

K-State Research & Extension

Greenwood County 4-H News

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December

- 6-10** Kansas Beef Expo - Hutchinson, KS – For more information go to www.kansasbeefexpo.com
- 9** Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
- 23-31** Extension Office Closed - Christmas Break

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"
- 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 (Due Friday, January 26th)
- 27** County 4-H Day registration opens on SignUpGenius (entries due Friday, February 2nd)
- 27** Horse Panorama – K-State Salina Campus
- 31** "Junk in a Bucket" entries due

February

- 9** Fair Theme Ideas due to Extension Office
- 10** County Club Day @ Hamilton School
- 18-19** Citizenship in Action (CIA)



Dates for 2024 are Set!



Although it may be months away, many dates have already been set on many 4-H Events and Activities for 2024. Mark them on your calendars now so your members doesn't miss out on all the fun!

- ⇒ **SEA 4-H Record Book Judging – January 19**
- ⇒ **Ambassador Training – will not be held in 2024**
- ⇒ **GW County 4-H Club Day & Favorite Foods Show – February 10 (Snow Date is March 9)**
- ⇒ **CIA – February 18-19**
- ⇒ **Regional 4-H Club Day – March 23**
- ⇒ **Discovery Days – May/June TBD**
- ⇒ **Greenwood County Fair – July 26 - 29**

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 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>

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 in the Extension 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**

"Junk in a Bucket"

The last page of the newsletter is a 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.

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!

Citizenship in Action (CIA)

Citizenship in Action (CIA) will be on February 18th and 19th. Registration should open in early January and will be due early February. More information will be available soon.

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 will be due by April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting



The Greenwood County Shooting Sports program is growing. For those new to the program, it is **"REQUIRED"** that the 4-H'er attend a shooting sports safety meeting each year to participate. We will be finalizing the date and details soon.

We will host this meeting 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. Watch your email for details. Contact S/S Coordinator Anissa Boulanger with questions; fivebtribe@gmail.com or 620-583-4100.

Horse Panorama



Horse Panorama will be at the K-State Salina Campus on Saturday, January 27th. Registration will be completed via Qualtrics and is due by Tuesday, January 2nd to receive a t-shirt, late registration is due Monday, January 15th for meal count. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) as it is updated with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

Willow Valley Go- Getters December Meeting Change!

The Willow Valley Go-Getters will have their December meeting & Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th starting at 6pm.

Registration Papers Reminder!

Registration papers are required for heifers and purebred swine that are registered.

- ⇒ Registration papers for heifers are due to the office by the Spring Animal Weigh-In date.
- ⇒ Registration papers for purebred swine are due by Weigh-In at the Fair.

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology project meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the Allen County Extension Office at 1pm. Please bring your pinning board and supplies and two insects to pin if you have them. Questions? Call Vicky @ (620) 804-9170.

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.*****

County Club Day – February 10th

4-H Day is just ahead, Saturday, February 10th, and it's time to be thinking about your projects. 4-H Day will be held at Hamilton Elementary school. Guidelines are included in this newsletter relating to times, ages, etc. Our county club day follows the guidelines for regional with the exception of adding a younger gavel games division. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits.

- ⇒ **Gavel Games:** Basic (7-9), Junior (7-13), and Senior (14 and up). A team may use a younger member to complete their team, but not one from an older age group. Basic is designed to be an introduction to Gavel Games with only 3 problems and no written test. An alternate (5th member) may be used at county, but not at regional competition.
- ⇒ **Show and Share:** For Cloverbuds and 1st and 2nd year members doing their first talk at 4-H Day. We ask that Cloverbuds enter just as other 4-H'ers will. It is an encouraging experience and will not be judged. The 4-H'er will talk with the judge after their presentation.
- ⇒ **Demonstrations:** Tell or show how to do something. They demonstrate a process and show a finished product.
- ⇒ **Project Talks:** Tell about the 4-H'ers project, or some aspect of it.
- ⇒ **Public Speaking:** Is an informative presentation on a current affair or public policy topic. An outline is presented to the judge.
- ⇒ **Video Presentation-on a Flash Drive or CD:** Allows a 4-H'er to include information and visuals not possible to bring to 4-H Day. It is also a possibility for having an entry when a 4H'er can not attend 4-H Day. Not eligible for regional competition.
- ⇒ **Music:** Present an original set of music with measures numbered. Be sure to put your name on it. Copyright laws prohibit photocopying of music. Pre-recorded accompaniment may be used, but any variations should be noted on the written music.
- ⇒ **Talent:** Includes skits, novelty, juggling, puppets, magic, reading, etc.
- ⇒ **Dance:** Includes square dance and other dance routines choreographed to music.
- ⇒ **Model Meetings:** Join your whole club as they demonstrate their parliamentary procedure skills together as you host a mock meeting. Tips from judges will help your club improve!
- ⇒ **Job Interviews:** Practice and show your public speaking skills via mock interview or a youth volunteer coordinator position. For Seniors only!

