

THE 4-H FLASH NEWSLETTER

A letter from Sarah,

July 2024

In this issue:

Community Leaders	2
Important Dates & Deadlines	2
4-H Council/ Jr Leaders	3
Summer Bash	4
Fair Changes	5
Cowley Co. Fair	6
Camping	7
Foodstand Clean Up	8
Foodstand & Barn 4 Schedule	9
Barn 4 Map	10
Vet Check	11
Destinction Cards	12
Beef Carcass Contest	13
Biosecurity	14
King/Queen Contest	15
Animal Costume Contest	16
Fair Resources	17
Kansas State Fair	18
Upcoming Events	19
Sitter Solutions	20
Shooting Sports	21-22
Spotlight!!	23
Livestock Production Essay	24
Misc.	25-28

Hello July!

The Fair is almost here!!! A BIG ITEM TO CHECK OFF THE LIST IS TO PRE-ENTER BY JULY 3!

There is always some confusion about the difference between enrollment and pre-entries. Think of it this way, 4-H Online or v2.4honline.com is how the county and state of Kansas oversee a whole years' worth of 4-H programming! 4-H is so much more than County Fair. The Show works program or cowley.fairwire.com is how our office organizes the Cowley County Fair with over 3,000 entries!

Please always reach out with questions. I am happy to answer them or put you in contact with mentors that are happy to help.

Now it is time to take a breath!!! You want to know the secret to having a fun fair? Practice, practice and then practice a little more. :) If you practice hard, ask questions and prepare things early you can get to the fair and enjoy it! The County Fair is supposed to be fun, and I am bound and determined to help prepare you so it can be. Always remember everyone is human, we are all there to have a good experience and give these kiddos opportunities. We can be competitive and still have fun, make new friends, make positive memories, have passion and pride of our project with learning what we need to grow on to be better in the future. Do not forget there is always someone looking up to you and watching you. Littles are looking up to older 4-Hers and they all are watching their parents and fair staff. Have grace, let's have some fun and I am so EXCITED to see you all at the Cowley County 4-H!

Sarah



August 1-5, 2024

Pre-Entries Due July 3

Contact us:

cl@listserv.ksu.edu (620) 221-5450 or (620) 441-4565

Sarah LaGrone, 4-H Youth Development, slag11@ksu.edu

Becky Reid, Family & Consumer Sciences, bkreid@ksu.edu

Cindy Stephens, Office Professional, cstephens@ksu.edu

Harper Haynes & Cadie Thomson - Fair Assistants

Madison Sultz & Drake Lowe - Summer Interns



Community Leaders

July Check-Up

- * **PLEASE** download a club roster in 4honline and verify everyone in your club is enrolled.
- * On the downloaded roster, there is a 2nd page showing projects enrolled in. **PLEASE** make sure the 4-Hers are enrolled in the project they intend to participate in at the Fair.
- * **Are all your club members enrolled and have they done their fair pre-entries?**
- * Have you turned in your food stand and Barn 4 worker lists?

Review

- * Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar. (Have you noticed all the links provided?)
- * Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.
- * Have you checked out the [4-H Club Corner?](#)

To-Do

- * Turn in Foodstand and Barn 4 worker lists
- * Remind Barn 4 workers to sign in and wear a Barn 4 / 4-H Supervisor lanyard.
- * Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- * Check club mailbox at Extension Office

Promote/Recruit

- * 7/3 Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
- * Clothing & Textiles Judging/Fashion Revue/ Foods Judging - Venue Change
- * Remind livestock exhibitors of vet check and directions of traffic to check in.

4-H Media Team

Remember

- * Club t-shirts REQUIRE approval, the form to do so is on our [website](#) under 4-H Youth Development, forms, Cowley County 4-H Apparel Approval Form

Important Dates and Deadlines *underlined text is a link

July

- 7/3 **FAIR PRE-ENTRIES DUE**
- **7/3 ENROLLMENT ENTRY DEADLINE** to show at the Cowley Co. Fair (must have an approved enrollment status by 7/3)
- 7/3 ADD/DROP Projects deadline
- **7/4 Cowley County Extension Office Closed**
- 7/8 Barn Clean up day, fairgrounds 7:30am
- 7/10 Barn paint day, fairgrounds 7:30am
- 7/11 Extension Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 7/12 Cattle Showmanship Clinic
- 7/13 Foodstand Clean Up 7:30 am
- **7/15 KSF Livestock Entries Due**
- 7/17 Fashion Revue Modeling Workshop 11:30am - 1 pm
- 7/23 Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Decorated Foods Judging & Favorite Family Foods Contest- LOCATION CHANGE!
- 7/25 4-H Council Meeting 6 pm- Foodstand
- 7/25 Watermelon Feed! At the 4-H Council mtg
- 7/25 Fair Superintendent Meeting 7pm

- 7/27 4-H Horse Show; Burden Arena 8 am
- 7/27 4-H Junior Rodeo; Burden Arena 5pm

August

- **8/1 KJLS entries due**
- 8/1 4-H Livestock Sweepstake entry deadline
- 8/1-5 Cowley County Fair
- 8/2 & 8/5 Cowley County Extension Office Closed
- Carcass Contest, date TBD
- 8/9 Kansas State Fair non-livestock pre-entries due in Extension Office
- 8/10 4-H [Horticulture Judging Contest](#)
- 8/12 [Wheat Expo](#)
- 8/15 OR 16 Date DBT Sitter Solutions, Winfield
- 8/17-18 [KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes](#)

September

- 9/6-15 [Kansas State Fair](#)

[Cowley County Annual 4-H Calendar](#)

4-H Council & Junior Leaders

July 25, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:

Fairgrounds/ Foodstand

If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leader(s) know in advance and find another member to serve in your place.

Watermelon Feed

Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports are once again sponsoring a watermelon feed. Please come and enjoy fellowship and watermelon!

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 are demonstrating leadership.

July 8 - Clean up and prep walls for painting in Dairy Barn (Winfield Fairgrounds, Bldg 8), 7:30 a.m.

July 10 - Paint lower walls in Dairy Barn, 7:30 a.m.

July 13 - 4-H Food Stand Clean-up

July 25 - 4-H Council Watermelon feed, Superintendent's meeting

August 4 - 4-H Sunday, Animal Costume Contest

The next monthly meeting for 4-H Junior Leaders will be September 16, 2024

WE WANT YOU!
to help clean up and paint the cattle barn!

Prep the Barn
July 8
7:30 am

Paint the Barn
July 10
7:30am

WINFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

K-STATE
Research and Extension
Cowley County

Summer Bash

Cowley County
4-H Ambassadors Presents

**SUMMER
Bash**

All 4-H Youth

4PM-5:30PM-Leadership Camp
(With 4-H Summer Interns)

6:00PM- BBQ

**6PM-8:30PM- Yard games and
evening swimming**

**July 11
THURSDAY
Burden Park**

**RSVP by July 8th
620-221-5450**



Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Sarah LaGrone, 620-221-5450. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Cowley County Fair Changes

2024

Fashion Revue

Tuesday, July 23rd

NOW at Southwestern College in Winfield



NOTICE VENUE CHANGE

8:30AM

Mossman Hall

- Fashion Revue
- Shopping in Style
- Sewing and Textiles
- Decorated Food
- Favorite Foods Contest

7:00 PM

Messenger Recital Hall

Public Revue



2024

Dog Show

Saturday, July 20

NOW in Building 1 (North Grandstand) at the Winfield Fairgrounds



NOTICE VENUE CHANGE

9:00AM

Pending the minimum required (5) exhibitors is met.



Fashion Revue (Shopping In Style) Modeling Workshop

Wednesday, July 17 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Extension Assembly Room, Cowley County Courthouse 311 E. 9th Ave. Winfield

Stop by anytime during this time to practice modeling and review paperwork needed for a successful day at 4-H Fashion Revue.

Cowley County Fair

4-H Official Fair Rule Books were mailed to families on June 7th.

Pre-Entries are online and accepted until July 3rd.

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PRE-ENTRIES IS JULY 3rd.

Fair Entries can **NOT** be added at fair, but can be deleted. Late entries are accepted within 72 hours after July 3 with a \$30 fee per participant.

All 4-H pre-entries are due **Wednesday, July 3** using the fairwire system we've used in the past. All 4-H families were mailed a letter with pre-entry reminders, and the link for the online entries along with the official fair rule book.

Fair Superintendents

Will meet at the fairgrounds on July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Help Us Improve the Fair

What can we do to improve the Cowley County Fair? This is the procedure you should follow:

1. Fair suggestions must be submitted to the attention of the 4-H PDC in writing. Electronic versions (email/ fax) will also be accepted. Verbal recommendations will not be considered.
2. Your suggestions must be signed and dated. Suggestions will not be considered without a dated signature.
3. All suggestions are due by September 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Suggestions will not be considered after the deadline.
4. Suggestions should be turned in or mailed to: Cowley County Extension Office, 311 E 9th, PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156. The 4-H Program Development Committee reviews all department evaluations and acts on written recommendations which are then made to the Fair Board. Verbal recommendations CANNOT be considered.
5. 2025 Fair Theme suggestions can be submitted from 8/12/24 to 10/1/24.

Fair Camping: The Cowley County Fair Board requests that 4-H families who camp during the fair camp in the campground area (west of the barns) at the fairgrounds, not the Pecan Grove. This better insures the safety of our participants, eliminating the need to cross 14th Avenue. The fairboard will not provide security or trash pick up to the Pecan Grove. A complete listing of camping rules can be found at www.cowleycountyfair.com. UTV's may only be driven by licensed drivers, have working lights and must be fully insured.

Favorite Foods Contest & Decorated Foods Judging

July 23, 2024 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mossman Hall, Southwestern College (100 College St. Winfield, KS). In an effort to protect and preserve decorated food entries, judging for 4-H decorated foods will be at Southwestern College. This will also be an opportunity for youth to enter exhibits for the Favorite Foods Contest. Learn more about this contest on the [Cowley County KSRE website](http://www.cowleycountyfair.com). This is the same day as 4-H Clothing and Fashion Revue judging (this date is optional, you may choose to show foods at the fair).



Camping at the Fair

CAMPING AT THE COWLEY COUNTY FAIR?

ALL PERMITS ARE PURCHASED DIGITALLY STARTING IN 2024. YOU WILL NEED TO GO TO WINFIELDKS.ORG TO PURCHASE PERMITS FOR CAMPING. OR SCAN THE LINK BELOW.



Primitive Camping (Tents)- \$5/day
Electric Hook up Camping- \$17/day

Foodstand

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

for the 4-H Foodstand Clean Up

The foodstand is the only fundraiser 4-H does. Please plan to help get it ready for business at the fair.



We need to clean before the fair! Numerous items will need to be removed and cleaned. The food stand floor will be professionally cleaned (professional floor cleaner coming at 9am), so we need two shifts of volunteers to move large items (7:30 am and 12pm- to move items back in) If anyone has a pressure washer, please contact the Extension Office.

FAIR - 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 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 25th.

2024 4-H Foodstand Schedule

Friday, Aug 4

7:30 - 12:45 Sunrise & Country View

12:30 - 5:45 Tisdale

5:30- 11:00 Dexter-Otto

Saturday, Aug 5

7:30 - 12:45 Muddy Creek

12:30 - 5:45 Burden

5:30 - 11:00 Martha Washington

Sunday, Aug 6

11:00 -5:45 Walnut Valley

5:30-11 p.m. Floral

Monday, August 7

8:00 - 1:00 Cameron

12:45 - 5:45 Udall

5:30 - 11:00 Shooting Sports

FAIR - 4-H - Barn 4

2024 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 25th.

