DATES TO REMEMBER
February
1 – 4-H Day @ Moran
15 – Entomology Meeting
16-17 – Citizenship in Action
17 – Offices Closed/Presidents Day
21-23 – 4-H Ambassador Training
23 – 4-H Photography Workshop
29 – Jr. Beef Producers Day
March
6 – State Horse Judging Contest
7 – Regional 4-H Day @ Chanute
8 – 4-H Day & Wildcat Women
14 – Jr Sheep Producers Day
15 – Walk Kansas Program
21 – 4-H Super Saturday
April
May
1 – Horse Certifications Due
25 – Offices Closed/Memorial Day
June
7-10 – Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
22-25 – 4-H Campference
July
August
15 – State Horticulture Judging Contest
22-23 – Livestock Sweepstakes
REGIONAL 4-H DAY
Those 4-H'ers receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals at the Neosho County Community College in Chanute on March 7th. An email will be sent to request an RSVP.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT MEETING
Meeting will be at the Chanute High School, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a big tournament going on at the High School so we will meet in room 511. Still come to the back of the building, but come in the first door on the South East corner. The room is on the right just inside the door. Please bring your information on the topic you drew for the door. Please bring your
Questions: vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804-9170.

4-H AMBASSADOR TRAINING
Training will be February 21-23 at Rock Springs Ranch. Youth must be in the 8th – 12th grade to attend. Registration deadline is February 7 @ 11:59 p.m. using the Cvent registration system. Registration Fee: TBA, includes breakfast, lunch, one night’s lodging, two breaks, workshops and speakers. There will be six exciting workshops and a keynote speaker. The theme is “4-H Ambassadors – Under Construction”

JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

4-H DAY & WILDCAT WOMEN
4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball is March 8 at 2:00 p.m. K-State vs. KU! Cost is $22/person, 4-H and non 4-H families are welcome to attend. You will receive: a ticket to the Game, game day T-shirt and a $10 Meal Voucher to the main concession stand. Registration due February 18. All orders must be paid with a credit card. Register at: http://tinyurl.com/2020KAE4-HA

WALK KANSAS
If you are a 4-H, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or after school program leader; school teacher; or any other youth leader and you would like to register your group to participate in Walk Kansas, registration forms (one per leader and one for each youth) are available on our website at southwind.k-state.edu/walk-kansas. An adult serving as captain and all youth in high school and below can participate FREE! If you have any questions, please contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP
Southwind Extension District is looking for four individuals to work approximately 20 hours per week throughout June, July and early August to assist with summer youth programming and preparation for the County Fair. Applicants should be at least 16 years of age with the ability to drive and willing to work a flexible schedule. Applications will be available soon.

SUPER SATURDAY
You’ll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year’s 4-H Super Saturday. Held on March 21, Hays, Kansas. Youth take part in Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock and Photography contests. There are also project workshops and a 4-H Volunteer Gathering. Specific contest and workshop details will be available shortly at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-heventss/ellis.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
The contest will be held Saturday, August 15, 2020 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. Registration will be on the web in early July. If you want to learn more about 4-H Horticulture Judging, https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html If you would like to know more about the contest and how it works contact Beth Hinshaw at bhinshaw@ksu.edu

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
The 2020 State Horse Judging Contest will be held on Friday, March 6, in conjunction with Equifest held in Salina.
4-H HORSE CERTIFICATIONS
Horse ID's are due to your local Extension Office by May 1. Make sure you use the new 2020 form available from the website: www.southwind.k-state.edu under “4-H useful forms”. Remember, before the May 1 registration deadline, you must have completed the levels required to show at District or State 4-H Horse events.

CHANGES IN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM
The 4-H Horse Action Team has been discussing several issues with agents and volunteers during the past few years concerning the Kansas 4-H Horse program. The team has been in the process of revising the rule book that is to be released during the 4-H Horse Panorama. Changes to come:
*Ownership - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).
*Leasing - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.
*Entering District Horse Shows - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.
*Junior & Senior Horse Western Pleasure - Eliminated
*Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining - Patterns changed.
*Costume, Roping Classes - All information to be added to the web site and not included in the rule book.
*Two Year Old Snafflebit - Reminder it was phased out.

4-H CAMPFERENCE 2020
Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration and detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come, basis, and Campference was full the last 6 years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

2020 LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES DATE
This event includes the Kansas 4-H state livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and quiz bowl. It will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan on August 22-23. Mark your calendars now.

WIN A BUCK!
Locust Hill Farm Ranch of Fort Scott wants to encourage expansion of the dairy goat project by giving away a buck kid to one lucky 4-H'er from the Southwind District. To win the buck, youth must write an essay expressing what their plans would be for the buck. Essays are due to your local Extension Office by March 1st. Locust Hill will contact the 4-H'er with the best essay to make arrangements for pick-up. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer

4-H PHOTO WORKSHOP:
Planting Seed of Photography in Topeka KS. Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Stormont Vail Events Center. Begin your day with a photo shoot competition on the KS Garden Show floor (free entry to show for participants) test your skills at photo judging. Enjoy a short presentation from key note speaker, Kevin Kirkwood, who will share his unique method of printing photography on different mediums. Grow your skills through hands-on classes led by advanced 4-H photographers and experienced experts. Learn how to take pictures with light, explore fairy-gardens, enhance digital photos, leverage smartphones for photos, practice how to select winning pictures, and sleuth the hidden data in your photos! Deadline to register is February 6. Register early to get your preferred class choices at: https://tinyurl.com/vdh8bmf

HOSTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR EXCHANGES NEEDED 2020-2021
Kansas 4-H families have the opportunity to host high school students from Japan, South Korea, counties of Eastern and Southern Europe, Asia and Africa. Now is the right time to apply, as applications from students begin arriving in early February. Families must be approved to host before they can read applications for students they are considering. It is disappointing to choose student that the family agrees is a good fit only to find out that another family committed first. Families throughout the U.S. select from the same States’ 4-H pool of students. These students are mostly in grades 10-12, good students, eager to get involved and volunteer, and adequate English speakers. 4-H exchanges students are selected for success and supported by 4-H at all levels. Contact Mary Kay Munson, State AYP Coordinator, at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net.

COUNCIL VOTES TO PAY $15 PROGRAM FEE
At the January 4-H Council Meeting, members discussed the use of council funds to pay for the $15 Program Fee again this year. There were 45 members who completed the requirements last year and everyone was in agreement to pay for the $15 Program Fee for the 2019-2020 4-H Year. There are some steps that 4-H'ers will have to complete in order to have their program fee paid. Those requirements are:
*Complete and submit the MIGS Book
*Complete and submit ONE Project Record Book
*Attend a minimum of SIX monthly 4-H Club Meetings from October 2019 to September 2020. Once record books are submitted and judged, a list will be made of those 4-H'ers who comply with the requirements. An email will be sent out to let you know if your program fee has been paid.

BEEF WEIGH-IN & TAGGING
The date for beef tagging has been set for Sunday, March 1st from 1-2 p.m. at SEK Genetics, Galesburg. Please take note of the shortened time frame! Beef animals that need a tag include market steers and feeder beef. Breeding heifers and bucket calves DO NOT need to be tagged or weighed. The cost of each tag is $4.00. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Harding at 620-224-3826