Congratulations...to Mackenzie Hacker of the 4-H Jolly Workers Club for winning the 2020 Fair T-shirt Design! Awesome job, Mackenzie!

Booster Ads

UPDATE: Booster Ad Sales have been extended to May 1st. Drop your completed packets in a large baggie and drop on Amy’s porch (114 Centennial St., St. John). Don’t forget... 4-H members receive a 10% discount off all ads they sell!
### 4-H County Club Day Results

Thank you to all who participated in 4-H Club Day this year! The results are listed below:

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### MAY 1—DEADLINE TO ADD OR DROP A 4-H PROJECT

Please let the Extension office know if you need to add or drop a project.

**REMINDER:**

If a 4-H member is not enrolled in a particular project through 4-H, he/she cannot enter an exhibit in the 4-H Division of the county fair. They can, however, enter the exhibit in the Open Class Division of the County Fair.

**FOR EXAMPLE:**

If you are not enrolled in foods, you cannot enter a food item in the 4-H food division. You may only enter it in open class.
**TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY... THAT IS THE QUESTION...**

Many of you have been asking, “Should we still purchase livestock for the County Fair?” or “Are we going to have a Fair this year?” We know that the purchase of livestock is a large financial commitment, and it is a decision that you do not want to make without having all of the facts. As of right now, YES, we are still planning on having a County Fair, but that could change as things with the COVID-19 situation continue to develop. No different than any other year though, the decision on whether or not to buy livestock, is a decision that only your family can make.

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**2020 Premium Auction Requirement Adjustments**

With the current COVID-19 situation, the eligibility requirements for the Premium Auction need to be adjusted slightly for 2020. The attendance at regular club meeting requirement is going to be dropped from five (5) meetings to three (3) meetings for 2020. At this time, the scheduled in-person YQCA trainings have to be postponed. As soon as we are able, we will work to find a time to re-schedule the in-person sessions. In the meantime, we will be accepting the online completion of YQCA for 2020. The fee for the online option is $12.00. A separate email will be sent with instructions for accessing the online training. **7-year-olds cannot take the online certification, we will work with our 7-year-old members to meet this requirement.**

**Absolutely do not use a child’s older age so they can use the online option. This will mess up their future registrations.**

**FOOD SAFETY:**

We are working on finalizing the options to complete the Food Safety training. More than likely, this is going to be a video/home study format as well. Once we have all of the details ironed out, we will be emailing those out. Please stay tuned for more information.

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Even though face-to-face events have been cancelled, or postponed until May 16, 2020; Livestock tagging deadlines have not been. The deadline to tag Market Sheep, Meat Goats, Market Swine, and Bucket Calves for the 2020 Stafford County Fair is still May 1, 2020.

The process is going to look a little different this year. Market Sheep, Meat Goats, Market Swine, and Bucket Calves will be tagged at home by each family. After you have tagged the animal, you will need to submit 2 pictures of your animal to the Extension office. One is a front view, with the tag showing. And a side view of the animal. For Sheep and Goat participants, the front view photo of your animal will also need to show the USDA premises ID tag (Scrapie tag). For goats identified with tattoos and registration papers, please send a separate photo of the tattoo. Please email or text the photo to Amanda. **All animals must be tagged and have pictures submitted to the office by May 1, 2020.**

If you have questions or concerns about these instructions or tagging your animals, please contact the office. To get your tags, please call, text, or email Amanda. You must call or email ahead to allow time to gather the tags and get them ready for pick up.

The following information will be needed prior to picking up tags:

- 4-H Member Name
- Number of tags needed for Swine, Sheep, Goats, or Bucket Calves
- If you need to borrow a tagger from the office. (For Sheep, Goat, and Bucket Calf tags you must use the red Allflex Universal Total Tagger) (Swine tags you must use the blue Global Retract-O-Matic Tagger).
- When you plan to pick up the tags from the office.
- If you borrow a tagger, it needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Once you have provided the above information, we will gather the tags requested and fill out the tag order form. We will maintain records in our office of the tag numbers given out.

