**EVENTS AND DEADLINES AT A GLANCE**

April 2: Dog Project meetings start, Osborne
April 2: Sheep Across Kansas, virtual
April 4: Basic Puppy Training starts, Mankato
April 8: Photography Training, Hoxie
April 11: Foods and Nutrition Trainings start, virtual
April 14: Insect Art Contest deadline
April 15: Livestock Judging Camp, Stockton
April 15: Performing Arts Workshop, Abilene
April 16: Photography Workshop, Rock Springs Ranch
April 16-22: National Volunteer Week
April 20: State Market Beef DNA Envelopes, final order
April 22: 4-H Volunteer Training, K-State Salina
April 22: Photography Training, Stockton
April 23: Rock Springs Ranch Open House
April 24: Equine Webinar Series, Horse Safety, available
April 28: Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest
April 28: Explore STEMM Careers, Hays
April 29: Tractor Safety Training, Beloit
May 1: Drop/Add Projects deadline, 4-H Online
May 1: State Market Beef Nominations due
June 1: State Horse Ownership Verification due

June 3: Judging Extravaganza, Lincoln County
June 5: State Small Livestock DNA Envelopes, final order
June 7-9: Discovery Days, Manhattan
June 13-16: Kansas Range Youth Camp, Kingman County
June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations due

June 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entry deadline
June 16-17: Insect Spectacular, Manhattan
June 20-24: Animal Science Leadership Academy, Manhattan
June 22: Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic, Manhattan

July 6-9: Jewell County Fair
July 10: Horse Show Practice, Beloit
July 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive entry deadline
July 19-22: Mitchell County Fair
July 20-24: Smith County Fair
July 24: Post Rock District Dog Show, Osborne
July 26-30: Osborne County Fair
August 15: Kansas Junior Livestock Show entry deadline
August 19-20: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes (tentative)
Sept. 8-17: Kansas State Fair
Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

**KANSAS 4-H MASTER CALENDAR**

Kansas 4-H has a state and regional events master calendar. It is a living document with regular additions. Access the latest version at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/).

---

**Get updates and stay connected with your local 4-H office.**

- **Post Rock 4-H**: [Post Rock 4-H](#)
- **Kansas 4-H**: [Kansas 4-H](#)
- **4-H Online**: [4-H Online](#)

---

**Contact Information**

- **Nora Rhoades**
  - Youth Development Agent
  -nrhoades@ksu.edu

- **Tonia Underwood**
  - 4-H Program Coordinator
  - tiunderw@ksu.edu

- **Kim Naber**
  - 4-H Program Coordinator
  - kimn@ksu.edu

- **Risa Overmiller**
  - 4-H Program Coordinator
  - overmiller@ksu.edu
The Post Rock District Board believes that in order for high quality project learning to take place through 4-H, projects (animals and non-animals) should be owned by May 1 of the current year. All exhibits entered in the 4-H division of a county fair must be the handiwork of the exhibitor; the grower, where agricultural exhibits are shown; and the owner and feeder, where livestock is entered. All exhibits entered in the 4-H division of a county fair must be the result of the current program year’s work. Ownership is defined so that the project (animal, garden, crop, exhibit creation, sewing, photo, etc.) is under the daily care and supervision of the member; all project-related practices, expenses, and management are the responsibility of the member; and all county fair exhibits should be a planned part of the project.

**PROJECT OWNERSHIP BY MAY 1**

The Post Rock District Board believes that in order for high quality project learning to take place through 4-H, projects (animals and non-animals) should be owned by May 1 of the current year. All exhibits entered in the 4-H division of a county fair must be the handiwork of the exhibitor; the grower, where agricultural exhibits are shown; and the owner and feeder, where livestock is entered. All exhibits entered in the 4-H division of a county fair must be the result of the current program year’s work. Ownership is defined so that the project (animal, garden, crop, exhibit creation, sewing, photo, etc.) is under the daily care and supervision of the member; all project-related practices, expenses, and management are the responsibility of the member; and all county fair exhibits should be a planned part of the project.

