State & District 4-H News

4-H ENROLLMENT IS PAST DUE—REMINd a 4-H FRIEND to ENROLL!

It is time to enroll in 4-H for the October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021 program year! You need to do so through 4-H Online by following the renewal or new family steps in the Family Enrollment Guide. Complete enrollment from a computer to minimize errors. You are welcome to come use a computer at any of our offices. If your 4-H club is paying your membership fee, your enrollment will not be approved by the Post Rock District until the club payment is confirmed by the State 4-H Office. If you have any changes to your projects, please contact your local office and we will happily get your drop/adds changed in the system. Reach out if you have any questions!

OFFICER Q&A ONLINE MEET UP—NOVEMBER 9

Drop by the virtual Q&A if you have any questions about your 4-H role this year, or just to say hello! It is a come-and-go meet up from 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom. The Post Rock District is teaming up with the River Valley District to offer this question and answer meet up for 4-H club leaders, officers and members. Dropping by the Q&A Meet Up does not count as a stand-alone officer training experience. Rather, it is to compliment other in-person, virtual or distance learning trainings you are participating in.

Zoom Meeting Connect by Link: http://bit.ly/Officer11920
Zoom Meeting Connect by Phone: +1 312 626 6799
Zoom Meeting ID: 991 0038 6608
Zoom Meeting Passcode: 4HOfficer

VIRTUAL OFFICER TRAINING—NOVEMBER 13

The Post Rock District is partnering with the Midway and Cottonwood Districts to offer an Officer Training on November 13 (virtual participation through Zoom). Club leaders, club officers, council officers, and council representatives are all strongly encouraged to participate in this regional experience; however, it is not required to serve in your current role. The flier is included in the newsletter, so please help spread the word! It is important to register to participate. You can register at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8voqchkSEAuYod.

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM—NOVEMBER 21-22

KYLF is going virtual this year! The theme is "Let's Taco Bout Leadership." This event, designed for youth ages 14-18, and 4-H volunteers, will include speakers, workshops, and the election of 2021 Kansas 4-H Leadership Council. Register by November 10 at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

All district extension offices will be closed on November 11 for Veteran’s Day and November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all!
KANSAS VOLUNTEER LEADERS FORUM—NOVEMBER 20
4-H Volunteers are encouraged to participate in this year’s virtual event! Participation is free and will take place on the evening of November 20. The event includes workshops to support your service to 4-H as a volunteer. Register by November 16 at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

OFFICER SCAVENGER HUNT
The Post Rock District partnered with the River Valley District to create a distance learning experience for club and council officers! The activity helps officers learn about their role through the many resources on the local unit and Kansas 4-H websites. You can find the activity at http://www.postrock.ksu.edu under 4-H Youth Experience > Officer Resources. After completing the activity, email it to your 4-H Program Coordinator. If completed and submitted between November 6-30, 2020, you will receive credit for participating in an officer training during the current 4-H year.

CROPS IDENTIFICATION CONTEST
Kansas 4-H is hosting a state-level, virtual crops identification contest for youth, ages 9-18. There is no cost to participate, and no qualifying event is required in 2020. The contest will be open from November 14-22. Registration is required at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT SERIES
The 4-H National Youth Summit series brings together high school students for three days of hands-on activities and workshops, led by leaders and educators in these fields. For 2020 and 2021, these events will be held virtually. You can register and attend in small groups or as an individual; work alongside students and experts with shared interests; learn and strengthen technical and leadership skills; earn accreditation to feature on college or job applications. Titles for the three sessions are: STEM: Mars Basecamp, Healthy Living, and Agri-Science. Learn more at National Youth Council Summit Series.

4-H at HOME E-NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE!
National 4-H has an excellent library of learning activities to enjoy at home or with your club. Visit https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/ for fun, educational activities and curriculum for kids of all ages. There is also a newsletter you can join to get monthly updates on new 4-H at Home activities in your email inbox!

