This is the End of the World as We Know It....Notice, I did not say, "This is the end of the world." However, new developments related to COVID-19 necessitate changes to our daily lives and changes to the way we do business.

Change can be daunting. Change can be difficult. There are still many "unknowns" and we are in a bit of a holding pattern, taking each day with a "wait and see" attitude. But, change can also be good. Change can mean a chance to start with a blank page, a clean slate. We don't have all the answers right now to how we're going to move forward, but we know we'll move forward. Think of this as an opportunity to try something new, to approach something from a different perspective.

Cowley County Extension is committed to continuing the mission of Extension. The efforts to continue providing knowledge and research-based information from the university to the public will continue. The method for providing that information will look different, but it will go on.

We are looking forward to the opportunity this challenge brings and we appreciate your positivity and patience as we move forward.

--------Kelsey Nordyke
**ATTENTION - URGENT**

May 1st, 2020 is the last day to enroll in 4-H, have your enrollment fee paid, and add or drop projects to be eligible for the 2020 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** Remember: It is not your club leader’s responsibility to know which projects you are enrolled in.

**Upcoming Meetings**

In alignment with K-State Research and Extension recommendations, local Extension programs, meetings, events and activities regardless of group size cannot meet face-to-face between now and May 16, 2020. This includes, but is not limited to 4-H Club meetings, council meetings and committee correspondence.

**2020 Cowley County Fair Theme**

The 2020 Cowley County Fair theme is, “There’s No Place Like Home”. 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. **Since our theme last year was “Make A Splash” and it flooded, and our theme this year finds us staying at home, we ARE open to changing the theme!**

**Discovery Days**

May 27th - May 29th, 2020
The 2020 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days registration is now open. The statement below has been added to the registration to establish clear expectations for those registering. We are very hopeful the event will occur as planned but also want to recognize the possibility that factors out of our control could prevent the occurrence.

“In this time of uncertainty, we have opened the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days registration with the understanding that at any point we may need to cancel this event. We will close registration and post information if and when that may be deemed necessary. If we cancel the event, refunds will be processed. Thank you for understanding.”

Direct link to registration: [http://www.cvent.com/d/ynqxqq](http://www.cvent.com/d/ynqxqq)
Kansas 4-H Event Registration page: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html)
Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
Cowley County will attend 4-H camp at Rock Springs June 7-10, 2020 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 $225 and is due to the Extension Office by April 27, 2020. Bring a friend! Campers do not have to be members of 4-H. Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6GqTU3Y5Xc9oocd 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 April 27, 2020.

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 6-7. Applications are available online at https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/localeventsandregistration and are due by April 27, 2020

4-H Campference
The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference!!! This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14, and will be held June 22-25, 2020 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. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Last year’s event was terrific and those that attended highly recommend that you consider it too! If you are interested in being part of Campference, please register early! Space will be limited, and filled on a first come first serve basis. In 2015-2018, Campference was full before the deadline, with a waiting list. After online registration fees must be submitted to the local Extension Office by May 15, 2020.
Campference is being sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

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 31st - June 4th, 2020 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/ and is due by May 15th. Complete registration online and submit payment 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.
Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In
With recent developments related to COVID-19 and regulations from the state, 2020 small livestock tagging dates of April 25 and April 28 will not take place. As of the deadline for printing the Flash, 2020 small livestock ownership/tagging requirements are being finalized. Instructions will be emailed to families enrolled in small livestock projects and will be available on the Cowley County Extension website (www.cowley.k-state.edu).

Nominating Livestock for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show
In order to be eligible to exhibit livestock (Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Swine) in the Grand Drive of the Kansas State Fair and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, exhibitors must complete the state nomination process found at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/
Any youth exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must also complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training.

While all face-to-face meetings are suspended through May 16 (currently), state nomination deadlines still stand. If you are a Cowley County 4-H'er wishing to nominate livestock projects for the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, you will make an appointment with Kelsey (klnordyke@ksu.edu) to have your livestock tagged by state nomination deadlines.
YQCA certification can be done online at http://yqca.org. The YQCA program is offering a “Flash Sale” for the month of April which will allow youth to complete the online course at a reduced rate of $9. In order to take advantage of the reduced price, participants must use a coupon while registering for the online course. Contact Kelsey (klnordyke@ksu.edu) to obtain information to get your coupon. Additional face-to-face YQCA training may be held after May 16.

Cowley County Classic
The Cowley County Classic Spring Beef Show has been postponed until further notice.

Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show
The Cowley County Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show has been postponed until further notice.

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 3-year maturity project are required to submit appropriate nomination forms also available in the Kansas 4-H website. While the Extension Office is closed, please complete your ID form, scan it and email it to klnordyke@ksu.edu. Kelsey will sign, scan and email the forms back to you. **Please note you MUST include a picture of your horse in order for the form to be complete and signed.

South Central District Horse Show
The South Central District Horse Show is scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2020 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 May 18, 2020. Exhibitors should complete the online registration at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ruzDFhiOZj2wT3 they will be invoiced via PayPal for their fees.
Get Branded Custom Tees is licensed to sell the 4-H co-wordmark. If your club is ordering anything to be printed, Amy is the only one in Cowley County that is licensed (that we are aware of). Give her a call and get your order in today!!!

