

# 21 Central Extension District 4-H News



## December: Dreams of 4-H Projects to Come!

December, 2023

Happy holidays to our 4-H Families and Leaders! I hope the days leading up to the holidays are full of family, friends, good food and fun. I have just a few things to mention to you.

**Congratulations to Year-End Award Winners in 21 Central! I am so proud of all the 4-H'ers in Edwards and Stafford Counties; you have had a very successful 4-H year. Here are just a few of the special awards winners.**

### Edwards County:

4-H Secretary – Grayson Stegman of the Trenton Workers 4-H Club

Extra Mile 4-H'er – Morgan Sebes of the Lewis 4-H Club

Overall Top Project Records to : Carson Domme, Everett Sollock, Joey Prieto, Laci Taylor, Benjamin Stuckey, Emma Schmitt, Duelley Walker, Allie Walker, Grayson Stegman, Geneveve Schroeder, Blaine Ybarra, Joshua Stuckey, and Colt May

Purple Seals to Trenton Workers 4-H Club

Special Awards to : Jeremy Burr (4-H Alumni), Marilyn Butler (Friend of 4-H), and the Aaron Walker Family (4-H Family).

### Stafford County:

Overall Top Project Winners: Cody Newdigger, Jonathan Morel, Borne, Gracen Petty, Luke Petty, Reagan Ferguson, Easton Alpers, Garrett Dunn, Braxton Alpers, Ian Dunn, Ryer Ward, Garrett McAlister, Jayce Feril, Liddy Axman, Bowen Ward, Axel Acosta, Weston Peterson, Addie McAlister, Olivia Dick, Mara Feril, Kyler Dickson, and Klaire Dickson.

Overall Achievement winners: Luke Petty, Mara Feril, Axel Acosta, Lainey Peterson, and Garrett Dunn

Purple Seal to Jolly Workers

## For more information:

<https://www.ksu.edu/extension/youth-programs/>  
Youth Livestock Program

**2023 Calendar & Important Deadlines**  
 March 11: K-State 4-H Year-End Review Day  
 March 18: K-State Junior-Meats Goat Product Day  
 April 15: K-State & Agricultural Deadlines  
 April 20: 1st Day on the Market (Dish) Deadlines for Youth  
 May 4: Year-End Showcase Day  
 June 8: Last Day to Order 2024 Livestock & PMA Packages for Youth  
 June 15: Submission of the Year, Show & Market Photos

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### Edwards County 4-H Members

@ Facebook: 41 members

### Stafford County 4-H Families

@ Facebook: 1 member

### Jolly Workers 4-H - SF Co, KS

@ Facebook: 40 members

### Cloverleaf 4H

@ Facebook: 19 members

### Corn Valley 4H Club

@ Facebook: 15 members

### Northern Star 4H club

**A BIG thank you to those 4-H'ers who helped with Thanksgiving Food Boxes! Whether helping to sort food and fill the boxes, or helping people get those boxes, we appreciate your help and volunteerism. This is a great community service project!**



**Make sure to come out for the Christmas food box sorting on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at the fair building. Christmas food box pick up is Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m.**

**Shooting Sports News:** BB Gun and Air Rifle instruction and practice starts Sunday, December 3, 2023, @ 1:00 PM at the Edwards County Fair building. Be sure you have enrolled on 4Honline for this project.

**EYE Trip Update:** these 4-H'ers will conduct two concession stands as fundraisers. The dates are Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the USD #347 dome for the basketball games. They will serve Wheatland Café pigs in a blanket and mac & cheese. Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas Fantasy in Kinsley they will serve biscuits and gravy and cinnamon rolls for breakfast and chili, chili dogs, and chili Frito pies for lunch. Please support this group as they raise money for their St Louis trip.

**Registration Open for K-State Junior Producer Days** The 2024 K-State Junior Producer Day dates are now open for registration. The K-State Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 2, with K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 16. Both events will be hosted in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific species. Youth, adults, project leaders, and volunteers of all ages and skill levels are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. Topics will range from selection to nutrition, to meat science, reproduction, health, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. This is a family learning event! Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults. For both events, the cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after the deadline. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt. Junior Beef Producer Day registrations are due February 12, with Junior Sheep being due by February 26. Registration is open now and can be completed online using this link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. Junior Producer Day event registrations are non-refundable.

**Registration for Rock Springs 4-H Camp opened November 15! Early bird registration discounts end December 31!**

**It is Never Too Early to Start Thinking About 4-H Club Day.** Start thinking about what event you would like to participate in and find a topic to cover! Marissa and the rest of the Extension Office Staff are always available to help you with your presentations! Please be on the lookout for a detailed email later this month about the 2024 Club Days event!

**Are you interested in Judging?** The 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar will be held on April 12, 2024. 4-H Dog Judges Training and recertification will be January 26-28, 2024. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please contact me for more information.

**Attention Seniors:** State 4-H Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2024. The forms are available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

**4-H Council Meetings:**

Edwards County - January 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Lewis School Cafeteria

Stafford County - January 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office Meeting Room

**4-H Ambassador Program-** 4-H'ers have expressed interest in starting up the Ambassador Program. If you are interested in the Ambassador Program, please contact me. Also, if there is an adult interested in being the Ambassador Advisor, please contact me; we cannot have this program without adult leadership.

**4-H Enrollment-** Some have not finished their 4-H enrollment. If you have questions, or need help, please feel free to contact me. The website to enroll or re-enroll is: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. If you need help, do not hesitate to ask for help from the Extension Office Staff. We ask that you complete your enrollment by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you do not remember your password, the site will send you a link to retrieve it. If you need help selecting projects, review the [Project Selection Guide](#).

