

4-H Families:

Hope everyone is staying warm! This cold makes me want to curl up with a good book and stay in my jammies all day, or stay home and work on creative projects. What do you like to do when it's cold outside?

4-H on the 4th – Congratulations to the Lone Star Rangers 4-H Club on winning Root Beer Floats for their club by completing the January 4-H on the 4th challenge. For February 4-H on the 4th, it is an individual challenge, **FOR THE LOVE OF 4-H** Create an 8 ½ x 11 sign that says “ I LOVE 4-H because” write your response, draw your answer or be creative. In the lower right hand corner write your name, age and 4-H Club. Take a picture and send to **Robyn** via email rdeines@ksu.edu, via text 785-798-5020, or post on the Walnut Creek Dist. 4-H Facebook page. **Entries must be received no later than February 8th.** Winner will receive a 4-H Goodie bag.

District 4-H Club Days

4-H is known for teaching our members the importance of public speaking. District 4-H Club Days is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to prepare a presentation and have an adult volunteer judge give constructive criticism. This helps 4-H members to grow in confidence and become a better presenter/public speaker. 4-H Clubs may enter a group exhibit in Chorus, Ensembles, Bands, Skits etc. 4-H Members may exhibit in talks, demonstrations, show & tells, readings, music solos and talent entries. Attached are the Club Day guidelines and the Club Day **Registration Form that is Due Friday, February 8th by 5:00pm.** You may also review the judging forms for each type of presentation at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/forms/judging-score-sheets.html> If you have any questions about District 4-H Club Days feel free to contact **Robyn**, she is willing to help wherever needed. Also there is still one opportunity to participate in a Project Talk/ Demonstration Training, Thursday, January 31st at 5:30pm at the Rush County Extension Office. **RSVP by Tuesday, January 29th.**

State 4-H Scholarships

All Seniors in High School that have been active in 4-H should be working on your Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications. There are close to 25 scholarships available through Kansas 4-H. If you have been active, completed a fair amount of leadership and citizenship at multiple levels (local, county/district, area/regional and state) then you have a good chance. Scholarship applications are **due to Robyn by Friday, January 25.**

Kansas Junior Swine Day

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth swine projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, ear notching, breeds, the state nomination process, herd health, nutrition, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA session will also be held at the conclusion of the program (approx. 2:30pm).

The cost for Junior Swine Producer Day is \$15/person, if registration is submitted by February 15, 2019, or \$20/person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by February 15 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>, or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the K-State Youth Livestock Program. Those who indicate they would like to participate in the optional YQCA certification will receive additional details and instructions via email in late February. For more information, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or Joel DeRouchey at jderouch@ksu.edu.

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth meat goat projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, nutrition, the state nomination process, herd health, reproduction, health and wellness, facilities and equipment, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA session will also be held at the conclusion of the program (approx. 2:30pm).

The cost for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is \$15/person, if registration is submitted by March 11, 2019, or \$20/person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by March 11 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>, or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the K-State Youth Livestock Program. Those who indicate they would like to participate in the optional YQCA certification will receive additional details and instructions via email in late March. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.

The KSU Sheep & Meat Goat Center will also be hosting their annual sale following the junior day program. They are separate events, but the schedule will allow families who would like to attend both events to do so.

Ness County 4-H Livestock Members – Singing Valentines

The Ness County 4-H Livestock members will be doing singing valentines for your loved ones in Ness County, February 14th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Special times can be arranged! Great for your spouse, shut-ins, long term care residents, etc.

- Singing Valentine (2 songs and a Valentine note) \$10
- Singing Valentine with 6 decorated sugar cookies(or sugar free chocolates) \$15
- Singing Valentine with flowers \$20
- Singing Valentine with Sweets and Flowers \$25

Contact Brittany Nichepor to schedule your Valentine at 316-214-9562, or contact **Robyn Deines** via text, facebook messenger or pick up a form at the Ness Extension Office.

Lane County 4-H Council Fund Raisers

The Lane County 4-H Council will be completing two fund raisers within the next month. The funds raised from these will help provide scholarships, awards and programming supplies. All 4-H members benefit from this account. Please do your part to help us raise funds. 1) We will be doing the concessions for the Recreational Basketball games on Saturday, January 26th. All supplies are taken care of and the work schedule is

- 8:30 Setup – Roberts Family
- 9:00 to 10:00 – T. Davis Family
- 10:00 to 11:00 – O'Brien Family
- 11:00 to noon – J. Whipple Family
- Noon to 1:00 – Riffle Family
- 1:00 to 2:00 – G. Shapland Family

February 15th Bake Sale at the High School basketball game. Each 4-H Family is asked to bring 1 plate of a dozen items (cookies, cupcakes, muffins, brownies, rolls, etc), **AND** 1 large baked item (pie, cake, bread, fruit braid, etc) Please bring your item to the Dighton High School Commons Area at 4:00pm on Feb 15th or drop them off at the Extension before 1:00pm that day.

- 4:00pm Setup Roberts Family
- 4:30 to 5:30pm – T Whipple Family and Wilkison Family
- 5:30 to 6:30pm – Handy Family
- 6:30 to 7:30pm – Riffle Family
- 7:30 to 8:30pm – J. Shapland Family

Upcoming Dates

- January 26 Lane 4-H Council Concessions at Rec Basketball
- January 30 Basic Livestock Judging Practice 5:30 Lane Community Room
- January 31 Project Talk/Demonstrations Training 5:30 Rush Extension Office

- February 4 4-H On the 4th -- For the Love of 4-H Challenge
- February 4 Lane 4-H PDC 6:30pm 4-H Council 7:00pm
- February 5 Ness Livestock Basic, Judging Practice 4:00pm to 5:00pm
- February 6 Rush Co Livestock Meeting 7:00pm
- February 8 Club Days Entries Due
- February 10 Foods and Nutrition Meeting 2:00pm Ness Fairgrounds
- February 11 RH Junior Leaders 6:00pm, RH 4-H Council
- February 13 Basic Livestock Judging 5:00 to 6:00pm Community Room
- February 16 District 4-H Club Days, Lacrosse High School
- February 18 Quilting Ness Fairgrounds
- February 20 District Space Tech Workshop, Lane County Fairgrounds 4:00pm

- March 2 Regional Club Days, Dodge City
- March 9 NW Area Space Tech Day, Hays
- March 13 Fiber Arts Day – Great Bend
- March 16 Judges Training Great Bend
- March 23 Super Saturday Hays Judging/Volunteer Gathering

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me via email rdeines@ksu.edu, call 785-798-3921 or text 785-798-5020. Looking forward to working with all of you “To Make the Best Better”

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