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4-H Families

We have many new 4-H families joining us this time of the year. Please make sure they feel welcome! Please make an effort to explain upcoming events and deadlines! We tend to forget they may need more explanation and might not have a 4-H background. Thanks for helping them out.

Kansas State Fair

If you have registered inside exhibits for the Kansas State Fair please check with your county for drop off deadlines.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show

KJLS will be September 27-29th in Huchison, Kansas. For rules and other information about this event visit kjls.org

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 6-12, 2019. We encourage clubs to plan something special to reach members of our communities that are not involved in 4-H. This is a great week to hang a poster at school or church, do a talk to a non 4-H group, put a display in a business, read to younger youth, visit care homes, ect. Simply telling about your 4-H experiences could be the push a family is needing to join 4-H!

Kansas 4-H Age Policy

4-H Youth Development programs are open to all youth who are residents of Kansas and between the ages of 7 and 18. Youth who turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year may enroll. Youth who turn 19 before January 1 of the current 4-H year are ineligible to enroll. 4-H members who are selected as winners in late summer or fall and who turn 19 before January 1, cannot compete in state or national contests, awards, or recognition programs.

Online Resources

4-H Online Enrollment: <https://ks.4honline.com>

Newsletter & 4-H Activities: www.wildcatdistrict.ksu.edu

Kansas State 4-H Website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/>

Kansas State Fair: www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/



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Wildcat District Calendar

This calendar includes dates for all four counties. Youth are welcome to attend project programming held by any county in the Wildcat District, call ahead to reserve a spot. Dates shown here may or may not appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Date	Event	Location
Sep 2	All offices closed for Labor Day	All Offices
Sep. 6-15	Kansas State Fair	Hutchison, KS
Sep 20	Deadline for Drone and Robot Olympics	Online
Sep 27-29	Kansas Jr. Livestock Show	Hutchison, KS
October 1	Enrollment for New 4-H year	Online
Oct 4-5	Drone & Robot Olympics	Hutchison, KS
Oct. 6-12	National 4-H Week	
Oct 12-13	48 Hours of 4-H	
Oct 15	KYLF Registration Deadline	Online
Nov 9	Equine Extravaganza	Rock Springs
Nov 11	All Offices Closed	All Offices
Nov 23-24	Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)	Rock Springs
Nov 28-29	All Offices Closed	All Offices

For more information and registration forms, please visit county specific web pages.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is for youth ages 14-18. Delegates will experience workshops, a guest speaker, fun and educational activities, election of the New Youth Leadership Council and more. Running for Council is a great opportunity for older youth that are looking to grow in their leadership. This would be a great addition to a scholarship letter. Simultaneously at this conference they will be holding a training for volunteers. The early bird registration deadline is Oct. 15th. Normally a van of youth from our district attend this event. If you have questions about what happens at the forum contact agent Cheri Nelsen.

4-H Enrollment

The 4-H year begins in October, and enrollment will open October 1st. Please do not try to enroll before October 1st. There is a \$15 fee mandated by the state 4-H office. PLEASE do not stop coming to 4-H meetings because you are concerned about the fee. There are scholarships and waivers available for this fee. Enrollment is completed on 4-H online. Returning members must enroll by January 31st to participate in the County Fair. New members must enroll by May 1st. If you need any help enrolling please contact your local extension office.

Drone & Robot Olympics

Cosmosphere 4-H Drone + Robot Olympics will begin Friday, October 4, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, October 5, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$115 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$85 for all adult chaperones (all youth must have a designated chaperone to attend). Participants will receive introduction education about drones and robots, then split between a robot group and drone group, then continue training activities for each vehicle and finally, a team competition with several challenges using both vehicles. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors and understand how to pilot drones. There will also be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration also includes three meals and an overnight stay.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

Record Book Advice

Each county does record books slightly different, please check your county website and with your agent for specifics. Agents are working to streamline the process so all counties are the same. Please check your calendar for record book due dates. All counties trade books to be judged. If you are interested in judging record books please contact your agent. This is a great way to see what others are doing and offer advice to your club or youth.

*You do not have to do a record book for every project! Agents recommend choosing 1-2 projects and really focusing on them. Your books will do better at judging and it will be a better record for you to reflect on in the future (i.e. scholarships, or FFA SAE, supervised agricultural experience).

*Agents strongly encourage putting each of your project records in a different folder to make judging more efficient. Each judge takes a project area to work with so separate folders are a big help.

*Make sure you have pictures from start to finish of your projects and caption them.

*The goal in 4-H is for you to learn something to better your projects each year. Be sure to document what you learned and how to plan to better your project next year. Documenting your failures and challenges is not a bad thing!

*If you are an older member your story should be over a page long. Your story should highlight all of your 4-H activities but mainly focus on the project you have selected.

Say Thank You

Many people have worked to help 4-H members, "Make the Best Better". Please thank the leaders, parents, volunteers, superintendents, and fair board members that have helped our youth develop life skills in 4-H. Another thank you that needs to go out is your plaque/trophy sponsor and premium sale buyer! A note or sticker should be on your plaque telling you where to send your thank you. For premium buyers, YOU (the exhibitor) need to go to the place of business with a plate of cookies, basket of goodies, etc. and a handwritten thank you note. Please keep the support coming to the county fair by doing this very simple but important act!

