Developing Leaders

4-H is known for its development of positive leadership qualities in our youth. We are blessed to have great volunteers who lead by example; showing our kids the importance of giving back to the community, working together, developing an inquiring mind and cultivating a strong work ethic among others.

Certain 4-H projects also work toward developing leadership skills. The Junior Leaders organization, the Leadership Project and Citizenship Project all focus on teaching kids servant leadership. So, why is leadership so important?

The following was found on the tomb of an Anglican bishop (1100 A.D.) in the crypts of Westminster Abbey: “When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights and decided to change only my country. But, it too, seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it. And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family. For their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed my world.”

The 4-H Pledge, pledges to serve our “club, community, country and world”. We do this in order to “make the best better”. So, I challenge you that in order to continue to make the best better, we must first look within ourselves. Lead by example. Look for ways to improve your personal leadership skills. The following is a list by Dr. Tim Elmore, Growing Leaders, of recommended books for teens and young adults on personal leadership:

1. Leadership and Self-Deception, by the Arbinger Institute
2. The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen Covey
4. Drive, by Daniel Pink
5. Managing Up, by Rossane Badowski
6. Primal Leadership, by Daniel Goleman, Richard Boyatzis, and Annie McKee
7. The 360-Degree Leader, by John C. Maxwell
8. Made to Stick, by Chip and Dan Heath
9. The Making of a Leader, by Dr. J. Robert Clinton
10. Talent is Never Enough, by John Maxwell
11. The One Thing You Need to Know, by Marcus Buckingham
12. Habitudes—Images That Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes, Dr. Tim Elmore

———Kelsey Nordyke

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Upcoming Meetings
The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts business of the Extension Office. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E 9th Ave. Winfield.

Membership
In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 before January 1st, 2020. New members and returning members will need to complete enrollment online (ks.4honline.com). Please complete the health form in its entirety. Missing information will result in an incomplete request to enroll and will not be accepted.

State Fair Premium & Chamber Bucks
LAST CALL to pick up your premium from the Kansas State Fair, and/or your Chamber Bucks from the County Fair. If you have not picked it up by February 28th, it will be deposited into the 4-H Council account.

Flash Entries
If you have an entry you would like printed in the 4-H Flash, please email Cindy (cstephens@ksu.edu) no later than the 15th of the month.

Walk Kansas
Walk Kansas will start on March 15th, 2020. Teams of six people log minutes during the eight weeks to virtually walk paths in Kansas. Registration is $10.00 per person and will be online at www.walkkansas.org.

Mental Health First Aid (for adults)
You are more likely to encounter someone in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Learn how to help a friend, family member, coworker or neighbor in need. Get trained in Mental Health First Aid.

DATE OPTIONS: Friday, February 21, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. OR Saturday, April 4, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LOCATION: February 21 - Specialty Clinic, South Central Kansas Medical Center, 6403 Patterson Pkwy, Ark City, KS
April 4 - Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E 9th, Winfield, KS
FEE: $35 per participant (includes workbook, lunch and snacks). Advance payment accepted or at first class (payable to Cowley County Extension). Don’t let the registration fee be a barrier - contact us for options.

DETAILS: Minimum class size is 10 participants; You must attend all 8 hours to complete the course. Registration requested by February 14 for the Arkansas City class and March 27 for the Winfield class.

QUESTIONS: Contact Becky Reid at 620.221.5450 or 620.441.4565 or bkreid@ksu.edu

This class is being offered in partnership with South Central Kansas Medical Center, Four County Mental Health and K-State Research and Extension Cowley County.
4-H Day Information
Cowley County 4-H Day is Saturday, February 8th at the Winfield Middle School. (130 Viking Blvd)
It is helpful to arrive at the Winfield Middle School at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled presentation. If the room is running ahead of schedule and you would like to present early, you are welcome to do so. However, we would never force a member to present prior to their scheduled time. We ask that presenters arrive promptly and pay careful attention to time out of respect for the judges and other presenters.
You will enter the Commons Area of Winfield Middle School. An information table will be available directing you to the rooms that the performances will take place in. Results will also be posted near the information table.
When you arrive at the room in which you are scheduled to present, please check in with the room monitor so that they know you are there. You are welcome and encouraged to listen to other members present. Please be courteous: Listen to the entire presentation without leaving, sit quietly and do not attempt to enter a room while someone else is presenting.
Once you have completed your presentation, you are encouraged to visit with the judge. The judge may ask you questions and/or offer advice. Answer honestly and openly. They are here to give feedback and help us to improve. Be respectful of those presenting after you and quickly clean up your area before conferencing with the judge.
Try your hand at Consumer & Photography Judging, Gavel Games, and check out the Favorite Family Foods Show.
A doodle table will be available with crayons and markers for families to doodle as they wait.
Meet new people! 4-H Day is a great way to meet other families from different clubs and learn about their 4-H experience! More details are available online at www.cowley.ksu.edu. Please be sure to provide your feedback to us! How can we improve your 4-H Day experience?

