Thank you to all the 4-Her’s for an amazing job with the Kansas Maid Fundraiser! The Greenwood County 4-H Foundation thanks you all for your hard work and dedication! 4-H’ers raised just over $3,800 this year! The money will be put towards fair expenses and fair ground improvements.

The 5 top sellers were:
- Clay & Bryce Teter
- Savannah Bruno-Pelky
- Tyler, Katelyn, & Tessa Nutsch
- Brynn Roth
- Raestyn & Rylie Watts

4-H Online

The deadline for new members to Enroll and the Add/Drop date for 4-H projects for all members on Kansas 4-H Online is Wednesday, May 1st. Leaders and volunteers must be enrolled on 4-H online.

Youth Educational Experiences at KSU

Resulting from awareness through K-State 105, KSU has put together a website for a one-stop shop for 4-H families and Extension professionals to check for youth educational experiences at KSU. In the near future, an email will be sent to 4-H families about this website. The goal is to send an email to families a few times during the 4-H year to make you are aware of and remind you of this website, encouraging you to check it often for opportunities. The website is: https://www.kansas4-h.org/kstate105events.html

Congratulations to all Greenwood County 4-H members who participated in this year’s 4-H County & Regional Club Days!!

**** Check out the results for Greenwood County 4-H County & Regional Club Days HERE! ****
Small Animal Weigh-In

Weigh-in and tag for swine, sheep, meat goats, and bucket calf is Saturday, April 20th. Tags are $4 each.

Approximate weigh-in schedule:
- 8:00am  Hogs
- 9:30am  Goats
- 10:00am Sheep
- 10:30am Bucket Calves

Flint Hills Classic

The Flint Hills Classic will be held on Sunday, April 28th. The 4-H Council voted to host a concession stand during the Flint Hills Classic Livestock show. All that is needed is the help of 4-H club members and some adult volunteers to operate the concession stand. 4-H Council has assembled the following schedule for clubs to come and help. Approximately two (2) adults and five (5) 4-Hers are needed for each shift. The 11:30am - 1:00pm shift will need an additional 1-2 helpers. All proceeds from the concession stand will benefit the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation, and will be used to improve fairground facilities.

Concessions Schedule:
- 6:30am – 8:00am  Fancy Mustangs
- 8:00am – 10:00am  Madison Pacesetters
- 10:00am – 11:30am  Fall River 55’ers
- 11:30am – 1:00pm  Harmony Sunflowers
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm  Racing Wranglers
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm  Willow Valley Go-Getters

2024 Market Beef Nomination Information

Market Beef Nomination must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 31st. Please see nomination information at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

All 2024 state livestock nomination information will be posted on the "Nomination Information" tab of the KSU Youth Livestock website.

Important: All animals that are nominated for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair will be required to be tagged with the Kansas 4-H EID tags in 2024. DNA hair samples in official DNA envelopes are also required.

**Exhibitors must contact their local Extension Office to get their animals tagged and further details on state nomination.

Horse ID Papers

Horse ID’s are due in the Extension Office by Friday, May 31st. Get one here: https://www.bookstore.ksre.ks-state.edu/pubs/P1039.pdf or pick one up at the Extension Office

The Kansas 4-H horse rule book may be found here.

⇒ Horse Ownership: Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).

⇒ Leasing: The leasing option is intended for youth who do not have access to family-owned horse or who want to expand their participation in the 4-H Horse Project, provided that they manage the horse at least 75% of the time from June 1 through September 30. If a 4-H member leases his or her project horse to another 4-H member, the lessor forfeits the right to use the horse.

⇒ Sharing Project Horses: The names of all siblings who intend to show the horse must be listed on the 4-H Horse Identification submitted on or before June 1st. Youth may exhibit the same horse; however the horse cannot participate in the same class in the same age division more than once at a given show. Youth can be in same age division, but they will have to participate in different classes. Youth must share management of the horse.

4-H Dog Project Training Sessions

The 4-H Dog Project in Greenwood County is a fun and educational activity for dog owners and their pets. Practices take place at the Greenwood County Fairgrounds and weekly classes will start on April 1st. If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact Suellen Appellof at (907) 841-4713 or suellen.appellof@gmail.com. She has 15 years experience training, competing, & showing her own dogs in AKC venues. She is also involved in local & national dog organizations. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to improve your dog’s skills and have a great training and competition experience with the Greenwood County 4-H Dog Project!

Poultry Banding

All poultry exhibiting at the fair must be identified with a leg band. Bands are required to show at the Greenwood County Fair. U.S. Pollorum-Typhoid testing will not be required this year. However, poultry, except waterfowl, originating from other states must be tested. Please contact the Extension Office if your bird needs to be tested. The date for banding will be Wednesday, June 12th at 5pm at the fairgrounds. This will also serve as a time to ask any project questions you may have.
Kansas Range Youth Camp

JUNE 11-14, 2024
REGISTER TODAY!

