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Great Things Happening in Frontier 4-H

Frontier Extension District is excited to welcome Kierstyn Blaufuss to the Ottawa Extension Office. She began her role as District Office Professional - 4-H Youth Development on November 20th, 2023. Kierstyn is a 4-H alumni of the Princeton Goal Busters 4-H Club. She was an active member and strived to make the best better. Her favorite projects were photography and horticulture. Her hobbies now are being outside and tinkering with her plants and her garden. Kierstyn graduated from Allen County Community College with her Agribusiness Degree. She is excited to start her career and looks forward to meeting everyone!



4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center

Summer Camp 2024 registration opened **November 15, 2023!** This includes half week, full week, LIT (Leader in Training) and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends **December 31st**. There are eight different traditional 4-H camp dates in June and July. We recommend Session two! There are also three CIT dates in June and July and two LIT dates in June. They have also added a two night mini camp for rising 1st-3rd graders, as well as a Specialty camp for rising 6th-9th graders. Transportation schedules are being finalized. Check out which date and/or camp works best for you! Camperships (scholarships) are available for all levels!

Save the Date

Want to learn how to evaluate livestock animals, work on your decision-making skills, and make friends from across the District? Livestock Judging practice dates are **February 4th, 8th, March 3rd and 17th, 2024 from 5-7 p.m.!** These meetings will be held at the Franklin County Commissioner Chambers in the Annex Building in Ottawa (1418 S. Main.) It is open to all ages in the District. Frontier Districts livestock judging coach, Hyatt Frobose, will be helping with this great opportunity. Contact Jessica Flory at jrflory@ksu.edu with any questions!

Animal Adventure Camp (AKA: Camp Livestock)

We had so much fun at Camp Livestock last year and we are going to make camp bigger and better than ever! This overnight camp will encompass all the animal projects: four main livestock species (swine, beef, meat goat, sheep) dairy, horse, rabbit and poultry. Mark your calendars and save the date **March 14 - 15, 2024**, at Camp Chippewa, 2577 Idaho Road, Ottawa. Topics will include feeding, husbandry, evaluation, character, leadership, and a YQCA training! Frontier District teen counselors will help lead the camp experience. There will be a fee associated with the camp and we are working on sponsorships from local businesses to help keep the fee manageable for families. There will be limited spots available! Full details and a registration link will be sent out in January, so for now, just save the date! Direct all questions to Jessica at jrflory@ksu.edu.

YQCA (Youth Quality Care Assurance) Training

Frontier Extension District will be holding a YQCA training on **March 15th** at 9:30 a.m. at Camp Chippewa, 2577 Idaho Road, Ottawa. This Training will be in correlation with animal adventure camp, but youth do not have to attend the camp in order to participate in the training. REMINDER: Participants are required to have YQCA Training to show at the Grand Drive at the State Fair and KJLS. Those planning to attend only the YQCA Training will need to register. A link and further details will be sent out at the end of January. Direct all questions to Jessica at jrflory@ksu.edu.

Offices Closed

Frontier Extension District Offices will be closed for the holidays on **December 25th - January 1st**. Will be open on January 2nd.

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FRONTIER DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR



The calendar has dates for all three counties. Dates may/may not appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Read carefully, please and direct any questions to the Extension Office.

DEC.	1	All Returning 4-H Members and Volunteer must be reenrolled	Online
		OS CO: Last day to pick up Fair Premiums	
	9	Entomology Meeting, 1:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	Iola
	10	Last Day or Drop Off for Holiday Hero's	Ottawa
	15	Last Day for teens to RSVP for Animal Adventure Camp Committee	Online
	20	Last day to Drop off for Cuddle Kits	Garnett/Ottawa/Lyndon
	21	OS CO: New Member Social 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Lyndon
	25-1	All Frontier District Offices Closed	Garnett/Ottawa/Lyndon
	31	Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Rock Spring Camp	Online
JAN.	8	AN CO: New Members Social 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Garnett
	22	FR CO: New Member Social 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Ottawa
	27	Horse Panorama @ Salina Campus	Salina
FEB.	4	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
	8	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
	25	FR CO: Beef Weigh-In 4-6 p.m. @ Cottonwood Animal Hospital	Ottawa
MAR.	2	Junior Beef Producer Day	Manhattan
	3	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
	14-17	Kansas Equifest	Salina
	14-15	Animal Adventure Camp	Camp Chippewa
	15	YQCA Training	Camp Chippewa
	16	Junior Sheep Producer Day	Manhattan
	17	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
		AN CO: Beef Weigh-In 2-4 p.m. @ Weigh-In Station On 7th St.	Garnett
	27	OS CO: Beef Weigh-In 4-6 p.m. @ Osage Fairgrounds	Osage
APR	15	KASLA Application Deadline	Online
	20	Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations	Online
	24	FR CO: Small Animal 4-6 p.m. @ fairgrounds	Ottawa
May	1	Market Beef Nominations Due	Online
	2	AN CO: Small Animal Weigh-In 5-7 p.m. @ fairgrounds	Garnett



GENERAL NEWS

End of the Year FUN

The 2023 4-H year has officially come to an end! An achievement celebration was held for each county to recognize achievement pin recipients, Project Record Report Forms (PRRF) winners, volunteers and special award honorees. The following are the senior 1st place PRRF winners. Each is eligible to send his/her record(s) to Area Judging. After modifications are made, books should be returned to the Extension Office by **January 12th**. A complete list of winners is available.

Beef: Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Katie Cameron, Burg Go Getters

Citizenship: Karlie Stinebaugh, Princeton Goal Busters

Dog: Emma Cameron, Burg Go Getters

Fiber Arts: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Foods: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Blaine King, Seekers Not Slackers

Leadership: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Meat Goats: Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Photography: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Plant Science: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Rabbits: Wyatt Oberly, Princeton Goal Busters

Self Determined: Blaine King, Seekers Not Slackers

Branson Saylor, Princeton Goal Busters

Sheep: Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Swine: Jaiton Boose, Willing Workers

Visual Arts: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Ronin Calley, Dynamite

Woodworking: Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

Landon Schillig, Lucky 13

Key Award Winners

Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Brynn Perry, Rowdy Wranglers

Ronin Calley, Dynamite

GENERAL NEWS

Club Seals

Congratulations to the following 4-H Clubs for earning a purple seal for work on the club, county and state levels:

Appanoose Trailblazers

Burg Go Getters

Lucky 13

Lyndon Leaders

Melvorn Jr. Highline

North Osage

Princeton Goal Busters

Rambling Ranchers

Rowdy Wranglers

Seekers Not Slackers

S.H.A.F.F.

Star Shooting

Willing Workers



Special Award Winners

Congratulations to everyone!

Franklin County:

Good Manners Award: Ally Williams, Appanoose Trailblazers

Spirit of the Fair Award: Jotham Meyer, Princeton Goal Busters; Branson Saylor, Princeton Goal Busters; Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Turner Awards: Kaelyn Talmage, S.H.A.F.F.
Grayson Dunbar, Princeton Goal Busters

I Dare You Award: Karlie Stinebaugh, Princeton Goal Busters

Glen Hayward Leadership Award:

Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Eric Piotrowsky Spirit of a Leader Award & Scholarship:

Wyatt Oberly, Princeton Goal Busters

Osage County:

4-H Alumni: Sharon Thielen of Willing Workers, and Kyle Stromgren, Burlingame.

Friend of 4-H: Dr. Kyle Stromgren

Family of the Year: Cannon Family

I Dare You Award: Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders; Brody Thompson, Willing Workers



Officer Book Winners

Historian: Myah Martin, Cherry Mound

Tyler Williams, Lyndon Leaders

Reporter: Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

Hope Pracht and Gwen Wiehl, Luck 13

Bella Reeser, Melvorn Jr. Highline

Secretary: Jacelyn Hedges, Rambling Ranchers

Bristol Barnes, Lucky 13

Brody Thompson, Willing Workers

Treasurer: Brynlee Rockers, Lucky 13

Kevin Whitmer, Willing Workers

GENERAL NEWS

Care to Share Form Available

Positive things are happening in the Frontier Extension District's 4-H program! The Care to Share form is designed to help recognize individuals, committees, etc. Completed forms should be sent to the Extension Office. The Office will then send a congratulatory card to the appropriate person(s). Forms are accepted year round.

