



## Spring Is In the Air!

As I write this, the forecast is for the 80's for the rest of the week. I think spring has finally sprung. Whether it be the grass is growing, cows are calving or ewes are lambing, spring has always represented a time of new life and this will always be my favorite season. As the weather warms, take advantage of the many activities that will begin as this too can bring on a new start to your 4-H journey.

Director of Chisholm Trail District - Rickey Roberts

## 4-H Youth Members Shout Out

Congratulations to our Marion County 4-Hers who participated in the Marion County Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge! Each of these 4-Hers earned a cash prize: Addison Edmundson, Clayton Thomas & Kaylie Morrison. Kaylie will be representing Marion County at the State YEC!

Congratulations! The Dickinson County 4-H Basketball tournament was won by a single Marion County team with members from the Tampa Triple T's and the Lincolnville Wide Awake. Team members and cheerleaders are Kollin, Wesley, Grace, Breckyn, Camdyn, Ava, Canon, Sage, Arlie & Abby. The team was successfully coached by Coaches Klenda and Erwin. Way to Go!



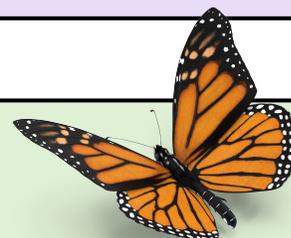
Go MNCO 4-H



## Community Corner / Announcements

The Marion County Summer Library Program will occur this June. Any 4-Her or group of 4-Hers interested in leading a 1 hour program activity please contact your club leader or the Extension Office. This can be focused around a specific project area and is a great opportunity for leadership. Last year's participating libraries were Goessel, Peabody, Hillsboro & Marion. Program Schedules will be forming in April, let us know your interest to lead or assist a program so that we can promote it!

## 4-H Club Corner / Announcements



The Small Animal Tagging/Weighing Date is set for Sunday, May 3rd from 7-9PM at the fairgrounds in Hillsboro. This will be for Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats and Bucket Calf projects. This is the ONLY date available for initial weights used for the project performance contest. If this date does not work for you please make an appointment with the Extension Office – All small animal livestock projects must be tagged by May 9th!

First year Bucket Calves must be born after January 1, 2026. These calves must also be tagged by the May 9th deadline (preferred that you join us on May 3 for tagging). If you have a second year bucket calf it does not have to be re-tagged or weighed. This calf is eligible to show in either the second year bucket calf class or the beef show as a breeding heifer or a market steer/heifer – NOT BOTH! Bucket Calves are NOT eligible to sell in the livestock premium sale. If the calf was entered in the Market division of the beef show it would be eligible for the livestock premium sale. Contact Bret if you have questions.

Kansas State Fair/Kansas Junior Livestock Show is a multi-step process. First, you must have been YQCA certified- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a training course offered online and we will also have one in person at the Abilene office on Wednesday, April 15th at 6PM. Second, official DNA envelopes must be purchased. Third, Animal and Exhibitor Information must be entered online through the ShoWorks platform. Fourth, mail the completed DNA Envelopes and Submission receipt to the state office. This is a tedious process at first; if you are interested in exhibiting livestock at either of these shows you can find more information at:

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock//> or contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

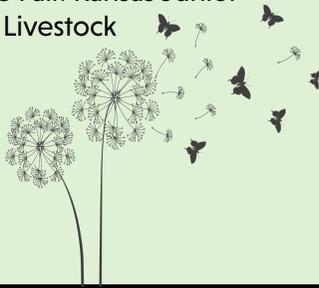
Discovery Days will be taking place June 3-5 in Manhattan on the KSU campus. This event is for 4-Hers ages 13-18 before January 1, 2026. This event offers an opportunity to develop leadership skills, experience hands-on educational sessions and meet new people. You can learn more by going to: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/discovery-days/>



# 4-H Community Calendar

Date:    Event

APR 6	Deadline: Shooting Sports Leader Training sign-up
APR 12	4-H Council Meeting - 4:00 @ EXT Office
APR 20	Deadline: Market Heifer & Steer DNA - Envelope Due
MAY 1	Drop/Add Project Date
MAY 1	Deadline: Kansas State Fair/Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Nomination Due
MAY 2-3	Shooting Sports Leader Training
MAY 3	Small Animal Tagging/Weighing 7-9 PM @ Fairgrounds
JUN 1	Deadline: Horse ID papers Due
JUN 3-5	Discovery Days in Manhattan
JUN 5	Deadline: Kansas State Fair/Kansas Junior Livestock Show Small Livestock DNA Envelope Due
JUL 9-11	Tri County Fair
JUN 15	Deadline: Kansas State Fair/Kansas Junior Livestock Show Small Livestock Nomination Due
JUL 18-25	Marion County Fair



# 4-H Adult Volunteers

We are always looking for adult volunteers to help with project meetings, fair & 4-H events. If you are interested, please enroll as an adult volunteer on 4-H Online to begin the process.

A criminal background check is required as part of the volunteer screening process, you can enter your information here for that: <https://www.ejobapp-validityscreening.com/candidate/login> We are truly grateful to all those who are willing to help -Thank You!

# Shooting Sports

Volunteers interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Leader. The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training is taking place at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City on May 2-3. Please call the Extension Office ASAP if you are interested. Deadline for registration is April 6 and you must be a registered 4-H volunteer before applying.

# Things to keep in mind...

All 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1. You have to be enrolled in the project area to exhibit a project in that area at the fair - so be sure to check your project listings before May 1.

The Marion County Fair is set to take place from July 18 -25. The fair schedule and information will be coming out as we get closer to fair time.

Reminder to update your 4-H record books as you have completed activities through out the 4-H year.

