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4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H



Happy 4-H New Year!

Happy 4-H New Year! We are excited for the 2024-2025 program year. Big plans are in store for Sumner County 4-H moving forward. There is a phrase I've heard recently that perfectly describes our program, "Ever Changing, Never Changing". We want to chase new ideas and move our program forward, while not losing the pillars of the program. Our values never change towards positive youth development through the 4-H program, but we want to try new things and continue to "Make the Best Better" here in Sumner County.

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Program News and Updates

PRF FORMS



Congratulations To All Who Submitted Project Report Forms!

We want to congratulate all 4-Her's who submitted Project Report Forms this year! In total we had 38 books submitted and are excited to recognize our award winners at the Awards Celebration on November 3rd. We want everyone, regardless if they are receiving an award, to attend. If not to receive an award, then to support other 4-Her's who are.

Why even submit a Project Report Form (PRF)? To most of us PRF's are just more paperwork to fill out. But they do have value and are worth while! These forms not only highlight all the behind the scenes accomplishments from your projects, they are also helping to set up 4-Her's for later success. Just like project work, the ability to set goals, communicate learning outcomes, and the simple ability to fill out paperwork is super important. Also for those 4-Her's who would like to go onto post secondary programs such as trade school, community college, or a 4-year university these are so valuable. Scholarships often require you to fill out what accomplishments you have and when you received them. How are you supposed to remember everything you did over the last few years? Sure you remember big awards, but no one can remember everything. So having PRF's that show your accomplishments and what you learned are super important!

What if 4-Her's don't plan to go to post secondary school? Well life revolves around remembering what we've done. Even if you aren't going to school you still need to be able to fill out loan papers and show you an accomplished and responsible person. And loans are just a single example.

So if you didn't fill out PRF's or think they are too scary to fill out, I'd encourage you to give them a try next year. We even have a "How To" video on the Extension YouTube channel on how to fill out PRF forms! Plus if all else fails, all of us in the Extension Office would be more than happy to help you. So please consider filling out PRF forms next year because we want to recognize all your accomplishments!

WAY TO GO!



Program News and Updates



K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

3.22.25

Event
Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. **Registration is limited to 400 participants.** Filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration

- \$20/person by February 26
- \$25/person after February 26
- Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- All attendees must register, including youth, parents, & adults.
- No refunds
- Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

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Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>
By **February 26**

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K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. **Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis.** This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

March 1

Tentative Schedule

8:00AM Registration Opens
9:00AM Welcome
9:15AM Project Selection
10:00AM Breakout Sessions
-Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
Lunch
12:00PM Health
12:45PM Breakout Sessions
1:30PM Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
3:00PM Wrap-up
3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

Location
Stanley Stout Center

Registration

- \$20/person by February 5
- \$25/person after February 5
- Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- No refunds.
- Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

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Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior Producer Days Series is a set of workshops for Kansas youth focused on the four main livestock species. Two workshops are hosted every year for two different species. This year a Swine and a Goat Producer Day will be held in Manhattan. Swine Producer Day is on Saturday March 1st and Goat Producer Day is on March 22nd. Flyers for both events are attached on this page and have also been emailed out. You can also find the flyers on "Kansas State Youth Livestock Program" Facebook page. If you currently participate or would like to participate in either species, I would highly encourage you to attend. Each Producer Day has both large informational sessions and small hands on sessions.

No matter if you are a beginner or have done livestock for several years, this is a great state level learning opportunity for 4-Her's. Also if you plan to show at either the State Fair or KJLS you are an in-person certification class will be offered at both events.

Personally I have both attended and helped to host these events. They are phenomenal learning opportunities and become a highlight for many 4-Her's. So if you are on the fence about attending or have questions about the Producer Days, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office. If several families are attending there may even be the potential of carpooling if the need arises.

Agent Notes



Is It Winter Already?

WELL, WE HOPED FOR COOLER WEATHER. SADLY WE WISHED TO HARD!



Why Stick With 4-H?

with the start of the new 4-H year I thought I would touch on the topic of “why stick with 4-H?”. There are so many options for how youth spend their time from video games, sports, school clubs, church groups, and more. So why would you choose 4-H over another event? Well most all of the afore mentioned groups are good things, any organization that positively benefits youth is a good thing. So why would you pick to be in 4-H over a sport? Well it boils down to life skills. Sports and other activities that promote teamwork and other concepts are great and can prove beneficial, but there’s more to life skills than teamwork.

