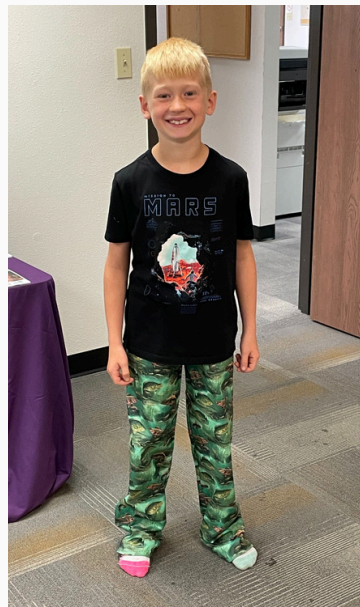


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# 4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



## Don't Forget about Project Report Forms

As we approach the crazy fair season, don't forget to fill out Project Report Forms. Spring and Summer are busy times with lots of activities. It is much easier to jot down what 4-Her's did for the year just after they do it. If you keep up to date with them then come fall time when forms are due, it all becomes a lot less stressful. This is an easy way to try and reduce your stress after the fair. Everyone needs a few weeks to recover. So why not work ahead and give yourself that time instead of going from the stress of the fair to the stress of report forms. My suggestion is right now and again right after the fair is to bust out your Project Report Forms and get them up to date with this years activities. If you need forms they are online or reach out to the Extension Office. Also if you need help filling them out please contact the Office.

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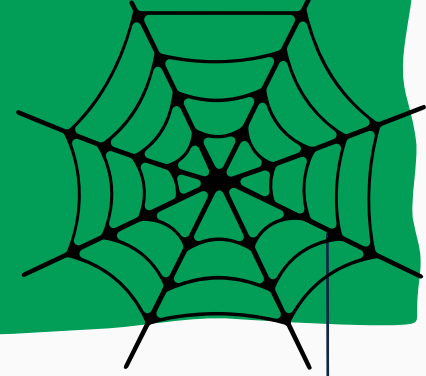
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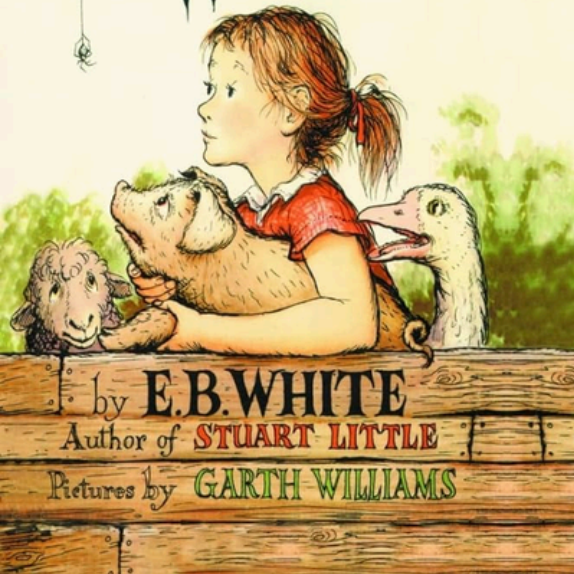
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# Program News and Updates



## Charlotte's Web



### Read 4-H

We had an awesome time this month reading the “Fantastic Mr. Fox” and “The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe”.

Our next reward night will be June 17th with forms due June 15th. But what book will you be reading?? Well since our next reward night will be just before the 4-H fair we are going to do something different.

All age categories will be reading the same book! It is a classic book that might remind you of the 4-H fair. All ages will be reading “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White.

This will be our last reward night for a few months. We are going to take some time off with the craziness of the summer. Read 4-H will come back this fall. We look forward to seeing you all at our last reward night!

“If I can fool a bug... I can surely fool a man. People are not as smart as bugs.”  
- Charlotte (from Charlotte’s web)





# Program News and Updates

Sedgwick County is hosting two different Ag Tours this summer. They have opened this opportunity up to Sumner County youth as well. If you or someone you know is curious about the agriculture industry, I would highly attending this event. If you have any questions or want further details, please reach out to the Sumner County Extension Office or contact Jeff Seiler. He is the event organizer and his contact information is on the flyer.

