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Montgomery County 4-H News
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District

4-H families,

As we get closer to fair season it is important to remember the foundation of 4-H and its purpose. 4-H is a youth development organization! It is more than showing and exhibiting at your local county fair it is the process youth takes to get to that point. 4-H is more than a ribbon or placing it is about learning and having opportunity to grow. I look forward to seeing all the hard work you've put into your exhibits!

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| May 27 | Extension office closed |
| May 29-31 | Discovery Days 4-H Camp – Manhattan, KS |
| June 3 | Favorite Foods Contest Fredonia @ 1 p.m. |
| 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 15 | District Horse Show entries due to office or postmarked |
| June 15 | KS State Fair & KS Junior Livestock Show nomination deadline |
| 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 | <u>CANCELED</u> : 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 |
| July 1 | County Fair ANIMAL ENTIRES DUE (fair entry or white card) |
| July 4 | Extension office closed |
| July 10-13 | Cherryvale Youth Fair |
| July 16 | Clothing judging for fair@ ICC WEST |
| July 23 | Style Revue, King and Queen Coordination, and Dance 7 p.m. @ Civic Center |
| July 24-29 | Montgomery County Fair |
| July 26 | Food Bake Sale 6 p.m. @ Fair |
| July 29 | Livestock Sale 7:00 p.m. @ Fair |
| Aug. 12-17 | Inter-State Fair and Rodeo |

State Fair/KJLS Livestock Nominations

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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. Agent will be gone to camps most of June so plan accordingly!

Kansas State Fair minimum age 9. Kansas Junior Livestock Show minimum age 7.

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). All in-person classes are closed you can find online classes on the YQCA website, <https://yqca.learn-grow.io> Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more!

Horse Project

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! Don't forget to get your coggins papers!

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 but I have heard of people being able to pick them up at the feed store in Coffeyville.

Spring Show information

We constantly receive information about spring

shows for every species (horses, rabbits, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry). Show information can be found on our website under the 4-H Livestock tab.

Pumpkin Growing Contest

Montgomery Co. 4-H has been provided some pumpkin seeds to hold our own growing contest! In the fall youth will bring their pumpkin in to be weighed and do other fun activities! Optimal time for planting pumpkins in late May/early June so call the extension office at 620-331-2690 and get signed up today! Contest guidelines and seeds will be provided to you. A brief explanation 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.*

Poultry Testing CANCELED

For 2019 only, poultry testing has been canceled due to the low supply of antigen. Antigen is the testing agent used during poultry testing. The Kansas Department of Agriculture, K-State Animal Science program, and your local fair board have agreed to wave poultry testing for this year only. Although we still consider pullorum-typhoid testing important in maintaining pullorum-clean poultry within Kansas, pullorum disease is rare. There for there will be no testing this year but we plan to pick it up again in 2020 to protect Kansas flocks.

STEM CAMP

Another stem camp will be held June 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Independence. Youth will learn animal artifacts at the zoo, eat lunch in the park, and

complete at project in the ICC Fab Lab monogramming towels. Cost is \$10. Call 620-784-8233 to reserve your spot.

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.

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! Local contests are coming up and you can travel with the teams if you attend practices! These teams would not be possible without our great volunteer coaches. Please tell the coaches THANK YOU next time you see them!

Horticulture Practices:

All practices are come and go. Stay and study with the as long as you can! The coach Christina Beason and the assistant is Jackie Chandler.

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Practices in Edna will meet at the Cross Timbers Church. Practices in Sycamore will meet at the town hall. Practices are the same just in two different locations for families' convenience.

May 18 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Edna
May 19 – 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sycamore
May 25 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Edna
May 26 - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sycamore
June 1 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Edna
June 2 - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sycamore
June 8 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Edna
June 9 - 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sycamore

Montgomery County 4-H Fair

Health paper check point

Biosecurity is very important to the fair board. In order to protect your animals, many of which plan to go on to future shows, no animals will be unloaded from trailers until they go through a health paper checkpoint.

The checkpoint will be located on the east side of the swine/goat barn (the road between the barns and the train tracks). **Please enter the line from the north.** Multiple people will be checking papers and we have plans in place to move the line as quickly as possible. Detailed information will be released closer to fair time!

SHEEP will be asked to remove their blankets to check for fungus.

If you typically come earlier than weigh times, please note the weigh times on the fair book will be the health paper check times! **DO NOT** try to come early and unload.

This is to protect your animals. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we try it this year!

Montgomery County 4-H Fair

Entering items for fair will be a little bit different this year! We have a new fair entry system that will

speed up our results time and help us produce checks quicker. The program is called Fair Entry and families will be receiving emails and communication from the office on how to use it.

“How To” videos have been posted to our website and I encourage you to check them out.

This is an online entry system but white cards will still be accepted this year. We will input them into the system for you. Cards must be in the office or post marked July 1.

Families will have to enroll using their 4-H Online user name and password. If you do not remember your login information use the forgot password option or email Katie.

Families will be asked to pre-enter both INSIDE and ANIMAL EXHIBITS. Pre-entering online allows us to have your cards printed and ready for you at check in. It also allows us to print bar codes on your cards which will quickly allow us to beep them into the system and later quickly assign a ribbon. **A printed card will still remain with your exhibit the entire time so people can identify exhibits and for the judge to write comments/placings.**

This is a change but we are still flexible with **inside exhibits.** Please enter what you think you might bring. We understand things change! If you don't show up with an item we will recycle that card. If you show up with an extra inside exhibit – no problem we'll create you a card that day! Pre-entering allows us to be better prepared for all the exhibits coming! **Inside exhibits are due July 14th.**

Animals will need to be identified with a tag (rabbits tattoos, poultry leg bands if you have them) prior to entering registering them in fair entry! **Animal registrations close July 1.** We understand there can be changes but please do your best to give us the proper tag numbers.

Please watch the how to videos that are posted on our website. Fair Entry is now open and ready to receive your entries.

- Recommended browsers Google Chrome or Fire Fox
- You can do it on mobile devices
- You will need your 4-H Online email and password
- Register each child's projects before proceeding to payment (NO payment is necessary but I can't change what that button says)
- You will get a chance to check things one more time before it says “Submit”
- Check your email for a confirmation note and list of entries