I would like to personally welcome each of our new 4-H families to Leavenworth County 4-H. We are excited that you have decided to join this wonderful program. 4-H was born in 1902 and ever since has strived to be the best youth development program possible. 4-H uses an experiential learning model to teach young people the life skills they need to be proactive forces within their communities.

I know joining a new organization can be overwhelming. I want you to know that you have a 4-H family that is here to help you. From your community leaders, parent volunteers, experienced 4-hers to your Extension Staff, we are all here to assist you.

There was a great turn out at our New Family Orientation meeting. We have several new families joining our 4-H Family this year and that is truly exciting. If you were unable to make the meeting or did not receive materials at the meeting, New Family Packets will be available to pick up at the Extension Office after December 3rd. Please stop in and pick yours up. If you are unable to make it in, please reach out to us and we can make other arrangements.

Please remember to check our website often and to read your newsletters for information on what is happening in Leavenworth County 4-H.

Welcome again! We are so happy you choose to join our 4-H family.

Warmly,

Sonya Murphy
4-H Youth Development Agent
County Project Winner KAP’s

Once again congratulations to those 4-Hers who are county project winners. All results are now posted to our website. If you are in the Senior Level, were a project winner and would like for your book to go on to area judging, please drop it by the Extension Office no later than 5pm on January 10, 2019. Area judging will take place the following week in Manhattan.

Volunteer Renewal

First, thank you to all those individuals who give their precious time to our 4-H program. Without you, this program would not be a success. I want to quickly remind you that each year volunteers need to renew. This starts with re-enrolling yourself in 4honline. This year the renewal application form is online through 4honline. You will be prompted to fill it out when you renew your profile online and select volunteer. After this year, all information will be saved and you will just need to update with changes. If further information or steps are needed, the office will contact you.

2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to those 4-H families who have already enrolled for the 2019-2020 4-H year. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. 4-Hers should not be participating in 4-H events without being enrolled. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office. We are here to help!!

Ks.4honline.com

Record Book Corner

• Print your record book checklist, a blank copy of your permanent record and the application of the membership pin you want to achieve this year now so you know what activities and events you need to plan for and you have a place to keep record of all those fabulous things you do all year through 4-H and outside 4-H.

• Remember to take pictures while participating in different activities. Photos make a great addition to your record book.

• Plan to present at 4-H Club Days in February. Great way to get some boxes checked for your record books! Registration information will be coming out soon.

Check out the Record Book Corner in each monthly newsletter for record book tips and tricks!
Youth Leaders 4-H Cookie Drive

Please join the Youth Leaders on December 12th for the annual Youth Leader 4-H cookie drive. They will be at the fairgrounds 4H building from 4:30 to 6:15 pm to collect and package cookies for the Good Shepherd’s holiday food baskets.

If every 4her brought a dozen cookies, we would easily meet the need. You are welcome to come and help package the cookies but it is totally okay to just drop them off too. If you can't make it on the 12th, you can drop the cookies at the Extension Office or call Gretchen Manus to make other arrangements.

This is a great community service opportunity. Thank you in advance for your support.

PROJECT NEWS

Leavenworth County Cloverbuds

(Sponsored by the Leavenworth County Youth Leaders 4H Club with support from the Leavenworth County Extension Office)

Who: Any Leavenworth County Cloverbud (must be enrolled in

What: You are invited to attend special Cloverbud-only project sessions.

When/Where: 21 Nov - 6:30-7:30 pm – 4H Bldg (fairgrounds)
16 Jan – 6:30-7:30 pm – 4H Bldg (fairgrounds)
9 Jun – during Leadership Day Camp – Admin Bldg

Cost: No cost at this time.

Why: Participants will get to meet Cloverbuds from across the county, learn a little 4H stuff, and work on fun projects (that you might even want to take to the fair!). These work sessions will also give some of our older 4Hers a chance to demonstrate and practice their leadership abilities.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office, (913)364-5700, 1 week prior to each session to ensure we have enough supplies. Questions, call the Extension Office or Gretchen Manus, (816)206-5374.
County 4-H Club Days

Date: February 8, 2020

Time: 8am—1pm

Location: Church of the Open Door

County Club Days is an opportunity for youth to show off their talent and get a little feedback from a judge in the process. If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument, demonstrate or talk about a favorite item or subject, county club days is the perfect place to do just that!! Registration information will be emailed out in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for it.

