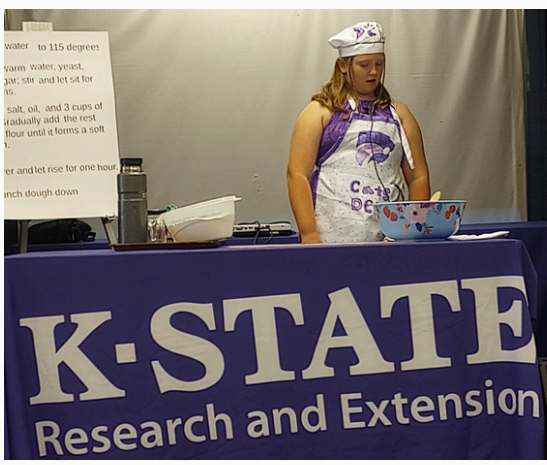


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4-H UPDATES



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Congratulations to State Fair Exhibitors

Between 4-H Exhibits and competitive teams, Sumner County sent 20 4-Her's and 40 exhibits to the State Fair! It is amazing to see so many of our 4-Her's recognized and competing at the state level. Additionally several families took animals to compete in the Grand Drive. So please congratulate anyone you know who took a project or competed at the State Fair.

Program News and Updates



Junior Leader Wrap Up

The Sumner County Junior Leaders have had an awesome first year back! Our first group was comprised of 7 4-Her's from all but one club in the county. It was a great diverse group that accomplished a lot. Some of this year's highlights included a winter workshop, helping at the county fair, and working at the State Fair grounds this fall. Sadly now though, the 4-H year is over. But fear not, a new one is starting now!

With the start of the new 2024-2025 4-H year we are looking for new/more Junior Leaders! To join you must be between 12-18 years old (real age), fill out an application, and be approved by our review committee. Applications will open on October 1st and close on October 25th. You must be enrolled in 4-HOnline at the time you submit your Junior Leader application. There is no limit to the amount of years you can be apart of Junior Leaders. But if you are a returning member you will also need to reapply annually. New Junior Leaders will be announced at the Awards Celebration on Sunday November 3rd. Please come so we can recognize both our incoming and outgoing Junior Leader groups.

Cardinals Project Nights

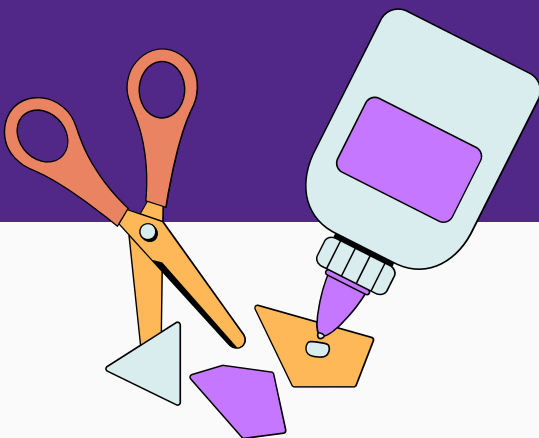
The Cardinals 4-H Club would like to invite any Sumner County 4-Her to participate in their winter project nights. The project nights will be Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm in Conway Springs. The Cardinals will have all supplies ready for you (unless otherwise noted) and ask for a \$5 fee to help cover the cost of these supplies. Please RSVP for sessions you would like to participate in by texting or calling Patti Haskins at 316-371-0323. Below is October's Project Night Schedule

October 15: Apple shrunken heads and pies

October 22: Pallet Trees (To be displayed at Spring View Manor and taken home after the holiday season).

October 29th: Handprint painting and origami

Stay tuned for next month's projects!



Agent Notes



One Year Down, Many More To Go

It's hard to believe but as of 9/18 I have officially been the Sumner County 4-H Youth Development Agent for one year! It does not seem like it could have been a year already, but somehow time has flown by. It has been an honor to serve you all this year, but we are just getting started.

