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Central Kansas District 4-H

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4-H CLUB DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to all who participated in 4-H Club Day. Those who will represent the District at Regional 4-H Club Day are:

Project Talks: Jaelyn Gates, Katelyn Griffin

Junior Demo./Ill. Talk: Kendyn Biggs, Parker Page, Isaac Perez, Eian Pracht Senior Demo./Ill. Talk: Emma Littich, Madison Repp, Reygan Schrock, Owen

Tracy

Public Speaking: August Hulse, Matthew Redden, Weston Schrader, Ella Tracy

Vocal Music

Senior Solo: Brynna Anderson

Instrumental Music

Junior Solo: Matthias Schlatter

Senior Solo: Emma Littich, Madison Repp

Dance

Senior Solo Dance: Kathie Woker

<u>Drama</u>

Junior Reading: Katelyn Griffin, Eian Pracht

Senior Reading: Acacia Pracht, Matthew Redden

Senior Solo Acting: Shelby Stolzenburg

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CLUB DAY NOTES

Comment Sheets & Ribbons: All 4-H Club Day participants will soon be receiving their ribbons and comment sheets in the mail. The 4-H Club Day Committee is also including a surprise for the great attitudes while trying 4-H Club Day in the digital environment.

#InspireKidsToDo Service Project: For the 2021 4-H Club Day service project opportunity, the 4-H Club Day Committee has decided to collect cards for local nursing homes. When creating your cards, think of encouraging words to share, draw pictures, or simply write about your 4-H projects and what you've been doing. Finished cards may be dropped off at either Extension Office during the month of March, and will then be distributed to several locations across the district.



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ATTENTION ALL 4-H MEMBERS & PARENTS — ADD/DROP INFORMATION

There are several responsibilities as a 4-H member and a 4-H parent. One of these responsibilities is the adding and dropping of 4-H projects. Due to the issues with 4HOnline, here are the details for adding and dropping projects.

Adding Projects: 4-H members CAN ADD 4-H projects in 4HOnline. Remember, you must be enrolled in the projects you plan to exhibit at the County Fair, no later than May 1. Be sure to check and double check the projects your child(ren) are enrolled in.

Dropping Projects: At this time, 4-H members CAN NOT drop projects in 4HOnline. While this is currently being worked on, we are unaware of the timeline when this will be fixed. Once this option is available, we will let you know. For now, do not worry about dropping projects.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to add any projects by May 1, 11:59 p.m. You will need to do this by logging into 4HOnline. After May 1, the system will not allow you to add or drop projects.

Remember, 4-H members must be enrolled in the project area(s) they will be exhibiting in at the county fair. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either Extension Office.

ANNUAL OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION FUND DRIVE

The annual Ottawa County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive will be held March 1-31 this year.

MATCH MADNESS

On Thursday, March 25, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. we will have an opportunity to donate money to the Saline County 4-H Development Fund at the Salina Fieldhouse OR online (from 12 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.) at http://matchmadnessGSCF.org. At this event the Greater Salina Community foundation will MATCH the money you donate. This means extra "free" money for 4-H programs! We encourage your 4-H Club or individuals that wish to support 4-H members, to stop by the event with their donation, and take advantage of this opportunity to expand your contribution with these matching funds. Please put March 25 on your calendar!

CHANGES TO YOUR EMAIL & MAILING ADDRESSES

If you go to 4HOnline and change your mailing address or email address, please be sure to let the Extension Office know. We do not receive any notification that changes have occurred. To help make sure you will receive the 4-H Newsletter and other important information via the mail and email, please let us know.



4-H NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2021

If you have something you would like in the *4-H Newsletter*, be sure to email it to semaass@k-state.edu. The deadline for April is March 14.

4-H CAMP

Right now, 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 24-27 (Rookie Camp Session 1: June 24-25 & Session 2: June 26-27) and counselors would go to Rock Springs on June 23. While we do not have a crystal ball to know how camp will look, we are currently planning for an inperson 4-H camp at Rock Springs. Watch your email for more details as they become available.



ATTENTION 4-H FAMILIES & ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS: CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT FUNDRAISING POLICY

The Central Kansas Extension Board adopted a policy to go alongside the Kansas 4-H Policy regarding fundraising at the February, 2014, Board Meeting. The policy is:

"4-H members MAY NOT solicit funds to help fund their individual 4-H projects. 4-H members may fundraise for a specific 4-H EDUCATIONAL trip. Donations given directly to a 4-H member ARE NOT tax deductible because they do not go to a 4-H club or group. Any fundraising programs by clubs or

individuals MUST be approved by the 4-H Youth Development Agent; the funds must be used to further the 4-H mission; the account procedures must be appropriate and in accordance with the POLICY; and the 4-H name and emblem must be properly used."

Any fundraising done in the name of 4-H needs to be approved by Sarah.

MID-YEAR AWARD REVIEW PROCESS

Every year, 4-H members have the opportunity to complete a 4-H Member Achievement Plan otherwise known as the 4-H Pin Application. You should have received information about this award at the beginning of the 4-H year from your 4-H Club Leader. Be sure it is the Central Kansas District 4-H Pin Application found on our website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h) For those of you who are new to 4-H, this process considers the entire 4-H year and everything that the 4-H member has done throughout the year. It is not something that is specifically based on one project like the Kansas Award Portfolios or Record Books are. This provides



an opportunity for a 4-H member to set goals for their overall involvement in 4-H and earn a pin in the process. You can find the 4-H Member Achievement Plan at http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h \rightarrow Awards & Recognition \rightarrow Member Achievement Plan. Regardless of what pin the 4-H member is applying for, they will all fill out the same form, but the items required will vary (see the details on the first page of the application).

Now is the time to do a *status check* on where the 4-H member is with their pin application. The Trips & Awards Committee would like to offer the 4-H members the opportunity to do a mid-year appeal, if they can determine right now that they are not going to be able to get the pin in which they have set out to achieve. There are lots of 4-H events that will still occur this year, but there are several that have come and gone. A 4-H member may have missed an opportunity or two. What does this all mean and what should I do? Here are some steps for the process:

- 1. Fill out the 4-H Pin Application as completely as you can to make it current.
- 2. Determine if you are on the right track. Are there still things that you need to complete? Check the 4-H Newsletter and Master 4-H Calendar (both available at http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h) to see what other things are still yet to come this 4-H year.
- 3. If you have missed an opportunity and you do not see where it can be picked up later this 4-H year, please complete the CKD 4-H Deferral Appeal Process Form. This form can be found at http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h → Awards & Recognition → Appeal Process. Follow the directions on this form and submit it with a copy of your 4-H Pin Application to either Extension Office no later than 5 p.m., May 3.
- 4. The Trips & Awards Committee will review your forms and get back to you with a response. This will allow you to know if you continue working towards your goal of achieving the pin, if you will be able to receive it in November. Keep in mind, the Trips & Awards Committee may ask you to do certain things in place of what you may have missed. All of this will be outlined in their response back to you.
- 5. Additionally, there is a document with helpful hints for parents on the website located at http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h → Awards & Recognition → Helpful Hints for Parents.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Pin Application, the opportunity for the appeal, etc. please let Sarah know.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

<u> Attention Livestock Exhibitors – 2021 YQCA certification</u>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

<u>ALL livestock exhibitors (beef, swine, sheep, meat goat)</u> are once again required to be YQCA-certified in order to participate in the 2021 Ottawa County Fair, Tri-Rivers Fair, Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females. Since the program is designed to be a national standard for youth ages 8 and older, 7-year-olds who will be participating are again exempt from completing this requirement.

Certification dates are set for April 1 (Salina) and April 13 (Minneapolis) and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required. Parents are asked not to attend to allow for more exhibitors to attend the certification training due to social distancing. If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact Justine Henderson (<u>jwh04@ksu.edu</u> or 785-392-2147). Also, know that if you do not wish to attend an inperson training, the online course is available. Livestock 4-H members should watch their email for details. The email will come from 4HOnline. For more details about the YQCA program, contact Justine.

BEEF CHECK-IN FOR DISTRICT BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

Beef Check-in will be **Saturday**, **March 13**, in two locations. From 8:00 -11:30 a.m. we will be at Glenn Engelland's Farm and from 1-3 p.m. at Spencer Schrader's Farm. Regardless of where you plan to go, please go to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h and click on the Beef Check-in sign up for a spot before **Thursday**, **March 11**. Sign-up will be ONLINE ONLY. Both check-in locations are open to all District 4-H Members. At both sites we will be weighing, tagging market animals and tagging Commercial Heifers. Commercial heifers that will not be nominated to attend state shows can be tagged at home (will need to purchase tags from the Extension Office) and photo taken showing the heifer with the tag in the ear by May 1. Registered heifers do not have to be checked in or nominated. All animals will have an official "Kansas 4-H" ear tag put in the ear at a cost of \$3.50/tag. To show at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show you must nominate them. If you need a DNA envelope to nominate your animal(s), the cost will be \$0.50 each. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all members and family will be required to wear a mask if they exit the vehicle, and social distancing will be enforced.



CHECK-IN FOR: MARKET MEAT GOAT & MARKET LAMB

The Districtwide tagging & check-in will be held April 28, in Salina (fairgrounds) and April 29, in Minneapolis (fairgrounds) from 4 to 6 p.m. for meat goats and lambs. Tags will cost \$3/tag. If interested in exhibiting livestock at the State Fair or Junior Livestock Show, a nomination will be required. In 2020, the cost was \$8/animal. Right now, we are unaware of the cost for 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required and social distancing will be enforced during the check-in.

ATTENTION: SWINE EXHIBITORS

4-H members will check-in their own swine projects through a required process via email. Information on this process will be sent out to ONLY the families who have children enrolled in the swine project. If you are not already enrolled in the swine project and plan to show swine, be sure to get enrolled in 4HOnline.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

March Meeting

The March 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, virtually. Council members should watch their email for the agenda packet closer to the meeting date. The theme for this meeting is St. Patrick's Day, so be sure to wear your 4-H green!

May Meeting

The May 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Come learn some fun activities you can use at virtual meetings for ice-breakers, teambuilding, and discussion. The workshop will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 23, from 7-8:15 p.m. Please register by going to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-H/ and click on the link under "Upcoming Events & Online Registration." **Please register by Thursday, March 18**. Remember...This workshop will count for the leadership workshop on the pin applications. **Who can attend?** 4-H Members, Parents and Volunteers can attend! Participants will learn activities that they can take back to their clubs and other groups they work with or are a part of. Key lessons that will be emphasized are: teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem solving, communication and decision making.

The next leadership workshop scheduled for April 8 has been moved to April 27. More details will be in the April 4-H Newsletter.

COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION

It is hard to imagine that the county fairs will be here before we know it. The planning has begun. Watch for more details in the future 4-H newsletters.



FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS & ASSISTANTS

The dates for the Ottawa County Fair are July 20-23. The Tri-Rivers Fair will be on August 4-8 (pre-fair judging on August 3). Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need a lot of parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Do not forget that these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in the 4-H member's record book. Interested 4-H members, parents and volunteers...should sign up online by April 1 by going to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h, and you will find a link under "Upcoming Events and Online Registration" for County Fair Superintendent and Superintendent Sign-up. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

FAIR PAPERS

The fair papers for the county fairs will be posted online as soon as they become available. Watch the newsletter and/or email for when they are posted.

