



PAWNEE COUNTY

4-H EXPRESS

Kansas State University Agricultural Research Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

September 2016

State Fair Notes!

All State Fair exhibits that were pre-entered should be brought to the Extension Office by Thursday, September 8. Food items may be brought in by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9. Someone will be at the Extension Office by 7:30 a.m. Friday to accept the final foods exhibits. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Thank You!

A BIG thank you to those who have served as community leaders this past year and the many years before that. 4-H would not happen without your leadership!

We appreciate the support of Wendy's, Dillons, and Sonic. They each provided ice cream for herdsman awards during the Pawnee County Fair. Please send a thank you if you benefitted from these donations.

Be sure to thank your leaders and the area businesses that support 4-H. Stop by and thank them or send them a thank you note.

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Contact Us!

Whether you have questions about upcoming events, enrollment, or project descriptions, we are here to find you answers!

Please call our office at 620-285-6901.

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Larned, KS 67550

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4-H NEW YEAR!

September Elections:

Clubs will be electing officers at the September meeting. Newly elected presidents & council members are asked to attend the September 19th Council Meeting.

Please take officer elections seriously. If you are elected, do your best to fulfill your duties.

Community Leader Meeting:

Community Leaders who will be serving for 2016-2017 are invited to a meeting September 19, 6:30 p.m. at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. Supper will be provided for you.

4-H Council Meeting:

The September 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. Reports and business will include: Fair Evaluation, Trips & Awards Committee report, updated KAP guidelines, 4-H Ambassadors, & set date for 4-H Club Day. All newly elected council members should attend.

Fair comments can be submitted to your 4-H Council member for the meeting.

Officers' Training:

This year, officers' training will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, at the Courthouse in Larned. This is your opportunity to learn the duties of your position and ask any questions you have. Plan to attend. Each Club must have 3 members attend to receive a gold seal.

Enrollment:

Kansas 4-H enrollment will be online again this year. We will be providing information for families to re-enroll online and also for first year families to enroll. This year, we will not be taking any paper enrollment as official enrollment. If you do not have internet access, please contact us. We can help you set up your account in our office. Enrollment online will open October 1.

A child may join 4-H when he or she turns 7 by January 1, 2017. They are also welcome to stay in 4-H until they turn 19 before January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Participation forms: This year, these will be online, too, and be part of the enrollment process. If for some reason, you need a form before the online ones are ready, we will have paper copies in the Extension Office.

All enrollment is due November 1. You can join after that date but may miss out on events, project meetings, or information because we do not have your enrollment. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Promote 4-H!

National 4-H Week is October 2-8. Each Club should plan to do their own promotion to get new members and tell the community about our great program.

Some Clubs celebrate 4-H Sunday during 4-H Week. If you club decides to attend church together, consider getting 4-H Sunday leaflet inserts for bulletins.

The Tiller & Toiler will be publishing a special 4-H Week Tabloid. Six 4-Hers and/or parents from each Club will be invited to write articles. If you have never written an article, please give it a try. 4-Hers who are interested should tell their Community Leaders. The articles are due September 23 and should be brought to the Extension Office.

Alumni Award

Did your Club nominate 2 people for the 4-H Alumni Award? The Pawnee County winners will receive a silver tray presented by the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation at the Achievement Banquet. Nominees do not have to be currently active as a 4-H leader but should be someone who supports the community, 4-H, and is a former 4-H member. (You may have to fill out the forms for your nominee.) The completed nomination is due to the Extension Office no later than September 12.



4-H NEW YEAR!, CONT.

4-Hers who plan to apply for Achievement Pins this coming year:

Please consider attending some state events this year. When applying for the Gold and Gold Guard, you must do more than county events.

If you will be working for the Silver Guard or above this year, make sure you are enrolled in the Leadership Project. We encourage all members 12 and older to enroll in "Leadership" and get involved by being a junior leader for a project in your club.

Record Books:

A new 4-H year will soon begin and you ended the year by filling out your record books.

Record books can seem like a lot of work but they are used to evaluate what you have done and learned throughout the past year. Many of you probably thumbed through records from prior years and could see how much improvement you have made in your projects.

Your books are sent to leaders from another county and they make the decision about our county champions. At the Achievement Banquet, awards will be given to the top achievers in each project or award area. It definitely takes more than attending monthly meetings and winning the purple ribbon at the fair to win county project areas. We salute those 4-Hers who work to achieve with record books!

PROJECT EVENTS & NEWS

Bugs, Bugs, and More Bugs!

We will have an Insect Fun Day on Saturday, September 24th, at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Bring your parents and come see what the 4-H Entomology is all about. Join us for games and fun. Learn about making an insect collection OR taking pictures of insects and making an insect photo notebook. For more information, call Vicky Wallace at 620-285-6231. Hope to see you there.

2016 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "May the 4-H Dog Be with You." Registration will be through the CVent 4-H system with registration closing October 1st. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee once participants have registered on CVent. The register, visit <http://www.kansas4-H.org/events/index.html>. Cost is \$105 for full-time participants, \$65.00 for Saturday only, and \$45.00 for Sunday only. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line as you register for an additional cost of \$10.00 and \$25.00, respectively. For more information, visit <http://www.kansas4-H.org/events/dog/index.html>.

New this year: 2016 will have a mini dog quiz bowl for 7-9 year olds. Youth will learn how quiz

bowl work in a fun, non-threatening environment with lots of hands-on activities to teach new dog skills. Youth participating in the mini quiz bowl may not compete in the general dog quiz bowl on a team or as an individual.

Dog Project

Practices will start back up in November, on Tuesday evenings. Specific dates will be announced as the time gets closer.

Shooting Sports:

4-H members interested in the shooting sports project should get their enrollment done so they can participate in the upcoming events. This year's shooting sports activities will include air rifle, air pistol, and archery practices from January through March, with the Pawnee County Shoot Out held the third Saturday in March. Shotgun practices were held in the spring and ended with the final shoot at the Pawnee County Fair.

Thanks to all the leaders who have been certified in shooting sports in order to work with our youth!

LOCAL 4-H EVENTS & NEWS

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

This year, kids participated in both Livestock Judging and Skillathon. Livestock Judging comprised of Spencer Van Meter and Brett Kirby. They both did well, judging 9 classes and giving 4 sets of oral reasons! It was a great quality judging contest.

Skillathon had a full team, consisting of Ross McNett, Reed McNett, Ella McNett, and Brett Kirby. Our team ranked 20th in the overall and 5th in our team activity!

Be sure to watch the newsletter and Pawnee County 4-H Facebook page for upcoming Livestock Judging and Skillathon practices!

4-H Ambassadors

You've seen the 4-H Ambassador announcement for the last several months! Well, the applications are ready to go! You are welcome to either get an application from your leader or stop by the office to grab one. They will be due to the Extension Office by 5 pm, October 3rd. No exceptions. All qualifying applications will be asked to return for an interview on October 20th.

4-Her's that are in grades 8-12, and that have completed at least one year of 4-H activities are encouraged to apply!

Red Wheel Sale

The Red Wheel Sale will include many of our usual items and feature some new ones:

- * Cookie Dough: Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Macadamia Nut, Monster, and Cranberry White Chocolate Oat (new)
- * Cherry Supreme French Braid
- * Cinnamon Rolls
- * Pizza: Pepperoni, Five-Meat, and Breakfast
- * Pies: Fruits of the Forest (new), Apple, Cherry, Pecan, and Key-Lime
- * Burritos: Beef & Cheese, Beef & Bean, and Chicken & Cheese
- * Eggrolls: Southwestern and Pork & Vegetable
- * Mini Tacos
- * Beef Enchiladas
- * Chocolate 4-in-1 Cheesecake
- * Pumpkin Roll
- * Strawberry Cream Puffin
- * Cranberry Nut Snack Mix (new)
- * Tumblers (all new): KU, KSU, OU, OSU, Paisley



The sale will begin in September and orders will be due October 3. For an order to be complete, we **MUST** have the WHITE SLIPS & MONEY turned in to the Extension Office. This is a firm date. Katie will be out of the office starting that week and will not be able to accept late orders.

The pick up date is October 19, at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Western Wranglers 4-H Club is responsible for working pickup. Orders may be picked up by the customer or the seller can deliver the orders if they choose. Please remind your customers about pickup.

