

# 4-H FLASH

Cowley County 4-H News

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Welcome to summer and more normalcy with Cowley County 4-H! As we begin to move back toward more activities happening in a face-to-face manner, we have the opportunity to evaluate where we were, where we are and where we're going. What can you do to increase attendance at your club meetings? Are your members engaged in the business of the club? What is your club doing? Are you just going through the motions, or providing a positive and meaningful experience for the families of your club? How can Extension staff help you as a leader/4-H'er/parent?

We are getting ready for a "normal" Cowley County Fair. Expect to see information from us soon regarding entries, deadlines, dates and a fairbook tailored to your family's involvement.

The Extension Office is open! Feel free to come in and visit to get your questions answered. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST  
MINUTE!!!**

STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK nomination  
deadline for swine, meat goats and sheep is  
NEAR!!

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## Board Meeting

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Cowley County Courthouse. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at 5:30 p.m.

## 4-H Junior Leaders

If you are 12 and older, you can be part of 4-H Junior Leaders. Youth will learn about leadership through activities. Visit the "Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders" Facebook page to see how we demonstrating leadership.

We will meet in person, with a zoom link available, on June 21st at 7:45 p.m.

## Insect Spectacular

We are excited to announce the 2021 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular is scheduled for June 21st, 23rd, and 25th. This year there will be three webinar sessions each lasting about an hour. Each session will begin at 7:00 PM CST. The sessions are open to all youth and are designed as an opportunity to learn as a group.

You may participate in one or all three of the following planned sessions:

Monday, June 21st- Lookalike Insects: and how to properly identify them - Isaac Fox

Wednesday, June 23rd- Invasive Species: Asian Giant Hornets - Vicky Wallace

Friday, June 25th- Invasive Species - Sharon Dobesh

[Please register by June 11th - 2021 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular Registration](#)

## Southeast Area Livestock Day

The Southeast Area Livestock Judging, Meat Judging and Livestock Skillathon will be held Thursday, June 24 in Yates Center. Sarah and Kelsey will be taking a team to compete. If your member is interested in attending, please contact us by June 21.

## SE Region 4-H Youth Challenge Day

Do you want to test your 4-H judging skills? You're invited to participate in the Southeast Region 4-H Youth Challenge Day on Tuesday, June 22 in Emporia, Kansas. Transportation is available for up to 6 Cowley County 4-H members (ages 9-18).

Options include horticulture, crops, Family and Consumer Sciences and Photography judging contests. Cost is \$10 per person - judge one or all contests! Divisions are Intermediate (9-13) and Senior (14-18). A non-competitive virtual experience will be available prior to this date.

Contact Becky at the Cowley County Extension Office if you are interested in participating by June 15, 221-5450.

## Family and Consumer Sciences Judging

Mark your calendars for two 4-H Family and Consumer Science Judging options to be available in July. An in-person judging contest will be available on **Tuesday, July 20** during 4-H Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging at Cowley College's Brown Center, 215 S 2nd Street, Arkansas City.

A virtual contest option (featuring different classes and questions) will be available **July 5- 19**. More information, including the contest link, will be in the July Flash. Youth are encouraged to participate in two contests (either virtual or in person) to qualify for the State Fair contest team (to be held on September 18 in Hutchinson).





### Cowley County 4-H Fair Book Update

We're excited to offer a customized fair book for your family. Early in June, your household will receive an e-mail with a link to select your 4-H projects. You will then receive an e-mail with all 4-H fairbook sections sent directly to you. You can print or save this document for your use. Printed copies of the complete fairbook will no longer be available (but individual sections will be posted on the Cowley 4-H website).

All 4-H pre-entries will be due **Tuesday, July 6** using the online system we've used in the past. All families will be mailed a letter with pre-entry reminders, a project list and the link for the online entries.

### 4-H Foodstand

The money raised in the Food Stand is used to support our 4-H programs through scholarships to state 4-H events, transportation to county camp and Discovery Days, volunteer development awards and recognition at Achievement Night, officer training and much more. Here is the schedule of workers for the Food Stand at the Cowley County Fair. An additional Thursday evening shift has been added. 4-H alumni generously give of their time to help raise money for 4-H during this shift. However, current 4-H families are welcome and encouraged to work during this time.

Please assign at least 5 adults to each shift. They are needed to run the cash register, operate the grill and appliances, and help with food preparation.

Each club is **REQUIRED** to have a shift manager. The shift manager must be a responsible adult or teen. Shift managers should recruit workers, view the shift manager orientation video and turn a list of volunteers in to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 22nd.

### 2021 4-H Foodstand Schedule

#### **Friday, July 30**

7:30 - 12:45 New Horizon  
12:30 - 5:45 Burden  
5:30- 11:00 Martha Washington

#### **Saturday, July 31**

7:30 - 12:45 Walnut Valley  
12:30 - 5:45 Floral  
5:30 - 11:00 Rock Creek, Cameron, Sunrise

#### **Sunday, August 1**

11:00 -5:45 Udall  
5:30-11 p.m. Shooting Sports

#### **Monday, August 2**

8:00 - 1:00 Muddy Creek  
12:45 - 5:45 Tisdale  
5:30 - 11:00 Dexter-Otto

### Barn 4 Supervisor Schedule

Supervisors are vital to the success of our county fair. It is how we keep our exhibit areas looking nice and provide assistance to our many patrons. Clubs are assigned times to have a committee of at least one adult (1) and two youth present (2) in Barn 4 display area. Clubs must turn in names by Thursday, July 22nd. Please note that shift times have been shortened. NEW for 2021- we'll have stickers and 4-H items that you can share to promote 4-H to youth/families.

#### **Friday, July 30**

6:00-7:30 Muddy Creek  
7:30-9:00 Udall  
9:00-10:45 Shooting Sports, Rock Creek

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6:00-7:30 Tisdale  
7:30-9:00 Dexter-Otto  
9:00-10:45 Martha Washington

#### **Sunday, August 1**

6:00-7:30 Sunrise  
7:30-9:00 Burden  
9:00-10:45 New Horizon

#### **Monday, August 2**

6:00-7:30 Cameron  
7:30-9:00 Floral  
9:00-10:45 Walnut Valley

## Livestock Ownership Requirements

In order to exhibit livestock at the Cowley County Fair, members must meet the following ownership/leasing deadlines.

Market Steers/Market Heifers: Must be owned by March 7, 2021 and tagged with official Cowley County Extension issued tag/weighed at official beef weigh-in.

Breeding Heifers, Gilts, Does and Ewes: Must be owned by the exhibitor by April 27, 2021. Registered females may be co-owned/co-registered by two or more members in the same family. Registration must be in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) by May 1, 2021.

Commercial females must have a 4-H eartag.

Second Year Bucket Calves: Must be tagged with Bucket Calf tag. Market calves must be tagged by March 7, 2021 at the official weigh-in.

Bucket Calves: Must be born between January 1 and May 31, 2021.

Swine: Market and Swine must be owned and nominated by April 27, 2021. Market Swine must be born after December 1, 2020.

Market Lambs: Market Lambs must be born after January 1, 2021. Lambs must be owned and nominated by April 27, 2021.

Market Meat Goats: Market Meat Goats must be owned, nominated by April 27, 2021. Market Meat Goats must still have their milk teeth at the fair.

Dairy Cattle: Must be owned or leased by the exhibitor at least 100 days before the fair. All lease, registration and/or transfer papers must be in the name of the exhibitor by June 15, 2021.

Dairy Goats: Registration papers or stamped duplicates 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 check-in. 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.

## **STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK nomination deadline for swine, meat goats and sheep is NEAR!**

Commercial heifer, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and all meat goats (market and breeding does) are **due JUNE 15**.

June 15, 2021 is a postmark deadline. Certified mail is suggested. All nominations are sent through campus mail which can add a delay in receipt of your nomination - yet another reason to complete this task early.

**PLEASE do not to wait till the last minute to request your animals be tagged or that your nomination forms are signed by an agent. June is a busy month and we don't want to miss helping livestock families properly nominate their livestock.**

### **Important Reminders/Suggestions**

- Must use the 2021 nomination forms to be accepted
- The 2021 nomination forms are fillable PDF's AND have a 2<sup>nd</sup> page that is a checklist - please double check your nomination.
- Ear notches are required for swine nominations.
- Full Scrapie Tag #'s are required for sheep and goats.
- Cost = \$8.00/animal and checks are to be made payable to KJLS.
- There is a \$20 incomplete fee if any information is missing or any part of the nomination has to be returned.
- Nomination forms are available online at: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

Please call (620-221-5450) or email Kelsey ([klnordyke@ksu.edu](mailto:klnordyke@ksu.edu)) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We strongly encourage families to not wait until last minute. We would hate for you to miss the deadline.

DNA envelopes are available for \$.50 each in the Extension Office along with the appropriate forms. For additional nomination information, visit [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu). A nomination does not constitute entry for the show.

Kansas State Fair livestock entries are due July 15.  
Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries are due August 1.





## **Kansas State Fair Info**

### **New Centennial Hall 4-H Schedule for 2021**

The Kansas State Fair will have a modified 4-H check-in and judging schedule that will begin prior to the official fair start date. This means that exhibits will need to be delivered to the office earlier than in year's past. Cowley County Extension staff will transport non-livestock and small exhibits to Hutchinson of qualifying purple ribbon exhibits (ages 9 and older). These exhibits will be accepted at the local Winfield office beginning Thursday, September 2 - Tuesday, September 7. Foods and horticulture exhibits will be accepted between 7 - 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8. Please package exhibits to keep them safe and secure for transport; entry tags and paperwork will be provided at the Extension Office when you drop off your exhibit.

### **Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries**

Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries are due to the State Fair July 15. All youth entry forms may be submitted online. However, they must be printed off and signed by authorized agents, parents, and exhibitors before entry form is complete. Entries may be mailed or faxed to: Kansas State Fair, Attn: Competitive Exhibits, 2000 N. Poplar, Hutchinson, KS 67502, Fax # 620-669-3640. Entry information is available at [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com). Go to "Competitions", choose "Livestock Competitions" then choose Youth Show Grand Drive (on the right side of the page). Printable entry instructions are available by clicking on "online" registration process. Printable and electronic entries are available.

### **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-andextension/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. 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 need to 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>. Additional face-to-face YQCA training may be held after July 4.

### **What Can I Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair??**

If your 4-H Age is 9 and older, you are eligible to enter a purple-ribbon exhibit from the Cowley County Fair for judging at the Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Division: photos, food items, gift baskets, educational displays, some notebooks, entomology educational display, entomology collection, clothing construction, horticulture, field crops, floriculture, fiber arts, rabbits, energy management, robotics, rocketry, astronomy, geology collection, geology educational display, woodworking, Shooting Sports educational display, wildlife educational display, poultry, demonstration/illustrated talk and forestry notebook.

Two Senior Division Champions may be selected in Fashion Revue Buymanship and Constructed categories to compete at the Kansas State Fair. Judges will choose six Visual Arts exhibits to be displayed at the Kansas State Fair.

It is the member's responsibility to complete pre-entry by August 13 in order to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Pre-entries may be made in the 4-H office at the Cowley County Fair or in the Extension Office following the fair.

**No phone entries will be accepted.**

*Congratulations!*

**WINNER: Kylie Rankin**



CATEGORY: 6TH - 8TH

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The KSRE Pesticide Safety and IPM program hosted an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her's and art students across the state.

## 2021-22 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment



As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2022 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2021 and goes through September 2022. The enrollment form and program details can be found here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>.

Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 12th for information with enrollments due to Deryl Waldren, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu) by July 23, 2021. There will be no cost for the program in 2021-22 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at designated places. Location and date details are to be worked out. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs. These are scheduled to be distributed in early September.

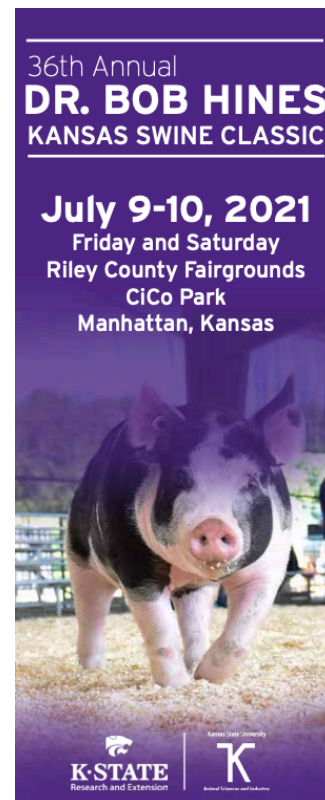
Don't forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas State 4-H Wheat Show in early August in Wichita, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division. Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010,) (2) Wheat Variety Plot-Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010. To download these files, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 303-349-7403, or e-mail [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

## 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo in Wichita

Join us for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H's first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19 shut down physical/face-to-face 4-H programming in March 2020. We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event in early August tentatively scheduled in Wichita-area. Full date and location details will be announced by June 1st. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Cost will be \$6.00 per person registration cost for using the Cvent registration system. Registration will go live by June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, August 1st, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 303-349-7403 or e-mail him at: [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu)



<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/swine/>



## 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. Increased funding will result in increased opportunities for 4-H members.

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 at the Extension Office.

## Leadership Development Grants

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 an 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](http://www.cowley.k-state.edu).

## 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:

- Clothing
- Foods & Nutrition
- Leadership
- Construction
- Sheep
- Horticulture
- Clothing
- Meat Goats
- Arts & Crafts
- Buymanship
- Ceramics

We have activity plans that volunteers can use with youth. Consider recruiting a friend or family member to be a co-leader with you.

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 on [ks.4honline.com](http://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.

## Friends of Extension Corner

The Friends of Cowley County Extension are excited about the 2021 Fall for Extension Fundraiser. The dinner and auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 at Baden Square in Winfield. Raffle items will be will be announced soon!  
Your club can win a pizza party!  
Contact Kelsey to find out how!

# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Extension Office Closed Memorial Day	1 6:30 PM Dog Practice	2	3 5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice	4	5
6 2:15 PM 4-H Shooting Sports Project Club Mtg 6:30 PM Udall 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Martha Washington 4-H Mtg	7 7:00 PM Tisdale 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Dexter/Otto 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Floral 4-H Mtg	8 6:30 PM Dog Practice	9	10	11	12
13 3:00 PM Rock Creek 4-H Mtg 3:30 PM Burden 4-H Mtg	14 Flag Day 7:00 PM New Horizon 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Walnut Valley 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Sunrise 4-H Mtg 7:00 PM Cameron 4-	15 LivestockNo...tionDeadline Flash info to Cindy 6:30 PM Dog Practice	16	17 5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day 2:00 PM Muddy Creek 4-H Mtg	21 7:45 PM Junior Leaders	22 6:30 PM Dog Practice	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:30 PM Dog Practice	29	30	1 5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice	2	3



# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p><b>Independence Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:15 PM 4-H Shooting Sports Project</li> <li>6:30 PM Udall 4-H Mtg</li> <li>7:00 PM Martha Washington 4-H Mtg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Tisdale 4-H Mtg</li> <li>7:00 PM Dexter/Otto 4-H Mtg</li> <li>7:00 PM Floral 4-H Mtg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Dog Practice</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Livestock Judging Practice</li> </ul>		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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My **hands** to larger service and  
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