4-H FCS Judging & Photography Contest
County 4-H Days will feature several activities and challenges for all youth during the 4-H FCS Judging & Photography Contest. Recruit a friend and visit the tables in the Middle School Cafeteria to check-in and get instructions at 9:00 a.m. This activity is one of the optional requirements for many 4-H achievement pins: Take part in 4-H county/district quiz bowls or 4-H judging schools or contests.

Gavel Games
New this year! Cowley County will host a gavel games demo and activity to test your Parliamentary Procedure skills! In the Gavel Games Parliamentary Procedure Contest, four 4-H members comprise a team. These four members act as officers for a model 4-H business meeting. The four officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each team presents a model business meeting starting with the call to order, including reports of officers and committees, unfinished and new business, and ending with adjournment.

4-H Council Community Service Committee
4-H members become responsible, respectable members of their communities. Learn skills to give back to your community through involvement in the new 4-H Council Community Service Committee! The 4-H Council invites you to be a part of the Community Service Committee! Meet with chair, Chris Norton at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8th during 4-H Day at the Winfield Middle School (room to be announced). Committee members do not need to be 4-H Council Representatives. All are encouraged to participate. We are asking all 4-H members to submit an idea for county-wide community service in the idea box at the information table during 4-H Day.

4-H Shooting Sports Annual Flower Sale
Sales will begin in February. Please contact any Shooting Sports member to place an order. Orders are due by Thursday, April 16th. Flower delivery will be Saturday, May 3rd at noon, to the Winfield Marquee.
**Discovery Days**

**What:** Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put May 27 - May 29, 2020 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer!

**When:** May 27 - May 29, 2020  
**Where:** Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
**Who:** Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1, 2020.

**Registration opens on March 1:**  
[kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html](https://kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html)  
**Fee:** TBD (Many classes have additional fees)  
**Registration Deadline:** April 15, 2020 at 11:59PM

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**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 in 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](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](http://www.cowley.ksu.edu), and are due April 27, 2020.

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**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/local/eventsandregistration/index.html](https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/local/eventsandregistration/index.html) at the Extension Office and are due by April 27, 2020.

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**K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy**

**June 24-27, 2020**  
Manhattan, KS  
Leadership skills are essential for young people interested in advancing the animal science industry.

The intensive four day educational experience will focus on increasing the participant’s knowledge of a dynamic and sustainable livestock industry and its importance to a global food system. Students will learn valuable leadership skills and enhance their personal development.

Selection is limited to 20 students per session ensuring ample personalized instruction and interaction with counselors, professors and livestock industry leaders. Applications are available at [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/20_KASLAapplication.pdf](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/20_KASLAapplication.pdf) and are due April 15, 2020.

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**Get Financial Help Attending Events**  
The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation which was created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H’ers as they take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college scholarships to high school seniors and college freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced “Leadership Development Grants”. Leadership Development Grants are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Kelsey Nordyke. ([klnordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:klnordyke@ksu.edu) or 620-221-5450)
Junior Producer Days
The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2020 on the Kansas State University campus in Weber Hall. Since 2020 is an even year, we will host beef and sheep junior days. These events are one-day educational programs for youth, parents, project leaders, and agents to learn about selecting and managing a youth livestock project. For both days, tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health, and showmanship. There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program. The YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day. Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, and Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14. Registration information will be released later this fall, so watch the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page and website (www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs) for further details! For more information, please contact Lexie Hayes (adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264).

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day –
Saturday, February 29, 2020
Weber Arena, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Early Registration Due – February 7, 2020
Early Registration Fee - $15/person ($20 after February 7th)
*Registrations received after February 7th cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day –
Saturday, March 14, 2020
Weber Arena, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Early Registration Due – February 21, 2020
Early Registration Fee - $15/person ($20 after February 21st)
*Registrations received after February 21st cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Beef Weigh-In
Beef Weigh-In and Tagging will be Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Winfield Livestock Auction from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. All Market Beef must be weighed and tagged on this day. This is also an opportunity to get Commercial Heifers tagged.

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.