Please sign in and wear a “Barn 4/ 4-H Supervisor” name tag while on your shift. Sign in sheet and name tags will be available at the Friends of Extension display in the middle of the barn.

Friday, Aug 4

6:00-7:30 Cameron

7:30-9:00 Country View

9:00-10:45 Walnut Valley

Saturday, Aug 5

6:00-7:30 Muddy Creek

7:30-9:00 Udall

9:00-10:45 Shooting Sports

Sunday, Aug 6

6:00-7:30 Tisdale

7:30-9:00 Dexter-Otto

9:00-10:45 Martha Washington

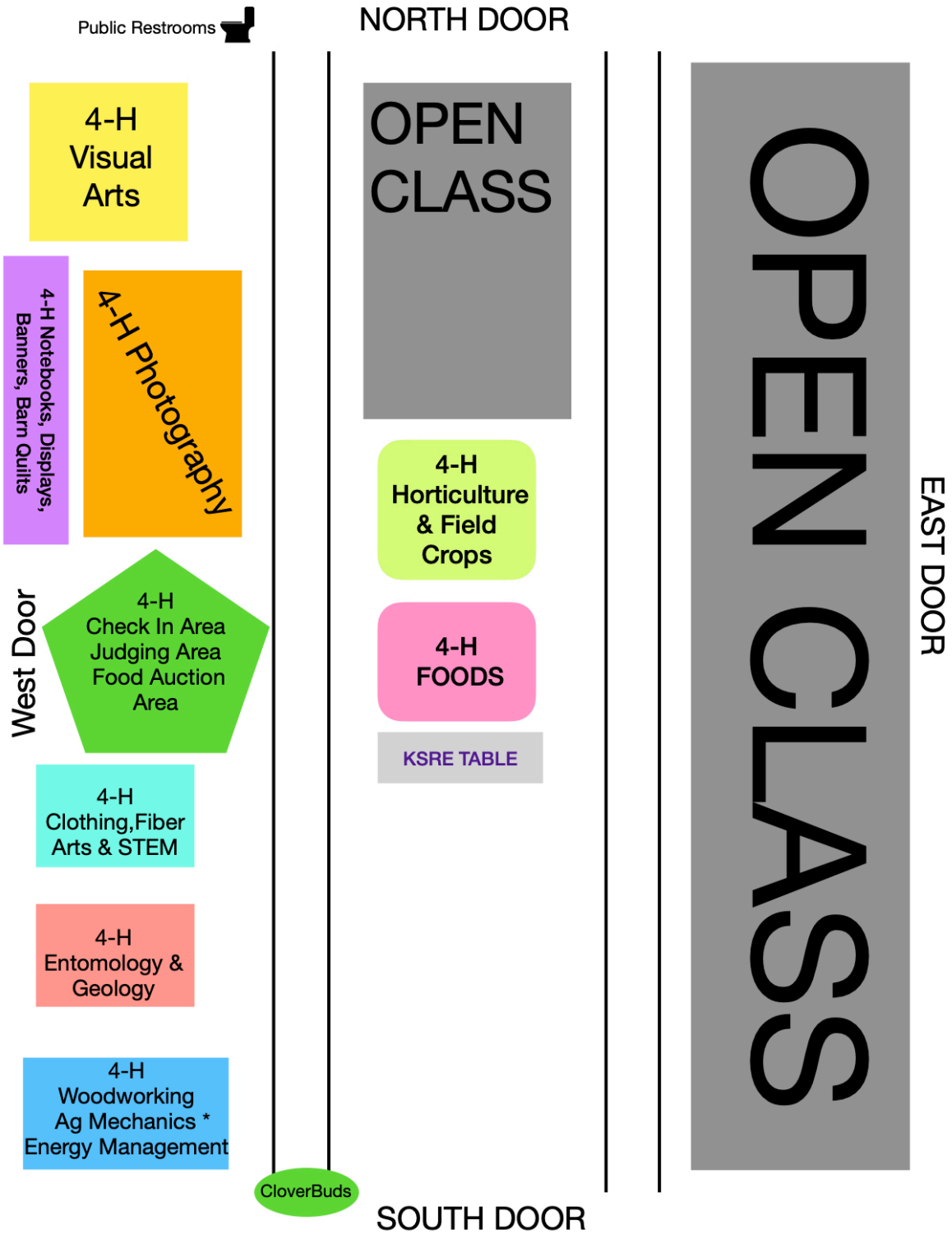
Monday, August 7

6:00-7:30 Sunrise

7:30-9:00 Burden

9:00-10:45 Floral

Barn 4 Check In



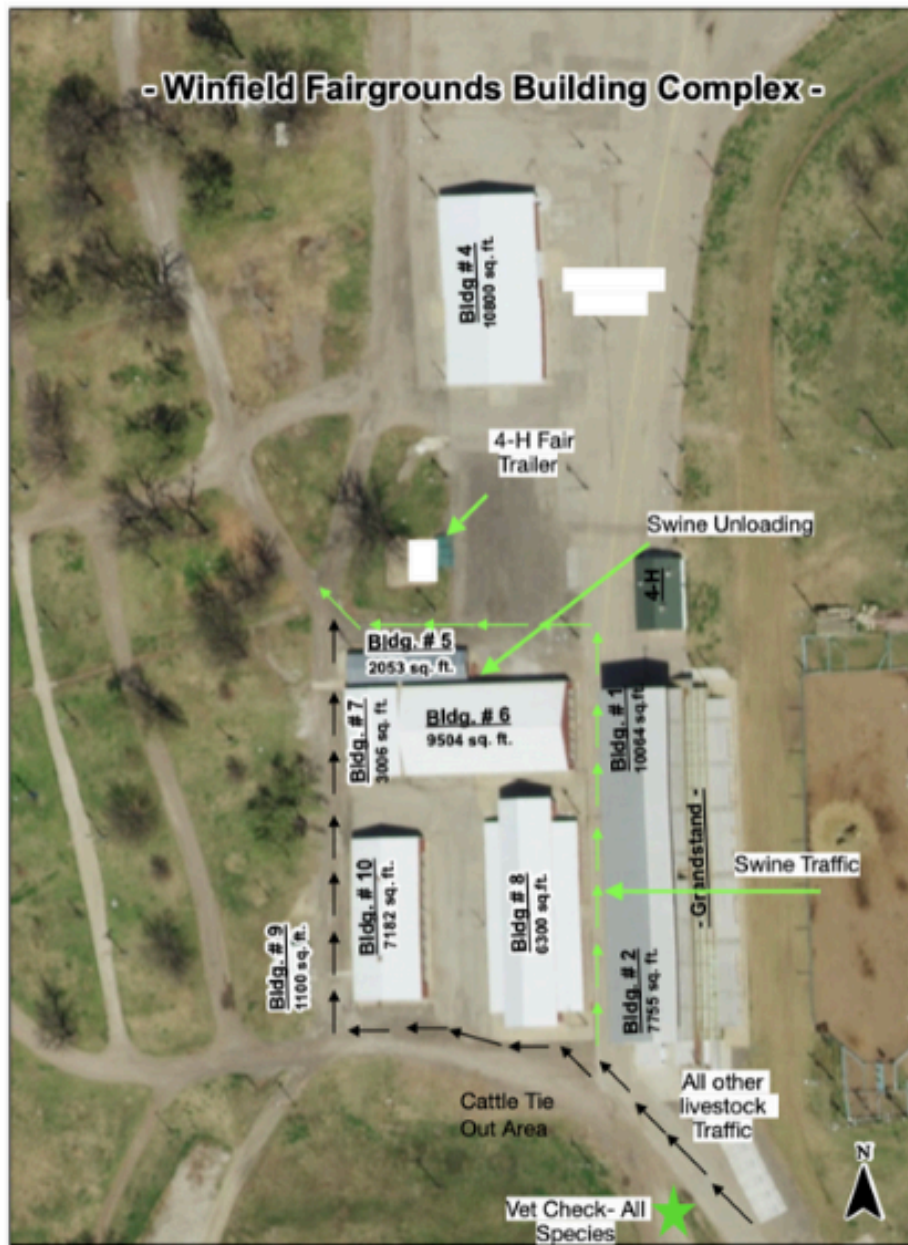
Thursday - August 1 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Check in 4-H Youth exhibits at the 4-H Exhibit Building (Barn 4)

Be sure to sign up for a time of Conference Judging for each project.

Fair - Livestock Vet Check

9th Avenue Entrance



14th Avenue Entrance
All livestock traffic enter from 14th Avenue.

ALL ANIMALS are required to vet check on trailer PRIOR to unloading.

ALL TRAILERS need to enter from 14th Ave. Please view the map and follow vet check location and unloading guidelines.

Take note of your species check in time. Check in will close at listed time(s).

- July 31- Sheep & Goats 7-9pm
- Aug 1- Swine 8am - 12pm
- Beef 9-10am
- Breeding Heifer, Bucket Calf, check in closes at 12pm
- Dairy Cattle 2-3pm

Fair - Poultry

Leg Bands are required at check in. You can purchase them at the Extension Office.

Pollurum-Typhoid Testing is required every 5 years. Cowley County is scheduled for 2025. If you plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair, they will test at check in.

LIVESTOCK DESTINATION CARDS

Are you exhibiting Beef, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goats at the Cowley County Fair?

Please read closely and call with questions!

You will find a picture of the Livestock Destination Card.

This card is very important for show management as it lets us know where your animal is going when they are released after the fair. This will allow us to send correct and detailed list with our truck drivers and packers.

Once your species show is complete you will be able to pick this card up from your specie superintendent. This card needs to be turned in ASAP to your specie superintendent (latest 2:00 PM on Saturday) or will result in premium dock. You will have a card for each Beef, Swine, Sheep or Meat Goat you have at the fair (omitting breeding beef).

LIVESTOCK DESTINATION

