Great Things Happening in Frontier 4-H
Frontier Extension District is excited to welcome Kierstyn Blaufuss to the Ottawa Extension Office. She began her role as District Office Professional - 4-H Youth Development on November 20th, 2023. Kierstyn is a 4-H alumna of the Princeton Goal Busters 4-H Club. She was an active member and strived to make the best better. Her favorite projects were photography and horticulture. Her hobbies now are being outside and tinkering with her plants and her garden. Kierstyn graduated from Allen County Community College with her Agribusiness Degree. She is excited to start her career and looks forward to meeting everyone!

4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center
Summer Camp 2024 registration opened November 15, 2023! This includes half week, full week, LIT (Leader in Training) and Counselor in Training (CIT) sessions. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends December 31st. 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. They have also added a two night mini 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!

Save the Date
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 jrflory@ksu.edu with any questions!

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! Full details and a registration link will be sent out in January, so for now, just save the date! 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 correlation with animal adventure camp, but youth do not have to attend the camp in order to participate in the training. 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. A link and further details will be sent out at the end of January. Direct all questions to Jessica at jrflory@ksu.edu.

Offices Closed
Frontier Extension District Offices will be closed for the holidays on December 25th - January 1st. Will be open on January 2nd.
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.

DEC. 1
All Returning 4-H Members and Volunteer must be reenrolled
OS CO: Last day to pick up Fair Premiums

9
Entomology Meeting, 1:30 p.m. @ Extension Office

10
Last Day or Drop Off for Holiday Hero’s

15
Last Day for teens to RSVP for Animal Adventure Camp Committee

20
Last day to Drop off for Cuddle Kits

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OS CO: New Member Social 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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All Frontier District Offices Closed

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Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Rock Spring Camp

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MAR. 2
Junior Beef Producer Day

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Livestock Judging Practice @ FR CO: Commissioner Chambers

14-17
Kansas Equifest

14-15
Animal Adventure Camp

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YQCA Training

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Junior Sheep Producer Day

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AN CO: Beef Weigh-In 2-4 p.m. @ Weigh-In Station On 7th St.

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OS CO: Beef Weigh-In 4-6 p.m. @ Osage Fairgrounds

APR 15
KASLA Application Deadline

20
Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations

24
FR CO: Small Animal 4-6 p.m. @ fairgrounds

May 1
Market Beef Nominations Due

2
AN CO: Small Animal Weigh-In 5-7 p.m. @ fairgrounds
The 2023 4-H year has officially come to an end! An achievement celebration was held for each county to recognize achievement pin recipients, Project Record Report Forms (PRRF) winners, volunteers and special award honorees. The following are the senior 1st place PRRF winners. Each is eligible to send his/her record(s) to Area Judging. After modifications are made, books should be returned to the Extension Office by January 12th. A complete list of winners is available.

**Beef:** Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders  
Katie Cameron, Burg Go Getters

**Citizenship:** Karlie Stinebaugh, Princeton Goal Busters

**Dog:** Emma Cameron, Burg Go Getters

**Fiber Arts:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

**Foods:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Blaine King, Seekers Not Slackers

**Leadership:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

**Meat Goats:** Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

**Photography:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

**Plant Science:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.

**Rabbits:** Wyatt Oberly, Princeton Goal Busters

**Self Determined:** Blaine King, Seekers Not Slackers  
Branson Sayler, Princeton Goal Busters

**Sheep:** Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders

**Swine:** Jaiton Boose, Willing Workers

**Visual Arts:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Ronin Calley, Dynamite

**Woodworking:** Ethan Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders  
Landon Schillig, Lucky 13

**Key Award Winners**
Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Brynn Perry, Rowdy Wranglers  
Ronin Calley, Dynamite

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**Club Seals**
Congratulations to the following 4-H Clubs for earning a purple seal for work on the club, county and state levels:

- Appanoose Trailblazers  
- Burg Go Getters  
- Lucky 13  
- Lyndon Leaders  
- Melvern Jr. Highline  
- North Osage

- Princeton Goal Busters  
- Rambling Ranchers  
- Rowdy Wranglers  
- Seekers Not Slackers  
- S.H.A.F.F.  
- Star Shooting  
- Willing Workers

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**Special Award Winners**
Congratulations to everyone!

