

4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Celebrating a Successful 4-H Fair!

What an incredible fair season it has been for our 4-H community! We want to extend a huge congratulations to all of our hardworking 4-H members who showcased their talents, dedication, and growth through their project and participation. Your efforts truly shined! A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the many volunteers, families, and supporters who helped make fair season a success. From behind-the-scenes prep to event-day energy, your commitment brought large crowds and unforgettable experiences to life. So hats off to exhibitors, spectators, volunteers for an awesome 4-H Fair!

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4-H Fair Shout-Outs



4-H Fair Shout Outs

Shout-outs from the 4-H Fair are in order. First off, we want to shout-out our wonderful volunteers. Whether you were a superintendent, judge, helped with event setup, or just stepped in as needed, we want to thank you for your role in making the 4-H Fair a success. We could not pull off fun events like this without your help and support.

Next, we want to shout-out our sponsors for their support of the 4-H program. None of what we do would be possible without the generosity of community members and our shared belief that 4-H will positively impact the lives of youth.

Lastly, we want to shout-out the Sumner County Junior Leaders. The 4-Her's in this group stepped up in a big way to help out with the 4-H Fair. They helped set up the Raymond Frye, man tables, tear down, and fill in whenever asked. If you see any 4-Her's in purple shirts that say "Junior Leaders", make sure to give them a high five and thank them for their hard work.



Agent Notes



The Power of “Thank You”

One of the most important lessons youth can learn through 4-H is the value of gratitude. Behind every fair ribbon, camp scholarship, or project award is often a generous sponsor - local businesses, community groups, or individuals who believe in investing in young people. Writing thank-you notes may seem like a small gesture, but it carries a big impact. A simple, sincere note reminds sponsors that their support made a difference and helps ensure those same opportunities remain available for future 4-H members.

Sponsors don't give for recognition - they give because they care. Still, knowing their contributions are appreciated means a great deal. A thank-you note can turn a one-time donation into an ongoing relationship. Many sponsors proudly display the notes they receive and talk about the youth they've helped support. These handwritten messages help bridge the gap between our 4-H families and the broader community, building trust and reinforcing the value of the 4-H experience.

Writing a thank-you note doesn't need to be complicated. Keep it short and heartfelt: thank the sponsor for their specific support, share a sentence about your project or experience, and sign it with pride. Parents and leaders can help by encouraging timely follow-up after awards, events, or auctions. Making notes of sponsors and keeping blank cards on hand or building in time at meetings for note writing can make the process easy and routine.

Gratitude is a habit that lasts a lifetime. By making thank-you notes a priority, we not only recognize those who support our program - we teach youth to lead with kindness, humility, and respect. Let's continue to build a 4-H culture where appreciation is just as important as achievement. A thank-you today could inspire a donation tomorrow - and that helps everyone in the 4-H community grow.

Who turned the heat up??

AT LEAST WE ENJOYED A COOL 4-H FAIR. NOW BACK TO OUR STANDARD KANSAS SUMMER HEAT



Club News



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Happy Hustlers

Happy Hustlers have had a busy month. The club held their monthly meeting in South Haven with a project talk by Craig Bradbury. Members were excited about the turn out at the 4-H Fair and the club is also excited for the County Fair. The livestock panels that club members made are ready for use. Hopefully the panels can be used for more shows in the future.

Clubs participated in the 4-H Fair and have limited things to report.

Trail Blazers

Cardinals

Redwings

Buccaneers

4-H Council Meeting

AUGUST 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



4-H Tips

BUILDING GRATITUDE INTO MEETINGS

IN THE AGENT NOTES, THANK YOU NOTES WERE DISCUSSED. THE IDEA OF WRITING THANK YOU'S DURING CLUB MEETINGS WAS MENTIONED.

MAKING THANK YOU NOTES A PART OF A BUSINESS MEETING IS A GREAT IDEA. THIS WAY THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE CLUB AND IT'S MEMBERS CAN BE EASILY RECOGNIZED.

IF THE CLUB IS SENDING A CARD, THEN HAVING MEMBERS SIGN IT AS THEY ENTER A CLUB MEETING AS A "ROLL CALL" IS A SIMPLE SOLUTION.

IF CLUB MEMBERS NEED TO WRITE INDIVIDUAL THANK YOU CARDS, HAVE A CARD WRITING PARTY AFTER THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING. THIS IS EASIER ON THE 4-H BECAUSE THEIR FRIENDS ARE AROUND TO TALK. THEY STILL MIGHT GRUMBLE, BUT THEY AT LEAST HAVE FRIENDS TO TALK TO WHILE WRITING NOTES. NOW INSTEAD OF TAKING ANOTHER EVENING TO WRITE NOTES, YOU CAN GET TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE AT A 4-H MEETING.



Looking Ahead

August

- 1st; State Fair Pre-Entries Due
- 7th; Farm Bureau Dessert Contest
- 25th; 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 27th; Non Food State Fair Entries Due to Office @ 5:00pm

September

- 4th; State Fair Food Entries Due to Office @ 8:15am
- 8th; Project Report Forms Due to Office @ 5:00pm
- 26th; PDC & Executive Board Public Election





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