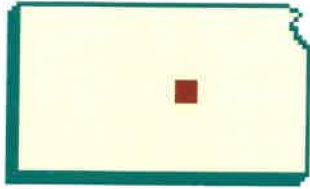


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The McPherson County Extension Office will be open to the public beginning July 6. To protect the well being of our staff and community and adhere to current guidelines, we ask that you practice social distancing and cloth face coverings will be required while in the building. Hand sanitizer is available at the front door. It is advised to call ahead to make an appointment if you would like to meet with a specific agent or staff member. As always we continue to be here for you via email and phone as well!

Rural Appreciation Picnic Cancelled

After much consideration, the Chamber board has decided not to proceed with the Rural Appreciation Picnic this year. The picnic has been a 50-year tradition of the McPherson Chamber Agriculture Committee, to celebrate the completion of harvest and appreciation of friends, family, neighbors, and customers engaged in agriculture pursuits.

The Rural Appreciation Picnic, sponsored by Chamber members, typically serves between 350-500 people, and coincides with the McPherson County 4-H Fair activities. With the uncertainty of the pandemic and timing of KDHE gathering guidelines, the Chamber board made the decision to cancel the 2020 Rural Appreciation Picnic.



Willie's Farm Family

Congratulations to the Rick Odell family in being nominated and randomly chosen as the McPherson County Farm Family to be recognized at the November 7 K-State Football game! The Rick Odell family has played a vital role for more than 20 years in swine production in McPherson County. They also harvest wheat and beans. Rick has been influential in dozens of 4-H members being able to learn about, care for and show hogs in McPherson County! Thank you for your role in McPherson County Agriculture and youth development!!



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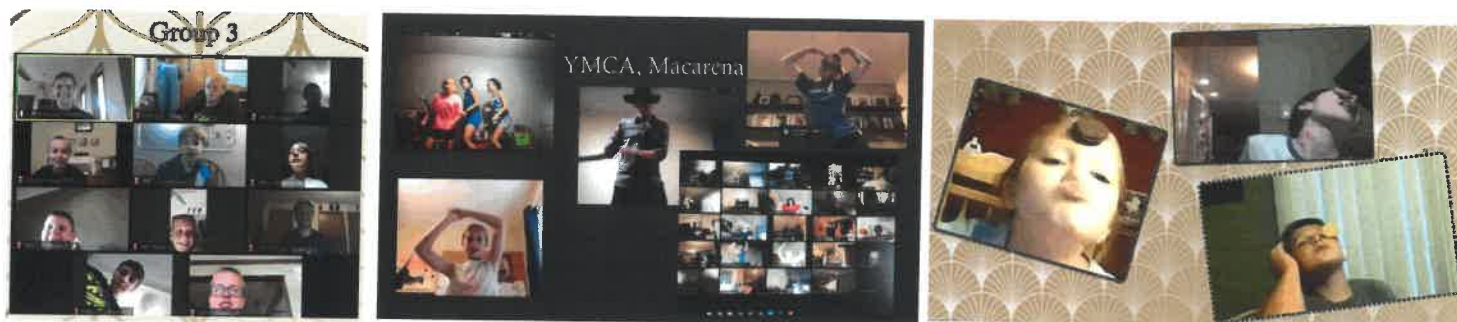
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Oz-Some 4-H Camp Connection A Success!

While visiting Rock Springs 4-H Ranch was not an option this summer, agents from the Oz-Some 4-H Camp Group pulled together to plan and offer Oz-Some 4-H Camp Connection. This was just that- an opportunity for our 4-H members to connect with old and new friends from across the state and participate and learn together with hands on activities.

Nearly 200 youth campers and counselors gathered for three evenings to connect together! These campers were mailed a camp package that included a T-Shirt, camp activity supplies and even a mini smores kit with a tea light campfire! Youth learned about nature and dissected owl pellets, painted rocks to leave in their communities, danced and sang camp songs to keep the spirit alive even while we are physically apart!



