2020 Project Skill-A-Thon

4-H Project Skill-A-Thon was a success! Youth explored eight project areas. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!
**Beef Weigh-in and Tagging**

All market beef intended to be shown at the county fair must be tagged by February 22.

Weigh-in and tagging will be held at the Community Building on the Douglas County Fairgrounds and offered from **8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22**. All livestock will be tagged with 4-H EID tags which are $4 each.

**Call the Douglas County Extension Office at 785-843-7058 to schedule an appointment!**

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

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**Shawnee County Invitational 4-H Dog Show**

Shawnee County is hosting a Dog Show on Saturday, **February 22**, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Stormont Vail Events Center in Topeka. Registration is required and is due by February 14 to the Shawnee County 4-H Events Council. The workshop flyer, registration information and additional details can be found at [https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/](https://www.shawnee.k-state.edu/4-h/event-fliers/)

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**County Wide 4-H Pet Project Club Tour**

A county-wide pet project tour is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Humane Society, 1805 E. 19th St., in Lawrence. All 4-H members enrolled in and/or interested in the pet project and their parents are welcome to attend.

Come and get a behind the scenes look at the daily operations of an animal shelter, tour the kennels and learn about various opportunities offered by the Lawrence Humane Society.

**Community Service Opportunity:** The shelter is currently in need of the following items: hot dogs, block style cheddar cheese, kitten and puppy milk replacer, linens, laundry detergent, Windex glass cleaner, and Ziploc Storage gallon bags. For a full list of needed items go to [http://lawrencehumane.org/donate/wishlist/](http://lawrencehumane.org/donate/wishlist/).

Please RSVP to Becky Bentley, skaggs.bentley@gmail.com by February 21.

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**2020 4-H COUNTY CLUB DAY**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Registration is available for County Club Day at [http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html) under the Club Day heading. All registrations for county club day will close **February 28**. Please refer to the individual and group registration links under the club day heading for additional information.

**The goal and purpose of County Club Day is as follows:**

1) Demonstrate the benefits and opportunities provided through 4-H by showcasing the 4-H’ers themselves.

2) Give 4-H’ers an opportunity to learn skills and gain confidence in their abilities to exercise parliamentary procedure, speak effectively, and give creative performances in the arts.

3) Place special emphasis on core 4-H skills such as parliamentary skills and oral presentations.

4) Give 4-H’ers an opportunity to participate as an individual, as part of a small group or team, and as part of a large group or club.

5) Recognize 4-H’ers and help them grow their skills by measuring all performances against a published standard of excellence (Danish system).

6) Recognize top performers by selecting them for further competition at Regional 4-H Club Day for events with regional categories and/or the State Fair for demonstrations/illustrated talks for competitors 10 and up.
4-H Photography and Visual Arts Display Opportunity

To celebrate Douglas County 4-H, we have the opportunity to display 4-H’ers artwork and photography at the Douglas County Law Enforcement Center from March 11 through May 13. We are grateful to have the chance to showcase the artistic talents of our members once again!

We are looking for artwork and photographs, current or past, that will hang flat on a wall. Perhaps a framed painting or sketch, a canvas piece, framed photograph, etc. Ideally the artwork and photographs would be already hung on a wire or string. It's our goal to collect around 70 pieces. If we have more than 70 pieces turned in for display it will be our intent to make sure each 4-H’er has at least one piece on display.

Please plan to bring your artwork to the Extension office by 5 pm on Monday, March 6th. The artwork and photographs will be on display through mid - May. 4-H’ers exhibiting art and/or photographs will be notified once the pieces are available to be picked up at the Extension office.

Complete registration by Friday, February 28 at https://tinyurl.com/Art-and-Photo-Display-2020

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn at kpeine@ksu.edu or Nickie at nharding@ksu.edu

Geology Project Members and Leaders

The Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City is sponsoring their annual gem and mineral show on March 13 – 15, 2020 at the KCI Expo Center. There will be educational displays and demonstrations as well as rock materials for sale.

Additional information and a one dollar off coupon can be found at http://www.kcgemshow.org/index.htm

2020 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

The 2020 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, sheep project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of sheep production and management. This educational event will provide a foundation for the management and care of youth sheep projects. A few topics that will be covered include project selection, nutrition, equipment and facilities, sheep health, wellness, and diseases, showmanship, and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will be provided for participants.

Early Registration is due by February 21, and is $15/person. Registrations received after February 21 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and will be $20/person.

More information, a promotional flyer, and registration information may be found at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ under Kansas Junior Producer Days.

Participants may register online at https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/selfserve/Catalog.aspx.
Kansas State Animal Science Leadership Academy

Students with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12th grades.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Science and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Only 20 students will be accepted for each session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event.

Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a $50 fee to reserve his or her space. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council generously provides all other sponsorships.

The academy will take place in Manhattan, June 24-27. Applications are due April 15, 2020.

For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.

Spring Livestock Expo

The Douglas County 4-H Spring Livestock Expo is scheduled for April 25 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Questions? Contact Mallory at mgmeek@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.

Weigh-In and Tagging for Sheep, Swine and Goats

April 25 – during check-in for the Expo and May 20 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Details

All market lambs, hogs and goats intended to be shown at the county fair must be tagged by May 20. 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.

Make an Appointment

On Saturday April 25, livestock will be weighed and tagged during the appropriate check-in times.

Appointments are required for Wednesday, May 20. To schedule an appointment call the Extension office at 785-843-7058.
KAP Tip of the Month
Section 2

“What did I do?” “What did I learn?” These two questions are the basis for Section 2 of the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP). Section 2 is a summary of your 4-H project experiences. It is important to keep track of all the activities, meetings, and events that relate to each project in which you are enrolled. Use a calendar, notebook, online notations, or whatever works the best for you and your family. Organize your notes by project. You may even want to separate each project into categories such as: project meetings, field trips, judging events, camps, contests, etc.

Each time you participate in something related to a project you should make a few notes about it. Did you learn to measure liquids? Did you practice taking close-up photographs? Did you lead your steer around the yard? Did you visit the building supply store looking for lumber? Each of these events should be noted, including how much time you spent, what you were doing, what you learned, and any financial impact. Start keeping track of these experiences and you will be ready for the completion of Section 2 of your KAP.

Save the Date for 2020 Fantastic 4-H Camp

Who: Youth ages 7 - 12 (as of January 1, 2020)
When: June 19 - 22, 2020
Where: Rock Spring 4-H Center, Junction City, KS

4-H Camp registration and information will be in the March 4-H newsletter!

Call for Toilet Paper and Paper Towel Rolls!

If anyone has or may be interested in collecting toilet paper and paper towel rolls, the Extension office will gladly accept them through mid June!
New for the 2020 Douglas County Fair, all 4-H’ers exhibiting a food producing animal will 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.

Youth may complete the online training for $12/child or attend and complete one in-person training for $3/child. Any 4-H’er who is seven years old (4-H age) must attend an in-person training. A young person’s YQCA certification is valid for one year. Participants will receive a completion certificate which is necessary for county fair pre-entries.

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS will require all exhibitors to complete YQCA to be eligible to exhibit in the 2020 livestock shows.

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

For questions regarding YQCA contact Mallory Meek at mgmeek@ksu.edu

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RV Reservation Information for 2020 Douglas County Fair

Thank you for your interest concerning RV reservations for the 2020 Douglas County Free Fair!

Please follow the steps below if interested in reserving a spot for the 2020 County Fair:
- Send an email to cflory@douglascountyks.org with 2020 Fair RV in the subject line.
- Add your name, phone number, email address and spot # if known.
- You will receive an e-mail confirmation with reservation forms to be completed.

Names will be taken until June 30th. On July 1, names will be drawn and spots assigned. On July 1, Douglas County Fairgrounds Reservations will send an EMAIL to the winning families along with instruction for payment.

If payment is not received by July 14th your spot will be forfeited without notice and another name drawn.

Fees are $105 for the week. All RVs and campers should be brought in on Sunday, July 26th and left in place until August 2nd to avoid traffic and safety concerns during the county fair.

For questions, contact Clint Flory at cflory@douglascountyks.org
Citizenship In Action - February 16 - 17, Topeka
4-H County Council - February 17, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Beef Weighing & Tagging - February 22, Dg. County Fairgrounds
Shawnee Co. Invitational 4-H Dog Show - February 22, Topeka
County-Wide Pet Project Mtg. - February 23, Lawrence Humane Society
4-H Club Day Registration Due - February 28, Online
Junior Beef Producer Day - February 29, Manhattan, KS
4-H Club Day - March 7, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Jr. Sheep Producer Day - March 14, Manhattan, KS
Regional 4-H Club Day - March 28, Gardner
County-Wide Poultry Meeting - March 29, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Spring Livestock Expo - April 25, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Project Enrollment Deadline in 4-H Online - May 1

“To Make The Best Better”
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