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Central Kansas District 4-H

May, 2024

4-H Council News

May Meeting

The May 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m., in Minneapolis. We will meet in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

July Meeting

The July 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m., in Salina. We will meet in the College Center Conference Room.

4-H Newsletter Deadlines for 2024

If you have something you would like in the 4-H Newsletter, be sure to email it to klittich@ksu.edu.

Deadlines are:

- June - May 10
- July/August - June 10
- September - August 10
- October - September 10



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Offices Closed

Both the Minneapolis and Salina Extension Offices will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day. Offices will re-open on May 28.

Fair Workshop

Plan to attend a 4-H family fair workshop Tuesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting is primarily for new families and what they can expect at the county fair with pre-entry, entry card pick-up, schedules, activities, conference judging, volunteer opportunities, etc. Bring your questions to this meeting. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 28.** Register by going to <https://www.centralkansas.k-state.edu/4-h/>. Information will be sent out to those who register after the registration deadline.

ZSuites Workshop

Record keeping and project reporting are valuable skills taught to members enrolled in the 4-H program. ZSuites is an online option that can be accessed through your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Join us to learn more about this record keeping tool on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 20.** Register by going to <https://www.centralkansas.k-state.edu/4-h/>.



Kansas State Fair Qualifier Reminder



Any demonstration, illustrated talk, project talk, or Drama: Reading receiving a purple or blue at the Central Kansas District 4-H Club Day may be entered, unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines. Members must be 9 years of age and not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2024, to participate at the Kansas State Fair. An email was sent in April to all CKD 4-H members who qualified.

ENTRIES DUE to Central Kansas District July 1 by 11:59 p.m. ONLINE at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/CommunicationsEntry>

Each member may enter up to two exhibits in 4-H Communications but only one entry per class. Call the Salina Extension Office at (785) 309-5850 if you have any questions on this entry form.

Ottawa County Fair - Fair Entry

We will be using a new system this year for Ottawa County Fair pre-entries. The online entry system will streamline the entry process, check-ins, shows, and results. You will be able to log in anytime to add, delete or edit your entries before the pre-entry deadline. More information and instructions will be emailed when the online system open for pre-entries.

Youth Rabbit Show

The River Valley 4-H District Rabbit Club will be hosting their annual Double 4-H/Youth Rabbit Show on Saturday, June 1 in Clay Center, Kansas at the Clay County Event Center on the Clay County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, contact Steven Wright at 785-265-3019 or stevenwjedi@gmail.com.

2024 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip



The 2024 Geology State Field Trip registration is open to 4-H Geology project members and their families. The event will be held June 14-16, 2024. **Registration deadline is May 24.** All who plan to attend, including siblings ages 0-18, and all adults 19 and up must register. No late registrations or registrations at the door will be accepted. Registration cost is \$15 per person. Indoor camping is available at the Trego Community High School if youth are accompanied by a parent/guardian. Other lodging can be found in Wakeeney. More information can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/> > Events and Activities > Geology Field Trip. Register at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hhKshAq6jzFNLE.

Insect Spectacular

If you are a 4-H member enrolled in Entomology, it's time to get registered for the 32nd Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday and Saturday, June 21-22. **Registration closes May 30.** The event will be held in Hays, KS at the Sternberg Museum. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children.

Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge. For event info, and to register, visit: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KsBcljncovvYZU.



Sixth in a Series of Questions

About the Saline County 4-H Development Fund

If I need financial assistance with a project idea for our club, how do I get funds from the Saline County 4-H Development Fund? What is the process to get money from the Development Fund? These are questions you might have heard at a 4-H meeting, and we would like you to know the answers.



First, write on paper as many details as possible about your request: who is involved, who would benefit, what processes would be used, and how much funding you are requesting. Contact Kate at the CKD Extension Office. She will review your concept and advise you as to the next step in the process. As with all FREE money opportunities, there will be an application to file and paperwork to handle! We want to keep the process as simple as possible, but we all must be accountable for the donated funds we manage.

District 4-H Council Fundraiser

Our spring 4-H Council fundraiser for the District will run from April 1 to June 1. Papa Murphy discount cards were made available to Organizational Leaders at the beginning of April, and members are encouraged to sell them until June 1! Clubs will receive \$1 for every card sold. Those members selling more than 10 cards will receive a \$25 scholarship to a 4-H event within the current or following 4-H year.



Any questions can be directed to Robyn Prickett at robynprickettks@gmail.com.

Livestock Information

Livestock Nominations

ALL State nominations are done online. Kansas 4-H and FFA members who would like to exhibit livestock projects must nominate all market animals and commercial breeding females for those animals to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. When we refer to “state shows”, these are the two shows in which Kansas state livestock nominations apply.

For the KSF and KJLS, due dates are as follows:

- **June 15** - Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats

Deadline to order DNA envelopes:

- **June 5** - Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

For all information, deadlines and help guides regarding state nominations, please visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/> or contact Justine at 785-392-2147.

Mark Your Calendars - Tractor Safety Class in Salina

Tractor Safety certification is required for youth aged 14 and 15 who plan to be employed on a farm or ranch. Central Kansas District Extension will once again be hosting their Tractor Safety course in **Salina on May 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the Great Plains Conference Center.** To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2024-tractor-safety> or click on the QR Code.



Manual cost is \$15 and can be picked up at either Extension Office. Please pick up your manual **PRIOR** to the course.

Agent contacts: Jay Wisbey jwisbey@ksu.edu or 785-309-5850 and Justine Henderson jwh04@ksu.edu or 785-392-2147.

Livestock Premium Auction Policy Change

Attention Livestock Exhibitors: Due to recent policy changes at the state and local levels, livestock that have sold through the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair Livestock Sales are now eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as long as they have not changed ownership. Please feel free to give the Extension Office a call if you have any questions.



Minimum Livestock Weights at County Fair

The minimum weights for livestock to be eligible for grand or reserve champion and be eligible to sell in the premium auction at the 2024 Ottawa County Fair and 2024 Tri-Rivers Fair are as follows:

Beef: 1,000 lbs

Meat Goats: 50 lbs

Sheep: 90 lbs

Swine: 220 lbs

Kansas Junior Dairy Show

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is scheduled for June 20-22, 2024, at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina.

To access show information and register online, please visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/dairy/jr-dairy-show/>. **Entries are DUE by Friday, June 14.**

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Kevin Snell at (785) 532-1281 or kpsnell@ksu.edu.

2024 Champions Livestock Judging Camps Planned

Save the date for this year's Champion Livestock Judging Camps hosted on June 3-5 and June 10-12 in Manhattan, Kansas. This camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18), who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Both sessions will include one-on-one coaching with the current coaches and students on the K-State Livestock Judging Team with a heavy focus on reasons! Registration is \$350 and closes May 24. This is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, visit asi.k-state.edu/judgingcamps or contact Rachael Stadel at rmkstadel@ksu.edu or 785-532-2996.

Fair News

Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents

The dates for the Ottawa County Fair are July 16-19. The Tri-Rivers Fair will be on August 7-10 (pre-fair days on August 5 & 6). Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need a lot of parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Do not forget that these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in the 4-H member's record book. Interested 4-H members, parents and volunteers should **sign up online by May 22** by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>, and you will find a link under "Upcoming Events and Online Registration" for County Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-up. Sign-ups are available on the CKD website under County Fairs and the individual fair.

Fair Papers

The fair papers for the county fairs will be posted online as soon as they become available. Watch the newsletter and/or email for when they are posted.

Photography Themed Class at the County Fairs

We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2024 4-H Photography Competition is **Essence of the Written Word**. 4-H members can submit a photograph based on a poem, story or even a line from a story. The goal is not to make a scene from the literature, but to capture the essence of the poem, story or line from the story in a photograph. More details on this competition will be in the respective county fair papers. Be sure and check out the specifics when the fair papers are available.



Leadership Opportunities

Youth Service Day

The 4-H Council Executive Officers have put together an opportunity for Youth Service Day at Cedarhurst Senior Living, 2605 S. Ohio, Salina, on Wednesday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 4-H members are welcome to come visit residents and share 4-H projects and fair exhibits (including animals), perform music/talent/speaking presentations, help build a raised flower bed for the residents, and/or paint cans for the residents to plant flowers in. **Registration will be available soon at <https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/>** Please wear a 4-H shirt if you are able to attend.



Wanted Host Families for 2024

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 15. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 35-40 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-17, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.



Districtwide Project News

Districtwide Cloverbuds at a Glance

Date: Third Thursday of the month
(May 16, June 20, July 18)

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Salina Heights Christian Church (NE corner of Cloud and Roach - Use the east parking lot and door.)

RSVP: Email Allison at allisonlecklider@yahoo.com

*Must be received at least two days before the meeting (Tuesday) so there are adequate supplies.

Dog Project Meeting Dates

Have you ever been interested in the dog project? Our dog project meetings are a great way to start! At these meetings, we start by focusing on Obedience training and then add Showmanship, Rally-Obedience, and Agility pieces, as we continue to build. By summer, you are ready to practice more on your own and move to open spaces!

