



Fair BBQ & Awards Night

The 4-H Council met this week and decided to host the **Fair Appreciation BBQ** and the **Awards Night** on the same day, **Sunday, October 11th**, at the **Celebration Centre**. They felt we should still have the Achievement Night separately so you, as 4-H members, enjoy "your night to shine".

State Archery Match Concession Stand

Once again, we were asked to run the **concession stand** for the State Archery Match which is **Saturday, September 26th in Lindsborg**. I am working to get information about what will be expected of us as far as COVID-19 regulations. When I have more information, I will pass it along.

Future County Fair Dates:

- 2021 Fair Dates July 8-15
- 2022 Fair Dates July 14-21
- 2023 Fair Dates July 13-20
- 2024 Fair Dates July 11-18
- 2025 Fair Dates July 10-17



Get started on Record Books!

Record books are due to your leaders on Monday, August 31st. We need them all in our office by Friday, September 4th. The forms for all your books are on our web site: www.rice.k-state.edu. Click on 4-H. They are also listed on our FaceBook page: Rice County Kansas 4-H.

The council voted last year to pay for your yearly 4-H membership fees and the cost of your dinner for the Achievement Banquet if you turned in a completed record book. A complete book consists of a cover page, a story, a permanent record, and at least 1 KAP. We like to see a KAP for every project.

Your 4-H story should include the following: A brief summary of you, your family, and your years in 4-H. Example: Hello, I am Wendy Hughes and this is my 12th year in 4-H. My parents are leaders for the Clover Kids 4-H club. I have 3 brothers and a sister who are also active in 4-H. This year I am enrolled in 9 projects: Beef, Entomology, Poultry, Self Determined, Forestry, Foods, Swine, Leadership, and Citizenship.

Your story can be up to 6 pages. If you are a senior 14 and up, your story should consist of 5-6 pages. After your story, proceed to tell about each project. Your KAP should also have a story... go more in-depth about the particular project for your KAP.

Check out Facebook for more tips; Record Book Tips will be posted on Facebook throughout this month. FaceBook page: Rice County Kansas 4-H.



48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge

This year, the Rice County 4-H Council has voted to hold a blue jeans drive! Read on below.

FFA and 4-H chapters across the Cotton Belt are invited to participate in the 2020 Blue Jeans Go Green recycling program and denim drive. Whether it's a denim shirt, shorts, jacket or good ol' work jeans, [Cotton Incorporated's Blue Jeans Go Green](#) program upcycles donated denim into UltraTouch Denim Insulation used in homes.

Along with insulation, the Blue Jeans Go Green Program keeps discarded denim out of landfills. This is the second year PhytoGen has partnered with Cotton Incorporated on the denim drive.

The denim drive, sponsored by PhytoGen, invites chapters to gather and deliver denim to The Texas Cotton Ginners' Show in Lubbock, Texas, April 2-3, or The Desert Ag Conference in Chandler, Arizona, April 22-23. PhytoGen will award cash prizes to the three chapters who donate the most: first place, \$2,000; second place, \$1,500; and third place \$500.

What type of denim can be recycled?

You can contribute any type of denim apparel item – jeans, jackets, shirts, skirts and more. It can be colored, embellished and/or printed. The denim can also be in any condition – ripped, stained and even scraps.

Do you accept other apparel or clothing for recycling?

For the purposes of the Blue Jeans Go Green program, we only collect denim for recycling. That said, other cotton apparel can be recycled, and there are a variety of organizations that may be able to assist in these efforts.

Can I receive a tax write-off when I contribute my denim?

No, Cotton Incorporated is not a charitable organization, and therefore, cannot offer any tax receipts.

Participating chapters are asked to box rather than bag their donations prior to delivering them to the PhytoGen booth. Once delivered, PhytoGen representatives will count the items.

See full article: https://www.farmprogress.com/cotton/blue-jeans-go-green-denim-drive-underway?NL=SWFP-01&Issue=SWFP-01_20200228_SWFP-01_268&sfvc4enews=42&cl=article_4_b&utm_rid=CPG02000000210580&utm_campaign=47057&utm_medium=email&elq2=030d66c289d2



State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is going Virtual

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held virtually this year. The contest will be open to compete **Saturday, August 15, 8 a.m. to Sunday, August 16, 8 a.m.** Participants must register through their local KSRE office. Staff must log in to find registration information, available soon. **Registration is due Wednesday, August 12**, or by the local unit deadline if that deadline is sooner.