**Franklin County:**
- **Good Manners Award:** Ally Williams, Appanoose Trailblazers
- **Spirit of the Fair Award:** Jotham Meyer, Princeton Goal Busters; Branson Sayler, Princeton Goal Busters; Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.
- **Turner Awards:** Kaelyn Talmage, S.H.A.F.F.  
Grayson Dunbar, Princeton Goal Busters
- **I Dare You Award:** Karlie Stinebaugh, Princeton Goal Busters
- **Glen Hayward Leadership Award:**  
Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.
- **Eric Piotrowsky Spirit of a Leader Award & Scholarship:**  
Wyatt Oberly, Princeton Goal Busters

**Osage County:**
- **4-H Alumni:** Sharon Thielen of Willing Workers, and Kyle Stromgren, Burlingame.
- **Friend of 4-H:** Dr. Kyle Stromgren
- **Family of the Year:** Cannon Family
- **I Dare You Award:** Allie Kneisler, Lyndon Leaders;  
Brody Thompson, Willing Workers

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**Officer Book Winners**
- **Historian:** Myah Martin, Cherry Mound  
Tyler Williams, Lyndon Leaders
- **Reporter:** Amelia Behrends, S.H.A.F.F.  
Hope Pracht and Gwen Wiehl, Luck 13  
Bella Reeser, Melvern Jr. Highline
- **Secretary:** Jacelyn Hedges, Rambling Ranchers  
Brystol Barnes, Lucky 13  
Brody Thompson, Willing Workers
- **Treasurer:** Brynlee Rockers, Lucky 13  
Kevin Whitmer, Willing Workers
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.

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.

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.

Holiday Heroes Information

“It is better to give than to receive!” The KVC Kansas Holiday Heroes program is a way for individuals, families or groups to help brighten the holiday season for children in the foster care system. Purchased gifts or cash donations must be dropped off by December 20th at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 410 w. 13th St., in Ottawa. All patrons from the Frontier District area are served through this office, so a youth from a specific county may be requested. This is a great community service project! Direct all questions to Jackie at jharwig@kvc.org or call 913-444-2192.

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.

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?

Electronic Treasurer’s Book Available

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

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

Cuddle Kits

The Osage County 4-H Ambassadors are going to be putting together Cuddle Kits for CASA of the 4th Judicial District (which includes Osage, Franklin, Anderson and Coffey Counties) in December. If anyone would like to donate the needed items, we will take them at any of the offices anytime between now and December 20th. Items needed are clean, unused standard size pillowcases; clean, unused warm and soft blankets big enough to find comfort; clean, unused unisex stuffed animals; and operating flashlight standard size or smaller with fresh batteries. Cuddles kits are given to a child when they are removed from their home due to abuse/neglect.
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-Kathryn Hinderliter
OS CO-Dorothy Christiason & Niki Schoepflin
Livestock Judging: Hyatt Frobose
Rabbits: Jillian & Matt 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
Save the Date! March 2nd, 2024.

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!

Entomology
An Entomology project meeting will be held Saturday, December 9th, at the Allen County Extension Office, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a pinning board and supplies and two insects to pin. For any questions, call Vicky Wallace at (620)804-9170.

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!

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.

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!

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

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!

Horse Panorama
The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is Saturday, January 27th, at the K-State Salina campus. To register, please call the office by January 2nd!
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**TEEN Member News**

**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!

**KSU Jr. Producer Sheep Day**
Save the Date! March 16th, 2024.

**Plant Science: Horticulture Newsletter**
This is a fabulous resource!

**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!

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**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!
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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**District’s 4-H website:**

[www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h/](http://www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h/)

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**4-H 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 January meeting will be replaced this month by the new member social. See below for more information!

