



Montgomery County 4-H News

April 2019

4-H families,

Please check out the camp options for this summer! We have added camps and made necessary age changes to others. If you have questions please don't hesitate to give me a call. We want to provide our youth with as many learning opportunities as possible!

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 18	Fair Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Extension Office
May 1	Horse Identification Papers Due in Extension Office (see forms on website)
May 1	Steer nomination deadline for KJLS or Kansas State Fair
May 1	All camp registrations due
May 1	Camp Counselors fill out form/Contact Katie for Cedar Bluff & Sunny Hills
May 9	4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Extension Office
May 29-31	Discovery Days 4-H Camp – Manhattan, KS
June 3	Favorite Foods Contest Fredonia
June 4	Sunny Hills Camp Counselors leave for Rock Springs
June 5-8	Sunny Hills 4-H Camp – Rock Springs 4-H Center (Transportation provided)
June 11	Area horticulture, photography, and favorite foods judging at Emporia
June 17-18	Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp ages 9-13
June 18-19	Greenbush 4-H Camp 7-8 (Transportation provided, if needed)
June 19	FREE Poultry Testing at Riverside Park 4-6 p.m.
June 20	Area livestock, skill-a-thon, and meats judging at Yates Center, Kansas
June 22	Mg. Co. Horse Show Pippin Arena check-in starts at 8 a.m., show at 9 a.m.
June 25-26	Floating on Leadership Camp ages 14-18, Noel, MO
June 27	District Horse Show (Registration papers due earlier TBA)
July 10-13	Cherryvale Youth Fair
July 16	Clothing judging for fair
July 23	Style Revue, King and Queen Coordination, and Dance
July 24-29	Montgomery County Fair
July 26	Food Bake Sale @ Fair
July 29	Livestock Sale @ Fair
Aug. 12-17	Inter-State Fair and Rodeo

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

YQCA training is required for all youth 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). Cheri Nelson, Wilson Co. 4-H Agent, will be hosting a YQCA training April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Independence Extension office. Cost is \$3.00 to take her class or youth can complete the certification online for \$12.00. Sign-up for the April 3rd class beforehand on the YQCA website, <https://yqca.learnrow.io> Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more!

Horse Identification Papers

If you plan to go on to the district or state show please get the 2017 version of horse identification papers off our website or call the office. Please print front and back (not 2 pages!) or have the extension office print them for you. Pictures of horses should be in color and attached to the paper. Pictures should not be more than five years old. Please paper any horse you think you MIGHT use. Get a coggins for these horses as well. Coggins and agent signed identification papers will be checked at 4-H shows. **Those wishing to compete in the district horse show must be 9 years old and have completed the level one written and riding test.** Youth qualifying at districts will be given the opportunity to go to state. For more information about taking the level 1 horse test please call the Extension office!

State Fair/KJLS Livestock Nominations

May 1 – deadline for market steers/heifers.
June 15 – deadline for commercial heifer, market hog, commercial breeding gilt, meat goats, market lambs, commercial ewes, & registered breeding stock.
EID Tags are here!
Beef tags \$4.00 - All other tags \$3.00
Tags, nomination papers, DNA envelopes available at the Extension office. Agent will not sign paperwork unless she has seen the livestock personally or has head and body shots of each animal.
Kansas State Fair minimum age 9. Kansas Junior Livestock Show minimum age 7.

Inter-State Fair and Rodeo Livestock Nominations

May 15- Nomination Deadline

July 15 – Entry Deadline

All paperwork must be submitted to the Chamber in Coffeyville. Agent will only sign nomination papers after seeing picture of animal with tag in ear. ISF tags are not in the office yet.

Spring Show information

We constantly receive information about spring shows for every species (horses, rabbits, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry). This show information can be found on our website.

5 MEETINGS

Youth who would like to show a market animal and then participate in the premium livestock sale must have attended five regularly schedule 4-H club meetings from October 1 to June 30th. First year members and full time college members are exempt. **If youth choose to sell at our fair that animal can NOT go on to another show at any level. *Club secretaries please have your attendance and meeting minutes ready to turn in the first week of July.***

County Fair

All livestock should be tagged at home prior to coming to the fair. Scrapies tags are required for all goats and sheep. Contact your seller or the office to learn about getting them. Fair entries will be done online or by white card again this year. More information coming soon!

Fair Help Needed

If you are interested in helping enter exhibits are assisting a judge please contact a fair board member or the office. For youth this looks great on your record book and is a great opportunity to learn more as you listen to the judge.



Grants Available for Foster Children

There is grant money available for foster children in the 4-H system to complete projects. Applications are due May 1st to Pam Van Horn at the Kansas 4-H Office. For more information contact Katie!

FREE & MANDATORY Poultry Testing

If you plan to bring poultry to the fair please attend free poultry testing June 19th from 4-6 p.m. at Riverside Park (fairgrounds). Water fowl and young birds with papers are exempt. Call the office to check if your birds are exempt. Youth are also welcome to attend neighboring counties' testing dates and bring paperwork to Extension office or poultry superintendent.

Crawford – Girard Fairgrounds – July 2nd 4-6 p.m.

Wilson – Fredonia Fairgrounds – July 12^h 3-6 p.m.

Labette – Oswego Fairgrounds – July 14th 4-6 p.m.

King & Queen Nominations

Clubs should vote on their nominations in the upcoming months and appoint a person to email Katie Townsend with your nominations.

