May 1st Deadline
- Drop or add 4-H projects
- Complete online enrollment in order to participate in upcoming 4-H activities
- Turn in or update Horse I.D.s
- Beef DNA & fee due to State 4-H Office

Pawnee County Fair - July 24-27, 2019
- Deadlines and important dates will be published in newsletters, letters, emails, and other forms of correspondence.
- Fair entries will be due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday June 28th. Packets will be handed out when available.

Contact Us!
Whether you have questions about upcoming events, enrollment, or project descriptions, we are here to find you answers!

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Pawnee County Shoot Out
The Shooting Sports project leaders and parents hosted the 24th Annual Pawnee County Shoot Out on March 16. About 36 4-Hers from 2 counties competed. Pawnee County 4-Hers received medals in:

**Air Rifle:**
- Overall
  - 9-10 years: Kale Hagerman, 3rd
  - 11-12 years: Autumn Holopirek, 3rd
  - 13-14 years: Kansas Lange, 1st
    Sarah Manry, 3rd
- 4-Man Team:
  - Pawnee County—Kansas Lange, Audrey Manry, Jameson Smith, Sarah Manry
    2nd

**Air Rifle Positions:**
- 13-14 years:
  - Prone: Kansas Lange, 1st
  - Kneeling: Kansas Lange 1st

**Air Pistol:**
- 13 yrs & under: Jameson Smith, 1st
  - Kansas Lange, 2nd
  - James Seeman, 3rd
- 2-Man Team: Jameson Smith & Kansas Lange, 2nd

**Archery:**
- 8-10 years: Gavin Lemuz, 1st
  - Grayson Maxwell, 2nd
  - Gillian Smith, 3rd
- 11-12 years: James Seeman, 1st
  - Autumn Holopirek, 2nd
- 13-14 years: Ethan Lemuz, 1st
  - Kansas Lange, 2nd
  - Jameson Smith, 3rd
- 15 years & over: Jarrett Seeman, 1st
  - Charisma Taylor, 2nd

**Special thanks to the following helpers:**
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  Paul Strong, Larry Stude, Marilyn Stude, Josh Taylor, Jeff Holste,
  Christy Lemuz, Justin Rowan, Kyle Grant, Jen Fitzpatrick, and Kelly Whitten.

**Shotgun**
Practices will be held at the Fort Larned Arms Range on April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6. Beginners will practice at 5pm and advanced will begin at 6pm.

Pawnee County Fair Shoot: July 22 @ 5pm
For any weather related questions, please contact Larry Skelton at (620) 285-5074 or Nathan Barker at (620) 804-0580.

**Horse Project**
There will be a horse meeting at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building on Sunday, March 31 @ 5pm. All interested parties, please plan to attend. You will not need to bring your horse as this is an informational meeting.

**Dog**
Dog practice will be on April 2 & 23 at 5:30pm at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. Be sure to bring your dog and leash.

**Rabbit Project**
With spring in the air, it is time to think about getting involved in your rabbit project. There are many exciting upcoming local rabbit shows that would be a great experience for your child to attend. If you don’t have a rabbit, this would be a great opportunity to purchase one. There are many breeds to choose from and Kathy Hammeneke would be more than happy to help you. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call Kathy at 620-285-9080 or Cindy Grant at 620-285-9033.

**Livestock Judging**
There are a couple KSU Youth Livestock Judging Camps available to anyone interested!
- June 3-5; June 11-13; or June 14-16
Please contact the Extension Office for more details.

**Spring Shows & Sales**
We receive digital and paper flyers advertising for upcoming livestock shows and sale opportunities. If you are interested in showing or purchasing at a sale, contact the Extension Office for more information.
4-H Newsletters

Last month we posted the 4-H Newsletter on our Facebook page and received positive feedback on it. We would like to know if you would prefer the digital copy via Facebook or email, or if you would prefer to continue receiving a hard copy mailed to you. Please contact Melonie at 620-285-6901 or mmyers2@ksu.edu with your preference. If you would like it emailed, please provide your email address.

Project Leaders

There are many project resources available in the Extension Office. Several projects have large notebooks compiled by KSU professors and project leaders across the state. There are also copies of the National CCS project materials. Both of them can be checked out for a two week time period so you can make plans for project meetings.

4th Grade Ag Day

4th Grade Ag Day will be held May 3, at the Pawnee County Fair Grounds. There will be a 4-H Animal Petting Zoo again this year, which Kyle is organizing. Also be prepared to help clean up the fair grounds before the event and help clean the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building after the event. Cleanup will be on Monday, April 29, at 6:00pm, prior to the 4-H Council Meeting

Small Animal Weigh-In

Sheep, Goat, and Bucket Calf ear tag and weigh-in is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 5:00-6:30pm at the Fair Grounds. Swine will not be weighed due to disease but do need ear tags before May 2. Call Ted Van Horn at 620-285-9846 or Kyle Grant at 620-804-2568 to set up an appointment.

