**4-H FLASH**

**Cowley County 4-H News**  
May 2019

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**What's your role?**

Kansas 4-H offers a wide variety of projects for young people to explore. Many parents enroll their kids in 4-H because it is an opportunity to learn about things like photography, food and nutrition, entomology, shooting sports, geology, poultry, leadership, swine, rabbits and so much more. In 4-H, kids get hands-on educational experiences in an area in which they are interested. They can learn things through 4-H that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn.

In order for our 4-H members to learn in their projects, we must have one key piece to the puzzle—volunteers to serve as Project Leaders. Cowley County 4-H is in need of caring adults and teens who are willing to organize educational project opportunities for Cowley County 4-H'ers. To be a volunteer project leader, one does not have to be knowledgeable about the project. Project leaders can learn with the members. Project leaders just need to care enough about kids to be willing to organize learning opportunities, find resources to assist members with their projects, or connect them with community members who have knowledge in that project area.

If you are interested in serving or know someone who is willing to serve, please contact me so that we can begin the volunteer screening process.

—Kelsey Nordyke

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Cowley County Extension Office will be closed on Monday - May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day

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Upcoming Meetings

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E. 9th, Winfield.

4-H Council and Junior Leaders will meet Monday, May 20th. 4-H Council will meet from 7:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. Junior Leaders will begin at 7:50 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.

2019 Cowley County Fair Theme

The 2019 Cowley County Fair theme is, "Make a Splash at the Fair". Clubs are encouraged to incorporate the fair theme in their stall decorations and club exhibits (banners, barn quilts, promotional exhibits, etc.). Special recognition will be given in herdsmanship to the club who best incorporates the theme into their stall decorations.

4-H 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. 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 in the Extension Office. Increased funding will result in increased opportunities for 4-H members.

Babysitting Class

Sitter Solutions is the beginning babysitting class for ages 11-15. Winfield, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 & Wednesday, May 22, 9-11:30 a.m. Assembly Room, Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E 9th, Winfield.

Pre-registration is required by calling 221.5450. The registration fee of $10 can be paid the first day and includes lunch on Tuesday. We will have a variety of hands-on activities as we explore skills and topics related to child care. Additional classes may be offered in Arkansas City and Burden - call our office to be placed on the waiting list.

Cowley County Fair

The Cowley County Fair will be August 1st-5th, 2019. Pre-Entries will be online and due July 3rd. The 2019 official fair rule book will be mailed to each actively enrolled 4-H family in May.

***ATTENTION - URGENT ***

May 1st, 2019 is the last day to be enrolled (active - not pending), pay enrollment fees, and add or drop projects to be eligible for the 2019 Cowley County Fair. If you are not enrolled in a project by May 1st, you will not be allowed to exhibit in that project area at the fair. Don’t remember what projects you enrolled in? Log in to your family account on 4-H Online and click on the projects tab.

All project add/drops must be completed online at ks.4honline.com.
Buy Your Groceries and Support Cowley County 4-H

Cowley County 4-H has been accepted as a Dillons Community Rewards Member. 4-H supporters can enroll their Plus Shoppers Card into the program and Cowley County 4-H will get credit for every purchase its member makes using their registered Plus card. The more we shop with Dillons, the more opportunity Cowley County 4-H has to earn even bigger rewards. To enroll, go to the secure website https://www.dillons.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow. The NPO number you will need to enroll is 72632. You must re-enroll each year.

Host Families Needed

Want to learn about other cultures? Consider hosting a student through one of the 4-H exchange programs for 2-4 weeks. Applications are now being accepted. It is fun if multiple families host exchange students at the same time! Contact Kelsey at the Extension Office, 620-221-5450 for more information.

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: In order to serve as a project leader, one must complete the Volunteer Screening Process which includes: Volunteer Service Application, background check, enroll as a volunteer in 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.

Leadership Development Grants

Twenty 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 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.

Wanted: AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate

The Washburn VISTA Fellows Summer Associate at K-State Research and Extension - Cowley County will identify best marketing practices to promote multiple farmers markets in Cowley County. The VISTA will use the Power of Produce (POP) club model to interest youth in fresh foods. Important duties are to: Engage vendors, customers, and track transactions. Create a marketing plan for healthy food consumption. Set goals, participate in weekly meetings, shared online work-flow systems, timeline reviews and weekly reports with VISTA Supervisor. This program will rely on volunteers to support and enhance its community benefit. The recruitment and training of volunteers for marketing, SNAP-EBT and enrichment activities are key. Creating draft reports that can be used on social media, traditional media, as well as complied for federal reporting requirements which demonstrate the anti-poverty and capacity building work being accomplished during your service term, are required.