KANSAS 4-H POLICY—REVISED and UPDATED
The Kansas 4-H Policy has been revised and updated. It was released on October 1. The Post Rock District will be working through a review process and updating district and county policies to remain in compliance with Kansas 4-H. All affiliated and chartered groups are expected to function in compliance with Kansas 4-H and K-State Research and Extension policy and best practices. Watch the newsletter and connect with your 4-H Council representatives for updates as the review is completed.

4-H CLUB SEAL
Beginning with the 2020-2021 4-H year, the Post Rock District is allowing clubs to receive recognition through a district club seal application. Because this is a transition, during the current 4-H year, your county application (if your county has one) or the district application’s expectations may be met to earn a seal. Starting October 1, 2021 only the district-wide application will earn club seal recognition. Plan your club’s activities now to meet the requirements! Visit the Post Rock District website for details.

SHOOTING SPORTS FEE
For all youth who have enrolled in a shooting sports project, remember to pay the $10 shooting sports fee to your local extension office. Make the check payable to your 4-H Council. This fee covers instructor renewal fees, equipment insurance, target stands, rental fees for building or shooting range use, and any other expenses that may occur. Currently, youth can only enroll in Shotgun because we have a certified instructor for this discipline. As volunteers complete the required certifications to instruct other disciplines, we will notify you in the newsletter!
MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT PINS

Achievement pins recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout the 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member’s 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The ultimate goal is for a member to reach the final achievement, the Kansas Key Award. The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas.

In the Post Rock District, all counties currently use the state applications and expectations for achievement pins. The expectations listed on the state level application need to be met by youth in all Post Rock District counties in order to earn the award, including record book requirements. It is a good idea to review the expectations outlined on your desired pin application now so you are eligible at the end of the 4-H year. Find applications at: http://bit.ly/MemberAchievementAwards. You can engage in relevant in-person, virtual and distance learning activities to meet the expectations outlined. Be very specific in describing your experiences and do not repeat activities in multiple categories when filling out your application.

The Post Rock District is going to be working through a review process of awards and recognition during the 2020-2021 4-H year. The objective of the review is to become more consistent across the district with recognition opportunities for members. We will establish more clear guidelines and expectations throughout the district. If you would like to be part of the review process, contact Nora Rhoades at nrhoades@ksu.edu.

4-H BRANDING and VENDOR LICENSING

The co-wordmark is a joint logo including KSRE, 4-H and the local extension unit. It is REQUIRED ON ALL 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels. This includes 4-H club t-shirts, awards, and any apparel required to be worn by a 4-H member during exhibition (such as at the county fair).

There is an updated vendor licensing process for a vendor to be able to use the required wordmark. Clubs should only work with vendors properly licensed. Now is the time to plan designs that include the co-brand. Share this expectation with your preferred vendors so they can meet the licensing requirement. The co-wordmark policy has been in place since 2017, and all Post Rock District affiliated and chartered organizations must comply. For details visit, https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/index.html.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT YQCA TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. A YQCA certification is valid for one year, so youth need to re-certify annually. YQCA is required to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. YQCA is recommended for all youth in livestock projects regardless of level of competition. It is a great learning opportunity.

YQCA can be completed online. Learn more at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html. In the Post Rock District, we also offer in-person trainings! Risa Overmiller, 4-H Program Coordinator, is a certified instructor. She is willing to organize an in-person training in your county during the winter months. Contact your local extension office if you are interested in an in-person training, so arrangements can be made!