PHOTOGRAPHY THEMED CLASS AT THE COUNTY FAIRS

We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2021 4-H Photography Competition is **Can't Believe it is Kansas**. Picture Kansas. What comes to mind? What do think of when you hear "Kansas"? Now think of the things we have in Kansas that wouldn't be something someone would associate with Kansas. This could be a place, activity, etc. More details on this competition will be in the respective county fair papers. Be sure and check out the specifics when the fair papers are available later this year.

THEME FOR OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR: Just a Small Town Throwdown
THEME FOR TRI-RIVERS FAIR: Barn to be Wild

Bring Your 4-H Projects to Life

A monthly series connecting your 4-H projects, college, and careers.



4-H Project

Each month we will focus on a different 4-H project for 1-hour in a virtual setting. You may find a new passion!



Grow in Your Project Work

Explore ways you can enhance your learning activities within your favorite projects.



Connecting to College & Career Readiness

College professors, professionals in the field, and others will share their experience(s) and help participants grow.



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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact Lindsey (620-241-1523 / Imueting@ksu.edu) or Sarah (785-309-5850 / semasss@ksu.edu) two weeks prior to the start of the event. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.



Bring your 4-H projects to life is focused toward 10-14 year olds, however other youth are welcome to attend.

March 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Greg Aldrich, K-State Department of Grain Science & Industry

Pet Food program

You are invited to attend a 1 hour Zoom led by Dr. Greg Aldrich, Research Associate Professor & Pet Food Program Coordinator at K-State. Did you know that our own Kansas State University has a program area of pet food and companion animal nutrition sciences. People love their pets. Some 350 million pets live in more than two-thirds of our homes. But, there have been few places to explore the science behind this novel food category. We will explore this area of the University while calculating food intake of our pets based on weight. We will learn about balance of lean and healthy and different nutrients needed for a shiny coat and other desirable qualities. Whether you are interested in enhancing your canine friends or a new direction for your science or baking passion, this session is sure to provide new information for your interests! Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6wY2kmz3IuLPXkG. Please be sure to register by March 9 to receive all program information.

.Save the Date:

April 8, 7 p.m. - Veterinary Medicine



DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT NEWS



DISTRICT 4-H HORSE NEWS

Horse IDs

A link to the Horse ID Form can be found at http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h under 4-H Member Forms and Documents, "Horse ID." Be sure and check the back page, lower right-hand corner for the **January**, **2020** date to ensure you have the correct form.

Items to note:

- The form MUST BE front and back of one page, not 2 pages.
- A standard size picture MUST BE attached. The picture should include all 4 legs and feet showing a profile of the horse with the head turned toward the camera. ALL markings must be clearly visible.
- Members, Parent/Guardian, Owners (if horse is leased) and County Agents MUST sign and date.
- The ORIGINAL 4-H Horse Identification Certificate MUST accompany the 4-H'er. The county office and project leader may have a photocopy.
- This form can be signed anytime between now and May 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Horse Level Testing

Anyone wanting to take levels tests before District Horse Show Entries are due (June 1, 2021), should be studying for them now and then contact Bev so that a time may be set up to take the test. You can email Bev at classy3560@gmail.com

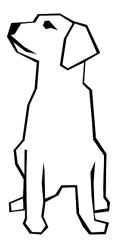
CANINE CAPERS NEWS

We would like to offer help for first year members to participate without a dog if, they want to start there or if they want to see what the project is about before getting a dog. We have activities available to help the learning process.

For members with a dog, we start the year with basic obedience training to get the foundation set. If you are coming with an already trained family dog, strengthening the bond and language between the 4-H member and the dog is key to a successful project experience. Training is foundational to the 4-H member/dog team bond and the obedience basics. Practice is coaching the 4-H members on advancing in the other areas of Showmanship, Rally- Obedience, and Agility.

Dog Care and Training participants, please contact <u>k9capersckd4h@gmail.com</u> with your questions. There is a maximum of 15 people that can be in the building at a time. Therefore, RSVPs ARE REQUIRED for scheduling purposes. Meeting details are below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location		
March 27	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ag Hall		
April 6	6-8:30 p.m.	Kenwood Hall		
April 13	6-8:30 p.m.	Ag Hall		
April 17	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Kenwood Hall		
April 20	6-8:30 p.m.	Ag Hall		
April 27	6-8:30 p.m.	Ag Hall		





EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

MARCH CHECK-UP

There are many spring activities in front of us that are about to spring into action. Where is the club heading? How are members doing on projects? What great and wonderful opportunities are the project leaders teaching? Let's take a look....

______A fun spring planned!
______Have you contacted Sarah for a Zoom Orientation with your new account?

Review
______4-H Newsletter read and important dates marked on calendar.
______Review highlights from 4-H Newsletter at club meeting.

To-Do
______All screened volunteers enrolled in4HOnline for the 2020-2021 4-H year.
______Check project leaders on progress.
______Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
______Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.

Promote/Recruit

The Volunteer Registration Process promoted to project leaders and parents.

4-H Camp Counselors promoted. Applications due ONLINE (Date TBD).

4-H Camp (June 24-27) & Rookie Camps (June 24-25 & June 26-27) promoted. Scholarships are available (to 4-H members only) by completing the Central Kansas District 4-H Scholarship Application and submitting it to either Extension Office by the deadline (Date TBD).

Discovery Days promoted. Encourage 4-H members to complete on-line registration (when open).

Encourage Fair Superintendents and Assistants.

Promote Club Exchange.

Promote the Leadership Workshop.

Remember

County Fair Assistant Superintendents and Superintendents submitted online for the Ottawa County Fair and the Tri-Rivers Fair, due April 1.

New 4-H members enrolled by May 1, returning members enrolled by December 1 to participate in the 4-H Division at the County Fair.

All 4-H project changes, additions only, to 4HOnline by May 1. Please double check! No late changes accepted.

Club representatives should attend 4-H council meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER UPDATE

Horse IDs are due May 1.

_Visitors reported to Kate (klittich@ksu.edu).
Update 4-H Records and Pin Applications.

Club annual summary up-to-date.

Work on Fair projects.

The next Organizational Leader Update will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, via zoom. We will be discussing some state policy changes, in-person meetings, camp, county fairs, etc. You won't want to miss this update!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Local 4-H scholarships DUE, online State 4-H scholarships DUE, online	2	3	4	5	6
7 Volunteer Screening Orientation, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Virtual	8	9	10	Virtual Exchange Meeting with Wisconsin, 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Spring Beef Weigh-In
February Newsletter articles due to Sarah DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	15	16	ST HAPPY DAY	18	19	20
21	4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., Virtual	Districtwide Leadership Workshop, Virtual, 7:00 p.m 8:15 p.m.	24	Match Madness 7:00 a.m 7:00 p.m. Salina Virtual Exchange Meeting with Wisconsin, 6:00 p.m.	26	27 Regional 4-H Club Day, Virtual
28	29	30 Organizational Leaders' Update, Online via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.	30	UPCOMING DATES: April Camp Counselor Applications, TBD 1—Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-Up DUE Online 1—YQCA, College Center Conference Room, Salina, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 13—YQCA, Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 17—Central Kansas Beef Show, Salina		



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Address Service Requested

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!

Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to everyone who participated in 4-H Club Day! Be watching your email for a survey that will be in your inbox soon!

Now is the time to begin planning for the summer months. Lots of fun activities will be coming up for 4-H members to participate in. 4-H Camp registration will open later this month. Be sure to watch your email for details! District activities for the summer are being planned. Before you know it, it will be time for county fairs! Be sure to start planning out the summer so your child(ren) can maximize their participation in the activities they want to be a part of. Planning is the key!

Have a great March!

Sarah

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