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Thrive Tomorrow*

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Livestock Project News

Beef Project Tagging - March 30 @ MN CO Fairgrounds 8-9 AM

Please note: this is the **only** county wide tagging date for the beef cattle project. Cattle that need tagged are Market projects and Commercial Breeding Heifers. If you are unable to participate on the 30th please notify the Extension Office, so that your cattle can be properly identified with a Kansas 4-H tag. All tagging and documentation needs to be completed by Monday, April 7, 2025.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Bucket Calf Project News

The Marion County Bucket Calf Project has gone through some updates: NEW this year: The calf **MUST** be identified with a Marion County Bucket Calf tag - tagging will take place during countywide small animal tagging in April

4-H members are encouraged to enter the NEW Bucket Calf Poster Class at the Marion County Fair. The posters should be:

- A standard 28" x 22" size
- Include the 4-Her's Name, Calf's Name, Breed of Calf and any information you would like to share about the calf.
- Posters will be hung above each calf in the Stall Barn
- A judge will meet with each 4-Her in a conference style judging format to discuss what the 4-Her learned and evaluate the posters.

Bucket Calf Project Members are also encouraged to participate in the Bucket Calf Costume Contest at the fair. 4-H members and their calf are dressed up and paraded around as a short script is read. 4-H members write the script describing the the costumes they have put together. If you have any questions about the Bucket Calf Project please contact the Extension office - we have received a few calls from producers who have an extra calf.

Horse Project News

The Kansas Department of Animal Health has sent out an update stating that any horse participating in a local show must have tested NEGATIVE for Coggins. The test must have been completed in the previous 12 months prior to the event. You will have to provide proof at the Marion County Horse Show from your veterinarian that your horse tested NEGATIVE for Coggins .

Please be proactive - we will try to remind you!

Small Animal Tagging: May 4 @ MN CO Fairgrounds 5-9 PM

Please note: this is a date change. Small Animal Tagging will take place at the fairgrounds in Hillsboro. This will be for bucket calves, sheep, goats, and swine. Anyone interested in their animals participating in the Rate of Gain contest will have to be in Hillsboro on May 4 as that will be the only date used for the contest. If you are unable to attend that day please notify the Extension Office. If Inclement weather: May 9th is a back up date. All Small Animals must be tagged by May 9th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Rate of Gain Contest

This contest will be available for Beef, Sheep, Goats & Swine Market Projects. The dates used are March 30th for Beef Cattle & May 4th for the small animals. Weights recorded those days will be compared to the weights recorded at the county fair. The 4-Her who owns the animal who gained the most will receive a prize at the County Fair. **GOOD LUCK!**

Would you like to do a livestock project - BUT

There are many barriers to entering a livestock project: Time, money, space, location or maybe you're just not sure what an animal might need and what expectations are placed on me as a caretaker.

We would like to help! Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested and let's see if we can help answer questions you might have and try to navigate some obstacles that may be in your way!

2025 Marion County Spring Beef Show



Sunday, March 30th, 2025

Register on the Showman App or click this link:

<https://showman.app/shows#/marion-county-spring-beef-show-17c3/>

Library Programs

We have contacted a few of our libraries in the county and they are looking for some outgoing youth who would be interested in leading some engagement programs for other youth in our communities. This is a great opportunity for you to share a 4-H project with others. Some ideas: constructing a craft, building a rocket, how to make a cut flower display, make a quick snack, how to sew on a button, lego creations, how to identify insects. If you are interested, let us know in the Extension Office as we will help make the connection with the libraries as they are making their summer program schedules now!

Crafty Cactus

Our friends at the Crafty Cactus have put together some wonderful craft ideas and they would love for you to come join them to create! Their shop may help inspire your next 4-H project to exhibit at the fair!

Summer Project Workshops

We are working towards having summer project workshops available in each of the communities in Marion County throughout the Summer. These are two - three hour workshops that may take place in either the morning or afternoons. If anyone would like to assist in the planning of these, please contact the Extension Office.

Marion County Junior Leader Program

The Junior Leader Program is for 4-H members ages 13-18. This group will provide leadership for 4-H events throughout the county, but it won't be all work and now play. We hope this group can take a trip or two annually to get inspired to improve our communities in some form or fashion. We will have a social gathering to develop this program, information will come out soon, but if you wish to be a part of this program please reach out to the Extension Office to get on the list.

REMINDERS

Double Check your Project Enrollment in 4-H Online

You **CANNOT** enter a fair project



in a project area **IF**



you aren't enrolled in that area!



Marion County 4-H Endowment Scholarships

Applications are due April 1

Find the Scholarship Application here:

<https://www.chisholmtrail.k->

[state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/marion_forms_apps/](https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/marion_forms_apps/)