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4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Learning Beyond The Classroom

With the school year over, one of the busiest and most exciting times in 4-H has begun! The summer months are filled with opportunities to learn new skills, grow project knowledge, and prepare exhibits for the 4-H Fair. Take advantage of all the hands on workshops and learning opportunities offered to help prepare you for the 4-H Fair the year. No matter what project you work on, challenge yourself to learn something new and get excited to show it off this summer!

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Program News & Updates



Shotgun Practice

We are excited to announce that our Shooting Sports program is expanding to include the Shotgun discipline. Shotgun practices will be held every other Tuesday beginning May 5th through July, with a few exceptions. Practices will take place at Trigger Guard Shooting Range North East of Wellington beginning at 6:30pm.

4-Her's who are ages 10-18 before January 1st of the current calendar year are welcome to participate. No Cloverbud or 4-Her under the age of 10, before January 1st of current year, will be able to participate. All participants must be enrolled in the Shotgun Project on 4-H Online.

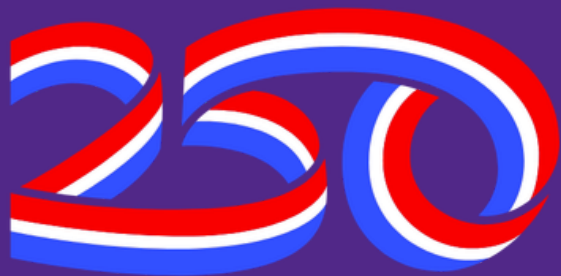
Participants are responsible for their own shells, safety equipment, and shotgun. If you need assistance with any one of these items please contact the Extension Office. Please contact the Office to let us know you plan to participate or have any questions.

Project Night

Every other month 4-H Council hosts a project night on the 4th Monday at 6:00pm hosted by a volunteer. So far participants have made bags from feed sacks and created suncatchers to enter in the 4-H Fair. With the 4-H Fair coming up the Council is going to try something new with June's project meeting.

The next project meeting will be on June 22nd at 6:00pm and participants will be helping make decorations for the 4-H Fashion Revue. The 4-H Fair Workgroup decided on a theme and wants your help making decorations! The theme for the Fashion Revue is Red, White, and Blue to go along with America's 250th birthday this year. So we are going to be making lots of patriotic decorations to go along with our theme. If you or someone you know is great at art or just willing to come and help, please come to the June 22nd project meeting to help us prepare for the 4-H Fashion Revue!

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Member Highlights



This month we want to recognize our 4-H seniors. Landon Kuchar, Landon Cullens, Claire Ginter, Ashton Stull, Kelly Theurer, and Jagger Turek are graduating both high school and our 4-H program. They were asked to submit a photo and also answer some questions about their 4-H experience. Below are the answers for each 4-Her who responded.

Landon Kuchar

What is your favorite 4-H project?

- “Art because I spend so much time on it. I do enjoy my pigs too.”

What is your favorite 4-H memory?

- “Showing my animals at the fair.”

Why did you stick with 4-H when you could have done other activities?

- “I enjoy being with my friends and working with animals.”

What advice do you have for younger 4-Her’s?

- “Keep working hard.”

Kelly Theurer



What is your favorite 4-H project?

- “Over the years there have been many 4-H projects, but after thinking long and hard I feel that the steers I showed by first year were my favorite. They were where I got started, who taught me things and showed me that I could show a steer even though I was only twelve years old.”

What is your favorite 4-H memory?

- “My favorite 4-H memory has ben every single Sumner County fair. There has been something that has made every year its own special memory and it was a constant throughout the years. They are always packed with experience and fun.”

Why did you stick with 4-H when you could have done other activities?

- “I felt that 4-H gave me the opportunity to improve my leadership skills and it did. Through 4-H I was given many leadership opportunities and from this I have grown into the person I am today.”

What advice do you you have for younger 4-Her’s?

- “I would tell young 4-Her’s to try everything, stay consistent, and show up and participate in everything you can, it will teach you something valuable every time.”



