FAIR ENTRIES
This year, the Extension Office will be using a new Fair Management System. The system is web based and will allow families to enter entries online at your convenience. The system will not be available until June 15th. All entries will be due by July 1st. Please be patient with us while we are getting the system ready for you and during the county fair. It will be new for all of us and your patience will be greatly appreciated.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST & PRACTICES
If you are interested in learning more about livestock judging, skillathon and quiz bowl please plan to join us for these fun and informational meetings! No experience necessary and all ages of 4-H members are welcome.

June 17 – Southwind District Judging Camp, Fort Scott, Bourbon Co Fairgrounds.

June 20 – Southeast Area Livestock Contests, Yates Center. If you need transportation, please let us know and we will try to coordinate travel.

COUNTY FIRE BANS AND ROCKET LAUNCHES
Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas is currently floating in water, we know that weather conditions can change rapidly. The 2019 Kansas State Fair rocketry rules state “if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.” We advise all counties to always be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting county rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant. If you have comments or questions, please contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu, or 785-462-6281.

Poultry Testing
Justin Smith, DVM, Animal Health Commissioner of the KS Dept. of Ag, Division of Animal Health issued the following statement for the 2019 Kansas Fairs: Due to a nationwide shortage of antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the KS Dept. of Ag, Division of Animal Health is waiving certain poultry testing requirements. As a result, poultry owners do not need to test their birds for the pullorum disease while the waiver is in effect. Although we still consider pullorum-typhoid testing important in maintaining pullorum-clean poultry within Kansas, pullorum disease is rare. Due to this low risk of spread of pullorum disease, and the fact that the antigen for testing will not be available, KDA is waiving the requirement for pullorum-typhoid testing until October 1, 2019. If you have questions, please call the KDA Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.
4-H COVERBUDS
Cloverbuds was designed for 5 & 6 year olds and is activity focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbuds may not participate in any competitive 4-H event, but they may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events, but they may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

SOUTHEAST REGION 4-H CHALLENGE DAY
The Southeast Region 4-H Challenge Day in Emporia is Tuesday, June 11, at the Anderson Building. Cost is $10 per person, and participants can judge in as many contests as they want for the $10 fee. Contest will include: Crops, FCS, Horticulture and Photography.

STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING
The State Horticulture Judging Contest will be Saturday, August 17, 2019 on the campus of Kansas State University. Registration will be on the web early July. The study material for years 2019 and 2020 is taken from Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities Educational Videos and is available on the Kansas 4-H Website > Horticulture Judging https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html

SWINE EXHIBITOR RESOURCES
The National Pork Board has distributed resources through the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health. The materials provide great tips and reminders for swine exhibitors. Most documents focus on educating youth about good biosecurity practices. There is also information about African Swine Fever. Visit “Health Resources” at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/health.html.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS
DNA hair samples are required for commercial breeding animals that you are planning to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. DNA envelopes and nomination forms are available at www.youthlivestock.kstate.edu Nomination fee per animal is $8, due June 15. Postmark deadlines are firm. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. Please note June 15 is a Saturday this year, so families should be cautious in waiting until the deadline to submit nominations. Sending nominations via certified mail is highly encouraged. Families are also encouraged to use the check list provided for each specie to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost $20 to correct.

KSF DOG SHOW QUALIFICATIONS
To participate at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, Saturday, September 14, you must have qualified in a specific discipline(s) at a state qualifier 4-H or open dog show during the 4-H year. For a listing of qualifying dog shows http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-shows.html.

STATE FAIR LABELS FOR 4-H FOOD PRESERVATION
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SOUTHWIND DISTRICT T-SHIRTS
The Fort Scott Extension Office has a few of the Southwind District 4-H T-Shirts for sale $10. If interested call 620-223-3720 or e-mail Pat, psimpson@ksu.edu

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW
When: June 27, 2019
Where: Parsons State Hospital Arena. 4-H member must participate in their designated district and complete Achievement Level 1 before the registration deadline. Once at the district show, a 4-H member must receive a blue or purple ribbon to become eligible for the State Fair.

SPRING SHOWS
Did you know there are four different opportunities within the Southwind District to show your animals? For a complete listing of up-coming spring shows, go to the Southwind website www.southeastkansas4h.org. Click on 4-H Youth Development in the left hand column, then click on Spring Shows. You can also find shows listed for dogs, rabbits and other animal projects

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
4-H Enrollment will open October 1, 2019. Enrollment and payment must be complete by December 1st.

Youth age 18: If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you are planning to volunteer in 4-H only please enroll as an adult.

2020 KANSAS WHEAT VARIETY PLOT
The program begins fall 2019 and goes through September 2020. The enrollment form and program details are currently available. Visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html

KANSAS STATE FAIR FCS CONTEST
This year the FCS committee has decided that the state fair contest will include three components: 1) judging classes 2) a team challenge and 3) a hands-on puzzle room experience. For 2019, intermediate youth will have classes from five topics and seniors will have six topics. The categories that will be used for both age divisions are bicycles, backpacks, fast food, healthy snacks, and toys. The seniors will also have formal wear rental and purchase as the sixth topic. These categories are chosen from the same list that the Western National Roundup uses for their contest. All local units are encouraged to review the study guide assembled by the Western National Roundup available here http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/rules/2019/FCS%20CDM%20Study%20Guides%2020192020%20(Jan.%202019%20%20Jan.%202020).pdf. The judging classes will be based on the previously mentioned categories. Examples of judging classes will be posted for local use on the Family and Consumer Science Judging page. The team challenge is based on the Group Think activity from the Western National Roundup. Youth work as a team to create a solution to the challenge presented. Here are some YouTube examples from states that are currently using this as part of their contest https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2X_23gHcWIM& https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Dcvx_UktY. There will also be a puzzle room experience which will involve the group working together to solve a series of puzzles.
KSF Grand Drive and KJLS will require exhibitors to be YQCA certified or have a current Youth PQA+ number in order to participate in the shows. Exhibitors who nominate livestock projects MUST have a current and valid Youth PQA+ certification number or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) number at the time of nomination. A copy of each child’s YQCA certificate or Youth PQA+ card must be attached to the Declaration Form. Certification(s) must be valid through October 1, 2019 to be accepted. Nominations without the appropriate YQCA or Youth PQA+ number will be considered incomplete. The Youth PQA Plus program was discontinued May 31, 2018. So, youth who need quality assurance certification will need to complete YQCA training. The National Pork Board and both state shows in Kansas will honor Youth PQA+ numbers until they expire. Youth may take a $3 instructor-led class, complete the $12 online course, take advantage of the test out option if they were 12 or 15 years old by 1/1/2019 ($36 or $48, respectively), or use their valid Youth PQA+ number. This program is only for youth 8 and older, so 7 year olds participating in KJLS will be exempt for this year. Participants must sign up through the YQCA website prior to training in order to receive their certificate and official number. Families need to make sure to select an actively enrolled member from the drop-down when registering for a YQCA course. Otherwise, the child will not show up on the Learn Grow report. Visit www.yqcu.org to sign up, or contact the local extension office for information. After completing training, families need to sign in to their YQCA user account, using the same method they did to register for a class, in order to view and print their YQCA certificate. For more information, contact the extension office or Lexie Hayes adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

**K-State Livestock Judging Camp**

Judging camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members age 14-18 who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. Camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision making process. Camps will be June 3-5, June 11-13, and June 14-16. Southwind District 4-H members who are interested in attending contact Carla Nemeczek 620-365-2242, cnemeczek@ksu.edu.

**Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo**

The Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Wednesday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Kingman Expo Center, 121 South Main, Kingman, KS. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will also be tours. There is a $6.00 per person registration cost. Registration will go live on or before June 15, 2019. Visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html Pre-registration will be required by Monday, July 29th to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. For more information about the wheat expo, Visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.

**48 Hours of 4-H**

The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 12-13. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners. Visit: http://kansas4h.org/48H.

**Erie Summer Intern**

Maddie Kramer: I am a junior at Erie High School and Some of my favorite 4-H experiences probably were at 4-H camp at Rock Springs. I remember how excited I was for summer to hit because that meant 4-H camp was coming up. Sadly, I am too old to attend anymore but my sister went a few times and I was glad to see she had had a great time there as well. My favorite project would have to be the sheep project. I love getting to know the animals I will be working with and showing them as a team. Some of my hobbies/interest include reading any kind of book, raising sheep and trap shooting. My future plans right now are a little undecided although I have been looking into going into the publishing industry.

**Fort Scott Summer Intern**

Ty Scharff: I am now a senior at Mararaton Valley High School. I’ve had fun experiences through 4-H projects, including raising animals and taking them to the fair, along with working in our family garden. My favorite project is poultry. My best memory is probably when I won grand champion for poultry showmanship a few years ago. My hobbies include reading, gardening, and shooting sports. I plan on going to Pitt State and KU for an eventual degree in pharmacy.

**Yates Center Summer Intern**

Cassidy Lutz: I will be a senior this fall at K-State. I was an 11 year 4-H member in the Lucky 13 4-H Club in Anderson County. I served as treasurer, historian, vice president, and president. I showed sheep for all 11 years and meat goats, along with clothing buymanship, visual arts, and leadership. My favorite project was sheep as I loved getting to spend time caring for and raising them. My favorite memory was helping a new family, with three young girls get into showing sheep. Every year my sheep were used for the Tag A Long show. It was exciting to watch the young children development an interest in 4-H. My hobbies include spending time at my Grandpa’s ranch, riding 4 wheelers, helping my family work cattle and spending time with my dog Gus. I am an avid fan of red dirt country music. I am a huge K-State football fan and love to cheer on the Cats; I plan to graduate May of 2020 with a Bachelors of Science in Food Science and Industry with a minor in Business.
DAY CAMP
COUNSELORS NEEDED
If you are at least 13 years of age, please consider assisting us with 4-H Day Camp Friday, June 15. Last year we were short on junior leaders to serve as group leaders and counselors for the day. We would appreciate pre-registration so we can make plans for group sizes and numbers based on the number of junior leaders willing to help out.

FAIR CLEAN UP
Allen County fair clean-up is Saturday, July 21st at 7:30 am. Please plan to attend and help.

I PLEDGE
MY HEAD to clearer thinking
MY HEART to greater loyalty
MY HANDS to larger service
MY HEALTH to better living
FOR MY CLUB & MY WORLD