K-State Research & Extension
Greenwood County 4-H News
4-H is an organization that grows great kids!

February
9 Fair Theme Ideas due in Extension Office by 5 pm
10 County 4-H Day, Hamilton
18-19 CIA, Topeka

March
1 KAP State Deadline
10 4-H Day snow day
16 Beef Weigh-In, Luthi’s
17 Regional 4-H Day, Madison
17 KS Jr Producer Days - Sheep
24 KS Jr Producer Days - Beef
25 Photography Project Meeting

April
1 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy applications must be postmarked by this date
9 Shooting Sports Instructor Training
11 Hutchinson Livestock Judging Contest
21 Photography Project Meeting
28 Small Animal Weigh-In
29 Flint Hills Classic
30 Heifer Registration papers due

May
1 Market Beef Nominations Must be postmarked by this date: Please see nomination information at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.
29-June 2 Discovery Days, Manhattan, KS

June
4-6 Rock Springs 4-H Camp
15 Registration Deadline- District Horse Show

July
10 Greenwood County Fair Entries due in extension office by 5 p.m.
10 District Horse Show
22 Greenwood County 4-H Horse Show
25 Public Style Revue
28-31 Greenwood County Fair

August
1 State Fair Entries due

Kansas Maid Fund Raiser
The Greenwood County 4-H Foundation appreciates the County 4-H members hard work in raising funds for our Fairground improvements. In the past the Foundation was able to improve the concession stand, install a light for the wash rack, put in a new bleacher walkway and purchase a new speaker system. Forms have been distributed in the 4-H clubs boxes and are due to the Extension Office by Monday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m. Leaders please turn in your clubs orders together. The top five salespersons will be awarded ($50, $40, $30, $20, $10). Money from this fundraiser helps support the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation with everything they do to run the fair. Have questions or comments contact Debi or Katie.

Countywide Swine Meeting
There will be a county-wide swine meeting in Hamilton after the conclusion of the awards ceremony for 4-H County Club Days.

Countywide Photography Meeting’s
March 25 -2-3:30 in the Extension office
RSVP by March 11 to Kim Gaines 620.794.3372 or the Extension office 620.58.7455

We will go over the levels of photography (beginner, intermediate and senior skill levels) getting to know our camera, information on manual settings and judging criteria. Please bring your camera and any photos that you have taken, or questions you may have about photography or photo judging

April 21, 2-3 pm Lions Park, Eureka
RSVP April 14 to Kim Gaines 620.794.3372 or the Extension office 620.58.7455

We will have a photography scavenger hunt and other fun adventures with your camera!

Beginner Meat Judging Skillathon
Beginner meat judging skillathon is for youth ages 10 and older (before January 1, 2018).

February 8th at 6:30 pm
Ranchland Feed, 1210 SW Blvd, Madison, KS 66860
2018 Greenwood County Fair Theme
The 115th Greenwood County Fair is quickly approaching! This year, each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a theme for the fair. Last year’s theme “Great Things are growing at the Greenwood County Fair” t-shirts, the fair paper, newspaper advertisements and on the radio. Entries are due in the Extension by Friday, February 9th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

- Black and White Only
- Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)
- Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches

BEEF WEIGH-IN & COMMERCIAL HEIFER TAGGING
March 16 - Beef Weigh-in including commercial heifer tagging will be held at the Luthi Ranch 1 pm to 5 pm. This is mandatory for all market beef to be entered into the weight of gain.

SPRING WEIGH-IN
April 28 - Weigh-in and tag for swine, sheep, and meat goats is Saturday, April 28th. In the past this day is for everyone Not participating in the Flint Hills Classic. Due to the large amount of entries the past years we are encouraging you weigh all your animals on Saturday regardless if you are participating in the Flint Hills Classic. Approximate weigh in schedule
8am Hogs
9:30 Goats
10:00 Sheep
10:30 Bucket Calves and Commercial Heifers

Tagging Breeding Heifers for the Greenwood Co. Fair
At the Superintendent’s meeting held last August, the Beef superintendent’s suggested having Greenwood County breeding heifers tagged with the Kansas 4-H Tag. At the January Greenwood County 4-H Foundation meeting, it was voted on, and passed.

Registered heifers are not required to have the Kansas 4-H EID tag (following the Kansas State Fair Rules). All commercial females (heifers without registration papers) must be tagged and have birth date presented on day of tagging. For participants who have registered heifers, a copy of their registration papers that include birth date and tattoo number must be submitted to the extension office by 5pm April 30th (the Monday after the Flint Hills Classic, and the last opportunity to tag animals). You may tag commercial heifer at either beef weigh-in or spring weigh-in.

Club beef leaders, please make sure that members in your club that are enrolled in the breeding heifer project are aware of the rule change.

Discovery Days
Discovery Days is one of the largest events that is put on by the Kansas 4-H program and it would not be able to happen without the help and time that you put into it! This year Discovery Days will be held May 29-June 1, 2018 and classes will be held on May 30 and May 31. We are currently soliciting volunteers to teach classes while they are at Discovery Days. We offer class sessions that are 75 minutes in length, 3 hours in length and all day classes. If you have a hobby, passion or enjoy teaching a specific topic, we encourage you to sign up to teach at Discovery Days! Many of our instructors find their time rewarding and enjoy interacting with the delegates that attend Discovery Days. Registration will open around March 1.

