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# 4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Kansas 4-H  
Discovery Days



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## Keep Up With The 4-H Fair Schedule

With the 4-H Fair fast approaching make sure you keep up to date with the schedule. Make sure to check you email to receive all important updates and information about the 4-H Fair. Also check out the 2024 4-H Fair book that has been sent out previously. Don't forget that we also post regularly on our Facebook page, the link to our page is on the last page of the newsletter. We want everyone to have the best fair season they can, so please make sure to keep up to date on what's going on. Be sure and invite your friends and family to all of our fun events and have them come by the Raymond Frye Complex to check out all the cool 4-H Fair exhibits! It's always a summertime favorite to see all the fascinating projects on display.

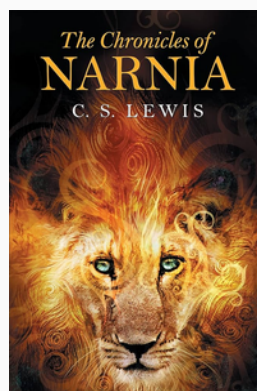
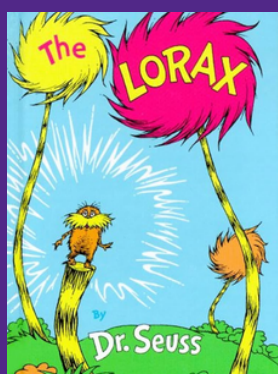
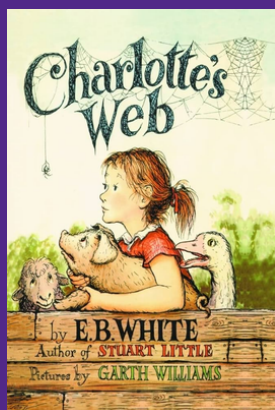
# Program News and Updates



## Read 4-H

Thank you to everyone who participated in Read 4-H this year. We have wrapped up our program for the year and will start up again in the fall. Be sure to register for the reading project in October at the start of the 4-H year!

Read 4-H has been designed to be fun for all ages. We offer 2 books for 4-Her's to read every period. One is targeted for junior members and another towards senior members. We select books that have movies as well so we can reward readers with a movie night based on their book. Below are the covers of the various books members have read in our first year of the Read 4-H program. We're excited to pick out and read some fantastic books this program year.





# Member Highlights



Two of our Sumner County 4-H members, Lorelei Stafford and Amberly Stone, attending 4-H Discovery Days in Manhattan. Discovery Days is an event hosted in Manhattan on K-State's campus. At the event, 4-Hers from across the state come and stayed on campus for three days. During their time in Manhattan, both Lorelei and Amberly participated in a variety of classes hosted across campus on an array of topics. To give a better insight, both Lorelei and Amberly were asked a few questions about their time at Discovery Days and here is what they had to say.

Lorelei:

***Why did you want to go to Discovery Days?***

"Because it was at K-State"

***What was your favorite class?***

"My favorite class was called "what not to do in an interview"".

***What was your favorite part of Discovery Days?***

"I liked being able to go to meals when we wanted as long as it was in the time frame, and I liked hanging out with my roommate".

***Would you go again?***

"I would definitely go again".

Amberly:

***Why did you want to go to Discovery Days?***

"I wanted to go because I wanted to learn more about it and learn more things about ag".

***What was your favorite class?***

"My favorite class was the dog one".

***What was your favorite part of Discovery Days?***

"My favorite part of Discovery Days was learning all the new things I did and the independence we got".

***Would you go again?***

Yes, I would definitely go again".



# Agent Notes

## Tips and Tricks for Fair Season

We all know how crazy it is to chase down 3 kids, 2 steers, 1 husband, and all of your fair projects. Here are a few thoughts and helpful suggestions to assist you this fair season. First is to remember why we participate. 4-H is a FUN FAMILY environment. Yes, competition is part of it. But it is more so about having fun and doing so as a family. So I encourage you to take a step back and remember why we are participating. Second is do as much as you can, as early as you can. The night of consultative judging and the day of livestock shows is chaotic. To combat this try and do as much as you can before the chaos starts. Entry cards are a great thing to get out of the way early. Also packing up projects the night before judging is super helpful. Using large plastic totes is always a great way to transport a large amount of projects. My third suggestion is to plan ahead. Plan to leave earlier than needed, have more pens or pencils than needed, and give yourself time, if needed, to run home and pick up a forgotten item. The fourth tip would be to ask questions when they come up. Don't wonder blindly, just find an Extension Staff Member and get an answer. The longer you wait to get a question answered the harder it might be to get an answer or the tighter the time crunch could become. So don't feel bad if you don't know something, no one is an expert. The fifth tip I'd say is to enjoy consultative judging. Take time to listen to what comments the judge makes, both positive and those that are constructive criticism. It is super fun to explain your project to a judge and showcase your hard work. But also listen to the criticism that is offered. It is not negative, it is merely suggestions of things to do different next time to achieve even greater results. Lastly remember that what a judge says is just an opinion from one person on one day. Do not get mad at a judge, they only want to see you succeed. Remember to take criticism the same way you take praise.