For more information or to register, visit https://www.kglc.org/range-youth-camp.cfm

4-H Council Corner

Council Meeting was held Monday, March 20th. Items voted on:
- Fair Building Watch Day/Times
- Trash Duty Times
- 4-H Day Camp
- This was a joint meeting with Lyon County

The next council meeting will be Monday, May 20th, in the Neal Community Building. Buyers’ Meal, Day Camp, & Fair Movie/Dance Committees should plan to meet prior to the May Council Meeting and be prepared to present upcoming plans at the May Council Meeting.

Bring a Buddy for the 4-H Council May Meeting

Bring a buddy night! Each 4-H Council member should plan to bring one younger 4-H member with them to the May Council meeting. This is a great way to show our younger members what being a Council member entails and encourage them to want to join once they are old enough.

Can Collection!

The 4-H Council is putting on an aluminum can drive to help raise money for Honor Flights. They are challenging all of the clubs to see who can collect the most cans. The final collection will be at the May 20th Council meeting in Neal. The club with the most cans by weight, will win a pizza party sponsored by the 4-H Council!

Each club is responsible for deciding on where and how to collect cans prior to the county-wide collection.

Record Books and Pin Applications

It’s never too early to start working on record books & pin applications. In fact, it’s much easier to work throughout the year. Pin applications have been updated this year. Check those out, as well as helpful trainings for record keeping via project report forms on Adobe and ZBooks HERE.

Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus!

When: June 5th - 7th, 2024
Who: Youth ages 13 - 18 before January 1, 2024 are invited to register
Cost: $225
Registration: Coming soon!
General Schedule: Can be found HERE.

Discovery Days objectives:
- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities
- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult

Entomology Project Meeting

We will have an Entomology Project meeting on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office. I hope we can go out collecting, so bring your insect nets, killing jar, and specimen containers. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate with the weather! Please bring your pinning boards and materials to pin insects with and one or two insects to pin. We will try to finish the dragonfly craft we have been working on. Questions: call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Scholarships

Judy Wiggins Scholarship

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

Mark Your Calendars!
March 20th & April 10th @ 6:30 pm
Greenwood County Courthouse

YQCA Training is required to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and the Kansas State Fair. This program must be completed each year. These trainings will be "in person" and require a $3 sign-up fee.

Other opportunities for In-Person YQCA Training:
◊ April 18 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
◊ April 24 in Sedan
◊ May 30 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado

****Sign-up by logging into your YQCA account @ yqcaprogram.org and selecting only one session.**

Fair Concessions Stand
If any group associated with 4-H (club, project group, etc.) would like to sign-up for a time to run the Concession Stand at the Fair as a Fundraiser, please contact the Extension Office.

Concessions Schedule:
- Friday:
  - 9a-2p: Hamilton H Club
  - 2-9p: Madison FFA Boosters
- Saturday:
  - 9a-2p: Madison FFA Boosters
  - 2-9p: Madison FFA Boosters
- Sunday:
  - 4-9p: GW Co Shooting Sports

Dairy Goats at the County Fair!

We are happy to announce that there will be a Dairy Goat Division at the 2024 Greenwood County Fair. Detailed show rules will be released in the Fair Book on June 1st. Animals must be dehorned and debudded. Does must be ADGA or AGS registered. Registration papers or stamped duplicate registration applications will be required for all registered animals. Animal papers must be in the name of the 4-Hers by June 1 or show ownership by June 1 for grades. Each exhibitor is limited to 4 entries for the entire dairy goat show, with a max of 2 entries per age division (i.e. 2 Jr Does and 2 Sr. Does). Animals without registration papers or legible tattoos, will show with recorded grades, on a bill of sale. Those animals must also be identified by an official USDA Scrapie Premise I.D. tag. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Agent, Ben Sims, by calling the office at 620-583-7455 or emailing him directly at benjam63@ksu.edu.

