



POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

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NCK LEAD

MARCH 29 IN CONCORDIA | REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 17

Post Rock District and River Valley District are teaming up with Cloud County Community College to offer a drive-in personal development experience for 4-H members in the 6th through 12th grades. NCK LEAD will take place on Saturday, March 29 at CCCC in Concordia. Participants will engage with collegiate professionals to gain information to assist with making post-high school decisions. We are excited that the 2025 experience will include hands-on workshops exploring careers through CCCC's new Technical Education and Innovation Center. There will also be opportunities for teens to boost their leadership skills and have fun with 4-H friends from the region. Registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Space is limited! Register at bit.ly/NCKLead25 by March 17!

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS WORKSHOP

MARCH 15 IN SALINA | REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 10

Youth ages 7-18 are invited to a hands-on UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) workshop at K-State Salina! The event hosted by Central Kansas District is set for March 15. It will cover drone rules, flight basics, and feature a flight competition with prizes. The workshop fee is \$15 and includes lunch. It will be held at the College Center Conference Room on the K-State Salina Campus. Sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m., and the dress code is casual. Direct questions to the Central Kansas Extension District. Each individual (including parents/guardians) must register by March 10. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/CKD2025UASWorkshop>. You can view the event flyer at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/events/.

SUPER SATURDAY

MARCH 22 IN COLBY | REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 17

Super Saturday is March 22 at Colby Community College! Indoor judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon) will be on campus in the student union beginning at 9:00 a.m. Livestock judging will take place at the Thomas County Fairgrounds at 12:30 p.m. In addition to judging contests, there are some project workshops for youth to enjoy. You can also get a sack lunch with your registration. The event flyer with complete details is available at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/events/. Register through the online form by March 17 at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajjdd7SK7HICeW.

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FOOTLOOSE AT THE FAIR

The 2025 Jewell County Fair
is July 10-13!

FAIR REMINDERS...

- Fair theme color is Pink.
- Pre-fair entry deadline is Wednesday, June 18 by close of business at 4:30 p.m.
- Pre-fair judging day is Tuesday, July 8.
- Sarah Strnad is the Jewell County 4-H Food Stand Manager.

4-H COUNCIL NOTES!

- Jewell County will be hosting a Day Camp on June 4 for youth K-3rd. This year's theme is Critter Camp!
- The next Jewell County 4-H Council Meeting is April 7 at the Courthouse starting at 7:00 p.m.

JEWELL COUNTY 4-H/FFA SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN

Small animal weigh-in is on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jewell County Fairgrounds.

JEWELL COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TAGS

Tags are available in the office and will also be available at weigh-ins. Please note that EID tags can not be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. Jewell County 4-H/FFA tags are free (thank you fair board!); \$3.50 for beef EID tags; and \$2.75 for small animal EID tags.

SHARE CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Jewell County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to share photos and highlights of your activities. Please send them to tiunderw@ksu.edu. Thanks!

SENIOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE APRIL 15

Jewell County 4-H Seniors: We have 3 local scholarships that you can apply for. Read the details closely so you have all components prepared prior to beginning each application. The applications are online at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/member-resources/education-scholarships/.

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Jewell County active 4-H members can get a scholarship to attend a 4-H camp, conference, or other event. This scholarship will pay for 50% of the base price of the activity/event you are applying for. This scholarship is for one activity/event per year, per 4-H member. Remember to fill out the application and turn it into the extension office before you register. The applications are online at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/member-resources/event-scholarships/.

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Did you know that Rock Springs Ranch offers Mini Camp and Specialty Camp?


- **Mini-Camp** is a 3 day/2 night experience for rising 1st - 3rd graders. This is a great introductory program for campers who are not old enough to attend traditional 4-H Camp. Mini-camp has smaller groups with higher ratios of staff to campers.
- **Specialty Camp** offer unique, hands-on experiences that allow campers to develop new skills, build confidence, and make lasting memories. Specialty Camp is for rising 6th - 9th graders. They are Ranch Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, Cooking Camp, and Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills Camp.

DEADLINE TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

The deadline to add/drop projects in 4-H Online is May 1! You can only take exhibits to fair in projects you are enrolled in! Call the office if you need help.

