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/club_resources.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/club_resources.html) as well. Officers & leaders, keep watching for more information on the regional Officer training effort, scheduled to be released in early October.

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**Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Youth Council Elections**

The dates for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum are **Saturday, November 21** and **Sunday, November 22**. Components will include a speaker, election of the new council, workshops, some small groups and some fun too. There are some great workshop offerings for attendees to participate in. Sessions are planned as follows:

- Saturday 9 AM to noon session
- Saturday 1:45 PM to 4 PM session
- Sunday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM session

Registration via the [CVent registration site](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html), should be open in late September and will be due **November 10**.

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**State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl**

The 2020 State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be hosted as a virtual event on **November 6, 7, and 8**. The 4-H Dog Action Team is currently working to finalize plans for registration which will open soon. Registration will be free for the virtual event. Pre-registration will be requested to allow speakers to prepare and so we can get needed information to participants. During registration youth may choose to take part in a 4-H Dog Quiz which will be done on an individual basis instead of the traditional team quiz bowl. Participants in the event will have the opportunity to engage with experts on dog care and training through live presentations and question and answer sessions. Content will also be available in recorded form after the event. Keep looking for communication on how to register.

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**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 MED/Kansas Pilot 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](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/Record%20Book%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 8:** starting at 1:00 PM, Oskaloosa City Hall, Oskaloosa

**October 12:** starting at 9:00 AM, Community Building, Seneca

**October 12:** starting at 3:00 PM, NE Kansas Heritage Building, Holton
**State Fair 4-H Showcase**

A special note of appreciation and congratulations is passed on to Meadowlark District 4-Hers who participated in the modified 2020 Kansas State Fair. This virtual showcase was a very different format in a very different year! 4-H Showcase results can be found at: [https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14323](https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14323)  Comment sheets and ribbons will be sent to the Extension office later this month and will be distributed to those who participated.

So what does it take to get to the State Fair with a 4-H entry? It is never too soon to start thinking about next year. We hope it is much more “normal”! Following is a quick summary of who is eligible and how to get entries to the Kansas State Fair, in a more normal year.

- **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.** It must be in a project area with a FOUR digit number in the fair book.
- **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!
- **Visual Arts is non-competitive at KSF and only a select few exhibits are displayed.**
- **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.ks-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](https://www.asi.ks-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/)**

**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 of financial records 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.** Since the November 1 is a Sunday, these will be accepted on November 2. The financial review form can be found at [www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%.pdf](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%.pdf)

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**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. 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/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%.pdf](https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/docs/4h/forms/4H%20CLUB%20or%20AFFILIATED%20GROUP%20ANNUAL%.pdf)

**Project Record Report Form Replaces KAP**

After piloting a new Project Record Report Form with 10 units (comprising of 26 counties) the 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce is excited to announce the launch of a new project-based record keeping and award system for the 2020/2021 4-H program year, across the state of Kansas. THANK YOU Meadowlark 4-H Families for piloting these new forms and the ZSuite online tool. Your input is important and valuable in moving the program forward. Please use the following link to answer a short, survey about your experiences: [https://](https://)
Reading
Do you enjoy a good book? Do you like to read or study other project areas in 4-H? Although it may be becoming a lost art, reading is an important part of daily life! Check into the phases of the 4-H reading project. The national CCS “Reading Makes Sense” is a great resource to help you through this project area. Reading is a project that intertwines with every other project area.

Things to Learn/Do in the Project
• Learn how to use and enjoy the library
• Study a specific topic
• Read for pleasure
Share a book review with others

Reading for Enjoyment: Share the book you enjoy best with someone - parents, family, leader or 4-H member, do one or more of the suggested activities and as much of "Know Your Library" as possible. Optional activities include preparing an exhibit, either as an individual or as a club, preparing a poster, notebook or display, giving a talk or demonstration.

Reading for Project Enrichment: Read project material, read for information about projects from other sources, read at least one book for pleasure that is related to a project, do one or more of the suggested activities and as much of "Know Your Library" as possible. Optional activities include preparing an exhibit, either as an individual or as a club, preparing a poster, notebook or display, giving a talk or demonstration.

Reading for Discussion: Identify a discussion group (face-to-face, email, or website), keep record of books read and discussions attended, keep journal of reactions and reflections, serve as junior leader for younger members. Optional activities include sharing books with groups outside of 4-H or doing community service activities.

