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Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



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4-H Club Day Recap

Congratulations to those who participated in the 4-H Club Day! We had a blast getting to watch 4-Her's from across the county showcase their instruments, demonstrations, public speaking, and more. Thank you also to everyone who came to observe and support those performing.

4-H Club Day is the perfect time to showcase your favorite parts of 4-H. You can do a project talk about the livestock project you raised and showed at the 4-H fair. Maybe you do a demonstration on how to make an art project that you are going to take to the 4-H Fair. Or you could grab some friends and perform your favorite song from choir class.

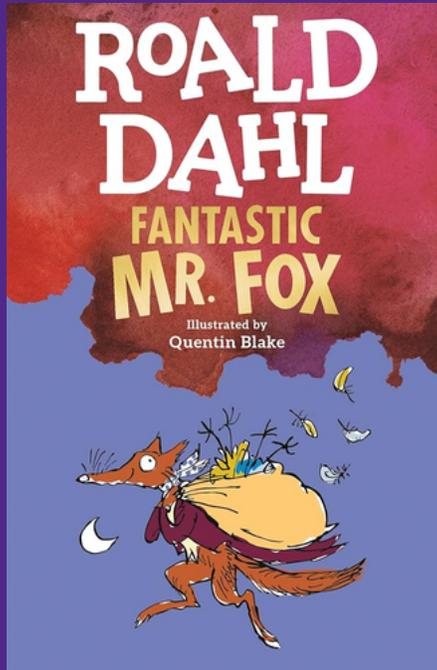
If you are interested in participating next year I would encourage you to talk to someone who participated previously. They can offer you some tips and tricks on how to give the best talk, perform the best musical number, or how to read the best dramatic reading.



Program News and Updates

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets the people to do the greatest things."

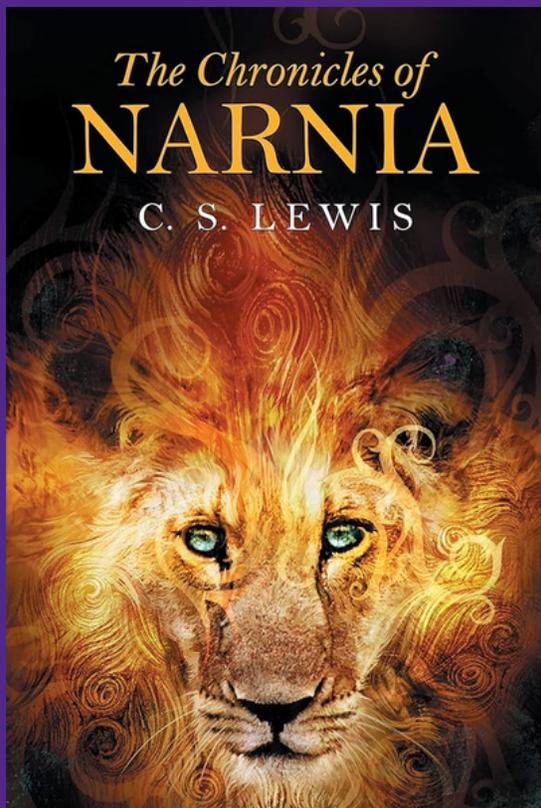
-Ronald Reagan



Sumner County Junior Leaders

We are excited to kick off our Junior Leader program this month. We are going to start with a leadership workshop on March 2nd. The group will be working on getting to know one another as well as learning about how to be a good leader. To talk with the Junior Leaders about how to be a good leader we will be having a guest speaker come in.

We look forward to working with our Junior Leaders this year and finding new ways to serve the community.



Read 4-H

Our February Read 4-H winner for reading the most books was Alexa Betzen with 6 books! If you see her around make sure to offer her a high-five and congratulate her on reading the most books in February. At our reward night we watched "The Lorax" and enjoyed making and eating our own truffula trees!

Our next Read 4-H reward night will be on April 15th with book review forms due on April 12th by 5:00pm. Juniors will read "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl. Seniors will read "The Chronicles of Narnia" by CS Lewis.