K-State Food Safety Specialist Hopes Good Habits Brought on by Pandemic Will Stay

MANHATTAN, Kan. – A recent study shows that many of Americans' health and food behaviors have changed for the better as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but a Kansas State University food safety specialist says it will take time to figure out which of those will actually stick

Karen Blakeslee said that when people were told to stay at home to curb the spread of the virus, it meant more people were cooking and eating at home

“The fact that more meals were being consumed at home should benefit overall health and family relationships,” said Blakeslee, who is coordinator of the university’s [Rapid Response Center](#) for food safety.

Earlier this month, the [International Food Information Council](#) released the results of its [2020 Food and Health Survey](#) in which it polled 1,011 American consumers between the ages of 18-80 on their perceptions, beliefs and behaviors around food and food purchasing decisions.

This is the 15th year that the group has conducted the survey, which was done between April 8-16 – smack dab in the middle of one of the deadliest and most life-disrupting pandemics in the world’s history. Nonetheless, the survey’s results reflect Americans’ continued awareness of food safety principles and interest in healthy behaviors, Blakeslee said.

“Two examples of positive change are more people are washing fruits and vegetables and more are eating a healthier diet,” she said. “Nearly 6 in 10 respondents said they are putting more emphasis on health than they did 10 years ago. One reason is they are eating smaller portions of food.”

Blakeslee noted that the pandemic made more Americans aware of the need to routinely wash their hands, something that has always been important for food safety and general health. “I hope that emphasis of how important hand washing is continues,” she said, “because it can prevent a variety of illnesses that are foodborne and health related.”

Similar to past years, the 2020 survey showed that 67% of Americans are very confident or somewhat confident in the U.S. food supply. Blakeslee said one key is that “as far as we know, neither food nor food packaging has been implicated in transmitting COVID-19.”

“This reiterates the fact that safe food handling practices are important at all levels, from farm to table,” she said. Specific to COVID-19, 85% of respondents said they have altered their food habits as a result of the pandemic. As expected, in-person grocery shopping is down and online shopping is up, but consumers’ overall shopping patterns have not changed drastically.



Ag News

Shad Marston
County Extension Agent
Agriculture and Natural Resources



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McPherson County presents



2020
“PRE-PLANT WHEAT
SCHOOL”
Monday, August 17
Programs start at 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1200 East Kansas Avenue, McPherson

RSVP by emailing
smarston@ksu.edu or tregehr@ksu.edu
by Wednesday, August 14th

Program Topics:

- Wheat Agronomy
Romulo Lollato KSU Specialist Wheat & Forage
- Wheat Varieties
Allen Fritz, KSU Wheat Breeders
- Seed Quality
Stu Duncan, NE Area Agronomy Specialist
- Plant Pathologist
Kelsey Andersen Onofre



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Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas State
University Land Use Survey Program

Questions: Leah J. Tsoodle
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Interested in Agriculture Related Information

I am trying to compile an email list of producers to send Ag related information to as it becomes available to keep you up-to-date on specific things. I would welcome Ag questions as well.

If you would like to be on this email list PLEASE send your email to tregehr@ksu.edu or smarston@ksu.edu and we will get you on that list.



McPherson Master Gardener & Friends Garden Tour

Saturday, July 11, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Garden Tour Fee: \$5.00 Advanced Tickets
\$7.00 Day of Tour

Maps will be available at all Gardens

For Tickets & More Information please call
620.241.1523

Advance Ticket Outlets:

Smoky Valley Nursery
McPherson County Extension Office
Graber's Ace Hardware
Sheila's Garden Market
The Bookshelf & Hidden Closet
Stutzman's
McPherson Museum

K-State Beef Cattle Experts Suggest Best Practices for Storing Round Bales

Rain will often cause high nutrient losses in bales stored outside

MANHATTAN, Kan. — It is hay cutting time in Kansas, and once all the grass is baled it must be stored for future use. Oftentimes that is outdoors, and many producers may not fully realize the nutrient loss that comes with weathering of large round hay bales stored outside, particularly in regions of the country with high rainfall.

“Thirty percent of the bale is in the outer six inches so it doesn’t take much spoilage to lose a third of the bale,” said Bob Larson, Kansas State University veterinarian, during a recent discussion on the Beef Cattle Institute Cattle Chat podcast. He added that if weathering losses extend 18 inches into the bale, 75% of the hay is affected.