Information should include: name, parents, club, town they are from, school, hobbies, favorite 4-H projects and activities. Nominations are due to the Extension office by **June 3rd**.

Favorite Foods Contest

Katie would love to help your family get started in the Favorite Foods Contest! This contest allows youth to cook, decorate, and set their own table. Youth are judged on whether food fits their table theme, nutrition information, etc. Learn more on this contest by watching the video on our website! Contest is June 3rd in Fredonia. Transportation provided call the office to sign up.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Montgomery County 4-H Foundation has an allocated sum of money for scholarships for those attending camps. **If youth presented a talk or demonstration at Mg. Co. Club Day a scholarship is available for Cedar Bluff, Greenbush, or Floating on Leadership. The set amount is \$45, families should pay the remainder of camp costs by May 1.** Scholarships (\$100) are also available for those wanting to attend Discovery Days, Sunny Hills, Campference, Leadership Forum, etc. Youth are required to fill out an application prior to going these state camps. Applications can be found on the website. After camp youth will present three times about their experience (2 at 4-H events and 1 to a non 4-H group). Youth will then write a letter to the foundation explaining who they presented to, what

they learned/enjoyed at camp, and a thank you to the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. A check will then be sent to the child. Contact the Extension office for more information and application.

Discovery Days 4-H Camp

May 29-31st youth ages 13 to 18 are invited to stay in K-State dorms and attend camp classes. There is a wide variety of class options a few are dating safety, touring the mill, touring athletic center, action photography, cooking classes, etc. Base cost is \$200. This is a great experience for youth to learn to get themselves to class on time on a college campus! Agents from the district will be present. So far eight district youth have signed up! Join us and find more information on the website!

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

June 5-8 youth who have completed third grade – but not eighth grade are invited to stay at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Campers are put in cabins of 6-8 youth. Campers help with meals, do archery, crafts, swimming, robotics, stream studies, etc. Cost \$200. Transportation is provided via school bus from local meeting points.

COUNSELORS go to camp for FREE! And it looks great on college applications, essays, and resumes! Counselors will manage 6-8 youth during their stay at camp. Counselors go June 4th for training. Call Katie for more information! See the Facebook event on Wildcat District 4-H page to see who else is going! Last year we took 45 youth from the Wildcat District! Registration is due May 1st see more on website. Camp packets will be mailed after registration.

Floating on Leadership 4-H Camp

Youth in Wildcat and Southwind Districts ages 14-18 are invited to float the river June 25-26 in Noel, Mo. Transportation will be provided to Shady Beach where we will participate in leadership and team building activities before rafting 4 miles down the river. Youth will be participating in outdoor cooking, sand volleyball, and other fun activities. We will stay in cabins and agents will chaperone the trip. Cost is \$70. Youth must wear lifejackets at all times in the water and be able to swim in order to attend this trip! Sign-up on our website by May 1st to reserve your spot! More information will be mailed out after the registration deadline.

Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp

Youth ages 9-13 are invited to join us at Cedar Bluff Camp in Coffeyville, Kansas June 17-18. Due to multiple reasons (space, safety, plumbing, etc.) 7-8 year olds are asked to consider Greenbush 4-H Camp. Anyone with questions about why younger youth are being asked to consider Greenbush please give Katie a call at the Extension office! For the 9-13 year-olds at Cedar Bluff we will be playing camp games, cooking our own pizza, riding a bike to create energy for science experiments, building noodle rockets, insect scavenger hunt, swimming, campfire, and a dance/movie! Cost of camp is \$55 for 4-H members. (See scholarship section in newsletter). See website for more information or call office to get printed registration form. Find the Facebook event located in the Wildcat District 4-H Facebook page. **COUNSELORS NEEDED. Sign up on the website or by calling the office!** Counselor training/cook-out time and date is still to be determined.

Greenbush 4-H Camp

Greenbush 4-H Camp at Greenbush is June 18-19, 2019 - Camp is \$75 (Club Day Scholarships \$45 will apply same as Cedar Bluff)

Greenbush camp is for 7-8 year olds across the Wildcat District. Transportation will be provided to and from camp or parents can make arrangements to bring their children. Camp check-in starts at 9:00 a.m. June 18th. We will take youth to their cabin and then we'll get started with camp activities! We have lots of activities planned all the way up until lights out at 11:00 p.m. We will be canoeing, shooting archery, fishing, doing stem activities with hands-on learning, and doing a star study when it gets dark! The 19th we wake up, pack our bags, eat breakfast, and conquer the ropes course before pick up 11:30 a.m. (or loading the van to be transported back to MG. CO.).

Judging Teams

Anyone interested in joining the livestock, meats, horticulture or skill-a-thon judging teams should contact the Extension office to learn more! No experience is necessary! These teams would not be possible without our great volunteer coaches. Please tell the coaches THANK YOU next time you see them!

Scholarship Opportunity

The Vanier Family Scholarship Program was established in 2016 to enhance the strong leadership skills already exhibited by 4-H members. This program invests in the educational endeavors of young people who have overcome challenges in their lives to pursue their educational goals. Scholarship recipients will be recognized leaders and role models within their home communities who have balanced “**greater than usual**” demands and contributed in positive ways as a 4-H member and citizen.

Students will receive scholarships in the amount of \$7,000/year for use at community or technical institutions and \$12,000/year for use at baccalaureate institutions. Recipients will receive half of the scholarship for the fall semester and the remaining half in the spring.

Find more information on the KS 4-H Website under Awards and Recognition. **Due April 15th to the state 4-H office.**

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