

# 4-H Focus

OCTOBER 2024



## Welcome to the 2024-25 4-H Year

Enrollment for the 2024-25 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](http://leavenworth.ksu.edu).
- \* Like always if you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Extension Office: (913)364-5700.

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## Introducing New Shooting Sports Coordinator

Our Leavenworth County Shooting Sports program has gone through some changes. The program will have a new coordinator this year. We are excited for this new change and what Alan and his team will bring to our Shooting Sports Program. If you are interested in joining Shooting Sports, please do not forget to enroll in the project. Because of how shooting sports matches work, we need to get started sooner than later, so please do not wait to enroll. We do not want you to miss out on valuable information and practices.

Below is a quick introduction for Alan Mohan, our new Shooting Sports Coordinator.

*My name is Alan Mohan and I was born and raised in Leavenworth, Kansas. I am married with a 1 year old daughter and a 13 year old son who has been in shooting sports the past 4 years. As a kid I played sports on and off and was always outside. In high school I played soccer and then attended the University of Saint Mary's on a soccer scholarship. Shortly after, I joined the United States Navy where I was forward deployed to the U.S.S. George Washington in Yokosuka, Japan. After four years in the Navy, I came home and found employment at the VA where I continue to work as a Boiler Plant Operator. As a youth I was not in 4H but my wife was and now that our son is very heavily involved in multiple projects, I wish I had been. I can't think of a better youth program to have our children involved in. This year I am very excited to be taking over as the Shooting Sports Coordinator. I can't think of a better program to teach our youth, than one that teaches proper gun safety and discipline. We have a lot of fun things planned for this year to support our youth in not only gun safety and discipline but we will be working on our teamwork and leadership skills as well! I look forward to building a culture that can work hard, have fun, and be safe. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have and I look forward to a successful season!*



## Leavenworth County 4-H Council

During the September meeting for Leavenworth County 4-H Council, the 2024-25 officers were elected. The new officers are:

President: Jadya Bollin  
Vice President: Milam Strick  
Secretary: Ethan Riley  
Treasurer: Tucker Simpson  
Reporter: Wilson Lueck

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.



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*Attention all newly elected club officers. We are holding a county wide officer training this year. The training will be November 20, 2024 from 6:30pm - 8pm at the Extension Office. Please contact the Extension Office to RSVP.*



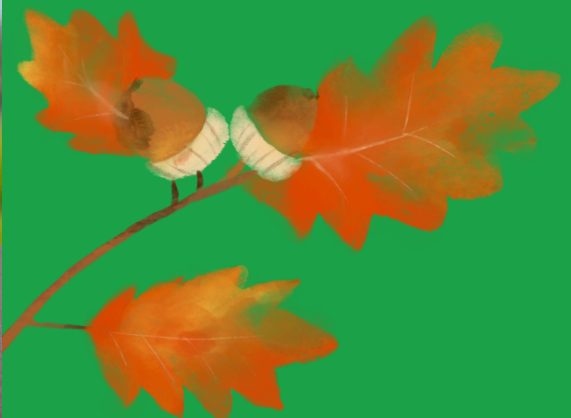
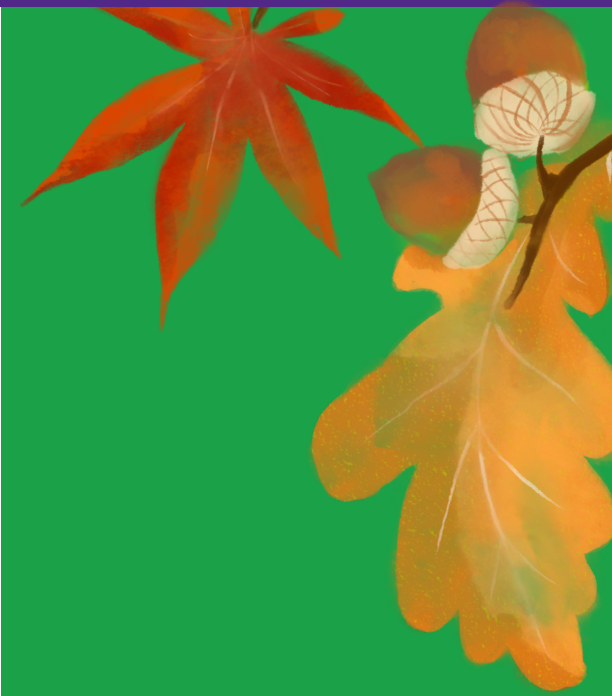
## Achievement Celebration 2024

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 2nd at Tonganoxie Christian Church. We will open the night with a dinner starting at 5pm and then an awards ceremony to celebrate all our 4-Hers' success over the past 4-H year. 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 want 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 for 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 2023-24 4-H year and hello to the 2024-25 4-H year!

