February
9  Fair Theme Ideas due by 4:30pm to Extension Office
10 County 4-H Club Day @ Hamilton School
10 Entomology Project Meeting - Iola, KS
18-19 CIA @ the Topeka State Capitol (registration was due January 26th)

March
1  State 4-H Scholarships due online
1  Kansas Maid Fundraiser forms due (with payment) by 4:30pm to the Extension Office
2  Kansas Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan, KS (registration deadline is February 12th)
4  4-H Council Meeting - Joint with Lyon County
9  County 4-H Club Day Snow Date
14 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
15  Beef Weigh-In, Luthi’s, noon to 5pm
16 Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan, KS (registration deadline is February 26th)
20  YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
22  Tentative Kansas Maid pick-up date!
23  Regional Club Day @ Madison High School

April
1  Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
1  Trophy Donor money and list of donors due to the Extension Office
10 YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
13 Tractor Safety Class - Braden Room, 9a to noon
15 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy applications due (click here for more information as the website is updated!)
20  Last day to order Market Beef DNA Envelopes (State Nominations)
20  Small Animal Weigh-in
28  Flint Hills Classic

May
1  Market Beef Nominations post-mark deadline
1  4-H Online new member enrollment deadline
1  4-H Online Project Add/Drop deadline

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 office by 4:30 pm on 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

4-H County Club Day
This year’s 4-H County Club Day is just ahead, Saturday, February 10th at Hamilton Elementary School. Guidelines were included in the December newsletter relating to how to make entries, times, ages, etc. Cloverbuds may participate in Show & Share and club skits. For guidelines visit: https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4-h/gwcoeventsactivities/

Concessions at Club Day
Willow Valley Go-Getters will have a concession stand at County Club Day for their club fundraiser again this year. They will be serving Breakfast Burritos until the event is over or they run out (whichever happens first).

4-H Regional Club Day
Regional club days is planned for March 23rd at the Madison High School. Save the date and start planning for events!

SEA 4-H Record Book Judging Results
Record Books that were submitted for Regional Judging have been put in club boxes. We are very proud of the kids for all their hard work, and want to thank them for submitting their books!

Congratulations to Lyle Perrier. His Beef Record Book has been selected to go on to State Judging!
Kansas Maid Fundraiser

The Greenwood County 4-H Foundation appreciates the County 4-H members hard work in raising funds for continued improvements for future years. Forms have been distributed in the 4-H clubs boxes and are due to the Extension office no later than 4:30pm on Friday, March 1st. Leaders please turn in your club’s orders together! The top five salespersons will be awarded ($50, $40, $30, $20, $10). Money from this fundraiser helps support the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation with everything they do to run the fair and make fair ground improvements. The tentative pick-up date for orders will be the afternoon of Friday, March 22nd. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office.

Youth Farm Safety Workshop

On Saturday, April 13th, at the fairgrounds, there will be a Youth Farm Safety Workshop from 9 am - Noon. This class is open to all youth and will include a hands-on portion working with farm equipment, and a class session. Topics will include proper safety measurers around farm equipment, operation and identification of farm equipment, and general farm safety practices. Registration information will be located in the March Newsletter, social media, and local newspapers. Snacks and beverages will be provided. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Wes Wunderlich at weswunderlich@gmail.com, or Ben Sims at benjam63@ksu.edu.

Scholarships

Kansas 4-H Scholarships:
The online hip 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 April 1st. Copies of the application are available by request from the Extension Office.

Entomology Project Meeting

There will be an Entomology project meeting in Iola at the Allen County Extension Office on Saturday, February 10th at 1pm. If you can attend our meeting, please bring insects you need help identifying. We will begin a Leadership/Service project. Please bring $0.75 o help cover the cost of materials. We will also continue our study of insect eyes. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

4-H Council Aluminum Can Collection

Hold on to those aluminum cans! The 4-H Council is asking 4-H Clubs to collect aluminum cans from their communities! Cans will be brought to the May 20th Council meeting and will go to help pay for Honor Flights for local Veterans within our community. The 4-H Club that collects the most cans by weight will be awarded a pizza party!