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!
Frontier District 4-H will be hosting a new member social on January 8th, at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Garnett Office. This will take the place of our regular County Council Meeting. Being a new 4-H family can sometimes seem overwhelming! All new 4-H members (3 years and less) and their families are invited to come and learn about Frontier District 4-H, ask questions and connect with some of our long term members and families! Please RSVP by December 21st to Jeanette at jlstineb@ksu.edu or call the Office.

Enrollment Fee Paid By Fairboard
The Anderson County Fairboard has graciously agreed to pay for every Anderson County 4-H member’s enrollment fee again this year. Leaders will have the code and will share it at the club meetings. The Extension Office will also have the information. Thank you, Anderson County Fairboard! Your support of the 4-H members is greatly appreciated! Returning members should be re-enrolled by December 1st.

Save the Date
The 2024 Anderson County Fair will be July 29th – August 2nd, 2024.

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.

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.

Anderson Co. Scholarship
Anderson County 4-H members who are high school seniors this year and who plan to participate in any post high school education are encouraged to apply for the Anderson County 4-H Scholarship. This is a $1000 Scholarship. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. to the Garnett Office by Friday, March 22, 2023.

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.

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District’s 4-H website: www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu/4-h/
**OSAGE COUNTY NEWS**

*4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings*

The Osage County 4-H Council meetings are held the forth Monday of each even numbered month. The December meeting will be replaced this month by the new member social. See below for more information!

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.

**New Member Social!**

This year on December 21st from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Lyndon Extension Office will be a new member social! This will take the place of our regular County Council Meeting. Being a new 4-H family can sometimes seem overwhelming! All new 4-H members and their families are invited to come and learn about Frontier District 4-H, ask questions and connect with some of our long term members and families!

**Council Committees:**

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**Osage County Shooting Sports**

Air Rifle is approaching quickly, practice will be January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the pavilion at the Osage fair grounds. Hope to see you there!

**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 by December 1st. 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.

**Save the Date**

- Osage City Fair: July 24th-27th, 2024
- Overbrook: TBT

**Send a Thank You Note**

Thank you to all 4-H members who sent articles and pictures to the *Osage County Herald-Chronicle* and *Osage Online* for National 4-H Week! This was an ideal time to promote 4-H and with the help of *OCHC* and *Osage Online* an infinite number of families were reached. Citizen State Bank let us put up our Join 4-H and Club Banners in their yard during National 4-H Week. Please include them when writing your thank you notes. They are a great supporter of Osage County 4-H! Now would be a great time for 4-H members, families and clubs/groups to write a thank you note to each of the businesses expressing appreciation for the time and effort put forth during National 4-H Week! Mailing addresses are as follows:

- Osage County Herald-Chronicle
  - PO Box 266, 527 Market Street
  - Osage City, KS 66523
  - AND
- Osage Online
  - PO Box 62
  - Lyndon KS 66451
  - AND
- Citizen’s State Bank
  - PO Box 430
  - Lyndon, Ks 66451

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4-H Council and Club Leader Meetings
The Franklin County 4-H Council meetings are held the last Monday of each odd numbered month (not July). The January meeting will be replaced by the new member social.

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.

New Member Social!
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2024 Franklin County Fair Dates
The 2024 Franklin County Fair will be July 16th-21st.

Thank You to Medallion Sponsors
At the annual Franklin County 4-H Achievement Celebration, medallions are awarded to junior and intermediate members showing excellence in a project through a PRRF. Two awards will be given in most project areas for the junior level and one in the intermediate level (a pin is awarded to the top PRRF). Medallions were sponsored by Nathan, Aubrey, Noah, Amelia, Levi & Natalie Behrends; Dream Kitchen; Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club; Dave & Debbie Redding; Rowdy Wranglers 4-H Club; S.H.A.F.F. 4-H club. Thank you for your support!

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
This February 29th, 2024 at Ottawa University is a Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. You will give a formal presentation of your tradeshow. 1st place will receive $1000, 2nd receiving $750 and 3rd receiving $500. Registration closes on January 31st.

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 Fairgrounds, 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.

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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!