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# 4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



## Getting Fair Ready

Who's ready for the fair!? I know I'm not, I still have lots to plan and lots to do to be ready. Something tells me everyone is in the same boat as I am. As you are working in your fair projects whether its livestock or static projects don't be afraid to ask for help. You can ask for new ideas, critiques on a project, or help to complete a project. Don't be afraid to reach out to your club leader, a project leader, other friends, or even the Extension Office. I know I (Gavin) am happy to help in any way I can. Don't get overwhelmed or frustrated at projects. We want everyone to have a fun and successful fair season. So don't let a project stump you or stress you out. Reach out and let someone help you out and give yourself the best chance at having a fun and successful fair.

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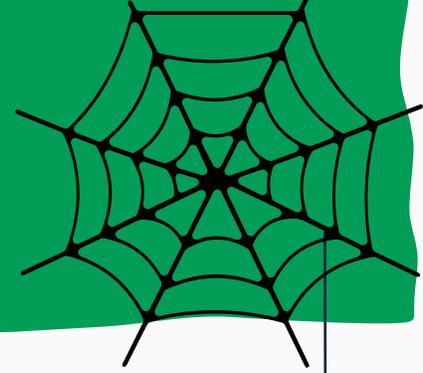
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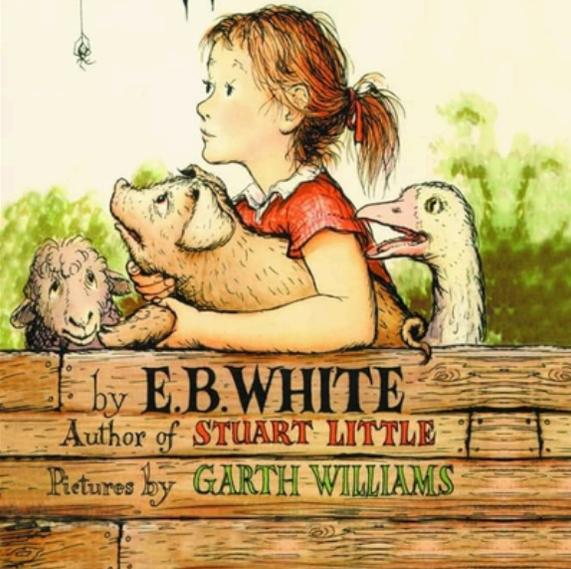
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# Program News and Updates



## Charlotte's Web



### Read 4-H

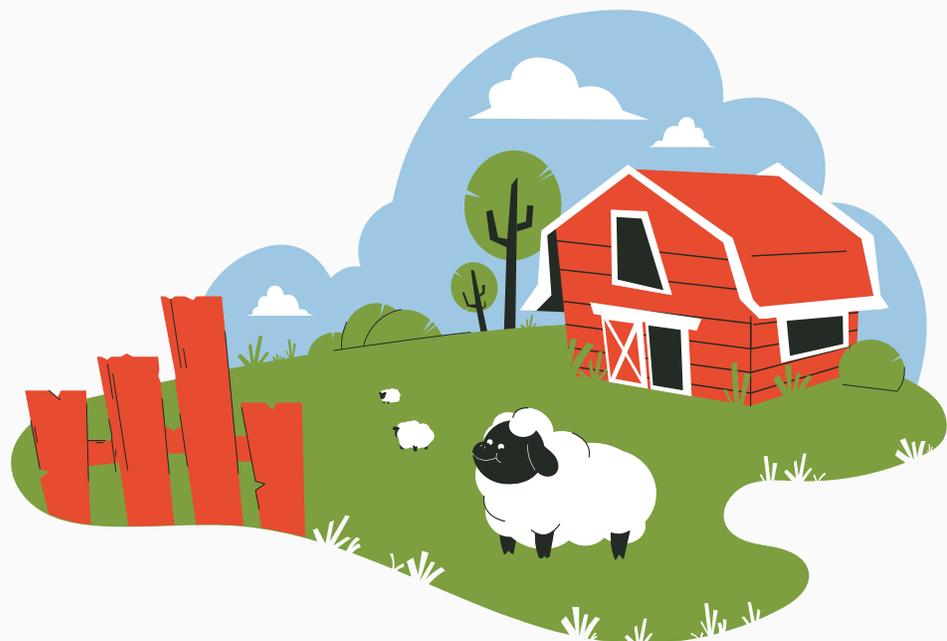
We had an awesome time this month reading the “Fantastic Mr. Fox” and “The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe”.

Our next reward night will be June 17th with forms due June 15th. But what book will you be reading?? Well since our next reward night will be just before the 4-H fair we are going to do something different.

All age categories will be reading the same book! It is a classic book that might remind you of the 4-H fair. All ages will be reading “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next reward night!

“If I can fool a bug... I can surely fool a man. People are not as smart as bugs.”  
- Charlotte (from Charlotte’s web)



See the flyers below for two fun events coming in May and June. If you have questions please reach out to the Extension Office!