Cowley County Classic
The Cowley County Classic Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 25th at the Winfield Fairgrounds. If you are interested in helping with the show, please contact Kelsey. (klnordyke@ksu.edu or 620-221-5450)

South Central District Horse Show
District Horse Shows are the qualifying event for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. If a 4-H member would like to have the opportunity to compete at the state level in the Horse Project, they must receive a purple or blue ribbon at their district show. All 4-H Horse Project members who are 9 years old before January 1st, 2020 are eligible to compete at the South Central District Horse Show if they have completed the following:
1) Horse Identification Certificate updated and on file with the local (Cowley County) Extension Office by May 1st, 2020
2) Complete and pass Level 1 Horse Achievement Level Test prior to entry deadline for the district show
3) Complete online entry and payment prior to May 18, 2020.
The 2020 The South Central District Horse Show will be held June 3, 2020 on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Entries will be completed online and additional information will be released in April. Entries are due by 11:59pm on May 18, 2020.

Save The Date
4-H Judges and Project Leaders Training
6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31st, at the Sumner County Campus of Cowley County Community College.
2020 Fair Changes

- Sheep and Meat Goat check-in will be Wednesday evening from 7pm-9pm
- Swine unloading on Thursday will travel along the east side of the cattle barn, to the north side of the swine barn and unload at the washracks.
- Rabbit check-in will be from 6-8pm on Thursday.
- Beef and Dairy cattle tie-outs will be kept in one area.
- Exhibitors from both departments are expected to share the tie out area and clean up after themselves after using tie-outs each day.
- Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats and Bucket Calves will be released Monday by 1pm.
- Horse Showmanship buckles will be added. A sponsor is needed.
- Sheep rate of gain contest will be added for 2020. All market lambs must weigh at small livestock tagging/weigh-in in April.
- Beef and Meat Goats will exhibit in divisions instead of breed classes.
- Dairy Cattle rule #3 is changed to: Exhibitor must have owned or leased the dairy animal for a minimum of 100 days before the county fair. All lease, registration and/or transfer papers must be made in the name of the exhibitor and dated no later than June 15 of the current year.
- Re-word General Livestock Rule #4 to : Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting a total of 4 head in each specie. Exception: Beef and Dairy Cattle may exhibit 5 head including Dairy Cow and Beef Cow/Calf pair. However, the Dairy Cow of Beef Cow/Calf pairs will not stay at the fair due to space restrictions.

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.

The Super Bowl of Dog Shows!
On Tuesday, February 11th, the 4-H Dog Project is having a Watch Party for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Did you know it is the second longest running sporting event in the country? Please bring a snack to share. We will have games with prizes for those wishing to participate. The party will start at 6pm at the extension office with the show starting at 6:30. The show doesn’t end until 10pm, so stay as long or short a time as you’d like. We will be rooting on a home town dog- Dubh (pronounced Dove)- a Glen of Imaal Terrier owned by our co-leader Kerri Murphy. Some of our 4-H’ers even helped to train and show Dubh as a young dog. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer on your favorite dog to victory! If you have any questions please send them to Rachel Hanna (eve_ii@hotmail.com).

4-H Dog Project
Practice will start March 10th, and run for at least 6 weeks. At the Winfield Fairgrounds, starting at 6:30 p.m. EVERYONE needs to fill out forms for this year. Fill out and bring in all 3 forms listed here (http://sckkc.com/obedience-classes/) as classes are run with the Kennel Club for a good part of the year. This is a new year, so new forms are needed for everyone. Also on the info sheet please list your child’s birthdate so we can plan accordingly and help make sure your child is entered in the proper classes at the fair.

“Willy and the Beanstalk” Contest
Contestants try to grow the biggest soybean plant in a 40 day period. Judging takes place on April 18th, in Throckmorton Hall, at the K-State Manhattan campus as part of the 2020 K-State Open House activities. All contestants will receive a free t-shirt and there will be plaques and certificates for the winning teams.

Additional information can be found at http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu and questions can be addressed to: beanstalk@ksu.edu

Registration deadline is Monday, March 2, 2020.
Youth Livestock Update
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, 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. The second year of curriculum materials were launched in October 2018, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time.

ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the 2020 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals and breeding females. The YQCA certification covers a variety of species, so youth only need to complete one certification session to fulfill the requirement. New this year, youth who are age 7 may participate in an instructor-led course and a parent or guardian will need to attend the training with them. The parent/guardian will not officially register, as this is a youth-only program. The parent/guardian will attend to serve as a guide for their child during the training, and because of the level of involvement first-year parents have in projects to help their child have a positive experience.

