NEWS FROM THE AMBASSADOR’S

FILL THE PRIDE OF KANSAS BUILDING WITH YOUR CREATIVITY WHILE HELPING US PROMOTE 4-H:

CLUB DISPLAYS – Each 4-H Club is encouraged to enter a display based on the Fair Theme: “There’s No Place Like 4-H”. Display should promote and/or educate about 4-H. Floor space used should be the size of a standard sized card table but there are no height restrictions. Judging will be based on originality, creativity, construction, reflection of theme, and adherence to size requirements. The winning club will receive an Ice Cream Sundae Party served by the Ambassadors.

SCARECROW CONTEST – To go with the “There’s No Place Like 4-H” theme the Ambassadors are sponsoring a special scarecrow contest this year. The scarecrow must depict a Wizard of Oz character. Entries may be made by an individual or a group of individuals. The first place scarecrow as determined by the judges will earn a $25.00 gift card to Bohey’s. Other scarecrows may be entered in Horticulture Class OC1160. The same scarecrow cannot be entered in both classes.

4-H in ACTION PHOTOS – A class for all ages. The winning entry will receive a $10.00 gift certificate from the Ambassadors and may be used for promotional activities in the coming year. Sandra Milburn had the winning entry last year and her picture was used on a thank you card that was sent to 4-H sponsors.

PLEASE JOIN THE AMBASSADORS FOR THESE FUN ACTIVITIES AT THE FAIR:

Thursday, July 23rd – Water Balloon Fight at Gottschalk Park – 1:00 p.m.
Friday, July 24th – Barnyard Olympics at Gottschalk Park – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 25th – New this year – Karaoke Contest for 4-H and FFA Members at Gottschalk Park following the Bucket Calf show.
Sunday, July 26th – Journey to Oz – An interactive event that will be fun and challenging

KISS AN ANIMAL – Vote for your favorites throughout the fair. 4-H Club Presidents are automatically nominated and for only one penny a vote club members and families can help your president win the honor of kissing an animal at the end of the Blue Ribbon Barbeque. Again this year there will also be an adult division. Nominate your favorite club leader, adult, agent, fair board member, etc. for only $10.00. Adults can purchase “insurance” for $15.00 but insurance must be purchased by Thursday, July 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Let the voting begin!!!!

“THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE 4-H T-SHIRTS” - The Ambassadors are selling theme t-shirts again this year. Orders will be due on July 1st. (See the Order Form in This Newsletter)
EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING:
June 15, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Upstairs in the conference room of the Extension Office.

4-H COUNCIL DATE
June 22, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
Downstairs in the west meeting room

JUNIOR LEADERS:
June 22, 2015
Following the council meeting downstairs in the west meeting room

RENO COUNTY 4-H SEWING PROJECT WORK DAYS

WHO:
KIDS SIGNED UP FOR SEWING

WHEN:
FRIDAY, JUNE 5th 1:30-3:30
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th 1:30-3:30
FRIDAY, JUNE 19th 10-12
TUESDAY JUNE 23rd 10-12
THURSDAY, JULY 2nd 1:00-3:00
MONDAY JULY 6th 1:00-3:00

WHERE:
EXTENSION OFFICE BASEMENT

MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR SEWING EQUIPMENT AND PROJECT

CLOVERBUD CONNECTS
PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 29TH
Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, June 6, 2015 from 10:00 to Noon for some fun activities. A light lunch will be provided. Any junior leaders wanting to help please contact Donna at the Extension Office @ 620-662-2371

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015
BREANNA JONES – HAVEN
CELESTIA FAVELA – ROYAL CLOVERS
ERINN ENGLE – THOMADORA
DAVEY DUKART – BUHLER FFA
ANNIE HARNER – PARTRIDGE
JASON KLAMM – THOMADORA
JASON PAINE – ROYAL CLOVERS
LACY PITTS – BUHLER
MADISON MYERS – HAVEN
REBECCA FALLON – THOMADORA
TARIN OLLER – PARTRIDGE
THOMAS FINK – FOUR LEAF CLOVERS
KELLI SCHRAG – THOMADOA
BAILEY PETERSON – DOG CLUB
PAIGE BRUCE – UNION VALLEY
COLOTT HARPER – ROYAL CLOVERS
CHRISTOPHER RESSE – ROYAL CLOVERS
MARANDA HAYES – ROYAL CLOVERS
BROOKLYN GRAHAM – MITCHELL

The World Is Yours To Conquer
WE NEED FAIR VOLUNTEERS!

