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Chautauqua County 4-H Update



4-H Calendar

September

- 2** Labor Day-Extension Offices Closed
- 5** Kansas State Fair Exhibits to Hutchinson
- 6-15** Kansas State Fair -Hutchinson
- 11** 4-H Council Meeting
- 20** Record Books, Pin Applications and Officer Notebooks Due
- 27-29** Kansas Junior Livestock Show-Hutchinson

October

- 1** Beginning of New 4-H Year
- 6-12** National 4-H Week
- 9** 4-H Spirit Day
- 9** 4-H Council
- 12-13** 48 Hours of 4-H
- 19** 4-H Bingo Fundraiser

November

- 11** **Veteran's Day—Offices Closed**
- 9** County 4-H Achievement and Supporters' Banquet—Noon
- 23-24** Kansas 4-H Leadership & Volunteer Forum
- 28-29** **Thanksgiving—Offices Closed**

**A big THANK YOU to everyone that
participated, donated, and helped out
at the fair!**

County 4-H Appreciation Dinner & Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet will be **tentatively November 9, 2024 at NOON in the Fair Building** at the Sedan Fairgrounds. 4-H Council will provide the meat and tableware. Each 4-H Family is to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please take the time to invite supporters to this event so that we can thank them for all they do and show off what Chautauqua County 4-H Members are all about. We have postcards available in the office if you would like some to send to supporters.

4-H Enrollment

September 30 is the end of the 4-H year and October 1 starts re-enrollment for the new 4-H year. Enrollments and re-enrollments will all be done on 4-H Online, <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> . If you can't remember your log on or are having trouble, call Jenny at (620) 725-5890.

Remember, you must be 7 by January 1, 2024 to enroll in 4-H. Kids ages 5-7 may sign up to be in Cloverbuds.

Enrollment Deadline for competing in the county fair will be **February 1st**. Drop/Add Deadline will still be **May 1st**.



How do I write my 4-H Story:

Your General 4-H story is an important part of your records. It should focus on how the total 4-H year impacted you and your family. Tell about experiences you have had this 4-H year; good and bad and what these experiences meant to you. Do not just tell what ribbons or awards you received. You can include these, but talk about your experiences, growth, and development.

The following outline may help you in developing your story. Do not use numbers or asterisks to outline your story when writing it.

- ❁ **Introduction:** Include your age, interests, parents, brother and sisters, where you live, where you go to school, and for first year members why you joined 4-H.

- ❁ **Project Information:** Tell about your projects -- things you learned, whether your project grew in size and scope, successes and failures, experiences and 4-H events participated in i.e. 4-H Club Days, Livestock Judging, Spring Livestock Shows, etc. Can also tell if you served as any officers on the club or county level, or other leadership roles, and other 4-H events participated in.

- ❁ **Future plans:** Tell how you have benefited from 4-H participation and what are some future plans you have.

If you have any questions, please ask!!



If you have any pictures from the fair or other 4-H events during the year, please share with me. I am needing pictures for the slide show at the Achievement Banquet. Email me at Immbever@ksu.edu

To Make the Best
BETTER

CQ Co. 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held at the Sedan Courthouse on September 11th at 7:00p.m.



**New 4-H Year
Begins
October 1, 2023**

**Record Books
Due in Extension Office
By September 20, 2024
(Early submissions encouraged!)**

**Achievement Pin
Applications Due
By
September 20, 2024**

**CLUB OFFICERS:
Don't forget to turn in
your records!
Also due by 9/20/2024**

Record Books

4-H record books are rarely one of the most favorite tasks for anyone, yet they can be one of the most valuable learning tools. One of the real values of 4-H record keeping is as a monitor of growth. For project work, charting the number of items made, books read, demonstrations or talks given, members helped, tours taken and items exhibited--really makes progress obvious.

Many of the rewards of 4-H record keeping are not immediate. Record keeping is one of those temporarily painful experiences that leaves a young person with a good feeling when it is completed--a sense of pride & accomplishment. Record keeping is filled with personal lessons in diligence, decision making, self-expression, time management, creativity, and honesty.

All records are available from the Rolling Prairie website. Records are available in a form filler version. If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader (which is a free program on the internet) you can type and complete the record on your computer using the form filler version. **Make sure you save each**



Organizing Your Record Book

When record books are handed in, they should be arranged in the following order:

1. **Achievement Pin Application** – If you are applying for one.
2. **Check Sheet**—Used to verify that all information is included and complete.
3. **Personal Information Page**--Should be current year's Personal Page; be sure to include a picture of yourself.
4. **Permanent Record**--A well completed Permanent Record should reflect growth of the project. Size of the project does not mean exhibits at the fair; it means number of animals, articles made, pictures taken, books read, etc.
5. **Current year's Project Report Forms**-- This will include Genter Project Report Forms for non-animal related project and Animal Project Report Forms for all animal related projects. Only include current year's records. Pictures should be added to project records only include the amount asked for. Take other years out and put in a safe place.

DIVIDERS: Use tab dividers to make projects easy to find.

Things to Remember When Completing Your Record Book

- ⇒ Your records are the only impression of you the judge has.
- ⇒ Tell everything about your project--don't take anything for granted.
- ⇒ Be neat.
- ⇒ Be accurate.
- ⇒ Be sure to get all signatures. If you don't have a project leader, your parents may sign as your leader.
- ⇒ Fill in the blanks--even if it is with none or N/A.
- ⇒ Add another page if you need more room on Permanent Record.
- ⇒ Be sure to always fill out your own book.
- ⇒ Do not include newspaper clippings, ribbons, awards or things like this in your record book. These go in a scrapbook or shoebox.
- ⇒ Pencil, pen, or type? Whatever the 4-H'er feels comfortable with as long as the 4-H'er completes their own records. Be consistent with whatever you do. If you print or write, use blue or black ink, or type, try to do the same for all of your records.
- ⇒ **DO NOT ADD MORE PICTURES THAN WHAT IS ASKED FOR OR REQUIRED!!!**

Club Officer Elections

The September club meeting is the time for clubs to elect officers for the new 4-H year. Electing officers can be a very educational process for both young and old members. Here are a few suggestions for your club in electing officers.

