4-H Club Day

Who's excited!!

February 24th is 4-H Club Day at the Raymond Frye Complex. Everyone should have received an email with pre-entry forms and basic information. But for newer members, you might be asking “what is 4-H Club Day?”. 4-H Club Day is an annual event that is designed to help 4-Her’s work on public speaking skills, public presentations, instrumentals, and more. 4-Her’s get to choose what categories they would like to compete in and then put together a talk, presentation, instrument solo or ensemble they would like to showcase. There are no required topics for any category. I would encourage first time participants or anyone struggling to pick a topic to find something you are passionate about and use that as a topic. It can be 4-H or non 4-H related. If you have any questions please reach out to a club leader or the Extension Office.
Sumner County Junior Leaders

Thank you to everyone who applied to be a Sumner County Junior Leader. Myself and our volunteers have reviewed the applications and have chosen who will be accepted. We are proud to announce that Kendall Baggs, Wyatt Harlan, Emma Volavka, Amberly Stone, Lorelei Stafford, and Michelle Tevington will be your 2024 Sumner County Junior Leaders.

Congratulations to those selected and we know you will work hard to “Make the Best Better” as Sumner County Junior Leaders.

Read 4-H

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.

Just a reminder that the 4-Her who reads the most books and fills out a report form for each book will win a special prize!
Crochet Class

Are you enrolled in fiber arts? Do you need a project to do for the fair? Do you want to sit and talk with your friends? Well then you should come and join in our crochet class.

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 February 9th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to attend and have not attended a prior meeting, then be on the lookout for emails with registration information or contact the extension office.
For our first ever member highlight I wanted to choose someone who has done something I think is super cool. So this month we are highlighting Michelle Tevington of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club.

This is Michelle’s second year in 4-H and she’s excited to meet new people and do more projects. The reason why she deserves recognition is that she is the first person in several years to go onto regional project report form judging. In Sumner County she was the winner for Fiber Arts and she qualified to send her project report forms to Fredonia, Ks. There they will be judged against other Fiber Arts winners from across the South East Region.

To move onto regional judging, Michelle worked hard to make changes to her project report forms. She took her critique sheet from local judging and made changes like the judge suggested. Additionally she had to create a cover letter and resume about her project.

For all of this hard work I wanted to recognize her and show off all of her hard work with preparing and sending her project report forms to regional judging.

Way to go Michelle!
Involved is defined by Marriam-Webster as “actively participating in something” or “being affected or implicated”.

Speaking from experience, being involved in something is powerful and full of meaning. I've been involved with school clubs, sports, church groups, and of course 4-H. The same thing can be said about all of them, the more involved I was, the more I got out of each activity.

I know schedules are busy and you can't be everywhere at once. I learned in college was that you can be involved in three activities and do them all well. Instead of doing every school sport and losing out on other opportunities, try picking just a few things to participate in. This way you can get involved in each while not overworking yourself. I would really encourage you to make one of them 4-H.

Why 4-H over a sport, school club or another opportunity? Well 4-H works to develop kids speaking abilities, confidence, leadership, and mindfulness of the importance of community. Sure, it might be more fun to dream of being the next Patrick Mahomes, but sadly not every kid will become him. But each of us can develop strong skills that will help us achieve our own dream. So my pitch is just to think of the goals each 4-Her has and pursue activities that will aid them in reaching their goals and bettering themselves. Hopefully one of those choices will continue to be 4-H.

I really stand behind what I wrote about above in my main article. I fell like 4-H did more for me than any sport ever did. Not that I didn't learn or enjoy sports. But the skills I developed through 4-H have carried me farther than any sport could have. Through developing my public speaking skills I earned a scholarship to attend Cowley Community College to judge livestock. Then I was able to go to K-State and land a job at a university farm. Eventually I helped lead that farm because of my hard work, communication, and leadership skills which I developed in 4-H. So when you have to choose between 4-H and another club, think about which will help you reach your goals and achieve your dreams.

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Salutations

I HOPE EVERYONE IS EXCITED FOR OUR 2024 4-H PROGRAM!

Agent Notes

Here is your monthly goat photo. This is me and my breeding doe named Fancy. We are about to win a show in Sedalia Missouri in April 2023.
Buccaneers

In December the Buccaneers 4-H Club had a holiday party. There they decorated wooden nutcrackers, built gingerbread houses, and helped at the local food pantry.

Cardinals

Happy Hustlers

Due to inclimate weather the Happy Hustlers did not meet in January

Redwing

Trailblazers
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.

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

February
- 7th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 12th; 4-H Club Day Pre-entries due by 5:00 pm to the Extension Office
- 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 Club Day @ RFC
- 26th; 4-H Council @ 7:00 pm @ RFC

March
- 6th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 20th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC

State Level events

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