To minimize those losses, Larson and veterinarian Brad White talked about ways to help producers who are unable to store their hay under a covering. “A lot of the loss comes from the ground, so putting the bales on a rock base will keep the base from leaching moisture from the ground,” Larson said.

White suggested producers line large bales north to south in rows and to space the rows far enough apart to allow for quick drying of the hay after a rain.

“By lining them up north to south that allows only the north end of the row to avoid the drying effects of sunlight,” he said.

Larson said when calculating loss, producers need to remember there will be some natural loss during feeding as well as during storage.

“There is a huge difference in the amount of loss from bales stored under cover where the loss is minimal compared to the potential large loss for bales stored outside in an area with a lot of rainfall,” Larson said. “So, it is important to implement cost effective strategies to manage that loss.”

Summer Foods Can Make Healthy Eating Easy, Nutritionist Says

Farmer’s markets, gardening provide opportunities for kids to learn about good health

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University nutrition specialist Sandy Procter says that an abundance of healthy summer foods is a double dose of good news for parents and their kids.

“Many of the foods that are available now are delicious and there’s a real health benefit to them,” Procter said.

Because of that, she said, it’s also an opportunity for children to learn more about good nutrition.

It’s a good time to think about getting out to the farmer’s market,” Procter said. “We know there are social distancing rules in place, but those farmers are bringing in that fresh product, so it’s a good time to go make some choices and then talk about the selections you’ve picked. Getting out and seeing what’s available is a good way to learn.”

Procter talked about the importance of the USDA’s MyPlate program, which encourages eating a mixture of healthy foods.

When you look at MyPlate, you see that at least half of your plate should be fruits and vegetables,” Procter said. “This is where summer foods make it really easy. There are so many opportunities to put colorful fruits and vegetables on your plate and really make that the focus of the meal.”

Procter said MyPlate makes it easier for kids to learn about eating a balanced meal. For example, a healthy meal might include half a plate of fruit or vegetables, some pasta and small amount of meat, fish or proteins.

“There are a lot of ways to look at MyPlate and think that this is maybe just a bit easier to accomplish in the summertime,” Procter said.

Procter said summer gardening provides another opportunity for learning and good health.

“A lot of people are very interested in gardening right now because, first of all, they are home more and they have the time to be there and oversee the garden,” she said. “We’ve had a lovely spring for planting and rains seemed to be have been nicely spaced for starting a garden.”

For kids, growing even a single plant or a small plot can be educational and fun. It can start with picking out seeds, planting them in a pot, watering their plant and harvesting the fruit. Tomatoes and herbs can be popular choices.

“All of those lessons are great to instill the love and excitement of gardening, which can last a lifetime,” Procter said. “But it’s also exciting to see a plant grow and be able to pick cherry tomatoes, or look under the leaves and find a cucumber.”

She cited research that indicates when kids grow healthy food, they’re also more likely to eat it.

“It’s a good way to learn a healthful practice, but also a good way for kids to appreciate the flavor and nutrition of some of the produce that they will be lucky enough to take part in,” Procter said.

Parents can also spur their child’s learning by including them in preparing food.

“It’s not too early to talk about reading labels and figuring out what’s in the foods they’re eating,” Procter said. “That’s kind of a fun task for kids and it can inform their healthy choices. Young minds are very fertile, and those lessons have a very good chance of sticking with them throughout their lives.”

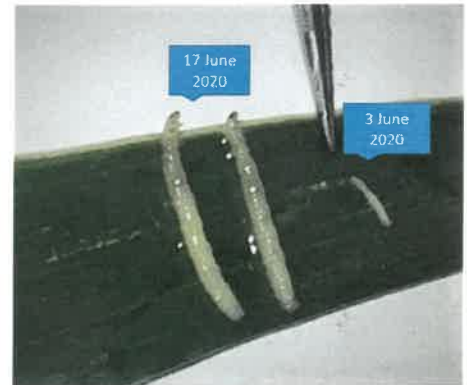
Insects in Corn and Beans

Western corn rootworm (WCR) larvae are voraciously feeding on corn roots (Figure 1) and thus continuing to grow and develop as seen in Figure 2. The WCR larva on the right in Figure 1 was collected on June 3, 2020, while the ones on the left were collected from the same field on June 17.