<p>DESTINATION (Check one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Locker (Complete Section A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Base</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Premium Sale (Terminal)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Premium Only Sale/ Meat Sold (Complete Section A)</p>	<p>Exhibitor _____</p> <p>Club _____</p> <p>Tag ID _____</p> <p>Specie/Show _____</p> <p>Weight _____</p>
<p>(Section A) Meat Buyers Name _____</p> <p>Meat Buyers Phone # _____</p> <p>Locker Name _____</p>	
Signature _____	Phone Number _____

STEP 1- Check the cards label information and make sure it is correct (Exhibitor, class, tag, animal, weight ext.)

STEP 2- Select one of the livestock destination options to tell us where that animal is going when released Monday night.

(Note the Cowley County Fair is not a terminal show BUT selling in the PREMIUM SALE on Monday night IS terminal, you may only sell ONE animal in the premium sale)

- **HOME**-This option is for an animal you are going to load up on your trailer and take home. Examples are breeding animals you want to take home, any animal you want to take home to go on to another show, animal that you have an arranged locker appointment for a later date.
- **LOCKER**-This option is for an animal you do not want to go through the premium sale and you have either already sold the meat or you are getting the animal processed for your family. This option will need to choose from either of the locker trailers we will have available. This option allows you to load animal on one of those trailers and you do not have to take animal home and haul to a locker at a different date.
- **BASE**- This option is for animals that you do not want to take home nor have the meat sold. If you select Base this animal will be loaded on the base trailer and youth will be paid the Base Bid price/ pound for their animal. (Those prices will be posted at the fair)
- **PREMIUM SALE**- This option signs your animal up to be sold in the Premium Sale on Monday night. This option the meat will be available for the premium buyer to either purchase the meat or send the animal on the Base truck.
- **PREMIUM ONLY SALE/Meat already sold**- This option allows you to sell the animal in the Premium Sale on Monday night for PREMIUM ONLY, but allows the youth to have already marketed and sold their meat or maybe have decided to keep the meat for their family. This will be marked in the Auction book so buyers know the meat is already sold and not an option to purchase the meat. You will need to choose from the locker options available for pick up post sale. These animals are terminal and in no instance go home on a personal trailer. The transaction of youth and meat buyer is at the youths discretion, the Extension and Fairboard do not oversee this transaction nor will be held liable.