**4-H Project Selection Guide** This guide explains all 37 4-H projects offered. When a family enrolls in 4-H, this guide is beneficial. Make sure to look through it because there are a few projects that are not well known in our counties but are a good fit for extracurricular activities that some families participate in but do not realize fit right in with a 4-H project.

**Volunteers and 4HOnline** We encourage parents, project leaders, and club leaders to sign up on 4HOnline. If you want our assistance, please contact the Extension Office. If you are a new family to 4-H, please visit <https://www.21central.k-state.edu/4-h/enroll/> or contact your community club leaders or the Extension Office staff.

We are in desperate need of **Project Leaders!!** You do not have to be an expert to be a project leader; just interested. The Extension Office has a lot of materials to help you get started as a project leader. If you are interested or know of someone who could help, please contact the Extension Office.

We know you just finished them, but it is not too early to start your **2023-24 4-H Records**. 😊 Take a look at the application for the achievement pin you will be applying for this year. Some of the requirements take some planning, like being enrolled in Leadership or needing to attend a state event. These forms can be found at: <https://www.21central.k-state.edu/4-h/record-books/>. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you need help.



Be sure to check out our website for **publications** that will aid your family in 4-H. Publications like the Achievement Level Pins, 4-H Family Guide, and project resources. Go to <https://www.21central.k-state.edu/4-h/> and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**KYLF:** Stafford County sent 6 delegates to the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum to represent the 21 Central District. They attended workshops on finding your why, 4-H Japan and South Korea Exchanges, 4-H Japan Academic Year Exchanges, advocating for mental health in our communities, and so much more! Ian Dunn was also selected to be on the Kansas Youth Leadership Council.





21 CENTRAL DISTRICT'S

# 4 Days of 4-H!

December 19

Drop off a hand-  
made Holiday  
Card for our  
Holiday Service  
project!

December 20

Incorporate the  
holidays into one of  
your projects! Example:  
Visual Arts? Make a  
holiday craft. Foods?  
Make gingerbread  
cookies! Get creative!

December 21

Wear your ugly  
Holiday sweater  
AND your 4-H  
clovers!

December 22

Make a 4-H  
themed  
Gingerbread  
House!

Help us celebrate the holidays! Each day that you participate, you will get your name in a drawing for a fun prize! You just need to send a picture to the Extension Office, or drop by to show us! You will also get a sweet surprise every time you stop by the office to show us how festive you are!



# Why Participate in Club Day?

- To demonstrate the value of the 4-H Youth Development program through public presentation & evaluation of:
  - Demonstrations
  - Talks
  - Meeting Procedures
  - Recreation
- To provide additional opportunity for 4-Hers to participate in music and dramatics and to share their talents.
- To provide opportunity for fellowship and wider acquaintance among 4-Hers.
- To exchange information regarding 4-H project work to others.
- To present a favorable image to the public and to promote 4-H.
- To build confidence in abilities such as speaking in front of others or delivering information

## What can I do at Club Day?

Show and Tell  
Reading  
Project Talk  
Demonstration  
Illustrated Talk  
Public Speaking  
Extemporaneous  
Application/Resume/Interview (SF CO Only)  
Gavel Games  
Vocal Ensemble  
Vocal Solo  
Instrumental Solo  
Piano Solo  
Dance  
Skit  
1 Act Play (ED CO Only)  
Creative Dramatic (ED CO Only)  
Novelty/Stunt  
Club Skit  
Model Meeting

Find more resources here!  
<https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/club-day.html>

Keep a look  
out for an  
email from  
me about  
Club Day  
Dates!

# Let's set some age appropriate goals!

Below I have written a goal for a junior, intermediate, and a senior all in the same project. Notice how there are different types of goals for each age level.

## Junior

I would like to walk my bucket calf 3 times a week to make sure she is halter-broke before weigh-in.

I would like to learn two new brush strokes and use them both in a painting.

Focus on learning the basics of the project.

## Intermediate

I would like to attend two clipping workshops to improve my clipping skills before the fair.

I would like to attend two pottery classes a week to improve my shaping skills.

Focus on improving your skills in the project and starting to take on some leadership roles.

## Senior

I would like to present at a project meeting about one specific clipping technique to help younger 4-Hers.

I would like to become a Junior Project leader in the Visual Arts project and help assist the Project Leader with lessons.

Focus on leadership and mastering skills in your project.

**A good rule of thumb is three to five goals per project for ages 7 to 10, four to eight goals per project for ages 11 to 13, and 7 to 12 goals per project for ages 14 to 18.**

Visit this website for more information:  
<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

**Edwards County and Stafford County Fair Dates: July 16-20**

**Fair Tee Shirt design contest: RULES:** No copyrighted material may be used, except for the 4-H Clover. The design must incorporate the 4-H Clover, but the design concept does not have to center around 4-H. The design should be centered around 2024 Fair Theme, yet versatile enough to encompass both your County Fair and your County 4-H program. The winning design will be sent to a design department to be refined and put into computer form so the Extension Office and Fair Board can then use the design for multiple advertising purposes. (Newspaper, Booster Ads, Fair Book Cover, etc.) You can hand-draw or computer generate your tee shirt design. The winner of the T-Shirt design contest will receive a \$25 prize and bragging rights! All T-Shirt Designs must be turned into the Extension office by 5:00 pm on February 15, 2024. All t-shirt designs will be checked for copyright infringement and design criteria approval. Any design brought to County Club Day without approval will not be allowed to compete in the contest.

Please use the following picture page to design a fair tee shirt for the theme this year

- Edwards County (Let's TACO bout the Edwards County Fair!)
- Stafford County (Stafford County Fair is Out of This World!)

