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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST
• 4HOnline 1.0 & 4-H Online 2.0 Updates & Reminders
• Record Books due
• National 4-H Week

4HOnline 1.0 and 4-H Online 2.0 Updates & Reminders

It's official: 4HOnline 1.0 is permanently closed! Families may not enter the system and staff may no longer edit data. Starting this summer and moving through the new 4-H year, the State 4-H Office is working to move to a new version of the online 4-H enrollment system 4HOnline 2.0. RegistrationMax is currently assisting the State 4-H Office in migrating 1.0 data into 2.0. Once migration is complete, the State 4-H office will finalize customization for Kansas 4-H. Resources for families and staff will become available as soon as possible. We continue to appreciate your patience and understanding as this project moves forward! Stay tuned for more information, but please note that the enrollment process cannot begin until October 1.

Some of the promised upgrades to 2.0 include:
• County event creation and management
• Event registration to allow non 4-H registration
• Simpler program fee payment method for sponsored youth
• Support of Spanish language
• True mobile-friendly capabilities
• YQCA integration
• ADA compliance

Record Books a Summary of a 4-H Year

Hopefully, everyone has been working on 4-H records throughout the year, and recognize that Meadowlark District is piloting the new Kansas 4-H Record Report forms and the online template with ZSuite. Remember completion of a 4-H Record Book is part of the annual requirement of 4-H membership. During October, Record Books will be evaluated to determine local Project Champions. All 4-H members MUST complete Meadowlark District approved (Kansas 4-H Pilot) Record Sheets for project recognition at the local level. More information, forms and record sheets can be found on the Meadowlark District Website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html. Make sure to review the 4-H record book tips and the MED record book check sheet documents.

Please consult with your Club Leader as your club most likely asks for these to be turned in at the club level much earlier than deadline in which they are due to the office, from the leaders. Club Leaders need to review and submit record books to the Extension office.
**National Conference & KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council Application Process**

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2021 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2021 may apply for National Conference. The information is available on the KYLF webpage and the National Conference webpage on the State 4-H Website. Applications will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

This year's virtual KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an application and interview process and they serve a two-year term on council.

Outstanding young leaders within Meadowlark District are encouraged to apply! Applications and reference forms are due on an online form on **September 21, 2020** before 11:59 PM CST. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email or upload that link or file by the above deadline. The signature page (both conference or council rep) and agreement page (conference only) must be postmarked or emailed on or before September 21, 2020.

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**Time to Register 48 Hours of 4-H Projects**

Has your club registered a 48 Hours of 4-H projects yet? We hope every club in Meadowlark will join 4-Hers from across Kansas this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! With COVID-19 we may have to be more creative this year, but there are still ways to serve! Clubs and groups should consult with local staff about their plans and ways to mitigate risk. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and soon you will be able to register your projects(s). Be watching for the Facebook Event to win some prizes and get excited about serving our communities.

When: **October 10-11, 2020**

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

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**Important Due Date—September 30**

The current 4-H year ends the last day of September. This is a good time of the year to reflect on the 4-H year; did you meet your goals, what have you learned, what would you like to do differently next year, have you grown as a young person through 4-H work? The last phase of the 4-H year is the record book process. All 4-Hers will need to complete their record books. Please be sure to go back to the email sent about record book information as it is a different process this year. All 4-Hers 14 years and older will fill out the record book pages and then if they are selected as the winner in that area they then will have a chance to fill out the KAP to compete at Area KAP judging. The 4-H record book, especially Permanent Record and 4-H Story, is a perfect place to journal this reflection. **LEADERS—September 30** is the date that completed 4-H Record Books, Achievement Pin applications submitted to you by member; Club Seal Summary reports, Club Goal Summary reports, and other important local forms, are all due to the Extension office. All of these forms can be found on the Meadowlark 4-H website at: [http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html)

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**Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum**

The dates for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum are Saturday, **November 21** and Sunday, **November 22**. The Kansas Youth Leadership Council is working to transform their in person plan to a virtual plan as quickly as possible. Components should include a speaker, election of the new council, workshops, some small groups and some fun too. More information to be announced soon.
Kansas State Fair

One of the largest events in Kansas has been cancelled for the first time in its history. The Kansas State Fair has been CANCELLED for 2020. There is still the option for 4-H/FFA members to showcase their project work in a virtual setting in most project areas. Eligible members should have already received information on this process. Animal shows (except dog and rabbit) will still be moving forward, with a different schedule. All of the judging contest that would have happened at the State Fair have been moved to virtual offerings, with Crops Identification being postponed until later in the fall. Visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html

Kansas 4-H Crops Identification Contest Delayed

COVID-19 still affecting Kansans. The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Identification Contest that historically has been held the first weekend of the KSF, will be pushed back into the fall for 2020. It will still be conducted this fall, and it will be a virtual contest only. Full details about the contest will be published on or before October 15, 2020, on the Kansas 4-H web site. We thank you for your patience as we totally revamp the delivery of this popular contest due to COVID-19.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Fall 2020

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training has been scheduled for November 7-8, 2020, at the Gray County Fairgrounds in Cimarron. Training will begin at 8 AM Saturday, November 7, and conclude Sunday, November 8, after lunch. The general session will be held online and will need to be completed prior to final registration. If online training was completed earlier this year for spring training, it would still be accepted. Instructions and details will be released along with registration information.