STEP 3- Turn in to your superintendent

Lockers that have corresponded they will have a trailer available on Monday night of the Fair are:

Walnut Valley Packing

Cedar Vale Locker

Family Tree Meats

Burden Meats

Beef Carcass Contest



Market Beef

Open to all Market Beef exhibiting at the Cowley County Fair.



Lockers

Entries eligible must select Burden Meats or Walnut Valley Packing to enter in the Carcass Contest



Judging

Exhibitors are encouraged to walk through during contest, though not required. Judging will follow the fair and date/time announced at fair.



Rules

It is very important to review the guidelines on page 131 of the 2024 Fair Book

AWARD SPONSORED BY FLEMING FEED AND GRAIN CO.

CASH SCHOLARSHIP AND PLAQUE

- 1ST PLACE - \$500**
- 2ND PLACE - \$400**
- 3RD PLACE - \$300**
- 4TH PLACE - \$200**
- 5TH PLACE - \$100**



Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Sarah LaGrone, 620-221-5450. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

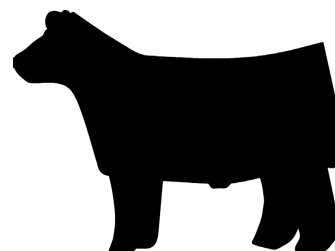
BIOSECURITY



BIOSECURITY

Keeping your cattle healthy

Biosecurity is another way of saying “infectious disease control.” Biosecurity is a combination of management practices designed to prevent the introduction and transmission of diseases into and throughout a herd. Infectious diseases can be transmitted by animals, people, equipment and vehicles. Livestock exhibitions are events where animals have an increased risk of getting infectious diseases due to the commingling of animals from different sources. Taking some simple precautions can help reduce that risk and keep your animals healthy. Below are some biosecurity recommendations for ensuring the health of your show cattle.



Before the Show

- Read all guidelines for each show to be sure your animals meet all entry and exhibition requirements.
- Work with your veterinarian to ensure your cattle are up to date on vaccinations.
- Evaluate your cattle's health prior to going to the show. Never take an unhealthy animal to a show. Signs of illness can include decreased appetite, fever, diarrhea, nasal discharge, coughing and blisters around the mouth, nose and/or hooves. If you see any of these signs, please contact your veterinarian.
- Take only clean and disinfected equipment to the show to prevent any potential disease transfer from your cattle to others.

During the Show

- Monitor your cattle daily for signs of illness. If you suspect your animal is sick, notify a show official right away.
- Avoid personal contact with animals other than your own.
- Do not share feed, feed/water tubs, grooming supplies or other equipment with other exhibitors at the show.
- Keep your area and equipment clean of manure contamination.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water after contact with animals or equipment.

After the Show

- Isolate the cattle you took to the show from the rest of your herd when you return home.
- The show cattle should be as far from the other animals as possible, but they need to be at least far enough away to prevent nose-to-nose contact. Your veterinarian can help you establish a good location.
- Modify your chore routine to care for your show cattle last each day. Do not share equipment between show cattle and any other animals at home.
- Monitor your show cattle daily for signs of illness, including those signs listed in the “Before the Show” section. Contact your veterinarian if any animal shows signs of illness.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment, shoes, vehicles and trailers you took to the show. Allow them to dry completely.
- Talk to your veterinarian to determine the best biosecurity practices for your cattle.

Other species (Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Horses, Poultry, and Rabbits) located at:
<https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-diseases/biosecurity-resources>

Cowley County Fair King & Queen - EXTENDED DEADLINE JULY 12

The Cowley County Fair King & Queen Contest is designed to bring to the attention of the general public the outstanding youth of our county, to promote youth development organizations involved with the fair and to promote the Cowley County Fair. Entry Deadline - July 1, 2024. All applications will be reviewed by the judging committee prior to the Cowley County Fair. Late applications will not be accepted.

RULES:

1. Each Cowley County Fair Group, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club may nominate King and Queen candidates from their eligible membership.
2. All contestants must be nominees of one Cowley County organization named above.
3. All contestants must be exhibitors in the Cowley County Fair in the year nominated.
4. All contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age before January 1 of the current year.
5. Contestants who have previously served as King or Queen will not be considered.
6. Contestants who have not served as King or Queen may re-enter the contest.
7. Final selection of King and Queen will be made by a combination of judges' scores and balloting by Cowley County Fair board members.
8. Candidates may not bring additional items, such as scrap books, photo albums, etc. into the interviews. Judges' selections will be based solely on the written application and personal interview.
9. All nominees must complete the King and Queen Entry Form and return to Cowley County Extension, 311 E 9th St. (P.O. Box 538), Winfield, 67156 by 5:00 p.m. on or before July 1.
10. Interviews will be the week of July 11th-17th.
11. Winners will be announced on July 19 and notified via (phone/email/mail).

INTERVIEWS: Face to face interviews will be conducted by three or more judges selected by the Cowley Fair Board King and Queen Committee. Date and location of the interview TBD. Face to face is defined as physically in the room with the judges. No additional materials may be brought to the interviews.