County Club Day – February 10th (cont.)

- ⇒ **Favorite Foods:** New this year, Favorite Foods will be included and registration will be part of the SignUpGenius links that go out in member emails.

Registration: An email will be shared with everyone on Saturday, January 27th to begin signing up for individual presentations, check your email! Register on SignUpGenius by 4:30pm on Friday, February 2nd.

We hope you will participate in and enjoy 4-H Day. The ultimate objective is that 4-H'ers feel good about who they are and what they have done. It's always encouraging to see the talent and skills of our members. As you watch other 4-H'ers, remember to compliment them on their performances. The judges will determine the top numbers that day in each division. These will be eligible to represent Greenwood County at Regional 4-H Day on Saturday, March 23rd.

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

Save the date! The annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" game will take place on Saturday, January 13th as the Wildcats take on Texas with a 1pm tip off. Details and registration will be out soon!



4-H Council Corner

These items were discussed and voted on during the 4-H council meeting on Monday, November 20th.

1. Elections were held, officers are:
 - ◇ President: Wylee Boulanger
 - ◇ Vice President: Brooke Gaines
 - ◇ Secretary: Makenna Engle
 - ◇ Treasurer: Hannah Perrier
 - ◇ Reporter: Cody Johnson
 - ◇ Parliamentarian: Gabe Oltman, Addison Westerman
2. County Club Day will be Saturday, February 10th at Hamilton School. Snow date will be Saturday, March 9th.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 15th at 7pm at the Courthouse.



LEADERS' NOTES

- ⇒ SE Area Record Book Screening: We need adults to assist with screening in Fredonia on Friday, January 19th beginning at 9am. Must have some previous experience with Record Books. If interested contact the Extension office.
- ⇒ 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship: For the 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, the online applications are available and due by March 1st.
- ⇒ Judy Wiggins Scholarship: Applications are available at the Extension office and will be due to the Extension Office 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.
- ⇒ **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”

“Junk In A Bucket” is a project that is being sponsored by the Madison Pacesetters 4-H Club. They are using this project as their Club Project. The purpose of the project is for the club’s Leadership Team to learn how to develop a project and follow through every step in order to make an exhibit at the Greenwood County Fair in a special designated class.

“Junk In A Bucket” will be offered again as a class at the 2024 Greenwood County Fair. The project will begin with a special enrollment through SignUpGenius that will be due by Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Drawings for the buckets will be held at County 4-H Club Day on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Each participant will draw for a random numbered bucket on that day. You do not have to be present in order to participate, but you do need to arrange to pick up your bucket at another time.

Ground Rules for Junk In A Bucket:

1. Pre-entry is required and will be due by Wednesday, January 31st. Registration will be open via SignUpGenius. A link to sign up will be emailed out to all 4-H members on Monday, January 1st. If you have any issues signing up, please contact the Extension office.
2. Random drawings for the buckets will be on Saturday, February 10th, at County 4-H Club Day.
3. Photos of each bucket will be taken. NO extra materials may be used in the creation of the project.
4. Any of the items in the bucket MAY be cut or reconfigured, but NO items may be added.
5. Items in the bucket may be welded. Baling wire may be used to connect items, but may be used ONLY to connect pieces. No extra wire is allowed. Zip Ties may also be used to connect items in the bucket.
6. In creating the project, all items in the bucket DO NOT have to be used.
7. Projects may be painted, but it is not required.
8. ALL buckets and items not used must be returned along with the exhibit to the Greenwood County Fair in July. All “Junk In A Bucket” projects will be exhibited in a special class at the fair.
9. Only 4-H enrolled members may participate in this project. This is an individual person project; NOT a team or club project.
10. Special prizes will be awarded in the three divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior (ages same as all Greenwood County 4-H Fair activities). Prizes will be based on creativity and originality of the project.