# Program News and Updates



**Beginning Sewing Classes for Ages 7 - Teen**

Make a pillow with design, a bag, and pajama pants. Patterns will be provided. You will learn:

- About your sewing machine
- Fabric choice
- How to cut fabric with scissors or rotary cutter
- How to sew a seam
- How to read a pattern

You will bring your own sewing machine, if possible, and will be able to leave it in the classroom each night of class. If you are unable to bring a sewing machine, please let the Extension Office know and we will work to provide you with one.

**Date:** May 29th - May 31st, mornings (9:00am-Noon) for ages 7-9, and afternoons (1:00-4:00pm) for ages 10 and up.  
**Cost:** Expense of your fabric and thread. Further pricing details will be sent out via email upon class registration.  
**Instructors:** Cindy Blunk & Glennis Zimmerman  
**Registration Due:** 5:00pm May 22nd, 2024  
**Scan Code:**



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## Sewing Class



## Modeling School



**4-H Modeling School**

**EVERYONE ENROLLED IN 4-H IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

The purpose of this Class is to help 4-H members prepare for the 4-H Fashion Revue Show

You will learn how to:

- Do your hair/makeup
- Pick your clothes and accessories
- How to model/walk down runway

**When:** Saturday, June 1st, 2024 from 9-Noon  
**Where:** Raymond Frye Complex in Wellington, 320 N Jefferson Ave  
**Registration Due:** 5:00pm May 22nd, 2024  
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# Agent Notes



May the 4th be with you.

ENJOY A GOOD STAR WARS JOKE. IF YOU DON'T GET IT, THEN I'D RECOMMEND HAVING A STAR WARS MOVIE NIGHT.



Here I am with fellow Collegiate Farm Bureau Officers. We got to go on the field at a K-State game to help Kansas Farm Bureau give the university several million dollars!

Volunteers make our 4-H world go round. Many people think the reason 4-H programs, like ours, are successful is because of good extension agents. Good agent are a key ingredient, but not the whole recipe. I would argue that what makes programs like ours successful are our volunteers. We as agents only have so many hands or hours in the day to do things. Having helpful, positive, skilled volunteers is the secret to our success.

Who are our volunteers and what do they do? I'd consider lots of people who help 4-H a volunteer. It could be parents, grandparents, community members, project leaders, club leaders, and many more. These people are those who often do the hard work for our program such as acting as superintendents at our fair, being project leaders, and helping at events. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for all that they do, I know I do. But what makes 4-H volunteers special? I think its the fact that they all want to see our youth and our communities flourish. Our volunteers know the impact that 4-H makes in people's lives. It sets youth up to be successful wherever life takes them. This could be academic success, vocational school, trade school, work, or just being an impactful community member.

## Side Notes

Do you really resonate with my article above? Maybe you would consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. You don't have to be perfect or know a ton of stuff. All you need to do is come with positive, helpful attitude and we will get you involved however you would like to be involved. To become a volunteer you have to sign up through 4-HOnline and go through a background check. There is no cost to you to become a registered volunteer. If you or someone you know would like more information please reach out the Extension Office and we will help you through the process.

# Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from  
Sumner County



## Redwing

The Redwing 4-H Club held their annual community Easter Egg Hunt in April. It was a fun filled morning for all.



## Buccaneers

The Belle Plaine Buccaneers have had a awesome April! First off the club started the month by hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt. Later on the town of Belle Plaine had their annual Downtown Festival. The club made a fun "farm filled " float and won first prize for their float! On lookers greatly enjoyed their fancy looking farm animals in their costumes.

## Cardinals

The Conway Springs Cardinals 4-H club held their regular monthly meeting on Sunday April 14th at 4:00 pm. Business was discussed including plans for the club this summer. After the meeting, club leader Mary Steffen provided fun cupcakes for refreshments.



## Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club have lived up to their names this month. They held been hustling around hosting several fun community events including an Easter Egg Hunt and Rabies Clinic. With wonderful weather, many community members came out to support both events. At the Rabies Clinic over 60 animals were vaccinated! Also club members have been working hard on their projects as the 4-H Fair is fast approaching.



## Trailblazers

April was aluminum can month for the Trailblazers 4-H Club. Over the course of the month the club was collecting aluminum cans. In total over 800 lbs of cans were collected. This was enough to fill a small trailer!

# Fair Book Updates



Large changes have been made this year to the 4-H Fair Book. Some of the changes made include new project areas, updated project descriptions and requirements, rule updates/changes, and an entirely new numbering system for classes. Outlined below are some of the changes in more detail. This document does not cover all changes made due to the sheer volume of alterations made to the fair book. Please take time and read the fair rules and information relevant to projects you plan on entering. If you have any questions please reach out to the office for assistance.