4-H Policy

Frontier District 4-H families are encouraged to review the State 4-H Policy. This year they have been updated! Updates include the addition of K-State's updated child protection policy. The current KSRE and 4-H practices cover the new requirements and are now included as a reference in the policy. Direct all questions the Office.

Club Boxes

Each 4-H club is asked to designate one or two people to come in and pick up the information from the club box in the Extension Office. Plan to check the box on a regular basis.

Do I Really Need to Read the Newsletter?

The short answer is YES! ALL Frontier District 4-H families should read the newsletter! It is used to communicate important information! The article titles indicate the content and the red font is a link that will take the reader to the information. Previous newsletters are available, too.

Enrollment

The new 4-H year began October 1st. The cost will remain \$15. Cloverbuds and volunteers will not be charged.

Returning 4-H members and volunteers should be re-enrolled by **December 1st**. When enrolling, projects and clubs will not pre-populate. Returning members will need to select the club and all the desired projects. If selecting a project in which the youth was enrolled last year, the years in the project will increment correctly based on what was on the enrollment the year before. Some of the **project names** have changed. Check these when enrolling! Families are also encouraged to confirm the email address for the family and for each member/volunteer.

Helpful Resources

It's called "4-H at Home", but anyone can use this wonderful resource! It is full of project ideas to explore, learn, practice or experience. The content is appropriate for beginning, intermediate and advanced project members. Also included are resources and events that might be available, including curriculum, record-keeping and project exhibit ideas.

Holiday Heroes Information

"It is better to give than to receive!" The KVC Kansas Holiday Heroes program is a way for individuals, families or groups to help brighten the holiday season for children in the foster care system. Purchased gifts or cash donations must be dropped off by **December 20th** at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 410 w. 13th St., in Ottawa. All patrons from the Frontier District area are served through this office, so a youth from a specific county may be requested. This is a great community service project! Direct all questions to Jackie at jharwig@kvc.org or call 913-444-2192.

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Raffle Policy and Guidelines

It is the time of year when clubs begin discussing fundraising options. Nonprofit and education entities may conduct raffles. However, a raffle policy and guidelines must be followed. **Any** Extension unit-affiliated group (e.g. 4-H club, 4-H project group, etc.) wanting to conduct a raffle must first fill out and submit an application. The Extension District Board meets monthly (beginning of the month) and all applications must be approved by them prior to conducting the raffle. **A financial report must then be presented to the Board upon completion of the raffle.** Completed applications for Board approval may be sent to any Frontier District Office.

Kansas Clover Classroom

The Kansas Clover Classroom is an amazing 4-H project supplemental guide being offered to 4-H families. Taking photos, designing a cabinet, building rockets, collecting insects, tending to livestock...those activities are part of a much bigger, project-based learning process to prepare youth for the future. Which challenge will you take on?

Electronic Treasurer's Book Available

An electronic version of the Treasurer's Book is available for any club or group to use.

Mass Emails Not Received or Going to Junk/Spam

The 4-H Agent and Program Managers will communicate important information and reminders with families via 4HOnline in mass emails. Frontier District families who are not receiving mass emails or they are showing up in the junk or spam folder are requested to follow these steps. 1). Ensure the email address is correct in both the family's profile and member's profile in the 4HOnline System. 2). Ensure the family has "unsubscribed" to 4-HOnline emails. If so, each member must re-subscribed to receive "Broadcasts" (emails) again. 3). "Whitelist" the address from which the broadcasts originate: no-reply@4honline.com (RegMax-4-H). Whitelisting means taking manual steps to ensure that an email from a particular recipient is not blocked or does not go to the junk/spam folder. Simply Google "how to whitelist an email address," and follow the instructions for the family's specific email client (Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.).

Cuddle Kits

The Osage County 4-H Ambassadors are going to be putting together Cuddle Kits for CASA of the 4th Judicial District (which includes Osage, Franklin, Anderson and Coffey Counties) in December. If anyone would like to donate the needed items, we will take them at any of the offices anytime between now and **December 20th**. Items needed are clean, unused standard size pillowcases; clean, unused warm and soft blankets big enough to find comfort; clean, unused unisex stuffed animals; and operating flashlight standard size or smaller with fresh batteries. Cuddles kits are given to a child when they are removed from their home due to abuse/neglect.



