IT IS ALL GREEN MONTH, ST. PATTY’S AND CELEBRATE 4-H:

Let’s all wear our 4-H t-shirts as much as we can this month. And then every month, make it 4-H on the 4th. Tell your story about your 4-H experience when people ask about your shirt.

SPRING SHOWS...

There are lots and lots of spring shows happening now. Be sure to check out the KSU Youth Animal Livestock webpage to get dates, times and places. Get in a few shows before the fair, or just go and see other youth and learn from them.

SMALL ANIMALS....

If you need to still purchase your small animals, ask Wendy at the office or check out the web for ideas. If anyone is going to the Dunn Pig Sale in Stafford please let Wendy know. There is a 4-H member that cannot get there that day to get their pigs.

DREAMING OF RAISING THE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT? Take a step towards reaching that goal by attending the Market Goat Clinic put on by Mallory Beltz.

You will LEARN...

- How to raise a Grand Champion Goat
- Goat cuts of meat
- Basic Showmanship
- Meat Goat Breeds
- Kid selection - Main Focus

When and Where

1st Part classroom learning - Sterling Grade School Library, Sunday, March 24th at 2pm

2nd Part hands on—Cheryl Carey’s goat farm immediately after classroom portion

Following the hands on portion there will be an opportunity to select and purchase your market goat.

Sponsored by Mallory Beltz, 10 year Sterling Meadowlark member 2017 Rice County Reserve Grand Champion, 2018 Rice County Grand Champion

For more information email Mallory at beltzm.20@usd376.com

KSRE and Rice County are participating in Walk Kansas again. As a youth, you do not have to pay for enrollment (under 18). Let’s get a challenge going between the clubs and see who can walk across the state. Ask Debby or Wendy for more details.

Sheep and Goat weigh in will be
MONDAY, APRIL 15TH at the Celebration Centre 4:00-6:00

Swine Tags are due on April 15th
Tour Scheduled...

Moly Manufacturing Tour will be Thursday March 14 in Lorraine. We need to be there at 1 pm. We will leave the office at 12:30 if you want to ride with Wendy. She can take 6.

Beef Weigh in went well even though it was COLD! A special shout out to Cory Dieball, Eric and Zane Kratzer for sticking around and helping the whole time. Your help does not go unnoticed. You are 4-H Shining Stars.

Good Luck to all our county winners that will be participating at Regionals against Barton, Rice, Russell, Ellsworth, Pawnee and Stafford counties. It is Next Friday, March 8th at Great Bend Middle School beginning at 5 pm. I encourage each of you to look at your score sheets and work on the areas the judges suggested to better yourselves for regional. You are all winners for having the courage to try!

Ozsome Camp...

Registration begins March 1st and runs through May 6th for Ozsome Camp. The Theme for this year is Mission Possible. Camp dates are June 14-17th. The link for registration is: app.campdoc.com/register/ozsome

Counselors needed for Mission Possible Camp. Deadline to apply is May 1st.

Discovery Day’s Registration is now open…You can find online registration at www.kansas4-H.org and click on “Register for 4-H Events”. There is not a hard copy registration form. All youth who would like to attend Discovery Days should fill out registration online. This is the 95th year K-state has been hosting 4-H members on campus for a mini college event.

http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html

I encourage you to take a look at the Class catalog, it has been posted on the above website. We have a great selection of new classes this year! If you are wanting to be in certain classes, please sign up right away. Many classes will fill up within the first day or two of Discovery Days registration being open. If you do not sign up for enough classes for their class schedule, you will be assigned to classes that are available and open. Please double check your schedule when you sign up.
Rice County 4-H has been selected to receive $500 as part of First Bank’s #500ForGood Rice County Campaign.