**PROJECT VERIFICATION BY PRE-FAIR DEADLINE**

Effective this 4-H year, the Post Rock District Staff or 4-H Councils do not require verification of project ownership by May 1 for animals or non-animal project exhibits; however, refer to the Project Ownership by May 1 article (above) for emphasis on learning value. Beginning this 4-H year, each 4-H Council is to designate a pre-fair entry deadline, and the Post Rock District recommends having one deadline for all project areas in the 4-H division of the county fair. The pre-fair deadline is when all project exhibits must be designated for the class which they will be shown in at the county fair. Entries can be dropped, but not added after the pre-fair deadline. Any project areas not required by 4-H Council to meet the pre-fair deadline will submit entry requirements at the project’s fair check-in time. The 4-H Council will have an exhibit entry card or form designated in the fair book which will be used to meet the entry requirements for each project area. This will be used to describe the exhibit and articulate class of exhibition.

- Check your county’s 4-H newsletter page to find the pre-fair entry deadline set for your respective county fair. This is a very important date to have marked on your calendar if you want to exhibit a 4-H project (animal and non-animal) at the county fair!

**SET GOALS BY MAY 1**

Setting measurable goals helps guide youth through a high quality 4-H project learning experience. If you haven’t yet, May 1 is a good deadline to set to make sure you have clear goals for each enrolled 4-H project. This will help you focus your learning during the summer months. Use the Kansas 4-H Setting 4-H Project Goals resource to help you, or complete the goal section of your Project Record Report form.
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FOR COUNTY FAIR

County fair animal identification requirements have changed in Post Rock District, effective with the 2023 county fairs. Review details on the Post Rock District 4-H county fair’s website at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/. Check with your local Extension Office for verification expectations for your animal’s species. The deadline for verification is the pre-fair deadline for your respective county fair.

- When a tag is sold from a Post Rock District Extension Office, it will be recorded under the immediate family. Do not transfer a 4-H tag to another family. A photo is not required to be turned in once the animal is tagged. Unused tags are to be returned to the Extension Office. If a tag is lost or damaged, work with the Extension Office to replace it.

LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN CONTEST AT COUNTY FAIR

Rate-of-gain contests are managed differently in each county and it is an optional experience. Any livestock not weighed-in at the designated event are not eligible for the county fair’s 4-H rate-of-gain contest. If you are enrolled in the project, you can still exhibit livestock in the 4-H division of the county fair if you do not participate in the rate-of-gain contest. The contest is a learning experience to help youth practice raising market animals. Check your county’s 4-H newsletter page for information about weigh-in events.

DOG SHOW AND PROJECT MEETINGS

FAIR SHOW: Post Rock District will host an annual district-wide dog show in place of five separate 4-H dog shows at each county fair. It will take place on July 24 in Osborne. Pre-registration, rules, and event details will be shared by email with all enrolled project members this summer.

PROJECT MEETINGS: Youth are invited to bring your canine companion to the spring dog project meetings. District project leader, Kelli Burrus, will lead the meetings at the Osborne County Fairgrounds. You will engage in interactive learning with your dog and have a lot of fun. Meeting dates are April 2, 16, 23, 30, May 7, June 4, 25, and July 16 and 23 starting at 3:00 p.m. for each session. To register, email Kim Naber, 4-H Program Coordinator, at kimn@ksu.edu.

BASIC PUPPY TRAINING CLASSES: A professional trainer will be giving basic puppy training in Mankato every Tuesday from April 4 to May 9, each for one hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. It is $150 for the six sessions per puppy. Call June Pumphrey for details and to register at 785-648-0047.

PRACTICE HORSE SHOW

Mitchell County Riders invite 4-H members to a practice horse show in Beloit on July 15. This is a great opportunity to practice for county and state horse show. Save the date! More details to come.

INSECT ART CONTEST

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an "Insect Superheros" themed art contest. The deadline is April 14. Details are posted at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.

JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA

Save the date for June 3 in Vesper! The event will include a variety of judging contests to test your project knowledge! Study resources and registration details will be shared in the May newsletter.
STATE FAIR ANIMALS
Exhibiting an animal beyond the 4-H division at a Post Rock District county fair means that ownership and identification must meet the requirements outlined by the specific show's governing body. The 4-H member is responsible for understanding the deadlines and expectations involved.

- Contact your local Extension Office as soon as possible if you are considering showing at the Kansas State Fair, so we can share resources to help you navigate the process.
- If your animal species doesn't classify for state livestock nomination, visit the Kansas 4-H State Fairbook for important ownership, verification, and exhibition deadlines and details.

STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS
All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must be nominated. The Kansas Youth Livestock Program website outlines the State Livestock Nomination Process under the “Nomination Information” tab. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

The nomination process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Kansas Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. The ShoWorks website is https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/.

Grand Drive and KJLS Important Dates:

- April 20: Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
- May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
- June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- June 15: Small Livestock Nominations Due & DNA Postmarked
  - Market Swine, Commercial Gilt
  - Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe
  - ALL Meat Goat (Market & Breeding)
- June 15: Commercial Heifer Nominations Due
- June 15: Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor’s Name
- June 15: Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor’s Name
- July 1: Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor’s Name
- July 15: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
- July 25: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
- August 15: KJLS Entry Deadline
- August 25: KJLS Late Entry Deadline
- September 8 - 10: Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 29 - October 1: Kansas Junior Livestock Show
HORSE OWNERSHIP, STATE QUALIFICATION SHOWS, AND LEVEL TESTING CHANGES

Visit the Kansas 4-H Horse Project webpage for a complete summary of Kansas State Fair horse show changes. Also, read the Kansas 4-H State Fairbook.

- **County Fair Horse Ownership Verification:** Check with your local Extension Office regarding the verification documents needed to be submitted by the pre-fair deadline for your horse to be shown in the 4-H division of your county fair.

- **State Fair Horse Ownership Verification:** Each horse should be properly identified with the local Extension Office by June 1. Horses may be identified by a completed Horse ID Certificate with all required signatures or breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member’s or a family member’s name. The original ID form (with picture attached) or a copy of the horse’s registration papers must be kept by the 4-Her(s). A copy can be kept in the county office. If a family elects to have the local office store the original copy, Post Rock District is not responsible for lost or damaged documents. Identification documents are presented at State Fair check-in.

- **Level Testing:** Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

- **Equine Webinar Series - Horse Safety:** All 4-H Horse Project Members are encouraged to watch the recording of the “4-H Equine Webinar: Horse Safety” episode and take the quiz. Members who wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show are required to do so prior to entering. The webinar and quiz will go live April 24 at 7:00 p.m. on the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Series website.

- **Qualifying Shows:** Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a “4-H” show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc.), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.).

EQUINE & ANIMAL SCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES

Kansas 4-H hosts a monthly webinar series focused on equine-related knowledge and skills as well as all things animal science and livestock. Register and learn more at the Animal Science event’s webpage and the Equine event’s webpage.

SPRING SHOWS AND YOUTH LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES

The K-State Youth Livestock Program has a website dedicated to sharing youth livestock events (i.e. spring shows, showmanship clinics, skillathons, field days, etc.). It is for informational purposes only; no endorsement or support by KSU is implied. Any educational opportunity open to kids outside of the hosting county is invited to share information with adhayes@ksu.edu. You can also find spring show information that has been shared with our local unit on the Post Rock District 4-H events webpage. Remember to direct questions to each listed event contact.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING SPRING DAY CAMP

4-H members are invited to Livestock Judging Camp on April 15 in Stockton. The program is hosted by Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders. Participants will learn from the Colby Community College Livestock Judging Team how to select and evaluate livestock. Register by April 3 to get a t-shirt. Cost is $20/participant. Find the flyer and registration form on the Post Rock District 4-H event webpage.
TRACTOR AND MACHINERY OPERATION TRAINING

Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Trainings are scheduled for the spring! The registration fee for the one-day program is $15 to cover the cost of materials for the course, lunch and refreshments. Register at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbgrolW4gP3x947c. Visit your local Extension Office prior to the training to receive the training manual and pay for the course.

April 22 in Russell     April 29 in Beloit     May 25 in Salina

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed to meet the requirements of the U.S. Dept. of Labor’s Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture (HOOA). The HOOA regulations state that youth 14 and 15 years of age, who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian and operate a farm tractor that is 20 HP or greater, must successfully pass a tractor safety training program. A thirteen-year-old may enroll in the training if turning 14 before next year’s class is offered, but the certificate will not be issued until their fourteenth birthday. The training will provide trainees with knowledge of tractor, machinery, and other farm hazards to reduce the farm accident rate. It also provides sufficient information to pass a written examination and an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to pass a safe tractor driving examination. Visit www.postrock.ksu for more details or contact your local Extension Office.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days will be June 7-9 at the K-State Manhattan Campus. Post Rock District will provide a chaperone and transportation to the event. Youth ages 13-18 before January 1 of the current year are invited to attend. Develop college and career readiness skills through completing hands-on classes that interest you. This year, participants will be included in Emerald Circle, a special recognition event honoring the state’s project award winners. The schedule and class options are posted online. Youth will select classes when registering. Classes fill up fast! Registration is open April 1 - May 15 at the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days webpage.