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POST ROCK DISTRICT 4-H DAY

If you registered by the February 19th deadline, your second opportunity to participate in [Post Rock District 4-H Day & Judging Extravaganza](#) is **Saturday, March 3rd** beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Osborne. This is a great opportunity to showcase your public speaking skills & sharpen your judging skills. Hope you can participate.

LINCOLN COUNTY WEIGH IN

Small Animal Weigh In - Saturday, April 26
Lincoln County Fair Grounds - 10 a.m.

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LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H/FFA TAGS

Tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at weigh-ins. Please note that EID tags can not be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. 4-H/FFA tags are \$1.00 for Lincoln County tags, \$3.50 for beef EID tags and \$2.75 for small animal EID tags.

Carla's Office Hours

Beginning March 6, I will be out of the office for, at least, the month of March on personal leave. Please contact the office as I will not be checking email or answering phone calls.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H SENIOR'S SCHOLARSHIPS

There are three (3) local continuing education scholarships you may be eligible for because of your 4-H involvement in Lincoln County.

Applications are due May 1, 2025 to the extension office. You can find the applications at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/member-resources/education-scholarships/>.

SIGNUPGENIUS FOR FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

Lincoln County Judging Assistants are needed for the 2025 Lincoln County Fair. Click on this QR Code to signup. We NEED your assistance.



LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR JULY 13-20, 2025

Plan to participate in the Lincoln County Fair this year from July 13 - 20, 2025. This year's theme is "Aloha".

4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln County active 4-H members can get a scholarship to attend a 4-H camp, conference, or other event. This scholarship will pay for 50% of the base price of the activity/event you are applying for. This scholarship is for one activity/event per year, per 4-H member. Remember to fill out the application and turn it into the extension office before you register. Applications are online at www.postrock.k-state.edu/4-h/member-resources/event-scholarships/.

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MITCHELL COUNTY 4-H/FFA SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN

Small animal weigh-in is on Wednesday, **April 16 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.


MITCHELL COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK TAGS

Reminder: **EID tags cannot be sold over the counter.** A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. Mitchell County 4-H tags are free, \$3.50 for beef EID tags, and \$2.75 for small animal EID tags. Tags are available to pick up at the Extension office and during weigh ins!

2025 Fair Superintendents

Would you like to help out at the fair this year? We are needing superintendents in these project areas:

- **Photography**
- **Plant Science**
- **Rabbit/Poultry**


All Superintendents and Assistants receive a free meal ticket!

Reach out to the Extension Office if you are interested in helping! We also need 4-H helpers as assistant superintendents in many project areas.



TONIA'S ROLE TRANSITIONING IN 2025

Tonia will be transitioning into a new role within Post Rock District and will no longer have set responsibilities within Mitchell Co. 4-H. She remains a resource for 4-H and is happy to help, though her job expectations are changing. Moving forward, please contact DeNae in the Beloit Extension office with 4-H questions, concerns, etc.

DeNae, Cassie, and Blaire will split MC 4-H responsibilities moving forward.

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

The Mitchell County 4-H Council will have a meeting on **March 24** at the First Bank of Beloit meeting room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Help choose the 2025 Fair Theme!

If you haven't already voted on this year's fair theme, make sure you do so by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7th! You can vote by clicking here: **VOTE** (you should also have received an email last week containing this link)

- SAVE THE DATE FOR FAIR! - 2025 Mitchell County Fair July 21-26!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FAIR SCHEDULE](#)


Dates to remember:

May 1st - project add/drop deadline. You must be enrolled in all projects you intend to exhibit in at the fair by May 1st.

July 7th - This deadline is the cutoff for accepting pen rent forms, fashion revue pre-entry forms, and scripts for the public fashion revue.

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2025 FAIR SUPERINTENDENT SIGN UP

Thanks to those adults and members who have signed up to serve as 2025 superintendents. We still have quite a few project areas that are needing superintendents! Everyone's help is needed for our 2025 4-H fair events to be successful. Adult and junior superintendents assist during project judging and help with displaying projects in the 4-H Building. Volunteering as a superintendent is a great opportunity to learn more about a specific project and get to know other 4-H members. No special knowledge or skills are required. Questions, please contact Kim.



QR Code for 2025 Osborne County Fair Superintendent Sign-up

2025 OSBORNE COUNTY LIVESTOCK TAGS AND EID TAGS

County livestock tags are available in the office for purchase and will also be available at Osborne County weigh-ins.