Youth ages 8-21 may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods:

Instructor-led Training - $3/child
Online Course - $12/child
Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds eligible; online only; cost varies

Families must create a user account and pre-register all youth through the YQCA website (www.yqca.org) in order for them to participate in the program and receive a certification number. The program is integrated with 4HOnline, so families need to use their 4HOnline credentials to access the site. They should also register each child for certification by selecting their name from the drop-down menu (currently enrolled 4-H members identified as members of the family should appear as options). This will allow all currently enrolled members who have completed their YQCA training to show up on the LearnGrow report available to local 4HOnline managers. A resource that will guide families through logging onto the YQCA site to register for the course may be found on the K-State Youth Livestock website, under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance.

Families must pay for the instructor-led and online class through the site at the time of registration. It will require a credit card number or coupon code.

Upcoming YQCA Sessions
February 19th; 5:30 p.m. Extension Meeting Room
March 13th; 10:00 a.m. Extension Meeting Room
April 13th, 10:00 a.m., Extension Meeting Room

Science of Agriculture Challenge
Did you know agriculture connects to all parts of our daily lives? Agriculture is a key part of the technology you use, the clothes you wear and the food you eat. It also plays an important role in careers, environmental studies, healthy living, animal safety and much more! We’re looking for youth in grades 6-12 who want to explore agricultural related topics and share their problem-solving ideas.

The Science of Agriculture Challenge is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 3-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and develop solutions. As a team, you’ll identify agriculture-related issues in your community, find solutions and share your projects with your community. Each summer, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams receives a scholarship of $400-$1,000!

During the inaugural year for the Science of Ag Challenge in 2019, Cowley County’s team consisting of Braden Mugler, Brendan Mackey and Austin Henderson were awarded third place and each received a scholarship. If you are interested in forming a team for the 2020 Science of Ag Challenge, contact Kelsey to get started.
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YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Upcoming Trainings

Wednesday, February 19, 2020; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 13, 2020; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, April 13, 2020; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cowley County Extension Office

Sign up for training

Registration is $3 and must be completed online. Go to https://learngrow.io/ and register for the training titled, "Cowley County Extension Office Meeting Room". To log in, create an account at http://learngrow.io/ or login with your 4-H Online credentials. Select this training and make the $3 purchase using a credit/debit card.

Questions? Contact Kelsey Nordyke at 620-221-5450; knordyke@ksu.edu

What is YQCA

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is a national, multi-specie quality assurance program for youth ages 8-18. The program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

Who is required to take YQCA?

Youth ages 7-18 who intend to exhibit Swine, Sheep, Beef or Meat Goats at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be YQCA Certified.

Youth showing livestock both locally and at state shows are encouraged to take YQCA training.

Youth may attend an in-person, instructor led training or an online web-based training.
Get your Creative Hats On

The Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to create an “Old Maid” style card game and distributed to Kansas schools. The program encourages youth to get your creative hats on and create an entry before the April 3, 2020 deadline. Entries must feature an insect as the central focus of the art. More information on the rules and how to submit an entry can be found at: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/ or you can e-mail fmiller@ksu.edu to have the rules e-mailed to you.

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1. Beetles (Coleoptera)
2. Bees and wasps (Hymenoptera)
3. Butterflies and moths (Lepidoptera)
4. Dragonflies (Odonata)
5. Grasshoppers (Orthoptera)
6. True bugs (Hemiptera)
7. Flies (Diptera)
8. Lacewings and antlions (Neuroptera)
9. Termites (Isoptera)
10. Cockroaches (Blattodea)
11. Praying mantis (Mantodea)
12. Walkingstick (Phasmida)
13. Silverfish (Zygentoma)
14. Mayfly (Ephemeroptera)
15. Fleas (Siphonaptera)

Rules:

* Only one artwork per student per category.

* A COMPLETED entry form must accompany all entries.

* Drawing must be on flat paper. It’s not that we want to limit the creativity, but protruding parts will create challenges to get the artwork on the intended media.

* Entries must be the original work of the entrant – no traced or copyright protected images.

* Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11” . Original entries will not be returned.

* Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into one of categories above.

* The title, artist’s name, 4-H club or school, grade and county must appear on the back lower right corner of the art. (You can cut out and use the label provided on the entry form.)

Submission deadlines:

Entries should be postmarked by April 3, 2020.

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460

Scoring guidelines:

All entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art to feature in our “Old Maid” style card deck. Have fun!
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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. The group will meet on March 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cowley County Courthouse, Extension Assembly Room.

*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)