FOODS AND NUTRITION VIRTUAL TRAINING

Foods and nutrition project judges, superintendents, project leaders, and youth are invited to participate in virtual trainings to be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 18, and 25. Register by April 10. Full details are on the training’s website.

PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING FOR TEENS/ADULTS

Kansas 4-H’s Photography Action Team is leading two photography leader trainings in the northwest area. Project leaders and 4-H members age 15 and older will have an opportunity to learn from the Action Team as well as receive a set of photography curriculum books, make a mounting jig, and receive a notebook with resources and ideas to kick start project learning at the club, county, and district level. Bring your charged camera and prepare for a hands-on workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch provided at each location. The opportunity is free, but registration is needed.

- April 8 at Sheridan County 4-H Building in Hoxie (RSVP by April 6 at https://tinyurl.com/ythrb7yn). Direct questions to Twin Creeks District at 785-877-5755.
- April 22 at Rooks County Fairgrounds 4-H Building in Stockton (RSVP by April 14 to amuir@ksu.edu). Direct questions to Phillips-Rooks District at 785-425-6851.
The goal of KASLA is to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. This program, hosted by K-State University, will take place June 21-24 in Manhattan. It will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants’ leadership skills. High school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process. Applications must be postmarked by April 15. More information and the application form are available at the KSU Animal Sciences and Industry event website.

The Kansas Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest focuses on teaching young people about wildlife, the needs of wildlife, and their habitat. This contest has two age groups and you can enter as a team or individually. There are five parts to the contest: wildlife identification; general wildlife knowledge; on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices; writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and; defending that plan in an oral interview. Learn more at http://www.whep.org/. The Kansas invitation letter, registration form and authorization form are posted on the Post Rock District’s 4-H events webpage. Registration is due by April 28.

4-H youth in western Kansas are invited to explore STEMM careers while visiting Fort Hays State University on April 28. There are two sessions available, morning and afternoon. STEMM careers include but are not limited to Medical, Engineering, Vet, Ag Tech, Banking, Computer Science & more! There will be opportunities for visiting with the professionals, hands-on objects and connections to mentors, job shadowing, and setting up college visits across the state. All 6-12th grade students are welcome to attend. The registration flyer is posted on our Post Rock District 4-H events webpage. Direct questions to the event host, STEMM Fire, at www.stemmfire.org.
POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

ZBOOKS - ONLINE 4-H RECORD BOOK
Don’t delay getting your online permanent and project record books started with Zbooks! Use your device to keep track of activities and project information throughout the busy season. Find details at the Kansas 4-H Zbooks Online 4-H Record Keeping resource webpage.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
If you are continuing your education after high school, there may be a local scholarship opportunity you are eligible for as a 4-H member. Find applications and details on the Post Rock District’s Education Scholarship’s website.

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP
The 2023 Express Yourself Workshop is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the performing arts project. The workshop will be Saturday, April 15 at the Great Plains Theatre in Abilene, an award-winning professional performing arts space that involves youth as singers, actors, technicians, and creatives to teach and train for what being a professional, working artist is like. Register by April 10 at https://bit.ly/gptexpress. A $50 registration fee is also due. The flyer and event contact information is posted on the Post Rock District 4-H event webpage.

ROBOTICS, AVIATION, AND DRONE SUMMER CAMPS
Experience the power of K-State Salina when you attend a hands-on, interactive summer camp! With topics ranging from unmanned aircraft systems to robotics to aviation, there’s something for all K-12 students. Learn more at the Kansas State Aerospace and Technology Campus Summer Programs website. More information is added to the website as it becomes available.

LIVESTOCK AND HORSE JUDGING SUMMER CAMPS
K-State University is hosting livestock and horse judging camps throughout June in Manhattan. Participants will enhance judging and oral communication skills. Details are posted at the KSU Animal Sciences and Industry event website.