Opportunities will abound to attend 4-H Dog shows across the State. However, if showing is just not for you, don't worry! You will learn how to handle real life situations with your dog, including public settings, training via the AKC Canine Good Citizen testing, and other fun games to play with your k9 friend. A list of project meeting dates is below. Feel free to contact our Dog project leaders for more information.

Kenwood Hall, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: May 7; June 4; July 9; August 27

Diana Thompson & Tracy Repp K9capersckd4h@gmail.com

Rabbit Project Meeting

There will be a Districtwide Rabbit Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, at 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 843 Lewis Ave., Salina. We will be learning and practicing showmanship and discussing rabbit showing at the county fairs. Please bring your rabbits and any questions you have. For more information, contact Lindi Fahrenthold, lfahrenthold@yahoo.com.

Shooting Sports Practices

Hunting skills will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Shotgun and Archery will tentatively begin in May.

If you have questions, contact these instructors for each of the disciplines: Hunting Skills - Pat Riese (785) 650-5245, Archery - Cole Malmberg (785)-392-7712 or Cade Rensink (785) 392-0022, and Shotgun - Eric Klein (785) 392-0368 or Cole Malmberg (785) 392-7712.

Free All-Purpose Flour

For those interested in the Foods and Nutrition project, contact Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent in the CKD Minneapolis Office, for free flour from K-State! Each 4-H member that contacts Lisa will receive 6 cups of "Willie's Pride" All-Purpose Flour while supplies last. This is a great opportunity to practice your baking skills or try out a new recipe.

Lisa Newman, Family & Community Wellness Agent, Central Kansas District - lmnewman@ksu.edu



Health and Wellness Project Meetings

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Health & Wellness Project Meeting. On Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, Bridgette Crosson, RN, from the Solomon Valley 4-H Club, will talk about Fueling Your Future: Exploring Careers in Nursing. (May 6 is National Nurses Day!) Anyone in the District is welcome to attend. Register by sending an email to griffinfam7@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

District 4-H Horse News

Important Due Date



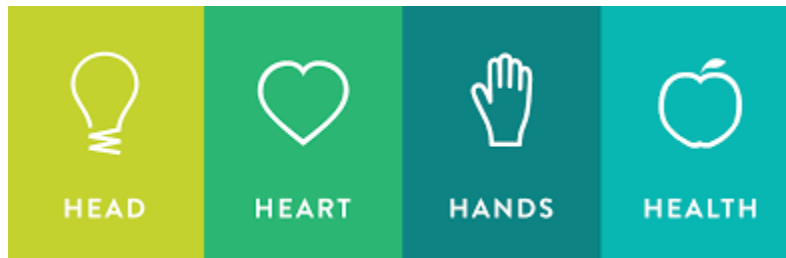
Horse IDs

- A link to the Horse ID Form can be found at <https://www.centrankansas.k-state.edu/4-h/> under 4-H Member Forms and Documents, "Horse ID." Be sure and check the back page, lower right-hand corner for the date to ensure you have the correct form. For new horses, the date should be **January, 2023**. If you are showing the same horse that was ID'd previously, a prior date is okay. **Due date for Horse IDs in 2024 is May 31.**

Items to note:

- The form **MUST BE** front and back of one page, not 2 pages.
- A standard size picture **MUST BE** attached. The picture should include all 4 legs and feet showing a profile of the horse with the head turned toward the camera. **ALL** markings must be clearly visible.
- Members, Parent/Guardian, Owners (if horse is leased) and County Agents **MUST** sign and date.
- The **ORIGINAL** 4-H Horse Identification Certificate **MUST** accompany the 4-H member. The county office and project leader may have a photocopy.
- **This form can be signed anytime between now and May 31, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.



4-H Online & Emails

It is important that 4-H Families are receiving emails through 4HOnline. The Central Kansas District tries to eliminate the amount of emails that we send. However, sometimes it is the only means of communication based on the timetable we are given. Everyone is encouraged to make sure their settings are such in 4HOnline that allows for you to receive emails to the email in which is checked the most.



By default, all members are subscribed to 4HOnline email. If you have received an email that you think doesn't pertain to your family and click on unsubscribe, it will unsubscribe you from ALL emails. To check if you are signed up for emails through 4HOnline, pull up your family profile. Click on "Family" on the left side of the page. Next to "Subscribe To Emails?" under the green Family tab, you will see the Yes/No box. Be sure the Yes box is blue. Once you have clicked on the Yes box, you will see a prompt on the screen that says "Opted in to receiving emails." It may take up to 48 hours for the change to take effect.

