

# 4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



## The 4-H Fair is Here!

Sound the alarm, it's 4-H Fair time! The 4-H Fair is just ahead, that means it's crunch time for getting projects ready. Make sure not to forget any googly eyes, circuit boards, lego figures, or glitter when preparing your projects. Also be sure to check your email and the 4-H Fairbook to prepare for all the fun activities at the 4-H Fair!

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# Program News & Updates

## Suco Junior Leaders in Action

Our Sumner County Junior Leaders have been hard at work this summer. The group first helped with the Wellington Humane Society's Run for Paws event on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Junior Leaders acted as route guides to keep runners on course and encourage them on their run.

Next up the group helped at a work day at the State Fair grounds to prepare 4-H Centennial Hall for project displays in September. Junior Leaders helped assemble new shelves to display projects on and painted additions to geology box display racks.

Finally, upon arrival back to the Raymond Frye Complex, the Junior Leaders also set up the building for the 4-H Fair. Be sure to catch them as they help out during the 4-H Fair and let them know we appreciate their hard work and how well they represent Sumner County 4-H at the state level.



# Member Highlights



Michelle Tevington and Emma Wiist were both selected to attend the K-State Animal Science and Leadership Academy in June. When asked about their experiences here's what both 4-Her's had to say.

## Michelle

1) What is KASLA?

- K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

2) Why did KASLA interest you?

- KASLA interested me because Gavin said he thinks I need to go and explore more parts of the animal science industry.

3) What did you do at KASLA

- Tours, lots and lots of networking, a few small leadership events, and more tours.

4) What is your biggest highlight from KASLA

- The commercial swine barn tour was AWESOME.

5) What is the most important thing you learned?

- I think the biggest thing I learned was no matter what you choose to do, after high school there are always ways to find people with similar interests and goals in life.

6) Why should others consider applying?

- Others should apply for KASLA because it will change your entire idea of the livestock industry. Many youth are only exposed to stock shows or a very small amount of production. At KASLA you get to see production minded operations of almost all species and meet industry leaders who want to get youth involved in production agriculture.

## Emma

1) What is KASLA?

- The K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy is a 4-day, extremely personalized, extremely detailed experience that allows you to not only learn yourself, but also other current events in the livestock industry.

2) Why did KASLA interest you?

- For me, KASLA was a challenge to accept. Only picking 20 upcoming high school Juniors to graduates from across the nation was, in my head, impossible. However, it was this challenge that drove me to stick my application out.

3) What did you do at KASLA

- My experience at KASLA consisted of farm tours, livestock unit visits, research facilities, and leadership experiences.

4) What is your biggest highlight from KASLA

- I had many highlights through KASLA but one specific thing stuck out to me the most: the connections each and every one of the 20 kids that were there and that can share for a lifetime.

5) What is the most important thing you learned?

- The most important thing I have learned from KASLA is having the ability to recognize your natural strengths is so important.

6) Why should others consider applying?

- For anyone considering applying for KASLA, this academy has more personalized, deep, and meaningful experiences than any other experiences I have had this previous year.

# Member Highlights

Judging by both Emma & Michelle's responses they had a great experience at KASLA. Here are some more photos to prove how much fun they had.



# Agent Notes



## Why Do We Have The 4-H Fair?

With all the chaos that surrounds the 4-H Fair it caused me to stop and ask “why do we have it?”. It seems like we just see emails or hear about the 4-H Fair and that we should participate, but never why it should matter to us.

The best way I can sum up why the 4-H Fair matters is by being living proof of why it matters. The 4-H Fair is about fun, friends, and learning notice I didn't say prizes or ribbons. Those are just a way to keep kids excited and engaged, the real value lies in things that we can't see. Experiences like the 4-H Fair teach youth goal setting, time management, dedication, hard work, and how to take criticism. These are just a few of the traits that I know I've learned and that continue to help me navigate life.