Eight Options Offered for 2021 States’ 4-H Outbound Exchanges

States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs (States’ 4-H) has announced eight options for 12-18 year-old 4-H members for next summer. A new program offers three weeks in Argentina. The other exchanges to Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, South Korea, Taiwan, and Romania were offered last year and had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Taelur Barnes of the Clover Power 4-H Club, was slotted to attend in 2020 and has accepted to take advantage of the rescheduled trip to Norway in 2021.

Since spaces will be taken by these and others around the U.S., spaces for new delegates will be more limited. See a list on the Kansas 4-H web page https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/index.html showing the number of spaces remaining for each exchange this year. Also on the page is a chart showing a comparison of the eight exchanges and flyers with descriptions of each. Applications will be completed online, with a link found on the page above, and are due November 2. Prospective applicants may contact Mary Kay Muson with questions about the offered exchanges and the application process at mkm2@ksu.edu, 785-238-3631 or 785-375-3189.

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

“Through my many years in 4-H, I have learned that the people I have met in 4-H are the best part.”
Wrapping Up the 2019-2020 4-H Year and Start of 2020-2021

As we wrap up the past 4-H year, please remember that the 4-H club review are due to the office on November 1. The financial 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 the club treasurer. Also on Nov. 1, 4HOnline Volunteer Renewals, Club Officer List & Leader List are all due to the Extension Office. Club leaders all this material is in your club leader packet.

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 November 23 at 6:30 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 Friday, November 20.

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.

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 November 1. If we have left someone out, please contact the office as soon as possible.

- Amariah Allen
- Sidney Bohnenkemper
- Kaden Cattrell
- Shelby Fox
- Trey Manuel
- Madeline Montgomery
- Marcus Pruett
- Bronc Reser
- Micah Richardson
- Breanne Simpson
- Bree Wakefield

4-H Achievement Program

November 1, 2020 at 3 PM in NE Kansas Heritage Building

Please be sure to attend the 2020 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—Denison Builders
- Sweep Floors—Ontario Busy Bees
- Set up & take down stage—Straight Arrows
- Take out Trash—Lucky Stars
- Serve Refreshments—North Jackson Jets
- Decorations—Delia Early Birds

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.

- Keaton Bausch
- Kale Becker
- Eli Bontrager
- Bryson Bradley
- Halle Clarke
- Nora Cyphers
- Jordyn DeVader
- Paighton Driscoll
- Clay Goodman
- Sophia Holliday
- Tate Johnson
- Reagan Kennedy
- Rory Kennedy
- Owen Morris
- Emeliana Pruett
- Xander Seltmann
- Bristol Simpson-Worley
- Deacan Simpson-Worley
- Lana Warner

Officer Training

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

News from the Holton Office

Important Dates

REMINDER

Remember that National 4-H Week is October 4-10. 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.

Paper Clover @ TSC

During October 7-18 please join us and help raise funds for 4-H. During those dates 4-Hers 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.

Record Book Judging

We will be judging Nemaha County Record Books on Monday, October 12 from 3:30 to 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.

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 12 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.
**Important Dates**

**4-H Week October 4-10**  
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.

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

**Achievement Celebration**  
The date set for our Achievement celebration is **Saturday, November 14**. The time and location will be announced at a later date, depending on facility availability due to COVID concerns and September Council decisions. 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**  
4-Hers are creative! Put that asset to work 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**  
What a year of change for our State Fair participants! We had 43 non-livestock virtual entries, with many receiving purple awards. A special congratulations goes out to Neva Roenne of the Clover Power 4-H Club, who was the overall winner in the Buymanship Division of the State Fashion Revue! Way to go Neva!  
Our livestock show participants also did well, putting in a lot of travel, time and effort to show their animals in Hutchinson. We are proud of everyone who participated!  
The Family and Consumer Science judging will be held virtually on **September 19**, and the Crops Judging later this year. Details are to be released in October for Crops Judging, so be watching your email and our District Facebook page for details. Last year our Senior Team placed first and our Intermediate Team third, so let’s keep up the good work and participate!

**Record Book Judging—We Need You!**  
We will be judging record books from another county from 1:00-8:00 PM on **October 8**, 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. Supper 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 **October 6**.

**New Family Orientation**  
Save the date of **Saturday, January 9**, at 4:00 PM. Location TBD. First & second year families encouraged to attend, along with Club Leaders/New Family Coordinators at club level.

