**Tractor Driving...Forwards & Backwards**

The Tractor Driving Workshop that was cancelled due to weather before fair has been rescheduled with a few changes. The new date is Sunday, October 17th from 1pm—4pm at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Below are the new changes for this workshop.

- Youth must be 12 years old to participate.
- In addition to signing a participation slip, a parent or guardian must be present during the entire workshop.

Water will be provided and please remember to wear close-toe shoes.

Please register with the Extension Office by October 13th.

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**New 4-H Year Starts October 1st**

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 4-H year is now open. Please remember that you must enroll in 4honline each year to be considered an active 4-Her. Please also remember that all adults who serve as a leader/volunteer within our 4-H program need to also enroll annually through 4honline. Below are quick points to help you through the process.

- Please go to https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in to get started
- If you are a returning family, use your log-in and password from last year. Do not create a new account.
- Remember to update family address, phone numbers and email addresses. The Extension Office uses this information on a regular basis to contact your family. If the information is not correct, you may miss important information throughout the 4-H year.
- Reminder that 4-Hers will not be active until payment of the annual $15 fee is received and processed by the State Office. We strongly encourage families to pay with a credit card instead of by check. A check can significantly delay your enrollment.
- For more detailed information on enrollment and a direct link to 4honline, please take a look at the instruction guides available on 4honline and on our website: leavenworth.ksu.edu.
- Like always if you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Extension Office: (913)364-5700.
Leavenworth County 4-H Council
During the September meeting for Leavenworth County 4-H Council, the 2021-22 officers were elected. The new officers are:

**President:** Elizabeth Celeen
**Vice President:** Brookelin Pierce - Connel
**Secretary:** Mary Habjan
**Treasurer:** Jadyn Bollin

Please join me in congratulating these 4-Hers!

For those who may not be as familiar with Leavenworth County 4-H Council, council is made up of 4-H representatives from each community club across our county. This group of 4-Hers attend a business meeting bimonthly and sit on a youth committee that plans different countywide events throughout the 4-H year like 4-H Club Day, the fun event at county fair and the Achievement Celebration that is held every November. Representatives of council are elected at their community club to serve in these countywide positions. It is strongly encouraged that 4-Hers are 12 years of age or older. Ten and eleven year olds may serve only if older 4-Hers are not available. Seven through nine year olds are asked to wait until they are older to serve on council.

Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest
It’s back! The annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest sponsored by the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee will return in 2021. The clinic and contest is scheduled for December 4th. Butler County Judging Team will once again join us for this event. This event is an all day event. It will start with a judging clinic and end with a livestock judging contest with awards. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided to all registered participants. Cost to participate is $50. Limited number of need based scholarships are available. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Registration deadline is November 19th. Check our website; leavenworth.ksu.edu or swing by the Extension Office to register. Scholarships are available through Leavenworth County 4-H Council and Leavenworth County 4-H Foundation. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!

Keeping Kids Safe Online Presentation
Leavenworth County Child Abuse Prevention Council is presenting a “Keeping Kids Safe Online: A guide to Recognizing Online Dangers. This workshop is great for all families who have youth at home. They will have speakers who will focus on Social Media 101 and the impact of social media on child exploitation. There will also be a panel discussion with three experts where you can ask questions. This event is free to attend and will be held on October 22nd from 9am—noon at the River Front Community Center. You can RSVP to LVCAPC@gmail.com.

“In America we have only one title to nobility, and that is ACHIEVEMENT. You 4-Hers have won that title.” - President Woodrow Wilson

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Program
Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs through the sale of Paper Clovers in their stores. In the most recent campaign we raised over $981,000 nationwide. 90% of funds raised go back to state and local 4-H programs to support youth by providing hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

4-H Clubs can support the campaign through different ways. Clubs can have a booth outside the store and help sell clovers or can simply be present to help customers. Contact our local Tractor Supply to set up a time for your club to support this great program.

This year’s fall Paper Clover program will start October 6, 2021 and will run through October 17, 2021. For more information please contact your community leaders or the Extension Office.
2021 4-H Achievement Celebration

The Leavenworth County 4-H Council would like to invite all 4-Hers and their families to our annual 4-H Achievement Celebration on November 6th at Tonganoxie Christian Church. We will open the night with a dinner starting at 5pm and then a awards ceremony to celebrate all our 4-Hers’ success over the past 4-H year following. This event is a time of fellowship, fun and a great way to close the previous 4-H year and open the door to the next year.