The estimated cost will be $225 per registrant, which includes two nights (Friday and Saturday), five meals, and training materials. Two people per room will be required. Options will be available for local individuals to register for a reduced rate without lodging. Junior Apprentice training will not be available. Apprentice training will be available if there is space. Schedules and further information will be released soon. Details may change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2021 Outbound Exchange Applications Due November 2

There have been major changes in international travel due to the current pandemic. However, teens ages 12-18 should have several opportunities for 4-H exchange trips in 2021. Details on all exchanges for 4-H age teens and the 2021 application should be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/ in mid-September. Contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator, at munson@ksbroadband.net or 785-238-3631 for more information. Applications are due to her November 2 and required interviews November 22.

4-H Records Pilot

The final month of the 4-H year often are dedicated to record keeping and completing the annual requirement of a 4-H Record Book. Hopefully everyone is well aware that Meadowlark District is participating in the Pilot program for the new State 4-H record reports, including an online recordkeeping tool called ZSuite.

Record books are due to YOUR LOCAL CLUB LEADER, typically at the Aug or Sept meeting. Key parts of the record book process for 2020:

- Use only the forms found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html
- Members may use the PDF fill-in PDF pages from our website or record information in ZSuite. ALL records will be submitted in paper form, NOT electronically.
- NEW FOR 2020 Each member needs to submit one (1) - 1”, 3-ring binder, with a cover page on the front listing member name and club. Record pages need to be organized in the order listed on the MED record book check sheet.
- ONLY CURRENT YEAR RECORDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED!!!

Lots of support documents are found on the site listed above to help you, we hope to have some informational support videos linked here soon as well.

Help us complete this pilot year by volunteering time to help screen and evaluate the record reports at local review times this October!
Communications
Youth will learn to interpret verbal and nonverbal information, develop effective public speaking skills, enhance written and spoken communication, defend a point, design a presentation and much more!

Things to Learn/Do in the Project

Ages 7-10
- Learn responses to bullying
- Decode a message
- Write a letter
- Give a project talk

Ages 11-13
- Give and receive directions using directional and transitional words
- Write a speech and critique it
- Write a press release
- Create and give a demonstration or illustrated talk

Ages 14 and Older
- Discover what causes a communication gap
- Create and give a demonstration or illustrated talk
- Plan, research, outline and present a speech
- Debate an issue
- Prepare a resume and interview for a job or office

https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/communications.html

New 4-H Club Corner Resources Available

As essential part of a successful 4-H Youth Development club program is trained volunteer club leaders. As you begin to plan for the new 4-H year, know that there are new 4-H Club Corner resources available. These resources are designed for club leaders to use within your clubs in creating a dynamic 4-H club environment. Club Corner resources can be found at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html Thank you for volunteering to share your time and talents as a 4-H club leader. We appreciate you creating a rich and vibrant 4-H club experience for members and their families.

In addition to these resources, you will note a link to the Kansas Clover Classroom. This will be a new project challenge being rolled out in the fall of 2020. Please stay tuned and look for ways to participate.

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

“I am beyond thankful for my time in 4-H, the lessons and skills learned through it, and all of the friendships that have come along the way. Being able to tell people that I am 4-H Grown is something that I am so proud of.”
Thank You
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to 4-H’ers, your families, 4-H Ambassadors, Fair board members and all the Volunteers who made the 2020 Jackson County Fair a big success. This has been an unusual year and it made a HUGE difference with everyone doing their part to help!

Each 4-Her can be proud of the things they accomplished this year. No matter what color of ribbon you won or how much your premium check is, you are ALL winners because you worked hard and learned many new things along the way.

Thank you to Rainbow Communications, & Giant Communications for their generous donations to the fair. Jackson County Farm Bureau Association provided a free meal for every 4-Her so a big thank you to them as well. Please take time to write thank you notes to the sponsors of your awards and others that helped with the fair. We need to let our volunteers and sponsors know that we appreciate their continued support.

Any feedback about the fair would be greatly appreciated. Please email me your comments and thoughts. Let me know what you liked this year and what you didn’t like.