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## LOCAL AG-INDUSTRY TOUR

One day bus tour of several sectors of the Agriculture Industry within Sedgwick County

**Wednesday, June 12th**

WINTER FARMS | KANZA COOP  
BAYER CROP SCIENCE | CARGILL



**REGISTER**  
<https://bit.ly/AgTour612>



Registration open to students entering their junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2024, or students graduating high school in May 2024. \$50 to register. Registration fee will be reimbursed, upon completion of event, thanks to Cargill Cares!

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Tentative Date:

**Wednesday, July 24th**

INNOVATIVE SEED SOLUTIONS | GRAIN CRAFT  
PRAIRIELAND PARTNERS | TBA



**REGISTER**  
<https://bit.ly/AgTourJuly>



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## Beehive Quilt Shop

### Beehive Quilt Shop Website



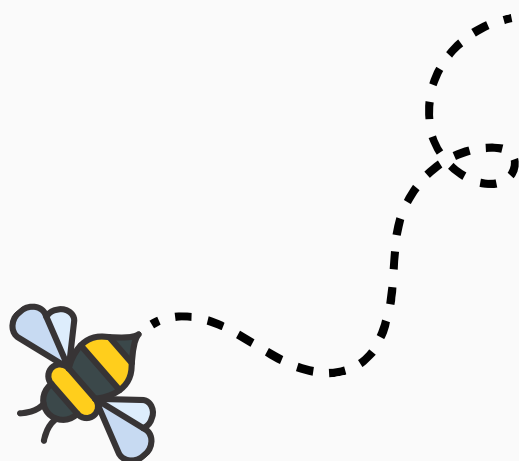
An awesome opportunity has come up to complete fair projects and support a local business. Beehive Quilt Shop has been a regular supporter of the Sumner County 4-H program. But something you may not know is that Beehive is much more than a simple quilt shop. It is a haven for all things fun. They have a variety of craft projects, nick knacks, toys, and more in stock.

Owners Connie Hart and Annarose White are big supporters of 4-H and have offered an awesome opportunity to our 4-Her's. They have offered discounts on several craft items/projects in their shop! So if you are needing supplies for a project or want to find a project last minute for the fair, go and visit Beehive Quilt Shop in Wellington. When you go up to check out make sure and tell them you are a 4-H member and see what discounts they offer.

Beehive Quilt Shop is located at 122 N. Washington Ave. Wellington, Ks 67152.

They are open Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, 10:00am - 7:00pm on Thursdays as well as 9:00 am - 4:00pm on Saturdays.

Scan the QR code to go directly to their website and thanks to Beehive Quilt Shop for their continued support of our program!



# Member Highlights



JACEE THEURER



ALIVIA BACON

This month we want to recognize our 4-H seniors. Jacee Theurer and Alivia Bacon who 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.

When Jacee was asked some questions about her 4-H experiences here were her answers:

***What is your favorite 4-H project?***

- “Showing cattle (steers)”

***What is your favorite 4-H memory?***

- “Late night adventures at the county fair.”

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

- “I stuck with Happy Hustlers 4-H because I have always loved the people in our club. Also, the activities are fun while also teaching me several life-long skills that will be useful in any field I go into.”

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

- “While some of the activities in 4-H may seem scary, don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. You will never know if its your new favorite activity or not unless you try it. Even if you don’t like the activity, you’ll have brand new skills that you might use for the rest of your life.”

When asked the same questions, here are Alivia’s responses:

***What is your favorite 4-H project?***

- “My swine project has been my favorite throughout my 4-H years.”

***What is your favorite 4-H memory?***

- “There are many amazing memories that I have made over the years in 4-H. Herding Heroes and spending time with my fellow 4-H members at the Sumner County Fair are definitely at the top of that list.”

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

- “4-H has taught me skills that will allow me to be a better person and leader as I navigate through life.”

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

- “Trey new things get out of your comfort zone and remember regardless of where you are or what your doing, there are always little ones looking up to you - so set a positive example!”

# Agent Notes



## The Importance of Goal Setting

As part of our project report forms there is a section about what goals you have for the project this year. If you haven't already started on these forms I'd encourage you to do so. But this section is super important. How will you know if you got better or worse at something if you don't know what your working towards?

Goal setting is important in not only 4-H, but in life. Goals offer us guidance on what we should do and how we should do it. If your goal is to be the best photographer you can be and have a photo go to the state fair, maybe you will choose to go to a photography workshop instead of going to the movies. Also if it comes to fair time and you don't get the ribbon placing you want and you come to talk to me (Gavin, Extension Agent) about it the first thing I'm going to ask you is "what is your goal (or your child's goal)? I want to know what the "target" was and how you got off target. I cannot magically get you on target, first we need to know what the target was.