Program News and Updates



Project Talks, Demonstration & Illustrated Talks, Jr & Inter Reading, Impromptu

Door Monitors: Wyatt Harlan, Landon Kuchar, Logan Kuchar, Loren Kuchar, Michelle Tevington, Emma Wiest, Lyla Wiest

JUNIOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Time	Placing	Name
8:30	Top Blue	Kellyann Nance
8:40	Red	Cash Haskins

JUNIOR READING

Time	Placing	Name
9:00	Red	Kellyann Nance

INTERMEDIATE DEMONSTRATIONS AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Time	Placing	Name
9:10	Blue	Logan Kuchar
9:20	Blue	Blayr Nance
9:30	Blue	Kendall Baggs
9:40	Top Blue	Lyla Wiest
9:50	Blue	Natalie Betzen

INTERMEDIATE READING

Time	Placing	Name
10:00	Blue	Kendall Baggs
10:10	Top Blue	Blayr Nance
10:20	Red	Paisley Haskins

INTERMEDIATE PROJECT TALKS

Time	Placing	Name
10:30	Top Blue	Emma Wiest
10:40	Blue	Cooper Stone

SENIOR DEMO AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Time	Placing	Name
10:50	Top Blue	Wyatt Harlan
11:00	Red	Lorelei Stafford & Amberly Stone

SENIOR IMPROMPTU - *ARRIVE BY 10:40AM*

Time	Placing	Name
11:10	Blue	Michelle Tevington

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN 4-H CLUB DAYS!

WE REALLY ENJOYED WATCHING OUR SUMNER COUNTY 4-HER'S SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CAME TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO PRESENTED/PERFORMED.

HERE ARE THE RIBBON RESULTS FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT MAKE IT.

IF YOU SEE A FRIEND OR CLUB MEMBER WHO PARTICIPATED MAKE SURE TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A JOB WELL DONE!

Vocal and Instrumental Presentations, Show and Share, Senior Reading

JUNIOR VOCAL

Time	Placing	Name
8:30	Blue	Alexa Betzen

INTERMEDIATE INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

Time	Placing	Name
8:40	Red	Kendall Baggs
8:55	Blue	Natalie Betzen & Lyla Wiest
9:10	Red	Paisley Haskins

JUNIOR SHOW AND SHARE

Time	Placing	Name
9:30	Blue	Tatum Ternes

INTERMEDIATE SHOW AND SHARE

Time	Placing	Name
9:40	Scratch	Ty Ternes

SENIOR READING

Time	Placing	Name
9:50	Red	Allie Harlan

JUNIOR PROJECT TALK

Time	Placing	Name
10:00	Blue	Loren Kuchar

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Time	Placing	Name
Following Individual Events	Blue	Cardinals 4-H Motto



Member Highlights

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS IS A NEW PAGE I STARTED AS A WAY TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONE SOMETHING WORTH RECOGNITION.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE DOING SOMETHING COOL AND YOU THINK THEY DESERVE TO BE SHOUTED OUT, EMAIL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW.

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.



It's time to introduce our second member highlight! This month I want to highlight Wyatt Harlan of the Cardinals 4-H Club. Wyatt is an outstanding 4-H member who is involved in many projects including meat goat, arts and crafts, shooting sports, and many others.

The reason Wyatt deserves to be highlighted is for work ethic and care for those around him. He is the first to offer his help and continually looks for more ways to assist others. Wyatt is always early to shooting sports practices to help get the range set up and stays late to tear it down. Even at 4-H Club Days he asks if we need help with door monitoring and happily helps out.

I know that whenever I need help with something Wyatt is a person I can rely on. This is why he is deserving of this month's member highlight. If you see Wyatt around make sure to say hi and thank him for all his help!

Agent Notes



This month I want to talk about change. When is it appropriate to change things or is it a good idea to leave them alone? Just because we have always done something a certain way does not mean it has to continue to be done that way. There is a time that comes when change is a necessary thing. This is true even in 4-H.

If we never do anything new or different then it would be hard to continue to improve our 4-H program. Whether its trying new activities, new groups, or even simple things like the way we register for events small changes can be good. This is not saying that we have to change everything all at once. But take note of how things work. If after observation you have helpful suggestions that could benefit others, say something.