Help out at the fair!!!! Any volunteers who would be interested in helping out at the Reno County Fair, we need good help in various departments. Please call Joan or Donna at 620-662-2371 (Extension Office). Make a difference in your life and someone else’s!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Miranda Hayes - Betty Fenton Honorary
Jason Paine - Ralph Warner Memorial
Thomas Fink - Dixie Spence Memorial
Rebecca Fallon - Vida Warner Memorial
Lacy Pitts - James Kennedy Memorial
Karley Mishler - Dean Hinshaw Memorial
Mary Fishburn - Erhart Tonn Memorial
Tarin Oller - Livestock
Jason Klamm-Livestock
Kelli Schrag - Livestock
Davey Duckart - Livestock
Annie Harner - Livestock

PROJECT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION CENTER

Poultry and Pigeon Leg Bands - 50¢ each
Photo Mats - $1.00 each
Photo Bags - 10¢ each
Entomology Pins $5 – 100 pins
Food Bags - 20¢ each

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Remember to check out our website: www.reno.ksu.edu
Announcements, rules and entry forms for upcoming events may be found on the website. For county shows throughout the state stop by the office and look at our notebook.

Check out the State 4-H website for information on Upcoming State 4-H Events. www.kansas4h.org

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USDA POULTRY TESTING

Poultry projects require pullorum testing for County and State Fair. Testing time falls within the time limits set for both fairs. PLEASE be sure to get your poultry there on this date as it is the only date set for Reno County.

Beth Graham will provide poultry testing at the Extension Office on June 20th, from 10 to 1pm. Cost: 50¢ per animal plus the price of the ban.
HORSELESS HORSE

Questions have come concerning the Horesless Horse project. Pam VanHorn, State 4-H Specialist, offered these clarifications based on learning and risk management.

4-H Horseless Horse
- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse show and trails rides
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only. No riding.

Food Preservation

The Ball Canning jars are now available in blue, green and purple colors to celebrate the 100th anniversary of these jars. While these are fun for people to use, they are not to be used for 4-H exhibits. 4-H members are to use only CLEAR jars for their 4-H food preservation exhibits. The 4-H member will be docked one ribbon placing if the colored jars are used.

RECORDS AND KAPS

Remember to keep track of all the things you have been doing for your project. If you mark them in a notebook or calendar, you will have them readily available so that you can complete your record book and KAP this fall.

RABBIT MEETINGS

Tammy Brown, County Rabbit Project Leader, will hold meetings at the Extension Office in the west room on:

- June 9th at 7:15 pm
- July 14 at 7:15 pm
2016 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment

As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2016 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2015 and goes through September 2016. The enrollment form and program details are currently available. Visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=297. Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 10 for information with enrollments due to the Northwest Area Extension Office by July 24, 2015. Cost for 2015-16 will again be $30.00 to receive the five varieties of wheat. This fee is now needed to contribute to the cost of the wheat varieties. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at the Kansas State Fair. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs. These will be distributed on Friday, September 11th at the 2015 Kansas State Fair.

Don’t forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas State 4-H Wheat Show on Thursday, August 6th at Hays, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division. Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010, (2) Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010. To download these files, visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=297. This year’s participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, email or call Daryl Waldren at 785-462-6281.

2015 KANSAS 4-H STATE WHEAT EXPO

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, 1232 240 Avenue, Hays, KS 67601. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be tours. There is a $5.00 per person registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by Friday, July 31st to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. For more information about the wheat expo, visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=432. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, email Deryl Waldren or call him at 785-462-6281.

STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be at the Salina fairgrounds on Thursday, June 25th, 2015. Check in will start at 8:30am with the contest starting promptly at 9:30am. Contest rules and registration forms are available online at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=441. Registration is due on June 15th, 2015!