Figure 1. Western corn rootworm emerging from root. Photo by Cody Wyckoff, K-State Research and Extension.

Figure 2. Western corn rootworm larvae collected from the same field on two different dates. Photo by Cody Wyckoff, K-State Research and Extension.



Click Beetles

This photo (Figure 3) is of a click beetle. Wireworms are the larval stage- after they pupate in the soil, they emerge as an adult, which looks nothing like the wireworm. There are several species of wireworms (click beetles) in Kansas, and the one pictured is one of the more common species, all of which are usually well controlled by insecticide seed treatments. However, these seed treatments generally do not offer seed/seedling protection 21-28 days after the seeds were planted.

Figure 3. Click beetle. Photo by Cody Wyckoff, K-State Research and Extension.



Bean Leaf Beetles



Adult bean leaf beetles are very active throughout north central Kansas at the present time. They typically chew round/oblong holes in leaves (see Figure 4 with bean leaf beetle at the tip of the arrow) and deposit eggs in the soil around the base of soybean plants. There are two color phases of adult bean leaf beetles (Figure 5), a tan phase and a reddish phase, but both have six black spots surrounded by a black border on their backs. Both color types can be seen in Figure 5.

Figure 4. Soybean leaf damage from beetles. Photo by Cody Wyckoff, K-State Research and Extension.



USDA Announces Details of Director Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) was recently announced which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Beginning May 26, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses through August 28, 2020.

McPherson County currently has very limited staff to work in the office and most of the staff are currently teleworking from home. I've provided some resources below that will help to understand this new CFAP application process and what information will be requested to complete the CFAP application.

1. K-State AgManager Staff and the Kansas State Farm Service Agency put on the call. The recording and slides are available at <https://agmanager.info/news/recent-videos/direct-payments-ag-producers-coronavirus-food-assistance-program-cfap>.
2. Official CFAP website for information – <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>.
3. Payment Calculation Workbook is posted on the official CFAP website above. Here is the link to the video – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rne7_cIVeFU

Considerations for Weed Control Following Wheat Harvest

Post-harvest weed control in wheat stubble is very important to conserve soil moisture and prevent weeds from going to seed and adding to the weed seedbank. Weeds are likely to be growing quickly, especially where there are thin stands. Controlling these weeds while there is moisture and active growth, before they set seed, is a good idea.

The standard treatment for many years to control weeds and volunteer wheat in wheat stubble was glyphosate plus 2,4-D LVE. If kochia was present, we may have added some dicamba, but it generally wasn't added in the eastern areas of Kansas because of drift concerns to soybeans. Glyphosate plus 2,4-D and/or dicamba remain a primary option for weed control in stubble, but with the development of glyphosate-resistant weeds, these options certainly don't work as well or quickly as they used to.

Glyphosate used to be fairly foolproof, even on big weeds, but that is no longer the case. Dicamba and 2,4-D probably weren't contributing as much to the weed control in those tank mixes as we may have thought, so now we are struggling to achieve acceptable control. Timing and weed size is much more critical with almost all other herbicides than it was with glyphosate. Consequently, it is very important to try and apply those treatments before the weeds exceed 4 to 6 inches tall, but that often doesn't happen. In addition, treatment before weeds exceed 4 inches tall may require a number of applications to manage multiple flushes of weeds, which adds significantly to the cost of control.

Higher rates of the 2,4-D and dicamba may improve control, but in most cases we probably don't want to exceed 1 qt/acre of 2,4-D or a pint/acre of dicamba. Sharpen is another herbicide tank-mix partner that may help with control of the pigweeds and provide some residual control. Sharpen works best with the addition of methylated seed oil and can provide some pretty good burndown on smaller weeds, but if the weeds are very big, it tends to burn the tops and plants eventually resume growth. Applying 2 or 3 oz/acre of Sharpen instead of 1 oz/acre will improve control of larger weeds and provide longer residual control. Sharpen requires complete coverage so using 15 to 20 gallons/acre spray solution is important.

