



4-H FLASH

Cowley County 4-H News

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Knowledge and Skills

The purpose of 4-H projects is for members to “learn by doing.” At the beginning of the 4-H year, when you choose your projects, you choose them with a specific goal in mind. In earlier editions of the Flash, we talked about setting goals and determining what the end result of your project would look like. Many of you are now working diligently to reach your end goal before the Cowley County Fair.

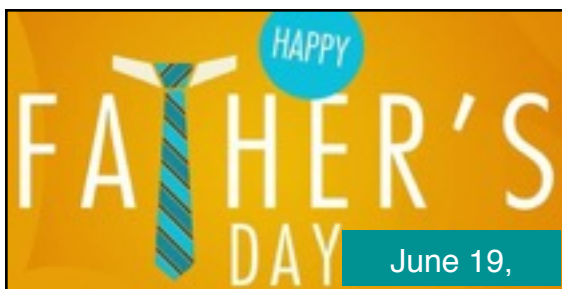
Summer and a break from school generally means more time to work on our 4-H projects. This is the time when patterns and material are chosen for Clothing Construction and shopping trips are made for Buymanship. Entomologists begin gathering insects to add to their entomology collections. Livestock members have a little more time to

work with their livestock to get them show ready.

This phase of your project experience is an important one. This is where you get hands-on and really start working and learning. The learning opportunities happen when you don’t sew something together the right way or you forget an ingredient in your cake. Changes in weather result in members learning how to adapt feed rations for livestock that don’t want to eat. Maybe the wind carried your rocket away or your rocket failed to launch. While many of these experiences are disappointing, they also play a valuable role in our project experiences. They allow us to learn. Think about what you would change the next time you bake that cake. Maybe you’re becoming a master seam-ripper (I know I was)!

Livestock won’t gain? Now you have the opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade and apply some real-world solutions. Disappointments and “flops” allow us the opportunity to seek out advice from parents, volunteers and industry leaders. Steer won’t gain? Call the cattleman down the road for some advice. Did you finish sewing your dress and the style looks terrible on you? Visit a retail store and ask the advice of the salesperson. The Extension Agents can also help you troubleshoot if you are having trouble with a project.

Keep track of the things that you are learning. It is likely that judges at the fair will ask you what problems you had with your project. It’s also helpful to keep track of those things for your record book.



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Upcoming Meetings

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E. 9th, Winfield.

Junior Leaders and Ambassadors will meet Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room.

4-H Council, Junior Leaders and Ambassadors will meet Thursday, July 21st in Barn 6 at the Winfield Fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leaders know and find another member to serve in your place.

Join us for a watermelon feed Thursday, July 21st at 5:30 p.m. (before the 4-H Council Meeting). The watermelon feed is hosted by Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports and Jennifer Bauer. All clubs are encouraged to attend for fun and fellowship as we get into "fair mode".

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Cowley County will attend 4-H Camp at Rock Springs June 24th-27th. 24 Cowley County campers will attend, including 2 4-H friends. Camp counselors from Cowley County are Ben Bradbury, Jacob Shepherd, Miranda Depenbusch, and Chloe Enderud. Campers and their parents should plan to attend camp orientation Thursday June 16th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room.

4-H Buddies-Ambassadors

Ambassadors will be hosting the first annual 4-H buddies program this summer. 4-H members aged 6-10 may complete an application from April 20th-June 9th. The applicants will be paired with an Ambassador. Ambassadors will provide mentoring and encouragement throughout their 4-H projects. Applications will be available online at www.cowley.k-state.edu or at the Extension Office.

Insect Spectacular

The 24th annual Insect Spectacular is set for June 24th and 25th at the Genesis Center, 123 N. Oak, Pratt, Kansas. Classes include beginning and advanced insect identification, pinning, and many others. There is also a session for Project Leaders. Information and registration can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/insect-spectacular.pdf>.

Registration is due by June 3rd.

Suds -N- Fun Day Camp

Ambassadors will sponsor a Suds -N- Fun Day Camp on June 14th, for kids age 5-10, at \$15.00 each. Camp will be held at the Winfield Fairgrounds in Barn 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please pre-register by calling the Extension Office (620-221-5450 or 620-441-4565) by June 13th.

There will be a craft to make and water games. Please dress accordingly. Campers will be provided lunch and snacks. Space is limited, register early!