First bank, along with our Local Funding Partners, accepted and reviewed 19 applications from very deserving organizations and selected 6 to receive funds. Our original $2,000 fund was increased to $3,300 due to the generosity of the funding partners (Central Prairie Co-op, First Group Insurance, Genzada Pharmaceuticals/Hyatt Life Sciences, JACAM CATALYST, Mutual Telephone Company and Teresa Boeken Agency-Farm Bureau Financial Services). This allowed up to spread the funds over more deserving organizations, which could not have been possible without their support.

A very special Thanks to Angie Krone for applying for this grant.

We also have another grant we have been awarded. We will send special information when the full announcement has been made. People really do care about Rice County 4-H members!

**Add Drop Deadline Has Been Changed to May 1st!**

For those of your enrolled in the Foods Project you might be interested in attending...

**Soup Clinic**  
Sunday, March 24th  
4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Rice County Extension Building  
701 E Main, Lyons  
Join us for our Soup Clinic to learn the various techniques and methods of making soup in your pressure canner, electric skillet, and slow cookers.

We will be giving out recipes and samples for the different soups.  
This workshop is sponsored by the Rice County Family and Consumer Science PDC.

**Food Judges Training**  
Saturday, April 6, 2019  
9:30 am—2:00 pm  
Cottonwood District Extension Office  
1800 12th St, Great Bend, KS  
$5 registration fee includes lunch BUT you must also bring a baked item and/or a preserved food so we can practice judging. Please send name, email address and phone number to:  
Berny Unruh  
Cottonwood Extension Office  
1800 12th St  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
$5 check written to  
Cottonwood Extension District  
Questions? Call 620-793-1910 or email bunruh@ksu.edu
March 1 Camp Enrollment opens
March 4 4-H Council meeting
March 8 Regional 4-H Day, Great Bend
March 9 Jr. Swine Producer Day
March 11 Cloverbuds @ 6:15
March 13 Fiber Arts Day, Great Bend
March 14 Tour of Moly Mfg. 1:00, Lorraine
March 23 Super 4-H Saturday, Hays
March 30 Jr Meat Goat Producer Day
April 1 Fair Book Covers Due
April 4-7 Kansas Shooting Sports training at Rock Springs
April 8 Cloverbuds @ 6:15
April 13 Spring State Shoot
April 15 4-H Discovery Days Registration Due
April 15 Sheep Goat Weigh In. Swine tags are Due.
April 22 Jr. Leaders Clean-up Day 10:00
May 1 Camp Counselor applications Due
   Horse ID’s Due
May 1 Add / Drop Deadline
   T-Shirt designs due in the office
May 6 Camp Registration Closes
May 13 Cloverbuds @ 6:15
May 21-23 Tractor Safety @ Claflin
May 29-31 4-H Discovery Days – KSU
June 1 Fair Pre-registration begins
June 13 Camp Counselor Training Rock Springs
June 14-17 OzSome Camp Rock Springs
June 21 PRE-FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE
June 21-22 Insect Spectacular at Wetlands Education Center
June 23-26 Campference
July 1 Club Secretary Books are due
July 11 Fair Set up Arena Celebration Centre
July 10 BBQ tickets are due
July 12 Pre-Enter Hort, Crops, Open entry
July 13 Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts Judging Extension Blding
July 15 Check in at the Celebration Centre
       6:00 Pedal Pull
       5:30-7:30 Livestock Weigh-in
Kanas State Fair Livestock Entries due
July 16 8:00 Sheep and Goat Judging
       6:30 Bucket Calf, Heifer, Market Beef Judging
July 17 8:00 Swine Judging
       10:30 Livestock Sale Committee Meeting
       5:00 BBQ
       7:00 Auction
July 18 Fashion Revue, Awards Night
August 8 State Wheat Expo Kingman
August 9 Kansas State Fair Pre-Entries Due
August 24 State Livestock Judging
State Horticulture Judging
October 1 Ks 4-H enrollment begins
October 6-12 NATIONAL 4-h Week
October 12-13 48 Hours of 4-H

These dates are tentative and subject to change. If you have a question please call us at the Extension Office and we will try to give you the correct information.

Thanks!