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4-H EXPRESS

Kansas State University Agricultural Research Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service March 2019

Congratulations!

Everyone did a wonderful job at 4-H Club Day! Thank you to the 4-H Day Committee for their help in setting up the rooms and cleaning up. Judges ranked the top blues so Pawnee County will be well represented at the Regional 4-H Day. Regional 4-H Day participants (including those in the Composite Model Meeting) will receive a letter with further instructions about this event on Friday evening, March 8, in Great Bend. No schedule has been set yet. The Top Blue winners are:

Project Talk: Grayson Maxwell (1st Top Blue) Jax Johnson (2nd Top Blue)
Sr. Demo: Sarah Manry
Jr. Demo: Mylee Hammond
Piano Solo: Grayson Maxwell
Instrumental Solo: Phillip Applequist
Extemp Speaking: Caleb Nord (1st Top Blue) (Audrey Manry (2nd Top Blue)
Jr. Reading: Reese Watkins
Sr. Reading: Kansas Lange
ARI: Cameron Murray
Public Speaking: Reed McNett

Project Enrollment:

May 1st is the last day to add projects for the 2019 Fair. If you have any questions about how to add a project or update your enrollment, please call the Extension Office.

2019 Pawnee County Fair Dates:

Mark your calendars for July 24-27, 2019! Deadlines and other announcements will be forthcoming in newsletters and other letters that are project specific.

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Contact Us!

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

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Project Events & News

Dog

Dog practice will be on March 19, at 5:30pm at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. Be sure to bring your dog and leash.

Beef Weigh-In

Don't forget that beef weigh-in will take place at the Larned Vet Clinic on Saturday March 9 from 10:00-11:30am. If you are planning to show at the Fair, your animal needs to be tagged and weighed. Bucket feeder steers should also be tagged and weighed at this time. DNA for State Fair will also be done this day. If you will not be able to attend this weigh-in, please contact the Extension Office so that the animals are at least tagged before March 9. *After March 9, Open Class will be your only option for showing at the Fair.*

4th Grade Ag Day

4th Grade Ag Day will be held Thursday, May 2, at the Pawnee County Fair Grounds.

Small Animal Weigh-In

Sheep, Goat, and Bucket Calf ear tag and weigh-in is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd, 5:00-6:30pm. at the Fair Grounds. Swine will not weigh in but must be tagged by Ted Van Horn by May 2nd.

Pawnee County Shoot Out

The Pawnee County 4-H Shooting Sports project will sponsor a 4-H Shooting Sports competition on Saturday, March 16. Registration is due March 1. Late entries are assessed a late fee of $5 extra per person and there is no guarantee of a t-shirt.

The Pawnee County Shoot Out will qualify Air Pistol and Air Rifle shooters for the State Shoot. The Archery shoot will be a fun event for shooters to practice in a competition setting. This is our 24th year to host this event. Both team and individual medals will be awarded.

Upcoming Shoots

March 16: Pawnee Co (AR, AP, & Archery) **Archery is not a state qualifying event!**

Mar 23: Jackson/Nemaha (AR, AP)

Shotgun Organizational Meeting

The organizational Shotgun meeting will be held on March 11th @ 7:00pm at the J. A. Haas Exhibit Building. Please attend this meeting with a parent to sign the paperwork and pay the fee if you have not already.

Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Have you considered being a shooting sports instructor? The next training session is coming up on April 4th through 7th, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The disciplines planned are: Archery, Coordinator, Hunting Skills, Muzzle loading, Pistol, Rifle (BB gun, air rifle, etc.), Shotgun, and Western Heritage/ Cowboy Action. Registration is due by March 27 at 5pm, so please let us know.

Your volunteer screening process must be completed in order to attend these trainings!!!

We are in need of instructors for all disciplines!!

Shutterbugs in the Garden

On April 27 Botanica, in Wichita, will host a photography workshop. There is no registration required. Entrance Fee to get into Botanica is the only required fee to participate.