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council met on Monday, January 15th. These items were discussed and voted on during the 4-H council meeting:

♦ 4-Hers will do the concessions during the Flint Hills Classic. The schedule will rotate.

♦ The Kansas Maids Fundraiser will be held again. Orders are due in the extension office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 1st.

♦ Discussion was had in regards to a bi-monthly community service challenge for 4-H clubs. Decision was made for council members to return to their clubs and report back their thoughts at the March meeting.

♦ Next meeting: Monday, March 4th with Lyon County in Madison
Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is Friday, March 15th from noon to 5pm at Luthi’s, 3673 Z Rd., Madison. Beef Tags are $4.00

Market and commercial females will need to be tagged at spring weigh-in to be show at the Greenwood County Fair. If you have purebred animals that have registration papers they will not be required to be tagged, but you must turn in a copy of those registration papers to the Extension Office by the spring Small Animal weigh-in date. You may email them to Ben (benjam63@ksu.edu). All livestock must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

2024 Market Beef Nomination Information

Market Beef Nomination must be postmarked by May 1st. 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.

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. Those trainings will be "in person" and require a $3 sign up fee.

Other opportunities for In-Person YQCA Training:

◊ February 21 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
◊ March 12 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
◊ March 18 in Howard
◊ 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.**

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.

Concession 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
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
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****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.****

New This Year!
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 de budded. 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 at benjam63@ksu.edu.

Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Livestock Skillathon, & Livestock Quiz Bowl Practice

The 2024 Contest Season is soon approaching and it is time to get started with preparations. Any 4-Her that is 4-H age 11 or older that is interested in Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Livestock Skillathon, or Livestock Quiz Bowl is invited to join practices. Jeanna Beeman and Carla Davis will be coordinating the practices and contest attendance. Please contact Carla with the 4-Her’s name, an email for parents, and phone number.

NOTE: Practices will be scheduled on average once a week and will be held at RanchLand Feed, LLC in Madison.

Per county rules anyone that would like to attend the Kansas State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan at KSU in August must attend our SE Area Contests that are scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2024.

The first Meat Judging Contest is in April.

A parent meeting will be scheduled to share details and dates.

4-Her age 11 is due to the fact that the materials and concepts we cover are very detailed.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Davis at (620) 437-6315 or gregncarladavis@gmail.com.

Dog Project Update

The 4-H Dog Project in Greenwood County is a fun and educational activity for dog owners and their pets. It offers engaging activities such as Showmanship, Rally/Obedience, and more. 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!
Leaders’ Notes

- **4-H County Day:** County Club day will be Saturday, February 10th. Please direct members to the guidelines document found under the 4-H tab on the Extension office’s website.

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- **Judy Wiggins Scholarship:** Applications available at the Extension office and are due by April 1st.

- **Kansas Maid Fundraiser:** Orders are due to Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 1st. **Please have checks made payable to your club.** Leaders please turn in your club’s orders together on one form and with one check from your club for the total amount due for all orders!

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Youth Babysitting Clinic

All communities’ have a need for babysitters that have the skills and training to allow parents to confidently leave their children with them. Youth ages 12-18 are invited to sign up to get this training to increase their knowledge of babysitting basics and secure better opportunities for their service.

- Home hazards, personal safety, stranger danger
- The importance of play, basic first aid and CPR
- Understanding behavioral issues, nutrition basics

All Clinics are from 9am - 3pm and include lunch
March 11 - Chanute Central Park Pavilion
March 12 - Humboldt Methodist Church
March 13 - Iola Masonic Lodge #38
March 14 - Fort Scott Community Building
March 15 - Yates Center 4-H Community Building

Contact Cassidy Lutz with questions:
620-625-8620 or celutz@ksu.edu
Use the QR code or link to register:
Deadline to register is March 1st

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