November and December always seem to go by super-fast! Between Achievement Night and finishing/starting new programs we are busy busy. As of when you are receiving this newsletter, we have been slowing down but our Livestock Judging team has been active in several different events the month of December and many of them have been doing very well! If you are interested in join that team please let me know and we will make sure to keep you in the loop.

As for January and February it seems to be a bit slower as well. We do have several events, tagging, deadlines, etc. scheduled and ready for the next few months. Please make note of that in your calendars. Another way to make sure you are not going to miss a notification about any events, deadlines, or important dates is to re-enroll in 4-H Online and select all the projects you are interested in. We do most of our communication through 4-H Online about upcoming dates. We also do a lot on our Facebook Group page, so if you Facebook make sure you are apart of that.

We have been accepted again to have our Summer Intern program through our office. Last year we made a huge impact on youth who traditionally are not in 4-H and we are looking forward to make an even bigger impact this coming summer. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out. Interviews will take place in February and we should know by March who our interns are to allow plans to start happening. We are excited to have this opportunity in our office again and we hope you help spread the word!

Lastly, if you don’t know, I am pregnant and due in the next few weeks. I plan on being out of the office January through March. If you need anything at all please get in contact with Maddie through email mansonvenning@ksu.edu or by calling the office 316-284-6930.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
In Search of 2023 Fair Theme

Last year our fair theme was Country Flair at the Harvey County Free Fair, submitted by Jaeann. As we gear up for the 2023 Fair year we are looking for the newest theme.

Who will submit this years winning theme? 4-H Council will vote on the theme during their February Meeting. Please submit your theme ideas by February 17th to be considered.

To submit your theme go to:

Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions

The 4-H Year kicked off in October and we had a few individuals already being active. In the first picture, you will see Taysley winning a novice award at the Leavenworth Judging competition a few weeks ago. This year we have a livestock judging coach so if you are interested please let us know and we will make sure you know when things are happening.

The other picture is back from Taste of Newton that was in October. Our Ambassador group is the one who puts this on as their main fundraiser. If you are interested in being an Ambassador, are 13 years old as of Jan. 1 this year and want to grow your leadership skills please reach out on how you can join.
The Extension Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years, along with the University. Which means, if you do not get re-enrolled in 4-H Online soon we will not be available to help you if any problems arise.

MULTI-COUNTY CLUB DAYS!

Save the Date April 1st

This year club days will be with McPherson County. Start making plans on what you would like to do. More information to come.

Calling all Volunteers!

Please make sure to re-enroll on 4-H online for the '22-'23 4-H new year so that you do not have any laps in service!

New volunteers who will be working with 4-H youth! You need to make sure that you are enrolled in the 4-H online system!

https://v2.4 honline.com/#/user/sign-in
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 [here](#).

Volunteer Service Renewal Forms

Step by Step guide here

Previously screened 4-H Volunteers are required to renew 4-H Online account each year. If you have any questions, please email Anne at aelpers@ksu.edu.
4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H agents is excited to inform you that the annual “4-H day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball” has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12th, when the wildcats take on Oklahoma at 1pm!

For $25, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, game day t-shirt, and a $10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will once again be online this year with a January 15th deadline!

Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball (constantcontact.com)

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. Starting in 2023, 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 8-18 with both three-night and six-night options.

Youth can register for any session of interest; the historical camp groupings are discontinued. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at rocksprings-ranch4hcamp.org. It is recommended to register early, as camp sessions will fill on a first-come-first-serve basis.

There will continue to be opportunities to earn a financial scholarship through our 4-H Development Fund. You can find more information about the Development Fund scholarship by going to our website under Awards and Scholar-
Citizenship in Action
Citizenship in Action is tentatively scheduled for February 20-21st in Topeka. More information will come in an email. If we have youth interested, we will need a parent to chaperone. Anne cannot attend this year.

Typically the first day is the afternoon and evening in the Capital. Overnight at a hotel and then all morning at the Capital again meeting with our representatives. This event is for older 4-Hers.

State 4-H scholarships
Current or past 4-H members who are currently high school seniors or older are eligible to apply for the Kansas 4-H scholarships. Applications are due March 1st, 2023. Use the website below for all information on how to submit your applications.

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

Record Books
Record books were updated a few years ago and last year was the 1st year to offer an online way to fill out record books. Now is the time to print all requirements. Look at what needs to be done and plan out your year. Find all record book applications and membership pin applications here.

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html
### Beef Project
**Leader:** Barbara Roux  
**E-Mail:** norbar@mtelco.net  
**Beef Weigh Day:** March 4th, 2023  
**Spring Beef Show:** March 25th, 2023

**Beef Weigh in Information:**

**Starts at 10:00 A.M.**

6307 N Hillside, Walton, Jim Brubacher Farm

Directions: Hillside and Walton Rd (60th) north on Hillside, west side of road. Enter south drive, south side of round top. We will be using single animal scales under the chute, processing will be done in one location.

In order to show at the county fair YOU MUST weigh & tag at weigh day. If you cannot bring your animal please try to get someone else to bring your animal to be weighed and tagged THAT DAY. As a last resort call the office & make alternate arrangements BEFORE weigh day. We will NOT tag any animals after weigh day.

### Dog Project
**Leader:** Amy Brown  
**Email:** h2oskii@hotmail.com

Our dog project gets super active in the spring make sure to reach out to Amy about times and dates!

### Cloverbuds/Exploring 4-H
**Leader:** Lynnette Redington  
**Email:** Iredington12@gmail.com

Cloverbud/Exploring 4-H Meeting  
Saturday, February 11, 10AM. Location to be determined.

Want to learn about the projects in 4-H? Come have some fun exploring lots of projects and learning the basics of 4-H. Three one hour meetings planned for the year. Parents are encouraged to stay! Have questions? Contact Lynnette

### Other projects
Keep an eye out on your emails! There will be project meetings starting up!
Upcoming 4-H Dates

January 16th  Office Closed

February 11th  Cloverbud / Exploring 4-H Meeting

February 23rd  Ambassador Meeting @ 6pm
               4-H Council Meeting @ 7pm

March 4th  Beef Weigh Day

March 24th  Spring Beef Show

April 1st  Multi-County Club Days

August 3rd—7th  Harvey County Fair

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