One change that is small but hopefully beneficial is the use of online registration and surveys. I like the idea of being able to gather information and hear from our participants on what they think about programs, events, and activities. For example a survey was sent out asking for peoples opinions on adding archery to our shooting sports program. This is just one change that I think will help improve our program by getting feedback from participants to help evaluate and/or gather interest for events.

So hopefully you will embrace small changes, especially the use of these surveys and registrations. I believe that this little change can lead to large improvements in the quality of our events and programs.

Side Notes

Being a younger person I am a bit more technology driven. I know that not everyone is this way and that's okay. If someone in your club is not great with technology, consider helping them. Ask if they were able to access general surveys or registrations and, if needed, offer to help them if they are struggling. Also don't be afraid to remind other members to check on surveys and registrations that have been sent out. Your input and registrations help us provide the best events and programs possible.



How's it Going?

IT'S A BUSY TIME OF YEAR. MAKE SURE TO SCULPT OUT TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES.



Back again is my doe named Fancy. Here we are showing in Crawford County, KS in the Summer of 2023.

Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Buccaneers

The Belle Plaine Buccaneers are hopping into spring in a fun way. They will be hosting a community Easter Egg hunt on march 30th at 11am. It will be hosted at Watson Park in Belle Plaine.

Cardinals

Happy Hustlers

On Sunday February 18th the Happy Hustlers hosted their monthly meeting. They had 36 members in attendance. Several members practiced their talks/presentations for 4-H Club Days. The club discussed refilling their blessing boxes located around South having. The meeting ended with a fun activity led by Craig Bradbury.



Redwing



Trailblazers

State Events



Apply today!



K-STATE ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
JUNE 5-8 | APPLICATION DUE APRIL 15

June 5-8 in Manhattan, KS

Applications due April 15th.

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/kasla>

The K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy is an awesome educational experience geared towards youth interested in Animal Science. 20 high school students from across the country are selected to come and spend 4 days on K-State's campus. Those selected participate in a variety of workshops and leadership activities.

I could write a 3 page essay on this event. I participated in 2019 as a high school student and returned in 2022 as an assistant with the program. It is a great way to learn more about not only animal science but also leadership, teamwork, and agriculture in general. Also the people you meet here can become friends for life. I have several that I was in school at K-State with and we still keep in contact.

If this is something you might want to participated in, please reach out and I can help answer any questions as well as help with the application if needed.



4-H Council Meeting

MAY 20TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

GAMES & REFRESHMENTS

LITTLE THINGS LIKE GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS MEAN A LOT.

SOME CLUBS HAVE A SIGN UP TO BRING SNACKS TO EACH MEETING. OTHERS MIGHT HAVE CLUB OFFICERS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REFRESHMENTS.

IT IS ENJOYABLE TO EITHER HAVE SNACKS DURING THE MEETING OR AFTERWARDS. IT HELPS KEEP PEOPLE MOTIVATED TO HAVE A SWIFT & PRODUCTIVE MEETING.

ANOTHER MOTIVATOR FOR SWIFT & PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS IS HAVING A GAME AFTER. YOU CAN ELECT A RECREATION LEADER OR PASS AROUND THE DUTY OF HAVING GAMES. BUT THEY ARE A FUN PART TO THE MEETING.

GAMES AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING ALLOWS TIME FOR MEMBERS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE GAMES WHERE EVERYONE IS INVOLVED. IT ALLOWS OLDER AND YOUNGER MEMBERS TO INTERACT WHEN THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE.

Looking Ahead

March

- 2nd; SuCo Jr Leader Workshop @ 9:30 am @ RFC
- 6th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 8th; Babysitting Clinic Registration closes
- 15th; Babysitting Clinic @ 9:00 am @ RFC
- 20th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC

April

- 1st; 4-H Senior Scholarship Applications due by 5:00 pm to the Extension Office
- 12th; Read 4-H forms due by 5:00 pm
- 15th; Read 4-H reward night @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 15th; KASLA applications due
- 20th; Spring into Volunteering workshop @ Salina

State Level events

March

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





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