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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Thank you to all volunteers!
- Record books are due Oct. 1 to the Extension Office
- Save the date for the Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest—Dec. 4th
- Don't forget to check out the Critical Dates Page

Save the Date - 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. Don't miss out on the opportunity to work with one of the hottest judging teams around!



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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 2021 Leavenworth County Fair. Congratulations again for a job well done!!

Basehor Rustlers	Gunnar Pohl	Madelyn Lueck	Taylor Lux	LV 4-H Dogs R Us	Westyn Reischman
Luke Alvidrez	Hank Pohl	Wilson Lueck	Jackson Lynn	Nicholas Brewer	Owen Schuetz
Tyler Baldwin	Ava Potter	Allison Myers	Landon Lynn	Christopher Raithel	Stranger Creek
Audrey Bracken	Cooper Potter	Andrew Norman	Wyatt Millsap	LV 4-H Goat Club	Ava Forge
Emmy Bracken	Taylor Seever	Charlee Norman	Emma Myers	Cheyenne Hindman	Ryan Gildner
Anna Celeen	Ryder South	Abigail Owens	Sydney Myers	Annelise Schuetz	Noah Hill
Branden Celeen	Colby Wise	Hannah Owens	Addyson O'Hare	Livewires	Brent Mance
Brayden Celeen	Marli Wise	Charlie Peek	Lila O'Hare	Emma Aufdemberge	Charles Mance
Elizabeth Celeen	Boling	Henry Peek	Finley Rieke	Andrea Barbosa	Lauren Mance
Jacob Celeen	Lorelei Crow	Wyatt Peek	Leo Rieke	Anniston Clark	Wesley McMahan
Joseph Celeen	Paisley Crow	Bristyn Peter	Lucy Rieke	BrynaLynn Clark	Brady Mendence
Sara Celeen	Shiloh Frederick	Taelynn Peter	Beau Riley	Eli Gilmore	Patton Mendence
Addison Grippen	Allison Megee	Lilly Rhodelander	Colton Riley	Jett Gilmore	
Connor Grippen	Andrew Megee	Konner Roach	Ethan Riley	Isaac Jenkins	
Adelaide Hood	Allison Murphy	Elsie Rochel	Alyssa Schmid	Natalie Jenkins	
Benjamin Karleskint	Anna Murphy	Reed Rochel	Timothy Jesse Schmid	Emma Kelly	
Liam Karleskint	Noah Stackhouse	Lexie Saultz	Evan Shupe	Logan Magee	
Bryna Ladesic	Marshall Waters	Justin Smith	Gavin Shupe	Wyatt Marshall	
Levi Lindholm	Mitchell Waters	Tristan Smith	Cally Theno	Andrea Parsons	
Lucy Lindholm	Carlos Wilson	Zoey Smith	Thomas Theno	Josie Parsons	
Malia Pebley	Glenwood	Adalease Springstead	Garrett Walden	Rose Parsons	
Malachi Strick	Amos Ahlquist	Leah Stallbaumer	Chase Wiehe	Sarah Parsons	
Milam Strick	Emmett Ahlquist	Ella Timmer	Blainey Woods	Virginia Parsons	
Paige Vermilye	Abby Attebery	Travis Tinberg	Happy Hollow	Adriana Rodell	
Jaeda Adams	Gracie Bailey	Joseph Tollett	Cooper Beying	McKinzie Weaver	
Justen Adams	Morgan Bailey	Adelaide Zenger	Logan Beying	Ryder Weaver	
Victoria Breen	Connor Blizzard	Greyson Zenger	Alexis Blackard	Skyler Weaver	
Cody Erzen	Grace Brandenburg	Bryson Zimmerman	Bodey Blackard	Reno Bobwhites	
Mia Erzen	Audrey Carmitchel	Happy Helpers	Jadyn Bollin	Veda Alvarez	
Payton Erzen	Austyn Carmitchel	Colt Andersen	Johanna Boone	Sullivan Chance	
Liv Fletchall	Avery Carmitchel	Miley Andersen	Mason Ewert	Johanna Boone	
Mitchell Foster	Ella Carmitchel	Lauren Bottary	Tallulah Fisher	Sullivan Chance	
Aubrey Gillaspie	Gage Coffman	Jarrett Breuer	Taylor Heim	Cadence Dare	
Isabella Gillaspie	Nicholas Doering	Eliza Brockhoff	Kylie Hutchens	Emersyn DeGraeve	
Abraham Heim	Grace Douglas	Lucien Brockhoff	Makayla Hutchens	Gavin Eastburn	
Claire Heim	Isabel Douglas	Marie Brockhoff	Nathan Hutchens	Sofia Eastburn	
Haley Heim	Oliver Douthit	Mary Caenen	Alice Mattox	Elijah Hinrichsen	
Jack Heim	Braeden Folsom	Charley Coffin	Emily Mattox	Nora Johnson	
Jacob Heim	Helen Habjan	Kennedy Coffin	Zane McDougal	Elijah Jones	
Katie Heim	Jack Habjan	Mackenzie Colgrove	Carlee-Anne McEvoy	Ethan Jones	
Madelyn Heim	Mary Habjan	Makenna Denholm	Isaac McEvoy	Gabriel Jones	
Steven Highfill	Charley Harrison	Garrett Edwards	John McEvoy Jr.	Nathanael Jones	
Katie Johnston	Bryn Hermreck	Grace Edwards	Miranda McKiddy	Noah Jones	
Emily Langley	Elsie Hermreck	Grant Edwards	Holly Oatney	Peter Jones	
Haddie Miller	Genevieve Hufford	Macy Folsom	Katherine Schmidt	Benjamin Manus	
Jude Miller	Hank Hunter	Claire Forsberg	Logan Simpson	Isaiah Manus	
Pearl Miller	Ethan Jons	Grace Forsberg	Tucker Simpson	Samuel Manus	
Emma Murphy	Colten Koester	Caden Guthrie	Andrew Stewart	Abigail Marah	
Joshua Murphy	Bryce Langford	Alexis Igleheart	Cale Stewart	Cole Marah	
Samuel Murphy	Ethan Langford	Baylie Igleheart	Grace Stewart	Jaxon Marquette	
Max Nichols	Mason Langford	Taylor Igleheart	Jacob Stewart	Liam Marquette	
Logan Ohlde	Sophie Leach	Alexis Johnson	Melody Myer	Serenity Myer	
Brody Pierce-Connel	Maebry Lewis	Austin Johnson	Kelsey Theis	Corbin Reischman	
Brookelin Pierce-Connel	Mya Lewis	Emma Lasher	Abby Wood	Hailey Reischman	
				Mason Reischman	