Election of officers should not be a popularity contest. Members need to be reminded to elect the individual(s) that will do the best job for each office.

- ◆ Talk to members about the election process and why we use it in a democracy.
- ◆ I strongly suggest that clubs use a nominating committee and prepare a ballot. Allow write-ins and let the 4-H'ers vote by written ballot.
- ◆ Allow the group to see the total nominating committee's report before taking nominations.
- ◆ New members probably should not be eligible to be elected to offices.
- ◆ Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief campaign "speech" before balloting.
- ◆ Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a candidate's name may be easier for younger members.
- ◆ A member does not have to be present to be elected. However, an effective officer must be someone that does have a good attendance and club participation record.
- ◆ Every leader, nominating committee member and current officer should review the club by-laws and be familiar with them before elections.



Inter-State Fair & Rodeo in Coffeyville

August 11-17th marked the 117th Inter-State Fair And Rodeo. We had several 4-H members make their way to Coffeyville to exhibit their livestock and other projects. Chautauqua County 4-H'ers join youth from Montgomery, Labette, Craig, Nowata and Washington counties. Many exhibitors spend their first days of school busy washing, grooming and exhibiting their animals. Chautauqua County had 4 members who made the premium sale for the Inter-State Fair. While at the fair youth and fairgoers alike get the chance to experience the mid-way, attend the rodeo, watch motocross and wrap up the week with the Demo Derby. Be on the lookout for the 2025 dates so you can come to the Inter-State Fair and Rodeo.



These 4-H'ers qualified for the Premium Sale at the Inter-State Fair & Rodeo: L—> R: Payton Carter, Reece Willhite, Lakyn Sutton, Paisley Carter.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

Volunteer Today

Volunteers play a vital role in the ongoing growth and development of those in the 4-H Youth Development program. With a network of over 500,000 volunteers, they provide caring and supportive mentoring to all 6 million 4-H'ers by helping them grow into true leaders. Volunteers are managed through local 4-H offices, so please contact your local Extension office to learn how you can get involved.



Record Books

4-H Records are a monitor of your growth: number of items made, tours taken, events attended, items exhibited, demonstrations or talks given. Record keeping is one of those temporarily painful experiences that leaves a young person with a sense of accomplishment when it is done (as well as relief!). Record keeping is filled with personal lessons in diligence, decision making, self-expression, time management, creativity, and honesty.

All record keeping forms are available from the [Rolling Prairie website](#). The forms are in a “form fillable” version, which should be saved on your computer **BEFORE** you start typing. Also available on the website is the publication [“Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition”](#). This manual is full of ideas for making your Record Book the best it can be!

Kansas Youth Leadership (KYLF) and Volunteer (KVF) Forums

The Kansas Youth Leadership and Volunteer Forums will be held November 23-24, 2024 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 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. For more information, check out the links below or call Jenny at the Extension Office.

KYLF: Registration will open Mid-October; Deadline is Monday, October 15, 2024

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

KVF: Registration open date is coming soon; Deadline: Monday, October 15, 2026

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

Fees and schedules for both have not yet been set.



Chautauqua County 4-H



October 19, 2024

6:00 pm

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Mini Games start at 5:30 pm

Fair Building Sedan, Kansas

Tickets: \$10 in advance

\$12 at the door

Proceeds go towards Livestock Events and Fairgrounds Improvements.

BINGO FAQ

What are each 4-H family's responsibilities for the Bingo fundraiser?

Each family is to sell 10 tickets (these were given to the leaders.) Each member needs to bring a basket for a prize and a dessert for the concession stand. There will also be a sign up for concession stand. If you need ideas for baskets call Jenny at the office or Lindsey Carter.

What does the \$10 ticket get you?

Each person presenting a ticket will get a book of 10 pages of Bingo cards. These can be used during the regular bingo games that will start at 6:00 pm. Extra books of cards will be available to purchase the night of bingo for \$5.

What other opportunities are there for people to participate that night?

Starting at 5:30 we will do mini games. These games will cost a \$1 a card and the winner will get half the pot. (IE If we sell 50 cards for the first game the winner will get \$25.)

We will also have a raffle for a scratch off lottery ticket tree. Tickets will be a \$1 or 6 for \$5. Winner will be drawn that night.

Concession stand will be available. We will have nachos, Frito chili pie, hot dogs, baked potatoes, walking tacos, drinks and desserts. Items will be sold individually, and we will also have a meal deal available.



4-H Bingo

Ideas for 4-H BINGO night baskets:

- Fishing Tackle
- Movie Night
- Goods from local businesses
- Holiday baskets
- Grilling baskets
- Family Game Night
- Gift Certificates for services (massages, hair, nails, lawn mowing, house cleaning, etc.)
- Dinner in a basket (Tacos, spaghetti, chili, etc.)
- Baking basket
- Spa basket
- Ice Cream toppings
- Tool basket
- Coffee Lover basket

National 4-H Week

October 6-12

National 4-H Week is a time to promote 4-H, encourage membership, celebrate the completion of a successful 4-H year, make plans and set goals for the new 4-H year.

It is recommended that all clubs do something to promote 4-H during this week. Some ideas include hanging up your club banners at businesses, wearing your 4-H shirts as a club, or making thank you gifts for local supporters.

4-H Spirit Day

Wednesday, October 9

Wear 4-H Apparel



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