Please note that EID tags can not be sold over the counter. A Post Rock District staff member must be present and observe all EID tags being placed in the animal's ear. EID tags are required for livestock projects nominated for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive shows and/or Kansas Junior Livestock show. Beef EID tags are \$3.50 each and small animal EID tags are \$2.75 each. County Beef tags are \$2.00 and county swine, sheep, and goat tags are \$1.00 each.

STARS, STRIPES & SUMMER NIGHTS

Get the 2025 Fair Dates on your calendar!
July 23 - 26, 2025

Fair Theme - **STARS, STRIPES & SUMMER NIGHTS**

Deadline for animal and project ownership and Fair Entry registration is Monday, July 7th.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE 2025 OSBORNE COUNTY FAIR 4-H EVENT SCHEDULE](#)



ADD/DROP PROJECT DEADLINE

May 1st - This is the last day that 4-H projects can be added or dropped through 4-H Online. A 4-H member must be enrolled in all projects in 4-H Online that the youth intends to exhibit in the 4-H division at the 2025 Osborne County Fair. If you have questions, contact the office.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

7:00 p.m. Osborne Extension Office

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00 p.m. Premium Auction

VISITING THE OSBORNE OFFICE

Rylee will be on maternity leave starting approximately March 17. Please call ahead to make sure the office is open for walk-in visitors. Osborne Extension Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is closed from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

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Smith Co. Free Fair 2025 Lights, Camera, 4-H Action



Fair Rule Changes

1. There will be no paint, powder, or adhesive put on any livestock.
2. Crafts will be Jr. and Sr. division.

Fair Grievances

All grievances need to be turned into the extension office by July 1 to be reviewed by Grievance committee.

Food Stand Pre-Fair Prep

We will have some dates in June to work on pies and meat for the fair. Please watch for these dates to come.

Fair Superintendents

We are in need of some superintendents for a few project areas. If you are willing to help contact Sandra or Risa at the extension office.

Weigh In Date

April 27, small animal weigh in at the fairgrounds
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Important Dates:

March 3 4-H Day, Osborne

March 17 Deadline for Super Sat.

March 22 Super Sat., Colby, KS

April 3 Storm Hockey Ticket Deadline

April 12 Storm Hockey

April 27 Small Animal Weigh In, SC Fairgrounds 2:30-3:30 p.m.

May 1 Drop/ Add Deadline

July 17-21 Smith Co. Free Fair

Saturday, April 12, 2025 - Storm Hockey

Let Shelly or Risa know if you plan to attend and how many by April 3rd. 4-Her's will be paid for by 4-H Council.

Adults \$10 and additional kids \$7.



Senior Spotlight

Please email Tonia at tiunderw@ksu.edu by April 15 with pictures and a quote or saying.

Thank You!

You all sold 253 valentine cookies this year. Thank you to all who baked, decorated, and delivered cookies!

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K-STATE CATTLEMEN'S DAY IS MARCH 7

The 112th Annual K-State Cattlemen's Day is on Friday, March 7 at the National Guard Armory in Manhattan KS from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for youth in the beef project to advance their education about the industry. For more information or to register online visit asi.ksu.edu/cattlemensday.

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE PROJECT UPDATES ON MARCH 12

The Interior Design & Architecture project has some updates for the Kansas State Fair - and ultimately at your county fair. Kansas 4-H will be hosting a Zoom meeting for 4-H members enrolled in the project on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will cover project details and explain what qualifies for the 4-H State entry. Links will be sent out by email from Kansas 4-H to those enrolled in the project, be sure to check your inbox.

STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST IS MARCH 21

The Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas on Friday, March 21, at the Saline County Expo Center. 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to compete in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest and the Open Horse Judging Contest. An open novice division is also available for youth age 7-18 sponsored by the KQHA. Complete information and rules are available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html. Registration is due by March 7 at the [EquiFest of Kansas website](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html).

SMITH CENTER LIVESTOCK JUDGING INVITE IS MARCH 25

Smith Center FFA invites 4-H members to participate in their annual livestock judging contest on Tuesday, March 25 at the Smith County Fairgrounds. Registration is due by March 20 to Monica Wagner at mwagner@usd237.com or 785-476-5643. The flyer is posted on the [Post Rock District 4-H event website](http://www.postrockdistrict4h.org).