Premium & Livestock Checks
Leaders may pick up Premium & Livestock Checks from the Extension Office after August 31. No checks will be mailed out or given to anyone besides your leader. Please make arrangements with your leader. An explanation of the checkoff & deductions will be included with the livestock checks. 4-Hers please remember to send your buyers a thank you.

Livestock Sale Results
| Total Animals Sold | 112 |
| Total Base Amount  | $49,338.40 |
| Total Premium      | $91,844.59 |
| Gross Amount       | $140,270.08 |

Special Thanks to Livestock Sale Crew!
A huge THANKS to Denison State Bank Crew, Danielle Bailey, Carolyn King, Annette Schreiber and Christa Hill for clerking the Livestock Sale. The Livestock Haulers are a special set of volunteers that help out year after year, working the back and we wouldn’t have had a sale without them. Also thanks to Dan Harris, Cody Askren and Donny Robinson, the ring men and auctioneers for the evening. We couldn’t have done it without all of you. Please be sure to send your thank-you’s to the premium buyers, livestock buyers, livestock sale crew & clerks.

Remember to send your Trophy Sponsors and Livestock Buyers Thank You Notes or Cards!
Without their support we wouldn’t have the trophies and premiums that we do. Trophy sponsors labels can be found on the thank you cards, on our website or you may call the office.

Kansas State Fair Information
At this time, details are still forthcoming for virtual indoor exhibit participation at the State Fair. This is what we do know:
* Youth must be 9 to enter exhibits at the Kansas State Fair
* Youth may enter 1 item per project area. (Areas such as Visual Arts, Posters, Notebooks, Displays may not have a category for entry at the KSF)
* Please refer to the Kansas State Fair 4-H Fair book for specific details about exhibiting each project.

Project Nomination Form
Members can get this form from their leader or at the Extension Office. All of the projects and awards are listed, so circle the ones you want to be considered for and turn in to your club leader with your record book.

Important Dates
4-H Scholarships
The Jackson County 4-H Council Scholarships will be awarded during the Achievement Program on Sunday, November 1.

The following will receive scholarships for the 2019-2020 4-H year: Graduating Senior Scholarship – Jerilyn Nelson & Bridget Kucan, 4-H Alumni Scholarship: Judd Nelson & Joel Nelson. Each scholarship winner will receive a $500 scholarship.

Items due
Club leaders please be sure to turn in record books for District judging, Club Goals, Pin Applications & Record Book Nomination Sheets on September 30.

Open Enrollment
The new 4-H year begins October 1. Make sure to get on 4HOnline and re-enroll. The 4HOnline enrollment site will not be open until October 1. Online enrollment deadline is November 1 for returning 4-Hers.

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

Achievement Program
Sunday, November 1 @ 3 PM
- 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

News from the Holton Office
News from the Oskaloosa Office

Fair Thank You
THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
Your dedication to our 4-H program is awesome! Hours of planning, discussion around best practices in a pandemic year, and of course, helping make our fair events happen definitely showed the many skills and great attitudes you all have.
Your willingness to reach out and help our 4-Hers be successful was noticed and appreciated.

THANK YOU 4-H FAMILIES! Your patience as hard decisions were being made, and flexibility to adapt to changes was wonderful. We appreciate your involvement and support of our 4-H program.

THANK YOU 4-HER’S! It was great to see and hear about those of you who started or continued working on your 4-H projects despite so many things being shut down.
Those of you who watched, or were involved in planning virtual projects meetings, definitely got some new experiences and skills. Loved seeing how project education and practice resulted in some great fair entries!

Fair Follow-Up
Premium checks have been mailed to club leaders for distribution to members. An increase in ribbon premiums will be seen this year, as entries were down and premium donations were up!
Premium Fund Donors can be found in the back of our donor book. Let them know you appreciate their generosity!

Livestock premium checks will be mailed directly to members, and include a small deduction to cover plaques for the buyers, accounting fees, and other costs associated with sale.

Post-Fair Survey has been emailed to all active 4-H families.
It’s short, easy to complete, and will help us as we make plans for 2021.
Please complete and submit soon!
We will be evaluating our fair at the September 28 Council meeting, so let your club council representatives know of any additional input you may have.

Thank you notes should be written for each special award you received, as well to those who helped you be successful in your project work this year. The donor book can be found on our Oskaloosa webpage, and hard copies are available in the office. We have generous donors who love to hear from you! Including a picture of you with your project is a nice addition.

Record Books
Did your 4-H project work plans get a little “derailed” with all the challenges the pandemic presented? All of us have had to make changes and be especially flexible this year. You can still have a good project without fair entry or having every goal completed. Think about what your goals were, how they may have had to be changed, and the work you continued to do. Learning happens through success and failure. What did you learn? What are your goals for the next project year? Share this information on your project records.