## Rule Changes

- Consultative judging is required at time of physical project entry. The goal is to have 4-Hers interact with a judge to discuss their project and learn from the interaction.
- Exemptions to consultative judging available under special circumstances. Must be submitted to the Extension Office by Noon on Monday, July 1st . Consultative judging will take place from 5:00pm – 7:30pm (previously 5-8pm)

## Date & Time Changes

*Please read the fair book and notice several registration dates & times have changed. Note several key changes below.*

- Static exhibit pre-entries due by 5:00 pm on June 14th .
- Fashion Revue pictures for consultative judging are due to the Extension Office on July 5th by 8:30am. (can be dropped in outdoor drop box on July 4th if needed)
- Fashion Revue scripts will be due with pre-entry forms by 5:00 pm on June 14th .
- Consultative Judging will take place from 5:00-7:30 pm on July 9th .
- Exhibit pick up will be on Saturday, July 15th from 4:00-5:00 pm.

## Project Updates

- Please note the addition of several new classes as well as the reclassification of others. Also read project descriptions and requirements carefully as some have been updated to comply with changes to the Kansas State Fair Book.
- Fashion Revue class changes

## New Numbering System

- All 4-digit classes are state fair eligible classes (ex: Class 4000). These numbers were pulled directly from the Kansas State Fair Book and are the correct classes for each project to go to the State Fair.
- Classes with asterisks ( \* ) and only 2 numbers instead of 4 are not Kansas State Fair eligible and are county only classes (ex: \*Class 10).
- There is an exception to the new numbering system. Livestock classes have not been changed for this year. This may will be evaluated and may change in the future. Additionally, crops, agronomy, and landscape design classes have not had their numbering system updated. Please reference the Kansas State Fair book if you are eligible and elect to go onto the State Fair.

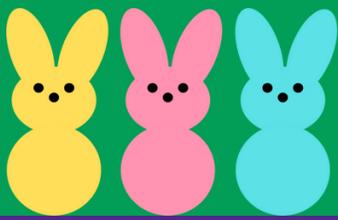
## Discovery Days

Registration for Discovery Days 2024 is open! It will remain open through May 5th. The event will be held in Manhattan on K-State's campus June 5th-7th and will cost \$225. Below is a QR code that you can scan and it will take you to the Discovery Day page with more details and the registration link.

For those who have never attended 4-H Discovery Days it is a very fun interactive event held on K-State's campus in Manhattan. 4-Her's across the state gather to spend several learning with one another. Upon registering you can choose to take a variety of classes hosted all across campus. These classes encompass a variety of subjects including animal science, photography, fashion, dance, college preparedness, and more! Along with taking fun classes, several fun social events are hosted as well.

Once we know how many Sumner County 4-Her's plan to attend I will reach out with some travel information. We will try and consolidate vehicles so not every parent has to drive. If you have any questions please reach out to the Extension Office.





# April



## 4-H Council Meeting

MAY 28TH  
@ 7:00 PM



## Meeting Tips

### ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT IS NOT JUST A TITLE OR AN EXCUSE TO SIT AT THE OFFICER'S TABLE DURING MEETINGS. VICE PRESIDENTS ACTUALLY HAVE ROLES AND RESPONSABILITIES IN A MEETING AS WELL.

4-H VICE PRESIDENTS MAIN ROLE IS TO OBSERVE THE PRESIDENT. YOU NEED TO WATCH AND LEARN FROM THEM HOW A MEETING OR EVENT SHOULD BE RAN. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IF THE PRESIDENT IS UNAVAILABLE FOR A MEETING OR EVENT THEN YOU MUST STEP UP AND RUN THE SHOW.

IT IS YOUR JOB TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS, WHO YOU NEED TO COORDINATE WITH, AND BE UP TO DATE ON OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL BE VALUABLE TO YOUR CLUB.

YOU ALSO MAY BE ASKED TO STEP IN FOR OTHER CLUB OFFICERS. SO OVERALL YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MAKES SURE THAT A MEETING RUNS SMOOTH WHEN SOMEONE IS AWAY.

## Looking Ahead

### May

- 1st; Beef ID due to Raymond Frye @ 5:00 pm
- 1st; Beef nomination deadline for KJLS
- 1st; Project add/drop deadline
- 5th; Discovery Days Registration closes
- 24th; Tractor Safety Day
- 27th; Office closed for Memorial Day
- 28th; 4-H Council @ 7:00 pm
- 29th-31st; Sewing Class @ RFC (see flyer for details)

### June

- 1st; Modelling school @ RFC from 9:00am - Noon
- 5th-7th; Discovery Days @ Manhattan
- 14th; Read 4-H Forms due by 5:00pm
- 14th; All 4-H Fair pre-entries (Static & Hand Pet) due @ 5:00pm
- 15th; Small Animal ID & Nominations due
- 17th; Read 4-H Reward Night @ 6:00pm

## State Level Events

### April

- 27th; 4-H photography workshop @ Botanica, Wichita Ks from 9:00am-12:00pm

### June

- 5th-7th; 4-H Discovery Days @ K-State campus in Manhattan
- June 5th-8th; KASLA @ Manhattan





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