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Grand Challenge: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

Title: Officer Training and Family Event

Why is this issue important? Community groups and boards serve as a backbone to modern society and local government. As youth participate in various activities, an emphasis on serving in a variety of positions within communities is as necessary as ever. With a combined population of over 60,000 between Ottawa and Saline Counties in Kansas, many of the local groups, boards, and government officials require strong leadership.

How did Extension address this issue? Throughout the year, Jacob Schmeidler, 4-H Youth Development Agent in the Central Kansas Extension District promotes parliamentary procedure within local 4-H club and council meetings. In an effort to do so, an Officer Training and Family Event was held October 28, 2023, in partnership with McPherson County Extension.

The audience included:

- 4-H Community Club Members, age 7-19
- 4-H Cloverbud Members, age 5-8
- 4-H Volunteers, age 18+
- Parents and Family of Current 4-H Members.

Through the three-hour educational event, over 200 individuals participated in a multitude of leadership and team-building activities, training for specific offices, a project panorama where youth experienced hands-on participation led by other youth in multiple projects, and a financially-mindful snack opportunity.

What was the impact?

- Youth received direct interaction with peers and adults
- Youth received formal training for specific offices
- Youth obtained tangible resources to assist in financial and formal record keeping
- Families learned benefits of financial diligence and saving

