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Rice County 4-H Newsletter
March 2020

Hello 4-H Families,

March is a great month to Celebrate 4-H....green clovers are everywhere and green grass is growing. We had a very productive 4-H council meeting. We voted to cover \$100 of camp fees, for Campferene registration, and for Discovery Days as well. SO get signed up for these fun summer events. We will pay \$50 for rookie campers (those that have completed the first or second grade and are 7-8). This is an overnight 2 day adventure for the younger members.

This letter will include a list of current county committee members. The fair is approaching faster than we know. The theme this year is "IF YOU GIVE A KID 4-H" based on the book "If You Give A Mouse a Cookie." We need t-shirt design ideas by the end of this month so we can get them to the bank so that they will be printed in time for the fair.

Spring time is always busy. It is our wish that you consider 4-H to be one of the most important adventures you can ever partake in. It changes lives in a positive way.

-Wendy Hughes

County Extension Director

Check us out on Social Media!

4-H Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiceCountyKansas4HFair/>

Extension Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rice-County-Extension-1642325322513205/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RiceCounty4H>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

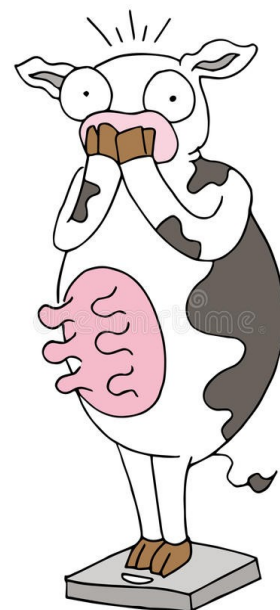
BEEF WEIGH-IN

This Wednesday beginning at 4 pm at the Lyons Vet Clinic. We plan on wrapping up by 6 pm.

SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN

April 13, 2020 from 4-6 pm. This is at the Bar K Bar Arena.

We have numerous flyers and information on spring livestock shows and sales in the office. Please contact the office if you need more information.



County 4-H Committees

4-H Fair BBQ

CP—Elijah Stagner, Braeden & Kelltyn Grasser, CJ Herzog

VB—Kristi, Wyatt, and Deacon Showalter, Janes McCormick,
Arlene Bliss, Emma Elliott

SM—Cody Critchfield

Trips & Awards

CP—

VB—Frannie & Tessa Miller, Arlene Bliss

SM—

Record Book Judging

CP—

VB—Arlene Bliss, Kristy Elliott, Kristi Showalter, Frannie Miller

SM—Annette Boyd, Chelsie & Cody Critchfield

Fair Awards Committee

CP—Ty Herzog

VB—Frannie & Tessa Miller

SM—Angela Krone

Achievement Night

CP—Kami Grasser, Cole Dieball, Peyton Erickson

VB—Karson & Karla Peter

SM—Cylie & Cathy LaTourell, Dold Family

Blue Jeans Go Green denim drive underway



Left: Olton High School FFA chapter received \$1,500 for gathering the most denim in Phytot-Gen's Blue Jeans Go Green 2019 denim drive. Olton FFA collected more than 650 denim items. FFA and 4-H chapters are invited to participate in the 2020 denim drive.

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=030d66c289d248f384a4857d7c66f444

Shelley E. Huguley—Feb 11, 2020

FFA and 4-H chapters encouraged to participate. Top 3 winners receive cash prizes.

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.



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.

Star City FFA, Star City, Ark., donated 1,386 items in 2019. Farm Press caught up with former advisor Leana Britton at the 2019 Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, Tenn., where Britton and her top donor-FFA members delivered their denim collection to the PhytoGen booth.

"They (the chapter) worked for four days at a donation center in Star City that needed some help cleaning and organizing clothing and in exchange, our students got to keep all of the denim they found," Britton said. "So, we got half of our denim from working for four days. The rest they collected was from donation boxes at banks, churches and businesses. And we got the community involved to reach our goal, plus some."



Left: Star City FFA collected and donated 1,386 denim items.

“By teaming with PhytoGen, we are showcasing how the Blue Jeans Go Green program helps to close the loop on cotton sustainability.

