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4-H UPDATES



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We Survived the 4-H Fair!

Congratulations to all of our 4-H Fair exhibitors! Your creativity and skill never cease to amaze our Fair attendees. To the parents of these creative 4-Her's, well done, you made it! Now everyone can take a breath and then move into the chaos of back to school.

Agent Notes

4-H Fair Follow Up

Now that the dust has settled on the 4-H Fair it's time to follow up and debrief from a fun and hectic 4-H Fair season.

First off, I need to say thank you to all the 4-H parents for working tirelessly with your youth to prepare projects and livestock for exhibition, to 4-Her's who came early or stayed late to help out, to volunteers for their many hours of hard work for our program, to the judges who lend their time and talents to positively impact our youth, and our sponsors who generously support our program. Without everyone doing their part there would be no 4-H Fair and the amazing learning opportunities 4-H creates would not exist.

4-Her's, you don't know all the things that go into a successful 4-H Fair or all the countless people it takes. Please take time to write thank you notes to the people who you do know helped out at the Fair. You should have gotten stickers on awards letting you know who sponsored them, you can write to the superintendents, or just to the 4-H Council letting them know you appreciate their support. But be sure to thank at least one person for helping you this Fair season.

Please also remember one big thing, the 4-H Fair isn't about the awards! It is about showing what you learned by doing project work over the past year and celebrating other's work as well. Just because you didn't get a purple doesn't mean you failed! Personally I think you learn more about your project with a red ribbon over a purple ribbon. Red ribbons can be frustrating, but they simply mean that you have more to learn, and that's okay. Frankly, it's more than okay. Learning is the whole point, with purple ribbons you did everything right which means you have learned a lot and should be celebrated. But it also means it's time for a new challenge.

So overall, be grateful for a fun 4-H Fair season, be thankful to those who helped you, and be excited to continue learning new things in 4-H.

Side Notes

Thank you notes may seem simple or a waste of time but they are actually one of the most meaningful things you can do. Supporters of any program, sport, or activity love to feel appreciated and know their time or dollars mean something. Do yourself a favor and make sure anyone who has helped or will help you feels appreciated.



We Made It!

ANOTHER 4-H FAIR HAS
COME AND GONE



Agent Notes

Pt 2

Fairwell To 4-H

As many of you know my time as the Sumner County 4-H Agent is coming to an end. I have taken a new role and July 31st will be my last day. I have greatly enjoyed being your 4-H agent and working with the amazing youth here in Sumner County.

The decision to leave has not been taken lightly and is due to changes in my personal life. Some of you may or may not have heard but my wife and I are expecting our first child (a baby boy!) in November. We are beyond excited but with that excitement comes a lot of change.

Due to the changes in my personal life I decided to pursue another career opportunity. I still believe and support Sumner County 4-H and hope to remain a volunteer and advocate for the program. My support will now just look a bit different.

I want to encourage all 4-H families to continue to participate in activities in your communities, county wide, regionally, and even at the state level. Our local program will to run as normal with Randy and Sam in the Extension Office. That said, please give grace to the them and to our Extension Board as we seek to fill the second agent position in the near future.

Thank you all for an amazing few years with the program and I look forward to seeing many of you around the county and at 4-H events in the future!

Sincerely,
Gavin Beesley



Club News



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Happy Hustlers

Five Happy Huster 4-Her's had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. in July. During their visit they learned many things about how to build strong leadership. They also discovered important aspects of our economic system by learning how government functions and how national decision influence everyday life. In addition to these educational experiences, the group toured some fo the major monumts, museums, and met with various representatives. The trip offered leadership development, historical education, and many more experiences. We would like to personally thank the Bill HOuse Foundation who made this trip possible.

The members that attended were Kelly Theurer, Claire GInter, Landon Kuchar, Emma Wiist, and Laney Meeker.

Lyla Wiist
Happy Husters Reporter



Redwings

Cardinals

Buccaneers

Trailblazers

4-H Council Project Night

AUGUST 24TH
@ 6:00 PM



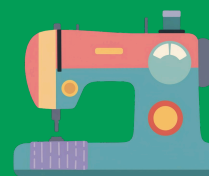
4-H Tips

STATE FAIR PREP

IT'S HARD TO THINK ABOUT BUT THE STATE FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. NOW, INSTEAD OF MAKING NEW PROJECTS 4-HERS ARE PERFECTING THEIR ENTRIES FOR THE STATE FAIR.

AS YOU ARE PREPARING REMEMBER THAT PREPARING EARLY IS ALWAYS BEST. THIS ALLOWS PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOU TO FIX A MISSING LEGO PIECE, RE-GLUE AN ART PROJECT, OR GET SMUDGES OFF A PHOTO.

SO DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK PROJECTS ARE DUE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THEM. GLANCE AT THEM NOW AND MAKE SURE PROJECTS ARE IN TIP TOP SHAPE SO WHEN THE STATE FAIR ROLLS AROUND ITS EASY TO JUST DROP OFF PROJECTS AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



Looking Ahead

August

- 7th; State Fair Pre-Entries due to Office by 5:00pm
- 24th; 4-H Council Project Night @RFC @ 6:00pm
- 28th; Four H's Award Applications Due to the Office @ 5:00pm
- 28th; Static Projects for State Fair due to the Office by 5:00pm

September

- 7th; Office Closed for Labor Day
- 10th; State Fair Food Entries Due to Office @ 8:15am
- 11th; Project Report Forms Due to Office by 5:00pm
- 11th; Club Award Paperwork Due to Office by 5:00pm
- 13th; State Fair Photo Judging Contest
- 25th; Extension Council Election Nominations Due
- 28th; 4-H Council @ RFC @ 6:00pm



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