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Great Things Happening in Frontier 4-H

In January, Kansas 4-H announced the opportunity for five Kansas youth to participate in the international exchange program. Tanis Normile from Franklin County, was selected to attend Japan this summer! Tanis will be learning the language and culture the first part of the summer, and exploring and learning about LABO, their version of 4-H the second half of the summer! This past summer, the Normile family hosted a young girl from Japan. Tanis is crossing her fingers she gets paired up with the same family! For more information about this program, reach out to the office. Congratulations Tanis and we wish you well in Japan!

Club Day

District Club Day will be **February 24, 2024**, at West Franklin High School at 510 E Franklin St, Pomona, KS 66076. Youth may participate in group and/or individual events (ex: model meeting, gavel games, choir, demonstration, project talk, reading, career exploration, etc.). Regardless of what a member decides to do, the guidelines should be reviewed. Other helpful resources are the score sheets and the Communication Fact Sheets. All Frontier District 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the eventful day!

A registration link will be available until **February 9th** at 8:00 a.m. Participants registering as individuals will need to register separately. Groups, duos and ensembles will need to be registered by ONE person. Be sure to have the oldest participant's name and age. Each 4-H Club is assigned a room and is responsible for monitoring the room(s) at all times. Times for each room will be available after registration is complete and will be sent to leaders. Clubs should plan to cover the room for all morning. Contact each other to schedule monitoring responsibilities. Contact information for leaders is available in the Extension Office. Room assignments are as follows: Room #1: L13, FOP & AR; Room #2: CM & SS; Room #3: BG, CW & WW; Room #4: MJH & NO; Room #5: AT & BGG; Room #6: SNS & SH; Room #7: RR, RW & TC; Impromptu Room table (2): LL & PGB. Direct all questions to the Extension Office. Regional Club Day will be held on **March 23rd**, at Paola, more information will be available in next month's newsletter.

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- It is encouraged to sign up ASAP. The camp will cost \$75 per child. Please make checks payable to 4-H Council, due by **March 8th**. Pay your local Extension Office or mail to 1418 S. Main Suite 2. That will include camp fees and a t-shirt. If money is an issue to attend Animal Adventure camp, please contact your office, and we will help find a solution! If you are enrolled in the livestock projects, you will be receiving an email. Registration will be open **February 5 - 16, 2024!** 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 conjunction with Animal Adventure Camp, but youth do not have to attend the camp in order to participate in the training. YQCA fee is \$3.00 when registering online. Registration will be open **February 5 - 16, 2024!**

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. Follow the link to register for "Animal Adventure Camp" Direct all questions to Jessica at jrflory@ksu.edu.

Offices Closed

Frontier Extension District Offices will be closed for the holidays on **February 19th**.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service



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.

FEB.	4	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
	5	Animal Adventure Camp Registration Open	Online
	8	Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers	Ottawa
	9	Club Day Registration Due	Online
	16	Animal Adventure Camp Registration Closed	Online
		YQCA Registration Closes	Online
	18-19	Citizenship in Action @ Topeka Capitol	Topeka
	19	All Frontier District Offices Closed	Garnett/Ottawa/Osage
	24	Club Day @ West Franklin High School	Pomona
	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
	8	Animal Adventure Camp Payment Due to Local Office	Garnett/Ottawa/Osage
	14	Horse Judging Contest	Salina
	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
		IPM Art Contest Entries Due	20 Last Day to Order Mar-
		ket Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations	Online
	21-27	National Volunteer Week	
	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
	7	OS CO: Small Animal Weigh-In 4-6 p.m. @ Osage fairgrounds	Osage
JUNE	5	Last Day to Order Small Animal DNA Envelopes for Nominations	Online
	15	Small Animal Nominations Due	
		PT Testing 8 - 10 a.m. @ Franklin County Fair Grounds, BBQ Pavilion	Ottawa
	27	SE Area Contest	Emporia



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.

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.

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.

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.

