

# 4-H Focus

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## 2023 National 4-H Week Oct. 1st - 7th

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 1-7, 2023. We encourage all clubs to find ways to promote and celebrate 4-H. A few ideas may include:

### **Give Back**

Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing the programs. Help programs like the Flying Squirrels or Green Turtles (not real clubs, but maybe) thrive by making a donation that can help provide supplies to kids in the area.

### **Wear Your 4-H Gear**

Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

### **Set Up Information Booths**

If your local grocery or hardware store allows, set up a table to share information about your local 4-H program. You can display 4-H posters, hand out flyers, or showcase the work of local 4-Hers.

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## Kansas State Fair



The Kansas State Fair will mark its 110th year celebrating agriculture, education, industry, innovation, and culture in 2023. These are all the things that make the Kansas State Fair an annual tradition for many families!

The Kansas State Fair is the home of many different events, contests, vendors and educational exhibits. Applied learning from young and old alike is the theme of the fair. 4-hers are a big part of that. Kansas 4-hers who are 9 and older and meet all requirements at the county level are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair under 4-H.

State Fair entries, with the exception of some livestock entries, are due to our office by the Sunday of our County Fair. If you entered exhibits into State Fair, our office will transport entries down and back for you. As a reminder they need to be to our office no later than September 6th. We will notify you when they are available for pick up after State Fair is over. If you are planning to attend the State Fair and are an exhibitor, we have some tickets available. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

The Kansas State Fair is held annually in Hutchinson, Kansas. It traditionally starts the Friday following Labor Day and runs for 10 days. This year State Fair starts September 8th and runs through September 17th.

The best memories are made at the fair!



## New 4-H Year Starts October 1st

4-H began in the early 1900s. Girls participated in canning clubs, and boys participated in corn and pig clubs. In 1914, Congress passed an act establishing Cooperative Extension and 4-H across the country. Corn, poultry and garden clubs existed in Kansas as early as 1905.

4-H has certainly changed since its early days. While we are proud of our rich history, we've expanded to include members from more than just rural backgrounds. We've evolved to meet the needs of today's youth, and develop learning experiences for boys and girls of all ages.

Why do we do 4-H? Why do we put time and effort into this program? Through this program kids build life skills by leading hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and, civic engagement – helping them to grow confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion. 4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True leaders are young people who have confidence; know how to work well with others; can endure through challenges; and will stick with a job until it gets done. In 4-H, we believe true leaders aren't born – they're grown.

4-H program's hands-on approach gives young people guidance, tools and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research proves the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience. 4-Hers are four times likely to give back to their communities and 2 times more likely to make healthier decisions.

In 4-H we believe:

- all young people have potential;
- developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible and compassionate—seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in college and career,
- ensuring access and equity for all,
- the power of America's leading public universities,
- the practice of positive youth development (PYD)\* by creating positive learning experiences,
- caring and trusted adult mentors who cultivate positive relationships with youth,
- creating safe, diverse and inclusive environments, and meeting young people wherever they are.

So you are probably saying, yes Sonya, I know this already. This is why we are a part of this great program. This is where I need your help. First is make the decision early for your family to continue to be apart of this amazing program. Commit as a family and get enrolled once October 1st rolls around. Don't wait until November, December or even January. Get out there and get it done. Second, is spread the word. Talk to your friends, in church, at school, in line at the grocery store about this program. Invite a friend to come to a meeting with you. Invite a friend over to your house and show them your projects, talk about what you have learned and the skills you have gained. Help me spread the word about his program that has taught you and me so much. Everyone should have the opportunity to benefit from 4-H.

Remember October 1st. Mark it in your calendar!

## 4-H Club Officers



As the new 4-H year fast approaches, our 4-H clubs are getting ready to elect new officers. I strongly encourage youth to think about running for an office. Holding a 4-H office, no matter the type, teaches responsibility, time management, public speaking, builds confidence, and promotes organization. It is a great way to get involved within your club.

