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Central Kansas District 4-H

February 2023

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4-H NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2023

If you have something you would like in the *4-H Newsletter*, be sure to email it to klittich@ksu.edu. The deadline for April/May is March 10; June/July is May 11; and August/September is July 4.



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PROJECT AWARDS GOING TO STATE CONTEST

Congratulations to those individuals who have their Project Award Applications going to the state contest:

Beef:	Josi Schrader, Solomon Valley
Civic Engagement:	Brynna Anderson, Smoky View
Foods & Nutrition:	Brynna Anderson, Smoky View
Meat Goats:	Marik Anderson, Smoky View
Performing Arts:	Brynna Anderson, Smoky View
Photography:	Jaelyn Gates, Cardinal
Plant Science:	Ariana Baltazor, Willing Workers
Plant Science:	Jaelyn Gates, Cardinal
Sheep:	Reygan Schrock, Cardinal
Visual Arts:	Brynna Anderson, Smoky View
Visual Arts:	Acacia Pracht, Smoky View

congratulations

GAVEL GAMES & MODEL MEETINGS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the participants! The judges had positive comments and enjoyed your presentations! Remember, teams presenting on Friday were not eligible for Regional 4-H Club Day. RQ = Regional Qualifier

Gavel Games: Pre-Junior
Smoky View – Participation

Gavel Games: Junior	
Boldly Go Junior A – Blue	Gypsum Valley – Purple (RQ)
Boldly Go Junior B – Blue	Pleasant Valley – Blue
Cardinal – Purple (RQ)	Sunny Valley – White

Gavel Games Senior	
Boldly Go Senior A – Purple (RQ)	Solomon Valley – (Friday) Red
Boldly Go Senior B – Purple (RQ)	Sunny Valley – Blue
Gypsum Valley – White	Willing Workers – Blue
Pleasant Valley – Blue	

Gavel Games: Extemporaneous
Extemp A – Purple – Jamin DeHaan, Kayla Norberg, Hensli Lofdahl, Ben Schlatter
Extemp B – Purple – Zoe Ade, Caleb Schlatter, Zeph Woody, Tim Ade

Model Meetings	
Friendly Valley – Blue (1 st Alt.)	Woodsdale – Blue (RQ)
Willing Workers – Purple (RQ)	

CHANGES TO YOUR EMAIL & MAILING ADDRESSES

If you go to 4HOnline and change your mailing address or email address, please be sure to let the Extension Office know. We do not receive any notification that changes have occurred. To help make sure you will receive the 4-H Newsletter and other important information via the mail and email, please let us know.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

4-H CLUB DAY INFORMATION – FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Results from the 2023 4-H Club Day (including run-off information) will be posted on the Central Kansas District website (<https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/4-hclubday/>) on February 25, 2023, as they become available.



In light of several considerations (including pandemic related concerns), an option to submit pre-recorded presentations will be available for 4-H Club Day 2023. This option is intended to encourage all 4-H members to participate in preparing and giving a presentation, regardless of health situation or scheduling conflicts.

- If a 4-H member has signed up for an in-person presentation and a health situation necessitates switching to a digital submission after the January 23 registration deadline, families will need to communicate with Kate to move to the digital option by calling 785-309-5850 or emailing her at klittich@ksu.edu.
- Remember, the option to record and submit digitally is only available for Sharing, Junior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, Junior Project Talks, Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, and Public Speaking.
- Guidelines for recording presentations may be found on page 11 of the December/January newsletter along with the guidelines for in-person 4-H Club Day.
- All digital submissions will be due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on February 24, 2023.

For more detailed information about activities at 4-H Club Day, such as Dog Skillathon, FCS Judging Contest, Photography Judging School, concession stand, incentive prizes, and Inspire Kids to Do service area, please refer to the 4-H Club Day program booklet.

HELP WITH 4-H CLUB DAY PRESENTATIONS

One of the greatest benefits of 4-H is learning to do public presentations! Resources are on the 4-H website to help you with the planning and presenting demonstrations/illustrated talks, project talks, and public speaking. This information is intended to supplement the 4-H Club Day Guidelines of the December/January 4-H Newsletter (see pages 10-12). A special 4-H Club Day Help Session has been planned for Saturday, February 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Salina Extension office Conference Room. In order to plan accordingly, please RSVP to https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HMuo2pwZC3PmQK. If there are no RSVPs, this session will not be held.