GENERAL NEWS

Electronic Treasurer's Book Available

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

Add/Drop Project Deadline

The Extension Office will need to be contacted to have information changed. Any adding or dropping of projects must be done by **May 1st** in order for the member to enter in the 4-H division of the Fair. Members will not be able to change project information after the deadline. Direct all questions to the Extension 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?

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 4HOnline emails. If so, each member must re-subscribe 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.).

Officer Training Resources

If you signed up for officer training or club leader training, you received a special email! Thank you for signing up and our deepest apologies for having to cancel! Please email *josie03@ksu.edu* for some work sheets to walk you through some work sheets for each of the offices, as well as the videos attached.

4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center

Summer Camp 2024 registration is open! This includes half week, full week, LIT (Leader in Training) and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions. 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. Each have the opportunity to attend for free! 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!

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!

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

Everyone is invited to attend the Junior Beef Producer Day on **March 2, 2024**. Participants will learn about a variety of topics when a host of presenters provide sessions on selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, fitting and grooming, daily care, and showmanship. An instructor-led YQCA training will be offered as an optional class at the end of the day. T-shirts are provided to those who sign up by the deadline on **February 12th**.

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!

PROJECT NEWS

KSF and KJLS Nomination

Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show will need to Order DNA envelopes. Families will purchase envelopes directly through ShoWorks for each animal to be nominated. The cost will be \$12/animal.

1) DNA envelope orders will close **April 20th** for market beef and **June 5th** for small livestock. **Families must get envelopes ordered early! DO NOT WAIT!**

2) Market Beef Nominations due **May 1st**. Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations are due **June 15th**.

3) **NOTE: ENTRY IS ONLINE ONLY!**

Important Livestock Dates

Check out the Youth Livestock Program Newsletter or "like" the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program on Facebook!

5/1/24: Market Beef Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS

6/15/24: Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS

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!

(IPM) Art Contest

The Kansas State KSRE Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management Program would like to announce the 2024 Insect Art Contest. All are welcome to participate! Please follow the link for further information and rules. Entries are due **April 15th**.

Geology

Geology meetings coming soon! Be on the look out. To start preparing for the first meeting, start gathering some supplies! You will need the bottom four inches of a gallon milk jug(x2), a one quart jar with the lid to transport liquid (pickle or mayo container), a cake pan that will fit the two gallon bottoms to carry the liquids. At the next meeting, you will also be discussing field trips for the year! For any questions, please contact Gayla at rextheterrible@yahoo.com.

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!

Reminder! Horse Webinar and Quiz

Last year the rules changed for the State Fair! Follow the link above for more information!

PROJECT NEWS

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.

Reminder! 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!



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!

Kansas Equifest

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

Horse Judging Contest

Save the date: **March 14th** in conjunction with Equifest of Kansas in Salina. More Information coming soon!

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!

Save the Date: Livestock Judging Practice

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 jflory@ksu.edu with any questions!

PROJECT NEWS

Save the Date!

June 27, 2024 SE Area Livestock, Meats, and Skillathon Day. Location to be determined. **June 25, 2024** SE Area Program Day held in Emporia. More information coming soon!

Plant Science: Horticulture Newsletter

This is a fabulous resource!

KSU Jr. Producer Sheep Day

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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. @ FR CO: BBQ
Anderson County - **July 6th**; 8 - 10 A.M. @ AN CO: Arena
Osage County - **July 9th**; 5 - 7 P.M. @ Osage City Arena

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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.

The Farm Bureau Scholarship applications are available! **Franklin County** is due by **March 31st**. **Osage County** is due by **March 30th**. It is available in the Extension Office. Be sure to follow the instructions.

Kansas Farm Bureau - Due March 1st, 2024



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!

CWF 2026 Delegate Applications Available

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week of action-packed in Washington, D.C. with fellow 4-H members from throughout the United States. The nation's capitol will be the classroom! Youth will experience how government works and how to become an active leader in the community. The Frontier District will, once again, be taking a delegation in the Summer of 2026. The delegation will be selected early so funds may be raised and decisions can be made. Frontier District 4-H members, 15-18 years of age by January 1, 2026, are eligible to apply. Interested members must fill out an application, participate in a mandatory interview, and be approved in order to attend. Applications are available on the District's 4-H website under "District Events" and are due to any Frontier Extension District Office by **April 1, 2024**. Contact the Extension Office to have questions answered.



