

# **Rice County 4-H Newsletter**

## **February 2022**

Hello Rice County 4-H Families,

WOW! This year is looking to be one of the BEST yet. Have you found your SPARK? What drives you to keep moving forward? What interests you? What do you enjoy doing?

4-H has so many options to choose from, we hope that you can answer all these questions with a 4-H project. There are plenty here in this newsletter to get you started and to keep you busy.

It is an exciting time to find your spark and let 4-H take you to the next level. It is my hope that you all step out of your comfort zones and reach new heights. Let's keep reaching up!



# 4-H News

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Sunday, March 8, when the Wildcats take on the Jayhawks! Tip-off will be at 2:00 PM. For \$22, each individual will receive a ticket to the game, a t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands.

For full details and to register online, visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/docs/20%204-H%20Day%20Flyer.pdf>

We have 4 tickets to give away! The first 4 4-H families to respond to this newsletter will get one ticket.



## KAP Award Winner!

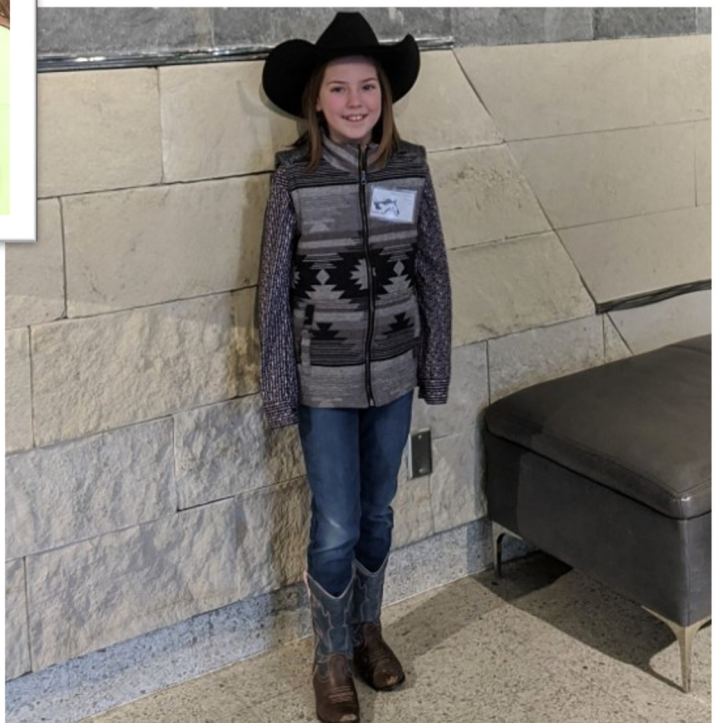
Congratulations to:

Tessa Miller—Entomology & Poultry

Tessa has qualified for state KAP Judging! Keep up the great work!



The 4-H Horse Panorama at Rocks Springs Ranch in Junction City has been one of the highlights of our Rice County 4-H Horse Project this year. Hadley Fleming studied her tail off prior to the Panorama in order to represent Rice County in Open Hippology (written tests, slides, & stations).





## New Family Resource Page

This page is dedicated to the new and not-so-new 4-H families who may have questions about upcoming events and activities. If you have a question, send it to Wendy and we'll include it!

### **Q1. I tried to enroll my 7 year old in Shooting Sports and it won't let me! Why?**

**A1.** Great question! According to Kansas 4-H guidelines, 4-H members can't enroll in Shooting Sports until they are 8. Please keep in mind that the goal of all projects is the learning process and we want to make sure that 4-H members are able to evaluate and learn from the information presented.

### **Q2. What is YQCA and why does my 4-H member have to complete it to sell in the county auction or exhibit livestock at KSF or KJLS?**

**A2.** Youth Quality Care of Animals is an important educational piece of livestock projects. In addition to covering animal health and handling, each class also covers our role as livestock producers in regard to the food supply and public perceptions. You have two options to complete the class: Attend one of the on-site classes offered in Rice or a neighboring county (or at Junior Producer Days!) OR 4-H members may complete the course online. With either setting, you enroll online and pay a minimal fee to the YQCA Organization which produces and maintains the training.