HORSE PANORAMA RESULTS

Several 4-H members attended Horse Panorama on the K-State Salina Campus on January 28. Kaitlyn Watkins placed 2nd in Public Speaking and 10th in Hippology. Congratulations, Kaitlyn!

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS – 2023 YQCA CERTIFICATION

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through an age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. ALL livestock exhibitors (beef, swine, sheep, meat goat) are once again required to be YQCA-certified in order to participate in the 2023 Ottawa County Fair, Tri-Rivers Fair, Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females.

If you are a 7-year-olds and do not plan to show at KJLS, you are not required to have your YQCA certification, but are more than welcome to attend just for the learning experience (no registration needed). If you are a **7-year-old who will show at KJLS, you must be YQCA certified** by attending an instructor-led course.

Certification dates for 2023 are set for March 8 (Salina, K-State College Center Conference Room) and March 9 (Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room) and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents do not need to attend. They may drop off and pick up children accordingly. Also, know that if you do not wish to attend in-person training, the online course is available. **Follow the link <https://yqcaprogram.org/> to login into your 4H Online account and sign up for a class.** A help video including information on registering, logging in, how to sign up for courses, and more can be located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rI>. For more details about the YQCA program, contact Justine Henderson (jwho4@ksu.edu or 785-392-2147).

BEEF CHECK-IN FOR DISTRICT BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

Beef Check-in will be Saturday, March 11, in two locations. From 8:00 -11:30 a.m. we will be at Glenn Engelland's Farm and from 1-3 p.m. at Spencer Schrader's Farm. Regardless of where you plan to go, please go to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> and click on the Beef Check-in sign up for a spot before Thursday, March 9. Sign-up will be ONLINE ONLY. Both check-in locations are open to all District 4-H Members. At both sites, we will be weighing, tagging market animals, and tagging Commercial heifers. Commercial heifers that will not be nominated to attend state shows can be tagged at home (will need to purchase tags from the Extension Office) and a photo taken showing the heifer with the tag in the ear by May 1. Photos MUST be emailed to Justine by the May 1st deadline. Registered heifers do not have to be checked in or nominated. All animals will have an official "Kansas 4-H" ear tag put in the ear at a cost of \$3.50/tag. Changes to the nomination process for the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information in your email, 4-H newsletter, and Central Kansas District website.

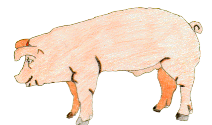
CHECK-IN FOR: MARKET MEAT GOAT & MARKET LAMB



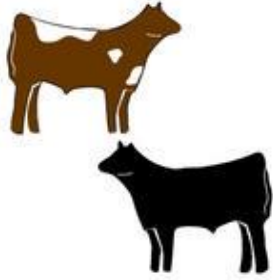
The Districtwide tagging & check-in will be held April 26, in Salina (fairgrounds) and April 27, in Minneapolis (fairgrounds) from 4 to 6 p.m. for meat goats and lambs. Tags will cost \$3.00/tag. Changes to the nomination process for the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information in your email, 4-H newsletter, and Central Kansas District website.

ATTENTION: SWINE EXHIBITORS

4-H members will check in their own swine projects through a required process via email. Information on this process will be sent out to ONLY the families who have children enrolled in the swine project. If you are not already enrolled in the swine project and plan to show swine, be sure to get enrolled in 4HOnline.



CENTRAL KANSAS BEEF CLASSIC SHOW



This “Blow and Go” show will be held on Saturday, April 8. The show is open to any bonafide 4-H and FFA member who has not yet reached their 19th birthday before January 1, 2023. There will be a special class for the 4-H members enrolled in a club in the Central Kansas District. The entry fee is \$25 per head, but after March 31 the fee will increase to \$30 per head. All fees must accompany registration. For registration information, please go to the District website (<http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu>), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left-hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.