As the new 2025 4-H Year is getting underway, I have new ideas and things I would like to do. I would like to continue to enhance our program and create more opportunities for our youth to grow, learn, and succeed. Part of that is creating a better individual plans for 4-Her's in their respective projects. Having a plan on what you are going to do with your project at the start of the 4-H year is incredible helpful later on. If you have a plan on what you would like to accomplish, what your priorities are, and what your end goal is then creates a roadmap to what you need to do during the 4-H year. I would like to offer to any Sumner County 4-Her to call, email, or come into the office and I will meet with you for as long as you'd like helping you create a plan for your project. If it's livestock I will even travel out to your home and meet with you about your livestock projects. My goal in this is to help talk you through the creation of your project plan for the year.

If you don't have time or would not like to come into the office to have help creating a project plan that is okay. Just remember as you go throughout the year and have questions that not only me, but all of us in the Extension Office are here to help you.

Happy Fall Ya'll

COOLER WEATHER IS HERE!..... HOPEFULLY



Side Notes

"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going." - Earl Nightingale

Some of the best accomplishments I had in 4-H came because I accomplished goals. I had the goal of winning the county fair goat show. So I grew my herd, toured farms, took opportunities to learn more about how to raise goats, and much more. Then finally, I won with my goat and multiple times got into round robin. Eventually reaching my goal was good, but what made it great was that I had put in so much work to reach my goal and knowing how hard I worked made it much more impactful. I wish I would have done it with all my projects.



Here my father and I are showing twin bucks at the 2024 Kansas State Fair.

Club News

A place to highlight clubs and share ideas



Reporter's Corner

Club News from Sumner County



Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club participated in many events in August and September. In August the club organized the “Ag Olympics” at the South Haven Fair. They also served a pork dinner, hosted a booth, and walked in the fair parade. At the September club meeting plans were made to decorate during National 4-H week as well as participating the the 48 Hours of 4-H. The club also had several members send projects or exhibit livestock at the Kansas State Fair.

Cardinals

In September the Cardinals 4-H Club toured Karg Art Glass in Kechi. Artist Annie fashioned a one of a kind piece from colors the club selected. The club also participated in a scavenger hunt in the Karg Art Glass Gallery. The club wants to offer a special thank you to Karg Art Glass for a fun and unique club outing.



Buccaneers

Trailblazers

Redwing



4-H Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 25TH
@ 7:00 PM



Meeting Tips

NEW OFFICER ELECTIONS

WITH NEW CLUB OFFICERS BEING ELECTED IT IS IMPORTANT TO HELP THEM IN THEIR NEW ROLES.

FOR THOSE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS, MAKE SURE TO CLARIFY THEIR RESPONSABILITIES. IT IS EVEN HELPFUL IF PREVIOUS POSITION HOLDERS SHARE TIPS OR TRICKS FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES.

DON'T SHY AWAY FROM HAVING A NEW PERSON ELECTED INTO A POSITION. BUT DON'T SET THE EXPECTATION OF PERFECTION ON NEW OFFICERS AS WELL. MAKE SURE THEY ARE BEING SUPPORTED IN THEIR NEW ROLE. IF YOUR CLUB LEADER OR PREVIOUS POSITION HOLDER ARE UNABLE OR UNCOMFORTABLE ASSISTING A NEW OFFICER THEN PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THE OFFICE WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST IN HELPING A NEWLY ELECTED OFFICER IN THEIR ROLE.



Looking Ahead

October

- 1st; 4-H enrollment opens!
- 1st; Junior Leader Applications Live
- 6th-12th; National 4-H Week
- 12th-13; 48 Hours of Service
- 14th; Extension Office closed for Columbus Day
- 21st-25th; Extension Elections @ RFC
- 25th; Club Financial Reports due to RFC @ 5:00pm
- 25th; Junior Leader Applications due to RFC @ 5:00pm

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
- 25th; 4-H Council @ 7:00pm
- 28th-29th; Office closed for Thanksgiving





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