Tri-Rivers Fair Information For Organizational Leaders

4-H Pop Stand & Building Monitors

Please make sure your club signs up for working the Pop Stand and also to serve as Building Monitors. The link for the Pop Stand and Building Monitors is: <https://tinyurl.com/2024PopAndBuilding> . If you have questions, please call the Salina Extension Office at 785-309-5850 or you can email Michele at mhennes@ksu.edu. Thank you!

Consider signing up for 4-H Building Monitor at the same time your club is working the 4-H Pop Stand.

FAIR POP & CONCESSION STAND

4-H BUILDING MONITORS

Please make sure to have an adult present during ALL shifts.

Wednesday, August 7

8 a.m. – 11 a.m. _____
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. _____
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____
5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____

Thursday, August 8

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 6 p.m. _____
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Friday, August 9

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 6 p.m. _____
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. _____

Saturday, August 10

9 a.m. – Noon _____
Noon – 3 p.m. _____
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. _____
5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____

Wednesday, August 7

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. _____

Thursday, August 8

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. _____
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. _____

Friday, August 9

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7 p.m. – 9 p.m. _____



EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

May Check-Up

Are you counting down until school is out? Summer will soon arrive! Are you prepared for all the summer activities . . . baseball, vacation and fair? Let's look at our monthly check-up so we can keep on track before those summer activities start.

_____ Ready for the unexpected. ☺

Review

- _____ *4-H Newsletter* read and important dates marked on calendar.
- _____ Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at club meeting.

To-Do

- _____ All project leaders completed the volunteer screening process and enrolled in 4HOnline.
- _____ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- _____ Check project leaders progress.
- _____ Fair preparations started - banner, float, etc.
- _____ **Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.**
- _____ Visitors reported to Kate (klittich@ksu.edu).
- _____ Have a parent meeting.
- _____ Plan summer activities - tours, picnics, etc.
- _____ Update 4-H Project Award Application, Pin Application and Club Summary.



Promote/Recruit





- _____ Current Parents Committee recruiting new Organizational Leaders or Parent's Committee members for the next 4-H year.
- _____ Discovery Days promoted. **Registration closes May 5.**

Remember

- _____ Tri-Rivers Fair Queen & King names due **ONLINE, May 1.**
- _____ Tri-Rivers Queen and King Candidate résumés, etc., due **ONLINE, May 31.**
- _____ Club representatives should attend 4-H council meeting.

Organizational Leader Update

The next Organizational Leader Update will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 20, via zoom. We will be discussing county fairs and more! You won't want to miss this update!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>UPCOMING DATES:</p> <p>June 4—Fair Workshop 5-7—Discovery Days TBD—King/Queen orientation meeting, 7:00 p.m. 15—KSF and KJLS nominations and declaration forms DUE online 20—Organizational Leaders' Update 7:00 p.m., Zoom</p>	<p>15—KSF and KJLS nominations and declaration forms DUE online 20—Organizational Leaders' Update 7:00 p.m., Zoom</p> 		<p>1 Tri-Rivers Fair King/Queen names DUE Online ALL 4-H members project Add/Drop DUE Online New 4-H members enrollment DUE to participate in county fair Mid-Year Appeals DUE to either extension office by 5:00 p.m. District Declaration form for county fairs DUE to either extension office by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Discovery Days registration DUE online</p>	<p>6 Health & Wellness Project meeting, Online via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 K-9 Capers, Kenwood Hall, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 June Newsletter articles due to Kate</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 </p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Cloverbud Meeting, Salina Heights Christian Church, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 4-H Council meeting, Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 ZSuites meeting, Online via Zoom, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-Up DUE Online</p>	<p>23 Tractor Safety, Great Plains Conference Center, 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 Salina & Minneapolis Offices, closed </p>	<p>28 Districtwide Rabbit Project Meeting, First Baptist Church, Salina, 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Horse ID's DUE to either extension office by 5:00 p.m. Tri-Rivers Fair King & Queen resumes DUE online</p> 	



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Farewell and Thank You

Dear Central Kansas District 4-H Families:

As some of you may have seen, my time as the Central Kansas District 4-H Agent has come to an end. Thank you all for making my time here in Central Kansas District exciting and memorable. I am extremely grateful for the warm welcomes and patience as I started my journey in this wonderful community. More than anything, I have enjoyed getting to know your families, seeing everyone's smiling faces, and watching each and every one of you succeed in the projects you are so passionate about.

My next adventure in life includes joining the Polansky Seed team, as the South Central Sales Representative. This will allow me to continue growing my passion for the agriculture industry, much like I encourage each and every one of you to find your niche and explore it. While I continue living in the Salina area, I look forward to seeing many of you through various walks of life, and as always: Don't EVER hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Schmeidler".

Jacob Schmeidler

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