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Live the Pledge

A community service challenge
A year of community service ideas for your club

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

#livethepledge+h

Nov-Dec - Holiday Cards

Make handmade cards for people that might need a pick me up

January- Closet Clean Out

Have a coat and blanket drive.

February- Sending Love

Send Valentines Day cards to the nursing homes

March- For the Dogs

Do a Pound/Shelter supply drive for the local animal shelter.

April - Club Choice

Do some type of service project for your area

May- Main Street Make over

Do some type of beautification project for your town

June- Prepare for Fair

Spend time getting ready for Fair

July: Fairground Facelift

Do something while at the fairgrounds to make it a better place for everyone.

August - Rest

September: Shout Outs

Write thank you notes to anyone that helped you at the Fair. Remember to sign them and let the people know who you are.

October: It's Fall Y'all

Fall brings lots of leaves, and chores to be done. Help out a neighbor by doing some yardwork for them. Also, do a Trunk or Treat event as a club.

November: Give Thanks

With Veterans Day and Thanksgiving it is the perfect time to remember what all has been given for us and GIVE some ourselves. Help out a local Food Pantry by doing a canned food drive.

December: Deck the Halls

With holidays around the corner consider making some holiday cards for the elderly, making a holiday display, or even caroling around town would be such a fun idea



Wildcat District Calendar

Youth are welcome to attend programming held by any county in the District, call ahead to reserve a spot. Dates shown here may or may not appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

To see future dates please refer to the yearly calendar on your county's webpage

March 9	4-H Program Development Committee 7:00	Zoom
March 15-20	Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day FREE	Virtual
March 31	Exploring 4-H, Pet & Dog Project Meeting	Zoom
April 7	YQCA 6:30 p.m.	WL CO Office
April 13	YQCA 6:30 p.m.	CR CO Office
April 14	YQCA 6:30 p.m.	MG CO Office
April 21	YQCA 6:30 p.m.	LB Co Office
May 1	Camp sign up & counselor applications due	
May 1	Horse I.D. papers due	Local Office
May 1	Steer Nomination deadline for state & KJLS	
May 18	Fair Entry opens for all Fairs	
May 31	Memorial Day—All Offices Closed	
June 7	District Favorite foods contest	WL CO office
June 27	Area FCS, crop and photography contest	
June 29	District Horse Show	
July 1	Area Livestock, Skill-a-thon, Meats contest	Yates Center

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Each year we receive show fliers for all species of livestock including horses, rabbits, and poultry. Most of these spring shows are not affiliated with 4-H but are a good opportunity to learn and get some practice. Find more information about spring shows for the entire state on the K-State Animal Science page:

www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html

4-H Volunteers

The volunteer process has been simplified! Simply fill out a 4-H Online profile, just like the 4-H youth. Afterwards your county 4-H agent will contact you with information on completing a background check, if it is needed.

Background checks are required every three years for 4-H volunteers and are paid for by Wildcat District

We truly appreciate the time volunteers dedicate to this program. Volunteers are the reason 4-H works and we are able to teach leadership, responsibility, and hand-on learning! You help us make sure that our kids are learning in a safe environment. If you know anyone with a talent to share (cooking, woodworking, arts, etc.) please reach out.

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

FREE EVENT! All ages and knowledge levels are invited!

Topics include: Animal selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, livestock guard dogs, health, grooming, showmanship and the state livestock nomination process

Junior Meat Goat Producer week is March 15-20

Find registration on our Facebook page or

<https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>

Competitive Teams

Anyone interested in being on a competitive team please contact an agent to be placed on the contact list.

Teams include:

- Meat Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skill-a-Thon
- Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Crops Judging
- Horticulture Judging

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a livestock husbandry class that is required for all youth planning to show at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. The class must be taken every year. Classes will be held locally in-person in April. See all district dates on the district calendar. Youth are welcome to register for any session in-person or online class.

All registrations can be done at: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io>.

Use your 4-H Online user name and password to login.

Livestock Judging

- ***Beginner Livestock Judging Camp***- June 25th.
- ***Advanced Livestock Judging Camp*** -June 28th
- ***Area Livestock, Meats, and Skill - a- thon Contest***—July 1st

Contact Coach Cara Comstock at cjcomstock@ksu.edu for more information

District Horse Show

District horse show will be June 29th. Location is tentatively set for the Parsons State Hospital. Anyone 9 years and older is welcome to compete at the district horse show. Youth must complete the level 1 written and riding test before the show. Cost for the test is \$10. Contact your local agent for study materials and test details.

Crack the 4-H Code

Looking for a fun, interesting program for your club? Crack the 4-H Code is a web-based interactive coding program designed for all ages of youth. This program teaches youth how to code and use these technologies to solve issues within their communities. Contact Cara Comstock for info and scheduling at

cjcomstock@ksu.edu.

4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you; Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app!
With our app you will be able to quickly have access to 4-H Online, each county page, as well as registration links and our district calendar.

This is a **FREE** app, scan the QR Code



Favorite Foods Contest

The Favorite Foods Contest encourages 4-H'ers to learn about meal planning, food preparation, and presentation. A favorite food is chosen, a menu is planned with the food, and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen may be main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other. Youth present their table to the judge and answer questions about nutritional value, cooking skills, table setting, etc. Contact your agent for more information and to sign up! Contest June 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Fredonia Extension office.

4-H Camps

Greenbush 4-H Camp - June 8th-9th

This camp is for 7-8 year olds. It is a 24 hour camp. Youth arrive the morning of the 8th spend the day doing fun activities, spend the night, and are picked up the morning of the 9th. Activities include: archery, fishing, canoeing, low ropes course, stem activities, smores, etc. Cost is *estimated* at \$75. Agents are present for the duration of camp. Transportation may be available.