It also engages consumers in the process and creates an opportunity to highlight the environmental gains the industry is making,” said Andrea Samber, co-director, Strategic Alliances at Cotton Incorporated, in a Cotton Board news release.

In 2019, PhytoGen collected 7,412 items through donation drives at cotton industry events and company locations. Cash prizes were awarded to Olton FFA (Texas), Star City FFA (Arkansas), Thomas County Middle FFA (Georgia) and La Paz 4-H (Arizona). While the competition is between FFA and 4-H chapters, anyone is invited to donate their denim at either of the conferences listed above or company locations.

PhytoGen Brand Manager Derek Racca said PhytoGen is excited to partner with Cotton Incorporated's Blue Jeans Go Green program. “Thanks to the participation of local FFA and 4-H chapters, denim will be recycled and put to good use as home insulation, with a portion being distributed to charitable organizations.”

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.

Cotton Incorporated answers "frequently asked questions" on their [website](#):

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.

I’m interested in obtaining denim insulation for my own project. Can I buy or receive it from you?

Cotton Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization. We don’t buy, sell or manufacture any products. To apply for a grant of insulation, you must fill out an application accessed through the [Receive Insulation](#) page. Grants are awarded to qualified recipients at the discretion of Cotton Incorporated based on a variety of factors. To learn more about requesting insulation, visit our FAQs for the Grant Program on the Receive Insulation page. You can find out where you may be able to purchase UltraTouch Denim Insulation by visiting [BondedLogic.com](#).

Right: Dahlen Hancock, 2019 Farm Press Cotton Foundation High Cotton winner, donated a pair of his jeans at the 2019 Mid-South Farm and Gin Show. Hancock farms near New Home, Texas.



Discovery Days

What: Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put May 27 - May 29, 2020 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer!

When: May 27 - May 29, 2020

Where: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Who: Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1 of 2020.

Registration: [Click Here to Register](#) (Registration opens on March 16)

Registration Fee: TBD (Many classes have additional fees)

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2020 at 11:59PM



YOU'RE INVITED
ROARING 20'S AT ROCK SPRINGS

OZ-SOME 4-H Camp

June 16th-19th, 2020

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ozsome>

Launches: March 1st

Deadline: May 10th 11:59 PM

Full Time Camp

9 -13 Year Olds

Rate: \$223

June 16th-19th

*Note: Age before Jan. 1st, 2020

Rookie Camp

7-8 Year Olds

Rate: \$108

#1: June 16th & 17th

#2: June 18th & 19th

Scholarships available through your local Extension Office!

Contact your local Extension Office if you would like to volunteer!
(Must be 14 or older)

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and
Cooperative Extension Service: K-State Research and
Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Below is the link to get registered for OzSome Camp. It looks to be better than ever! 2020!

<http://app.campdoc.com/register/ozsome>



KANSAS COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

CO-OP CAMP 2020

Co-op

Co-op Camp will provide a fun and engaging cooperative experience for students entering their junior and senior year of high school.

JULY 8-10, 2020

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH - JUNCTION CITY, KS

**Contact your local Cooperative or KCC for more details!
888-603-COOP**

2020 Fair Judges Trainings - Register by March 25

Wednesday April 1 – Paola, KS - evening

Topics will include:

- Photography
- Visual arts
- Woodworking
- Entomology
- Geology
- Posters, Banners and Displays
- Fashion Revue
- Clothing Construction

Flier: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/other/docs/Final%20Miami%20CO%202020%20FLier.pdf>

Registration: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egwx2hri651e757c&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Thursday April 2 – Chanute, KS – evening

Topics will include:

- Photography
- Woodworking
- Rocketry,
- Posters and Displays,
- Fiber arts
- Clothing construction

Flyer - Coming March 3

Registration - Coming March 3



Upcoming Events and Deadlines!

March

- 4 - Wear your 4-H Shirts!
- 4 - Beef Weigh-in, 4-6 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 required)
- 21—Pie Demonstration
- 27—Shooting Sports Instructor & Apprentice Training, Rock Springs
- 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!
- 13—Sheep/goat weigh in 4-6 PM
- 13—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!
- 9-10 Bar K Bar Blast! Horse Show
- 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

September

- 11-20—KS State Fair, Hutchinson