SCORING: Scoring will be done as follows:

1. Cowley County Fair Activities 30%
2. Club or Chapter Activities 15%
3. School, Church, Community Activities 10%
4. Poise and Personality 20%
5. Personal Appearance 10%

RESPONSIBILITY OF COWLEY FAIR QUEEN AND KING COURT:

1. Attend all Cowley County Fair shows and sales during the current fair. May be excused to attend functions to represent Cowley with approval of Cowley Fair King and Queen Committee or committee advisors.
2. Must be available to present awards to all Cowley Fair Shows, responsibilities being divided if one or the other is showing.
3. A schedule of time and places where attendance is required will be provided by the Cowley Fair King and Queen Committee. The King and Queen will be responsible for assigning all court members to Cowley County Fair shows and events. Court members will meet immediately following the coronation to review responsibilities.
4. The King and Queen shall represent Cowley County Fair.

Click [HERE](#) for an application.

4 -H Junior Leaders at the Cowley Co. Fair

Animal Costume Contest

At the Cowley County Fair
on Sunday, August 4, 2024
in the Show Arena

Check in starts at 11:30 am - Contest at 12:00 pm

Theme:
Famous
Movie
Characters



Category 1:
Dress up
Animals

Category 2:
Dress up
with a friend

Sponsored by the Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders

Fair Resources

[2024 Official Fair Rule Book](#) - Paper books and entry instructions were mailed June 7th.

[Consultative Judging of a 4-H Project Exhibit](#)

[KSRE Cowley County Fair webpage](#)

[Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook](#)

[Preparing Your Photos for Fair](#)

[Project Guidelines, Score Sheets, etc.](#)



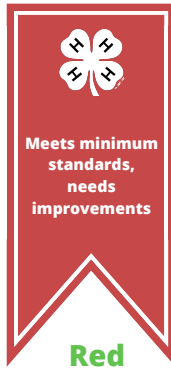



4-H/FFA FAIR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

- Ag Mechanics Welding
- Agronomy
- Cloverbuds
- Electric and Renewable Energy/Small Engines
- Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style
- Food & Nutrition
- Horticulture/Floriculture/Forestry
- Interior Design & Architecture
- Photography
- Sewing and Textiles
- Shooting Sports/Wildlife
- Small Engines
- Veterinary Science
- Visual Arts

If you have any interest in volunteering in these areas please reach out to Sarah at 620.218.1816

What does a Ribbon mean?

 <p>Outstanding on all standards</p> <p>Purple</p>	 <p>Exceeds minimum standards, minor improvements can be made</p> <p>Blue</p>	 <p>Meets minimum standards, needs improvements</p> <p>Red</p>	 <p>Fails to meet minimum standards</p> <p>White</p>
--	---	--	--

Kansas State Fair

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/Shopping In Style and Constructed (Clothing & Textiles) 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 9 in order to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Pre-entries may be made in the 4-H office at the Cowley County Fair, at checkout Tuesday morning in Barn 4, or in the Extension Office following the fair.

No phone entries will be accepted.

Ribbon Premium/ Gate Passes

As in the past, in lieu of receiving ribbon premium, each 4-Her with KSF exhibits will receive 2 gate passes.

Kansas State Fair Volunteers

The highlight of the Kansas 4-H program is the Kansas State Fair. This year's State Fair is September 8th-17th. It takes many volunteers to make the State Fair a success. We are currently looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in assisting at the State Fair, please email Sarah by Wednesday, Aug. 9th. Gate tickets are provided for the days that you volunteer. Job descriptions and details of the opportunities available can be obtained at the Extension Office.

Contests, Events and Activities at the Kansas State Fair

Did you know that the state fair has so much more for 4-H members to participate in beyond sending an exhibit? Here are a few contests 4-H'ers who are 9 and older can participate in:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest (must have received a Top Blue at County 4-H Day)

Rabbit Judging

Crops Identification Contest

Photography Judging Contest

Poultry Judging Contest

Family & Consumer Sciences Judging (must qualify for a team)

The Kansas State Fair 4-H Department is always looking for youth and adult volunteers to assist with check-in, judging and check-out of 4-H exhibits. This is a great opportunity to meet others from across the state who share a similar interest, learn more about a project area, or just add to your leadership skills!

To get involved in a contest, or to volunteer at the State Fair, registration is as simple as entering a State Fair exhibit by August 9th in the Extension Office or in the 4-H Fair trailer at the Cowley County Fair.

Upcoming Events



K-STATE
Research and Extension | Sedgwick County

LOCAL AG-INDUSTRY TOUR

One day bus tour of several sectors of the Agriculture Industry within Sedgwick County

Tentative Date:
Wednesday, July 24th

INNOVATIVE SEED SOLUTIONS | GRAIN CRAFT
PRAIRIELAND PARTNERS | TBA

REGISTER
<https://bit.ly/AgTourJuly>



Registration open to students entering their junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2024, or students graduating high school in May 2024. \$50 to register. Registration fee will be reimbursed, upon completion of event, thanks to Cargill Cares!

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:
Jeff Seiler
Sedgwick County Ag Agent
316-660-0153
jseiler4@ksu.edu

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication may be requested by contacting the event contact, Jeff Seiler, two weeks prior to the start of the event, July 10, at 316-660-0153 or jseiler4@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



[Cowley County 4-H](#)

[K-State Research and Extension - Cowley County](#)

[Cowley County Classic Beef Show](#)

[Cowley County Sheep and Meat Goat Show](#)

[Cowley County Goat Project](#)

[Cowley County Sheep Project](#)

[Cowley County Swine Project](#)

[Cowley County Horse Project](#)

[Cowley County Dog Project](#)

[Cowley County 4-H Sweepstakes Team](#)

[Cowley County Dairy Project](#)

2024 GRAND HOUSE DRAWINGS

Each time a 4-Her participates in these events/programs, their name will be added to the drawing!

- YQCA Training
- Spring Shows
- Celebrate Ag
- Judging Contest and practices
- Livestock Programs
- Livestock Training Clinics
- Trips
- Livestock Record Book Submission

DRAWING INCLUDES CHOICES OF:

- LIVESTOCK SHOW BOX
- CLIPPERS
- CLIPPER BAG
- LIVESTOCK BLOWER
- AND MORE!