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

You are invited to the
Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet
Sunday, October 2, 2016
5:30 p.m.

J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, Larned

This promises to be a special celebration. 4-H Clubs, Achievement Pin awardees, Project Award winners, and 4-H Leaders will be honored. The meal is sponsored by local sponsors but there will be a \$2.00 charge to 4-H members, leaders, parents, or other children in the family to help cover expenses not covered by our sponsors. Other family members (grandparents or other friends) will also be charged a \$2.00 fee.

Please purchase your meals by Friday, September 23, at the Extension Office.

Letters will be sent to Club Leaders asking for help to set up, decorate, clean up, etc. Please volunteer to help your club out!

4-H Achievement Banquet Reservation

Due: September 23

We must have an accurate count for those preparing the meal. Return this form to:

Pawnee County Extension Office
715 Broadway, Room 6
Larned, KS 67550

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



AREA, STATE, & NATIONAL 4-H INFORMATION

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The KYLF registration materials are on the Kansas 4-H website: www.kansas4-h.org & click on Event Registration. KYLF will be November 18-20, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is for youth who are ages 14-18 before January 1, 2017. Registration is due October 15. Cost is \$215. KYLF is a great opportunity for youth! Build strong leadership skills along with making tons of new friends with similar interests. If you plan on going, contact our office. It would be great to take a big group and show off how great our teens are here in Pawnee County!

Kansas Volunteer Forum

Kansas Volunteer Forum is a fantastic way for adults, both 4-H related and not, to help youth create, inspire, and achieve. It will take place at the same time and place as KYLF - November 18-20, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Cost is \$165 per attendee. Due date for entry is TBD. Let's show our kids how fun and rewarding it is to be a volunteer! For more information, call the Extension Office.

2017 Citizenship Washington Focus

This trip is highly recommended for 4-Hers 16

& older. It is an awesome trip and this year's dates are June 1-26, 2017. The cost is \$1,850. The registration is open on the State 4-H website.

Scholarship Housing Option for College

For female 4-Hers looking into college options, Alpha of Clovia is one option that sometimes gets overlooked. Alpha of Clovia is a 4-H Cooperative Leadership House owned by the Kansas 4-H Foundation, located next to the Manhattan Campus of Kansas State University. Since 1931, the women of Alpha Clovia have lived together in a cooperative manner - sharing housework and possessions to reduce the overall cost of living. Throughout the years, women from various backgrounds across the country have become members, participating in activities such as: philanthropies, house retreats, the annual National Clovia meeting, and homecoming, among other social events. All of these activities, and more, are done while maintaining a high sense of academic scholarship while studying at K-State. If you would like more information, please contact either the Extension Office or Alpha of Clovia, 785-320-7970.

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REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 8: State Fair Entries due to the Extension Office (9th for foods)
- 9-18: Kansas State Fair
- 12: Alumni Award Nominations due to the Extension Office
- 19: Community Leaders Supper & Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. followed by 4-H Council meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
- 23: News Articles due @ Extension Office
- 23: Achievement Banquet Reservations due @ Extension Office
- 24: Entomology Meeting, 2:00 p.m. at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
- 25: Officers' Training, 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse
- 30-Oct 2: Kansas Junior Livestock Show

OCTOBER

- 1: 4-H Enrollment Opens Online
- 1: Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl registration due
- 2: Achievement Banquet at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
- 3: Ambassadors applications due to the Extension Office
- 3: Red Wheel WHITE SLIPS & MONEY due @ Extension Office
- 2-8: National 4-H Week
- 15: KYLF & KVF registration due online
- 19: Red Wheel Pickup @ 5:00-6:30 p.m. - J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
- 20: Ambassador Interviews

NOVEMBER

- 1: 4-H Enrollment is due
- 18-20: KYLF & KVF

Dear 4-H Families,

The Extension Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. The office will “normally” be closed over the noon hour. However, we realize these hours may not coincide with everyone’s schedules. Give us a call and we will do our best to work with your schedule.

Sincerely,

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County Extension Agent,
Family & Consumer Sciences

Shannon Rogge
County Extension Agent,
Agriculture & Natural Resources

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