One herbicide alternative to glyphosate that can work well to control emerged pigweed and kochia is paraquat. Paraquat is a contact herbicide, so spray coverage is critical. Spray volumes of 20 gallons/acre or higher are preferred, especially on larger weeds or denser stands. Paraquat also needs to be applied with a non-ionic surfactant or oil concentrate to enhance surface coverage of the plant foliage. A tank mix with atrazine will enhance control and provide some residual weed control if planning to plant corn or sorghum next spring. Likewise, metribuzin can be tank-mixed with paraquat if rotating to soybean to enhance control and provide some residual. If planting wheat this fall, a tank mix with Sharpen is an option to provide some residual control. Recent work at K-State suggests that making the paraquat application as soon as possible following wheat harvest allows for better coverage and more effective control especially of the pigweeds.

Another herbicide that can be added to the burndown treatments for residual broadleaf weed control in wheat stubble is flumioxazin (Valor and others). Flumioxazin has been used as a pre-plant/pre-emergence treatment in soybeans for years, but it hasn't been used much in wheat stubble because of the cost. However, with the recent reduction in flumioxazin prices, it may be worth considering as part of our stubble management treatments for residual weed control, especially the pigweeds. Wheat can be planted 30 days after 2 oz/ac, or 60 days after 3 oz/ac Valor application, if at least one inch of rain occurs between application and planting. Corn, sorghum, cotton, sunflowers, or soybeans can be planted the following spring following flumioxazin treatment. Residual weed control with flumioxazin will depend on rainfall for activation, just as with pre-plant treatment in soybeans.

Note: Recent data evaluating the efficacy of some of these herbicide programs on Palmer amaranth control in wheat stubble in western Kansas are presented in a companion article in this eUpdate (see "Herbicide considerations for Palmer amaranth control in post-harvest wheat stubble").

Celebrate National Pollinator Week

Did you know that last week was National Pollinator Week. Fun fact is beetles pollinated the first flowers more than 140 million years ago. It is estimated that more than 200,000 animal species serve as pollinators. Insects pollinate our crops and help provide one in every three bites of food. Without them we wouldn't have chocolate or many other vegetables, fruit such as strawberries, apples or grapes, seeds, and nuts. What can you do to help make sure the pollinators are around to do their job? Examples may include:

- * Create a backyard pollinator garden
- * Volunteer to help create a pollinator garden at a local school
- * Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides
- * Don't spray directly on flowers
- * Plant pollinator friendly plants such as natives or milkweeds
- * Support local bees and beekeepers
- * Give bees a nesting place
- * Provide a water source for pollinators

Families can easily make a shaded spot in their yard, by using different size rocks and a lower sided watering dish. This garden will attract pollinators that can rest, get out of the hot sun and get a fresh drink of water for everyone's enjoyment.



Clover Corner

Lindsey Muetting
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development



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Hello 4-H Families! July... WHAT! Every year goes fast, but this has been a particularly quick and unique year as we think about our 4-H work. The Extension Office is open to the public as of July 6 and we are able to participate in in person events as long as we can do so safely. It is also recommended to ask if an event could be held virtually. If the answer is yes, that is the best course of action.

As we do come into times we are meeting together, there are many things we need to think about.

- * Masks should be worn at 4-H events at this time. These will also need to be worn while at the Extension Office.
- * All participants in 4-H activities must maintain a 6-ft. distance with others as much as possible.
- * You must stay home if you are feeling sick, have tested positive for Covid-19, are showing symptoms or have had contact within 14 days with a person testing positive.
- * Please practice good hygiene by washing hands often for 20 seconds with warm water and soap. If this is not available, please use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- * No one knows for certain whether they are carrying Covid-19 and you, a 4-H member or parent may have an already challenged immunity. We need to protect and respect the health of each other! Let's wear our masks, practice social distancing and wash/sanitize our hands frequently.