Thank You

We know fair week is crazy busy for our families. We want to give a big thank you to all the 4-Hers and volunteers that help make fair week possible. There are so many working pieces that go into this event and this event would not be possible without all your help.

I also want to pass on a huge thank you from Mike Johnson, the chair of the Leavenworth County Fair Board, to the youth and adult volunteers who helped move chairs after the auction. He wanted to express how much it was appreciated.

As our office reflects on everything that goes on during that one week a year, a quote from Elizabeth Andrews comes to mind. "Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; They just have the heart." Thank you again for all that you do not just during this one week but all 52 weeks!!

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I am here to help. Please reach out to me with any questions.

Why do we have a 4-H Food Stand at Fair?

First, I want to thank all the 4-Hers, club leaders and adult volunteers who helped with the County Council 4-H Food Stand this year. I know we were all a little rusty after not having the stand in 2020 but everyone stepped up and I believe we had another successful stand.

As I reflect and evaluate how the stand went this year, I find myself wondering if our 4-H youth and adult volunteers really know what all their hard work helps with. The 4-H Food Stand is the only fundraiser 4-H County Council has and it supports more than I think most people know. Your hard work helps pay for every 4-H ribbon that you see on the fair grounds each year. That is over \$1000 in ribbons each fair. It also pays for events such as 4-H Club Day, 4-H Camp, 4-H Council

sponsored events at the fair, and Achievement Celebration. Money from the food stand funds 4-H event scholarships and Senior Awards.

Without the hard work that so many put in to make this fundraiser a success, we would not be able to offer the opportunities and events that Leavenworth County 4-H does.

Do you have an interest in the Leavenworth 4-H Council Food Stand and want to help? Council is starting a separate working committee that will work on food stand improvements, organization and management all year long in order to help our stand be as successful as possible. This committee will be meeting monthly by zoom and in person. If you are interested, please email me at sonyam@ksu.edu.

National 4-H Week—Find Your Spark

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. 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, by 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-H'ers.



"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much" - Hellen Keller

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.



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

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 1, 2021. Pins will be awarded at our Annual Achievement Celebration in November.

Record Books

One of the true 4-H learning experiences is record keeping. This does take time, but 4-H'ers learn important skills that will benefit them in the future. 4-H'ers will keep a continuous record of their 4-H experiences as long as they remain a 4-H'er. All 4-H members are asked 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.