PLANT SCIENCE RANGE SUMMER CAMP
The Kansas Range Youth Camp will be June 13-16 in Kingman County, KS. Upcoming sophomore, junior and senior high school students are eligible to attend and learn range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rate determinations, livestock nutrition, rangeland wildlife management, and much more! Registration is due May 12. Space is limited. Learn more at the camp’s website.

INSECT SPECTACULAR: ENTOMOLOGY SUMMER WORKSHOP
The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17 in Manhattan/Wamego. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available later this spring at the Kansas 4-H event’s website.
THANK VOLUNTEERS IN APRIL

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22. April is a great month for your family or club to execute a plan to recognize volunteers in your community and county. Write a special thank you note, put an ad or story in the newspaper, bake a special treat to share, go out of your way to make a personal visit, post a shout out on social media, make an announcement at a ball game, record a radio ad, create a window display, hang gratitude posters throughout town, invite guests to your next meeting, have an appreciation party, etc... there are many unique ways to show caring volunteers they are valued!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring into Volunteering" at K-State Salina on Saturday, April 22. Anyone serving as a 4-H volunteer or considering it is welcome! Online registration is due April 1. Details are posted at the event's website.

AG DISCOVERY PROGRAM

AgDiscovery is a summer outreach program designed to help teenagers explore careers in plant and animal science, wildlife management, agribusiness, and much more! The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about agriculture from university professors, scientists, and administrative professionals who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. Visit the USDA APHIS AgDiscovery website for more information.

4-H CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

4-H camp sessions are posted at www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. Each family registers directly with Rock Springs Ranch through the website. Teens may be eligible to participate in the 4-H Camp Counselor in Training program and receive a full campership through Rock Springs. Before you register, contact your local Extension Office and your club leader. There may be club or county-level event scholarships available!

4-H DAY RESULTS AND STATE FAIR COMMUNICATIONS ELIGIBILITY

If you earned a purple ribbon at 4-H Day, you may be eligible to present your communications entry at the Kansas State Fair. Post Rock District results are posted on the 4-H Day website. Review the Kansas 4-H State Fairbook for exhibition details. Contact your local Extension Office if you want to participate so we can make sure you are enrolled in the proper projects in 4-H Online by May 1 and that state fair entry deadlines are met.
Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting
4-H Council will meet on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Jewell County 4-H Scholarships
Jewell County has three different scholarships that High School Seniors can apply for. Find more information at the Post Rock District 4-H > Awards and Recognition > Education Scholarships website. They are due April 15!

New Extension Office Hours
The Jewell County Courthouse has new hours. Below are the new hours of the Mankato Extension Office.
- Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
- On Friday afternoons, you need to enter the building from Sheriff’s Office and sign-in.

Deadline for DROP/ADD Projects
The deadline for drop/add projects in 4-H Online is May 1. You can only take exhibits to the county fair in projects you are enrolled in!

The deadline for fair animal and project verification is June 15 (pre-fair deadline).

Jewell County Fair is July 6-9
The fair theme for 2023 is Dancing with the Steers! The fair color is teal!

Tonia is here to help you succeed!
Tonia has office hours at the Mankato office and Beloit office, or by appointment! If you need something, please call or email!

Post Rock District 4-H Day
Devyn Frost did a Junior Demonstration at 4-H Day in Osborne!

Isaac Nelson did a Junior Demonstration at 4-H Day in Beloit!

Prairie Shooter Junior Quiz Bowl Team!

Los Pollos Hermanos Senior Quiz Bowl Team took second place in the Senior Division!

Post Rock District Quiz Bowl

Post Rock District Skating Party Fun!
4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Melody is transitioning from Office Professional to Post Rock District 4-H Program Coordinator! She will be working part-time with a focus on supporting Lincoln County. Please direct your 4-H questions to Melody and she will work hard to assist you. In April, walk-in office hours will primarily be in the morning with afternoon appointments available. Call ahead before stopping by.

SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN
Small animal weigh-in is April 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. You must attend weigh-in to participate in the rate-of-gain contest for sheep, swine, and meat goat. This is a great opportunity to get your bucket calf weighed in as well. Use the link to sign-up so we know who to expect: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAD29A0FBC07-small](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAD29A0FBC07-small). Please plan to pay for your tags at weigh-in. Small animal EID tags cost $2.75 and county fair tags cost $1.00.

ANIMAL TAGS
To promote success with your fair animals, it is best to own them before May 1 so you have plenty of time to work with them and meet your project goals! If you miss weigh-in, contact Melody to arrange picking up your animal tags. If you have registered animals, check to make sure you have the proper paperwork. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

PROJECT SIGN-UP DUE MAY 1
Watch for an email from Melody with the projects you are currently signed up for in 4-H Online. You have until May 1 to get enrolled in any project you might want to bring an exhibit to have judged at the county fair. If you are not enrolled in the project, you cannot exhibit in the 4-H division at the fair.

FAIR SCHEDULE
Lincoln County Fair will be celebrating “Christmas in July”! Fair is July 19-22. Pre-fair deadline is July 3. Clothing and Textiles, Fiber Arts, and Fashion Revue Judging are Thursday, July 13. Foods and Photography Judging will be Monday, July 17. Fair clean-up is Monday, July 17. The schedule is posted at [www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/lincolnfair/](http://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/lincolnfair/).

JUDGING EXTRAVAGANZA
Save the date for June 3 in Vesper! Details will be shared in the May newsletter to help you study for the fun contest!

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MAY 1
Senior scholarship applications were postal mailed to current high school seniors. They are due May 1!

4-H COUNCIL
The next meeting is Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Please make sure your club has three youth representatives present. Bring your calendar so we plan future meetings!

HORSE PROJECT LEARNING
Lincoln County youth interested in horses are encouraged to join the Mitchell County Riders club for equine learning and practice. Contact Andrea Jordan with questions! Save the date for a practice horse show on July 15 to boost your confidence for the county fair.
Mitchell County Small Animal Weigh-In
Mitchell County Small Animal Weigh-in is April 19 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. You must attend to be in the rate-of-gain contest for sheep, swine, and meat goat.

Project Drop/Add Deadline
The deadline for enrolling your projects in 4-H Online is May 1. You can only take exhibits to the county fair in projects you are enrolled in!

The deadline for fair animal and project verification is June 26 (pre-fair deadline).

Save the Date for Fair!
Mitchell County Fair dates are July 19-22, 2023.

The pre-fair deadline is June 26.

The Fair Theme is Small Town Showdown!

Bake Sale!
The Bake Sale Fundraiser for Mitchell County 4-H Awards is Friday, April 7 at First Bank meeting room in Beloit. It is from 8:00 a.m. until SOLD OUT. The committee asks Mitchell County 4-Her’s to provide goodies and help work at the bake sale!

Mitchell County 4-H Scholarships
Mitchell County has four different scholarships that High School Seniors can apply for. They are due by May 1. Find more information at the Post Rock District 4-H > Awards and Recognition > Education Scholarships website.

Tonia is here to help you succeed!
Tonia plans to be in the Beloit Extension Office one day each week during the month of April, or by appointment! If you need something, please call or email!

Next 4-H Council Meeting
Mitchell County 4-H Council will meet on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Tipton Community Center.
Deadline for animal and project verification and Fair Entry registration is July 10.

PROJECT DROP/ADD DEADLINE MAY 1
The deadline for enrolling in 4-H projects in 4-H Online is May 1. You can only take exhibits to the fair in the 4-H Division you are enrolled in through 4-H Online.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2023
OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING
SUNDAY, APRIL 16
Osborne County Fairgrounds
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

2023 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR INFO
Get the Fair Dates on your calendar
July 26 - 30, 2023
Deadline for animal and project verification and Fair Entry registration is July 10.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H EVENTS
Scholarships are available for 4-H members to use for events like 4-H camps, Discovery Days and other events. Contact Kim for an application.

OSBORNE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
UPCOMING 4-H Council Dates
April 16 | 3:30 p.m. | Fairgrounds
June 6 | 7:30 p.m. | Extension Office

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Rules Committee | April 3 | 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Option available

POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H DAY - OSBORNE
Thanks to all the Osborne County 4-H members who helped set up, served as Door Monitors and served as greeters at the front door to make this event successful! Great job!

POSTROCK.KSU.EDU
Important Dates:
Re-enroll NOW!

April 2 - 4-H Council 4:00 p.m. at Courthouse
April 30 - Small Animal Weigh-in at SC Fairgrounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
May 1 - Drop/Add Deadline & get your animal tags
July 1 - Pre-Fair Deadline
July 20-24 - Smith Co. Free Fair - Deck the Stalls!

Busy Bee's Junior Team
2nd Place Team

District 4-H Days