Please remember to read the fairbook for rule updates. Also, stay on top of email as much as possible in the coming month in case changes to events and fair divisions need to be sent to families! Lindsey can't wait to see and connect with each of you as we continue through summer.

4-H Calendar

Get Published!

July 3- Office Closed

July 6- Office opens to the Public

July 6- Fair T-Shirt Orders Due

July 15-19 – McPherson County Fair (Canton)

July 21- Fairgrounds Set-up

July 22- 6:45 PM Fashion Revue Judging- Lindsborg

July 24-27- McPherson County 4-H Fair

July 28- Fairgrounds Clean-up

August 6- 4-H Council- 6 PM

August 3- State Fair Entries Due

If you would like your news, highlights or events published in the September Clover Corner please email your news to Lindsey (LMuetting@ksu.edu) by September 18. Share with the rest of the county what you are doing!

4-H Council

Wow- the 4-H Council year is coming to an end soon! This group has done and planned successful things even in the midst of Covid-19! We will plan to meet at the Extension Office on Thursday, August 6 at 6 PM. Lindsey is needing an adult or two to help run this meeting. Please contact Lindsey if you are willing to assist! Don't forget- council voted to have Pizza delivered for this meeting as well!

FAIRBOOKS!

The McPherson County 4-H Fairbook is on our website and hard copies are available in the Extension Office. Please call to let us know you are coming, and we will have one ready for you! Please be sure to read each division well as there may be changes from previous years! Did anyone notice one exciting change on Page 8?

Please be sure to stay on top of emails in the coming weeks as changes to rules, times and divisions may have to be adjusted as we get closer to our fair date! We will try to keep you up to date as we learn new information. As you may have noticed on the front page - the Rural Appreciation Picnic has been Cancelled for 2020.

Welcome Summer Intern, Lindsay!

Hello everyone! My name is Lindsay Augustine and I am super excited to be working as the extension intern for McPherson County for this summer! Not only do I get to work with McPherson County, but as well as the Central Kansas District. This will be my second year with the Central Kansas District. I originate from a small town out in western Kansas called Ellis. I will be starting my senior at K-State in August to pursue my degree in Athletic Training. While in the program at K-State I have been fortunate to work with Volleyball, Cross Country, Track & Field, and Football as their student athletic trainer. Currently I am set to work with the Manhattan High School Athletics for the upcoming year. I look forward to meeting the 4-H members, families and volunteers in McPherson County and reconnecting with families and members from the Central Kansas District. I look forward to this summer and the opportunity to learn from McPherson County and the Central Kansas District! Feel free to come introduce yourself when you see me!



Family of the Year

Each year every club has the opportunity to nominate a family for the “Family of the Year” award. We have lots of deserving families that volunteer a lot of time and energy to the McPherson County 4-H program and to their club. So it is time to recognize those efforts. So at your next club meeting consider which family you would like to nominate for this award. Award nominations for clubs are due on August 5 to the Extension Office. At the August Meeting of 4-H Council, we will announce the nominations and then council members will take it back to their clubs for a vote before voting as a 4-H Council. So get your nominations ready, nomination forms are available at www.mcpherson.ksu.edu. Remember there are other awards nominations as well later in the fall as we get ready for Achievement Banquet. A list of previous winners has been sent to club leaders and is posted on the website.



FAIRADISE

Make sure you pre-order your 4-H Fair T-shirt by Monday, July 6! Orders can be taken by completing the emailed form or by visiting: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScirhdXFJvZs1IvHGHTiH-YQW96thEs8RfIHIdaRh8kjD0MQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

CLUB NEWS

Three youth met with leader Ellie Seeger for a Golden Opportunity 4-H Club Exploring meeting! They learned about a handful of projects including the reading project, consumer skills, arts and crafts and the wildlife project where Matt Seeger provided measured ingredients for birdseed ornaments. The group also learned about handsewing which is pictured! Kits were created and delivered to each family’s doorstep prior to the zoom meeting! While everybody learned a lot of new skills the group is ready to be meeting together in person!