### **Q3. What is Super Saturday?**

**A3.** We'll be sharing a flyer and registration link very soon. Super Saturday is a combined effort by several counties to provide an interactive day of judging practice and workshops for 4-H youth. Opportunities are available for Life Skills Judging, Entomology Judging, Plant Judging, Photography Judging, and Livestock Judging in addition to many hands on workshops. Costs are dependent on the number of contests and workshops attended as some workshops have additional costs.

## Leaders' Corner

### How do you prepare for a Club Meeting?

Do you work with the President to determine an agenda?

Do you sent the agenda out to families ahead of time?

Do you plan (or work with an older youth) to plan some kind of learning activity at each meeting such as a project spotlight or leadership/teamwork activity?

The Extension Office has great resources and Wendy is happy to work with you to develop an activity or check out project materials.

One of Wendy's favorite moments in a club meeting is to take a "Time Out" to help younger (and some older!) 4-H members understand WHY we proceed a certain way and HOW to properly execute the action.

Many thanks to the club leaders, parents, and older 4-H members who have stepped up to serve on a committee!



**Volunteer Update** - Providing a safe environment for youth to learn and grow is paramount to 4-H!

I will be reaching out to you soon to get everyone updated as a registered volunteer. Please make time to complete the steps necessary to be a registered volunteer.





**KANSAS 4-H AMBASSADOR TRAINING  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
ROCK SPRINGS RANCH • 2020



**What:** There will be six exciting workshops and two fantastic speakers! We are very excited to announce that former Kansas 4-H member and Ellsworth Co native, Ross Janssen, Chief Meteorologist with KWCH, will be speaking to us on Saturday afternoon! We'll have three new workshops for all county/district advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "4-H Ambassadors- Under Construction."

**When:** February 21-22, 2020

**Where:** Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, KS

**Who:** All county/district 4-H Ambassadors, Ambassador Advisors, Chaperones and KSRE Staff. Youth must be in the 8th - 12th grades to attend. Local Extension Offices may not be able to provide chaperones and/or transportation to this training. Check with your local Extension Office before registering.

**Registration:** <http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-kansas-4-h-ambassador-training/event-summary-fcec784be2b74d32afba24d770df3e17.aspx>

**Registration Fee:** \$115-Registration includes breakfast, lunch, one night's lodging, two breaks, workshops and speakers. **We are excited to announce that the cost of the event will be covered by the MKC Leadership grant funds! Thank you, MKC!**

**Registration Deadline:** February 7, 2020, 11:59 p.m., using the Cvent registration system. There will be a \$25 cancellation fee from the the time of registration through February 7, 2020. No refunds will be given beginning February 8, 2020, and full payment will be due.

# 2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

February 21 & 22, 2020  
Rock Springs Ranch



## KANSAS 4-H AMBASSADORS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Highlights:** Kansas 4-H Ambassadors and/or those who wish to become one, will learn the communication and marketing skills needed to become a 4-H brand champion in their local units. Local Extension offices may or may not be able to provide chaperones and/or transportation to this training. Check with your local Extension Office before registering. Click [here](#) for more info.
- Who Should Register:** Youth participants should be County or District 4-H Ambassadors or prospective Ambassadors and must be in grades 8-12. Adult Ambassador Advisors, Chaperones and Extension Staff must also register.
- Chaperones:** All youth delegates must have a designated, KSRE volunteer screened adult chaperone. County/District delegations may work together and share chaperones. Chaperones may be responsible for a maximum of 10 delegates. Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Adult chaperones must be on site full-time; they may not come-and-go.
- Registration:** Registration will open after the first of the year and close February 7, 2020. Payment is due to your local Extension office by the local deadline. Register online, [here](#).
- Cost:** \$115.00 fee includes meals and lodging at Rock Springs 4-H Center, snacks and all program costs. Delegates should pay fees to their local Extension Office. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee through February 7<sup>th</sup>. No refunds will be given beginning February 7<sup>th</sup>, and the full registration fee will be collected.

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YQCA Training will take place THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at 5:30 pm. If you show any animal in 4-H including pets, rabbits, and poultry, you MUST attend. The cost is \$3 per youth. Use your 4-H age. I apologize as you will need to make a transaction for every youth in your family. I did not set this up, the YQCA national committee did.