The 4-H Fair is a fun way to show off what you've done, but it's more so showing off what you learned. The small things that are learned or experienced while making a project change people's habits and mindsets. By changing habits and mindsets we change youth, often for the better. Yes some of these same things can be learned by being apart of other groups like sports teams, but the added benefit of learning though 4-H projects is getting to do it with family.

As I mentioned, I am living proof of why 4-H and the 4-H Fair matter. I was once a shy kid who didn't think he had many skills or talents. But by pushing myself, being challenged by friends, and being mentored by older 4-H members I was able to grow and learn things that I am just now realizing years later.

So when asked “why the 4-H Fair matters“ I would tell you that the ribbons and prizes are a great reward but the habits, character development, and dedication that project work builds is worth more than you know and can positively alter a 4-Her's life in ways we don't even know.

This topic hits home for me. Things like the 4-H Fair are the reason I wanted to come back to work with Sumner County 4-H. Many of the successes I've had in life I can attribute to both knowledge and life skills that I learned through 4-H. I didn't have a clue that something small and tedious like building a model rocket could teach me skills like determination, problem solving, and patience but these are some of the skills that benefit me the most to this day. All of these I learned in part from a model rocket.

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READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES!



## Side Notes

# Club News



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## Cardinals

Cardinals served refreshments to Bike Across Kansas riders both June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Conway Springs. We will have our monthly meeting and bowling event the last Saturday in June.

## Happy Hustlers

At the Happy Hustlers June meeting our club discuss items for the upcoming fairs. We also had a project talk by Natalie Betzen and Lyla Wiest consisting of a demonstration of American sign language. We then concluded the meeting with a game led by Craig Bradbury.

Happy Hustlers Reporter - Lyla Wiest



Redwings

Buccaneers

Trailblazers



# 4-H Council

JULY 27TH  
@ 6:00 PM



## 4-H Tips

### 4-H FAIR TIPS

THE 4-H FAIR CAN BE A HECTIC TIME TRYING TO FILL OUT ENTRY CARDS, GET PROJECTS JUDGED, AND MAKING LAST MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS TO DAMAGED PROEJCTS. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP MAKE YOUR 4-H FAIR EXPERIENCE LESS CHAOTIC.

- KEEP UP TO DATE WITH 4-H FAIR INFO WITH THE FAIRBOOK AND CHECK YOUR EMAIL.
- ORGANIZE YOUR ENTRY CARDS AHEAD OF JUDGING.
- BRING TUBS TO HAUL PROJECTS INTO THE BUILDING.
- BRING TAPE, GLUE, AND OTHER ITEMS TO BE ABLE TO REPAIR PROEJCTS DAMAGED IN TRANSIT.
- LOOK FOR THE SHORTEST JUDGING LINE.
- COME EARLY AND GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME FOR JUDGING.

KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND AND WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE 4-H FAIR!



## Looking Ahead

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup>; Extension Office Closed
- 6<sup>th</sup>; Livestock & Static Pre-entries due by 5:00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>; Static Exhibit Judging 5:00-7:30pm @ RFC
- 7<sup>th</sup>; 4-H Fair Booth, Barn Quilt, Banner set up 1:00-5:45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>; Picnic in the Park & Cookie Jar Auction 6:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup>; 4-H Fashion Revue 6:00pm @ RFC
- 10<sup>th</sup>; Ice Cream Social 4:00-6:00pm @ RFC
- 11<sup>th</sup>; Hand Pet Show @ 9:00am @ RFC
- 11<sup>th</sup>; Project Pick up 4:00-5:00pm @ RFC
- 14<sup>th</sup>; Friends of 4-H Picnic @ RFC
- 17<sup>th</sup>; Sheep & Goat Show @ South Haven
- 18<sup>th</sup>; Cattle & Swine Show @ South Haven
- 27<sup>th</sup>; 4-H Council - Work Group @ 6:00pm
- 31<sup>st</sup>; State Fair Pre-entries due by 5:00pm

### August

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



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