

Tractor Driving...Forwards & Backwards

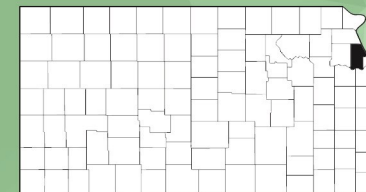
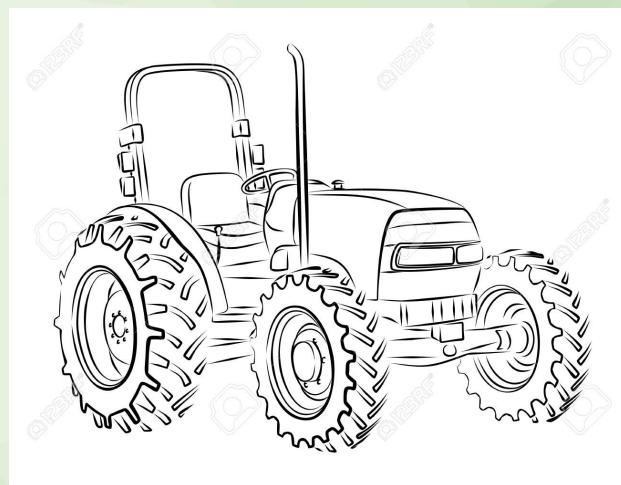
The Tractor Driving Workshop that was cancelled due to weather before fair has been rescheduled with a few changes. The new date is Sunday, October 17th from 1pm—4pm at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Below are the new changes for this workshop.

- 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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4-H Focus

Leavenworth County

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Tractor Driving has been rescheduled for October 17th
- Don't forget to check out the Critical Dates Page

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: Jady n Bollin

Reporter: Caden Guthrie

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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Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

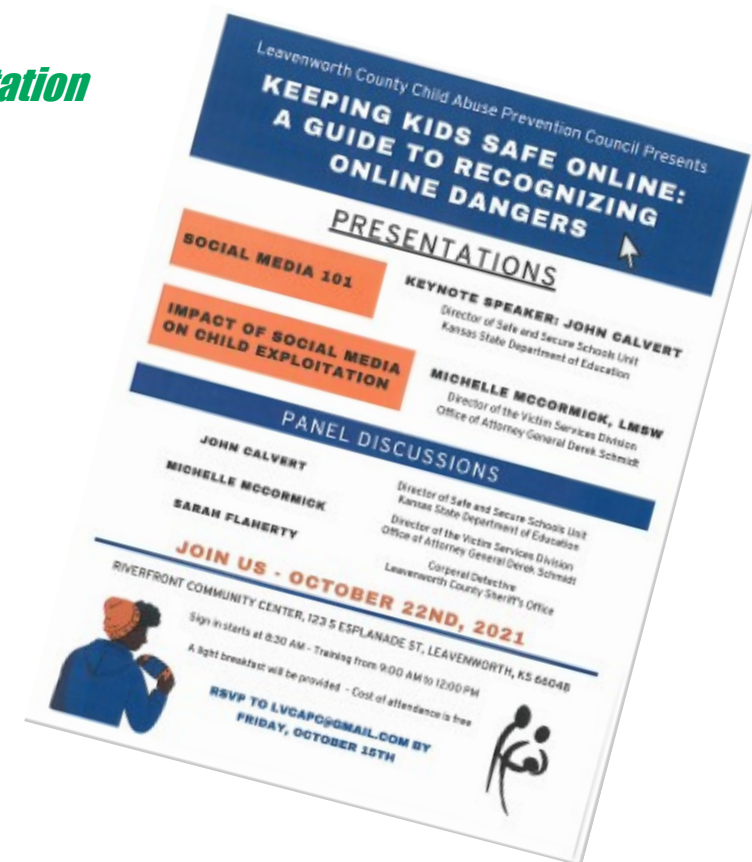
It's back! The annual Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest sponsored by the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee will return in 2021. The clinic and contest is scheduled for December 4th. Butler County Judging Team will once again join us for this event. This event is an all day event. It will start 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.



Record Book Corner

I know what you are thinking “We just did record books”! It is never too early to start preparing for record books for next year. Simply print off the membership application you want to work toward, your permanent record and project report forms now and that way you know what requirements you need to work on and have a form where you can take notes and records as you complete activities instead of waiting until the end of the year and trying to remember what all you accomplished. Printing out forms now can also help you plan your 4-H year such as your project talks and demonstrations, your leadership and citizenship opportunities and an extra activities you may want to do within a specific project area. If you need assistance understanding forms or where to locate forms, please give the office a shout. We are hear to help you!!



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 mem-

bers 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 vol-

unteers 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.



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 Springs 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>.

What's it all about anyway?

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 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 hem "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 concisely 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!

I pledge my **H****AD** to clearer thinking,
my **HE****RT** to greater loyalty,
my **H****NDS** to larger service,
and my **HE****LTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country
and my world. 

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 aware-

ness about daily stressors and mental health concerns in youth and how to be supportive or preventive.

- Create posters about anti-bullying at school.
- Present a play about the benefits of healthy living to audiences ranging from preschoolers to the elderly.

Science and Agriculture

- Present an illustrated talk on how effective or ineffective communication occurs.
- Create a project talk that explains different communication disorders in youth and the adaptive technology that they use to access education and resources.
- Start a blog to share your passion

for agriculture issues.

Community Vitality

- Volunteer to teach Cloverbuds how to use a new communication skill.
- Serve as a Communications junior project leader and help facilitate project meetings.

Communication and the Arts

- Give a reading or perform a short skit at your club meeting or county event.
- Give a talk on how to resolve a conflict, show empathy, or have a tough conversation.

Congratulations !!!

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 Theis, 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 Leav-



enworth County well!! Congratulations Isiah Manus, Sullivan Chance, Reed Rochel, Charley Coffin, Evan Shupe, Samuel Manus, Benjamin Manus, Gavin Shupe and Marie Brockhoff.