There are club offices for all levels. For those who are just starting out and not sure they are ready, try song leader. Like to take pictures, think about running for historian for your club. Like to take notes, reporter is always a great position and a great stepping stone to the secretary position. Ready for a bigger leadership role, think about running for club vice president or president. Want to get more involved in the county level, think about running for county council representative.

Not sure how elections work within your club. Ask an older 4-Her within your club or talk to your club leader. If you are elected to a club office and want additional resources, we have officer resources books available here at the Extension Office. We are also planning a countywide officer training this fall. Keep a look out for more information.

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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 4, 2023 and will run through October 15, 2023. For more information please contact your community leaders or the Extension Office.





## Record Books and Project Report Forms

One of the true 4-H learning experiences is record keeping. This does take time, but 4-Hers learn important skills that will benefit them in the future. 4-Hers will keep a continuous record of their 4-H experiences and non-4-H experiences as long as they remain a 4-Her. All 4-H members are strongly encouraged to complete a 4-H Record Book or Member's Record each year as part of 4-H Membership. A record book/ member's record will be composed of a Completed Personal Page, a 4-H story and the Permanent Record.

Is this your first year doing a member's record? Make sure to talk to your leader or stop by the office and pick up a green members record folder to keep all your records in. Each 4-her receives one green folder, free complements of Leavenworth County 4-H Council.

4-Hers are also encouraged to complete a Project Report Form for at least one of their projects for the year. The Project Report Form is a record of what the 4-Her did within a specific project. Project Report Forms including personal page, permanent record, and project forms by age are located on our web page: [http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms\\_resources.html](http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_resources.html). Once forms are completed simply place them into a three pronged folder with a label on the outside. Labels are available at the Extension Office for no cost.

Record Books and Project Report Forms should all be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. **Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 6, 2023.**

Still feeling a bit overwhelmed when it comes to 4-H record keeping. Please reach out to your club leaders or the Extension Office. We are hear to help.



## Membership Pins

Membership pins are designed to recognize youth for achieving that level of participation in the 4-H program. This is not a competitive process. All youth who complete an application and whose application is verified as complete will receive a recognition pin.

There are nine membership pins. Pins must be received in order but can be skipped. For example, if you are starting 4-H at an older age such as 13, we do not recommend you start at the bottom pin which is the membership pin. You will not make it through all 9 pins before you age out. We recommend you start at the highest pin you qualify for. One thing to remember is you can skip pins but you cannot go backwards and get those pins at a later date. You want to keep this in mind when deciding which pin to start with.

Application forms can be found on our web page: [www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/awards\\_scholarships.html](http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_scholarships.html)

All pin applications should be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 6, 2023. Pins will be awarded at our Annual Achievement Celebration in November.

## Officer Books, Leadership Scholarships & Club Summary

Officer books are also eligible to be judged for awards, similar to project report forms. Officer books include: treasurers book, secretary book, historian book and reporters book. If you have questions about what the requirements are for each of these books, please contact the Extension Office. Officer books are due to the Extension office by October 6th.

County Council awards leadership scholarships every year. Applications for this scholarship are located on our website. These applications are also due to the Extension Office by October 6th.

Each club may chose to fill out a club summary. Seals are awarded based on each club summary. Club summary applications are located on our website. Club summaries are also due October 6th.

# 2023 Leavenworth County Fair Recap

I first want to start by congratulating all the 4-H members who exhibited at the Leavenworth County Fair. It was amazing to see all your hard work. We really do have some very talented youth in Leavenworth County!! Below are all those great youth who exhibited at the 2023 Leavenworth County Fair.