This is the link you will need to sign into YQCA to get registered for the training that is coming up THIS SUNDAY:

<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>



### **CLOTHING PROJECT DAY**

This is for all youth in clothing or buymanship, including boys.

We will be going to The Buckle in Great Bend on Saturday, February 15. We plan to leave the office at 8 am. Sally Mauler, store manager, will be there to assist us with choosing smart outfits and talking about cost per outfit and then tips for modeling. Please let Wendy know who can attend by Friday February 14th so we can let Sally be prepared. We can visit High Call Outfitters afterwards to compare pricing. Plan on stopping somewhere for lunch afterwards (Braums). If you cannot stay for both stores, you will probably need to drive your own vehicle.



## Let's Get Baking!

Saturday March 21st, 2020, Bob Shirer will be here to conduct a pie making demonstration. He is an expert pie maker and winner of the champion pie at the Kansas State fair. Bob is a judge for open class pie making as well. He will guide us through making the best pie crust ever! The ingredients will be provided for the crust, you will need to supply the fruit for the filling. We will all get to make our own pie that day. This will begin at 9 am.



## Back by Popular Demand!

### Gavel Games

- Members: 4 members (serve as President, Vice, Secretary and Treasurer) Do not have to be the club's elected officers. OPEN to all members.
- Time Limit: Plan for a block of 30 minutes: 10 for exam, 15 for gavel game and 5 for judge consultation.
- Gavel games is the business part of the meeting.
- Includes oral presentation of the meeting agenda and an exam on parliamentary procedure.
- Participants will draw for the office that they will play and for the parliamentary problem that they are to solve.
- Two Problems to be handled
- Senior Division 13 and older Junior Division 7-12
- Limited to one team per county
- Written exam- Juniors are not required to take the test for regional club day, but it WILL be given to all participants at the county level.





# KANSAS JUNIOR PRODUCER DAY



## BEEF



2020

FEBRUARY 29

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Join us February 29, 2020, for the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can broaden their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

**Cost: \$15/person by February 7 or \$20/person after February 7**

\*Registrations received after Feb. 7 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.



K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their assignees, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above items and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said images or recordings.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:30am	Registration
9:30am	Welcome/Opening Remarks
9:45am	Beef Project Selection & Management
10:30am	Morning Breakout Sessions <i>Reading Feed Tags, Meat Science &amp; Alternative Proteins, Grooming &amp; Clipping</i>
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Livestock Behavior & Low Stress Handling
2:00pm	Afternoon Breakout Sessions <i>Health, Reproduction, Showmanship, State Nomination Process</i>
3:30pm	Final Questions, Wrap-up, & Evaluation
4:00pm	Instructor-led YQCA Certification (optional)

**Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day: February 29, 2020 ~ Early Registration by February 7, 2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ or Youth Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: 11 & Under \_\_\_\_\_ 12-14 \_\_\_\_\_ 15-18 \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending YQCA Session? Yes No If yes, is child active on 4HOnline? Yes No

Special Dietary or Participation Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**One form per participant, anyone attending must register (adults and youth).**

Make checks payable to: KSU Department of Animal Sciences & Industry

Mail payment & registration to: Lexie Hayes, 214 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, KS 66506

**To Register Online: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>**

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Team Members Names:

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- Please Include:
- Registration Form
  - Payment
  - Kansas Participation Form for each participant. Located at <https://tinyurl.com/rk9jr53>

For further questions contact:

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4-H Youth Development Agent

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KSU Ag Research Center Auditorium  
1232 240 Ave  
Hays, KS 67601

Exit 159 off I-70, Proceed south (left) on Vine Street. Go about 2 miles to the US 183 Bypass intersection. Go west (right) on US 183 for about 1 mile. Turn south (left) on 240<sup>th</sup>. Turn left into the KSU Ag Research Center. The auditorium is just past the administration building on the east side of the road. Look for the sign out front.