If you are new to our program you may be wanting to know who and what kind of awards are given at our Achievement Celebration? Those youth who completed record books and project report records may be eligible to receive a project pin in the project area where they submitted a book. This celebration is where members receive their membership pins if they applied and met all the requirements. The evening will also be filled with other special recognitions.

Leavenworth County Council hopes you will consider joining us for the special celebration. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful faces as we say goodbye to the 2020-21 4-H year and hello to the 2021-22 4-H year!

National 4-H Week is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week will be held October 3-9, 2021. We encourage all clubs to find ways to promote and celebrate 4-H.

Leavenworth County 4-H Council voted to have all Leavenworth County 4-Hers wear their 4-H t-shirts on Wednesday, October 6th to show their 4-H Pride throughout our county. This is just one of many things our youth and volunteers can do to promote our great program during this week. Other ideas may include distributing flyers at school and within our communities, speaking at other organizations we belong to like church or organizing a service project within our community during this week.

I want to hear about it! So if you are planning something to promote 4-H, please send me your pictures and comments so I can share them as well.
The 4-H cloverleaf symbol is a well-recognized emblem but have you ever stopped to think about what is behind the emblem?

The purpose of 4-H extends well beyond the county or state fair and each H of the emblem represents an integral part. Providing educational strategies and opportunities for youth, in partnership with adults, to develop life skills is truly the goal of 4-H.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking. The first line of the 4-H pledge speaks to service and the importance of developing critical thinking and problem solving. This is a skill that can be modeled by adults and mentors but must be practiced by the youth to improve.

I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty - This section of the pledge is all about self-discipline, integrity and communication. Making time to work on projects, care for livestock and complete record books are activities that reinforce self-discipline. Handling successful and not-so-successful events and being responsible for your own projects builds integrity. Communications skills are relevant in every field, every job and every relationship. Practicing communication skills with fellow 4-H members, club leaders, judges and the community are necessary as this doesn’t come naturally or easily for everyone.

I pledge my HANDS to larger service - The third line of the 4-H pledge speaks to service and servant leadership. Raising people who are comfortable and willing to accept leadership roles in organizations is crucial for the continued growth and success of our communities. Not everyone, however, is comfortable with their “leadership” on display and leaders can have a huge impact - positive or negative! Watch a young person, who may not be comfortable presenting in front of a large group, quietly show another how to wash a calf, show a pig or finish a hen “just right”. That is servant leadership!

I pledge my HEALTH to better living – In a world increasingly critical of agricultural practices, it is important to know where their food comes from and make good choices in regard to healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle. Being the best version of ourselves contributes to the success of all around us.

The activities of 4-H teach life skills such as the ability to clearly and conceivably present material to an audience, understand meeting structure for efficient and productive meeting, and updating records from record books to checkbooks and budgets.

We are all competitive and want to do well but often the learning process and life skills are more important than a judge’s opinion on a given day. Life skills - That’s what it’s all about!

Project Spotlight - Communications

Welcome to the world of communications! It’s been estimated that the average person spends 50 to 80 percent of their time communicating in some way throughout the day. No matter who you are or where you come from, communication takes practice! In the 4-H Communications project you can learn how to be an effective public speaker, learn how to actively listen and respond to resolve conflict, and practice self-expression and creativity.

Healthy Living

• Create a project to build awareness about daily stressors and mental health concerns in youth and how to be supportive or prevent.

Community Vitality

• Volunteer to teach Cloverbuds how to use a new communication skill.

Communication and the Arts

• Give a reading or perform a short skit at your club meeting or county event.

Congratulations to our 2021 Livestock Judging Team for competing at State and for placing 3rd in the State Sweepstakes competition earning the privilege to represent Kansas at the Nebraska Aksarban contest. Our Team placed 5th overall with Jack Habjan placing 1st. Congratulations Garrett Walden, Kelsey Thein, Jack Habjan and Emma Aufdemberge.

Congratulations is also in order to our Leavenworth County Horticulture Team. This team did very well at the Kansas State Horticulture contest with our Intermediate team placing 1st and our Senior team placing 2nd and also earning the opportunity to compete at the National Horticulture contest. Unfortunately the contest was cancelled for this year but I want to recognize these youth for receiving such a great honor and representing Leavenworth County well!! Congratulations Isiah Manus, Sullivan Chance, Reed Rochel, Charley Coffin, Evan Shupe, Samuel Manus, Benjamin Manus, Gavin Shupe and Marie Brockhoff.

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
and my HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country
and my world. 🌿