Program Benefits: Training, Living Allowance, Choice of Education Award or End of Service Stipend.

Terms:
Permits working at another job during off hours, Permits attendance at school during off hours, Car recommended.
Program Star/End Date - 5/27/19-8/2/19
Some College (must be at least 18 years of age)
Applications accepted through May 8, 2019
Learn more or apply at https://my.americorps.gov - position number: 87890
Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Cowley County will attend 4-H camp at Rock Springs June 5th-8th with the Sunny Hills Camp Group. Camp is a great opportunity for youth in 3rd-7th grades (complete) to meet other youth from across the state and participate in activities like riflery, archery, disc golf, horseback riding and more! Registration is $200 and is due in the Extension Office by May 3rd, 2019. Bring a friend! Campers do not have to be members of 4-H. Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8vUJeugkHf3Hk7b Camp Scholarships are available on a limited basis. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension Office or on the county website at www.cowley.ksu.edu, and are due May 3rd, 2019.

Camp Counselors Needed

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp is an opportunity for older 4-H'ers to gain positive leadership skills through service as a camp counselor. Counselors must be at least freshman-complete, however, preference is given to those who are sophomore-complete. Counselors will attend Counselor Training June 4th & 5th. Applications are available online at https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/localeventsandregistration/SHCampCounselorApplication19.pdf or at the Extension Office and are due by May 3rd.

4-H Campference

This event is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23rd-26th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information is available at www.kansas4-h.org. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last four years! Register online by May 15th (or earlier - it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15th.

Southwestern Leadership Rotary Camp

Some people may define a leader as one who is in charge of a group or activity. However, a true leader is a servant first. Rotary Leadership Camp offers an opportunity to discuss the possibilities and responsibilities of being a servant leader, and highlights what Rotary is doing in different communities! The camp will take place May 29th - June 2nd, 2019 on the Southwestern College campus, and is available for high school aged youth. Throughout the camp students will learn about themselves and others, and about motivation and teamwork. The students will discover that he or she cannot be a leader without being a servant first. The week will be filled with both physical and mental leadership building and motivational activities. Registration is available online at http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/ Print out the registration and turn it in to Dean Kennedy (at Community National Bank, Winfield) or another local Rotarian. Winfield and Arkansas City Rotary screen their local applications and will pay for some participants to attend.

State 4-H Geology Field Trip

June 7th - 9th, 2019

Details will be available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html

Registration closes May 24, 2019

2019 Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It’s time to get registered for the 27th Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd. We will be hosted by the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, located northeast of Great Bend on Highway 156. Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge. This year’s event will feature several sessions specifically on aquatic insects! The workshop is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology. One parent from each family must register and attend with children.

The $65 registration fee includes lunch and snack Saturday, bottled water, class materials, t-shirt and handouts. Younger siblings under 4-H age, spouses, etc. that may be coming along, but not participating in the classes will need to pay a fee of $25.00. This will pay for the meal and snack Saturday, but does not include a shirt. For more event details and to register, please visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html
Cowley County to host Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series

The Eastern Kansas Swine Series (EKSSS) will host a two day prospect pig show at the Cowley County Fairgrounds on May 25th and 26th, 2019. Participate in one, or both shows. The Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series began in 2003. It is designed for Kansas youth swine exhibitors, with awards provided by series sponsors. For more information visit the EKSSS website at: www.eksss.net or contact Brian Thiel at 620-222-5154.

Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show

The Cowley County Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 25th at the Winfield Fairgrounds. Show information can be found at www.cowley.ksu.edu under 4-H Youth Development, local events & registration.

South Central District Horse Show

The South Central District Horse Show will be held Thursday, June 27, 2019 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. Entries are due June 10th, 2019. Exhibitors should complete the online registration at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bdTaBShA4F4v4bbv and they will be invoiced via PayPal for their fees.

Horse Project Deadline

Horse members must complete/renew their Horse ID forms annually by May 1st in order to be eligible to show at the Cowley County Fair, District Horse Show, and/or the Kansas 4-H Horse Show. Horse ID forms are available at www.kansas4-h.org. Members interested in participating in the 2-year old futurity project or 3-year maturity project are required to submit appropriate nomination forms also available on the Kansas 4-H website.

Spring Shows

Members interested in showing livestock at spring shows may view fliers for other county shows in our Spring and Summer Shows binder in the Extension Office, or online at https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/livestockshows/index.html.

Support 4-H and Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders

If you missed getting a 4-H yard sign, the Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders have a few left. Signs are approximately 2’X3’ and are $15 each including stakes. Contact the Extension Office, 620-221-5450 to purchase your sign.

