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.
Read 4-H

The first ever Read 4-H Reward Night was a hit! We were excited to have several awesome 4-Her’s 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.

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.
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 stitches. 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.
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.

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.

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

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.
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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