The tags requested as well as the tag order form will then be enclosed in a zip-lock bag, the family name will be written on the outside of the bag, and it will be set outside the front doors of the Annex building at the approximate requested pick-up time.

Once you have your tags, please follow the tagging recommendations on the attached handout.
Highlights:
Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Mark your calendar for May 27-May 29, 2020! D-Days takes place in Manhattan on the K-State campus and offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Registration is open NOW!

Who Should Register:
Discovery Days are open to all youth who are 13 to 18-years-old by January 1, 2020. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.

Chaperones:
All adults have responsibilities throughout the conference. A designated adult chaperone is required for every 15 delegates. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and must be VIP registered at their local Extension Office.

Cost:
In the past, cost to attend is around $200 plus class fees (usually $5-$10, if any). Stafford County 4-H Council will offer the normal 1/3 discount for 4-H members attending.

There is also a $100 scholarship you can apply for through the State 4-H Office. If this is something that interests you, this scholarship form is available at www.kansas4h.org under Event & Activities, then click General State Events & Activities, then click Discovery Days. Information will be located in the right hand column. If you cannot find the form, please let Amy or Amanda know and we can email the form to you. All information is confidential.

Registration:
Please refer to your local Extension Office for payment and registration deadlines. A registration worksheet is available to help you prepare for entering your registration online. If you can’t get access to a computer at home, through school, or at a library, please work with your Extension Office to enter your registration.

Registration opens on March 1, 2020 on-line on at www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html. Registration closes and payment is due in your Extension Office no later than April 15, 2020. All on-line registrations are contingent upon your Extension Agent’s approval, payment of fees by April 15 and having a complete Kansas 4-H Participation Form on file.

Classes are filled on-line on a first come-first serve basis so don’t wait until the April 15 deadline to register. If a class has to be cancelled, you will be contacted to select an alternate class.

Attire:
Dress for Discovery Days is casual, but not grubby. As at all 4-H events, offensive or inappropriate clothing will not be allowed. See “Delegate Guidelines” for additional information.

Website: For more information and to register, go to www.Kansas4-H.org.
4-H Camp at Rock Springs
If you have a 4-H member between the ages of 7 & 12, consider sending them to 4-H Camp! 4-H Camp dates for 2020 are June 13-16. If your 4-H member is 14 & up—they should consider being a 4-H camp counselor! When you’re a counselor, camp fees are paid completely by the 4-H Council, and being a counselor looks great on job or scholarship applications!

Camping creates memories of fun-filled days and is often looked at as the best time of the summer. Attending summer camp can be a time for experiencing natures and the outdoors, making new friends and learning life skills. Summer camp is more than just a vacation. Campers learn self confidence, cooperation with others, and how to live in different communities. Camping teaches life lessons that just happen to have great memories!

We will have enrollment forms soon and will send those out to you via email, or you may stop by the Extension Office to pick up a form. The deadline to enroll is May 1.

NOTE: 4-H Council pays 1/3 of the cost for 4-H members to attend camp, and is free for those who volunteer to be a camp counselor.

4-H Campference
4-H 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 has been full the last 6 years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier as it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the Stafford County Extension Office by May 15.

REMEMBER... Stafford County 4-H Council will pay 1/3 of Campference fees.
BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!

If you are 15 years or older and would like to experience a true leadership opportunity—you might consider being a camp counselor.

We ask that you contact the Extension Office for an application and then counselors will be selected by the Heart of Kansas counselor committee.

Counselors will leave for camp on June 10th to attend camp counselor training at Rock Springs. Campers will arrive June 9th. More than likely, there will be two camp counselors per group of kids. We call this “two deep leadership” so campers have more supervision and counselors can share responsibilities.

4-H Council pays the entire camp fee for camp counselors. If this is something that interests you—email or call Amy or Amanda.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

June 24-27 in Manhattan | Applications Due April 15

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy, which is celebrating its twelfth year, is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12th grades.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC), the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

"The biggest benefit that I received from KASLA was identifying my strengths and weaknesses and figuring out how to play to my strengths," said Gavin Beesley, 2019 participant from Conway Springs, Kansas. "I would encourage others to apply. You get to have learning experiences while also being able to meet with people in the agriculture industry. I got to meet so many fun people who were interested in similar things that I was and we got to have fun while learning."