State Fair Entries
State Fair 4-H exhibits and participation looks very different this year due to COVID-19. We appreciate all of you who are moving ahead to be involved at a state level. Good luck to each of you!

4-H Promotion/School Starting
National 4-H Week is October 4-10. What is your club planning to do? Talk to your club leaders to see how you can help. Ask permission to set-up a display at your school or local businesses, wear your 4-H t-shirts, invite a friend to a club meeting or event, and use social media to encourage enrollment. Let’s share the learning and fun we have in 4-H!
Thank You
The 2020 Crazy Covid Fair was a great success because of all the help we had! We would like to THANK all the volunteers, superintendents, 4-Hers and Fair Board members who helped make the Nemaha County Fair a success.

Extra Special Thank You
A huge THANK YOU goes out to Jason Stallbaumer, his family and the Fair Board members for the new improved bleachers at the show arena. These would have not been possible without the donation from the Nemaha County Commissioners and the Fair Board.

THANK YOU to Mike Stallbaumer for providing live coverage of the livestock shows and auction. If you missed these shows they can still be found on the Nemaha County Kansas Fair Facebook page.

Because of Rainbow Communications we were able to have the live coverage. So make sure to thank them as well.

Make sure to tell each Fair Board member THANK YOU. They put a lot of time and effort into making sure you 4-Hers had a fair. A list of all Fair Board members can be found in the digital fair book on page 6.

Please Thank Sponsors
Over 100 businesses and individuals contributed thousands of dollars to the fair, not including the livestock auction. Please make sure that if you received an award of any type that you take the time and write the sponsor a thank you. It is not too late; in fact, you should thank them multiple times throughout the year! If you are not sure, there is a list of class sponsors on our website.

Photos Wanted!
We are looking for any 4-H pictures from this year, to include in our slide show at the Achievement Banquet. Please submit photos to dahenry@ksu.edu we will try to use them, but no guarantee.

Fair Suggestions
Is there something you would like to see happen differently at the 4-H fair next year? Did you think something went well and want to make sure it doesn’t get changed next year? If so, email Deb and she will forward this on to the Fair Board members. You can also talk with any Fair Board member; they are always open to suggestions.

Recycle and Save the Council $$!
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. Also, do you have any extra name badges from camps sitting around the house? We have a box here in the office where you can recycle them. If you no longer want your ribbons, plaques or even achievement pins, these can also be brought into the office to be recycled.

4-H Record Books
With the 4-H year ending it means you should be finishing up on your record books. All records can be found at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html There is a general and a livestock record. You only need to fill out one form for each project you are enrolled in and not each exhibit you took to the fair. We ask that you turn in only your 2019-2020 records to your club leader in a 1 inch 3 ring binder. Make sure you have a cover page on the binder with your name and club. If you have questions or need help with your records, please contact Deb, she will be more than happy to help.

Each club has set due dates for your record book to be turned into your club leader. Make sure you check with them if you have questions. All record books are to go to your club leaders and not just dropped off at the Extension office. Make sure to also turn in your Achievement Pin application and Event Scholarship Application which can be found on our website.

Important Dates
Time to Enroll
The new 4-H year begins October 1. Make sure to get on 4Online and re-enroll. The 4Online enrollment site will not be open until October 1. Online enrollment deadline is November 1 for returning 4-Hers.

Record Book Judging
We will be judging Jefferson County Record Books on October 12 from 9:00 AM to ??? at the Community Building meeting room. All clubs are required to provide at least 2 adult volunteers, giving 8 hours of judging. The more volunteers, adult or older 4-Hers that we have, the quicker judging will go. If you plan to attend later in the day, a phone call to the office to check on the status of the workload may be a wise idea.

Fair Premium Checks
Premium checks will be sent to the club treasurers in September. The club treasurer will hand out premium money to exhibitors at your club meetings.

Livestock Sale Results
Total Animals Sold - 68
Average Premium - $508
Total Premium - $34,575
Total Add On - $6,268
Gross Amount - $40,843
Calendar of Events

Sept 1: Leader Forum - Oskaloosa
Sept 11-13: Grand Drive Shows
Sept 12: Virtual 4-H Showcase results
Sept 21: Youth Council Apps due
Sept 28: JF 4-H Council, Valley Falls
Sept 30: Year-end forms due in office
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 12: 4-H Records Judging, Seneca
Oct 15: KYLF registration due
Nov 1: 4-H re-enrollment deadline
        JA 4-H Achievement event
Nov 2: International Exchange apps due
Nov 7-8: Shooting Sports training
Nov 21-22: Virtual KYLF

All District offices closed for Labor Day - September 7th

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.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html

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