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4-H UPDATES



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4-H Shines in Extra Light

With the days growing longer and the sun lingering well into the evening, now is the perfect time to take full advantage the extra daylight. Whether you're tending to your garden, working with your animals, or diving into a new project, these extended hours offer more time to learn, grow, and prepare for the busy season ahead. Let's embrace the extra light and use it to fuel our progress and passion in 4-H!

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Member Highlights



WYATT HARLAN

Graduation is a special time of year when a chapter of life closes and another one opens. We want to honor those who have been a part of our 4-H program and are on to new chapters in their lives. Wyatt Harlan and Aubrey Pond have both graduated this year, and we asked them a few questions about their 4-H experiences.

When Wyatt was asked about his 4-H experiences, here are his responses:

What is your favorite 4-H project?

- Showing goats or rabbits

What is your favorite 4-H memory?

- When I helped the Junior Leaders set up the buildings at the State Fair.

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

- I've stuck with 4-H for one last year because I've enjoyed the people who've helped me get this far, and because I am going to miss it.

What advice do you have for younger 4-Hers?

- My advice for young 4-Hers is to keep working hard and don't rely on others for your projects, but don't be afraid to ask for help with them either.

When asked the same set of questions, Aubrey chose not to respond.

Please help us congratulate both seniors on their outstanding accomplishments!

Agent Notes

Making the Most of Longer Days

As spring turns into early summer, the days are stretching out, giving us more time to soak in the sunshine—and get a jumpstart on 4-H projects! Whether you're in the garden, the barn, the kitchen, or at your desk planning your next presentation, those extra hours of daylight offer a golden opportunity to get ahead. With school winding down and fair season on the horizon, now is the time to dig in and make real progress on your goals.

Longer days mean more flexibility in your schedule. Use the extended evenings to focus on hands-on practice, whether it's halter breaking your steer, perfecting a recipe, or refining your public speaking skills. Even 30 extra minutes a day can make a big difference over time. Break large tasks into smaller steps and set mini-goals each week to stay on track without feeling overwhelmed.

This is also the perfect time to get outside and observe, learn, and experiment. The changing season offers a chance to track plant growth, watch animal behavior, or practice photography with natural lighting. 4-H is about exploration and discovery, and these longer days invite you to be more curious and creative in your project work.

Don't forget—preparation isn't just about the project itself, but also about reflection and growth. Use this time to check in on your goals, update your record book, and connect with your leaders or club members for advice. Sharing progress and asking questions can spark new ideas and keep you motivated as you move forward.

The extra daylight is a gift—let's use it to fuel our curiosity, sharpen our skills, and enjoy every moment of the 4-H journey. Whether you're making steady progress or just getting started, take advantage of this bright season to learn more, do more, and grow into the best version of yourself. 4-H is all about learning by doing—and there's no better time to do than now!



Warm Weather Here We Come

WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR
NOT, WARM WEATHER IS ON
IT'S WAY



Club News



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Sumner County



Trail Blazers

To celebrate the end of the school year the Trailblazers 4-H Club held a cookout with hamburgers and brats provided by Hagar Acres. It was a great time with lots of activities following the meeting. The club plans to try to meet several times during the summer to show off project work.

Cardinals

The Cardinals 4-H Club held their regularly monthly meeting in May. At the meeting, members created secret vault books!



Redwings

Buccaneers

Happy Hustlers



4-H Council Meeting

AUGUST 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



4-H Tips

MANAGING SUMMER CHAOS

4-H ACTIVITIES PICK UP TREMENDOUSLY ALONG WITH LIFE IN GENERAL DURING THE SUMMER .

IT'S SO EASY TO GET BEHIND, MISS A DEADLINE, OR HAVE A DEADLINE SNEAK UP ON YOU. SO HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP RETAIN YOUR SANITY THIS SUMMER.

- CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES AND UPCOMING DEADLINES
- READ THE MONTHLY 4-H NEWSLETTER FOR EVENTS AND KEY DATES
- CHECK IN WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB LEADER
- HAVE A 4-H CALENDAR
- ELECTRONIC REMINDERS ON YOUR PHONE

THESE ARE A FEW SIMPLE IDEAS TO HELP YOU KEEP UP WITH A FAST PACED SUMMER. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM & SHARE THEM WITH OTHERS FOR THEIR BENEFIT AS WELL.



Looking Ahead

June

- 5th; Last day to order small animal DNA envelopes
- 4th-6th; Discovery Days @ K-State, Manhattan
- 13th; Local Livestock ID Forms & 4-H Fair pre-entries due to the Office @ 5:00pm
- 15th; State livestock nomination due for small animals
- 23rd; Fashion Revue scripts & photos due to Office @ 5:00pm

July

- 4th; Office Closed for 4th of July
- 7th; Livestock Pre-entries due by 5:00 pm
- 8th; 4-H Fair Set Up 1:00 - 5:45 pm
- 8th; Static Project Judging 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- 9th; Picnic in the Park 6:00 pm
- 10th; Fashion Revue 6:30 pm
- 11th; Ice Cream Social 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 12th; Handpet Show 9:00 am
- 12th; Project Pick Up 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- 15th; Friends of 4-H Picnic 6:30 pm
- 18th; Livestock Shows @ South Haven 5:30 pm
- 19th; Livestock Shows @ South Haven 8:00 am





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