Shooting Sports Practices
All meetings and practices are postponed until further notice.

The Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports members attended the Sedgwick County 4-H Winter Air Discipline Qualifier on Saturday, Feb. 22nd.

BB Members were Jacob Arnett, Lanie Arnett, Kyle Bannon, Everett Green, Charles Hensley, Katrina Holland, Price Kindt, Annika Shaw, Stetson Shook and Mackenzie Vickery. Annika Shaw placed 5th in the pre-junior class. Air Rifle members were Jacob Arnett, Amanda Bannon, McKenzie Deal, Charles Hensley, Titus Mill, and Stetson Shook. Amanda Bannon placed 5th in the senior class and Stetson Shook placed 1st in the junior class. Air Pistol members were Amanda Bannon, Jake Jewers, Titus Mill and Stetson Shook. Jake Jewers placed 3rd in the junior class. Members who excelled and were given an invitation to the 2020 Spring Air Match were Stetson Shook in BB and Air Rifle, Katrina Holland, Everett Green, Jacob Arnett, Kyle Bannon, and Mackenzie Vickery in BB, and Jake Jewers in Air Pistol. A BIG thank you to the Cowley coaching team for preparing the members for the competition. Congratulations and thank you for representing Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports!

Members are encouraged to continuing practicing safely on their home ranges during this time.

Here is an easy checklist for selecting your youth swine project:

- Where will you be exhibiting your project?
- Is there a gender specification for this show?
- What breed(s) are you going to exhibit?
- What age should your animal be for ideal weight at your show?

Things to look for:

- Physical Characteristics
  - Muscle top shape
  - Ham expression
  - Thickness of shoulders
  - Base width
- Leanness
  - Free of excess fat and cleaned topped
  - Clean neck/jowl
  - Not wasteful through the middle portion of the body
- Structural Correctness
  - Even size and shape of toes
  - Angulation and backward slope through the knee of the front legs
  - Set of the hock in the hind legs, hocks free of joint swelling
  - Looseness of the hip and shoulder, allowing them to walk without restraint

A note from our Swine Superintendents
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 Mennoscah, 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.

Contact: Garan Belt, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman
1819 E River St, Eureka, KS 67045 --- 620-583-5544 --- garan.belt@usda.gov

Kansas Range Youth Camp
If you are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife you will want to attend this educational event like no other in Kansas! Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors are invited to attend. You will learn about Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more! The camp will be June 23-26, 2020 at Camp Mennoscah, Murdock KS (in Kingman Co). The registration fee is $250.00 and is due by May 15th, 2020. The event is sponsored by Kansas Section of Society for Range Management. Questions can be directed to James Ungerer, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman, 2504 SW Wexford Drive, Topeka, KS 66614 (785) 223-3705 or james.ungerer@ks.usda.gov
The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament
Open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2020. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest.

One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap and a Wal-Mart gift certificate to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap.

The following species will make up the contest:
Specie Minimum length for entry
Catfish (Channel, Flathead, or Blue Cat) 15”
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish) 6”
Crappie (Black or White) 10”
Black Bass (Largemouth or Smallmouth) 15”
Carp or Drum (Any Rough Fish) 15”
Other Game Fish (Walleye Saugeye, White Bass, Wiper, Striper, Trout) 15”

RULES:
1. Must be enrolled in 4-H.

2. Entry must be measured by length, verified by a witness and be accompanied by a photo of the entry. (This is a minimum entry to receive a cap.) Please use the 2020 entry form on the cowley.k-state.edu website.

3. To compete for Angler of the Year Award the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.) Only one Angler of the Year award per individual will be awarded. If a participant is selected as first in a class their additional entries will not be considered in subsequent classes. We want to recognize as many participants as possible.

4. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.

5. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in the current Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Fishing Regulations Summary.

6. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th or e-mailed by that date. Winners will be announced around October 1, 2020. Every effort will be made to have the awards available to the counties by their achievement awards program for presentation at the program or sent directly to the winners – please indicate on your entry form which you prefer and the date of your Achievement Banquet if that is your preference.

7. Entries are to be submitted to Tommie Berger, 406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481. bergkwf@wtciweb.com 785-524-6112
35TH ANNUAL
Cowley County Classic Beef Show
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Winfield Fair Grounds, Winfield, KS
PRIZES: $500, $300, $250
TOPS IN MARKET AND BREEDING
POSTPONED
Cowley County
Sheep and Meat Goat Show

Saturday, May 16, 2020
Winfield Fairgrounds
Winfield, KS
Sponsored by the Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show Committee

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 the conclusion of sheep show)
  Breeding Does
Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Peewee)
  Market Goats
  Cowley County Goats

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May 2020

- 5:00 PM Camp Registration and Scholarship Apps Due
- 4-H Enrollment/Projects Due
- Market Beef Nominations Due
- 5:00 PM Horse ID's Due
- Memorial Day
- Discovery Days
- Eid al-Fitr
- Cinco de Mayo
- Mother's Day
- Eid al-Fitr
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

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you are invited to be part of the Friends of Cowley County Extension organization. The group will alternate between morning and evening meetings to plan fundraising and advocacy events to support K-State Research and Extension Cowley County.

*Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156) or to the Friends of Cowley County Extension Endowment (c/o Legacy Regional Community Foundation, 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156)

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