Drawing will be held at the 2024 Open House dinner October 26th




Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sitter Solutions



Sitter Solutions

The class for beginning babysitters,
ages 11-15

Class dates/locations:

Winfield

August 15 OR 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exact date and location details to be determined

\$10 class fee includes:

- Lunch and snacks
- Babysitting Manual
- How to entertain children with a sitter’s magic bag
- Tips on starting your babysitting business

Class facilitated by:


K-STATE
 Research and Extension
 K-State Research and Extension
 Cowley County
 311 E 9th
 Winfield KS 67156

Pre-register using QR code,
cowley.k-state.edu,
 or call (620) 221-5450



A course requires at least 5 participants to offer the class.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting Becky Reid two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-221-5450, bkreid@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
 K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Shooting Sports

Check out the club tiktok video announcements on Facebook or tiktok pages.

#CowleySS, #PROVENIT

Shooting Sports Club Members- Thursday, July 25th, 5:45pm, at the Winfield fairgrounds: 4-H Council meeting at the Foodstand. We will be hosting a watermelon feed to start off the fair events! Please come and help serve! And eat a slice or two!



Fair Booth Set Up - Wednesday, July 31st - 6:30 p.m. Southend of the Grandstands
Saturday, Aug. 3rd - noon to 7:00 - Cowley 4-H Sportfishing Slam Highlights

Sportfishing Slam will be held for youth who want to showcase their summer angler catches!

A "Slam" is defined as an individual participant catching 4 different species or subspecies of fish OR visiting 4 different hatcheries or rearing stations. Example: an angler catches a perch, a bluegill, a bass and a catfish and completes the requirements for the pan slam.

Requirements:

- All four species or subspecies of fish do not have to be caught in the same year - any regulated fishing gear may be used - pole, bowfishing, etc. The completion of the sportfishing slam can be accomplished anytime throughout the year and over multiple years if needed.
- 4-H Members must complete the verification sheet with the appropriate signatures and photos to document completion. Enrollment in the sportfishing project is encouraged but not mandatory to enter.
- Participants must submit a photo of them with each of the four species or subspecies of fish or at the hatchery or rearing station.
- All entries must contain a witnessing adult signature.
- Verification sheets with photos need to be brought to the Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club fair booth by noon on Saturday, Aug. 3rd or emailed to cowley4hshootingsports@gmail.com

First 5 entries will receive a KWPD hat. "Top Angler" entry will receive recognition at 6:00 pm, Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Happy fishing this summer!

Austin Waite

Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

620-222-1982

P.O. Box 422

Winfield, KS 67156

www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com

<https://www.facebook.com/cowleycounty4hshootingsports>

Cowley County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Sportfishing Slam - August 2024

Angler's Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____ County _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Adult Witness Signature _____

4-H Member Signature _____

Club Name _____

_____ Species

_____ Species

Location: _____

Location: _____

Date Caught: _____

Date Caught: _____

_____ Species

_____ Species

Location: _____

Location: _____

Date Caught: _____

Date Caught: _____

SPOTLIGHT!!!

The 59th Annual Kansas All Breeds Jr Dairy Show was held June 21-22, 2024 at the Saline County Expo Center in Salina Kansas.

Seven members from Cowley County 4-H participated in the events. There were a total of 41 exhibitors participating in a judging contest, quiz bowl and a skill-a-thon and exhibiting a total of 35 jerseys, 24 holsteins, 10 brown swiss and 2 milking shorthorn dairy animals.

The results for the Cowley County dairy members are as follows:

Adison Henderson placed 8th in the judging contest, 5th in skill-a-thon, reserve champion in 15-16 year old

showmanship, 2nd with her jersey winter heifer calf - Dana, 1st with her jersey spring yearling - Anna, 2nd with her jersey winter yearling - Paris, 1st with her jersey fall yearling Genie, 1st with her jersey junior 2 year old Anna and 2nd with her holstein winter yearling - Cayenne.

Samantha Henderson placed 2nd in the judging contest, 2nd place quiz bowl team, 4th in skill-a-thon, reserve champion in 11-12 year old showmanship, 1st with her jersey summer yearling - Olivia, 1st with her jersey winter yearling - Emerald, and 2nd with her jersey senior 2 year old - Gail.

Breana Maxwell placed 6th in 15-16 year old showmanship, 1st with her jersey senior 3 year old Kitty, 2nd with her holstein winter heifer calf - Maybell and 1st with her holstein junior 2 year old Delilah.

Caroline McMahon placed 9th in skill-a-thon.

Micaiah McMahon placed 10th in the judging contest and 8th in the skill-a-thon.

Rhett Murphy participated in beginner judging contest, quiz bowl and showmanship and placed 3rd with his jersey winter heifer - Sandy.

Hailey Wilson placed 7th in skill-a-thon, participated in quiz bowl, placed 5th in 15-16 year old showmanship, 2nd with her jersey fall yearling - Jane, 1st with her holstein junior 3 year old - Viola and 2nd with her holstein winter yearling - Alexis.

The kids and cows placed 3rd overall in the county herd contest. Congratulations to all the kids that participated in the contests.



2024 Livestock Production Essay

Who can participate: 4-H Members exhibiting livestock at the 2023 Cowley County Fair AND submitting a 4-H Project Report.