2020 ALTON ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL COOKIE CONTEST

The Annual Alton Chocolate Festival will be held on Saturday, December 5. There is a class for cookies and a class for bars. Age divisions for the two classes are: youth under age 17 and adults – 18 and older. Entries are due at The Front Porch (previously known as the Alton Café) on Saturday between 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Each entry must include 15 cookies, at least one chocolate ingredient in the recipe, and a copy of the recipe. Judging will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contestants may submit multiple entries. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call 785-984-2341 for more information.
Investigate new roles
Innovate new ways
Inspire to make the best better

November 13, 2020 | 6:30 PM - 8 PM
via Zoom

Officer Training held for:
President • Vice President • Parliamentarian
Secretary Treasurer • Reporter • Historian • Social Media
Photographer • Adult Volunteer • Club Leader

Registration deadline Nov. 10 at 11:59pm
Qualtrics link:
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_BvoqchkSEAuyOod

K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Midway District Extension at 785-483-3157. Notify staff of accommodation needs as early as possible.
The Jewell County 4-H Achievement Program will be held on Sunday, November 1st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ute Theater in Mankato. The 4-H Council will supply a drink and popcorn. The 4-H families are asked to show up and enjoy the show. Awards will be handed out before the show.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT

If you have not yet enrolled, please do so immediately. All returning 4-H families be sure to choose check/invoice in the payment option. Jewell County 4-H Council will be responsible for paying this fee. All new 4-H families will pay the fee, but you will receive credit at the 4-H food stand in the summer if you are current 4-H members. You will not be asked to pay a fee for Cloverbuds. If you have any questions or need help, please call the extension office at 785-378-3174.

Mankato Eager Beavers 4-H Club handing out smarties at the Mankato Homecoming Football Game for National 4-H Week.

Webber Wide Awake 4-H Club recorded radio ads for National 4-H Week and installed two new members—Ainsley Gunn and Brenley McCary.

Mankato Eager Beavers 4-H Club in the Jewell Corn Show Parade during National 4-H Week. They also entered a 4-H booth in the Corn Show judging.

For 48 Hours of 4-H, Mankato Eager Beavers helped serve the brunch at the Jewell Corn Show.

4-H Council will be on Monday, November 30, 2020 at the Courthouse Meeting Room.
Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, please bring a mask and be prepared to physically distance while in the theater during the Achievement Ceremony. It is recommended that only parents and 4-H'ers attend this year.

*4-H CLUB ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS*
Annual financial reports are due November 1st. All 4-H Clubs need to submit an annual financial report. If you have not turned yours in, please do so after your November Club meeting.

A county-wide officer training is coming this fall. 4-H leaders will share details when the training is available. In the meantime, checkout the district pages for details on a great virtual opportunity.

Lincoln County 4-Her’s In Action…

Salt Creek is working on a flag project in Barnard.

Bullfoot Creek Sylvan Hustlers, Hometown Helpers, Hunter Huntsman, and Jr. Sunflower club members on parade.

Dates To Remember:
November 13th – Virtual Officer Training
November 14th – Achievement Night
December 21st – 4-H Council Meeting
Tipton 4-H Club hosted the 2020 Achievement Ceremony. An outstanding group of 4-Her’s earned their pins and all 3 clubs earned purple seals! Dorothy and the Asherville Achievers were honored for reaching their 75th Anniversary as a club. The 4-H youth leaders did a great job of presenting the awards and lots of fun was had at the photo booth!

**48 HOURS OF 4-H PROJECTS**

- Asherville Achievers cleaned up Luther Park in Beloit.
- Tipton 4-H Club picked up trash in Tipton.
- West Beloit cleaned up Westside Park in Beloit.

**MITCHELL COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

**2020-2021 Officers**

- President: Sierra Kopsa
- Vice President: Norah Ellenz
- Secretary: Addison Emmot
- Treasurer: Taylor Kibbee
- Reporters: Rayelyn Colarossi & Bentley Pruitt
- Adult Advisors: Kim Ellenz & Heather Weston

**Dates To Remember:**

- November 13th – Virtual Officer Training
- January 18th – 4-H Council Meeting
WELCOME NEW OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new Osborne County 4-H members. We are excited about their participation and involvement in Osborne County 4-H in the upcoming year:

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COMPLETE GOOGLE FORM SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 18TH FOR 4-H COUNTY-WIDE COMMITTEES

We need your help! 4-H activities and events do not magically “happen”. 4-H activities require the assistance from both adult and youth volunteers. Here is the link to the google form to sign-up for committees: https://forms.gle/YsZ5UDupffJ2kHi6 Please complete sign-up by November 18th. We start holding committee meetings in November to plan and organize upcoming events and activities. If you do not sign-up, you will be assigned to a committee.