Jaeda Adams	Audrey Carmitchel	Mason Ewert	Claire Heim	Emma Lasher	Brigham Miller	Wyatt Peek	Owen Schuetz	Marli Wise
Amos Ahlquist	Addison Casperson	Sophia Faircloth	Dylan Heim	Jason Lasher	Haddie Miller	Bristyn Peter	Willow Schultz	Ty Wood
Emmett Ahlquist	Anna Celeen	Corbin Fisher	Evan Heim	Connor Lau	Jude Miller	Taelynn Peter	Sydney Shipman	Blainey Woods
Sam Ahlquist	Branden Celeen	Tallulah Fisher	Haley Heim	Erin Lewis	Pearl Miller	Brody Pierce-Connel	Evan Shupe	Adelaide Zenger
Cade Allen	Brayden Celeen	Urban Fletchall	Luke Heim	Riley Lewis	Wyatt Millsap	Brookelin Pierce-Connel	Gavin Shupe	Greyson Zenger
Veda Alvarez	Elizabeth Celeen	Liv Fletchall	Taylor Heim	Maebyr Lewis	Amara Miner	Zoey Plesa	Logan Simpson	Lorelai Zenger
Emma Aufdemberge	Jacob Celeen	Esther Ford	Bria Herken	Mya Lewis	Gregory Miner	Gunnar Pohl	Tucker Simpson	
Gracie Bailey	Joseph Celeen	Ava Forge	Steven Highfill	Lucy Lindholm	Joseph Miner	Hank Pohl	Tristan Smith	
Jennings Bailey	Sara Celeen	Claire Forsberg	Noah Hill	Croix Livingston	Michael Miner	Cooper Potter	Zoey Smith	
Morgan Bailey	Grady Chance	William Foster	Elijah Hinrichsen	August Lueck	Allison Murphy	Finlee Pyles	Ryder South	
Andrea Barbosa	Sullivan Chance	Mitchell Foster	Bailee Hoppe	Madelyn Lueck	Anna Murphy	James Rapisarda	Adalese Springstead	
Faye Bazemore	Anniston Clark	Nora Gallagher	Genevieve Hufford	Wilson Lueck	Emma Murphy	Nina Rapisarda	Andrew Stewart	
Ava Betsworth	BrynaLynn Clark	Bianca Gay	Alexis Igleheart	Jackson Lynn	Joshua Murphy	Ruby Rapisarda	Cale Stewart	
Cooper Beying	Brylee Clevenger	Jackson Gay	Bailey Igleheart	Landon Lynn	Samuel Murphy	Christopher Raye	Hayes Stewart	
Alexis Blackard	Charlesey Coffin	Ryan Gildner	Taylor Igleheart	Logan Magee	Jamie Myer	Karson Reckers	Jacob Stewart	
Bodey Blackard	Kennedy Coffin	Aubrey Gillaspie	Karlie Janeczko	Brent Mance	Melody Myer	Korbin Reckers	Thomas Stewart	
Connor Blizzard	Gage Coffman	Isabella Gillaspie	Nora Johnson	Charles Mance	Allison Myers	Corbin Reischman	Tyler Stewart	
Peyton Blizzard	Ruby Cooper	JOCELYN GILLASPIE	Presley Johnson	Lauren Mance	Emma Myers	Hailey Reischman	Abigail Storck	
Max Bohndorf	Lorelei Crow	Jett Gilmore	Elijah Jones	Nicholas Mance	Marissa Myers	Mason Reischman	Madilynn Strick	
Dayton Bollin	Paisley Crow	Gentry Goetz	Ethan Jones	Isaiah Manus	Sydney Myers	Westyn Reischman	Malachi Strick	
Jadyn Bollin	Cashton DeGraeve	Brandley Grammer	Noah Jones	Abigail Marah	Whitney New	Finley Rieke	Milam Strick	
Esther Bondy	Emersyn DeGraeve	Jayse Green	Peter Jones	Cole Marah	Max Nichols	Leo Rieke	Taytem Tate	
James Bondy	Makenna Denholm	Abigayle Greenwood	Erick Jons	Jaxon Marquette	Andrew Norman	Lucy Rieke	Cally Theno	
Amalie Boone	Avery DILIBERTO	Mackenzie Greenwood	Ethan Jons	Liam Marquette	Charlee Norman	Beau Riley	Thomas Theno	
Johanna Boone	Nicole Diliberto	Mavryc Greenwood	Benjamin Karleskint	Lily Marshall	Caleb O'Brien	Colton Riley	Ella Timmer	
Audrey Bracken	Nicholas Doering	Addison Grippen	Liam Karleskint	Wyatt Marshall	Mason O'Brien	Ethan Riley	Joseph Tollett	
Emmy Bracken	Addison Douglas	Braxton Guthrie	Nolan Karleskint	Alice Mattox	Addyson O'Hare	Lidia Riley	Easton Trowbridge	
Tyler Breuer	Grace Douglas	Caden Guthrie	Emma Kelly	Waylon McCarty	Lila O'Hare	Kaylynn Roberts	Kenzie Vanderweide	
Elliot Brewer	Isabel Douglas	Helen Habjan	Matthew Kelly	William McCarty	Abigail Owens	Elsie Rochel	Paige Vermilye	
Nicholas Brewer	Oliver Douthit	Mary Habjan	Gracie Kern	Carlee-Anne McEvoy	Elizabeth Owens	Reed Rochel	Lane Volker	
Jolee Briggs	Gavin Eastburn	Elijah Hannah	Hazel Koch	Caroline McEvoy	Hannah Owens	Adriana Rodell	Marshall Waters	
Eliza Brockhoff	Sofia Eastburn	Evangeline Hannah	Henry Koch	Isaac McEvoy	Andrea Parsons	Mckinlee Romane	Mitchell Waters	
Lucien Brockhoff	Aiden Ernzen	Jonah Hannah	Blakely Kooser	John McEvoy Jr.	Pate Parsons	Mason Scanlon	Ryder Weaver	
Gianna Brown	Blaine Ernzen	Julian Hannah	Tillie Kooser	Miranda McKiddy	Sara Parsons	Alyssa Schmid	Skylar Weaver	
Jackson Brown	Clayton Ernzen	Charley Harrison	Dallton Lambert	Zachary Megee	Virginia Parsons	Timothy Jesse Schmid	Bailey Wiehe	
Tucker Brownlee	Cody Ernzen	Delilah Harrison	Bryce Langford	Allison Megee	Malia Pebley	Addison Schrant	Tristan Wiehe	
Mary Caenen	Mia Ernzen	Abraham Heim	Ethan Langford	Noah Megee	Charlie Peek	Rowden Schubarger	Wyatt Wilburn	
Mackenzie Calovich	Payton Ernzen	Caleb Heim	Mason Langford	Sarah Meyer	Henry Peek	Annelise Schuetz	Colby Wise	