District's 4-H website:

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PROJECT NEWS

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Setting Project Goals

After choosing projects, it is important to plan what can be learned and accomplished. What new skills can be gained? Who is going to help along the way? Setting measurable goals will help guide youth through positive 4-H project learning experiences. This resource can help members get started!

ZBook Training Videos

Last year Jo, from the Osage Office, made two videos that go into great detail on how to use ZBooks. It is very user friendly. One video shows how to set up a family profile on ZBooks, [CLICK HERE](#), and the other is how to create records, [CLICK HERE](#). All families are encourage to look into ZBooks now and start experimenting with it. It is best to start it now, and begin setting your project goals for the new year. If you have any questions, please let your appropriate office know! Don't be afraid to start now!

Explore Your Spark!

An "Explore Your Spark!" fact sheet is available for many of the 4-H project areas. The sheet provides ideas of what can be done or learned as the youth grows in the project. Other resources for each project are also available. Check it out!

District Wide Projects and Leaders Available

A list of District-wide projects and leaders is available to Frontier District 4-H members. Leader contact information is available in the Extension Office. Meeting and project information will be posted in the newsletter and/or emailed to those enrolled in the project.

Cloverbud: Jennifer Whiteford-Houk

Dog: Rochelle Nelson

Geology: Gayla Corley

Fiber Arts, Quilting: Michele Altendorf

Horse: FR CO-Kathy Hinderliter

OS CO-Dorothy Christiason & Niki Schoepflin

Livestock Judging: Hyatt Frobose

Rabbits: Jillian & Mat Oberly

Shooting Sports: (available disciplines vary by county)

FR CO-Tim Kunard & Becky Cain

Shooting Sports-Western Heritage: Becky Cain,

Dave Sielert, John Torrence, Ken Wilk

Sheep: Diane Spisak

Wildlife: Rochelle Nelson

KSU Jr. Producer Beef Day

Save the Date! **March 2nd, 2024.**

PROJECT NEWS

Beef Cattle Information from the Experts

Practical beef cattle economic information, health, and nutrition will be shared by a team of experts from Kansas State University and delivered right to an email account! Sign up now to receive the Beef Cattle Institute's weekly e-newsletter. Send an email to bci@ksu.edu and let them know you want to be added to the mailing list. Don't forget to check out their 25-minute podcast!

Entomology

An Entomology project meeting will be held **Saturday, December 9th**, at the Allen County Extension Office, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a pinning board and supplies and two insects to pin. For any questions, call Vicky Wallace @ (620)804-9170.

Geology: GeoCAT Bites

The newsletter offers a variety of resources that can be used by anyone and be helpful to everyone. This month's GeoCAT Bites includes a 'yummy' activity, introducing the rock cycle using chocolate. This activity was developed by the Geological Society of London and adapted for Earth Science Week by the American Geosciences Institute. Check it out!

District-Wide Horse Groups

Join the group and watch for updates and reminders on Facebook!

Franklin County Horse Club - Facebook name: Franklin County 4-H Horse Club. Contact Kathy at 785-242-5506 or at kathy.hinderliter@gmail.com.

Osage County Horse and Youth (H.A.Y.) - Facebook name: 4-H H.A.Y Club (no period after the "Y"); Dorothy: 785-806-5786 or Niki: ncfm1234@hotmail.com or 785-219-1829.

Horse Project Changes

- 1). Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.
- 2). Eligibility for the KSF 4-H Horse Show has changed.
- 3). Those planning to participate at the Kansas State Fair must fill out and upload an [affidavit](#) when entering.

Kids N Horses Newsletter

The Kids N Horses Newsletter is a great resource!

Kansas Equifest

Save the date! Kansas Equifest: **March 14-17, 2024** in Salina.

Horse Webinar Recordings

The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series gives Kansas 4-H members, Horse volunteers and parents an opportunity to gain skills and knowledge about horses and the horse industry in Kansas. Topics will include basic 4-H Horse project knowledge, horse health and college and career readiness. Recordings are available to watch at your leisure!

Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is **Saturday, January 27th**, at the K-State Salina campus. To register, please call the office by **January 2nd!**

PROJECT NEWS

Livestock: KS 4-H Animal Science Recordings

This is an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities, and good animal husbandry practices. The recordings are available!

KSU Jr. Producer Sheep Day

Save the Date! **March 16th, 2024.**

Plant Science: Horticulture Newsletter

This is a fabulous resource!

Poultry: #FlockDefender

For those interested in the Poultry project, an outreach effort is aimed at helping youth poultry owners learn about and practice good biosecurity. This effort is called **#FlockDefender** and it encourages and prepares all poultry owners to implement diligent biosecurity practices. Electronic resources are available to youth and leaders to be used during meetings and when caring for flocks. A free youth toolkit is now available. Check it out!

PT Testing 2024

Last year, the KDA implemented Poultry PT testing to be done on a 5-year rotation. 2024 is Frontier District's year to test. All poultry (except ducks and pigeons) must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) within 90 days of any Kansas fair or exhibition. Frontier District 4-H members enrolled in the Poultry project are welcome to utilize the date that works best for them. Testing will be \$1.00 per bird. Exact change is appreciated! The exact locations are TBD.

Franklin County - **June 15th; 8 - 10 A.M.**

Anderson County - **July 6th; 8 - 10 A.M.**

Osage County - **July 10th; 5 - 7 P.M.**



District's 4-H website:

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TEEN MEMBER NEWS

Scholarships

The **Kansas 4-H Scholarships** are now available. There is the 4-H scholarship, the Vanier Family Scholarship and a Geology and Dog Scholarship! They are all due **March 1st**. Be sure to read the instructions.

Include 4-H Experiences in a Resumé or Interview

Here are tips for putting 4-H experiences on a resumé and to have a successful interview! These are excellent resources to use while filling out a scholarship/job application or preparing for an interview! A **guide** to prepare a resumé is available!

Animal Adventure Camp (Aka Camp Livestock)

We are planning to host a livestock camp for 7-11-year-olds this spring. We will need help from older youth (12-18) to help, plan, and be counselors. This camp will cover all the animals. We are looking for energetic youth who love the livestock project to pass on their passion to the younger generation. Time commitment: We will have two or three planning meetings plus the actual event (two days, two night.) It will also require a few hours of preparation outside of the meetings. Frontier District 4-H has a rich history in all three counties of strong livestock families. Let's help develop the younger 4-H members and carry on that tradition. If interested, please contact Jessica Flory at jflory@ksu.edu by **December 15, 2023**.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteer Resources

Club and project volunteers are only as good as the resources made available to them. Kansas 4-H is providing several recorded resources which are available to anyone anytime. Currently, there is Public Speaking, STEM: Rocketry, FCS: Textile Science, Animal Science: Livestock, Service Learning and Visual Arts: Barn Quilts. Other project leader resources are also available! Check these out and help yourself become a better leader!

4-H Club Corner

Check out the 4-H Club Corner! Tools and resources are available for club leaders so a rich and vibrant 4-H experience can be created for all 4-H families.

4-H EZ: Recipe for Club Success

This online resource for club leaders includes six videos and handouts and resources that go with the videos. They are designed to help create a better club experience. Help yourself be a better leader and check it out! Also included is the "4-H EZ Application Guide". It allows for reflection of the videos and application of the info for the Club.

Club Leader Meetings Available

Community Club Leaders, new or returning, are encouraged to attend meetings designed just for club leaders! Info will be available on the Leader's home county page. Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. and held before every other 4-H Council meeting and usually last an hour. They are very informative!

NEW MEMBER NEWS

With so much information, 4-H families may find the newsletter to be overwhelming! With 3 counties and 20 4-H clubs with over 600 4-H members/volunteers, it is vital everyone have a way to receive the information. This page is designed to help new (and not so new) 4-H families stay informed! **Stay informed and read the newsletter!**

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ANDERSON COUNTY NEWS



4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings

The Anderson County 4-H Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each odd numbered month at 7:00 p.m. The January meeting will be replaced this month by the new member social. See below for more information!