Meat Goat Opportunity - A showmanship clinic for Meat Goat members will be held July 7th at 7:00 at the McPherson Fair Grounds show arena. This is a great opportunity to get your goats out and practice in a showing setting. If you are unable to bring your goat you can still come observe. Please contact Marci or Kylie Fox if you have questions.

Fair Sponsors Still Needed

Each year very special sponsors help fund our Grand Champion awards. These youth will receive a large rosette as well as personalized plaque. Fairboard is still in need of a few sponsors this year! They are Forestry, Wildlife, Rocketry, Astronomy, Self-Determined, Cat.

Superintendents and Helpers are also Still Needed!

Project Displays Superintendent
Reading Displays Superintendent
Judging Contest Check-In and Helpers

Pets/Cats Superintendent
Talks and Demonstrations Superintendent
Bicycle Rodeo Co-Superintendent

Each division will also need judges helpers/assistant superintendents. This is an excellent job for any of our jr leader youth to gain leadership experience and even some project knowledge as you get to listen to judges comments on many exhibits!

Kansas State Fair Entries

Entries for the Kansas State Fair are due:
4-H/FFA Beef, Sheep, Swine - July 15
Horse - August 1
All others - August 3

If you have an exhibit qualify for the State Fair (from 4-H Fair only - The County Fair in Canton is NOT a state fair qualifying fair with the exception of certain animal projects that can qualify at multiple shows), *it is your responsibility to fill out the entry form at the Extension Office before August 3.*

To qualify for the State Fair:

1. 4-H member must be 9 years of age before January 1, 2020. **AND**
2. Your 4-H Fair Exhibit* must have received a purple ribbon.

**Not all projects are eligible for the State Fair. See your 4-H Fair book for details. The Extension Office has a copy of the Kansas State Fair 4-H Rules as well, or they can be found online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>*

2020: Each 4-H Member will only be allowed one entry per division in most areas of the Kansas State Fair. This means one entry in horticulture, photography, (regardless of years in project) etc. (Exception - crops) The Extension Office will help you clarify this when you make your entries. Also -- ALL items must be delivered by an extension agent this year. Drop off times will change and will be announced as known.

Kansas State Fair Gate Tickets

At this time we have not received information on what pre-purchase gate tickets will be available through the Extension Office. Please watch your email for this information as it becomes available.

Record Book (KAPS)

Record books will be DUE to the office by October 1. More information on what is included in a complete record book and forms and information can be found on our website.

Only record books that have been screened by your leader or record book committee will be accepted at the office. *We will not accept books in the office that have not gone through your club! PLEASE CHECK with your clubs to see when your club's deadline is for record books being due.*

Lindsey is more than happy to meet with any family or club wanting to learn more about completing or improving record books. We also have many very talented 4-H'ers who have gone on to be State project winners for their KAP. The resources are plenty and the task is not nearly as bad as it seems! Plan to complete at least one KAP this year!

Pin Applications: As you begin to work on your record books - the pin applications may have events that were unable to happen in the 2019-2020 year. As you complete these please be thinking about what items were new or unique to this year! Maybe cancelled in person events had an alternative - we were able to do Oz-Some Camp Connection, Innovation Lab day camps, Campference and Discovery Days each had options to participate! Each application can also include one point if you write out one thing new you planned, tried or participated in for 4-H through this Covid time. Leadership, Gold and Gold-Guard applications can also include one point if the following question is considered: share how you have applied or utilized the leadership skills you developed in 4-H throughout COVID-19.

There is also an updated Key Award form for the 2019-2020 year.

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. This training will be required yearly for all Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat exhibitors prior to the MP Co 4-H Fair. This was also required prior to nominating any animals for State Shows. We will have two in person training (\$3) and there is an always an option to complete online self (\$12). Visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html> for more info!

You will need to register online for either the online or the in person trainings at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/> click on this link and it will take you to 4honline family profile, click on 4-H'er taking training and then it gives age group, select instructor base certification, then choose Kansas and McPherson click on that and pay (\$12 or \$3.00) with credit card to register. The dates for in person training are July 13, at 6:30 pm and July 21 @ 4:00pm both at the Extension office meeting room. Call if you have questions.



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