Lamb Lead-In Contest

It has been said that March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb. Hopefully that means calm and easy to lead for 4-Hers and others who might like to enter the Lamb Lead-In contest at the Greenwood County Fair. This contest has been a popular and fun one and now is the time to think ahead for entering this year’s event. The Lamb Lead-In contest is open to anyone, there are classes for 6 years and under, ages 7 - 9, 10 - 13, 14 - 18, and adult. It is listed in the Open Class section of the Fair paper and is open to 4-Hers and others. You don’t have to own the lamb but early summer would be a good time to make friends with a lamb, and it’s owner, to practice leading the lamb. Check with others in your club to see who might have a lamb you could borrow if you’re not enrolled in the project. The lamb’s head and/ or neck may be decorated, but it may not be blanketed to cover it’s body. The participant’s outfit is also part of the entry and may be purchased or sewn and must be at least 60% wool. The Make It With Wool contest has had many entries from Greenwood County and there may even be an outfit you could borrow if you don’t have one. Your outfit may be a sweater with slacks or jeans, a vest with jeans, a jumper, skirt or dress, or a suit. The judging will be held Sunday, July 28th during the Greenwood County Fair. Pre-entries may be made with open class and will also need a description of the garment and a narrative form for the show. Participants will be evaluated on how well they model their outfit and how well they show the lamb.

SEA Youth Challenge Day
(SEA Regional Contest)

When: Tuesday, June 25th
Where: Lyon County Anderson Building in Emporia

Contests available: Horticulture, Crops, FCS, Favorite Foods (for local winners), and Photography

Contact the Extension office if you would like a ride there that day!

2024 Greenwood County Fair Design

Thank you to the Fall River 55er’s for this year’s fair design! The Greenwood County Fair is July 26th - 29th!
Leader’s Notes

♦ **Volunteer Screening:** If you know of any 4-H volunteers that have not registered and gone through the screening process, please let the office know immediately! The Extension Office wishes to ensure that **ALL** Greenwood County 4-H Volunteers, both new and old, have gone through the appropriate steps of screening to be 4-H Volunteers. Per the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook: It is a privilege, not a right, to be a 4-H Volunteer. These volunteers are expected to adhere to the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct found [HERE](#). New volunteers must complete the initial steps of: 4-H Online profile creation, References, Criminal Background Check, Interview, Orientation, and Approval before they can serve as a 4-H Volunteer. All information must be kept current in the 4-H Online system. A Kansas 4-H Volunteer is defined as any “Adult providing direct supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H youths or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H and must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a KS 4-H Volunteer.” We need your help as leaders to ensure we are completing screening for all volunteers. Current volunteers should go through a rerunning of a Criminal Background Check every three years.

♦ **Premium Sale Rules:** The deadline to sign the Greenwood County Fair Premium Sale Rules for Livestock exhibitors is 4:30p on Friday, May 31st! In order to participate in the Greenwood County Fair Premium Sale, there must be a signed copy of these rules on file at the Extension Office!

♦ **County Fair 4-H Archery and Shotgun Shoots:** For this year only, the county fair shooting sports events will not be on their normal weekend. The schedules will stay the same. The new dates are: Archery Contest Saturday June 22nd, Shotgun shoot Sunday, June 23rd, and Shooting Sports Banquet Sunday, June 23rd. The banquet will be at the Concourse Building at the fairgrounds. Shooting sports entries will be due on June 14th in Fair Entry.

♦ **Flint Hills Classic:** Sunday, April 28th - Fairgrounds clean-up will be Saturday, April 20th during Small Animal Weigh-In. This will look a little different for clean-up, but we will try it this year and see how it goes.

**Concessions Schedule:**
* 6:30am – 8:00am Fancy Mustangs
* 8:00am – 10:00am Madison Pacesetters
* 10:00am – 11:30am Fall River 55'ers
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* 1:00pm – 3:00pm Racing Wranglers
* 3:00pm – 5:00pm Willow Valley Go-Getters

♦ **May 1st:**
* Last day to add/drop projects and for **new** members to enroll in 4-H Online
* Market Beef Nominations must be post-marked by this day

♦ **May 20th 4-H Council Meeting:**
* As a reminder this is also our buddy meeting for 4-H Council members to bring a younger 4-H member to expose them to 4-H Council.
* There will be a leaders’ meeting at 6 pm before the Council meeting.
* Don’t forget that this will be the final collection for the aluminum can drive for Honor Flight. Please mark bags with club name so that we can differentiate collection amounts.

♦ **Fair Concessions Stand:** If any group (i.e. 4-H groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, church or school organizations, etc.) would like to sign-up for a time to run the Concessions Stand on Saturday, July 28th (9am-2pm available) at the Fair as a Fundraiser, please contact the Extension Office.

♦ **Discovery Days:** Space is limited this year, so please inform club members that are planning to go to get registered as soon as possible. Also please let Ben know of their intentions to do so.
YOUTH FARM SAFETY WORKSHOP

Who: Youth of all ages

What: General farm safety
Safe Tractor Operation
Farm implement safety
Farm equipment ID

When: Saturday, April 13
(9 am - Noon)

Where: Concourse Building
210 N Jefferson St. Eureka

RSVP by April 5th at 620-583-7455
or by emailing benjam63@ksu.edu

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