Valentine’s Day Activities

In February we tend to think of all things related to the heart due to Valentine’s Day. The second H in 4-H stands for **Heart**. This time of year is an opportunity to show we care and can offer happiness in a time when things can be difficult. The Palmyra 4-H Club and Citizenship Washington Focus Delegation created personalized cards to share with members of their communities.
Meadowlarks 4-H Club: Windows of Joy

When the new 4-H year started in the midst of a pandemic, the Meadowlark 4-H members were looking for a service project that would be meaningful yet fit the protocols of safe gatherings. Club parent, Trish Dowd-Kelne proposed the idea for Windows of Joy. An ongoing project in conjunction with Bridge Haven Memory Care and The Winter Center.

Each month club members decorate the windows at Bridge Haven, where residents, employees, and visitors can enjoy them. A different theme is chosen each month with a simple craft or two which members create. Packets of supplies and instructions are prepared by Trish and her daughter Lucy. Families pick up a packet, create the artwork and then return it, all with no contact delivery.

One family each month signs up to visit Bridge Haven and hang the artwork in the windows. The key is that each project is something that is weatherproof and catches the sun because all the artwork is taped to the outside of windows, so residents can view it from the inside.

Kanwaka 4-H Club

The Kanwaka 4-H Club hosted a club food drive during the month of February. Collected items were delivered to the Lawrence Emergency Shelter during the below 32 degree days to help families and individuals in need.
4-H Robotics at Home

The fourth session of 4-H Robotics at Home will be offered April 1 through April 22. Registered families will checkout a robotics kit from the Extension office with a Dash robot (https://www.makewonder.com/), tablet, coding cards and more. The Dash robot is for ages six and up. The kit will need to be picked up prior to April 1 and will be due back to the office by 5 pm on April 26. During the four week session there will be one live Zoom session, scheduled according to the participants availability. Supplemental lessons will be provided throughout the four weeks.

Our robotics equipment is made possible by a 4-H Innovation Grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Space is limited. Registration will close Monday, March 22.

Please register at https://tinyurl.com/20204HRoboticsAtHome

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine at kpeine@ksu.edu or 620-218-1716.

Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) Update

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development program has worked to enhance the 4-H record keeping system. What was formerly know as the KAP is now referred to as the 4-H Project Report Form.

Record keeping and project reporting are valuable skills taught to Kansas 4-H members. 4-H'ers are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences in the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form (formerly KAP) for project recognition.


To view the new report forms (General Report Form & Animal Report Form) and video tutorials on how to complete those forms go to http://bit.ly/4-HProjectReportForm

When submitting a 4-H Record Book (Project Report Form) for county judging, the following will be required:

- Personal Information Page (with appropriate signatures)
- Kansas 4-H Project Report Form (s) - (one report per project)

Optional Requirements:

- Record Book Check Sheet
- Kansas Permanent Record

More details regarding the Project Report Form will be available in the future.
4-H Council Service Learning Incentive Project

The Douglas County 4-H Council Community Service Committee would like to see all the amazing service activities that are happening from your club in Douglas County.

We ask that clubs please complete a google form showcasing your club service project. We want to know how many club members participated, who benefited from the project, how many service hours were completed, and how and when the project was carried out.

The service-learning incentive project submission will begin on March 15. Once project submissions have ended on September 30, the committee will figure the total number of entries for each club. A financial award of $100 for first place, $50 for second place, and $25 for third place will be announced at the 2021 4-H Achievement Celebration.

To submit your club project go to http://bit.ly/ServiceLearningIncentive

Questions? Contact Nickie Harding at nharding@ksu.edu

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Serving Better Together Service Campaign & Grant Application

Serving Better Together is a community service campaign hosted by the Douglas County 4-H program. All 4-H community clubs, project clubs and county-wide groups are encouraged to host a service learning project through the months of March-May 2021.

The Douglas County 4-H Council and Douglas County 4-H Foundation have graciously agreed to pledge $1,500 each for a total of $3,000 dollars to be used for the Serving Better Together grants. The grant applications will be reviewed every two weeks starting the week of Monday, March 22. Applications will continue to be reviewed until May 31 or until all the funding has been awarded. The applications will be reviewed by a committee with representation from both 4-H council and the 4-H foundation.

If you would like your application to be reviewed in the first round, the application will be due by the end of the day on Sunday, March 21. The second round of applications will be due Sunday, April 4. The sooner you turn in the application the better. Grants will be awarded as they are evaluated.