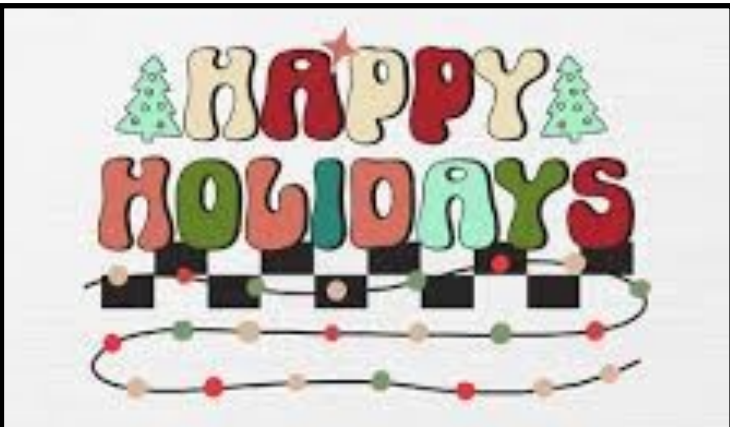
Save the date! Club Leader meetings will be held in **January**, May and September at 6:00 p.m. before the 4-H Council meeting. All club leaders are encouraged to attend!



New Member Social!

Frontier District 4-H will be hosting a new member social on **January 8th**, at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Garnett Office. This will take the place of our regular County Council Meeting. Being a new 4-H family can sometimes seem overwhelming! All new 4-H members (3 years and less) and their families are invited to come and learn about Frontier District 4-H, ask questions and connect with some of our long term members and families! Please RSVP by **December 21st** to Jeanette at jlstineb@ksu.edu or call the Office.

Council Committees: Assignments will be in effect October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.	National 4-H Week	CM & LI3
	Achievement Celebration	CM
	County-Wide Community Serv.	LI3
	Club Day	SS
	Recognition of 4-H Seniors	SNS, SS
	District-Wide Day Camp	SNS
	Judge Project Record Report Forms (PRRFs)	Parents & Leaders
	District-Wide Activities & New Member Kick Off	All Clubs



Enrollment Fee Paid By Fairboard

The Anderson County Fairboard has graciously agreed to pay for every Anderson County 4-H member's enrollment fee again this year. Leaders will have the code and will share it at the club meetings. The Extension Office will also have the information. Thank you, Anderson County Fairboard! Your support of the 4-H members is greatly appreciated! Returning members should be re-enrolled by **December 1st**.

Save the Date

The 2024 Anderson County Fair will be **July 29th – August 2nd, 2024**.

4-H Council and Club Fundraiser

Anderson County 4-H is selling Blue and Gold Meats (bacon, sausage and chicken strips) as a fundraiser. This is a great fundraiser as most of the county is familiar with the products. Proceeds will be divided between 4-H Council and the 4-H Clubs. Orders will be due to the Extension Office by **February 26, 2024**. Delivery is expected in mid March.

Weigh-in Date

Beef: **March 17th** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the weigh in station on 7th street.

Small Animal; **May 2nd** @ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the fair grounds on North Lake Road in Garnett.

Note: Fairboard has voted a new rule for the 2024 fair. All tagging for county fair will be done at weigh-in only. If missed, the animal will be ineligible to be shown at the Anderson County Fair.

Anderson Co. Scholarship

Anderson County 4-H members who are high school seniors this year and who plan to participate in any post high school education are encouraged to apply for the Anderson County 4-H Scholarship. This is a \$1000 Scholarship. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. to the Garnett Office by **Friday, March 22, 2023**.

Anderson County 4-H Council will offer a \$50 scholarship to 4-H members attending any out-of-county event (Camp, Discovery Days, State Geology Field Trip, Insect Spectacular, etc.). This scholarship can be used to help cover the cost of an in person or virtual event. Youth are eligible to receive the scholarship only once per 4-H year (**Oct. 1st-Sept. 30th**).

Also available is the Jeanette Arnett Event Scholarship. This \$20 scholarship will be awarded to youth attending any 4-H event that promotes personal or project development. There is no limit to the number of times a youth may apply. One application covers both event scholarships and must be submitted prior to the event payment deadline.