District's 4-H website:

www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h



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!

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National Volunteer Week

It's a week dedicated to volunteers! National Volunteer Week is **April 21st - 27th**. There are several things to do "To Make The Best Better!" Check what the website has to offer!

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.

Volunteers Must Be Up-To-Date!

All 4-H volunteers must be up-to-date on required paperwork (online). Jo is making sure all volunteers have the proper paperwork completed. Volunteers needing updates will be contacted via email. Please look for an email from her janstaett@ksu.edu. If you do not see one, and are not yet approved in 4-H Online, please check your junk mail or call her at the Lyndon Office (785-828-4438) to see what needs to be done. Please promptly complete any directions or requests received. If a volunteer is not making an effort to be updated, he/she will not be allowed to be a volunteer within the Frontier District 4-H program and/or will not be recognized at the end of the year. The Extension Office is happy to help or answer questions. Volunteers are welcome to use office computers, if needed!

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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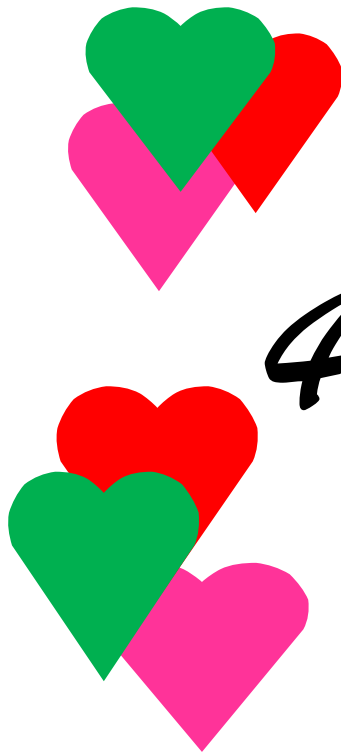
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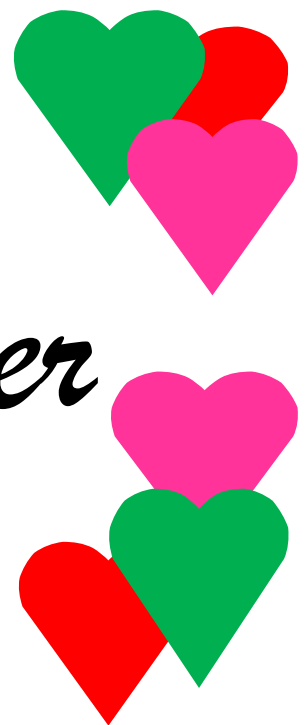
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4-H Forever





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 next meeting will be held in conjunction with the rescheduled New Family Social on February 26th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in the Annex. Be sure to attend and represent your club as there must be a representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end. While only club elected Council members are allowed to vote, all 4-H members, parents or volunteers are welcomed to attend.

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! Rescheduled

Our New Family Social has been rescheduled for **February 26th** from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please watch for an email and/or a text message from Jeanette at jlstineb@ksu.edu. Please RSVP by **February 21st**.

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.

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4-H Quilting Bee

Come help prepare the Anderson County 4-H Scholarship quilt top for the quilter so it will be ready for the Anderson County Fair Quilt Raffle. Volunteers will work **February 10th** and **February 17th** from 9 am- noon each day. You may attend one or both days. It will be held at the Extension Office. You must be 7 years of age or older, can be a 4-H member or a non 4-H member, parents are welcome too, and bring your own machine if you have one. Please RSVP to jlstineb@ksu.edu by **February 8th**.

