This is the first issue of the Atchison County 4-H Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform 4-H families of upcoming events, important information, and happenings within 4-H. The newsletter will be sent out on the 1st of every other month. The next issue will be sent out December 1st, and so on. The extension office will continue this newsletter if we feel that it helps inform and communicate with members and their families about what is going on in Atchison County 4-H.

4-H Enrollment

Happy (4-H) New Year!
The 4-H year begins every year on October 1st. Each member is required to re-enroll and also select new projects to participate in. Current 4-Hers should be enrolled no later than November 1st, 2023. The Extension Office will pay the $15 enrollment fee. Families, please do not submit a payment.

Important: In order to exhibit an item at the county fair, members must be enrolled in that project through 4-H Online.

Cloverbud Changes

Cloverbuds (Youth ages 5 & 6) will now be accepted at ALL 4-H clubs in Atchison County. Cloverbuds will no longer have their own meetings. They will attend 4-H club meetings and engage in age appropriate activities to make the transition into 4-H clubs easier. Cloverbuds will need to enroll online during 4-H enrollment.
**Upcoming 4-H Dates and Opportunities**

- October 1st: 4-H Enrollment Opens
- October 1st-7th: National 4-H Week (Wear green on October 4th-more info on next page)
- October 22nd: Officer Training- 7:00PM at the Lancaster City Building
- November 10th: Retirement celebration for Ray Ladd at St. Ann’s from 4:00- 7:00 PM (invite on page 5)
- November 4th: Shutterbug (4-H Photography) Event in Oskaloosa-contact the extension office if interested
- November 12th: 4-H Achievement Night at Effingham Blue Building from 5:00-7:00PM
- November 18 and 19th: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) at Rock Springs 4-H Center (More info on page 3)
- December 9th: Regional Judging Contest Training for 4-Hers (more info to come in December Newsletter)

**4-H Achievement Night: November 12th, 2023**

On Sunday, November 12th, 4-H Achievement Night will take place at the Effingham Blue Building from 5:00- 7:00 P.M. Each 4-Her will be given a ticket as door prizes will be given throughout the evening. 4-Hers will be able to play games, such as Gaga Ball, Big Jenga, Can Jam, Pong, Corn Hole, and Bacci Ball. The evening will finish with pizza, dessert, and project recognition and awards. Put this night of fun and recognition on your calendar!

See the flyer on page 4 for more details.

To RSVP: [https://forms.gle/yVdzgVF7za9yJaXa6](https://forms.gle/yVdzgVF7za9yJaXa6)

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**NEW IN 2024**

**September 29th, 2023**

**Atchison County 4-H Families**

4-Hers and Families,

Attached is the 4-H Premium Sale/Project Auction/Ribbon Premium Requirement Form, which is new in 2024. Below is a list of the requirements to be able to sell your project and receive ribbon premiums at the 2024 Atchison County Fair and future county fairs.

- Attend at least 6 club meetings throughout the 4-H year
- Demonstration/ Project Talk at a club meeting
- Work in the 4-H Food Stand
- One learning experience for each project enrolled
- Choice of four activities at the bottom of the requirement sheet (most of you are attending/ doing these already)

Current 4-Hers who chose not to work in the 4-H Food Stand in 2023 will be given a one-time forgiveness period for #3 on the 4-H Premium Sale/Project Auction/Ribbon Premium Requirement Form (4-H Food Stand). This is due to not communicating expectations before the 2023 county fair.

First year 4-Hers will receive a grace period due to not being able to complete certain activities in the previous 4-H year (i.e. 4-H Food Stand).

We believe that 4-H is about educational experiences for youth and these requirements will help our members become better 4-Hers and citizens. Non-completion will result in the inability to participate in the Premium Sale, Project Auction, or eligibility to receive Ribbon Premiums.

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Market Animal Tagging

All market animals will be utilizing state fair tags this year, including hogs. Weigh-in dates will be announced as spring approaches for market beef, meat goats, and sheep. Please continue reading future 4-H Newsletters for more information.

Pig Tagging in 2024

On or before May 1st, 2024 there will be two options for tagging pigs for the county fair:
- Families can bring their pig to the fairgrounds on a date determined by the extension agent and tagged by the family with picture documented in front of the agent.
- The agent can come to you for a $10 fee and watch the pig tagging process/picture documentation.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLFF)

**What:** Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers, and more. In addition, the 2024 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

**When:** November 18-19, 2023

**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center

**Who:** Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

**Deadline:** Monday, October 16, 2023

Registration Link: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efByBxeDA8ANTSu](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efByBxeDA8ANTSu)

(4-H Council pays 1/3 of the registration fee)

4-H Spirit Day

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 wear green for 4-H Spirit Day. 4-Hers and families across Kansas will be wearing green to promote 4-H. Send a picture of you wearing your 4-H green to atchisoncoext@ksu.edu to be featured on our Facebook page and December 4-H Newsletter!

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Achievement Night!

Join us for the annual 4-H Achievement Night! Block Party trailer will be there with yard games. Pizza is provided and there will be door prizes!

November 12, 2023
5:00-7:00pm
Effingham Blue Building
(305 Main St, Effingham, KS)

To RSVP: [https://forms.gle/yVdzgVF7za9yJaXa6](https://forms.gle/yVdzgVF7za9yJaXa6)
RSVP’s are due November 3rd
Join us

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
TO HONOR 45 YEARS
OF HARD WORK AND SERVICE FOR
ATCHISON COUNTY

RAY LADD

November 10, 2023
Come & Go from 4:00-7:00pm
St. Ann’s Hall
301 William St., Effingham, KS, 66023
Light Appetizers & Cake Provided

Please use the link below or QR code to RSVP:
Ray’s Retirement RSVP Form