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Greenwood County 4-H News
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Greenwood County Extension PDC Elections
The Greenwood County Extension Elections will be on Tuesday, November 1st from 8am to 4:30pm. Voting will be at the Extension Office. These votes help decide which individuals will be on the Program Development Committees and the focus our Educational Programs will take in the future.

Greenwood County 4-H Achievement Banquet
The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm at the Hamilton School Gym. This is a time of celebration and recognition for all 4-H’ers, parents, leaders, and volunteers.

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging
The SEA 4-H Record Book judging will be held on Friday, January 20th from 9am to 3pm. Location TBD. Eligible project record winners need to resubmit their books to the Extension office by 4:30pm on Monday, January 16th if they wish to compete. If you are interested in helping judge this year, please call or email the Extension office.

Entomology Project Meeting
There will be an Entomology project meeting on Saturday, December 3rd at 1:30pm at the Allen County Extension Office in Iola. Bring 3 or 4 insects to pin and/or identify and pinning equipment. If you are enrolled in a Photo Notebook phase, bring your camera. If you are new to the project, come join the fun. Pinning boards will be available for new families. Packets of insect pins are $6.50. Also, bring an insect quiz. Pick an insect, look it up, and write down 4 or 5 clues as to what insect it is to tell the group. They will need to guess what insect you are describing. Clues might include what Order the insect belongs to, harmful or beneficial, type of wings it has, food it eats, if it migrates, etc. If you have questions, please call Vicky Wallace at (620) 804-9170.

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**Dates are Set!**

Although it may be months away, some dates have already been set on many 4-H Events and Activities for 2023. Mark them on your calendars now so your members doesn’t miss out on all the fun!

- **SEA 4-H Record Book Judging** — January 20
- **Ambassador Training** — February 24 - 25
- **GWC 4-H Club Day** — February TBD
- **CIA** — February TBD
- **Regional 4-H Club Day** — March TBD
- **Discovery Days** — May/June TBD
- **Greenwood County Fair** — July 28 - 31

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Traits of a Strong 4-H Club

Listed below are some traits of a strong 4-H club. Can you answer YES to each statement for your club?

- Fun for Members!
- Doing things
- Meetings belong to 4-H members
- Strong leadership (both adult and youth)
- Visible in the community
- Club officers run the club meetings
- New members (and their families) welcomed an supported
- Members receive recognition for many accomplishments
- Members participate in activities, events and training beyond the club level
- High percentage attendance at meetings, activities, and events
- Family involvement at meetings and activities
- Good relationship with the Extension Office
- Fair to all
- Good communication
- Standard meeting times and places

The below link below has more information:
https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/strengthening-clubs-1/index.html

Tips for New 4-H Members and Families

Listed below are some tips for new 4-H members and families:

- Check out the K-State Research & Extension-Greenwood County website
  https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/
- Read the Greenwood County 4-H newsletter carefully (you can find it on the website listed above)
- Check out our Greenwood County Facebook
  https://www.facebook.com/greenwoodcountye xension
- 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

County Wide Cookie and Crafting Workshop

Join us for a county wide cookie and crafting morning on Monday, December 19th at Memorial Hall in Eureka from 9am -12pm. We will be decorating cookies and making holiday cards for local businesses as a way to share our appreciation and holiday spirit throughout our communities. This is a great opportunity for youth, especially those enrolled in Foods and/or Visual Arts, to participate in a project activity that they can include in record books. More details will be released in the December newsletter.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council meeting will be held Monday, November 21st at 7pm in the Courthouse.

- One main item of business will be election of officers. Council members may nominate themselves or be nominated by others for offices. At the time of nomination you are encouraged to give a brief reasoning why you/they are well-suited for the task.
- Other items on agenda
  - Creating committees for council events
  - Location of council meetings: vote if want locations to stay the same
  - Need to vote if council will pay towards attending the below events:
    - CIA: vote to pay $ towards attending ($70 last year), cost last year was $200
    - Eastern Leadership Forum: vote to pay $ towards attending ($20 last year), cost last year was $55

Council members should plan to attend as there must be a representative from each club at every meeting!
LEADERS’ PAGE

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**Council Representative**

If you haven’t already done so, please submit a list of your club’s council representatives and officers to the Extension office. **Make sure you have a representative from your club at each council meeting!**

**Parents’ Committee**

Establish a parents’ committee this fall. The purpose of a parents’ committee is to ensure the club has the necessary leadership to provide positive learning experiences. They also identify and recruit volunteer leaders. They work as a team, but function as a school board or board of directors. They give advice to the club, make recommendations, and provide support to the club leader. Support membership efforts, promote 4-H, assist with problem solving, decision making, training to project leaders, and orientation to new 4-H families. Committee should consist of 3-5 adults, can be elected, selected or appointed, stagger terms, senior member is chair.

**Record Keeping and Project Report Forms**

Our 4-H-er’s did great! Record books will be returned during the Achievement Banquet on November 16th. Be sure to look for the Evaluation Score Sheets in the books for feedback from judges.