

K-State Research & Extension

Greenwood County 4-H News

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January

- 1 Extension Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 1 SignUpGenius link sent for "Junk in a Bucket" entries
- 5 **Enrollment due to the Extension office by 4:30pm for returning 4-H members**
- 13 "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" (registration due January 1st)
- 13 Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 15 Record Books due by 4:30pm to Ext. Office
- 15 4-H Council Meeting
- 19 SEA 4-H Record Book Judging in Fredonia, KS
- 24 Club Leaders check email for County 4-H Club Day Group presentations sign up (entries due by 4:30pm on Friday, January 26th)
- 27 County 4-H Day registration opens on SignUpGenius (entries due by 4:30pm on Friday, February 2nd)
- 27 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting
- 27 Horse Panorama – K-State Salina Campus
- 31 "Junk In A Bucket" registration due

February

- 9 Fair Theme Ideas due to Extension Office
- 10 County 4-H Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 18-19 CIA (registration deadline is January 26th)

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due online
- 2 Kansas Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 9 County 4-H Club Day Snow Date
- 15 Beef Weigh-In - Luthi's, noon to 5pm
- 16 Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 20 YQCA Training, 6:30pm @ Courthouse
- 23 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 10 YQCA Training, 6:30pm @ Courthouse
- 13 Tractor Safety Class - Braden Room, 9a to noon
- 20 Small Animal Weigh-in
- 28 Flint Hills Classic

Record Book Goal Setting



It's never too early to start thinking about Record Books and setting project goals for the year! Find a helpful document [HERE](#) to start planning your goals for the year.

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging

The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held in Fredonia this year on Friday, January 19th from 9am - 3pm (record books are due at the Extension office by the 4:30pm on Monday, January 15th). If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office. Reference the following link for more information on Regional Project Award Screening: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/regionalscreening.html>

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be at the K-State Salina Campus on Saturday, January 27th. Contests include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, photography, design and more. Registration is due by Tuesday, January 2nd to receive a t-shirt, late registration is due by Monday, January 15th for meal count. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) for schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

"Junk In A Bucket"

The last page of the December newsletter had the flyer describing the 4-H class for the county fair called "Junk In a Bucket." Entries for this class are **due by Wednesday, January 31st**. All entries will be made through SignUpGenius this year. The link will be emailed out on Monday, January 1st.

4-H County Club Day

This year's 4-H County Club Day is just ahead on Saturday, February 10th at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits.

We will be offering the Interview contest again this year. You can find more information and a new helpful Club Day guideline document on our website: <https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/gwcoeventsactivities/index.html>

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional club days is planned for **Saturday, March 23rd at the Madison High School**. Save the date and start planning for events!

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Saturday, January 13th as the Wildcats take on Texas. The game will start at 1:30pm. You will be able to pick up your ticket packages from 11:30am - 12:30pm the day of. Prices are as follows:

- ⇒ \$30: includes a ticket to the game, a \$10 concession stand voucher, & a t-shirt
- ⇒ \$20: includes a ticket to the game and a \$10 concession stand voucher

Register by January 1st at <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY>

Citizenship in Action

When: February 18 - 19, 2024

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1, 2024

Registration: [HERE!](#)

Registration is open and is due by Friday, January 26th. Check the [CIA event page](#) for more information. **Please let the office know ASAP if you plan to attend!**

2024 Greenwood County Fair Theme

The 121st Greenwood County Fair is **July 26-29, 2024!** Each 4-H club is encouraged by the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation to be creative and submit a theme for the fair. Last year's theme appeared on fair t-shirts, the fair paper, newspaper advertisements, and on the radio. Entries are due to the Ext. office by Friday, February 9th. Below is a list of requirements to fit our graphic needs:

- **Black and White Only**
- **Digital Design (no hand drawn ideas)**
- **Size should be 8 inches x 8 inches**

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

- ⇒ Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website at: www.greenwood.k-state.edu
- ⇒ Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- ⇒ **Ask lots of questions!** Please don't hesitate to call the Extension office with questions, ask community and project leaders, and reach out to older, more established 4-H families (contact information for the Extension office is located on the website and in every newsletter)
- ⇒ Attend every club meeting - explore county 4-H events during the entire year
- ⇒ Do just a few projects per member the first year of 4-H as you "learn while having fun"
- ⇒ Read the Greenwood County 4-H Family Handbook available through your 4-H club leaders