2024 Youth Quilt Block Challenge Class

Looking to do something over Spring Break? Come and make a quilt block that can be entered into the 2024 Anderson County Fair (July 29-August 2). The Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild will be hosting a class on **Monday, March 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Frontier District Garnett Office (411 S Oak). During the class participants will learn how to make a quilt block based on this year's fair theme – Stars, Stripes, and Anderson County Fair Nights for the 2024 Anderson County Fair Quilt Block Challenge. The class is open to youth age 7 and older. Participants will need to purchase a quilt block packet that is available at Country Fabrics (108 E. 5th Avenue) in Garnett. Additionally, participants will need to bring one or two additional pieces of fabric to coordinate with the challenge fabrics. The additional fabrics could be purchased or they could be something you have on hand, but it must be prewashed cotton fabric and brought to the class. The class does require pre-registration to ensure enough sewing machines are available. Please contact the Frontier District Office in Garnett at (785.448.6826) to register.

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.

Save the Date

Richmond free Fair: **July 11th - 13th; 100th Anniversary Anderson County Fair: July 29th – August 2nd, 2024.**

Senior Scholarships

Anderson County 4-H - Due **March 22, 2024** at 5:00 p.m.

Anderson Co. Scholarship

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.

Council Committees: Assignments will be in effect October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.	National 4-H Week	CM & L13
	Achievement Celebration	CM
	County-Wide Community Serv.	L13
	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



OSAGE COUNTY NEWS



4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings

The Osage County 4-H Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each even numbered month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be **February 26, 2024**, at the Extension Office. Be sure to attend and represent your club as there must be a representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end. While only club elected Council members are allowed to vote, all 4-H members, parents or volunteers are welcomed to attend.

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. All club leaders are encouraged to attend!

Scholarships

Osage County Farm Bureau - Due **March 30th**; Contact Office for scholarship.

Schoepflin - Due April 19th

4-H Council and Club Fundraiser

Osage County 4-H is selling Blue and Gold Meats (bacon, sausage and chicken strips) as a fundraiser. This is a great fundraiser and families have become familiar with the products. Proceeds will be divided between 4-H Council and the 4-H Clubs. Orders are due to the Lyndon Office by **February 26th**. Delivery is expected in mid-March.

Leadership Event Scholarship Information:

Are you attending a 4-H Leadership Event (CIA, CWF, Discovery Days, etc.)? If you are, there are funds available from the Fredrickson Leadership Scholarship Fund. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

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

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. 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.

Overbrook Fair Only!

The 2024 Overbrook Fair will be a premium only sale this year. You will need to make spots for animals to be processed and find your own floor buyer ASAP! Contact the office for any questions.

Poultry Member Announcement

Participants planning to bring birds larger than standard chickens and ducks (i.e. turkeys or peacocks), the Osage City Fairboard has requested that you bring your own caging for these birds.

Save the Date

Richmond free fair: **July 11th-13th**; 100th anniversary.

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

Overbrook fair: **August 6-9, 2024**; this is now a Tues-Fri.

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. FR CO: BBQ

Anderson County - **July 6th**; 8 - 10 A.M. AN CO: Arena

Osage County - **July 9th**; 5 - 7 P.M. @ Osage City Arena

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FRANKLIN COUNTY NEWS



4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings

The Franklin County 4-H Council meetings are held on the last Monday of each odd numbered month (not July) at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be **March 25th, 2024**, at Commission Chambers, 1418 S. Main, in Ottawa (down the hall from the Extension Office). Be sure to attend and represent your club as there must be a representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end. While only club elected Council members are allowed to vote, all 4-H members, parents or volunteers are welcomed to attend.

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!

Scholarships

Franklin County Farm Bureau - April 1st, 2024
Ottawa Co-op - April 1st, 2024

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2024 Franklin County Fair Dates

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

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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.

Franklin County Shooting Sports

Franklin County Shooting Sports will only offer archery for the upcoming year. They are looking for other discipline leaders! Practice dates will be listed when available and will also be sent to those who are enrolled in the project. Direct any and all questions to Becky Cain at FranklinCountyShootingSports@gmail.com the current program coordinator.

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Seeking a Concession Stand Manager

Fair will be here before we know it! Which means we will begin the process of looking for a manager to run the concession stand during the fair! The manager will plan the menu, buy & order all the food & supply's, and run the stand during the fair. If this is something your interested in, please email Josie at josie03@ksu.edu!

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

District's 4-H website: www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h/

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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