As I mentioned earlier, goal setting is a good skill even outside of 4-H. Youth are often asked what they want to do in terms of their career. This is basically asking what their goal is. Most people will say a job or school they want to attend. How do you know what school to go to if you don't know what job you want? If you want to think shorter term, think about going to sports practice. Why invest all your time and effort into practicing if your goal isn't to make varsity? If your goal is to be a good piano player, then why spend hours on sports and not on piano practice? In summation, identify your goal and think about the steps you are taking and if they will help you reach your goal.

## Schools out!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD SCHOOL YEAR AND IS READY FOR A FUN SUMMER WITH 4-H!



Here I am delivery a baby goat this spring. She was born on April 22nd and her name is Encore.

## Side Notes

I can tell you from personal experience how important goal setting is. I started my goat herd as a 4-H project. Every year my mom would make us do project report forms. I'd have to make up a goal each time. Well when I finally thought ahead and identified my goal as growing my goat herd in size and quality, I made different choices. I worked harder on improving my facilities, genetics, and so on. It made me push forward with purpose instead of aimlessly doing things because I thought it was good. In short what I'm saying is goals offered me purpose in what I was doing. Now I have a standard to hold myself to and it urged me into making positive decisions relating to my goals.

# Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from Sumner County



## Redwing

## Buccaneers

## Trailblazers

## Cardinals

The Conway Springs Cardinals 4-H club had their regular monthly meeting on May 26th. At the meeting they celebrated May birthdays with the “ugly” singing of happy birthday. After the meeting club members stayed behind to learn how to do origami.



## Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club met for their regular monthly meeting on May 19th. They discussed their new fundraiser with the Yoder Meat Sticks. Games were played and snack followed. Door prizes were also handed out. With summer in full swing, club members are working hard getting ready for the fair.

# 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

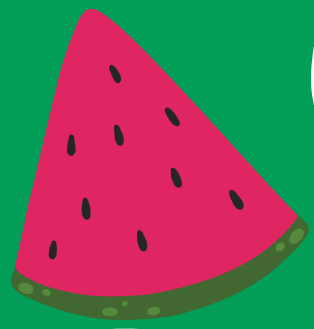
## New Numbering System

- 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.





# SUMMER



## 4-H Council Meeting

AUGUST 26TH  
@ 7:00 PM



## Meeting Tips

### ROLE OF VICE PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT IS NOT JUST A TITLE OR AN EXCUSE TO SIT AT THE OFFICER'S TABLE DURING MEETINGS. VICE PRESIDENTS ACTUALLY HAVE ROLES AND RESPONSABILITIES IN A MEETING AS WELL.

4-H VICE PRESIDENTS MAIN ROLE IS TO OBSERVE THE PRESIDENT. YOU NEED TO WATCH AND LEARN FROM THEM HOW A MEETING OR EVENT SHOULD BE RAN. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IF THE PRESIDENT IS UNAVAILABLE FOR A MEETING OR EVENT THEN YOU MUST STEP UP AND RUN THE SHOW.

IT IS YOUR JOB TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS, WHO YOU NEED TO COORDINATE WITH, AND BE UP TO DATE ON OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL BE VALUABLE TO YOUR CLUB.

YOU ALSO MAY BE ASKED TO STEP IN FOR OTHER CLUB OFFICERS. SO OVERALL YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MAKES SURE THAT A MEETING RUNS SMOOTH WHEN SOMEONE IS AWAY.

## Looking Ahead

### June

- 5th-7th; Discovery Days @ Manhattan
- 14th; Read 4-H Forms due by 5:00pm
- 14th; All 4-H Fair pre-entries (Static & Hand Pet) due @ 5:00pm
- 15th; Small Animal ID & Nominations due
- 17th; Read 4-H Reward Night @ 6:00pm

### July

- 4th; Extension Office closed for 4th of July
- 8th; Livestock nominations due by 5:00pm
- 9th; 4-H Fair set up @ 1:00pm - 5:45pm
- 9th; Consultative Judging 5:00pm - 7:30 pm
- 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 project check out 4:00pm - 5:00pm

## State Level Events

### June

- 5th-7th; 4-H Discovery Days @ K-State campus in Manhattan
- 5th-8th; KASLA @ Manhattan





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