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Design a T-Shirt Contest

• Contest starts on November 1
• Has a maximum of 3 colors
• Can be either one or two sided
• If possible t-shirt has the National 4-H Clover.
• All entries MUST to be printed off or emailed to Sonya Murphy (sonyam@ksu.edu).
• 4-H Ambassadors will vote for top 3 t-shirt nominations.
• Your Club will vote from top 3 nominated t-shirt designs for their favorite as a whole.
• After clubs vote the leader will email their clubs nomination for the winner, to Sonya Murphy.
• Clubs votes will be totaled and the majority votes from the Clubs will win the design contest.
• The winner will get a letter of recognition for their design.
• All Entries are Due by January 6th, 2020

Contest Starts:
November 1, 2019 - January 6, 2020

Fundraiser for our Leavenworth County 4-H Ambassadors
### 2019-2020 Critical Dates

#### December
1. **7** Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest - LVCO Fairgrounds
2. **11** Youth Leader 4-H Cookie Drive, 4:30pm-6:15pm @ LVCO Fairgrounds

#### January
3. **3** Northeast Leadership Event (NELE) Registration Deadline
4. **7** Ambassador Training Registration Deadline
5. **10** Senior Level County Project Winner KAP’s Due to the Extension Office
6. **15** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due to Extension Office
7. **15** 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Deadline
8. **15** Horse Panorama Registration Deadline
9. **15** Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
10. **16** Leavenworth County Cloverbud Meeting, 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds
11. **18** Northeast Leadership Event (NELE) @ Rock Springs
12. **24** Club Day Registration Deadline
13. **24-26** Horse Panorama
14. **27** Leavenworth County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

#### February
15. **6** YQCA Face to Face training @ 5:30pm - LVCO Fairgrounds Admin Building
16. **8** Club Day @ Church of the Open Door
17. **16** 4-H Citizenship in Action @ Kansas State Capital
18. **20** Leavenworth County Youth Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds
19. **21-23** Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

#### March
20. **3** YQCA Face to Face training @ 5:30pm - Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
21. **7** Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds
22. **23** Leavenworth County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
23. **29** Leavenworth County Livestock Committee Spring Beef Show @ Fairgrounds
## 2019-2020 4-H Calendar of Events & Activities

### October
- **1** Beginning of 4-H Year
- **1** Record Book/Membership Pin App Deadline
- **15** Club Financial Reports Due to Ext. Office
- **28** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

### November
- **1** Club Organizational & Club Summary Forms Due to Ext. Office
- **9** County Achievement Celebration
- **11** Extension Office Closed - Veteran’s Day
- **23-24** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs
- **25** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **28-29** Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### December
- **7** Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest
- **24 - 25** Extension Office Closed - Christmas

### January
- **1** Extension Office Closed - New Years Day
- **10** County Project Winner KAP’s Due to Ext. Office
- **11** Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- **20** Extension Office Closed - Martin Luther King
- **27** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **TBD** 4-H Club Day Registration Due

### February
- **1** Enrollment & project add/drop deadline for returning families
- **8** 4-H County Club Days
- **16-17** Citizenship in Action
- **17** Extension Office Closed - Presidents Day
- **29** Jr. Beef Producer Days @ K-State
- **TBD** 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

### March
- **7** Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds
- **TBD** Regional Club Days—Atchison, KS
- **14** Jr. Sheep Producer Days @ K-State
- **23** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **29** LV CO Spring Beef Livestock Show

### April
- **TBD** 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due to Ext. Office
- **30** Goat Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds

### May
- **1** Animal ID Worksheet Deadline
- **1** New family enrollment deadline to participate at fair
- **1** Horse ID & Horseless Horse Certificate Deadline
- **1** KJLS & Kansas State Fair Market Beef Nomination Deadline
- **TBD** Rock Springs 4-H County Camp Deadline
- **16** LV CO Spring Small Animal Livestock Show
- **TBD** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **25** Extension Office Closed - Memorial Day
- **TBD** Discovery Days @ K-State