All projects are required to follow local COVID-19 recommendations and the current meeting policies from K-State Research and Extension.

You can find the grant application at http://bit.ly/3uXEZtI
Questions? Contact Kaitlyn at kpeine@ksu.edu
2021 Douglas County Fair
Our K-State Research and Extension team is working with the Douglas County Fair Board to plan for the 2021 county fair. Be sure to mark your calendars this year’s fair- July 26-31, 2021. We will be working closely with the local health officials as we consider our options for this year’s fair. As plans are made, we will be communicating those details with our 4-H families.

2021 YQCA For Livestock Exhibitors
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

All 4-H’ers exhibiting a food producing animal for the 2021 Douglas County Fair, Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and KJLS will again be required to complete the YQCA training. Food producing animals include: beef (including bucket calf), swine, sheep, meat & dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry, and all rabbits. YQCA is designed as an educational tool and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character development for youth ages 7–18. As a result of this program, we hope youth leave with a better understanding of their livestock project and how to produce a healthy and safe food product.

2021 YQCA online training is now live. Youth may complete the online training for $12/child. Any 4-H’er who is seven years old (4-H age) must attend an in-person training. In-person training dates will be available in the Spring of 2021. A young person’s YQCA certification is valid for one year and must be completed by June 15th.

For more information go to https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/youth-livestock/YQCA.html

For questions regarding YQCA contact Mallory Meek, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, at mgmeek@ksu.edu

Weigh-In and Tagging for Sheep, Swine and Goats
The Details
All market lambs, hogs and goats intended to be shown at the county fair must be tagged by 7:00 pm on April 27th. Each 4-H member can tag up to 5 market animals per specie for the Douglas County Fair. All livestock will be tagged with 4-H EID Tags. The tags will be $4 each.

Tagging Dates: Sunday, April 25 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For more information and tagging slots, visit: http://bit.ly/21smalllivestocktagging

For questions contact Mallory Meek, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent at mgmeek@ksu.edu
Douglas County Spring Livestock Expo Postponed until 2022

Due to Covid-19 vaccination clinics taking place on the fairgrounds and low participant interest during this time, the annual Spring Livestock Expo will not be held in 2021. Project superintendents are working on creating alternative educational opportunities later this year.

For other spring show opportunities, please visit: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html

Horse ID Papers Due

Horse ID papers are due to the Douglas County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021. Any 4-H’er planning to show their horse at the Douglas County 4-H Horse Show and/or the District 4-H Horse show is required to ID their horse(s).

The 4-H Horse ID Form can be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine, 4-H Youth Development Agent at 785-843-7058 or kpeine@ksu.edu.

Douglas County Youth Livestock

Join the Douglas County 4-H Livestock & Small Farm Animals Facebook group to share ideas, opportunities, and ask questions related to your 4-H project. This is a private group with other Douglas County 4-H exhibitors.

To join click https://www.facebook.com/groups/671641920268312/

Grand Drive Scholarship Opportunity

The Kansas State Fair is now accepting applications for their Grand Drive Scholarship program.

To view details and complete the application go to http://bit.ly/KSFscholarship

Application deadline is April 15

4-H Project Add/Drop and Enrollment Deadline- May 1

All 4-H’ers must establish project enrollment by 11:59 pm, May 1, to be eligible to exhibit in those project areas at the Douglas County Fair. This deadline is for all 4-H members.

4-H membership is open all year however, after May 1, 4-H’ers who join or have an enrollment status that is still pending will not be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division at the 2021 Douglas County Fair.

To make changes to your 4-H enrollment and/or project list visit http://v2.4honline.com
IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Kansas Junior Market Goat Producer Week - March 16, 18, & 20, Virtual
Serving Better Together Grant Application # 1 Due - March 31, Online
Serving Better Together Grant Application # 2 Due - April 4, Online
Tagging for Sheep, Goat & Swine - April 25, 1-5pm, Fairgrounds
Tagging for Sheep, Goat & Swine - April 27, 5-7pm, Fairgrounds
Project Enrollment Deadline in 4-H Online - May 1, 4-H Online
State Fair Market Heifer & Steer Nominations Due - May 1
Horse ID Papers Due to Extension Office - May 3
YQCA Training Deadline - June 15, Online Training
Douglas County Fair - July 26 - July 31, Douglas County Fairgrounds

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