Raise Your Hand for Kansas 4-H

Kansas 4-H is committed to continuing efforts to grow and reach more children than ever before. National 4-H Council is coordinating a nationwide call to action for alumni AND friends to “Raise Your Hand” (RYH) to empower our nation's youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime. You may remember our first RYH campaign back in the spring of 2017. This is similar, but will include "friends of 4-H" as well as alumni. Votes from last year do not count, so please Raise Your Hand again.

The three states with the most hands raised will win $20,000, $10,000 and $5,000! Stay tuned for surprise incentives along the way. Kansas came in 4th place last time, so we are more than determined to win some money and gain as many 4-H alumni and friends as possible!

Please vote and show your support of Kansas 4-H, http://4-h.org/RaiseYourHand. It will take our entire village across the state to make this campaign a success.
Friends of Extension Corner
Did you know the Friends of Cowley County Extension benefits 4-H families? That’s right! The Friends of Cowley County Extension is the group of Extension supporters who organize the annual Fall for Extension fundraiser event. Fall for Extension helps to supplement the annual Cowley County Extension budget, which allows our Extension Agents to continue to provide programming and educational opportunities to local citizens. The Cowley County 4-H program is under the guidance and direction of the Cowley County Extension Council.
Information about the Friends of Extension will be shared with 4-H families on a monthly basis through the Friends of Extension Corner in the 4-H Flash. To learn more, visit https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/about/

Shooting Sports
If you ordered spring flowers from a 4-H Shooting Sports member, please pick up your order at the Marquee in Winfield Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports!
May 4-H Shooting Sports Schedule:
Sunday, May 5th - 2:15, Fairgrounds - Club Meeting
Sunday, May 5th - 3:00, Fairgrounds - Last Air Practice for this Season
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 - 6:30 p.m., Meadow - Archery practices
Sunday, May 19th - 2:00, Meadow, Shotgun
Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports was represented by Levi Gordon, Charles Hensley, Katrina Holland and Stetson Shook at the 2019 Kansas State 4-H BB Match April 13th. Stetson Shook and Jake Jewers represented Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports at the Kansas State 4-H Air Pistol Match April 14th. Stetson place 2nd in the Junior Air Rifle Prone Class, at the Kansas State 4-H Air Rifle Match. Thank you to the volunteers and parents who help our 4-H’ers achieve their competition goals!

2019 Fair Changes
-Dairy Goat Show will begin at 4:30 p.m.
-Bred and Owned classes will be offered for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats only
-All breeding livestock must be owned by May 1st, 2019.
-The Dairy Cattle Show will begin at 12:30 p.m.
-Update Market Sale Rule #4: Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor can participate in the Market Sale with one animal or rabbit meat pen only, and must exhibit their own animal in the sale ring. Exceptions may be considered for a substitute sale exhibitor with prior written approval prior to fair pre-entry deadline of a majority of the Market Livestock Sale Superintendents and the Cowley County Extension Agents for the following reasons: An official State or National 4-H/FFA/Agricultural Industry event whereby the exhibitor is a documented officer or committee person.
-Update Dairy Goat Rule #5: Registration papers or stamped duplicates will be required for all animals in the registered or recorded grade classes. Papers must be in the sole name of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current 4-H year if the animal was given to or purchased by the exhibitor. If the animal was born to an animal the exhibitor owned and registered, then ownership would start the day the animal was born and any date of registration up to the show is acceptable as long as registration papers are available at checkin. For those that choose to lease, a doe must be leased by May 1 and a lease form must be turned in by June 1 to the Extension Office showing dates of lease. Registration papers are also required to be shown at check-in for leased registered goats.
-Grade goats must have a breeding affidavit filled out and turned in to the Extension Office by June 1 as well as provide a copy at check-in.
-Junior Dairy Goats may have hay in their pens after Friday morning. Hay must be kept in a hay bag and hung away from any Meat Goat pens.
-New Dairy Goat Rule: All does must be disbudded or dehorned.
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019
WINFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

COWLEY COUNTY SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT SHOW

Sponsored by Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show Committee and Cowley County Extension with special thanks to businesses and supporters of Cowley County Youth Livestock Programs.