LIVESTOCK PROJECT: SPRING SHOWS, EVENTS, AND MORE

If you are seeking opportunities related to livestock projects - like spring shows and other contests - the KSU Youth Livestock Program website provides a listing of many opportunities. It certainly doesn't contain every learning and competition opportunity, yet it is a great reference point as you plan for spring and summer. Visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/>.

TEEN-LED PROJECT LEARNING

As you advance in 4-H, teens are challenged to plan and implement learning experiences to help others gain knowledge and skills in project areas. If you are interested in leading a project workshop or meeting in the spring or summer, contact your local Extension Office so we can help you promote and support your effort!

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SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING INTEREST - NOTIFY DISTRICT BY APRIL 3

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports will be having a Shooting Sports Instructor Training on May 10-11 at Rock Springs Ranch. Post Rock District can only offer shooting sports experiences that are led by certified instructors, and we are in need of more! If you are interested contact Tonia Underwood at tiunderw@ksu.edu so we can start the process for you to become a certified instructor! Starting the process by April 3 will allow you plenty of time to be approved to attend the in-person certification training. New instructors must be screened and registered as a 4-H volunteer which includes enrolling in 4-H Online, completing a background check, completing an orientation, and being approved by the Post Rock District. Before attending the in-person Instructor Training, you must also complete the National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules. You can be trained in one discipline at the state training. The cost to become an instructor is your own, but sometimes 4-H Councils will provide support to instructors that plan to host project meetings in the local county.

K-STATE INVITATIONAL MEAT JUDGING CONTEST IS APRIL 5

The K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest is April 5 at KSU Weber Hall's meat lab in Manhattan. The experience will include six classes, two sets of questions, and retail ID. There will be an educational walk through after the contest. Registration will be online at judgingcard.com. Direct questions to Erin Beyer at erbeyer@ksu.edu

VISUAL ARTS AND ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT: INSECT ART CONTEST DUE APRIL 15

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night." The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. This would be great for 4-H members in the Visual Arts or Entomology projects! For contest rules and details, visit the [KSU IPM website](http://www.ksu.edu/ipm).

K-STATE CLOVIA OPEN HOUSE IS APRIL 25

Clovia is a 4-H Cooperative Leadership House located near Kansas State University in Manhattan. Alpha of Clovia is looking to connect with girls with any 4-H, FFA, or leadership experience in general. Living at Clovia is a great opportunity as it is one of the only ways to live off campus freshman year at K-State. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability and fun. Clovia Open House is on April 26. More details are at <https://www.alphaofclovia.org>.

SELECT YOUR PROJECTS IN 4-H ONLINE

Log into 4-H Online or contact your local Extension Office to review and update your projects! The earlier you update your projects in 4-H Online the better! 4-H project experiences, opportunities and reminders are communicated to you by local and state 4-H staff based on your project enrollment and contact information in 4-H Online. May 1 is the final project drop/add deadline if you want to exhibit in a respective project area at the county fair.

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SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING - APRIL 26 IN SALINA

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on Saturday, April 26 in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Campus. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the event will conclude at 3:00 p.m. This experience is for current and interested club leaders, project leaders, and volunteers. The goal is for participants to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles. Fee is \$20 and includes materials, snacks, and lunch. For more details and a registration link go to www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/.

CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS IN APRIL

National Volunteer Week is April 20-26. This is an excellent opportunity for your family or club to execute a plan to recognize volunteers in your community and county. 4-H is successful because of contributions from our amazing volunteers! 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, etc. April is a great month to show appreciation for all the hard work and dedication volunteers put into 4-H! It is a fantastic way for 4-Hers to express gratitude and highlight the positive impact they have on youth development and the community!

- If you would like to give a special shout out to a club leader, project leader, or another important 4-H volunteer please send a testimonial and photo to Tonia at tiunderw@ksu.edu. We can share it on the Post Rock District Facebook page.
- Recognizing volunteers could be a fun activity for a 4-H club committee or a unique project for the officer team to work on together.
- Michigan 4-H has a great worksheet to help youth learn to write a quality thank you. Find it at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/236/66837/CYI048ThankYouNoteHandout.pdf>

SAFE TRACTOR & MACHINERY OPERATION TRAINING

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed for 14- and 15-year-olds seeking employment in projection agriculture. Core content areas focused on during the one-day training include safety basics, agricultural hazards, tractors, connecting and using implements, materials handling, and more! Students are certified after successfully passing a knowledge test at the training and doing both an operating skills test and a driving test administered by their employer.