Development Fund

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is a local non-profit 4-H foundation that was created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers as they take part in educational events and activities. 4-H members have benefited from college scholarships awarded annually at 4-H Achievement Night, Leadership Development Grants and camp transportation.

Funding comes from gifts and donations of supporters. This year the Development Fund Board will be conducting a phone drive and a social media campaign to increase the principle in the fund. Increased funding will result in increased opportunities for 4-H members. Donation opportunity cards and information about giving have been placed in club mail boxes. If a family or other supporter is interested in contributing, additional information is available at the Extension Office.

Leadership Development Grants

Leadership Development Grants from the 4-H Development Fund are available to Cowley County 4-H members who are attending a multi-county, state or national 4-H leadership event. \$50 grants are awarded to applicants who complete the application with an essay, write a thank-you to a 4-H Development Fund donor, and provide a leadership program to a Cowley County 4-H club or group. To apply, visit the 4-H page on the Cowley County Extension website www.cowley.k-state.edu

Update Your 4-H'ers Health Information

Summer is a busy time with lots of trips, camps and activities. If something in your member's health status has changed, please be sure to update the information on kansas.4honline.com

Project Leaders

Project Leaders are vital to the success of the 4-H program. Project Leaders provide educational experiences for members of a particular project and serve as a resource. Knowledge in a particular subject matter is not a requirement in order to serve as a project leader, although it is sometimes helpful.

Cowley County 4-H has a great need for Project Leaders at the club and county level. We are especially interested in recruiting adults or teens who are willing to coordinate at least six project experiences per year in the following areas:

Photography	Leadership
Foods & Nutrition	Horticulture
Clothing Buymanship	Arts & Crafts
Meat Goats	Ceramics

In order to serve as a project leader, one must complete the Volunteer Screening Process which includes: Volunteer Service Application, 2-part background check, enroll as a volunteer on ks.4honline.com and appointment by the local unit board.

If you or someone you know is interested in providing great learning opportunities for our 4-H'ers, please contact Kelsey.

Livestock Information

Poultry Testing

All chickens and turkeys that will be exhibited at the Cowley County Fair must be Pullorum-Typhoid tested. Testing will take place Friday, July 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday July 16th from 8-10a.m. in Barn 10 at the Winfield Fairgrounds. Two testers will be available and leg bands will be applied at the testing. Cost will be \$4/bird. Checks may be made to Cowley County Extension Council. RSVP to the Extension Office (620) 221-5450 by July 14th, to secure your bands and test.

Ownership Requirements

In order to exhibit livestock at the Cowley County Fair, members must meet the following ownership/leasing deadlines.

Market Steers/Market Heifers: Must be owned by March 6, 2016 and tagged with official Cowley County Extension issued tag/weighed at official beef weigh-in.
Breeding Heifers, Gilts, Does and Ewes: Must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1, 2016. Registered females may be co-owned/co-registered by two or more members in the same family. Registration must be in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) by June 1, 2016.

Commercial females must have a 4-H eartag (available in the Extension Office) and complete/turn in the Breeding Ownership Affidavit by June 1, 2016.

Second Year Bucket Calves: Must be tagged with Bucket Calf tag. Market calves must be tagged by March 6, 2016 at the official weigh-in.

Bucket Calves: Must be born between January 1 and May 31, 2016 and tagged with Bucket Calf tag (available in the Extension Office).

Swine: Market and Swine must be owned and tagged by May 3, 2016. Market Swine must be born after January 1, 2016. Tags will not be sold over the counter.

Market Lambs: Market Lambs must be born after January 1, 2016. Lambs must be owned and tagged by May 3, 2016. Tagging days were held at the Fairgrounds April 30th and May 3rd. Tags will not be sold over the counter.

Market Meat Goats: Market Meat Goats must be owned, tagged and weighed by May 3, 2016. Market Meat Goats must still have their milk teeth at the fair. Tag/weigh days were held at the Fairgrounds April 30th and May 3rd. Tags will not be sold over the counter.

Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: Must be owned or leased by the exhibitor at least 100 days before the fair. All lease, registration and/or transfer papers must be in the name of the exhibitor by June 15, 2016.

Lost Tag Policy

When an animal loses a tag, the exhibitor must contact the Cowley County Extension Office in writing as soon as said tag is noticed to be missing. Include the following information: specie, previous tag number, breed, sex of animal and statement verifying that the animal is the same animal that was tagged at the official tagging day. Ear tags that are lost after the pre-entry deadline must still be submitted in writing to the Extension Office, but will be handled on a case by case basis.

