Marion County Spring Beef Show

The Marion County Spring Beef Show was held on March 27th at the Marion County Fairgrounds. There was approx. 100 head of cattle and a great number of participants that had the opportunity to show at this event!

We would like to give a very special thank you to our Sponsors!

Regional 4-H Day

The Regional 4-H Day was hosted in Clay Center Saturday, March 26th. District 4-H Day qualifiers had the opportunity to showcase their public speaking, demonstration, musical, and acting talents.

You can view the results from Regional 4-H Day at the following link:

https://tinyurl.com/2022RegionalClubDay
May 1 Deadlines Fast Approaching

- **Horse ID** papers must be in the Extension Office by May 1st. This is a state rule and there will be no exceptions to this rule! Form may be found at: [https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf](https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf). Beat the rush, get them in early!

- **Nomination deadline** for steers and market heifers exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. **NEW** online process, do your homework now!!

- **4-H Project Drop/Adds** - must be done on 4HOnline. No project changes may be done after May 1st!

  [https://v2.4honline.com/](https://v2.4honline.com/)

4-H Family Studies Project Opportunity

Calling all youth 10 years of age and older....

Are you interested in learning what it takes to care for young children? Join K-State Research and Extension on April 15th from 8:30 AM to Noon as we dive into topics like the business of babysitting, food safety, nutrition and wellness, child development, and activities for young children! Program cost: $5.00

**Register by April 8th:**
[https://tinyurl.com/sitterclinic](https://tinyurl.com/sitterclinic)

Questions? Please contact Tristen Cope at 620-382-2325 or tcope@ksu.edu.

*Event Sponsors: Safe Kids Marion County, and Marion Community Enrichment.*
National Volunteer Week

Celebrate Service!

April 17-23 is National Volunteer Week! This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America’s most valuable assets — our volunteers — and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities.

Thank you to our 4-H volunteers!

Fair Dates Announced

Tri-County Free Fair: July 8th-10th

Marion County Fair: July 16th-23rd

We Need Your Help!

The Extension Office would like help decorating the walls of our office with YOUR hard work!

We are requesting 8X10 photographs or various sized artwork that we can hang. Examples could include: a photo of you and your livestock project, your photography project photograph, a canvas painting, sketch, etc.

We would plan to exhibit the display for one year and then return it to the 4-H Member. This would be annual opportunity for 4-Hers work to be displayed in the office.

Call if you have any questions!

Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings

New research has been done and resources are available as you make decisions about frostings and fillings to use with fair exhibits. Food safety is essential and not all frostings and fillings are safe to store at room temperature.

Resources on this topic may be found at: https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html. Please note that safety calculations must be done by the exhibitor prior to judging. Our 4-H foods judges will not have time to make recipe calculations.

FSA Youth Loan Program

The FSA youth loan program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size relating to their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For more information see the following:

FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet.
Marion County 4-H Council

Save the date for our May 15th 4-H Council Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the New Office (1116 E Main St)!

Check out our March meeting minutes and agenda [here](#).

Join a Marion County 4-H Committee [here](#).

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**Sheep, Swine and Goat Tagging**

Will be on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion County Fairgrounds.

If your animals need tagged before this date, bring them to Rickey at any time.

**NOTE**: There will be a $75.00 trip charge for tagging done at your own farm.

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**Kansas 4-H Events**

Stay up-to-date with all the Kansas 4-H Events by viewing the state-wide calendar:

[https://www.kansas4-h.org/calendars/](https://www.kansas4-h.org/calendars/)

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**Fair—Commissioner Gift Baskets**

It’s never too early to start preparing your Commissioners Gift Basket!

2022 Clubs: TTT, LWA, SCW, HH, GGG

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**YQCA Training and Livestock Nominations**

All youth 8 and older participating in livestock projects, will need to participate in YQCA Training annually, either through an instructor led training or [online course](#).

**In-Person YQCA**: TBA

The Livestock Nomination process is changing beginning this year. Rickey will dedicate part of the In-Person YQCA Class to explain the new nomination process.

**Livestock Nomination Deadlines:**

- May 1st Market Beef
- June 15th Commercial Heifers, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats