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Montgomery County 4-H News

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Wildcat Extension District – Montgomery County 4-H Website:

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



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@ Montgomery Co. 4-H Fair

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Feb. 8 | Fair Board meeting 7 p.m. Extension office |
| Feb 10 | County Club Day at Independence High School 8:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 24 | Regional Club Day, Neosho Community College, Chanute (for qualifiers) |
| March 1 | State 4-H Scholarships Due |
| March 2 | Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan |
| March 16 | Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan |
| March 16 | Wildcat District Makers Fair @ Parsons Research Center 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| April 1 | MG Eyestone Scholarship Due |
| <u>June 5-7</u> | <u>Discovery Days 4-H Camp, Manhattan</u> |
| June 6-7 | Greenbush 4-H camp 7-9 yr olds overnight camp |
| June 19 th | Greenbush Day camp 10-13 year olds day camp |
| June 12 | Floating on Leadership |
| June 18-20 | Tenative Date Wildcat Judging Camp |
| June 25 | Area favorite foods, photography, and family & consumer science at Emporia |
| June 27 | Area livestock,meats skill-a-thon contest at Yates Center |

High School Seniors

Kansas 4-H State Scholarships link to state page can be found on the Montgomery County website. There are two opportunities, the Vanier application and the general application that puts you in the running for the list of scholarship opportunities. Application due March 1.

Cecil Eyestone Scholarship can be found on our Montgomery County website. General scholarship everyone should apply. Application due April 1 to local Extension office.

*Also checkout the scholarship opportunities through the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas.

Makers Fair

Extension will be hosting an open house March 16th at the Parsons Research Center from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Any youth wanting to bring livestock for a petting zoo or get volunteer hours for doing a demonstration please contact the office!

Judging Teams

Anyone interested in joining the livestock, meats, horticulture, skill-a-thon or photography judging teams should contact the Extension office to learn more! No experience is necessary! New year, means filling the shoes of our graduates and we are always looking for new team members! These teams would not be possible without our great volunteer coaches. Please tell the coaches THANK YOU next time you see them!

Livestock Judging Team Facebook Page:



\$100 Scholarship for state camps!

Any youth wishing to attend Rock Springs, Discovery Days, Citizenship in Action, etc. should notify Katie of your interest so we can get you as much information as possible! Youth that come home after camp at give three talks about their camp experience/promoting 4-H will receive a \$100 scholarship.

Discovery Days 4-H Camp

Stay in the dorms at Kanas State University and experience everything campus has to offer, June 5-7! Camp is for youth ages 13-18. Agents will provide transportation to/from camp. Like a college experience youth sign up for classes ranging from animal health to cooking. Cost usually starts at \$230 and will increase based on classes selected. Registration will be out soon!

Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for camp is open and will remain open until May 1. Deposit is due at booking but if you camp fee money before May 1 it is refundable if you cancel 5 weeks in advance of camp date.

Youth can pick the week they want to camp. 4 day and 6 day options. Costs are listed on the Rock Springs website in a tiered format. Different tier levels are funded by the KS 4-H Foundation. Rock Springs will provid transportation.** Remember local scholarships are available too.

Greenbush 4-H Camp

24 hour overnight camp at Greenbush by Girard, KS for youth 7-8 yrs old. Stay in A/C cabins, high low ropes course, canoeing, fishing, archery, games, etc. June 6-7th Estimated cost \$80. Sign up emailed out soon!

Greenbush Day Camp

Day camp for 10-13 year olds. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Transportation and lunch provided. This will go to a 2 night overnight camp in 2025 with possibility of councilors applying to go. Estimated day camp cost \$25. Sign up emailed out soon!

Floating on Leadership 4-H Camp

teens 14-18 are invited to join us on a float trip at the river. Day trip on June 19, 2024, Cost is estimated \$40

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

YQCA training is required for youth (ages 8-21) who will be showing livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (one exception is horses. Horse members are required to do the Coggins test and horsemanship tests). In-person classes will be held in each county again this year. In-person classes cost \$3.00 (still need to sign up through the YQCA website) or youth may go take the online class for \$12.00 YQCA website, <https://yqca.learnrow.io> Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more!



Dates and Locations:

Fredonia: March 20th @ 6:30

Independence: March 21st @ 6:30

Altamont: March 28th @ 6:30

Everyone is invited to sign up for YQCA training, no matter where you plan to show or not show at all! It's a great learning tool for anyone interested in livestock/animals.

Fair

Fair Board will be releasing animal nomination information soon.

If you need EID tags they are for sale at the Extension office.

Interstate fair tags are also available.

You do not need a special tag for county fair – any tag, scrapies tag, etc. will work from your house.

Bake Sale:

Rule change for MG County 4-H Fair Food Auction (#2 Department S):

To qualify for the 4-H Fair Food Auction, the food item must earn a purple ribbon, with the exception of Class #145 Decorated Food Items. For Class #145, items earning purple or blue ribbons will qualify for the auction. A maximum of two items will sell per exhibitor.

The exhibitor will receive 50% of their food item(s) sold in food auction (previously this was 50% of highest selling item).

To receive any premium money from food auction, exhibitor must be present to sell their item(s) and must have attended 4 regularly scheduled 4-H club meetings from October 1 of the previous year until June 30 of the present

year. Only first year members and high school graduates who are attending college full time are exempt from the four meetings rule.

Livestock Sale:

Attend five community club meetings or four meetings plus YQCA certification. Please send YQCA certificate to: mgco4Hfair@gmail.com

Fair books will be mailed out this spring. We have to wait for state changes (Feb.), fix our book locally, then send it to the printer. We hope to mail books in March! Call if you have questions!

CLUB DAY

There is still time to join us for MG county club day at Independence High School on Feb. 10th at 8:30 a.m. We'd love to have you participate in our public speaking, talent show, music, favorite foods contest, etc. Check with your club to see when your model meeting time is! You can find more information on our website: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/index.html>

Text Services

If you have an interest in signing up for text blasts (short messages sent from a computer generated program to remind you of deadlines) please sign up here:

