

4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Preparing Early

Hello everyone! Now that the holidays are over, lots of clubs are starting to work on projects and community service endeavors. I would encourage everyone to go ahead and print out project reporting forms and fill them out as you work on these projects both for the fair and your communities. It is much easier to fill out papers at the time that events happened rather than waiting until after the fair. If you don't know how to get ahold of these forms, or if they seem to hard to handle then please reach out to the extension office and we can help!

See the details of many upcoming events in this newsletter.

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4-Hers decorate outside Springview Manor

By Joyce Salisbury
4-H reporter

To start its Christmas party, the Conway Springs 4-H Club gathered at Spring View Manor on Dec. 2, where they decorated outside with the wooden trees they made previously at a project night, candy canes, and other decorations. The club did this to spread holiday cheer, to give the residents something nice to look at, and to make the residents feel like people care about them.

"I like to see the nursing home residents smile when they see that we have decorated," 4-H member Paisley Haskins said.

She said they decorated the nursing home as a club citizenship project.

"(We do it to) be a good citizen and to help people do what they can't do," she said. "It makes me feel like I have done a good deed."

After decorating the nursing home, the club members had a crockpot potluck lunch and a candy gift exchange.

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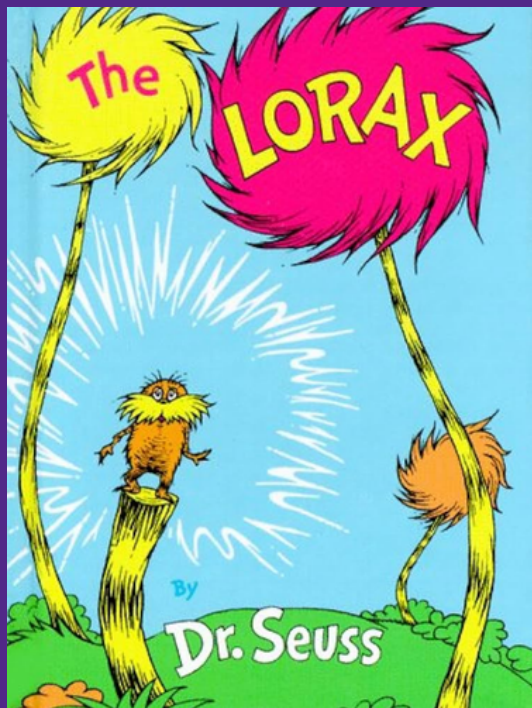
Cardinals 4-H members gather for a picture Dec. 2 at Spring View Manor after decorating outside for the residents to start their Christmas party.

Program News and Updates

"IF YOUR ACTIONS
INSPIRE OTHERS TO
DREAM MORE,
LEARN MORE, DO
MORE, AND
BECOME MORE, YOU
ARE A LEADER."

-JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

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Sumner County Junior Leaders

The deadline is near!

January 17th is the deadline to have your Sumner County Junior Leader applications submitted to the extension office by 5:00 pm. All applicants must be between 12-18 in 4-H age. Check out our Facebook page to find the application or contact the extension office.

Applications open from 12/1/2023 to 1/17/2024

Selections announced by January 31st.

Read 4-H

The first ever Read 4-H Reward Night was a hit! We were excited to have several awesome 4-Hers read and fill out book review forms. They got to enjoy a movie night with snacks where we watched Polar Express. A special shout out to Natalie Betzen for reading the most books and completing forms to go with them. Natalie received an extra prize for her hard work.

Our next Reward Night will be held on the evening of February 19th 2024. The books you will need to read and submit book review forms for will be The Lorax by Dr. Seuss for the Junior readers. Senior readers will be reading Percy Jackson The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. Please have your forms filled out and submitted to the extension office by 5:00 pm on February 16th.



Program News and Updates



Crochet Class

Are you enrolled in fiber arts? Do you need a project to do for the fair? Well have we got a class for you.

Wellington community member Ernestine Frame is our wonderful project leader. She's been an avid crocheter for several years and loves to help others learn. We will be having semi-regular meetings throughout the year where 4-Her's will learn different stiches. Ultimately attendants will make one or more projects that could be entered in the 4-H fair. The next scheduled meeting will be at the Raymond Frye Complex on January 12th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to attend and were not at the first meeting, then be on the lookout for emails with registration information or contact the extension office.



Agent Notes



Happy Holidays, just a little late. I hope everyone had a good holiday season and is ready to kick off the new year!

The holiday season is one where we look beyond ourselves. We often look to those around us who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. Or we see those around us who could use an extra hand. Generosity runs abundantly throughout Sumner County and the 4-H program is no exception. Many of our clubs do community service projects or help those who are in need. Each club serves their community in a way that is meaningful to them. This is a staple of our program and one I hope never dies. It is so wonderful to see our young people thinking of others and taking action. So kudos to all of our Sumner County 4-H Clubs. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity during the holiday season and also throughout the year. Keep working to make the best even better here in Sumner County.