K-STATE JUNIOR SWINE PRODUCER DAY

This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth swine projects on Saturday, March 11, 2023, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! The cost is \$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 15, 2023, or \$25 per person after that date. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264, or Joel DeRouchey at jderouch@ksu.edu or 785-532-2280.

K-STATE JUNIOR MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth meat goat project on Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! The cost is \$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 22, 2023, or \$25 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

WILLIE AND THE BEANSTALK

This contest is open to high school, middle school, 4-H, and/or FFA teams of three people, who are interested in the scientific principles surrounding plant growth. The challenge is to grow the largest soybean plant in a 40-day time span and document this effort.



Beginning on a common seeding day (April 1, 2023), contestants will grow a soybean plant for 40 days, and document their activities. Entries can be scored by their adviser or plants can be submitted to the Department of Agronomy in Throckmorton Hall during Kansas State University Open House for scoring. Prizes will be awarded for the top entries in each judging category and all entrants win a t-shirt. Questions about the contest should be sent to beanstalk@ksu.edu.

The contest is open to 3-person teams of K-12 students with two divisions, K-8th grade, and 9th – 12th grade. Deadline for submitting an entry form at the contest website is February 20, 2023. For more information and registration link, go to: <https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/outreach-and-services/k-12-educators/willie-and-the-beanstalk/>





COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

It is hard to imagine that the county fairs will be here before we know it. The planning has begun. Watch for more details in the future 4-H newsletters and in emails to 4-H families.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

The dates for the Ottawa County Fair are July 18-21. The Tri-Rivers Fair will be on August 9-13 (pre-fair days on August 7 & 8). Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need a lot of parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Do not forget that these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in the 4-H member's record book. Interested 4-H members, parents and volunteers...should sign up online by April 1 by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>, and you will find a link under "Upcoming Events and Online Registration" for County Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-up. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

FAIR PAPERS

The fair papers for the county fairs will be posted online as soon as they become available. Watch the newsletter and/or email for when they are posted.

SAVE THE DATE – INSECT SPECTACULAR

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

DISCOVERY DAYS

Are You Ready for the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days? Put June 7-9, 2023, on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.



*****ATTENTION ALL 4-H MEMBERS & PARENTS – ADD/DROP INFORMATION*****



There are several responsibilities as a 4-H member and a 4-H parent. One of these responsibilities is the adding and dropping of 4-H projects. Due to the issues with 4HOnline, here are the details for adding and dropping projects.

Adding Projects: 4-H members CAN ADD 4-H projects in 4HOnline. Remember, you must be enrolled in the projects you plan to exhibit at the County Fair, no later than May 1. Be sure to check and double check the projects your child(ren) are enrolled in.

Dropping Projects: 4-H members CAN DROP 4-H projects in 4HOnline. Remember, you should plan to do a record book on all projects you are enrolled in.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to add any projects by May 1, 11:59 p.m. You will need to do this by logging into 4HOnline. After May 1, the system will not allow you to add or drop projects.

Remember, 4-H members must be enrolled in the project area(s) they will be exhibiting in at the county fair. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either Extension Office.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

March Meeting

The March 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m., in Salina. We will meet in the College Center Conference Room. Council members should watch their email for the agenda packet closer to the meeting date.

May Meeting

The May 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m., in Minneapolis.

2023 CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to the new Central Kansas District 4-H Ambassador:

Kaitlyn Watkins, Willing Workers

Continuing Ambassadors are:

Marik Anderson, Smoky View

Ariana Baltazor, Willing Workers

Hensli Lofdahl, Smoky View

Kayla Norberg, Smoky View



VOLUNTEER SCREENING ORIENTATION

We will have three more volunteer screening orientations this year. These have been scheduled for February 1, March 26, and April 11. To attend, please RSVP online no later than 1 week prior to the orientation you would like to attend. The link to RSVP for an orientation can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>, under Upcoming Events and Online Registration. If you do not have access to the web, please contact either Extension Office. If there are not enough individuals interested in the orientation, it will be cancelled and those who sign up by the deadline will be notified.

DISTRICTWIDE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Come learn some fun activities you can use at club meetings for ice-breakers, team building, and discussion. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the College Center Conference Room. **Please register by Thursday, March 23.** Another districtwide leadership workshop will be held on Thursday, April 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room. **Please register by Tuesday, April 18.** Register by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h/> and click on the link under “Upcoming Events & Online Registration.”

Remember...This workshop will count for the leadership workshop on the pin applications. ***Who can attend?*** 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers can attend! Participants will learn activities that they can take back to their clubs and other groups they work with or are a part of. Key lessons that will be emphasized are: teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem-solving, communication, and decision making.

YOUTH AS RESOURCES

Ever needed an extra hand putting together a 4-H meeting? Ever said, “If only, someone could do this job without supervision?” Have you spent endless hours searching for the “right” adult volunteer? Maybe the best adult volunteer was a TEEN. That’s right! Or even a younger 4-H member. Why? Because teens and younger kids are not distracted by other priorities, and they like to be needed. Also, they are usually technology gurus during this time of virtual programming. The next time you are looking for the perfect volunteer that needs no supervision...look for a 4-H member! You’ll be pleasantly surprised.

4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Council scholarships are available for numerous 4-H sponsored events. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, it is important that you not only complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application, but that it is submitted to either Extension Office at the same time you pay the registration fee. Application can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms & Documents. Applications cannot be submitted online. **Any applications received after the registration deadline will not be considered for a scholarship.**

4-H CAMP UPDATE

A quick update regarding 4-H Camp...

- 4-H Camp is for ALL AGES!
- 4-H Camp Details on cost, dates, and age categories can be found at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/wp-content/themes/rsrcomplanding/assets/pdf/rock-springs-ranch-camp-brochure.pdf>
- 4-H Camp 2023 will be using the "Open Enrollment" method. 4-H Open Enrollment means families can register for any 2023 4-H Camp Session that fits their schedules. For additional information not in the brochure link above, go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>
- Our older 4-H members who would typically be interested in serving as a camp counselor are encouraged to participate in the LIT and/or CIT camp sessions at Rock Springs.
- **Registration is handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.**
- The Central Kansas District 4-H Council budgeted a \$110 scholarship for 4-H members to attend 4-H camp. In order to receive this scholarship, an approved scholarship application must be received no later than **Monday, April 3, by 5 p.m.** at either of Extension Office.
- The Saline County 4-H Development Fund provides scholarships to Central Kansas District 4-H members for 4-H Camp as well. However, the amount of their scholarship has not yet been determined. If a 4-H member submits the 4-H Council Scholarship Application and it is approved, the member will also receive this scholarship automatically.
- Once the scholarship form has been received and approved, one check will be written to Rock Springs to cover the scholarships for all of our 4-H members.
- If any family has already paid their registration in full, please contact Kate.



4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention High School Seniors!! Are you in search of some funds to further your college education? Here are several 4-H scholarships you may be eligible for:

LOCAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Local CKD 4-H Scholarship & Tri-Rivers Fair Scholarship information is now posted on the CKD 4-H Scholarship website - <https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarships/index.html>

All scholarships will be due ONLINE no later than March 1, 2023.

If you need a letter of recommendation from Sarah (semaass@k-state.edu) or Kate (klittich@ksu.edu), please send an email requesting a letter. Be sure to include your most current resume and 4-H permanent record with the email. If possible, they ask for 2-3 weeks to complete the letter of recommendation prior to the due date.

KANSAS 4-H STATE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

For more information on the Kansas 4-H Scholarships, please go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

All scholarships will be due ONLINE no later than March 1, 2023.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - TRACTOR SAFETY CLASS IN SALINA

Tractor Safety certification is required for youth aged 14 and 15 who plan to be employed on a farm or ranch. Central Kansas District Extension will once again be hosting their Tractor Safety course in **Salina on May 25 at the Great Plains Conference Center**. Registration links and more information to come!

Agent contacts: Justine Henderson jwh04@ksu.edu Minneapolis office phone at 785-392-2147; Cade Rensink crensink@ksu.edu, or Jay Wisbey jwisbey@ksu.edu Salina office phone at 785-309-5850.

QUIZ BOWL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!!!