### June
- **1** FairEntry System opens for LV CO Fair
- **15** KJLS & Kansas State Fair Commercial Heifers, Sheep, Swine & Goat Nominations Deadline
- **16-19** 4-H County Camp @ Rocksprings
- **30** All Entries for LVCO Fair Due

### July
- **3** Extension Office Closed - 4th of July
- **10-11** Kansas Swine Classic
- **15** Livestock Entries Due for Kansas State Fair
- **18** Dog Show @ Fairgrounds
- **19** Cat/Pet Show @ Fairgrounds
- **24** Clothing Judging, Fashion Review, Presentations & Leadership projects judging @ Tongie Christian Church
- **26** 4-H Horse Show & Fairgrounds Set-up
- **27-8/1** Leavenworth County Fair

### August
- **7/27-1** Leavenworth County Fair
- **2** LVCO Fair Clean-up & Project release
- **2** KS State Fair Registrations Due to Ext. Office
- **15** KJLS entries due
- **22-23** Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes

### September
- **7** Extension Office Closed - Labor Day
- **10** KS State Fair exhibits due to Ext. Office by 3pm
- **11-20** Kansas State Fair
- **28** 4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **Oct. 2-4** Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)

*Dates are Subject to Change*

*Calendar may not include all events/activities. Continue to check your 4-H Focus Newsletter & emails for additional events/activities or for date changes*
NE Area Leadership Event (NELE)
Rock Springs 4-H Center

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 9:30am - 4:30pm

Kansas 4-H is Jammin’ Out with Leadership! 4-H members 12 to 18 are invited to the NE Region 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. in Heritage Hall at Rock Springs 4-H Center!

NELE is led by the Northeast Region youth council representatives. Delegates can sign up for multiple classes. Registration includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt.

Don’t miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

Deadline to Register - January 3, 2019

2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

Dates: February 21-23, 2020

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2020

Ambassador Training is a three day event held at Rock Springs Ranch. There will be six exciting workshops and a keynote speaker. We’ll have three new workshops for all county/district advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "4-H Ambassadors- Under Construction." All county/district 4-H Ambassadors, Ambassador Advisors, Chaperones and KSRE Staff can register. Youth must be in the 8th - 12th grades to attend.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus has been canceled for the 2020. The trip is planning to happen again in 2021 so if you are interested in going, please keep an eye out for information this time next year.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a multi-species livestock quality assurance program for youth ages 8-18. LVCO 7 year old 4-H members must attend a class with a parent.
- All 4-Hers, 7-18 years of age, enrolled in swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, all goats, rabbits, and poultry projects are required to take this training. You will not be able to show at our Leavenworth County Fair or any state events without this certification.
- There are two option to take the course:
  - Option A: Taking the course through one of our two face to face sessions. The course takes approximately one hour and will cost $3 for each youth participant. Please note that this is the only option for 4-hers who are 7 years of age.
  - Option B: Taking the course online through YQCA. This option is $12 per youth participant and is only open to those 4-hers who are 8 - 18 years of age.
- You will need to register online through YQCA.org before taking the class. When you register, please click the 4honline box and register with your 4honline username and password.
- Face-to-face trainings for 2020 (Sign-in starts at 5:30pm, Training starts at 6pm)
  - February 6, 2020 @ Leavenworth County Fairgrounds Administration Building
  - March 3, 2020 @ Pleasant Ridge Elementary School

4-H Scholarships

**Local:** The David D. Klamm Memorial Scholarship is a $500 scholarship available to 4-Hers who have been a Leavenworth County 4-Her for the past 5 years or more, have completed one year of post-secondary education, enrolled in 2 or 4 year college at 12 or more semester hours OR enrolled full-time in a technical institution. Scholarship applications can be found on our website under 4-H Youth Development/Awards and Scholarships. Application is due to the Extension Office by March 1st.

**State:** Kansas 4-H Scholarships are available to current and past 4-hers who are seeking to further their education after high school. General criteria included high school academic standing and 4-H achievement and leadership. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by January 15, 2020.

*Please check our website for additional information and scholarships.*
Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Saturday, December 7th
Leavenworth County Fairgrounds

It’s not too late to register for the 2nd annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest. Registration forms are available on our website leavenworth.ksu.edu.

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