The cost to participate is \$15 due to your local Extension office. Prior to the course, each participant must pick up a manual and complete a pre-test before attending the training event. For questions, contact Blaire Todd at blairet@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597. The flyer is on the [Post Rock District website](#). Register online at <https://bit.ly/tractorsafety2025>. The registration deadline is one week before the date you plan to attend. Training dates in the region include: April 5th - Ellsworth at Carrico Implement; **April 26th - Beloit at Carrico Implement**; May 10th - Washington at Bruna Implement Company; and May 22th - Solomon at KanEquip, Inc.

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SENIOR SHOUT OUTS!

We want to celebrate our graduating high school seniors! We're going to dedicate shout outs to each senior on our Post Rock District 4-H Facebook page during the spring months. It is optional to be included. If interested, before April 15 please email Tonia, tiunderw@ksu.edu, the following:

- A photo or two (senior photo, favorite 4-H photo, or throwback childhood photo)
- A quote or message (why you love 4-H, how you have benefited from being involved in 4-H, favorite 4-H memory, or a quote that has guided you through the years)

SPRING SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES

Post Rock District Shooting Sports certified instructors are planning spring shooting sports practices. If you are interested in archery, BB gun, air rifle, or shotgun please email Tonia at tiunderw@ksu.edu to learn about the practice dates. Remember to make sure you are enrolled in 4-H Online to participate in any shooting sports!

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH 4-H CAMP OFFERINGS

Rock Springs Ranch offers unique 4-H Summer Camp experiences such as:

- **Mini-Camp** is a 3 day/2 night experience for rising 1-3 graders. This is a great introductory program for campers.
- **Specialty Camps** offer unique, hands-on experiences that allow campers to develop new skills, build confidence, and make lasting memories. Specialty Camp is for rising 6-9 graders. They are Ranch Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, Cooking Camp, and Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills Camp.
- **Teen Full-Ride Scholarship:** Counselor in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) participants can receive a full-ride scholarship in 2025! Rising 10, 11, and 12 graders may participate.
- **Explore all camp sessions and offerings at <https://rockspringsranch.org/summer-camps/sessions-rates>.**

FFA PARTICIPATION AT POST ROCK DISTRICT COUNTY FAIRS IN 4-H DIVISION

Post Rock District supports FFA member participation in the 4-H division of the county fair. To meet the Post Rock District's project enrollment drop/add deadline, FFA members need to identify what project areas they will be participating in by May 1, 2025. They will also share important contact information to assist the Post Rock District with providing communication to and supporting the youth in their participation. The earlier FFA members sign up, the more they can be included in communication about upcoming weigh-ins, deadlines, etc. If you are a member of 4-H and FFA, you do not need to complete the online form as your 4-H Online project enrollment will cover both. At pre-fair entry you will designate what organization you'll represent for each project area in accordance with Kansas 4-H policy. Sign up before May 1 by completing the online form at <https://bit.ly/FFAParticipationIn4HDivisionAtCountyFair>.

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PRE-FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: PROJECT OWNERSHIP AND VERIFICATION

Each 4-H Council in the Post Rock District will designate a pre-fair entry deadline. *The pre-fair entry deadline is when all project exhibits must be designated for the class which will be shown at the county fair.* It is an ownership and verification deadline. 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. 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!

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 ANY species at the Kansas State Fair, so we can share resources to help you navigate the process.

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 through a ShoWorks account. 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*.

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 based on the EID tagging we have witnessed. Post Rock District will NOT sell Kansas 4-H EID tags over-the-counter at our Extension Offices. The state requires our staff to approve all State Nominations for livestock, and part of that approval process is confirming that we have physically seen each Kansas 4-H EID tag in your livestock animal's ear at tagging time (i.e. county weigh-in event).

- 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

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact four weeks prior to the start of the event. Post Rock District staff and office contact information is available at www.postrock.ksu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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