Shutterbugs in the Garden City Zoo

On May 11 there will be a workshop offered at the Lee Richardson Zoo, 312 E. Finnup Drive, Garden City, KS. The workshop will take place at sites around the zoo. Topics include: Costumes and Props, Frames, Kaleidoscopes, Mirrors, Making Photos Unique, a Camera Q and A table, Photo Scavenger Hunt and more. No registration is required, however, all participants over age 3 will pay $5.00. This fee is for youth, adults, and adult sponsors. There is a maximum charge of $20/family. If you have questions, please call Pansy Fryman at 620-272-3012 or email pbeef@wbsnet.org.

Livestock Judging

Practices have started, however, it is not too late to join. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

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Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day

The 2019 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held March 9 in Manhattan. This family-friendly, educational event is a day devoted to youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and teachers who have an interest in the swine project. Participants of all knowledge levels are invited to attend.

Local 4-H events & News

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

It's time to start planning for 4-H Camp. Pawnee County 4-Hers can attend camp at Rock Springs Ranch June 11-14. 4-Hers age 7-13 (or just completing 2nd through 8th grades) are eligible to attend. Cost for camp this year is $180.00. Registration will be due May 1 to the Extension Office and other important information will be announced next month!

Any 4-Hers 14 years of age and older who are interested in being camp counselors can contact the Extension Office to obtain an application. The application needs to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by May 1. Volunteer certification paperwork needs to be completed for camp counselors. Please do not wait till the last minute to apply!

Camp Scholarships-Provided by Pawnee County 4-H Foundation

The 4-H Foundation of Pawnee County is happy to offer scholarships for 4-H Camp again this year! There will be two scholarship awarded that will help to pay for Camp. **NOTE: A 4-Her can only win this scholarship once!** To be eligible you must be of Camp age (7-13 or just completing 8th grade).
Due Friday May 1, 2019.

Pawnee County 4-H Foundation

The Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 21, 7:00 pm at the Courthouse Lounge. Grayson Maxwell and Sarah Manry will present their 4-H Day Top Blue Project Talk and Demonstration. Refreshments will be served. All are invited!!

4-H Foundation Membership

All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to recruit members for the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation. A paid lifetime membership fee is $10.00. Membership is open to everyone.

The Pawnee County 4-H Foundation sponsors many awards for the 4-H Fair, Achievement Banquet, and County 4-H Day. They also host a recognition dinner for leaders. They pay transportation cost to county camp. They sponsor scholarships for county camp and high school seniors. It is easy to see they support every aspect of 4-H and all 4-Hers benefit from their support. So please support them by recruiting members to the Foundation.

4-H Council

The March meeting for the Pawnee County 4-H Council is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 7:30pm at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building. Please plan to attend or send a substitute.

Discount Card Fundraiser

We will be selling the discount cards again this year. Local and National businesses have created special offers to be used at their location for this card. Each card will sell for $10. Our anticipated starting date for selling is Monday April 1, 2019. The cards will be active April 1-December 31, 2019. Each club will be given 100 cards to be responsible for selling. Spread the word!!

Interested in Learning to Cross Stitch?

A local volunteer has offered to teach cross stitching. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Club News

Congratulations to the winners of the Jason & Brooke Meckfessel Awards for 2019 , pictured below, are Sarah Manry, Mylee Hammond, Jenna Fisher, Grayson Maxwell, and Jax Johnson.

We had a great turnout for the 4-H Club Day Event. A big "Thank You" to all who participated and/or helped with the event to make it such a great successes.

Good luck to those of you who are competing in the Regional Club Day in Great Bend!

Area, State, & National 4-H Information

Discovery Days

This event will be May 29—May 31, on the KSU campus. Be sure to check the State 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org: Events & Activities, Conferences & Events, and Discovery Days, https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html for more information. It's a great 4-H event for youth 13-18 years old as of January 1, 2019. Classes fill quickly, so register early to attend the class you want. Registration will open March 1, online. Registration deadline is April 15, 2019 at 11:59pm.

Geology Field Trip

June 7—9, 2019 will be a State 4-H Geology field trip for members and their families. Registration to attend closes May 24, 2019. Look for additional information in the April Newsletter.

Campference

This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14, and will be held June 23-26, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Super 4-H Saturday—March 23 in Hays

This will take place on the Fort Hays State University campus. Adults will join other adult volunteers in learning and discussing 4-H topics from 10—Noon. For the youth, starting at 10am will be the NW 4-H Judging Contest—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skill and Photography. There will also be a free Meat Goat workshop staring at 9:30am.

Afternoon events for Youth include a Livestock Judging contest at 12:30pm and at 1pm there will be project workshops such as: Bread Sculpting ($2); Creative Magnet Calendars ($5); Photography (free); Plant Detective (free); or Junk Drawer Robotics ($5). Registration deadline to attend is March 15, 2019.

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas will begin on Sunday March 17 and go through May 11. Registration is now open online! Please go to http://www.walkkansasonline.org/ to Log In or Create an account if you are a first time user. You can register with others as a team, or register as a 'free agent' to be added to someone else's team.

Each team identifies a goal, or challenge, it wants to reach. Three challenges are offered. As your team moves across or around the state, you will learn about points of interest in Kansas by viewing progress of your team on the online map. The challenges are different this year, but teams will travel distances similar to last year.

4-H GROWS HERE

Dates to remember

MARCH

1. State KAP Deadline
1. Registration due to extension office for Pawnee County Shoot Out
3,10, 17 Shooting Sports, Practice from 1pm—4pm at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
5. Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications due to Extension Office by 5:00pm
8. Regional Club Day at Great Bend Middle School
9. Beef Weigh-In, Larned Veterinary Clinic. 10:00am to 11:30am
11. Shotgun informational meeting, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building at 7:00pm
11. Ambassadors have been asked to speak at the Pride Meeting, Pawnee Valley Hospital at noon
16. Pawnee County Shoot Out, Larned Community Center and Haas Building at 8:00am
18. 4-H Council meeting at the J.A. Haas Exhibit Building at 7:30pm
19. Dog Practice at the J.A. Hass Exhibit Building — 5:30pm—6:30pm
19. The Many Faces of Mental Health Program, Larned Middle School at 7:00pm
20. Food Stand Meeting, Extension Office at 5:00pm
21. Pawnee County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, Courthouse Lounge, 7:00 p.m.
(Will review scholarship applications)
24. Record Book Workshop — Courthouse Lounge at 1:30pm
24. A Night Into College, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building at 3:00pm
27. 4-H PDC meeting, Extension Office, 5:00pm
30. Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Manhattan from 9:00am to 3:00pm (devoted to youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and teachers who have an interest in the meat goat project.)

APRIL

2. Dog Practice, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, 5:30pm—6:30 pm
4—7. Shooting Sports Instructor Training at Rock Springs
15. Sewing day deadline, please let Jen know if you are interested
17. 3rd to 6th grade Career Day, Pawnee Heights, 9:00am for Pawnee Heights students
19. Deadline for Foods Fair entries
22. Sewing Day at the Pawnee County Courthouse Lounge
23. Dog Practice, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, 5:30pm—6:30 pm
27. Foods Fair at the Extension Office, 9:00am

MAY

1. Project Enrollment Finalized
1. 4-H Camp registration & Camp Counselor Application due
2. 4th Grade Ag Day, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
2. Small Animal Weigh-in - Fairgrounds @ 5:00pm—6:30pm NO PIGS
8. Camp Scholarship Interviews, Court House Lounge, 5:00pm
29—31. Discover Days

June

11—14. Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp
23—26. 4-H Camference 2019

July

2. Day Camp for grades K-2, 8:00am—noon, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
16. Fashion Review in the morning, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
21. Trap shoot, dog, and cat show, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building
23. All 4-Hers needed to set up the Community Center, J.A. Haas Exhibit Building, and Barn for the County Fair
24—27. Pawnee County Fair
30. Caracas show, B & B
30. 4-H Swim Party, Larned City Pool

Pawnee County Fair

August

24—25. Livestock sweepstakes in Manhattan

September

4. All record books due into the Extension Office
5. All State Fair entries due to the Extension Office; crafts, foods, robotics, etc.
6—15. Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, KS

Dear 4-H Families,

The Extension Office is open from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00-5:00 pm. 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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