If you plan to attend, please contact the Extension Office to RSVP by October 25th.



## Welcome New 4-H Families

We 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 would also like to welcome back all returning 4-Hers. We are glad you continue to be a valuable part of this amazing youth development program.

We will be hosting a 4-H Orientation meeting in November. This is a great opportunity for new families and families who have only been in our program for a year or two to ask questions and learn more about our program. Please RSVP by contacting the Extension Office or sending an email to [sonyam@ksu.edu](mailto:sonyam@ksu.edu).

### **Meeting Information:**

**Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Location: Leavenworth County Extension Office - Sunflower Room**

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

## State Fair Items, Premium Checks and More

We still have State Fair projects here at the office that need picked up. If you have not picked up your items yet, please stop by or send someone to pick up your items as soon as possible.

We also have showmanship t-shirts still left for pick up. If you won champion or reserve champion in a livestock or small animal project and you have not picked up your showmanship t-shirt, please do so as soon as possible.

County Fair Ribbon Premium checks are now available for pick up at the Extension Office. You will need to sign for your club's check.



## Make record books easier with ZBooks

Technology is such a big part of our world and is in almost everything we do. 4-H Record Keeping has been a part of the 4-H model for many, many years. It is a life skill that even in our growing world of technology is still important. Up until recently, the record keeping part of 4-H might have felt like it was still stuck in the 80's. Technology is such a big part of our life, why not improve the way we do record keeping in 4-H. Well, that request has been answered and the answer is ZBooks. ZBooks has been around now for a year or two but we have never really dove into how it works or support it in Leavenworth County. That is changing this year. **We will host a ZBooks information session and Q & A session on October 28th from 6-7pm. This will be held before the October County Council Meeting at the Extension Office.** We encourage you to come and check out what ZBooks is all about. Even if you do not currently participate in records books in 4-H, come check it out because it might make you change your mind.



## Upcoming News and Events

### **Club Financial Reports are Due by November 15th**

Each club who has a bank account is required to turn in a financial report each year. At minimum we need a completed treasurers book. It is required to include the following within your book.

1. Bank Statements
2. Budget (page 9)
3. Yearly Summary of Club Finances (page 24)
4. 4-H Club/Extension Affiliated Group Annual Financial Report (page 29)
5. Required signatures (page 30)

I want to remind everyone that this is a requirement and not optional. If you are a chartered club and have a bank account you need to complete these documents. Not completing these documents can and will affect your club charter.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### **Attention Leaders**

Organizational Report Forms are due to the Extension Office by November 15th. You can find this form on our website under 4-H Youth Development/Form and Resources/Organizational Report Form.

### **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Kansas Volunteer Forum**

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) will be held on November 23rd-24th, 2024 at Rock Springs Ranch outside Junction City, Kansas. This event is for youth ages 14-18, and also Adult Volunteers. This event will include speakers, workshops, and the election of the 2025 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. This is a fantastic learning opportunity for building leadership skills, collaborating with fellow 4-H members from across the state of Kansas, making memories and maybe even some lifelong friendships! You must be registered by Monday, October 15th, 2024 to attend. Keep an eye on your email for more information. While the 4-H'ers are having a great time with their peers at their event, there is also an opportunity for 4-H Adult Volunteers to have some fun of their own with their other 4-H leaders and volunteers. The Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) is designed to provide volunteers with tools and ideas to take back to their respective 4-H programs. KVF attendees will get to hear the Keynote Speaker with the KYLF attendees. They will also have their own set of workshops. To end the first day there will be a silent auction and other activities in Leadership Lodge. This is great time for visiting with other KVF attendees about the day, sharing ideas and networking together. There will be nominations for officers for the 2025 KVF Planning Board. If you have any questions about either event, please contact the Extension Office.

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### Junior Producer Days

Save the Dates!! Plans are underway for the K-State Junior Producer Days in the spring. These are one-day educational events, hosted on the K-State campus in Weber Hall, through which families can learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. Youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and other interested parties will be invited to register and attend. These events are designed as family learning opportunities. We host two a year – beef and sheep in even years and swine and meat goat in odd years. Therefore, next spring is the year for junior Swine producer day and junior meat goat producer day. The dates are below to get on your busy spring calendars. Stay tuned for the tentative program and registration details to be released in the next few weeks!

*K-State Junior Swine Producer Day – March 1*

*K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – March 22*



### Annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Mark your calendars. The annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest is scheduled for December 7, 2024. 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. More information will be coming soon. Don't miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!





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