4-H'ers 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

You may be asking yourself, wait a minute, I have never heard of the

Project Report Forms. These are new this year and have replaced the KAPS. Don't fret if you started your KAPS already, these forms are very similar and the information from your KAPS will easily transfer over. The forms used for your Record Book or Member's Record have also been revamped. They are similar as well just more user friendly since they are now form fillable. I don't expect families to move all their permanent records over to the new form since this is the only part of your record that stays and is cumulative. I would suggest starting a new record for 2021 and placing it with your old permanent record.

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 1, 2021.



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Kansas State Fair

The Kansas State Fair will mark its 108th year celebrating agriculture, education, industry, innovation, and culture in 2021. 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 7th. We will notify you when they are available for pick up after State Fair is over.

The Kansas State Fair is held annually in Hutchinson, Kansas. It traditionally starts the Friday following Labor Day and runs for 10 days.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum or KYLF is an opportunity to build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

In addition, the 2022 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

This event is open to all 4-Hers age 14–18 (4-H age).

KYLf will be held November 20 - 21, 2021 in person at Rock Spring 4-H Center.

If you are interested in attending the early bird registration deadline is October 15, 2021. All registrations must be in by November 1, 2021.

Registration will open early September. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>.

A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career. Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Expe-

riences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below.



Learning Experiences	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/ Showcase	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum-guided activities • Project meetings • Kansas Clover Classroom • Educational tours • Workshops/clinics • State project events • KSU Junior Producer Days • Judging contests • Public presentations • Interviewing the experts • Educational presentations • Quiz bowl contests • Skill-a-thon • How-to shows and online videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping your community or others outside your family • Helping others without financial compensation <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food drives • Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home • Knit caps for newborns • Assist in community garden • Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work • Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching skills or information to others outside your family • Organizing or coordinating an event or activity <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach a workshop • Facilitate a group activity • Assist a Project Leader with project meeting • Plan a tour • Serve as a Junior/ Teen Leader • Serve as a Junior Superintendent • Create project-related videos for use on social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.) • 4-H Club Days • 4-H Project Displays • Livestock show • Educational presentation • County Fair • Kansas State Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal setting • Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc. • Leadership and Citizenship • Project reflection • Pictures documenting learning and engagement

Project Spotlight - Clothing and Textiles

This project will introduce you to a whole new world of options with outfits, clothing and accessories. The clothing construction phase will teach you the basics like sewing a shirt or putting a zipper in a pair of pants. The advanced units will teach you how to take the design of your choice and customize it for the perfect look, color and fit. Buymanship will give you that edge on knowing your wardrobe, planning a budget for an outfit, choosing between different shades of colors and analyzing clothing advertisements. Members may participate in the Fashion Revue

to model either their clothing construction or buymanship items.

Objectives of the Clothing and Textiles project include:

- Apply personal creativity and learn basic sewing skills
- Practice good personal grooming skills
- Learn about fabrics, textile science, and technology
- Select appropriate color, line, and design
- Apply wise shopping practices

- Select appropriate care for personal clothing
- Learn about the cultural influences of clothing

There is no clothing and textiles countywide project club at this time by we have two great superintendents for this project. Superintendents for the Clothing and Textiles project in Leavenworth County are Anne Brockhoff and Stephanie Shupe. These two volunteers have a wealth of knowledge and are always willing to help if you have questions.

4-H Equals Life Skills

We often talk about 4-H teaching life skills to youth, but what exactly does that mean?

It means the very practical skills of caring for ourselves and others by learning through projects such as Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles and Health. It means practicing being able to read a basic recipe, buy groceries and make healthy food decisions.

Am I going to sew my own suits these days? No, but I do know how with many thanks to my own 4-H leaders. What is more important is that a youth learns to repair a hem or sew on a button and knows how to care for their clothing so that it lasts.

Life Skills also means having a need for curiosity and learning. Projects like entomology, forest-

ry, photography and visual arts encourage life-long learning and, in many cases, can lead to jobs in agriculture, education and many other areas.

An important aspect of 4-H Life Skills is decision making. Through judging opportunities, participation in their clubs and interactions at a wide variety of events, 4-H members have the opportunity to make decisions and have feedback on how effective that decision was. These are definitely learning opportunities as they won't always make the wisest decision; that comes with time and experience.

Have you ever heard the phrase "another meeting that could have been handled through an email?" Learning parliamentary procedure is a definite life skill for 4-H members and is applica-

ble for their future in business meetings, civic board and committee meetings, as well as governmental service.

So how do we teach these life skills in 4-H? We use project learning, such as the ones already noted, as well as club meetings, workshops and day camps which give youth a chance to try out new skills and continue to increase their knowledge of a topic. All the while they are learning to communicate effectively, learning the value of involvement in their community and practicing decision-making.

These are important life skills to help our communities not just survive, but to thrive!