State Show Nomination and Entry

Deadlines

In order to exhibit livestock at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, exhibitors must complete the nomination process for each animal. Nominations for beef were due May 1st. Nominations for Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats are due June 15th. DNA nominations are required for all species. DNA envelopes are available for .50 each in the Extension Office along with the appropriate forms. For additional nomination information, visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu. A nomination does not constitute entry for the show. Kansas State Fair livestock entries are due July 15th. Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries are due August 1st.

Southeast Area Livestock, Meats and Skillathon Contests

The Southeast Area will host a Meats Judging, Livestock Judging and Livestock Skillathon Contest Thursday, June 16th in Yates Center. If you are interested in judging or expanding your knowledge, contact Kelsey or Jill, at 620-221-5450. Transportation will be provided if at least 3 youth are interested in attending.

Cowley County 4-H Livestock Dates

4-H members enrolling in livestock projects should be aware of the following dates/deadlines:

June 1st: Ownership deadline for registered and commercial breeding heifers, does, gilts, and ewes; Complete breeding livestock affidavit.

June 8-11th & 29th - July 2nd: Kansas Animal Sciences Leadership Day

June 15th: 4-H Grade or Dairy Cattle Leasing ID form due

June 15th: KJLS/Kansas State Fair Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Sheep, Swine and Goat Nominations due

June 15th: District Horse Show entries due

July 1st: South Central District Horse Show, Hutchinson

July 6th: Cowley County Fair pre-entries due

July 15th: Kansas State Fair pre-entries due

July 25th: Kansas State Fair late entry deadline

July 28th- August 1st: Cowley County Fair

August 1st: State Fair Horse Show entries due

August 22nd & 23rd: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September 9th - 18th: Kansas State Fair

September 30th - October 2nd: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

South Central District Horse Show

The South Central District Horse Show will be held Friday, July 1st, 2016 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS. The District Horse Show is the qualifying event for horse project members that wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. In order to participate at the District Show, members must have completed the Level 1 Kansas 4-H Horse Level Test. Registration will be online at <http://goo.gl/forms/OEoBPGTyKn>, and is due by June 15th.



Fair Preview

-4-H Fairbooks and pre-entry forms will be mailed to families by June 20th

-Pre-entries accepted from mid-June through July 6th
Last day to submit pre-entries is July 6th

-Fair entries can not be added at fair, but can be deleted.

Fair News

Several changes and updates are taking place for the 2016 Cowley County Fair. These changes are noted in bold in the upcoming fairbook. Fairbooks and fair pre-entry forms will be mailed to all families by June 20th. Fair pre-entry forms are required for ALL fair exhibits and are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6th (or postmarked by July 6th). Late entries will be accepted within 72 hours after July 6th with a \$30.00 fee per participant.

Fashion Revue Committee

4-H Clothing/Fashion Revue Judging and the Public Revue will be held at the Brown Center on the campus of Cowley College in Arkansas City. Project judging will be held on Tuesday, July 19th with the Public Revue on Sunday, July 24th. Be prepared to experience the college atmosphere!

Leadership opportunities are available for youth and families interested in serving on the Fashion Revue committee. This group will be responsible for selecting a theme and decorating for the public revue. Contact Becky by June 15th if interested in this committee!



Food Safety Class offered for 4-H Foodstand workers

We want to deliver the best experience and quality food to customers at the 4-H Food Stand. Thus, all 4-H families are encouraged to attend "Food Safety at the Foodstand" on June 21st at 9:30 a.m. The one hour class will include hands-on activities for youth and adults to learn about how to provide safe food and expectations for preparing, cooking and serving. Each club needs to have at least one adult and one member present. Online registration is available at <http://bit.ly/1OMyNNc>. An additional training session will be offered in July (TBA).

Barn 4 Supervisor Schedule

Supervisors are vital to the success of our county fair. It is how we keep our exhibit areas looking nice and provide assistance to our many patrons.

Clubs are assigned times to have a committee of at least one adult (1) and two youth present (2) in Barn 4 display area.

If you feel this shift is too long for one committee, form two committees and split your club's responsibilities.

Clubs must turn in names by Thursday, July 23rd.