## Upcoming News and Events

### **Club Financial Reports are Due by November 1st**

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.

### **4-H Achievement Celebration**

The 2023 Leavenworth County Achievement Celebration is scheduled for November 4th at the Tonganoxie Christian Church. More details will be coming soon.

All 4-Hers and their families are invited to attend. This event consists of a celebration meal sponsored by Leavenworth County 4-H Council and an awards ceremony. At the awards ceremony, 4-hers receive recognition for membership pins received (see Membership pins article in this newsletter) and project pin winners are announced. This is based on the Project Report Forms that are submitted for judging by October 6th. Key Awards and Leadership Scholarships are also awarded during the awards ceremony.

Don't miss a chance to celebrate all the accomplishments our Leavenworth County 4-Hers have made this year.



## Changes Coming In The 2023-2024 4-H Year

### Project Name Changes

There are a few project name changes that will occur in 2024. For example, clothing and textiles will now be two different projects. One for construction and one for what we know as buymanship. Also Architectural Block Construction is getting a new name. Livestock projects are going back to one project instead of a sperate project for breeding and market, as well as a few other changes. Once the project guide is updated, I will email it out to everyone.



### Policy Changes - Fundraising

The state office has been busy working on updating our 4-H Policy. It is important to remember when you enroll you sign off that you have read and will follow 4-H Policy. Please take a few minutes to look over the changed policy. It will be available October 1st.

I do want to highlight one particular change around fundraising. Starting October 1st all fundraising done by 4-H clubs and groups must be approved by the 4-H office. I need to be aware of what fundraising is happening and why it is happening. This ties back to your budgets. It is 4-H policy that clubs cannot fundraise without a purpose for those funds raised.

If you have any questions about this change, please reach out to me. I am here to help.

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