Congratulations to 4-H members who competed in the Central Kansas District 4-H Quiz Bowl on Saturday, February 4! The teams were formed by: Cardinal, Gypsum Valley, Pleasant Valley, Smoky View, Solomon Valley, Sunny Valley, and Willing Workers.

The quiz bowl offered a great opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge and skills relating to all aspects of 4-H, work together to answer questions and have fun.

Prizes were given to the top three Jr. and Sr. teams. They were:

Juniors

- 1st – Smoky View, Jr Team 1 – Eddie Littich, Remington Lofdahl, J.D. Mettlen
- 2nd – Pleasant Valley, Jr Team – Jonathan Chamoff, Colbie Koster, Troy Wisbey
- 3rd – Smoky View, Jr Team 2 – Brik Johnson, Ridge Johnson, Maia Pracht

Seniors

- 1st – Solomon Valley, Purple Team – Jaci Biggs, Clare McKain, Josi Schrader
- 2nd – Pleasant Valley, Sr Team – Lillian Hulse, Jace Ohlson, Landon Wisbey
- 3rd – Smoky View, Sr Team 2 – Kate Griffin, Acacia Pracht, Eian Pracht



A \$25 prize was given to Smoky View, the club with the most points. We appreciate all the helpers who assisted with this event.



DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT NEWS

DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT LEADERS

Below are listed District Project Leaders which hold meetings throughout the year to help you with your projects. Check the newsletter for meeting dates and times or you may contact these leaders to find out the next meeting date, time and location. All phone numbers use the 785 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Project	Name	Phone #	Email
Beef	Spencer, Laci, & Josi Schrader	488-2135	schrader@twinvalley.net
Dog Care & Training	Madison & Tracy Repp	227-5647	k9capersckd4h@gmail.com
Dog Care & Training	Morgan & Diana Thompson	452-2234	k9capersckd4h@gmail.com
Foods & Nutrition	Bryna Anderson	212-0365	brynaanderson24@student.smokyvalley.org
Health & Wellness	Michelle & Nick Griffin	820-7488	griffinfam7@gmail.com
Horse	Jennifer Watkins	452-5710	watkins9468@yahoo.com
Horse	Bev Seuser	823-8923 (home) / 643-0754 (cell)	classy3560@gmail.com
Horse	Camisha Stevenson	829-0965	stevensoncamisha@yahoo.com
Livestock Judging	Spencer, Laci, & Josi Schrader	488-2135	schrader@twinvalley.net
Poultry	Camisha Stevenson	829-0965	stevensoncamisha@yahoo.com
Rabbit	Lindi Fahrenthold	826-5980	lfahrenthold@yahoo.com
Reading	Amber Pracht	212-5000	prachtamber@gmail.com
Sheep	Reygan Schrock	620-255-8050	rjschrock12@gmail.com
Sheep	Karson Pihl	212-0108	karsonpihl23@student.smokyvalley.org
Shooting Sports: Archery	Cole Malmberg	392-7712	c-dmalmberg@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports: Archery	Cade Rensink	392-0022	crensink@ksu.edu
Shooting Sports: BB Gun	Jay Wisbey	587-7987	jwisbey@ksu.edu
Shooting Sports: Hunting Skills	Eric Klein	392-0368	herbie57_57@hotmail.com
Shooting Sports: Hunting Skills	Pat Riese	650-5245	pariese@mail.fhsu.edu
Shooting Sports: Shotgun	Eric Klein	392-0368	herbie57_57@hotmail.com

K-9 CAPERS NEWS

Anyone thinking of being in the Dog Project, we are meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and at Kenwood Hall for training. Basic and advanced obedience has started. Come soon to catch up!

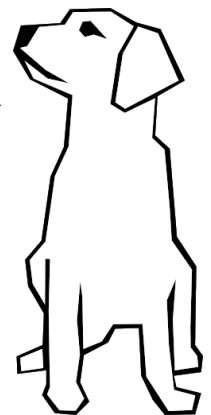
We are focusing on Obedience training, then adding Showmanship, Rally-Obedience and Agility pieces. This will be at an indoor location during the winter! In the summer, you are ready to practice more on your own and move to open spaces.