For more information: 620-221-5450
Pre-entries encouraged by May 18, 2019

SCHEDULE:
7:30-8:30 am   Sheep Check-in and Declare Weights
9:00 am        Sheep Show
                Breeding Ewes
                Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, PeeWee)
                Market Lambs
                Cowley County Sheep
9:30-10:30 am  Goat Check-in and Declare Weights (goat show begins 30 minutes after completion of sheep show)
                Breeding Does
                Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, PeeWee)
                Market Goats
                Cowley County Goats
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| January 31, February 12, March 16, April 23, June 25 | Livestock Nutrition and Selection Meeting  
Animal Care and Wellness Meeting, Winfield Fairgrounds  
Hands-on Livestock Clinic, Butler County Fairgrounds  
Pre-Fair Livestock Prep Meeting, Winfield Fairgrounds  
Fair Prep II and Clipping workshop, Winfield Fairgrounds | Open to any Cowley or Butler County 4-H'er exhibiting livestock |
| March 3            | Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging Day, Commercial Heifer Tagging; Winfield Livestock Auction | Mandatory for all who wish to exhibit Market Steers/Market Heifers at the Cowley County Fair |
| April 27           | Tagging for bucket calves, sheep, swine and meat goats (weigh-in), Winfield Fairgrounds | Mandatory for all members who wish to exhibit Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats at the Cowley County Fair |
| April 27           | Cowley County Classic Spring Beef Show | Educational show opportunity for beef exhibitors |
| May 1              | **Market Beef** nominations due (Kansas State Fair/Kansas Junior Livestock Show). Requires Agent signature. | Mandatory for all members who wish to exhibit Market Beef at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. |
| May 1              | Add/Drop Deadline for all 4-H projects. Must be completed online. | Mandatory for all local 4-H members. |
| May 1              | Horse ID’s due. Requires Agent signature. | Mandatory for all 4-H'ers who wish to exhibit Horses at the County Fair, District Horse Show and/or State Horse Show. |
| May 1              | Ownership/leasing deadline for all breeding livestock and Dairy Goats. Commercial females must be tagged with a county-issued EID tag, registered females must have registration in exhibitor’s name. | Mandatory for all youth who wish to exhibit a breeding female or Dairy Doe at the Cowley County Fair. |
| May 25             | Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show, Winfield | Educational show opportunity for youth livestock exhibitors. |
| May 25-26          | Cowley County Swine Classic, Winfield | Educational show opportunity for youth livestock exhibitors |
| June 10            | South Central District Horse Show entries due. Level testing must be completed before entering online. | Mandatory for all Horse members who wish to exhibit at the District Horse Show and/or qualify for the Kansas State Fair. |
| June 15            | 4-H Grade and Dairy Cattle Leasing Identification Form due. | Mandatory for all 4-H Dairy exhibitors. |
| June 15            | Commercial heifer, market swine, sheep and meat goat nominations due (State Fair/KJLS). Requires Agent Signature. | Mandatory for all members who wish to exhibit commercial heifers, market swine, sheep or meat goats at the State Fair. |
| June 27            | South Central District Horse Show, Hutchinson. | Mandatory for all Horse members who wish to qualify for the Kansas State Fair. |
| TBA (July)         | Poultry Testing | Mandatory for all members who wish to exhibit poultry at the County Fair. |
| July 3             | Cowley County Fair Entries Due | Mandatory for all Cowley County 4-H/FFA members. |
| July 25            | Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries Due | |
| July 27            | Cowley County Horse Show, Burden | |
| August 1           | State Fair Horse Entries Due | |
| August 1-5         | Cowley County Fair | |
If YOU are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend an educational event like no other in Kansas!

**Participants:** Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors  
**Location:** Camp Mennonscuh, Murdock, KS (in Kingman County)  
**Learning:** Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more!  
**Special Items:** Field Trips, Steak Dinner  
**Activities:** Swimming, Canoeing, Fishing, & Hiking  
**Tuition:** $250 per participant*

*Interested students should contact their local Conservation District, Extension Office, Farm Bureau office, livestock association, and/or other local business for possible financial assistance.

**Educating Kansas youth**  
**for over 50 years!**

Registration deadline: May 15, 2019  
Contact: James Ungerer, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman  
2504 SW Wexford Drive, Topeka, KS 66614---- 785-223-3705---- james.ungerer@ks.usda.gov
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**Monday, May 20**

- Canine Good Citizen
- EKSSS Swine Classic
- CC Sheep & Goat Show
- Discovery Days

**Tuesday, May 21**

- EKSSS Swine Classic
- CC Sheep & Goat Show
- Discovery Days

**Wednesday, May 22**

- EKSSS Swine Classic
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**Thursday, May 23**

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**Friday, May 24**

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**Saturday, May 25**

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**Important Dates:**
- Father's Day: 16th
- 4-H Campference: 16th
- Insect Spectacular: 22nd
- Independence Day: 4th
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