## Side Notes

Over my years as a 4-H member the fair was always a highlight for the year. I got to show off my cool vacation photos, or awesome paintjob on my rocket. But it was also a good time to gather ideas for next year. Whether I saw a project that did better or I thought was cooler than mine. Or if a judge gave me some criticism and told me how to should/could change my project for the better. It was fun to show off but also to learn. Consultative judging is more fun if you go into it with the mindset of having fun and learning. So enjoy your fair season and have fun with your friends and showing off your projects to each other.



## Happy Fair Season!

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE  
EVERYONE AT THE 4-H  
FAIR!



Here is a funny photo of a goat I have named Sweat Tea. She decided that an overturned feed tub makes a great pillow for napping.

# Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's  
Corner

Club News from  
Sumner County



## Redwing

## Buccaneers

## Happy Hustlers

the Happy Hustler's held their monthly meeting on June 9th. They discussed many items including the upcoming 4-H and County Fairs. Natalie Betzen also gave a project talk on arranging flowers. After the meeting a game and snacks followed.



## Trailblazers

The Trailblazers 4-H Club did not meet in June due to wheat harvest and busy schedules.

## Cardinals

On June 23rd the Cardinals met in Norwich for an informative tour. The club met at Rowan's Honey Shop and were shown the process of honey bottling. After their sweet time, the club held their regular monthly business meeting.





# Fair Book Updates



Large changes have been made this year to the 4-H Fair Book. Some of the changes made include new project areas, updated project descriptions and requirements, rule updates/changes, and an entirely new numbering system for classes. Outlined below are some of the changes in more detail. This document does not cover all changes made due to the sheer volume of alterations made to the fair book. Please take time and read the fair rules and information relevant to projects you plan on entering. If you have any questions please reach out to the office for assistance.

## **Rule Changes**

- Consultative judging is required at time of physical project entry. The goal is to have 4-Hers interact with a judge to discuss their project and learn from the interaction.
- Exemptions to consultative judging available under special circumstances. Must be submitted to the Extension Office by Noon on Monday, July 1st . Consultative judging will take place from 5:00pm – 7:30pm (previously 5-8pm)

## **Date & Time Changes**

*Please read the fair book and notice several registration dates & times have changed. Note several key changes below.*

- Static exhibit pre-entries due by 5:00 pm on June 14th .
- Fashion Revue pictures for consultative judging are due to the Extension Office on July 5th by 8:30am. (can be dropped in outdoor drop box on July 4th if needed)
- Fashion Revue scripts will be due with pre-entry forms by 5:00 pm on June 14th .
- Consultative Judging will take place from 5:00-7:30 pm on July 9th .
- Exhibit pick up will be on Saturday, July 15th from 4:00-5:00 pm.

## **Project Updates**

- Please note the addition of several new classes as well as the reclassification of others. Also read project descriptions and requirements carefully as some have been updated to comply with changes to the Kansas State Fair Book.
- Fashion Revue class changes

## **New Numbering System**

- All 4-digit classes are state fair eligible classes (ex: Class 4000). These numbers were pulled directly from the Kansas State Fair Book and are the correct classes for each project to go to the State Fair.
- Classes with asterisks ( \* ) and only 2 numbers instead of 4 are not Kansas State Fair eligible and are county only classes (ex: \*Class 10).
- There is an exception to the new numbering system. Livestock classes have not been changed for this year. This may will be evaluated and may change in the future. Additionally, crops, agronomy, and landscape design classes have not had their numbering system updated. Please reference the Kansas State Fair book if you are eligible and elect to go onto the State Fair.



# 4th of July

## 4-H Council Meeting

AUGUST 26TH  
@ 7:00 PM



## Meeting Tips

### ROLE OF 4-H COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

A CLUB OFFICER ROLE THAT IS OFTEN OVER LOOKED IS THE 4-H COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE. THE JOB OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES IS TO ATTEND THE QUARTERLY COUNTY WIDE 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS AND REPORT BACK TO THE CLUB WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.

CLUB REPS SHOULD TAKE NOTES AND BE UP TO DATE ON COUNTY WIDE EVENTS. THEN AT THEIR CLUB'S MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, REPS SHOULD UPDATE MEMBERS ON WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE COUNTY LEVEL.

ALSO AT COUNCIL MEETINGS, CLUB REPS ARE THE VOICE OF THEIR CLUB. WHEN VOTES ARE HELD REGARDING COUNTY WIDE ISSUES, REPS SPEAK AND VOTE ON BEHALF OF THEIR CLUB. SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE UP TO DATE AND BE ABLE TO BEST REPRESENT THEIR CLUB.

## Looking Ahead

### July

- 1st; 4-H Fair set up @ RFC @ 9:00am
- 4th; Extension Office closed for 4th of July
- 8th; Livestock nominations due by 5:00pm
- 9th; 4-H Fair booth, barn quilt, etc... set up @ 1:00pm - 5:45pm
- 9th; Consultative Judging 5:00pm - 7:30pm
- 10th; Picnic at the park & Cookie Jar Auction
- 11th; Fashion Revue 6:30pm
- 12th; Ice Cream Social 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- 13th; Hand Pet Show 9:00am
- 13th; Static exhibit check out 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- 16th; Friends of 4-H Picnic & Swim @ RFC @ 6:30pm
- 19th; 4-H Livestock Show @ South Haven @ 5:30pm
- 20th; 4-H Livestock Show @ South Haven @ 8:00am

### August

- 12th; Farm Bureau Dessert Contest
- 26th; 4-H Council @ 7:00pm





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