



Montgomery County 4-H News

May 2021

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! Reach out to older members, myself, or friends and family for help on your projects. It's fun to see youth develop a side business or way to support themselves from their 4-H project. Take in all the feedback you can get and use it to shape your project.

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 13	4-H Council 7 p.m. @ Extension office
May 18	Fair Entry Opens
May 31	Extension Office Closed
June 7	Favorite Foods Contest Fredonia @ 4-6:30 p.m.
June 8-9	Greenbush 4-H Camp
June 11	Floating on Leadership 4-H camp
June 14	Sunny Hills Camp Counselors leave for Rock Springs
June 15-18	Sunny Hills 4-H Camp – Rock Springs 4-H Center
June 15	District Horse Show entries due to office or postmarked
June 15	KS State Fair & KS Junior Livestock Show nomination deadline
June 17	4-H County Horse Show @ Pippin Arena 7 p.m.
June 22	Area horticulture, photography, and favorite foods judging at Emporia
June 23-24	Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp ages 9-13
June 24	Poultry Testing at Riverside Park 4:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
June 25	Wildcat Beginner Livestock Judging Camp ½ day
June 28	Wildcat Advanced Livestock Judging Camp Full Day
June 28-30	Kitchen Kids (Independence)
July 1	Area livestock, skill-a-thon, and meats judging at Yates Center, Kansas
July 1	County Fair ANIMAL ENTIRES DUE (fair entry)
July 5	Extension office closed
July 7-10	Cherryvale Youth Fair
July 13	Clothing judging for fair @ Independence High School
July 14-16	Kitchen Kids (Cherryvale)
July 20	Style Revue, King and Queen Coordination, and Dance 7 p.m. @ Wesley Center
July 21-26	100 th Montgomery County 4-H Fair
July 24	Food Bake Sale 6 p.m. @ Fair
July 26	Livestock Sale 7:00 p.m. @ Fair

State Fair/KJLS Livestock Nominations

June 15 – deadline for commercial heifer, market hog, commercial breeding gilt, meat goats, market lambs, commercial ewes, & registered breeding stock. Tags \$3.00

Tags, nomination papers, DNA envelopes available at the Extension office. Katie 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.

Inter-State Fair and Rodeo Livestock

July 15 – Entry Deadline for anyone that nominated livestock. All paperwork must be submitted to the Chamber in Coffeyville.

Spring Show Information

We receive information about spring shows for every species (horses, rabbits, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry). A link to the list of shows kept by the state office can be found on our website. These shows are great opportunities to practice and make new friends!

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.) All in-person classes are closed but you can find online classes on the YQCA website, <https://yqca.learnrow.io> Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more! Youth planning to sell at county fair this class can count towards one of your 5 required meetings!

5 MEETINGS

Youth who plan to show a market animal and then participate in the premium livestock sale must have attended five monthly 4-H club meetings from October 1 to June 30th. Anyone completing a YQCA class outlined above will receive credit for one monthly meeting. YQCA covers animal husbandry information that is important for anyone raising livestock. First year members and full time college members are exempt. If you have questions please contact Katie. **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.**

VISIT/THANK FAIR SUPPORTERS

Now is the time to visit/thank past food and livestock buyers for their support! Drop them a quick note or plate of cookies and remind them our: 100th fair food auction is July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. 100th fair livestock premium auction is July 26th at 7:00 pm.

The fair board is a registered 170c3 tax deductible organization and their names will be listed in the newspapers, Facebook page, and next year's fair book. Companies don't have to be there in person to donate. Youth can put businesses' in contact with any fair board member for more information!

King & Queen Nominations

Clubs should vote on their nominations at their May meeting and appoint a person to email or text Katie Townsend with your nominations. I will then send each nominee information and a form to fill out for a biography.

4-H Camps

Greenbush: OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE for June 8 & 9 for ages 7-8. For more information about this 24 hour camp call Katie. Camp packets mailed mid May. Cost dependent on club day scholarships.

Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp: June 23-24, Coffeyville, Ks. 24 hour overnight camp. SPOTS OPEN for campers, counselors, and adult helpers! Link to register is on the website or contact the Extension office or contact Katie. Will need one adult male to spend the night! Cost \$55 or \$10 for those that gave a talk/demo at club days.

Kitchen Kids: NEW COOKING CAMP

In partnership with ICC Fab Lab we will be offering three cooking sessions. Sessions are for 2.5 hours for three days ending in a cooking competition! Open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H). Cost is \$10, registration coming soon. Ages 7-12

- June 28,29,30th 9-11:30 a.m. (Indy)
- June 28, 29, 30th 1-3:30 p.m. (Indy)

5th & 6th graders

- July 14,15,16th 9-11:30 a.m. (Cherryvale)

What is livestock judging?

Livestock judging consists of analyzing animals and measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as being ideal. Livestock judging has been defined as a study of the relationship between an animal's form and function. Once youth place animals in a ranking order they will be taught to defend their rankings with oral reasons.

Livestock judging is a great way to learn to better your herd and pick out fair animals! Anyone interested in learning more about should call Cara Comstock at 620-784-5337 or cjcomstock@ksu.edu. See judging camp dates on the calendar (page 1).

What is meats judging?

4-H Meats Judging test knowledge over processed meats, retail meat cuts, reading a product label, along with judging various classes of retail cuts. Great for youth raising a herd at home to learn what processors are looking for and as a consumer what cuts are best at the store!

Anyone interested in learning more about meats judging should contact Katie Townsend at 620-331-2690 or krohling@ksu.edu to be put in contact with coach Dick VanWinkle.

Favorite Foods Contest

Want to practice making a food for the county fair? Or wanting to taking your cooking to the next level? 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. Even costumes are encouraged 😊 Search YouTube for “4-H Favorite Foods Instructional” and “Description of Favorite Foods Contest” for more information!

Contest is June 7th 4-6:30 in Fredonia.

Transportation may be provided call the office. Entry form can be found on our website.

INTERNSHIP

Youth 16 and older interested in working 20 hours a week @ \$7.50 for the Independence Extension office should fill out the application on our Wildcat website or call the office to obtain an application. Applications due to krohling@ksu.edu or in person by end of day May 14th.

Community Service Opportunity

Tyro Church (ROCKS) vacation bible camp is looking for 4-H members to bring animals to a petting zoo June 5th from 5:15-8 p.m. in Tyro. Panels provided. Anyone interested text Sharon Ward at 620-870-1561 or wardranch@outlook.com.

100th Montgomery County 4-H Fair

Health paper check point...FREE

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/west road by the football stadium. **Please enter the line from the west.** DO NOT come early and unload. Health checks only available during check-in times. See fair book.

Entries

Fair Entry (name of the program) will go live on May 18th. Links to register for fair will be emailed, posted to Facebook, and posted on our website. **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.

Livestock must be registered by JULY 1
Inside exhibits must be registered by July 11

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.** Family changes can be made at the scales but tag numbers should remain the same as submitted!

Poultry Testing is back

For a few years there has been an antigen shortage but for 2021 poultry testing will be required for anyone planning to show at fairs! Testing is FREE. Youth can attend any of these free test dates across the district:

- June 24th at 4-H swine building, Riverside Park, Independence 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- July 7th at Fredonia fair grounds 4-6 p.m.
- July 13th Girard fair grounds 5-7 p.m.
- July 14th at Oswego fair grounds 4-6 p.m.



100th MG County Fair Adult Showmanship

Adult showmanship is open to all adults who are no longer eligible for the 4-H youth show (19 as of January first or older.)

Adult showmanship will take place immediately following the swine, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, dairy cattle, and beef shows.

No outside animals will be allowed, so coordinate with a 4-Her to borrow an animal, or let us know you need one to borrow.



Entry Fee: \$5 per adult per show

**Sign up during the show or contact Hayleigh Stanford at
hpassauer@hotmail.com or 620-330-2962.**