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OSAGE COUNTY NEWS



4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings

The Osage County 4-H Council meetings are held the fourth Monday of each even numbered month. The December meeting will be replaced this month by the new member social. See below for more information!

Save the date! Club Leader meetings will be held in December, April, and August at 6:30 p.m. before the 4-H Council meeting.

New Member Social!

This year on **December 21st** from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Lyndon Extension Office will be a new member social! This will take the place of our regular County Council Meeting. Being a new 4-H family can sometimes seem overwhelming! All new 4-H members and their families are invited to come and learn about Frontier District 4-H, ask questions and connect with some of our long term members and families!

Council Committees: Assignments will be in effect October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.	County-Wide Fundraiser	NO
	Club Day	WW
	Achievement Celebration	BG
	District-Wide Day Camp	CW
	Judge Project Record Report Forms (PRRFs)	Parents & Leaders
	Council By-Laws & National 4-H Week	LL
	District-Wide Event	MJH

Osage County Shooting Sports

Air Rifle is approaching quickly, practice will be **January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th** at 3:00 p.m. at the pavilion at the Osage fair grounds. Hope to see you there!

Member/Volunteer Enrollment

The new 4-H year began **October 1st**, so it is time for new and returning 4-H members and volunteers to enroll. **All returning 4-H members and volunteers** should be re-enrolled by **December 1st**. Projects and/or clubs will need to be added when enrolling. Project years should auto-populate, if not, please call the office. Some project names have changed, so check them out! Families are also encouraged to confirm the email address and phone numbers for the family and for each member or volunteer. Direct any questions or concerns to the Extension Office.

Livestock Weigh-Ins

Beef: **March 27th, 2024**; 4-6 p.m. at Osage City Fairgrounds. This will include all cattle (breeding, market, and bucket calf). Bucket calves may be tagged at either tagging date.

Small Animal: **May 7th, 2024** 4-6 p.m. at Osage City Fairgrounds. Small animal includes Bucket Calf, and Market and Breeding in Swine, Sheep, and Goat.

Youth enrolled in Breeding Beef, Dairy, Market and Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine must own and have possession of animals by **May 15th**.

Youth enrolled in the Rabbit and poultry project must own/have possession of animal(s) by **June 15th**.

A Bucket Calf must have been born **Jan. 1st-May 1st** of the current 4-H year.

Save the Date

Osage City Fair: **July 24th-27th, 2024**

Overbrook: TBT



Send a Thank You Note

Thank you to all 4-H members who sent articles and pictures to the *Osage County Herald-Chronicle* and *Osage Online* for National 4-H Week! This was an ideal time to promote 4-H and with the help of *OCHC* and *Osage Online* an infinite number of families were reached. Citizen State Bank let us put up our Join 4-H and Club Banners in their yard during National 4-H Week. Please include them when writing your thank you notes. They are a great supporter of Osage County 4-H Now would be a great time for 4-H members, families and clubs/groups to write a thank you note to each of the businesses expressing appreciation for the time and effort put forth during National 4-H Week! Mailing addresses are as follows:

Osage County Herald-Chronicle
PO Box 266, 527 Market Street
Osage City, KS 66523

AND

Osage Online
PO Box 62
Lyndon KS 66451

AND

Citizen's State Bank
PO Box 430
Lyndon, Ks 66451



District's 4-H website:

www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h/





FRANKLIN COUNTY NEWS



4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings

The Franklin County 4-H Council meetings are held the last Monday of each odd numbered month (not July). The January meeting will be replaced by the new member social.

Save the date! Club Leader meetings will be held in January, May, and September at 6:00 p.m. before the 4-H Council meeting.

New Member Social!

This year on **January 22nd** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Frontier Extension District; Ottawa Office will be a new member social! This will take the place of our regular County Council Meeting. Being a new 4-H family can sometimes seem overwhelming! All new 4-H members and their families are invited to come and learn about Frontier District 4-H, ask questions and connect with some of our long term members and families! Please RSVP by **January 15th** to Josie at josie03@ksu.edu or call the Office.

2024 Franklin County Fair Dates

The 2024 Franklin County Fair will be **July 16th-21st**.

Thank You to Medallion Sponsors

At the annual Franklin County 4-H Achievement Celebration, medallions are awarded to junior and intermediate members showing excellence in a project through a PRRFs. Two awards will be given in most project areas for the junior level and one in the intermediate level (a pin is awarded to the top PRRF). Medallions were sponsored by Nathan, Aubrey, Noah, Amelia, Levi & Natalie Behrends; Dream Kitchen; Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club; Dave & Debbie Redding; Rowdy Wranglers 4-H Club; S.H.A.F.F. 4-H club. Thank you for your support!

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

This **February 29th, 2024** at Ottawa University is a Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. You will give a formal presentation of your tradeshow. 1st place will receive \$1000, 2nd receiving \$750 and 3rd receiving \$500. Registration closes on **January 31st**.

Livestock Weigh-In

Beef: **February 25th, 2024**; 4-6 p.m. at Cottonwood Animal Hospital, 3161 K-68, in Ottawa. There will still be a few 4-H tags left, but once used up, we will only have EID Tags.

Small Animal - **April 24th, 2024**; 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fair grounds, 220 W. 17th, in Ottawa. Small animal includes Swine, Sheep, and Goat. We will only be using EID Tags. They will cost \$3.00 a tag, and you must pay for tags at weigh in. There will no longer be invoices, so please have exact change or check available at weigh-in.

Council Committees: Assignments will be in effect October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.	Club Day	BGG & AR
	District-Wide Day Camp	SH
	Livestock Buyers Appreciation	GA & TC
	Market 4-H & Nat'l 4-H Week	RW
	Judge Project Record Report Forms (PRRFs)	Parents & Leaders
	Achievement Celebration	PGB
	District-Wide Event	AT
	Community Service & Fair Goody Plates	RR

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Club and Group Tax Exempt Status Paperwork

Kansas 4-H is a 701(c)1 and has a tax exempt status. However, according to Kansas 4-H Policy, clubs and project groups should have their own number in order to receive those benefits. The website will allow clubs/groups to attain that status. Those who already have their own number are asked to make sure a colored copy is on file in the Extension Office. Those who need the form should click on "Submit New Request" and then "Register Now". Please send a colored copy of the certificate to the Extension Office. It would also be helpful to have the contact information, password and security question answers the certificate was attained under in case the original or information is lost. Direct any questions to the Extension Office.

Helpful Websites - Bookmark Them!

1. **www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu**--This is the website for the Frontier Extension District. Upcoming events, District newsletters, contact information for all agents, etc. is available. The 4-H Youth Development page is used to communicate information, dates, deadlines and links to 4-H families.
2. **Frontier Extension District: Kansas State Research & Extension**--This is the District's Facebook name. Info, dates and last minute event changes are posted and shared.
3. **www.kansas4-h.org**--This is the Kansas 4-H website and is an excellent resource. Information about state events, project materials and the state 4-H newsletter is available.
4. **<http://pinterest.com/kansas4h/>**--This is the Kansas 4-H Pinterest page. The site showcases 4-H media tips, events, programs, volunteers, community service and club management ideas, as well as helpful hints for projects.

Disabilities Accommodations Request Form

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires persons with disabilities be provided "reasonable" accommodations and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Accommodations are generally considered reasonable if they do not change the fundamental nature of the program or alter the essential criteria for participation. Accommodations meeting these standards should typically be provided. Reasonable accommodations are determined through an interactive process between the community member and local and State 4-H Offices. It is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be filled out **FIRST** at the local level in collaboration with a local Extension Professional to launch a formal accommodations process. Because it can take time to plan for accommodations, KSRE requests this form be submitted **no later than two weeks prior to the event/activity**. Submitting a request on shorter notice may reduce and/or limit any ability to implement accommodations.

Do a Radio Spot!

The Frontier Extension District 4-H program has a short radio spot on KOFO 1220 AM/103.7 FM that airs every Wednesday at 6:40 a.m. All 4-H members are invited to share 4-H experiences (such as the fair and what was learned), talk about upcoming community service projects, club happenings, etc. Several 4-H members have done a radio spot and found it to be quite fun! To sign up, contact the Extension Office. FYI: There are no early morning recordings as the program is pre-recorded at a time that works for you!

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