The academy will take place in Manhattan, June 24-27. Applications are due April 15, 2020.

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Only 20 students will be accepted for each session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a $50 fee to reserve his or her space. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council generously provides all other sponsorships. Contact the Extension Office for more details on how to apply!
April 15 ........ Registration DUE online for Discovery Days
May 1 ............ Booster Ads DUE

  Last Day to Add/Drop Projects!
  All Sheep, Swine & Goats need tagged by this date! Photos MUST be submitted too!
  Registration for 4-H Camp DUE
  Market Beef Nominations for KSF & KJLS DUE / Horse ID’s DUE

May 15 .......... Registration Deadline for Campference
May 27-29 ...... Discovery Days, K-State Campus, Manhattan, KS
June 13-16 ..... 4-H Camp at Rock Springs
June 15 .......... Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat Nominations Due
June 19 .......... Premium Auction completed / signed forms Due to the Extension Office
June 22-25 ..... Campference
June 24-27 ..... Animal Science Leadership Academy, Manhattan, KS

July 15 - 18 ......... Stafford County Fair, Stafford

August 1 .......... Kansas State Fair entries DUE to Extension Office
August 22-23 ... State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September 11-20 ... Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

October 1 ....... Beginning of the new 4-H year
October 2-4 ...... Kansas Junior Livestock Show

National 4-H Week .... Clubs participate in promoting 4-H in their communities with a window display, a school promotional event, poster or video contest—be thinking ahead about this!

*Please keep in mind the above dates are subject to change due to the COVID 19 situation. You will be notified of cancellations or changes as they are brought to our attention.

THANK YOU!
4-H Families:

As you know, everyone is having to take precautions due to the COVID-19 situation. Because 4-H is the youth development program facilitated by K-State Research & Extension, we fall under all guidelines issued by Kansas State University. As directed by our administration: **ALL** local, regional, state, national, and international K-State Research face-to-face events (for example: workshops, 4-H club meetings, shows, etc.) conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers and targeted for our constituents and stakeholders between March 15 and May 16 must be cancelled, postponed, or held via Zoom or other distance technology.

At the time of this publishing, we do not know how many future events will be postponed or cancelled, if any at all. Both 4-H Camp & Discovery Days registrations are open and advertised in the newsletter. We encourage you to go ahead and get registered if you have been planning on attending. If either of these events are cancelled, families will receive a full refund. Right now, we will continue to plan for these events until we hear otherwise.

The biggest question on the back of everyone’s mind is “**Will we have a county fair?**” Just like the other summer activities, we do not have an answer for this right now. It all depends on the virus and how it looks in another month or so here in Kansas. We are all hearing “we’ll just have to wait and see,” so that’s our answer for now. We are currently doing all the pre-fair work— updating the fair book, securing judges, lining up superintendents etc., so we are planning on it right now.

When we hear one way or the other, the Extension Office will work with the Stafford County Fair Association to determine how we move forward. Once this is determined, we will let you know in more detail what has been decided.

We have extended the deadline for Booster Ads to May 1st to give everyone a little more time to get those handed in. We understand it may be harder to sell booster ads when most businesses are closed. If you have any to hand in, please place them in a zip top baggie and deliver to Amy Collins’ porch at 114 Centennial Court, St. John. You can call or text before you come by— 620-272-5023.

If you haven’t already, please go to FaceBook and like both our pages:

- **Stafford County 4-H, Kansas**
- **Stafford County K-State Research & Extension**

This is the most common and quickest way for us to communicate information while our office is closed, plus we will continue to post needed information here and/or email 4-H families too.

- We have also updated our Stafford Co. Extension Office webpage which is [www.stafford.k-state.edu](http://www.stafford.k-state.edu).
- The State 4-H webpage, which has all the information you could possibly need is [www.kansas4H.org](http://www.kansas4H.org).

Even though our doors are closed, we consider our office to be open for business. Do not hesitate to call us if you need anything!

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