In 2010, the 4-H PDC and Executive Board enacted guidelines that need to be kept in mind:

- Must be enrolled in the project before weigh-in.
- Only animals weighed-in on May 2 are eligible for rate of gain contest.
- If you have a conflict with the weigh-in dates or do not want to participate in the rate of gain contest, you can contact Ted or Kyle to set an appointment to weigh and tag.
- Each 4-Her has a limit of six animals per species to be designated for county fair.
- Must have a YQCA certification.

YQCA Training

Anyone who is planning on showing livestock who has not yet completed the YQCA training, Kyle will be holding another training on Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm in the Courthouse Lounge.

State Fair & KJLS Livestock

If you are planning to take market beef, swine, goats, or sheep to the State Fair or KJLS, DNA samples must be taken and sent in. All market animals, commercial heifers, commercial ewes, and wether dams must be identified with the State EID 4-H tag. DNA samples on market steers and market heifers are due on May 1. The deadline for commercial heifers, lambs, goats, and hogs is June 15.
Regional 4-H Day
Congratulations to the Regional 4-H Day participants! Pawnee County’s composite model meeting received a Blue. Thank you to those serving as officers and to the leaders Jennifer and Doug McNett for organizing the composite meeting.

The top blue winners from our County Club Day participated in the Regional event, with an outstanding showing. Participants receiving Purple awards this year include; Audrey Manry (Senior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk), Jenna Fisher (Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk), Grayson Maxwell (Project Talk), and Caleb Nord received an Alternate Purple (Extemporaneous Speaking). Those receiving Blue awards were; Audrey Manry, (Extemporaneous Speaking), Sarah Manry (Senior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk), Jax Johnson (Project Talk), Kansas Lange (Reading), Phillip Applequist (Instrumental Solo), and Grayson Maxwell (Piano Solo).

Discount Card Fundraiser
Your club leaders will be receiving your discount cards in time to begin sales April 1. The cards will be valid April 1—December 31, 2019. They will be sold for $10.00 each.

Foods 101
Interested in learning about foods? Foods Project Leader Andrea Deckert will be leading an Introductory Foods class on April 16 from 4:30—6:00pm at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. This program will be a great way for beginners and experienced 4-Hers in the foods project to get back to the basics; How to measure ingredients, doubling recipes, kitchen cleanliness, and safety. Come prepared to learn and have fun making homemade brownies! Please register with Jen at the Extension Office, (620) 285-6901, by Friday April 12.

Sewing Day
Diane Zook and Jen Fitzpatrick will be hosting a sewing day on Monday, April 22, from 9:00am — 12:00pm in the Courthouse Lounge. We will be creating a drawstring backpack with 4-H fabric. Please be sure to come prepared with a sewing machine, (if you have one), and your sewing box. If you are new to sewing and do not have a sewing box, have no fear, Diane will let you know everything you need to create one! Don’t forget you can enter your sewing box at the County Fair!! Please register with Jen by April 10 to participate.

Foods Fair
We will be having a Foods Fair again this year! On Saturday April 27th, in the Extension Office, we will be giving 4-Hers the opportunity to have a one on one consultative foods judging! Each 4-Her interested is limited to entering 3 food items. This will be a great learning experience for new 4-Hers who have not participated in consultative judging before. Also available at this event will be FACS judging, proper table setting demonstrations, and centerpiece examples. There will be so much to learn!! Please register with Jen by Friday April 19.

Local 4-H Events & News
Club News

Pawnee Peppers recently made a trip to Salina to enjoy making ceramics.

Western Wranglers had a good time skating in Great Bend.

Nebraska Flood Relief

The Western Wranglers are having a donation drive to help our neighbors in Nebraska. They are collecting much needed items and/or monies to send to the flood victims. If possible, they would like all donations by March 27. For a list of items needed, information regarding who to write a check to, or drop-off locations, please check our 4-H Facebook page or contact Erin Josefiak at 620-923-6302, Heather Josefiak at 785-969-9380 or Chelsea Steffen at 620-910-7711.

Thank you in advance for your help!
Calf Training 101

On Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1:00pm, Dan Dvorak will show 4-Hers how to have their calf behaving like a champion. The training will be held at the Holton Livestock Exchange. The cost is $15 per youth. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Meadowlark Extension Office—Holton at 785-364-4125.

Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the “camp” activities from Rock Springs 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.

Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis. Campference was full the last five years! Register online by May 15, (or earlier as it will close when it is full), and payment must be in the Extension office by May 15, 2019.

Discovery Days

This event will be May 29—May 31, on the KSU campus. Be sure to check the State 4-H website at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html for more information. It’s a great 4-H event for youth 13-18 years old. Classes fill quickly, so register early to attend the class you want. Registration deadline is 11:59pm, April 15. Base price is $195.00, but many classes have additional fees.