Standard for 4-H and FFA

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff, and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration, or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show, or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials, and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The standards are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

Tractor Safety Class

Mark you calendars! There will be a Tractor Safety Class offered on Saturday, April 13th from 9am to noon in the Concourse Building Braden Room. It will be open for all youth, especially those interested in participating in the Tractor Operator Contest at the County Fair. Come join us as we discuss farm safety and how it applies to various equipment and implements. Keep an eye out on future newsletters for more information and how to sign up!

Scholarships

Kansas 4-H Scholarship:

The online applications for the 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are available and due by March 1st. The process has been modified and changes will take effect for the 2024-25 scholarship application process. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. The information you will need for this scholarship are available on the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Judy Wiggins Scholarship:

The Judy Wiggins Memorial scholarship application are due April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is on Friday, March 15th from noon to 5pm at Luthi's, 3673 Z Rd. Madison. Beef Tags are \$4.00

Market and breeding females, will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be able to show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers to the Extension office by the spring weigh-in date. You may email them to Ben (benjam63@ksu.edu). All livestock must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

We are excited for another year of the Greenwood County Shooting Sports program. For those new to the program, it is **"REQUIRED"** that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting for 2 years to participate. All safety will be reviewed continually at individual practices. A minimum of 2 practices must also be attended to be eligible for the County Fair Shoots.

This years' safety meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 27th - 2 pm for shotgun and 3 pm for archery - at the Braden Room at the Concourse Building in Eureka. We will host these meetings in the early winter months as archery will begin late winter/early spring. We will be hosting a 30-45 minute meeting for shotgun and archery separately but in the same day. These meetings will be a little more in depth, i.e., learning gun and bow maintenance protocols and reasons for malfunction. Make sure your child is enrolled in shotgun and/or archery to receive communications. After the first of the year, I will confirm enrollment with the Extension office; and help confirm if your child needs to attend. Contact 4-H S/S Coordinator Annissa Boulanger with questions: fivebtribe@gmail.com or (620) 583-4100.

K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 2nd

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 12th

Cost: \$20/person by February 12th (\$25/person after February 12th)

* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12th to receive a t-shirt

* Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 16th

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 26th

Cost: \$20/person by February 26th (\$25/person after February 26th)

* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26th to receive a t-shirt

* Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

****An instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. More details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be sent only to those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3.00/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.****

Entomology Project Meeting

There will be an Entomology project meeting on Saturday, January 13th at the Allen Co Ext Office in Iola starting at 1pm. Please bring your pinning board, supplies, and one insect to pin. Also, bring your specimens you already have mounted so we can work on identification and a zip drive to put the template for creating labels on. If you are going to give a talk for Club Day, we would love to hear it and give you some practice. Otherwise, bring a short talk on one of the types of insect antennae we studied at the December meeting. Questions - Call Vicky @ (620)804-9170.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council will be held on **Monday, January 15th at 7pm at the Courthouse**. Items to be on the agenda:

- ◆ Concessions at Flint Hills Classic
- ◆ Kansas Maids Fundraiser
- ◆ Club Community Service Project Challenge



Leaders' Notes

- ⇒ **REMINDER!!!! All returning 4-H members must be enrolled by 4:30pm on Friday, January 5th. Enrollments for returning members WILL NOT be accepted after this date/time!!!! Project drop/add due date will remain May 1st, as will new member enrollment.**
- ⇒ Junk-in-a-Bucket: Registration for “Junk-in-a-Bucket” will be emailed to all currently enrolled members via a SignUpGenius link on Monday, January 1st and is due by Wednesday, January 31st! A reminder will also go out in the middle of January.
- ⇒ Kansas 4-H Scholarships: For the 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Deadline to apply is March 1st!
- ⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications available at the Extension office and are due by April 1st!
- ⇒ 4-H County Club Day: County Club day will be Saturday, February 10th. Encourage members to make plans now! Entries will be made via SignUpGenius. Club leaders will receive an email with the sign up link on Wednesday, January 24th for the group events at club days (model meeting and gavel games) due date to sign up group events will be Friday, January 26th at 4:30pm. **THIS LINK IS FOR CLUB LEADERS ONLY!** Another email containing links to sign up for individual presentations (show and share, demos, project talks, public speaking, video presentations, music, talent, skits, dance, and job interviews) will be sent out Saturday, January 27th to all 4-H members. Registration will close Friday, February 2nd at 4:30pm. This email will include the schedule for group events (model meeting and gavel games) that leaders signed up for, so members do not double schedule their activities.
- ⇒ 4-H Regional Days: Regional Club day will be Saturday, March 23rd at Madison High School.



Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

As a resource for club leaders the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists have created a new online training resource: [“4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success.”](#)

This training includes 6 videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers can watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. We have also included a “4-H EZ Application Guide” that allows you to reflect on the videos and apply the information specifically to your 4-H Community Club.

This online training can be completed by an individual as volunteer development or with a group of youth and adult volunteers. The videos are set up so they could be completed all in one setting or divide them up, as needed, for a busy schedule.

The videos are available at: <http://bit.ly/4-HEZ>. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. You'll first be asked to sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video, you'll be asked to reflect on something you have learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in strengthening your 4-H Community Club!

4-H Club Day Presentation Tips

General Thoughts

- ✿ Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you are familiar with it.
- ✿ Look at the audience and judge. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- ✿ Talk loud enough so people on the back row can hear you.
- ✿ Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- ✿ Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. Dress to fit your presentation.
- ✿ Good posture increases self confidence.
- ✿ Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
- ✿ Charts should be easy to read – not crowded and cluttered.
- ✿ Place your charts in a place everyone can read.
- ✿ Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.
- ✿ Demonstrations and Illustrated talks – ask for questions. Project talks – do not ask for questions.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

- ✿ Cover table with paper, table cloth, etc.
- ✿ Organize all your ingredients on a tray so that you can quickly move them from the supply table to the work area.
- ✿ Pre-measure ingredients or supplies.
- ✿ Clear empty containers from the work space as you finish with them.
- ✿ Make sure the electrical equipment works properly. Bring all supplies needed and equipment.
- ✿ Have examples of every step of the process. If something needs to dry for 5 minutes, have one already dry.
- ✿ Have “fill” information. Silence is not a good thing for a demonstration. Provide additional information about your topic – nutritional value, costs, origin of products, history of the subject, etc.
- ✿ Foods presentations: wear an apron, washable clothing and some device to keep hair in place.
- ✿ Use trays to help organize your supplies.
- ✿ Use clear containers so the audience can see what your are doing.

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- ☘ Use a damp cloth to wipe hands if doing foods demonstration or when using glue for crafts, etc.
- ☘ Cover name brands of products.
- ☘ Clear your work area before you show your finished product.
- ☘ Show your finished product with mirror.

Posters/Charts

- ☘ Serve as a guide to you.
- ☘ Add interest to the title, topic and ideas presented.
- ☘ Focus and hold audience attention.
- ☘ Emphasize key points.
- ☘ Show comparisons.
- ☘ Summarize main thoughts.
- ☘ Should be neat and attractive.
- ☘ Use upper and lower case letters. (all capitals are hard to read)
- ☘ Use block letters. Avoid script or broken letters.
- ☘ Letters should be at least 2" in height in order to be read from 20' away.
- ☘ Should be easily read. Don't clutter or crowd with too many words/ideas. Use bullets or outline style.
- ☘ Limit the number of colors used. Easy to read colors include:
 - ✓ Black on white
 - ✓ Green on white
 - ✓ Blue on white
 - ✓ Yellow on black
- ☘ Hard to read colors include:
 - ✓ White on red
 - ✓ White on orange
 - ✓ Red on yellow
 - ✓ Green on red
- ☘ Use color for emphasis, but don't use it on everything.
- ☘ Beware that fluorescent colors can be hard on the eyes.
- ☘ Do not mix color within words.
- ☘ Let color work for you, not against you!
- ☘ At least 3 posters – Title poster, steps/supplies and a summary.
- ☘ Use heavy weight poster board.