Enroll Online by December 1

Please do not forget to enroll online at https://ks.4honline.com before December 1, 2019! Enrollment fees for 2019-2020 are still at $15 per 4-H member. Clover Buds and Adult Volunteers are free.

It is important that you take the time to get this done. After December 1st, the office will roll over into the year for ALL notifications. This includes the 4-H Newsletter, broadcast emails and texts. Those who are not enrolled after December 1 will still receive the December 4-H Connections, and then will be removed off all mailing/notification lists.

Youth enrolled by December will be able to mark this item as one of the three (3) additional requirements to be eligible for county fair auctions.

4-H Achievement Recognition

2:00 PM - November 17, 2019
Plains Community Building, 812 Grand Avenue

All 4-H families and friends are invited to the annual 4-H Achievement Recognition Event. This year we will not be having a pot-luck meal as in the past, drinks and cookies will be served at the event. Thank you Plains Livewire 4-H Club for hosting us this year!

This events recognizes youth and volunteers for their hard work during the 2018-2019 4-H year including:

- 4-H Pins
- Kansas Award Portfolio County Project Winners
- 4-H Family of the Year
- 4-H Alumni
- Friend of 4-H
- Years of Service

Leke Zequiri, from Kosovo and 4-H Exchange Student will also be giving a short presentation.

Please come join us for this celebration! Expect a condensed event do to the 4-H Record Book party happening immediately afterwards.

Youth attending this event will be able to mark this item as one of the three (3) additional requirements to be eligible for the county fair auctions.

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Record Book Party
4:00 PM - November 17, 2019
Thunder Strikes Bowling Alley
1103 LaLande Ave – Sublette

4-Her’s that completed a noncompetitive record book are invited to come have a good time and bowl! 4-H Council will pay for each qualified member (and their parents) to bowl and will also provide snacks. Siblings are welcome to attend, but must cover their own cost.

Officer Training
6:00-7:00 PM - November 20, 2019
Meade County Extension Office

4-H members that were elected as Officers for the 2019-2020 year are requested to attend Officer Training. Christine and Elly will host the training at the Extension Office. Youth will be split in two different groups to receive their training. 4-H leaders and parents are encouraged to also attend.

RSVP is required for the training by November 15. The Extension Office will provide pizza for those in attendance. This meeting will be canceled if less than 10 members sign up.

Youth attending this event will be able to mark this item as one of the three (3) additional requirements to be eligible for the county fair auctions.

Cooking with Christine
December 20, 2019

Save the date! Christine will be offering a limited number of spots at this December Foods meeting. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.873.8790) to save your spot. At this time, the meeting will be held in the early afternoon. Watch the December newsletter for more information on the class!

4-H Apparel - $16

Kansas State 4-H Council members are selling shirts for $16 each. Orders and payment are due to the Extension Office no later than November 18 for county delivery. We hope to have the shirts in before the office closes for Christmas break.

Youth: Sizes – Small to X-Large
Adult: Sizes – Small to 3XL
(add $1.50 for 2XL and $3 for 3XL)

Youth Colors:
- Heather Coral
- Heather Purple

Adult Colors:
- Heather Orchard
- Heather Purple
- Heather Raspberry
- Heather Slate
- Heather Sunset
- Heather Storm

4-H Council Meeting
1:00 PM – November 17, 2019
Plains Community Building

4-H Council members, both “old” and “newly” elected members can participate in the November 4-H Council Meeting. “Old” representatives will need to call the meeting to order, approve the minutes and treasurers report, and finish any old business. In new business, elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
Horse Project Activities

Local Project Meetings:
The Horse Club will be studying for various competitions and to compete at the 2020 4-H Horse Panorama, January 24-26 at Rocks Springs 4-H Center.

All Meetings will begin at 6:00 PM unless noted.

November 12 – Business + Quiz Bowl Practice
November 19 – Quiz Bowl Practice
November 24 – 4:00 PM, Mounted Practice
November 26 – Quiz Bowl Practice
December 10 – Business + Quiz Bowl Practice
December 17 – Quiz Practice

Thank you Karrie Miller for teaching these meetings!

Local Winter Play Days:
The Horse Club will also be hosting winter play days. The events are open to anyone will include: Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, and 1 mystery event!

Each day will start at 1:00 PM.

November 16, 2019
December 21, 2019
January 18, 2020
February 22, 2020

Buckle Bonanza
Two remaining Buckle Bonanza Shows remain. These shows focus primarily on teaching the 4-Her more about what judges expect during a show. It’s a clinic and show in one event! Great job to Adeline, Kellie and Teaghan, who participated at the first show in Garden City on October 19th.

November 9 – Sublette, Haskell County Fairgrounds
December 14 – Meade, Gene Harris Arena
December 15 – Rain/Snow Date

Code of Conduct Update
Kansas 4-H has updated the Code of Conduct that EACH member signs when enrolling for 4-H. The changes align with Kansas State University risk management and conduct standards, and will be implemented for the current 4-H year. The new form brings clarification of behavior expectations and help all parties in local extension units and at K-State move forward in the Kansas 4-H Youth Development mission.

If you would like to read the nitty-gritty legal details of the new 4-H Code of Conduct. Please refer to this article online published in the State 4-H Tip Sheet. https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=56846

Livestock Sale - Policy J2.2
It is important for all livestock project members to be aware of this rule! In simple terms, the policy states that if a NOMINATED animal (for Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show) is SOLD at any COUNTY FAIR auction, it becomes INELIGIBLE to be shown at the KSF or KJLS.