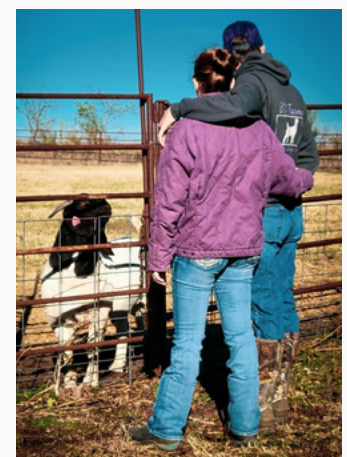
Side Notes

I'm pretty light on side notes for this newsletter. I just want to again encourage members to join the Read 4-H program and the Junior Leaders. We had a small but wonderful turnout for our first Read 4-H Reward Night, but I think if you ask anyone who came that we had a fun time. I also look forward to starting the Junior Leader program and working with our awesome 4-Her's even more. Please encourage anyone who is 12-18 4-H age to apply.



Merry After Christmas!

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED A NICE HOLIDAY SEASON.



Here is your monthly goat photo. Here my wife and I are looking at one of our show bucks and just shooting the breeze.

Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Buccaneers



Cardinals

The Cardinal's 4-H Club had a crafty Christmas season. They met for a project night where they were folding book pages to turn them into an art project. Also members got together to decorate the exterior of the local care home for the holidays.

Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers 4-H club enjoyed a fun holiday party. They made door decorations for the local nursing home. Then they had refreshments and had a fun gift exchange to end the year.



Redwing

The Redwing 4-H Club had a fun and festive holiday season. They met in December and enjoyed some refreshments and painted Christmas Ornaments.

Trailblazers

The Trailblazers 4-H Club had a happy holiday meeting. They enjoyed a Christmas party where they had every member bring a gift. Then they all participated in a festive gift exchange.



State Events

Junior Producer Days

The Junior Producer Days are hosted annually by K-State. These events are focused on learning about one of the four main livestock show species. They are a mix of classroom sessions and hands on breakout groups. No matter what your skill or knowledge level is, these events are fun and beneficial for all. I would highly encourage anyone to go.

2024 K-STATE Junior SHEEP PRODUCER DAY MARCH 16

Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.

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Registration Deadline FEB. 26

Registration

Tentative Schedule

8:30AM	Check-in & Registration	Registration Deadline: February 26
9:30AM	Welcome	Registration Fee: \$20/person
9:45AM	Project Selection	Registration Link: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister
10:30AM	Morning Breakout Sessions	Late Registration: \$25/person
	- Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock	
NOON	Lunch	*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
12:45PM	Health	**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
1:30PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions	***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a form.
	- Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming	
3:45PM	Wrap-up & Dismissal	
4:00PM	YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)	

Questions
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2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF PRODUCER DAY MARCH 2

Program
Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and \$25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.

Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in & Registration
9:30AM	Welcome
9:45AM	Project Selection
10:30AM	Morning Breakout Sessions
	- Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting
NOON	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
	- Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Wrap-up & Dismissal
3:30PM	YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration
Registration Deadline: February 12
Registration Fee: \$20/person
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.

Registration Due FEB. 12

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Goats and Swine

Goat and swine folks, you might not see anything about a day for you. Do not fret! These events rotate species biannually. So this year (2024) is Sheep and Cattle and next year (2025) will be Goats and Swine.



4-H Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 26TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

HOW TO END A MEETING

THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK IF WE HAVE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

A 4-H MEMBER WILL STAND UP AND SAY "MR./MS. PRESIDENT I MOVE AS ADJOURN THE MEETING".

A DIFFERENT 4-H MEMBER WILL STAND AND SAY "I SECOND".

THEN THE PRESIDENT WILL SAY "IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR SAY I. ALL OPPOSED SAME SIGN. MOTION PASSES".

ALSO WHEN MOTIONING FOR ADJOURNMENT, THE PRESIDENT MAY REQUEST THE MEETING BE ENDED WITH THE 4-H PLEDGE OR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF SO THEN ADD THE WORDS "WITH THE PLEDGE (SPECIFY WHICH ONE OR BOTH) LED BY (PICK A MEMBER TO LEAD THE PLEDGE)".



Looking Ahead

January

- 3rd; Joint Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 3rd; Photography Class @ 4:00 pm @ RFC
- 10th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 12th; Crochet Class @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 12th; Project Report Forms for regional judging due to Extension Office by 5:00 pm
- 15th; Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 17th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 19th; Regional Record Book Screening

February

- 7th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 16th; Read 4-H forms due @ 5:00 pm @ RFC
- 19th; Read 4-H Reward Night @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 19th; Office closed for President's Day
- 21st; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 24th; 4-H Days
- 26th; 4-H Council @ 7:00 pm @ RFC

State Level events

January

- 13th; K-State Women's Basketball @ Manhattan

March

- 2nd; KSU Junior Beef Producer Day @ Manhattan
- 16th; KSU Junior Sheep Producer Day @ Manhattan





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