Friday, July 29

6:00-8:30 Burden

8:15-10:45 Floral

Saturday, July 30

6:00-8:30 Udall, New Horizon

8:15-10:45 Tisdale, Dexter-Otto

Sunday, July 31

6:00 - 8:30 Shooting Sports, Cameron

8:15 - 10:45 Martha Washington

Monday, August 1

6:00 - 8:30 Sunrise

8:15 - 10:45 Walnut Valley, Rock Creek

4-H Foodstand Schedule

The money raised in the Food Stand is used to support our 4-H programs through scholarships to state 4-H events, transportation to county camp and Discovery Days, volunteer development awards and recognition at Achievement Night, officer training and much more.

Here is the schedule of workers for the Food Stand at the Cowley County Fair. An additional Thursday evening shift has been added. 4-H alumni generously give of their time to help raise money for 4-H during this shift. However, current 4-H families are welcome and encouraged to work during this time.

Please assign at least 5 adults to each shift. They are needed to run the cash register, operate the grill and appliances, and help with food preparation.

Each club is REQUIRED to have a shift manager. The shift manager must be a responsible adult or teen. Shift managers should recruit workers, attend the Food Safety training June 21st, attend a shift manager meeting July 23rd and turn a list of volunteers in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 23rd.

*The schedule has changed due to the declining enrollment in some clubs. Some clubs are combined, leaving longer shifts on Saturday.

Thursday, July 28

5:30-10 p.m. 4-H Alumni/Supporters

Friday, July 29

7:30 - 12:00 Floral

11:30 - 4:00 Rock Creek

3:45 - 8:15 Jr. Ldrs/4-H Council/Ambassadors

8:00 - 11:00 Udall

Saturday, July 30

7:30 - 12:45 Tisdale

12:30 - 5:45 Shooting Sports

5:30 - 11:00 Sunrise

Sunday, July 31

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3:00 - 7:00 Cameron

6:45 - 11:00 New Horizon

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8:00 - 3:30 Burden

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If members find they cannot work during their club's scheduled time, they are encouraged to contact the Extension Office to sign up and work with another club.

Kansas State Fair Info

Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries

Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries are due to the State Fair July 15th. All youth entry forms may be submitted online. However, they must be printed off and signed by authorized agents, parents, and exhibitors before entry form is complete. Entries may be mailed or faxed to: Kansas State Fair, Attn: Competitive Exhibits, 2000 N. Poplar, Hutchinson, KS 67502, Fax # 620-669-3640. Entry information is available at

www.kansasstatefair.com. Go to "Competitions", choose "Livestock Competitions" then choose Youth Show Grand Drive (on the right side of the page). Printable entry instructions are available by clicking on "online" registration process. Printable and electronic entries are available.



What Can I Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair??

If your 4-H Age is 9 and older, you are eligible to enter a purple-ribbon exhibit from the Cowley County Fair for judging at the Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Division: photos, food items, gift baskets, educational displays, some notebooks, entomology educational display, entomology collection, clothing construction, horticulture, field crops, floriculture, fiber arts, rabbits, energy management, robotics, rocketry, astronomy, geology collection, geology educational display, woodworking, Shooting Sports educational display, wildlife educational display, poultry, demonstration/illustrated talk and forestry notebook.

Two Senior Division Champions may be selected in Fashion Revue Buymanship and Constructed categories to compete at the Kansas State Fair.

Judges will choose six Visual Arts exhibits to be displayed at the Kansas State Fair.

It is the member's responsibility to complete pre-entry by August 12th in order to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Pre-entries may be made in the 4-H office at the Cowley County Fair or in the Extension Office following the fair. No phone entries will be accepted.

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 EKSSS Swine Show	30 ExtensionO...MemorialDay	31 Discovery Days	1 OwnershipD...ingLivestock 7:00 PM Udall 4-H	2 5:30 PM Extension Council Board Meeting	3	4
5 5:30 PM Shooting Sports Banquet	6 7:00 PM Floral 4-H Meeting 7:00 PM Dexter/Otto 4-H Meeting 7:00 PM Martha Washington 4-H 7:00 PM Tisdale 4-H Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
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17 9:00 AM 4-H Dog Show	18	19 Fashion Revue	20	21	22	23 CowleyCoun...iHorseShow
24 3:00 PM Public Fashion Revue	25	26 Fair Set Up	27	28 Cowley County Fair	29	30
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I pledge...

My **head** to clearer thinking

My **heart** to greater loyalty

My **hands** to larger service and

My **health** to better living

for my club, my community,

my country and my world

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