Crawford County News

Date	Event	Location
Sep 4	State Fair Exhibits Due	Extension Office
Sep 6-15	Kansas State Fair	
Sep 27	Record Books and Achievement Pin Application Due	Extension Office
Oct. 28	Junior Leaders Meeting @ 6:30	Extension Office
Oct. 28	4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30	Extension Office
<u>Oct 28</u>	Pumpkin Contest	Extension Office

Enrollment

Enrollment for 2019 will open October 1, 2018. If you were enrolled in 4-H in Crawford County by January 31, 2019 you need to enroll as a returning family! If you forgot your password, there is a 'Forgot password' option. www.ks.4honline.com

4-H Banquet

More information will be provided about the annual 4-H awards banquet in the near future. The banquet is a time to celebrate the 4-H year and for youth to get their awards. Awards are passed out for pin applications and record books. The program is ran by the Junior Leaders group. The banquet is open to any 4-H members and their families but an RSVP is required. A meal is sponsored by Crawford County 4-H Council. This is possible by all the hard work youth and parents put in at the pre-fair BBQ and selling ice cream!

Pre-Fair BBQ and Ice Cream

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Pre-Fair BBQ and ice cream stand. These are the only fundraisers 4-H council does to support events like camp transportation, club day ribbons and judges, Awards Banquet meal, etc.

Crawford County 4-H Website
www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/

Labette County News

Date	Event	Location
Sep 20	Record Book/Achievement Pin App Due	Office
Oct 15	4-H Council Meeting (Election)	
Oct 21	Pumpkin Contest	Office
Oct 28	Club Financial Records Due	Office
Nov 4	4-H Banquet @ 6 PM	LCHS

Volunteer News

Please be on the lookout for a new and easier way to renew as a 4-H volunteer. All volunteers must renew their volunteer account on 4-H online. Volunteers will also be able to complete the whole screening process online this year. We will be sending out step by step instructions to all existing volunteers and to anyone looking to become a new volunteer.

National 4-H Week

Clubs are encouraged to participate in 4-H activities for National 4-H Week, October 6-12, including spirit day on Tuesday, October 8th when everyone is asked to wear green or 4-H apparel.

Livestock Judging

Mid-America Classic will be Friday, September 27 in Hutchinson, KS. If you have any questions regarding the judging contest please contact Cara Comstock.

Pumpkin Contest

For the pumpkin contest, we will weigh Pumpkins at 4:00 on October 21 at the extension office and give out awards following the weigh in.

Horticulture Judging Teams

Shout out to the Horticulture Judging Teams for their successes and a thank you to Christina Beason and Jacob Weber for taking the kids. The Intermediate Team was Second Overall, Maggie Chandler was 4th High Individual, Jenna Meseraull was 9th Individual, Patricia Benning was 13th and Brooke Benning was 14th. For the Senior Division, The team was third with Ellie Gudde being 7th, Danielle Deller -8th, Blaine Smith - 13th.

Labette County 4-H Website
www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/labette/

Montgomery County News

Date	Event	Location
Sep 27	Record Books due to the office	Extension Office
Oct 1	Enrollment open	Online
Oct 10	4-H Council and Pumpkin Contest	Extension Office
Oct 12	Mg. Co. Shooting Sports Fun Shoot	TBA
Nov 7	4-H Banquet @ 7 pm	Coffeyville Recreation Center

Participation

Please read the first three pages of the newsletter carefully, if you see an event or deadline that you would like to know more about please don't hesitate to call! There are some great opportunities coming up! For winter events more information will be coming out soon. Please call if you have questions.

Fair Money

I hope all youth learned a new skill while preparing for the fair this year. The fair is all about learning how you can better your projects for next year and making/reconnecting with friends! The icing on the cake is the premium money that the fair board works hard to find for you each year. Please take time to write thank you notes to your buyers and plaque sponsors. If you do not know your buyers/sponsors please call the Extension office. We can also help you find addresses. Checks for the bake sale will be coming soon. Checks for the premium sale will go out as soon as all the supporters have paid their bills to the fair board. Ribbon money will be sent out after October because youth must submit a record book in order to get their money from the fair board. For record book help please reach out to the office.

Achievement Banquet

The annual achievement banquet will be held November 7, 2019 at the Coffeyville Recreation Center. at 7 pm. The ticket prices for supper will be announced at a later date. Tickets will be provided for free to youth who RSVP and have completed their record book. Discounted tickets will be provided to leaders.

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Montgomery County 4-H Website
www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/

Wilson County News

Date	Event	Location
Sep 20	Record Books Due	Office
Sep 20	Achievemnet Pin App, Key Awards, Club Finacial Records Due	Office
Sep 26-29	Wilson Co. Old Iron Club Days	
Oct 6-12	National 4-H week	
	Pumpkin Contest	
Oct. 12-13	48 Hours of 4-H	

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gave a hand and assisted in help at the 2019 County Fair. It means a great deal to the 4-H members, the Fair Board, the community, and the extension staff. If you wish to volunteer to help next year please feel free to contact the office or the fair board directly.

--The Extension Office

Volunteer Salute to Excellence Award

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the 4-H program serving as mentors, teachers and friends. The National Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exceptional service to 4-H. The Kansas Association 4-H Volunteers has adopted the Salute to Excellence award to recognize and promote Kansas 4-H volunteers who have excelled in their roles locally and continue with selecting Kansas' top volunteers for National competition.

If you would like to submit a local volunteer for the award please let us know by September 25th.

Fair Royalty

Congratulations to the 2019 Fair Royalty! Royalty responsibilities include passing out ribbons to fair project winners, helping with the opening ceremony for achievement banquet, and riding in the local parades and other promotional events.

King & Queen: Mason Springer & Ellen Meseruell

Prince & Princess: Tayte Leck & Jenna Meseruell

Wilson County 4-H Website
www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/wilson/



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