4-H Year in Full Swing

Now that the enrollment period for returning members has closed, the 4-H year is in full swing. *New members can still enroll year round!* For new and returning members please keep up to date with your club leaders for meeting times, club activities, and also 4-H updates. Also go follow Sumner County Extension on Facebook to keep up to date as well. See the last page of this newsletter for a QR code directing you to our page.

See the details of many upcoming events in this newsletter.

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Read 4-H

The Read 4-H program is live! We have announced our book selections for our first reward night. The *Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg has been selected for the juniors. The seniors are reading *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman. The reward for reading these books is a ticket to a movie night where each movie will be shown. Our reward night will be held at the Raymond Frye on December 18th at 6 pm. To secure your ticket to the reward night please fill out a book review form and submit it to the office. Please have book review forms submitted by December 15th at 5 pm. Contact the office for book review forms and for any questions.

Sumner County Junior Leaders

SuCo Junior Leaders is about to kick off! Our application is open as of December 1st. We ask any 4-H’er whose 4-H age is between 12-18 to apply. I’m also excited to announce that Kelly Basinger and Brigitte Baggs have agreed to be the two adult sponsors for the group. More information will be made available after selections for the group are announced.

Applications open from 12/1/2023 to 1/17/2024

Selections announced by January 31st.
Hello 4-H’ers! I hope everyone is starting off this 4-H year strong. As you will read below, there is a lot happening here in Sumner County.

First I’d like to congratulate everyone who turned in membership achievement paperwork and project report forms and were recognized at the 4-H Awards Celebration. It was awesome to see you all and to highlight the hard work you’ve put in over the last year. For those who didn’t turn in paperwork, please consider doing so next year so we can recognize you for your accomplishments. A helpful tip going into this next 4-H year is to pull out and update your paperwork several times a year so it is quicker and easier after the fair to get it all completed. The benefit of this is not having to remember events from January all the way in August. You will already have them wrote down!

Also our indoor shooting sports program is in full swing. We are excited to have young people interested in learning about firearm safety and competing in it as well. A special thank you to Jay Taton and Zach Cooper for helping lead this group! Check out page 4 “Looking Ahead” to see the dates of the shooting sports meetings.

Greetings!

I hope everyone enjoyed the first issues of the newsletter. I will be doing one every month with slight changes every time to keep them fun and exciting.

Agent Notes

Enjoy a fun goat photo. This is my wife Abbie and I showing her buck named Boots at the 2022 Kansas State Fair.

Side Notes

Here are some side notes that really don’t belong anywhere. If anyone is going to do a fun event, have a club party, or do something you think is super cool please feel free to invite me. I would love to be involved around the county with all the clubs (when I’m able to be). I want to see and get to know the clubs and communities you all are apart of. Our clubs and communities are what make Sumner County unique and our 4-H program something worth investing in. I would enjoy the opportunity to learn and be involved with you all.
Looking Ahead

December
- 6th; Executive Board Annual Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 13th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 15th; Read 4-H Book Reviews due by 5:00 pm
- 18th; Read 4-H Movie Night @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 20th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 25th; Office closed for Christmas
- 29th; Office closed at Noon

January
- 1st; Office closed for New Years
- 3rd; Joint Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 10th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 12th; Project Report Forms for regional judging due to Extension Office by 5:00 pm
- 15th; Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 17th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 19th; Regional Record Book Screening

February
- 7th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 19th; Office closed for President's Day
- 21st; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ RFC
- 24th; 4-H Days
- 26th; 4-H Council @ 7:00 pm @ RFC

State Level events
March
- 2nd; KSU Junior Beef Producer Day @ Manhattan
- 16th; KSU Junior Sheep Producer Day @ Manhattan
**Buccaneers**

Exciting things are happening in Belle Plaine. The Buccaneers annual Christmas party will be held December 9th at the Methodist Church. At the party they will enjoy making gingerbread houses and helping to organize the church’s Operation Compassion food drive.

**Cardinals**

The Cardinals 4-H club is starting the year off strong. They were able to have an article about their installation of officers put in the local paper. The club is also excited about their annual Christmas party where they are doing a candy bar gift exchange. Along with their party they will be decorating the Conway Springs care home for Christmas. The last fun item discussed was getting new 4-H shirts made in the coming months.

**Happy Hustlers**

The Happy Hustlers 4-H club had a fun start to the year. The club held its second annual awards celebration on November 12th. They celebrated the accomplishments of the 4-Hers by giving fun awards. In addition, they also installed their new officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

**Redwing**

**Trailblazers**
Mark your calendars!

Saturday, January 13th is 4-H Day with K-State women's basketball. The Lady Cats are taking on the Texas Longhorns in Bramlage Coliseum.

For $30 you will get a ticket to the game, a commemorative t-shirt, and a $10 concessions stand voucher. Or for $20 you can skip the t-shirt and just get a game ticket and concessions voucher. This is the perfect way to spend an afternoon with the family and enjoy watching the Lady Cats show the Longhorns who's the boss of the Big XII.

Scan the QR code to register.
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