Campference 2018
4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2018), and will be held June 26-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Registration and detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last four years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

Livestock Judging
Next judging practice will be February 5th at 6pm at the Eureka High School at 6pm. Open to all ages and experience levels. Please be sure to bring a pencil and a notebook to practice. Some upcoming spring judging contests:

Upcoming spring livestock judging contests:
Aggie Days Fort Scott - Friday April 6th
Hutchison Community College Judging Classic – Wednesday April 11th

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4-H PROUD
**4-H Day  February 10th, Hamilton**

4-H Day will be held at Hamilton Elementary school. Our county club day follows the guidelines for regional with the exception of adding a younger gavel games division. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits.

**Gavel Games** will continue to have 3 age divisions: Basic (7-9), Junior (7-13), and Senior (14 and up). A team may use a younger member to complete their team, but not one from an older age group. Basic is designed to be an introduction to Gavel Games with only 3 problems and no written test. It is not eligible to go on to Regional. An alternate (5th member) may be used at county, but not at regional competition.

**Show and Share** is for the 1st and 2nd year member doing their first talk at 4-H Day- AND for Cloverbuds who want to give their first presentation. We ask that Cloverbuds enter just as other 4-H’ers will. It is an encouraging experience and will not be judged. The 4-H’er will talk with the judge after their presentation. They will receive a special ribbon.

**Demonstrations** tell or show how to do something. They demonstrate a process and show a finished product.

**Project Talks** tell about the 4-H’ers project, or some aspect of it.

**Public Speaking** is an informative presentation on a current affair or public policy topic. An outline is presented to the judge.

**Video Presentation-on a Flash Drive or CD** allows a 4-H’er to include information and visuals not possible to bring to 4-H Day. It is also a possibility for having an entry when a 4-H’er can not attend 4-H Day. Not eligible for regional competition.

**Music** Precentors should present the judge with an original set of music with measures numbered. Be sure to put your name on it. Copyright laws prohibit photocopying of music. Pre-recorded accompaniment may be used, but any variations should be noted on the written music.

**Talent** includes skits, novelty, juggling, puppets, magic, etc.

**Dance** includes square dance and other dance routines

As you watch other 4-H’ers numbers, remember to compliment them on their performances.

**Fair Changes for 2017 and Beyond**

**Hogs:** There have been a couple changes for animals at the county fair. Greenwood County 4-H Foundation has voted on a suggested weight increase for the market hogs class at the County Fair. The old weight of 220 pounds has been in place for over 15 years and the hog superintendents suggested a 10 pound weight increase to better match what the industry is doing as well as follow along with the State Fair rules. This rule will not affect when hogs should be born by, so you still need to buy hogs that are born on or after January 1st of that year.

Also note that market hogs will not be sorted/enrolled into dark and light classes. Classes will strictly be broken up on weight.

**Beef:** Beef must be born on or after January 1st of the previous year., ex; market steer for 2018 must be born on or after January 1st of 2017.

**Weigh in schedule change at the fair:** No animals on the fair grounds before 5p.m. Water will not be turned on until weigh in time, Thursday Night.

**Thursday Night:** Beef only; 7p.m. to 8p.m.

There will be no unloading of hogs during this time.

**Friday:**

Hogs: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Goats: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Sheep: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m
Bucket Calves: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Scales close at 11:30 a.m.

The judges will determine the top numbers that day in each division. These will be eligible to represent Greenwood County at Regional 4-H Day, March 17 at the Madison High School.
APRIL 29, 2018

4-H Foundation will be hosting a concession stand on Sunday, April 29th, during the Flint Hills Classic Livestock show. All that is needed is the help of 4-H members and some adult volunteers to operate the concession stand. The 4-H Council moved to provide manpower for the Flint Hills Classic. Donations, food, cooking, etc. is not necessary; only a little bit of time is needed to man the concession stand. 4-H Council has assembled the following schedule for clubs to come and help. Approximately 2 adults and 5 4-Hers are needed.

The 11-12:30 shift will need 2-3 more than that. All proceeds from the concession stand will benefit the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, and will be used to improve fairground facilities.

Concession Schedule:

* Fancy Mustangs: 6:30a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
* Fall River 55ers: 8:00 a.m.. - 9:30 a.m.
* Harmony Sunflowers: 9:30a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
* Upper Fall River Jayhawksers: 11:00 p.m.- 12:30p.m.
* Racing Wranglers: 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
* Madison Pacesetters: 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
* Willow Valley Go-Getters: 3:30 p.m.. - 5:00 p.m.

Kansas 4-H Alien Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This third program will feature “The Alien Adventure.” The experience will begin Friday, April 6, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, April 7, 4 p.m. Cost will be $110 for youth between 9-18-years old and $110 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Registered KSRE 4-H Leaders or KSRE staff may also chaperone 4-H members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Program topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, doing experiments and microscope examinations to learn about what makes something alive, finding out how scientists are searching for life in our solar system, learning about the search for extra-solar planets, decoding alien messages, and developing an alien species with its own unique planet and culture, plus much more.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

The CVent registration system will be used, visit: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html) after February 1, 2018. Registration will close March 22, 2018, 11:59 p.m. There will be a minimum number required or the experience will be cancelled. The program is limited to the first 60 who register on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu, or call 785-462-6281.

Container Garden Program:
LEADERS’ NOTES

Kansas Maid: Orders, Money and Top 5 sellers by product not money due into Extension Office Monday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m.

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March 12 Due to Spring break, 4-H Council meeting has been changed to March 12. Trophy Committee will meet at 7p.m.

April 29 Flint Hills Classic
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