Opportunities will abound to attend 4-H Dog shows across the State. Don't worry! If showing is 'just not for you', you will learn how to handle real life situations with your dog. This will include public settings, training using the AKC Canine Good Citizen testing, and other fun games to play with your K9 friend. Practice times are Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Kenwood Hall: February 14, 21, 28; March 28

Ag Hall: April 11, 18; May 9; July 11

To do a District Dog Project Talk, let us know so we can get it set up with the schedule and keep topics together when possible. Contact k9capersckd4h@gmail.com we are here to help.



RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

There will be a Rabbit Project Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, at 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 843 Lewis Ave., Salina. Come and share your rabbit and learn about rabbit care, showing, breeds, breeding, and much more! Rabbits are welcome!

For more information, contact lfahrenthold@yahoo.com

The next rabbit meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, at 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church. We will talk about fair preparation and showing.



DISTRICT 4-H HORSE NEWS

Horse IDs

A link to the Horse ID Form can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under 4-H Member Forms and Documents, "Horse ID." Be sure and check the back page, lower right-hand corner for the date to ensure you have the correct form. For new horses, the date should be **January, 2023**. If you are showing the same horse that was ID'd previously, a prior date is okay.

Items to note:

- The form **MUST BE** front and back of one page, not 2 pages.
- A standard size picture **MUST BE** attached. The picture should include all 4 legs and feet showing a profile of the horse with the head turned toward the camera. **ALL** markings must be clearly visible.
- Members, Parent/Guardian, Owners (if horse is leased) and County Agents **MUST** sign and date.
- The **ORIGINAL** 4-H Horse Identification Certificate **MUST** accompany the 4-H member. The county office and project leader may have a photocopy.
- This form can be signed anytime between now and June 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES

Hunting skills will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Shotgun and Archery will begin in May.

If interested, please add these projects **before the May 1 add/drop deadline**.

If you have questions, contact these instructors for each of the disciplines: Hunting Skills - Pat Riese (785) 650-5245, Archery Cole Malmberg (785)-392-7712 or Cade Rensink (785) 392-0022, and Shotgun - Eric Klein (785) 392-0368 or Cole Malmberg (785) 392-7712.

KANSAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AGE

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program adheres to the National Shooting Sports Policies. The national policy regarding youth participation is stated as follows:

"4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 8 years of age or older (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events is determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of other states. 4-H Cloverbuds (age 5-6) and members age 7 are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs, as these are not age-appropriate activities."

Inappropriate activities include attending shooting sports meetings and practices. 4HOnline does not allow youth under age 8 to enroll in 4-H Shooting Sports.



INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISERS

ATTENTION 4-H FAMILIES, DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT LEADERS, & ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS:

CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT FUNDRAISING POLICY



The Central Kansas Extension Board adopted a policy to go alongside the Kansas 4-H Policy regarding fundraising at the February, 2014, Board Meeting. The policy is:

“4-H members MAY NOT solicit funds to help fund their individual 4-H projects. 4-H members may fundraise for a specific 4-H EDUCATIONAL trip. Donations given directly to a 4-H member ARE NOT tax deductible because they do not go to a 4-H club or group. Any fundraising programs by clubs or individuals MUST be approved by the 4-H Youth Development Agent; the funds must be used to further the 4-H mission; the account procedures must be appropriate and in accordance with the POLICY; and the 4-H name and emblem must be properly used.”

Any fundraising done in the name of 4-H needs to be approved by Kate.

DISTRICT 4-H COUNCIL FUNDRAISERS

Our spring 4-H Council fundraisers for the District will run from February 13 to April 17. Papa Murphy discount cards will be picked up by the Organizational Leaders at the Extension Offices and given to members. Cards will be sold for \$15. Clubs will receive \$1 for every card sold. Those members selling more than 10 cards will receive a \$25 scholarship to a 4-H event.

The second fundraiser option is products from Boon Supply, including kitchen gadgets, bags of all shapes and sizes, and now a variety of online learning experiences. This second fundraiser can be done completely digitally. On February 13, members will go to bsply.com/405627 and complete the form. Then simply share the link with friends and family. All orders will ship directly to the customers, and District 4-H Council receives 40% of the profits. Members will receive incentive prizes based on their amount of sales, and clubs will receive \$1 for every Boon Supply item sold.

Any questions can be directed to Robyn Prickett at robynprickettks@gmail.com.

ANNUAL OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION FUND DRIVE

The annual Ottawa County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive will be held March 1 – 31 this year.

TRI-RIVERS FAIRBOARD FUNDRAISER

The Tri-Rivers Fairboard would like to invite you to join the Dillon's Community Rewards Program which donates a percentage of your total Dillons bill to the Saline County Fair Association (Fairboard) which we use to support 4-H. You may sign up at: <http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>

MATCH MADNESS

On Thursday, March 23, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. we will have an opportunity to donate money to the Saline County 4-H Development Fund at the Salina Fieldhouse OR online (from 12 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.) at <http://matchmadnessGSCF.org>. At this event the Greater Salina

Community foundation will MATCH the money you donate. This means extra “free” money for 4-H programs! We encourage your 4-H Club or individuals that wish to support 4-H members, to stop by the event with their donation, and take advantage of this opportunity to expand your contribution with these matching funds. Please put March 23 on your calendar!



MID-YEAR AWARD REVIEW PROCESS

Every year, 4-H members have the opportunity to complete a 4-H Member Achievement Plan otherwise known as the 4-H Pin Application. You should have received information about this award at the beginning of the 4-H year from your 4-H Club Leader. Be sure it is the Central Kansas District 4-H Pin Application found on our website (<http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>) For those of you who are new to 4-H, this process considers the entire 4-H year and everything that the 4-H member has done throughout the year. It is not something that is specifically based on one project like the Kansas Award Portfolios or Record Books are. This provides an opportunity for a 4-H member to set goals for their overall involvement in 4-H and earn a pin in the process. You can find the 4-H Member Achievement Plan at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> → Awards & Recognition → Member Achievement Plan. Regardless of what pin the 4-H member is applying for, they will all fill out the same form, but the items required will vary (see the details on the first page of the application).



Now is the time to do a **status check** on where the 4-H member is with their pin application. The Trips & Awards Committee would like to offer the 4-H members the opportunity to do a mid-year appeal, if they can determine right now that they are not going to be able to get the pin in which they have set out to achieve. There are lots of 4-H events that will still occur this year, but there are several that have come and gone. A 4-H member may have missed an opportunity or two. What does this all mean and what should I do? Here are some steps for the process:

1. Fill out the 4-H Pin Application as completely as you can to make it current.
2. Determine if you are on the right track. Are there still things that you need to complete? Check the 4-H Newsletter and Master 4-H Calendar (both available at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>) to see what other things are still yet to come this 4-H year.
3. If you have missed an opportunity and do not see where it can be picked up later this 4-H year, please complete the CKD 4-H Deferral Appeal Process Form. This form can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> → Awards & Recognition → Appeal Process. **Follow the directions on this form and submit it with a copy of your 4-H Pin Application to either Extension Office no later than 5 p.m., May 1.**
4. The Trips & Awards Committee will review your forms and get back to you with a response. This will allow you to know if you continue working towards your goal of achieving the pin, if you will be able to receive it in November. Keep in mind, the Trips & Awards Committee may ask you to do certain things in place of what you may have missed. All of this will be outlined in their response back to you.
5. Additionally, there is a document with helpful hints for parents on the website located at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> → Awards & Recognition → Helpful Hints for Parents.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Pin Application, the opportunity for the appeal, etc. please let Kate know.





EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

FEBRUARY/MARCH CHECK-UP

Five months into the 2022-23 4-H year...where has the time gone? Are you ready for the monthly check-up? There are many spring activities in front of us that are about to spring into action. Where is the club heading? How are members doing on projects? What great and wonderful opportunities are the project leaders teaching? Let's take a look....