**Hotel Information:**

Best Western Butterfield 785.621.4337  
Comfort Inn 785.625.9322  
Days Inn 785.628.8261  
Fairfield Inn 785.625.3344  
Hampton Inn 785.621.4444  
Holiday Inn Express 785.625.8000  
Sleep Inn & Suites 785.625.2700  
Town Place Suites 785.261.9630

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**NW 4-H Advisory  
Presents  
Michelle Cummings  
from Training Wheels**



**April 3-4, 2020  
KSU Agricultural  
Research Center  
Hays, KS**

**Registration Deadline March 25<sup>th</sup>**

## Purposeful Play with Michelle Cummings

The philosopher Plato was once quoted as saying, "I can learn more about a person in an hour of play than a lifetime of conversation." In this workshop, Michelle



Cummings will share insights and strategies on how to surface behaviors through play through experiential activities. This high-energy, hands-on workshop will teach participants how to play some of the industry's best icebreakers, leadership games and unique ways to reflect on what you are learning. Michelle will engage you physically, intellectually and mentally with lots of opportunity for laughter and learning. Attendees will discover how powerful the impact of the value of connection, leadership, and purposeful play have on the participants in your programs.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Learn multiple hands-on activities you can utilize right away.
2. Each participant will receive a detailed handout with write-ups for each of the activities presented.
3. Enhance the participant experience by learning new ways to reflect on what they are learning.

**Who:** This workshop is open to youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older and adult sponsors, staff and volunteers.

**What:** Team Building Facilitation Training, Networking that will help build your team.

**When:** Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 4:00pm

**Cost:** Includes fabulous facilitation and training by Michelle Cummings, key chain debriefing tool, meals and snacks. \$10 Coupon for the opportunity to purchase her tools.

### **Registration Deadline March 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **KSRE Extension Staff, 4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers:**

One Day: \$50

Two Day: \$85

#### **Non Extension Related Participants:**

One Day: \$65

Two Day: \$115

**School Teams (4 youth and 1 Sponsor)**

**All Key Chains, Only 1 Coupon per team**

One Day: \$160

Additional Students: \$45

### **Registration Deadline March 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mark One:

KSRE One Day \$50

KSRE Two Day \$85

Non KSRE One Day \$65

Non KSRE Two Day \$115

School Team \$160

Extra Students \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to:

Ness County 4-H Council

Mail to:

Walnut Creek Extension District

503 S Pennsylvania Ave

Ness City KS 67560



## Upcoming Events and Deadlines!

### February

- 7 - Ambassador Training registration deadline
- 9 - YQCA Training, 5:30 PM
- 10 - Cloverbuds meeting @ 6:15 PM
- 12 - CLUB DAY ENTRIES DUE
- 15 - Clothing Project Day, Great Bend
- 15 - State 4-H Horse Judging Contest registration deadline
- 16/17 - Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 17 - Club Day, 4:00 PM, Little River High School
- 17 - Extension Office closed for Presidents' Day
- 18 - KS 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball registration deadline
- 21/22 - Ambassador Training, Rock Springs\
- 24 - Swine Project Meeting
- 29 - Jr Beef Producer Day, Manhattan

### March

- 1- Registration opens for OzSome Camp
- 2 - STATE KAPs DUE TO STATE 4-H OFFICE
- 2 - 4-H Council Meeting, 7:15 PM
- 4 - Wear your 4-H Shirts!
- 4 - Beef Weigh-in, 4:30-6:30 PM (tentative)
- 6 - State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (in conjunction w/ Equifest!)
- 8 - KS 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball
- 9 - Cloverbuds meeting at 6:15 PM
- 13 - Regional Club Day, GBHS
- 14 - Sheep Junior Producer Day, Manhattan
- 21 - Super Saturday, FHSU campus (pre-registration is required)
- 3/28 thru 4/2 - National 4-H conference, D.C.

### April

- 3/4 - NWLF with speaker Michelle Cummings

### 4 - Wear your 4-H Shirts!

- 11 - Cloverbuds meeting at 6:15 PM
- 18 - KS 4-H Shooting Sports Spring Match, Rock Springs
- 19 - National Volunteer Week

### May

- 1 - DEADLINE for enrollment/changes
- 4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!
- 11 - Cloverbuds meeting at 6:15 PM
- 15 - Campference registration deadline
- 27-29 - 4-H Discovery Days

### June

- 4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!
- 16-19 - OzSome Camp, Rock Springs
- 22-25—4-H Campference

### July

- 4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!
- 9-16 - Rice County 4-H Fair

### August

- 4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!
- 22-23 - 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan





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