**Leader Recognition**  
Our volunteer leaders provide a wealth of information and instruction as they work with our 4-H members. We would like to recognize our certified volunteers who have reached milestones this year, and applaud them for their efforts!  
Maxine Buttram-50 years  
Arlene Bolinger-30 years  
Rod & Susie Deeken-25 years  
Cindy Williams-20 years  
Teresa Graber-10 years  
LaVell Winsor-10 years  
Jana Winter-10 years  
Deanna Gier-5 years  
Amy Kramer-5 years  
John & Cindy Malone-5 years  
Casey Weishaar-5 years  
If you are interested in being a 4-H project leader, contact Linda in the office. It’s a great way to share your skills and interests with others. We have curriculum that can help make planning project meetings easier and would love to share it with you.

**Ambassadors**  
4-H Ambassadors work to promote our 4-H program wherever they go.

Our 2020-2021 Ambassadors are:  
- Taelur Barnes, Clover Power  
- Brooklyn Correll, Prosperity  
- Bryce Dockweiler, Prosperity  
- Amanda Nelson, Fairview  
- Eryn Vaughan, Billtown Go Getters  
If you would like for them to visit your club, please let the office, or Sponsor Sherry Seifert, know.

**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! The donor book is on our Oskaloosa web page.
Kansas State Fair
   Even though there was not a state fair open to the public we had over 50 exhibits sent to the modified 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Showcase. 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 set as a goal, to send at least one project item each year. Congratulations to the 35 4-H members who participated in the 2020 state fair.

2020-2021 Ambassadors
   We would like to congratulate the new Ambassadors for Nemaha County!
   - Kendall Durland, Red Rustlers
   - Dane Haverkamp, Pony Express
   - John Langill, Pony Express
   - Leah Renyer, Stateliners
   - Brandon Rogers, Pony Express
   - Davis Rokey, Busy Jayhawkers
   - Monica Stallbaumer, Red Rustlers
   - Karly Tangeman, HHHH
   - Katie Tangeman, HHHH
   - Ryan Uphaus, HHHH
   - Susannah Walker, Woodlawn Meadowlarks.

Traveling Photos
   All photos from the previous year have been returned to the 4-H or club leaders. There are 8 photos that will not be returned this year. The photo board that was on display at the Sabetha Library when they were remodeling was accidently disposed of. They are truly sorry this happened!

Officer Training
   This year we will not be holding an in person Officer Training. Please be watching for information on the modified 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 2020 Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Event on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM 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 we will not be having a meal or refreshments.

Achievement Club Duties -
   Set-up - HHHH
   You will need to set up Monday, November 23, after school. The chairs and stage will need to be set up. Please let Deb know what your plans are for set-up time.

   Clean-up - Kelly Twilighters & Pony Express
   This club will put chairs and stage away and sweep the floor.

Important Dates

Record Book Judging
   On October 12 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.

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 19 at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the Community Building. This is the first meeting for the 2020-2021 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.

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.
Calendar of Events

Oct 1: 4-H Enrollment Opens
Oct 4-10: National 4-H Week
Oct 8: 4-H Records Judging, Oskaloosa
Oct 10-11: 48 Hours of 4-H weekend
Oct 7-18: Paper Clover Campaign
Oct 12: 4-H Records Judging, Seneca
4-H Records Judging, Holton
Oct 15: KYLF registration due
Oct 19: NM 4-H Council Meeting
Nov 1: 4-H re-enrollment deadline
Financial Reviews Due
JA 4-H Achievement event
Nov 2: International Exchange apps due
Nov 6-8: Virtual State Dog Conference
Nov 7-8: Shooting Sports training
Nov 12: JA 4-H Council Meeting
Nov 14: JF Achievement Celebration
Nov 16: JF 4-H T-Shirt Designs due
Nov 21-22: Virtual KYLF

Nov 23: New Family Orientation, Holton
Nov 24: NM 4-H Achievement event

National 4-H Week, October 4-10
Every year the first full week of October is designated as National 4-H Week. This is a time designed for all 4-H members across the United States to celebrate the start of a new 4-H year, promote the positive benefits of the program to new youth and bring public awareness to 4-H. Does your club plan to celebrate within your community? Please share your National 4-H week activities on our MED 4-H Facebook group. Ideas for 4-H marketing can be found at: https://www.kansas4h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html