K-State Research & Extension Greenwood County 4-H News

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February

- 7 Fair Theme Ideas to Extension Office
- 8 Entomology Project Meeting Iola, KS
- 12 Interior Design Project Changes Zoom—7pm
- 15 County 4-H Club Day @ Hamilton School
- **16** Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 4pm at the Eureka Library
- **16-17** CIA (registration was due January 24th)
- 17 Holiday—Extension office closed
- 22 County 4-H Club Day Snow Date
- **22-23** Horse Panorama—Rock Springs 4-H Camp

<u>March</u>

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due online
- 1 KSU Jr. Swine Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- **2** 4-H Project Learning Day— Memorial Hall
- 12 Interior Design Project Changes Zoom-7pm
- **20** YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
- 21 Beef Weigh-In, Luthi's, noon to 5pm
- 21 Kansas Maid order forms due to office—4:30 pm
- 22 KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan, KS
- 22 Regional Club Day @ Madison High School
- **31** 4-H Council Meeting Joint with Coffey County

<u>April</u>

- 1 Judy Wiggins Scholarship applications due
- 1 Trophy Donor money and list of donors due to the Extension Office
- 11 Kansas Maid order pick up at Extension office
- 20 Last day to order Market Beef DNA Envelopes (State Nominations)
- 22 YQCA Training @ Courthouse, 6:30pm
- 26 Small Animal Weigh-in
- 27 Flint Hills Classic

<u>May</u>

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

Concessions at Club Day

Willow Valley Go-Getters will have a concession stand at County Club Day for their club fundraiser again this year. Please plan to support them!

2025 Greenwood County Fair Theme

The 122nd Greenwood County Fair is **July 25-28**, **2025**! 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 7th. 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 15th 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: <u>https://www.greenwood.k-state.edu/4</u> <u>-h/gwcoeventsactivities/</u>

4-H Regional Club Day

Regional club days is planned for **March 22nd 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 Hannah Perrier and Savannah Bruno-Pelky. Hannah's Beef and Savannah's Dog Project Records have been selected to go on to State Judging! Other books submitted were Cort Decker's Swine

and Sheep books. Great job, everyone!

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 club's boxes and are due to the Extension office no later than 4:30pm on Friday,

March 21. 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, April 11. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office.

Entomology Project Meeting

The SE Kansas Entomology group will meet at the Allen County Extension Office on Satur-

day, February 8th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will be working on pinning insects, so please bring 3 or 4 insects to pin. Make sure they have been in a relaxing chamber for at least 12 hours before the meeting. We will also make an insect valentine craft - one for you



to take home and one for the Senior Citizens Center. This will count as a Regional level community service project in your record books. Our lesson will be on insect legs. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)-804-9170.

Changes to Interior Design & Architecture Project

The class structure for the Interior Design & Architecture project has changed as the state faculty have been working with KSU faculty to create new project materials and state fair classes that better align with design thought processes and learning activities. There will be a couple virtual meetings coming soon, that will discuss changes to the state fair classes and Interior Architecture faculty will be on hand to talk to the youth about how to get started.

> Zoom options: Wednesday, Feb. 12 @ 7 pm Zoom link: https://ksu.zoom.us/ j/92487680063 Wednesday, Mar 12 @ 7 pm Zoom link: https://ksu.zoom.us/

Scholarships

Kansas 4-H Scholarships:

The online applications for the 2025-26 Kansas 4-H Scholarship are available and due by March 1st. The process has been modified and changes will take effect for the 2025-26 scholarship application process. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly. The information you will need for this scholarship are available on the following link: <u>https://www.kansas4-</u> <u>h.org/resources/awards-and-</u> 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.

4-H Council Corner

The Greenwood County 4-H Council met on Monday, January 20th. 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 was set.
- The Kansas Maids Fundraiser will be held again. Orders are due in the extension office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 21st.
- The 4-H Ambassadors will be conducting activities during the annual Summer Kick-off Party held at Eureka Lake.
- Next meeting: Monday, March 31st with Coffey County in Madison

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 begin soon.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact Suellen Appellof at (907) 841-4713 or email her at <u>suellen.appellof@gmail.com</u>. 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!

Livestock Tagging

Beef weigh-in is Friday, March 21st 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 able to 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 (<u>benjam63@ksu.edu</u>). All market livestock must be castrated or banded by spring weigh-in.

2025 Market Beef Nomination Information

Market Beef Nomination must be postmarked by May 1st. Please see nomination information at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

All 2025 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 2025. 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 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.

YQCA Training Other opportunities for In-Person YQCA Training:

- February 18 @ 6:3pm in El Dorado
- March 13 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
- March 26 @ 6:30 pm in Howard
- April 9 @ 6:30pm in El Dorado
- ♦ April 23 @ 6:30 pm in Sedan
- May 28 @ 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 26th. Tags are \$4 each.

Approximate weigh-in schedule:

- 8:00am Hogs
 - 9:30am Goats
 - 10:00am Sheep
 - 10:30am Bucket Calves

Flint Hills Classic

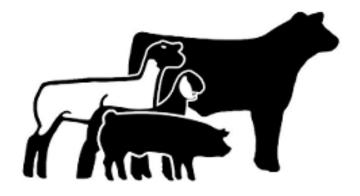
The Flint Hills Classic will be held on Sunday, April 27th. The 4-H Council voted to host a concession stand during the Flint Hills Classic Livestock show. All that is needed is the help of 4-H club members and some adult volunteers to operate the concession stand. 4-H Council has assembled the following schedule for clubs to come and help. Approximately two (2) adults and five (5) 4-Hers are needed for each shift. The 11:00am - 12:30pm 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:

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- * 6:30am 8:00am Fancy Mustangs
 - 8:00am 9:30am Fall River 55'ers
 - 9:30am 11:00am Harmony Sunflowers
 - 11:00am 12:30pm Racing Wranglers
- 12:30pm 2:00pm
- 2:00pm 3:30pm
- Willow Valley Go-Getters
- Madison Pacesetters





K-State Junior Producer Days

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 1st **Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, February 5th **Cost:** \$20/person by February 5th (\$25/person after

- February 5th)* Registration must be RECEIVED by February 5th
- to receive a t-shirt* Both youth & adults attending need to register

Online Registration: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day:

Date: Saturday, March 22nd **Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, February 26th **Cost:** \$20/person by February 26th (\$25/person after

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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 to 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.****

Dairy Goats at the County Fair!



We will have a Dairy Goat Division at the 2025 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 at <u>benjam63@ksu.edu</u>.

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

The 2025 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's 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 <u>gregncarladavis@gmail.com</u>.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

Required Safety Meeting – Archery & Shotgun

We are hosting a safety meeting on Sunday, February 16th @ 4:00pm at the Eureka Library. Please make EVERY EFFORT to attend!!

If you child has attended 2 safety meeting with Greenwood County Shooting Sports, they are EXEMPT from further safety meetings. We will have prepractice refreshers; but if you want your child to attend... they are more than welcome. In the past there has been a little confusion on the requirement to meet the safety meeting requirement and a <u>minimum of 2 practices</u> to be eligible for the county fair competition and state qualifiers. There is no change to this rule.

Please do NOT bring your bow/arrows or shotgun into the Safety Meeting.

If your child has not been shooting their bow since last 4-H season, you are encouraged to bring it in after the meeting or schedule a time to meet up with Brad to ensure their draw length and arrow length is correct before they start shooting again.

Contact Annissa Boulanger, Greenwood County 4H Shooting Sports Coordinator at <u>fivebtribe@gmail.com</u> or 620 583-4100 if you have any questions.

Leaders' Notes

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