_____ A fun spring planned!

Review

_____ **4-H Club Day Run-Offs explained to the 4-H members.** Run-Offs conducted Saturday, February 25.

_____ 4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.

_____ Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.

To-Do

_____ Volunteer Service Application and Renewal Form completed on all project leaders in 4HOnline.

_____ All screened volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline for the 2022-2023 4-H year.

_____ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.

_____ 4-H Club members inviting friends to join 4-H. Parents encouraging other parents to explore 4-H.

_____ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.

_____ Report from the January 4-H council meeting.

_____ Encourage 4-H members to update their Achievement Pins and Permanent Records.

_____ Check club's progress toward goals and club annual summary up-to-date.

_____ Check project leaders on progress.

_____ Update 4-H Records and Pin Applications.

_____ Work on Fair projects.

_____ Visitors reported to Kate (klittich@ksu.edu)



Promote/Recruit

_____ 4-H Camp promoted.

_____ 4-H Discovery Days promoted, June 7-9.

_____ The Volunteer Registration Process promoted to project leaders and parents.

_____ Encourage Fair Superintendents and Assistants.

_____ Promote Club Exchange.

_____ Promote the Leadership Workshop.

Remember

_____ County Fair Assistant Superintendents and Superintendents submitted online for the Ottawa County Fair and the Tri-Rivers Fair, due April 1.

_____ New 4-H members enrolled by May 1, returning members enrolled by December 1 to participate in the 4-H Division at the County Fair.

_____ All 4-H project changes, adds and drops, to 4HOnline by **May 1. Please double check! No late changes accepted.**

_____ Club representatives should attend 4-H council meeting.


_____ Horse IDs are due **June 1.**

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER UPDATE

The next Organizational Leader Update will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, via zoom. We will be discussing county fairs and more! You won't want to miss this update!



February, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Volunteer Screening Orientation, K-State Location TBD 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	2	3 Red Wheel sales DUE for Minneapolis area by 5:00 p.m. to Minneapolis Office	4 Quiz Bowl, Technology Center, Salina, 8:00 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18 Red Wheel Delivery, Minneapolis Courthouse 9:00 a.m.
19	20 President's Day Minneapolis Office Closed	21	22	23 4-H Club Day cancellations DUE by noon	24 4-H Club Day digital submissions DUE by noon	25 4-H Club Day, Salina South Middle School
CIA—Topeka						
26	27	28	UPCOMING DATES: March 1 - ALL District and State Scholarships DUE Online 11 - Spring Beef Weigh-In 25 - Regional 4-H Club Day, Clay Center			



March, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING DATES: April 1—Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-Up DUE Online 3—4-H Camp Scholarship Due 8—Central Kansas Beef Show, Salina 27—Sheep/Meat Goat Check-in, Salina, 4:00-6:00 p.m. 28—Sheep/Meat Goat Check-in, Minneapolis, 4:00-6:00 p.m.			1 Local 4-H scholarships DUE, online State 4-H scholarships DUE, online	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., K-State Salina College Center Conference Room	9 YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room	10 April/May newsletter articles due to Kate	11 Spring Beef Weigh-In
12 	13	14	15	16	17 	18
19 Volunteer Screening Orientation, RSVP Due	20	21	22	23 Match Madness 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Salina Districtwide Leadership Workshop, registration DUE, online	24	25 Regional 4-H Club Day, Clay Center
26 Volunteer Screening Orientation, K-State Salina Campus, 1:00-3:00 p.m.	27 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., Salina	28 Districtwide Leadership Workshop, Salina, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	29	30 Organizational Leaders' Update, Online via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.		



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THE 4-H YEAR IN FULL SWING

Dear 4-H Families,

As we look ahead to the next few months, now is the time to continue planning. Lots of fun activities will be coming up for 4-H members to participate in. There will be 4-H camp, continued project learning, and other fun things planned. Before you know it, it will be time for county fairs! Be sure to start planning out the summer so your child(ren) can maximize their participation in the activities they want to be a part of. Planning is the key!

As a part of the planning, it is helpful if you keep up on your email messages and read the newsletter. Review rules and schedules of contests. Do not hesitate to ask questions. Ask your club leaders, call the Extension Office, talk to other 4-H families. Please do not assume activities and events are the same as the previous year as we are striving to refine and make adjustments as needed, which sometimes results in changes to schedules and/or rules.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of our families for your continued support and patience as we navigate the transition time while we prepare for our new 4-H Agent. As many of you know, our new team member has been hired, and introductions will be coming soon as work schedules are arranged.

Kate

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