Participants exhibiting these species will be eligible:

- * Beef
- * Bucket Calf
- * Dairy Cattle
- * Swine
- * Sheep
- * Meat Goat
- * Dairy Goat
- * Meat Rabbits
- * Production Poultry



Due
September 20, 2024
Both 4-H Project Report and Essay

Potential topics to build on:

- * **Production-** Breeding animals, what are your future goals? What specific details do you need to consider if you plan to keep this animal and breed them?
- * **Finances-** pasture stocking rate, available pasture/rental rates, price to feed, maintain, breed, house this animal?
- * **Marketing-** Marketing to sell this animal or their progeny for a return on investment.
 - Break down your plan
- * **Industry Expectations-** interview Bankers, FSA Loan Officers, Extension Agents, Local Farm/Ranchers, study and cite University publications.
- * **Goal Setting-** does your animal have products to sell? (milk/eggs/offspring) What does your business plan look like for that and how are you going to make that work and grow to be a profitable business owner?

-Do you have a market animal? How are you feeding that animal to be the most profitable on the rail? Are you marketing that animal before the fair to get the best price? Do you know how much meat that animal provided after the fair? What is your goal as you feed this animal and how did you do? Hanging weight, back fat, pounds of product.

If you need help with this project, please schedule an appointment with Sarah to help you explore ideas.

The intent of this essay is to dig deeper into the production side of the industry, learning from publications and professionals in our area. You will want to plan to have it proofed by multiple people.

Misc.

4-H AMBASSADORS

PURPOSE:

WORK TOGETHER WITH A TEAM OF APPROXIMATELY 3-8 AMBASSADORS AND AN ADULT ADVISOR TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE COWLEY COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

PROMOTE 4-H TO ALL AUDIENCES
ORGANIZE 4-H PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS

QUALIFICATIONS:

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN TO AGE 18
ENTHUSIASM FOR 4-H
INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE 4-H PROGRAM

TIME REQUIRED:

1 OR 2 YEAR TERM
4-8 HOURS PER MONTH

THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE, 4-H AMBASSADORS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PRACTICE AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, EMPLOYABILITY AND JOB SKILLS.

APPLY NOW!

CLICK HERE!
to apply for
4-H
Ambassadors



Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CLUB SHIRTS

4-H Council has voted to pay all royalty fees for Get Branded until Sept 30, 2024.

If your club is thinking about getting shirts made, PLEASE use our local merchant. They are licensed and approved for all KSRE/4-H printing. Apparel approval forms can be found on our website.

Get Branded is located at 915 Main St. Winfield, KS 67156
ph. 620-402-6111

Friends of Extension Corner

The Friends of Cowley County Extension are excited about the 2024 Fall for Extension Fundraiser. The dinner and auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th at K-Shaw Event Center, Ark City. Raffle items will be will be announced soon!

Your club can win a pizza party! Contact Sarah to find out how!

Cowley County 4-H Enrollment

✿ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

✿ [Cowley County KSRE Website with 4-H Enrollment Information](#)

The 4-H year runs Oct. 1st. to Sept 30. **ALL YOUTH and ADULT VOLUNTEERS** participating in the 2022-2023 4-H year should enroll.

In order to be a regular member of Cowley County 4-H, the member must be 7 years old before January 1, 2023.

[Cloverbuds](#) is for children ages 5-6 before January 1, 2023.

[Project Selection Guide](#) (includes descriptions of all projects)

[Setting 4-H Project Goals](#)

[4-H Project Record Books](#)

[ZBooks](#) (online record keeping option)

Click [here](#) to sign up for a County Committee

DID YOU KNOW??

The [Kansas Clover Classroom](#) is packed with helpful project information

4-H Scholarships

Get Financial Help Attending Events

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is our local 4-H foundation created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers take part in educational events and activities. Funding is provided by gifts from supporters. Each year, the 4-H Development Fund awards college/trade school scholarships to high school seniors and college/trade school freshmen. Beginning in 2015, the Development Fund introduced "Leadership Development Grants".

Leadership Development Grants are available by application to local 4-H members who are registered for a state or national leadership event such as Discovery Days, National 4-H Congress, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship Washington Focus and more. Applications are available from the Cowley County Extension Office, or online at cowley.k-state.edu. Applicants must submit an essay, write a thank you note to a Development Fund donor and present a program about their experience to a 4-H club or county-wide group following attendance at the event. For more information, contact Sarah at slag11@ksu.edu or 620-221-5450.

[Challenge of Champions Scholarship Opportunity](#) information about the Challenge of Champions can be found on the Kansas State Fair [webpage](#).

Scholarship Applications found at cowley.k-state.edu/4-Hyouthdevelopment/forms:

[4-H Council Scholarship](#)

[Junior Leaders Scholarship](#)

[4-H Development Fund Scholarship](#)

[Robert Austin Memorial Horse Scholarship](#)

[Cowley County 4-H Development Fund Leadership Development Grant](#)

[Rock Springs 4-H Camp Scholarship](#)

Cowley County Extension Office

Contact us:

cl@listserv.ksu.edu (620) 221-5450 or (620) 441-4565

Sarah LaGrone, 4-H Youth Development, slag11@ksu.edu

Becky Reid, Family & Consumer Sciences, bkreid@ksu.edu

Cindy Stephens, Office Professional, cstephens@ksu.edu

Harper Haynes and Cadie Thomson - Fair Assistants

Madison Shultz & Drake Lowe - Summer Interns

Sarah McAlister - SNAP Coordinator

K-STATE
Research and Extension



Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8-11:30 a.m.
and
12:30 - 5 p.m.

Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The Extension Council monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Cowley County Courthouse.

Friends of Extension

As someone who contributes time, talent and/or treasure to the benefit of Cowley County Extension, you are invited to be part of the Friends of Cowley County Extension organization. The group will alternate between morning and evening meetings to plan fundraising and advocacy events to support K-State Research and Extension Cowley County.

4-H Development Fund

Did you know? Tax deductible contributions can be made to the 4-H Development Fund (c/o PO Box 538, Winfield KS 67156) or to the Friends of Cowley County Extension Endowment (c/o Legacy Regional Community Foundation, 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156)

Legal Stuff

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means of communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact Sarah LaGrone two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-221-5450. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Calendar

July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	August 1		

NOTES: