Quick Knowledge from Eli Redington

Coming up on my 10th year as a 4-Her I have learned three major tips that I would give to anyone in 4-H whether you have just joined or are a long time member. My time in 4-H has been unforgettable, I am President of the Macon Laker Club, Harvey County 4-H Council and Junior Leaders and also serve as a Harvey County Ambassador. My projects over the years include weaving, ceramics, leadership, rocketry, and photography.

My first tip is to get involved. In 4-H there are countless opportunities but you need to take them. I would not have experienced Citizenship In Action, if I hadn’t decided to sign up, and at first I had no clue what it would be like, I didn’t even know it I would enjoy it. Now after going twice it is my favorite event Kansas 4-H puts on. Always be on the lookout for upcoming events and competitions. During the county fair there will always be someone who needs some help, maybe the foodbooth is getting busy or the barn isn’t quite set up for livestock yet. That is the perfect time to lend a hand and be involved.

Second, have fun! 4-H shouldn’t feel like a burden, if you are running a meeting, pass motions with members saying oink, whistling, or standing. There is nothing stopping you from shaking up a routine. Likewise, if you start to become overwhelmed or and have too much on your plate, don’t be afraid to take a step back. School work should take priority over 4-H work. Finally, and to my most importantly, MAKE FRIENDS! My 5th year in 4-H I attended camp at Rock Springs and had a blast, though I can’t remember all of it I still can name everyone who was in my cabin and many of them I still talk with today. Don’t be scared to start a conversation with someone new.

As you continue to grow in 4-H, take my advice and you will create memories that will last a lifetime.
Salvation Army needs Bell Ringers

Bell ringers are needed for the Salvation Army kettles, beginning the Day after Thanksgiving. It’s a great way to care and share with those who are less fortunate. Please call Wendy Bayse at 316-217-4916 to set up a schedule with her. This is great community service for 4-H Clubs!

State 4-H Scholarship

Current or past 4-H members who are currently high school seniors or older are eligible to apply for the Kansas 4-H Scholarships.

Be on the look out for more information!

4-H Club Meeting Exchange

Harvey County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to get to know fellow county 4-H Members and see how other clubs operate! Check out the list to which club you will be “exchanging with” and start planning a time to join them for a meeting or social activity!

Exchange meetings should take place throughout the 4-H year, and community leaders should notify Ashley at ajanzen@ksu.edu when exchange meetings are to be held.

Macon Lakers – Walton
Lucky 13 – Burrton – Hesston
Sedgwick - Halstead

Premium Checks: If you have not taken your thank you to your Buyer from the Premium Auction and picked up your check, please do so as soon as possible.

KSF: If you exhibited a the KSF, stop by the office in December and pickup your premium.

County Fair: We still have a few 4-Her’s that have not picked up their Fair Premium Ribbon Money. Stop by when you can.
Now is the time to sign up for county-wide committees. These committees help to plan and develop 4-H events and programs for Harvey County. Do you have a new idea? Join a committee and get involved today! All 4-H members and adult volunteers are welcome to join committees.

**Helpful Hint**: 4-H Members should check achievement pin requirements. For certain pins, you need to be on a county wide committee.

**Livestock** - Plan and conduct judging schools and other livestock project activities; plan and promote spring livestock shows; make fair recommendations; set criteria for herdsmanship competition at the County Fair, put together the Livestock and Champion Food sale posters.

**Promotion**—Help promote 4-H at different places.

**4-H Food stand**— Work with manager to plan food stand, discuss menu and prices; Assist with pre-fair and after fair cleanup; recommend equipment and physical improvements

**4-H Day**—Review guidelines; make up schedule; Set up and clean up on day of event; Supervise performance rooms; setup and man information table; assign room monitors

**Achievement Banquet**—Recommend program and choose decorations; Set-up and clean-up at Banquet; Select Menu

**4-H Supporters’ Picnic**— Plan the program, prepare list of job assignments, Help set up and tear down at the picnic, assist with registering guests

**Finance**—Review past year’s 4-H Council records and budget; prepare budget for current year; Select ideas for money making projects and be in charge of the projects.

**Sign Up Now!** E-mail Anne at aelpers@ksu.edu to join.

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**Places that offer discount to 4-H’ers**

- JoAnn Fabric & Craft (Wichita)
- Orscheln Farm & Home (Newton)
- Tractor Supply Co. (Newton)

*Note: Tractor Supply Co. is only at certain times throughout the year.*
IT'S TIME TO ENROLL
STARTING OCTOBER 1ST
RE-ENROLL ONLINE AT: HTTPS://KS.4HONLINE.COM

FIRM DEADLINES:
RETURNING 4-H MEMBER: JANUARY 1ST, 2020
PROJECT ENROLLMENT (CHANGES/ADDITIONS): MAY 15TH, 2020

Happy 4-H New Year!
The 4-H Year begins every October. It is time to re-enroll and is also time to select 4-H project to participate in.

As a reminder, in order to exhibit an item at the County Fair, 4-H’ers are required to be enrolled in the corresponding project in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Why not try something new? Choose from over 30 4-H Projects to enroll in.

Local support for projects may vary. Learn more about local projects at http://www.harvey.k-state.edu/4-h/events/county-wide-projects.html

VOLUNTEER SERVICE
RENEWAL FORMS
http://www.harvey.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html

Previously screened 4-H Volunteers are required to renew 4-H Online account each year. If you have any questions, please e-mail ajanzen@ksu.edu.

*THE DEADLINE TO RESUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION THROUGH 4-H ONLINE IS DECEMBER 31ST, 2019**
The Extension Office will be closed on the following days in November:

December 25th for Christmas Day
January 1st in honor of New Year’s Day

Thank you for your understanding!
### JUNIOR LEADERS

**Leader:** *Volunteer Leader Needed!*

**Contact:** Anne Pitts  
**Phone:** 316-284-6930  
**E-Mail:** aelpers@ksu.edu

Plan for December to go shopping for our adopted family. Meet in front of Hair Salon in Walmart at 6:30, then will travel back to office to wrap and for a quick meeting. If you need a ride, please let Ashley know at ajanzen@ksu.edu

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### Visual Arts & Crafts

**Leader:** Deidra Hendricks  
**Phone:** 316-282-0271

Visual arts will be meeting Thursday, December 12, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Wendy Nugent to introduce this new project. It will be held at "The Phoenix", a new ceramic shop located on the south side of the outlet mall. This is for all ages! Minimum cost is $5 for the paint, brushes, etc. plus cost of ceramic pieces. Items are $1-$50. Parents can set the limit. Many smaller, low cost items good for Christmas decorations or small gifts are available. If a larger project is desired and not finished, it can be completed at another time. Deidra Hendricks, visual arts leader and Wendy Nugent, new ceramics leader will both be present. Please register at the Extension Office by Monday, December 9

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### DOG PROJECT

**Leader:** Anna Atherton  
**Phone:** 316-217-6887  
**E-Mail:** annaschurter@gmail.com

We will start January 14 at 6:30 for new members or new dogs. All new members must attend the first 6 weeks of basic obedience training. Please contact Anna 316-217-6887 or annaschurter@gmail.com with any questions. Bring vaccine records, (all dogs must be current on rabies, bordetella, and DHPP to be present) treats, collar & leash, pick-up bags, and a water bowl.

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If you are interested in the Ceramics Project, please e-mail ajanzen@ksu.edu

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In Harvey County we are fortunate to have a lot of county-wide project leaders. They work hard to plan and schedule meetings for 4-H’ers. If you are enrolled in one of the projects where there are county-wide meetings, **PLEASE** make every effort to attend the meetings.
Citizenship in Action

When: February 16-17, 2020 in Topeka

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to the Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. Youth 13-18 may attend.

Be on the look out for more information!

KAP’s are done, but did you know that it is the perfect time of year to set your goals for your projects this year? If you use the worksheet provided in your newsletter, it will help you figure out what you want to do and how you will do it in each of your projects. It is never too early to start working on those Records for our Kansas Award Portfolios. Here are some tips to help you so you are not scrambling at the end:

1. Fill out the Project Goal Worksheet
2. Print off the KAP to start keeping track of meetings, events, and awards you will get throughout the year
3. Print off the Membership Pin application to do figure out what you need to do this year to achieve this pin and make plans to do those events (membership pins, add on the requirements year to year, so by looking at what is required you won’t miss any event needed to achieve this pin!)
4. Any questions between here and now, give the office a call and we will help you work through it

It is never too early to start working on these Award Portfolios and it will help save you a headache later if you start now.
Dear 4-H Family,

On behalf of the Harvey County Extension Office, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season! With time off of school and work, enjoy the time you have to spend with family and loved ones.

We have enjoyed seeing everyone’s accomplishments during achievement night! Thanks for coming out.

Sincerely,

Ashley Janzen
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