Agent Notes



Friends of 4-H Award

Every July Sumner County hosts the 4-H Picnic. This event is designed to bring 4-Her's from across the county together to enjoy time with one another. The second reason for this event is to recognize some of our supporters in the community. We accomplish this by selecting a supporter and honoring them with the Friends of 4-H Award.

The Friends of 4-H Award symbolizes the support a community member, group, or company has given Sumner County 4-H over the past year or often times longer. Award applications are sent out to Club Leaders who will bring up the topic at club meetings. Club members will suggest a community member, group, or company that has supported Sumner County 4-H and nominate them. All five clubs nominate a community member, group, or company and then one is selected and publicly recognized at the 4-H Picnic in July.

When brainstorming candidates think about who has helped your club in a significant way. This could be financially, by sharing their time or knowledge, or volunteering their time/talent to benefit 4-H. Also consider the broader 4-H program. Is there an individual, group, or company that has supported Sumner County 4-H on the county level?

This award is very special and many recipients proudly display their award for years to come. I was in Hired Mans Grocery Store in Conway Springs recently and noticed that they still display their Friends of 4-H Award they received several years ago. Although this award isn't necessarily front page news, it is incredibly meaningful for the recipient. These are the people who see the value in the 4-H program and choose to support it. This is just our small way of honoring them and acknowledging their impact.

So make sure to be thinking about who has made an impact on Sumner County 4-H and make sure to mention your suggestion at your next club meeting.

Who's Ready For the 4-H Fair?

4-H SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP QUICK!



Side Notes

This is one of Sumner County's traditions that I hope we never lose. The Friends of 4-H Award is a critical way to show our appreciation to our supporters. My favorite thing is getting to see the recipients accept the award and receive public recognition for their meaningful contributions to our program. Often times supporters may not be seen publicly, but this is our chance to shine a spotlight on them and show our gratitude.



Cardinals

The Cardinals 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting at Steffen's Orchard. One meeting highlight was singing happy birthday to club members with may birthdays in musical styles.

Happy Hustlers

Happy Hustlers held their regular monthly meeting and ended with a fun game of Trash Can.

Redwings

Buccaneers

Trailblazers



4-H Council Project Night

JUNE 22ND
@ 6:00 PM



4-H Tips

TIPS FOR QUICK & EASY PROJECTS

AS THE 4-H FAIR RAPIDLY APPROACHS SOMETIMES FAMILIES ARE OVERWHELMED WITH ALL THE PROJECTS 4-HER'S WANT TO GET DONE.

HERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE THINGS TO REMEMBER TO HELP CALM THE CRAZY AS FAIR TIME APPROACHES

- KEEP IT SIMPLE
- SCHOOL PROJECTS WORK AS 4-H PROJECTS
- PINTEREST & THE INTERNET ARE GREAT PLACES TO GET PROJECT IDEAS
- MAKING PROJECTS WITH FRIENDS IS EASY AND FUN
- 4-HER'S IN THE SAME FAMILY CAN MAKE THE SAME PROJECT AT DIFFERENT SKILL LEVELS

REMEMBER, PROJECTS ARE MEANT TO BE FUN AND FULL OF LEARNING. THESE ITEMS WON'T BE IN A MUSEUM. RELAX AND MAKE SURE WHATEVER PROJECT YOU ENTER YOU ARE PROUD OF.

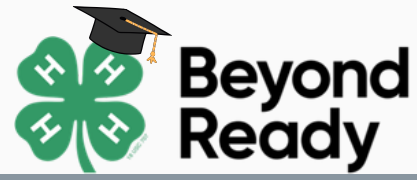
Looking Ahead

June

- 3rd- 5th; Discovery Days in Manhattan
- 6th; Poultry blood testing @ RFC @ 1:00pm
- 15th; Small Animal ID & Static pre-entries due
- 19th; Friends of 4-H Picnic Nominations due
- 22nd; Fashion Revue Scripts & Photos due to Extension Office by 5:00pm
- 22nd; 4-H Council Project Night @ 6:00pm

July

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



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