There will be **no fee** to participate this year. We will also have a Virtual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening, August 25, 2020, 7 p.m. More details later.

The study material for 2020 is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page.

This year the Kansas Contest will recognize individuals only, there will be no team competition. The National Junior Horticulture Contest and Convention has been canceled this year due to COVID-19.

When all information is up, a message will be sent to staff through the KSRE listserv. If you have questions about the contest, please contact Beth Hinshaw 620-496-8206 or bhinshaw@ksu.edu.

KANSAS TO HOST FIRST-EVER COWBOY POETRY YOUTH CONTEST VIRTUALLY

In 2020, the Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest is sponsoring its first-ever youth cowboy poetry contest. Called the Youth Roundup, it is a virtual competition for Kansas cowboys and cowgirls 18 years old or younger.

“We invite 4-H and FFA members and other Kansas youth to enter, write and share a video of them presenting a cowboy poem,” said poetry contest chair Ron Wilson of the Lazy T Ranch near Manhattan. “A cowboy poem is rhyming verse which tells a story or in some way relates to the life of the American cowboy,” Wilson said. There is no charge to enter.

The champion will receive a trophy buckle and the top three winners will receive a certificate signed by the Governor of Kansas and an educational scholarship. Each contestant is to write an original western-themed poem and record a video of him or herself presenting it. That video will be submitted to a panel of judges for placing. There will also be an opportunity for the public to vote for their favorites online.

“We are so grateful for the sponsors’ generosity which makes this possible: The Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation, Kansas Farm Bureau, the International Western Music Association – Kansas Chapter, and the International Western Music Association – Western Wordsmiths Chapter,” Wilson said.

Entry information can be found at www.cowboypoetryyouthroundup.com. Videos must be submitted by August 15, 2020. Poems are to be original work. They can be serious or humorous. They will be evaluated based on quality, theme, and delivery. Examples and additional information can be found on the website.

First place will receive a \$500 scholarship, second \$300, and third \$200. The funds are to be used for post-secondary education or technical training. If the recipient is not scheduled to graduate this year or next, the funds will be held for the recipient's future use.

Opportunities continued...

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be virtual this year. It is scheduled for **August 22-23**.

If you are interested in attending, please let us know and we will get you more information.

48 Hours of 4-H 2020

Has your unit considered 48 Hours of 4-H projects yet? We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too!

When: **October 10-11, 2020**

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and soon you will be able to register your project(s). Be watching for the Facebook Event to win some prizes and get excited about serving our communities. We will also have some 48 Hours of 4-H cups, flashlight pens and other items if you are looking for some things for your local unit.

If you have a big Community Project planned, we have two pop up banners and one hanging banner. We would love to have those used in 3 different locations this year. Contact Beth Hinshaw (bhinshaw@ksu.edu) if you are interested in borrowing one!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be Virtual

Like many events the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be going virtual this year! Dates are Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. Be watching your email for schedules and additional information. The Kansas Youth Leadership Council is working to transform their in person plan to a virtual plan as quickly as possible.

Components should include a speaker, election of the new council, workshops, some small groups and some fun too.

The tentative plan looks like:

Saturday 9 a.m. to noon session

Saturday 1:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. session

Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

KYLF is a state leadership learning opportunity that helps you fill a state activity/event for your pin applications. If you are unsure of travel and overnight stays then this is for you. It is being offered virtually this year, so it will also be cost effective too.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



August

- 15 - Horticulture Judging Contest, VIRTUAL
- 22/23 - 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- 31 - **Record Books due to club leaders**

September

- 4 - **Record Books due to office/Wear your 4-H shirts!**
- 7 - **Office Closed, Labor Day**
- 11-20 - **KS State Fair, modified**
- 26 - **Concession Stand for Archery Meet**

October

- 4-11 - **National 4-H Week: Wear a 4-H t-shirt every day this week!**
- 10/11 - **48 Hours of 4-H; #484h blue jeans collections finish**
- 11 - **Fair Awards BBQ and Awards Night @ Celebration Centre**