All nominated livestock that are sold in July at the fair are reported to the State 4-H Youth Livestock Department. Again, this policy only affects the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

2020 Citizenship Washington Focus
We are very sad to announce that 2020 CWF trip for the State of Kansas has been postponed. Recent years have seen lower participation numbers, that cause the overall budget of the trip to lose substantial money. The intentions of canceling the trip for 2020 is to help Kansas 4-H better determine how to strategically leverage CWF and other 4-H Summits held at the National 4-H Conference Center throughout the rest of the year.

Locally we hope to see the trip resumed in 2021! The experiences and friendships made on this trip are once in a lifetime.
Citizenship Project Activities

5K Fun Run-Operation Christmas Child
November 3, 2019

This fun run is hosted by Meade County 4-H Citizenship Project and is designed to help raise funds to help mail all of the shoeboxes that were packed at the 48 Hours of 4-H event in October. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Clawson’s (620.482.3305) to let them know and they will assign you to a task.

Fleece Blanket “tie” Workshops

November 16, 2019 – 2:00 – 3:30 PM
December 8, 2019 – 2:00 – 3:30 PM

County-wide Citizenship project leader, Korben Clawson will again be hosting TWO more workshops to tie fleece blankets for the Forensic Nursing unit at Via Christi St. Joseph in Wichita. The blankets will be given to patients that are the victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. The blankets will provide a sense of comfort for these children and adult victims.

Thank you to everyone that helped make fleece blankets at the first two workshops. There is no need to RSVP to come help make blankets.

Korben plans to continue hosting meetings where 4-Hers can make tied fleece blankets to donate year round to this cause for the foreseeable future. You do not need to be in any certain 4-H project to get involved. You also do not need to know how to sew because we will simply be cutting fringe and tying square knots.

FLEECE NEEDED!

If you have extra fleece or could help donate, please let Korben know.

48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up & Thinking ahead

Thank you to everyone that helped with the 48 Hours of 4-H Weekend. We had a great turnout for the packing party and appreciate everyone that helped the day before as well. We have been asked what 4-H clubs can do to help even more with the 48 Hours of 4-H event. We work towards this packing party year round.

As 4-H members, or your club as a group, can help by: collecting school supplies, collecting new small stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, or tools (hammers, multi-head screwdrivers, pliers, and tape measures). You can save medicine bottles to be used for the nails and screws to put in the boxes with the tools.

You can also make fishing kits or sewing kits. We've seen these kits placed in medicine bottles as well. As a sewing project, you can make the flannel blankets for the baby dolls or make extra outfits for the Barbie dolls.

Many of you have attended workshops to make the t-shirt jump ropes. It would be great to have dozens or hundreds of these jump ropes made to go in the boxes.

Finally, you or your club can fundraise for the shipping of the boxes. Each year, we raise $9,000 in shipping money!

Many of you help with the 5K Fun Run, the bake sales and ice cream sales throughout the year for this project, but you are welcome to get creative and come up with your own fundraising ideas as well.

Once again, thank you for helping make the weekend a success! If you have any questions about this project, please contact Tamra Clawson or Korben Clawson.
Ambassadors in Action

Newly formed this fall, Meade County 4-H Ambassadors are just getting started. Ambassadors will work closely with their advisor, Dixie Harlow and the Extension Agents to promote 4-H, organize, narrate events, and become positive role models for other members of the community. Congratulations to Korben Clawson, Kody Henson, Kaylen Langhofer and Jamie Turner for turning in forms to become our first group of Ambassadors for 2019-2020 4-H Year.

The first official event they participated in was Trunk or Treat on October 24th at the Meade District Hospital. If you have an event you would like them to attend, please contact Dixie at ddharlow@gmail.com.

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48 Hours of 4-H Photos

Thank you to all of our 4-H Members and community members that helped with the Operation Christmas Child Event held on October 12 & 13, 2019.
**Annual Pecan Fundraiser**

The Plains Livewire 4-H Club is hosting their annual pecan sale to raise funds for their 4-H Club. The pecans come as either halves or pieces in 1 lb. bags. Each bag is $13. You can contact any club member or either Melissa Langhofer (620.482.3726) or Mary Beth Woods (620.353.4731) to purchase pecans.

FACTS: Pecans are certified heart-healthy from the American Heart Association and are among the top 15 foods to contain the highest antioxidant capacity, and a handful a day can lower LDL cholesterol. Pecans can also be stored in the freezer for up to 2 years to preserve freshness!

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**Other Photos from October!**

Thank you Cole Langhofer, Plains Livewire Reporter for sending us photos of your club members!

**November Extension Office Holiday Closings**

Veterans Day – November 11, 2019  
Thanksgiving – November 28 & 29, 2019

The Extension Office will be closed in November for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the December 4-H Connections will be published the first week in December. Please submit any photos or events to Elly at sneath@ksu.edu with the subject line ‘Newsletter’ no later than December 1st!

**Don’t forget to start setting project goals for each of your projects!**
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Monthly Club Meetings
- 3 C’s – TBA
- 4 Leaf Clover – 4th 6:30 PM Meade Co. Fairgrounds
- Plains Livewires – 10th 3:00 PM Plains United Methodist Church
- Town & Country – 11th 7:00 PM Meade Co. Fairgrounds, 4-H Building