**$25 Scholarship available through the Robert Bowman Memorial. Please stop into the Extension Office to pick up an application—Due May 3!!**

Shutterbugs in the Garden

Just a reminder of the photography workshop taking place at Botanica in Wichita on April 28. Topics covered will include; Camera Questions, Props and Costumes, Portraits and Posing, Lighting, getting Ready for the Fair, Kaleidoscopes, Composition, and Photo Scavenger Hunt. In the event of rain or snow, workshops will be held indoors.

Registration is not required. All participants pay regular Botanica gate fee at the gardens but no additional workshop fee.

Kansas 4-H Space Tech and KSU Polytechnic Training

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 and save the date! The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team, Kansas 4-H Youth Development, and KSU Polytechnic in Salina are co-sponsoring a Kansas 4-H SpaceTech training on Saturday, April 27, at the KSU Polytechnic Campus, College Center Conference Center, 2310 Centennial Road, Salina, KS 67401. Participants will get to attend two in-depth entry level workshops repeated in the afternoon: rocketry and unmanned aerial systems (drones).

4-H members (12-19-years-old), parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, Extension staff, and educators working with youth who are interested in 4-H rocketry and unmanned aerial systems project areas. This training is being held in Salina, but it is open to any Kansas resident on a first-come, first-serve registration basis.

Registration is limited to 30 per each session with a minimum of 10 required for each workshop session to be taught. No youths 11 and younger will be accepted to this training. Consider sending a team of youth and adults from your county/district to be trained to take home valuable information. Parents planning on assisting their older children during the training need to register for the training. This training is not designed as a parent-child 4-H project activity, but as a train-the-trainer program.
Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

It’s time to start planning for 4-H Camp. Pawnee County 4-Hers can attend camp at Rock Springs Ranch June 11-14. 4-Hers age 7-13 (or just completing 8th grade) are eligible to attend. Cost for camp this year is $180.00. Registration will be due May 1 to the Extension Office.

Pete & Hilda Penka Scholarship through the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, applications are also due May 1st (this scholarship may only be won once).

Another scholarship, sponsored by 4-H Council, is available to be used for county camp. The 4-H PDC decided to have an interview process to award the scholarships. Camp scholarship interviews will be held Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 5:00pm in the Courthouse lounge. The 4-H member must have attended 2 club meetings and 1 other 4-H activity to apply for the scholarship. 4-Hers will be rated on their appearance, responses, to questions, and their professionalism. This process will help 4-H youth develop self-confidence. 4-Hers will receive letters with more details.

Camp counselor applications are also due May 1st in the Extension Office. There is no fee for counselors. They will go up to camp the day before to prepare for the campers. Those applying to be counselors must be 15 years old as of January 1, 2019, and must have completed the 4-H volunteer screening process.

**Dates to remember**

**March**
31: Horse Meeting at the J.A. Hass Exhibit Building at 5:00pm

**APRIL**
8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6: Shotgun Practices at the Fort Larned Arms Range
2 & 23: Dog practice at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building @ 5:30 p.m.
12: Deadline to sign up to participate in Foods 101
15: YQCA Training for those still needing it
15: Sewing day deadline, please let Jen know if you are interested
15: Discovery Days Registration deadline
16: Foods 101 at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
19: Deadline to register for the Foods Fair
22: Sewing day at the Pawnee County Courthouse
23: Posters for Courthouse Centennial due today
24: Posters being judged by County Commissioners
27: Foods Fair at the Extension Office, 9:00am Lounge
27: Kansas 4-H Tech & KSU Polytechnic Training in Salina
28: Shutterbugs in the Garden at Botanica in Wichita
29: Fair Clean-up @ 6:00pm
29: 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30pm

**MAY**
1: 4-H online enrollment finalized
1: 4-H Camp registration, Counselor application and Camp Scholarship applications all due
1: DNA samples for market steers and market heifers due
2: 4th Grade Ag Day and Small Animal Weigh-in
3: Deadline for Discovery Days Scholarship application
4: Tractor Safety Class in Dodge City
8: Camp Scholarship Interviews - Courthouse Lounge, starting @ 5:00pm
29-31: Discovery Days at KSU

**JUNE**
11-14: Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
15: DNA samples due for commercial heifers, lambs, goats, and hogs
23-26: Campference at Rock Springs 4-H Center
28: Pawnee County Fair Entries are due to Extension Office by 5pm

**JULY**
24-27: Pawnee County Fair
30: Swim Party at 8:00pm
Dear 4-H Families,

The Extension Office is open from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. The office will “normally” be closed over the noon hour. However, we realize these hours may not coincide with everyone’s schedules. Give us a call and we will do our best to work with your schedule.

Sincerely,

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