The world is ever changing and if we do not equip our youth with the proper skills they need, then it is much more difficult for them to succeed. 4-H is designed to help youth develop useful skills by participating in local clubs and by doing projects. These clubs and projects are designed to be fun while also promoting learning. Teamwork, public speaking, record keeping abilities, creativity, confidence, and work ethic are some of the life skills developed through 4-H.

These life skills and the events that 4-Her’s participate in that help them gain those skills will set 4-Her’s up for long term success. Whether that success is academic and going to college, vocational and going to trade school, joining the workforce, or being an active member of the community. In conversations I’ve had with business owners, managers, scholarship committees, and college recruiters the number one thing that can set people apart is being involved with 4-H. The skills you develop in 4-H do matter and have the ability to take you as far as you will let them. So why stick with 4-H? Because it can lead to long-term success and fulfillment.

Side Notes

I’ve had families ask me “Why do we do record keeping?” or many other “Why” questions. As I talked about in the main article, Why stick with 4-H? Because it matters and can have a massive impact on you. I may sound like a broken record, but I am proof of why it matters. Whether it was going after scholarships, internships, or even jobs, having been apart of 4-H set me apart in every way! The skills and work ethic that 4-H helped me to develop is leading to my long term success. I was able to go to school, get a job, be successful, and an active member of my community. So when people ask, “Why stick with 4-H?” I ask them what their dream is and tell them that 4-H is a tool to help them reach their dream.



Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from Sumner County



Happy Hustlers
48 Hours of 4-H

Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on October 13th at 6:30pm. Food items were collected for the Blessing Boxes located in South Haven and Wellington. For the 48 hours of 4-H, items the club collected for the Humane Society. During the meeting elections were held for new club officers. Plans were also worked on for the club's 3rd annual Happy Hustlers Award Banquet. Additionally planning began for the club's Christmas food boxes to help those in need.

Cardinals

The Cardinal's 4-H Club had a busy month of October. The club had their regular project night where they made apple dumplings and shrunken heads! Additionally the club held their annual party where they elected new club officers. For 2025 Kendall Baggs will be President, Wyatt Harlan Vice President, Secretary Paisley Haskins, Treasurer Asher Salisbury, Reporter Joyce Salisbury, Historian Allie Harlan, and Recreation Leader Blake Osner.



The Cardinals invite all Sumner County 4-Her's to join them on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm for project nights.

November's project nights include:

- November 5th; Sensory jar
- November 12th; Decor for service project
- November 19th; Seed/grain picture
- November 26th; No project night

For more info contact the Extension Office.

Buccaneers

Trailblazers

Redwing



4-H Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

OFFICER TRAINING

NEW CLUB OFFICERS DON'T GET TO MUCH TRAINING AT THIS TIME. THEY GET COACHED BY CLUB LEADERS AND OTHERS WHO PREVIOUSLY HELD THE POSITION. THIS IS GREAT PEER COACHING AND IS VERY HELPFUL FOR NEWER OFFICERS.

BUT IF NEW OFFICERS NEED MORE HELP FOR WHATEVER REASON, DON'T BE AFRAID TO CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

I (GAVIN, 4-H AGENT) WOULD GLADLY MEET WITH ANY CLUB OFFICER ONE ON ONE TO HELP THEM STEP INTO THEIR NEW ROLE. WE WANT ALL CLUB OFFICERS TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN THEIR ROLES AND TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM THEM WELL.

SO NEW OFFICERS, ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT AND BOTH MYSELF AND YOUR CLUB LEADERS WILL MAKE SURE YOU GET THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR ROLE.

Looking Ahead

November

- 3rd; 4-H Awards Celebration @ RFC @ 4:00pm
- 4th; Greenery Forms due to the Office @ 5:00pm
- 11th; Office closed for Veterans Day
- 15th; 4-H enrollment closes
- 20th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 25th; 4-H Council @ 7:00pm
- 28th-29th; Office closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 4th; Shooting Sports Meeting @ 6:00pm @ RFC
- 24th; Office Closes at 12:00pm for Christmas Eve
- 25th; Office Closed for Christmas



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