Rock Springs 4-H Camp, Sunny Hills group - June 15-18

For 3rd grade complete through 8th grade complete. Transportation provided. Activities include swimming, horse back riding, shooting sports, stream studies, robotics, rock climbing, mountain bikes, etc. *Cost estimated at \$225 with camp scholarships offered.* Camp counselors 16-18 attend camp for free!

Floating On Leadership - June 11th (rain date, June 25)

This camp is for 14-18 year olds. A float trip on the river focused on team building, leadership and connecting youth throughout the district. *Estimated cost \$50.*

Discovery Days 4-H Camp - Date TBD, usually 1st week of June

A three day on-campus experience at K-State for youth ages 13-18. Students stay in the K-State dorm and attend classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show, the dance, and some Call Hall ice cream!

Crawford County

April 1	Plaque Sponsor Deadline	
April 10	Crawford County Beef Weigh-in (2pm)	Mesa Animal Clinic
April 13	YQCA	
April 26	Junior Leaders (6:30pm)	Girard Office
April 26	Crawford County 4-H Council (7:30pm)	Girard Office
May 8	Crawford County Small Animal Weigh-in (8-10am)	Mesa Animal Clinic

Fair Awards Sponsor Opportunity

We currently have opening for the following two award areas.

Food Preservation Award Sponsors, Overall Champion. Overall Reserve Champion

The sponsorship is \$15 each. Please contact Will with any questions.

Shooting Sports

2021 Crawford County 4- H Archery will begin Sunday, April 11, 2:00 pm at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, Marvin Green Bldg. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (April 11 & 18) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation April 11 to participate in the program. If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for the beginners, PLEASE leave yours at home. The veteran archers will begin meeting on Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at danmosierii@gmail.com, 620-687-0643.

Crawford County Ticket Sales Contest!

The Crawford County Fair Board is offering prizes to 4-H members and groups who sell the most tickets for the 2021 Raffle. This year the group with the most ticket sales will win a Pizza Party Wednesday August 4th at noon located at the Fairgrounds! The top 10 sellers enrolled in 4-H will get 1 free wristband to their choice Grandstand Event! Tickets can be picked up at the extension office. Tickets and money can be turned back in to the extension office. All ticket counts and money must be turned in by July 29th in order to be considered for prizes.

Crawford Junior Leaders

Interested in becoming a better leader? Enroll in the leadership project this year! If you are a 4-H member 13 years and older sign up to be a part of Crawford County Junior Leaders! Call Will with any questions.

Labette County

March 9	4-H Council Meeting (6:00 pm)	
March 9	PDC Meeting (7:00 pm)	
April 21	Labette YQCA Training	Required to show at State & KJLS
May 1	Labette Small Animal nomination deadline	ONLINE
June 23-24	Sewing camp	Altamont

Labette County Small Animal Nominations

Labette County Small Animal Nominations will be completed virtually this year. You will need to submit one nomination form per specie, along with 3 pictures (animal side view, animal front view and animal ID tag). Nomination forms and detailed instructions can be found on the website.

Interstate Fair Ear Tag Changes for 2021

Interstate Fair Ear Tag Changes for 2021: Interstate Fair will now be accepting Scrapie tags as ID for sheep and meat goats and 840 tags as ID for market hogs. Market beef will still need to be nominated with a ISF tag.

www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette

Montgomery County

March 11	4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	MG Extension office
May 13	4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	MG Extension office
April 1	Seniors & alumni—Eyestone Scholarship due	MG Extension office
April 14	YQCA (required to show at state and KJLS) 6:30 p.m.	MG Extension office

4-H Council

Scheduled for March 11th. Katie will have the Extension office open for anyone that would like to be in-person at 7:00 p.m. A zoom link for the council meeting will be provided via email the week of .

100th Fair Planning Committee

Shout out to everyone on the 100th Fair Planning committee for all your hard work! The fair board appreciates everyone that has stepped up to help run the extra events while they make sure normal events are running smoothly. Youth it's not too late to get involved and check off a committee on your pin applications! Contact the office to learn how you can help.

Help us by submitting your old fair photos to the Google Drive located on the Montgomery Co. 4-H Fair Facebook page!

Interstate Fair

See tag changes above under Labette Co. 840 tags are state fair tags which are now for sale in the office. State tags are \$3.00 for goats, sheep, pigs and \$4.00 for beef. Interstate beef tags are free and also available.

www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery

Wilson County

March 22	4-H Council	
March 27	Annual Fundraiser	Fredonia and Neodesha
March 31	Exploring 4-H Meeting 6pm	Zoom
April 7	YQCA 6:30 p.m.	Extension Office

www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/wilson

WILSON COUNTY
4-H COUNCILS
7TH Annual Fundraiser

March 27th

Fredonia Pick up:
Old Iron Days
Community Building

Neodesha Pick up:
Catholic Church
Drive up awning

Free will Donation
all proceeds benefit the Wilson County 4-H Council and are used for: fair awards and help finding 4-H trips and activities

Drive thru locations will be open 4-5pm.
Menu includes:
Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw and Cookies

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

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Exploring 4-H Virtual Project Meetings

We are still exploring through virtual meetings, and having a fun time! As the year continues we will keep these meetings going on the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of every month at **6:00pm.** There will always be some type of hands-on element to these meetings. Registration can be found monthly on the Wildcat 4-H Facebook page

March 31st—Pet & Dog Projects



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