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. I also encourage you to attend a New Family Orientation Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd, 1pm at Boling Grange Hall - Rural Water 8; 25563 Tonganoxie Rd. This meeting will offer information and resources to make your 1st year a bit easier as well as a chance to ask questions. I would also like to open the invitation to the New Family Orientation Meeting to anyone, even if this is not your first year. All are welcome!

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 would like for your book to go on to area judging, please drop it by the Extension Office no later than 5pm on January 11, 2019. Area judging will take place the following week in Manhattan.

4-H Scholarships

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 18, 2019.

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. You also need to fill out the Volunteer Service Renewal Form located on our website leavenworth.ksu.edu under 4-H Youth Development/Forms and Resources. If further information or steps are needed, the office will contact you.

2018-2019 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to those 4-H families who have already enrolled for the 2018-2019 4-H year. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. 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

Superintendent Opening

We are still in need of a qualified volunteer to serve as our Beef Superintendent for County Fair. If you know someone who would be a great candidate for this position or you, yourself would like to volunteer, please submit in writing a letter of interest to the Extension Office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for all your help!!
Youth Leaders 4-H Cookie Drive

Please join the Youth Leaders on December 11th for the annual Youth Leader 4-H cookie drive. They will be at the fairgrounds 4H building from 5:30 to 7 pm to collect and package cookies for the Good Shepherd's holiday food baskets. If there are extra cookies, they will be donated to the Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services.

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 11th, 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.

Countywide Clothing & Textiles Project Meeting

All 4Hers interested in the clothing and textiles project are invited to a construction-focused meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Tonganoxie Public Library (303 S. Bury St.). Mitzi Rezin, who some members may remember as a judge at the county fair, and Judy Manthe will provide an overview of what it takes to sew successfully and teach several essential hand-sewing skills. The meeting is open to everyone, no matter how much (or little) sewing experience you have. Supplies will be provided, but please RSVP to Anne Brockhoff (abrockhoff913@gmail.com or 913-645-4125) by Dec. 5 so we can be sure to have enough for everyone.
# 2018 - 2019 Critical Dates

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### October
- **1**  
  Beginning of 4-H Year
- **1**  
  Club Organizational & Club Summary Forms Due to Ext. Office
- **1**  
  Record Book/Membership Pin App Deadline
- **1**  
  Club Financial Reports Due to Ext. Office
- **11**  
  Record Book & Pin Application Judging & Verification
- **22**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

### November
- **3**  
  County Achievement Celebration
- **12**  
  Extension Office Closed - Veteran’s Day
- **17-18**  
  Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs
- **22-23**  
  Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving
- **26**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

### December
- **1**  
  Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest
- **24 - 25**  
  Extension Office Closed - Christmas

### January
- **1**  
  Extension Office Closed - New Years Day
- **3**  
  YQCA Training, 5pm @ Fairgrounds
- **11**  
  County Project Winner KAP’s Due to Ext. Office
- **18**  
  Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- **21**  
  Extension Office Closed - Martin Luther King
- **22**  
  YQCA Training, 5pm @ Pleasant Ridge Elementary
- **28**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **TBD**  
  4-H Club Day Registration Due

### February
- **1**  
  Enrollment & project add/drop deadline for returning families
- **2**  
  4-H County Club Days
- **10**  
  4-H Ambassador Training Registration Deadline
- **17-18**  
  Citizenship in Action
- **18**  
  Extension Office Closed - Presidents Day
- **22-23**  
  4-H Ambassador Training @ Rocksprings

### March
- **TBD**  
  Goat Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds
- **2**  
  Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds
- **9**  
  Jr. Swine Producer Days @ K-State
- **23**  
  Regional Club Days—Atchison, KS
- **25**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **27-29**  
  Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)

### April
- **TBD**  
  4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due to Ext. Office

### May
- **1**  
  Animal ID Worksheet Deadline
- **1**  
  New family enrollment worksheet to participate at fair
- **1**  
  Horse ID & Horseless Horse Certificate Deadline
- **1**  
  KJLS & Kansas State Fair Market Beef Nomination Deadline
- **18**  
  LV CO Spring Small Animal Livestock Show
- **20**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- **27**  
  Extension Office Closed - Memorial Day
- **28 - 31**  
  Discovery Days @ K-State

### June
- **14-17**  
  4-H County Camp @ Rocksprings
- **15**  
  KJLS & Kansas State Fair Commercial Heifers, Sheep, Swine & Goat Nominations Deadline
- **28-29**  
  Kansas Swine Classic
- **30**  
  All Entries for LVCO Fair Due

### July
- **4**  
  Extension Office Closed - 4th of July
- **15**  
  Livestock Entries Due for Kansas State Fair
- **26**  
  Clothing Judging, Fashion Review, Presentations & Leadership projects judging @ Tongie Christian Church
- **27**  
  Dog Show & Cat/Pet show @ Fairgrounds
- **28**  
  4-H Horse Show & Fairgrounds Set-up
- **29-8/3**  
  Leavenworth County Fair

### August
- **7/29 - 3**  
  Leavenworth County Fair
- **4**  
  LVCO Fair Clean-up & Project release
- **TBD**  
  KS State Fair Registrations Due to Ext. Office
- **15**  
  KJLS entries due
- **24-25**  
  Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes

### September
- **2**  
  Extension Office Closed - Labor Day
- **5**  
  KS State Fair exhibits due to Ext. Office by 3pm
- **6-15**  
  Kansas State Fair
- **23**  
  4-H County Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

### 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 19, 2019 9:30am - 4:30pm

Come see what leadership is like Sky High! 4-H members ages 12-18 are invited to the NE Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE), in Heritage Hall at Rock Spring 4-H Center!

NELE is led by the Northeast Area 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*

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**4-H Citizenship Washington Focus**

**Dates:** June 13 - 24, 2019

**Registration Deadline:** January 15, 2019

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues.

Please contact the Extension Office for more application details.
4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball

K-State University

Date: January 13, 2019

Deadline to Register: December 20, 2018

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents would like to invite you to "JAM the GYM" with us at the K-State vs. University of Kansas Wildcat Women’s Basketball on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Online registration is $22 per person and open to anyone who would like to attend!! Each person who registers will receive a ticket to the game, special game day t-shirt, and a $10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands during the game.

Please note registration closes before the holidays on December 20th, 2018. To register, visit http://tinyurl.com/2019KAE4HA

Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Saturday December 1st, 2018
Leavenworth County Fairgrounds - Tonganoxie, KS

Registrations due by November 21st

Horse Panorama

Dates: January 25 - 27, 2019

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2019

4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages.
Leavenworth County Research & Extension has created a 4-H Events & Activities Calendar to help our 4-H families track what is happening throughout the year in 4-H. Included in this newsletter is the one page version. This version is included on our website as well as a full 12 month calendar. Please remember that days are always subject to change so please continue to check your 4-H Focus critical dates list each month.