VIRTUAL OFFICER TRAINING NOVEMBER 13TH

Serving as a club officer or club leader in 2020-2021? Register for the Virtual Officer Training by Zoom Date: Friday, November 13, 2020; 6:30pm – 8pm Registration Deadline: November 10 Link to register: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8voqchkSEAuYOod

START YOUR 4-H RECORDS WITH UPDATED KANSAS 4-H PROJECT RECORD FORMS

Goal setting and record keeping are great experiences to learn through your 4-H project work. Now is the time to sit down and set SMART goals for the 2020 – 2021 4-H year. In addition, the Kansas Award Portfolio has been replaced with the Project Record form starting this 4-H year. Watch your email inbox for training opportunities on the “New” Records and how to complete them. Here is the link to the “NEW” project record forms: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html.

SAVE THE DATES

2021 Osborne County Fair
“Summer Days & Country Ways” July 28 – 31, 2021

UPCOMING COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, November 23, 2020
Rules Committee – 6:30pm
4-H Council – 7:30pm

LOOKING FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO PLAN AND FACILITATE 2021 YOUTH LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION

Osborne County 4-H Council voted at the October 26th Council meeting to hold a 2021 Youth Livestock Educational Exhibition in Osborne County early spring 2021. 4-H members who would like to serve on this committee need to contact Kim. You do not need to be experienced or have livestock knowledge to serve on the committee. We are looking at ways to expand the knowledge of all 4-H members about livestock projects through this event.
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Upcoming Dates:
December 6, 2020 ~ 4-H Council Meeting at Courthouse meeting room 2pm

Watch email for information on classes. Hope to start end of November or early December. If there is someone who knits please let me know. We have supplies, but need someone to teach us.

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION PICTURES:

KensLey, Aadyn, and TyLynn Blank – Clothing

Hannah Nelson – Reading

Record Book Award Winners
Front: Lily Dallmann, Camber Kingsbury, Reid Overmiller, Justin Hughes
Middle: Aadyn Blank, Lexi Rust, Hannah Nelson, KensLey Blank, Sierra Kingsbury
Back: Addison Green Russell, TyLynn Blank, Kinser Kingsbury and Gavin Hughes

Pin and Record Book Award Winners
Front: Lily Dallmann, Rosslyn Ifland, Camber Kingsbury, Reid Overmiller, Justin Hughes, Middle: Kaylee Weltmer, Addison Green Russell, Korey Weltmer, Kalyn Ifland, Aadyn Blank, Hannah Nelson, Lexi Rust, KensLey Blank, Back: Taylor Lapaille, Kaden Weltmer, TyLynn Blank, Syndi Rust, Kinser Kingsbury, Sierra Kingsbury, and Gavin Hughes
Dates to Remember

November 1: Deadline for 4HOnline Enrollment/Reenrollment
November 10: KYLF registration due
November 11: Veteran’s Day, all extension offices are closed
November 12: Crops ID Contest registration due
November 16: KVF registration due
November 20: KVF virtual event
November 21-22: KYLF virtual event
November 26-27: Happy Thanksgiving, all extension offices are closed
November 30: Officer Scavenger Hunt due
December 5: Chocolate Festival, Alton
February 13: 4-H Day #1, Beloit
February 14-15: Citizenship in Action
March 8: 4-H Day #2, Smith Center
June 8: Great Northwest 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
June 9-12: Great Northwest 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
June 27-30: Campference, Rock Springs

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