COUNTY FIRE BANS AND ROCKET LAUNCHES

This is a reminder about Kansas 4-H rocketry rules as they relate to fire bans in Kansas. While much of Kansas has received recent rains, many parts of Kansas are still in a severe/extreme drought situation. The 2015 Kansas State Fair rules state “if a fire burn ban is in effect for any county in Kansas, exhibitors in any Kansas county are not required to launch their rocket(s). All requirements for the launching of rockets for the state fair and the documenting of the launching are suspended for the duration of the ban.”

We advise all counties to be cautious and use good judgment in planning and conducting county rocket launches, and consider cancelling them if dry conditions warrant. If you have comments or questions, please contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu, or 785-462-6281.
Save the Dates
Sunny Hills Camp
June 15-18, 2015

4-H Camp

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LIVESTOCK JUDGING PLEASE CONTACT AG AGENT DARREN BUSICK. THERE IS A BEGINNERS CLASS AND ADVANCED CLASS

LOST TAGS
If your animal loses a tag you are required to do the following:
• Call and let us know (620) 662-2371
• Bring the tag that came out of the animal’s ear into the Extension Office if possible
• Purchase and replace the tag in the animal’s ear
• Take a picture of the animal with new tag in its ear showing the animal’s head with new tag number visible

4-H DOG CARE AND TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DUE JULY 1

Are you a senior heading off to college this fall who has been in the Kansas 4-H Dog Project for three years or more? If so consider applying for the Keith Neuway and Jim Adams Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Project Scholarship. This 4-H Scholarship is a one-time payment of $500.00. Applicants must be a current 4-H member, a high school graduate and have been enrolled in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project for a minimum of three years.

All applicants will be judged by a panel with criteria including Dog Care and Training Project participation, a story and any additional 4-H project participation. Applications must be received on or before July 1. Send the completed application to the Kansas State 4-H Office, ATTN: Neuway and Adams Dog Care and Training Scholarship Committee, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404, 785-532-5800.

The application may be found on the Kansas 4-H web site: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/doc15480.ashx. Each application must include:

- Maximum one-sided page summary of your involvement with the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project

- Maximum one-sided page store of your favorite memory of the Kansas 4-H Dog Project

- Maximum one-sided page summarizing your participation in other 4-H events and activities (A photo is optional, but it must be included as part of one of the above pages. No additional pages or information will be accepted.

For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 785-462-6281, or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu. (Submitted by Cindy Williams, Meadowlark Extension District Agent on behalf of the Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Action Team.)
County Fair Changes
1. Sheep & goat weigh in will be Thursday July 23rd 6:30-9:00pm
2. Sheep Show is @ 4:00 on Friday July 24th
3. Swine weigh in is 8-10am Friday July 24th
4. Beef weigh in is 10:30 – 11:30 Friday July 24th
5. Some of the new/old categories that have changes are: Club Displays, Scrapbooks (rubric rules), Round Robin, Livestock sale order, Open Class areas: Decorated Cakes, Open Class Scarecrow there are other changes in the fairbook so please make sure when you receive your book you read it very carefully.

Save the Date
Reno County
4-H Fair Dates for 2015
Shooting Sports County Match
July 11
Dog Show
July 18
Horse Show
July 19
Style Review
July 21
Fair Dates 22-27

KANSAS 4-H DOG SHOWS HEALTH ADVISORY

You may have read about the current outbreaks of canine influenza that are an H3N3 strain. The previous strain was H3N8. This has not previously been a problem in the Midwest, so most dogs have not been vaccinated. At this point there is no evidence of any protection against the current outbreak strain by vaccinating with the available vaccine. Current best management practices would encourage avoiding dog parks and doggy daycare especially, because co-mingling of dogs allows for the rapid spread of disease. Dogs under one-year-old and older dogs (especially those with concurrent health issues) seem to be most at risk.

Families at this point should not be afraid to attend shows, but it is recommended to exercise caution by avoiding unnecessary contact with other dogs. Keep dogs crated when they are not being shown. Also remember that human hand hygiene is an important factor as the virus could also be transmitted between dogs by humans. (These comments and best management practices are from a practicing DVM in the State of Kansas). For questions or comments, contact DerylWaldren, 785-462-6281, dwaldren@ksu.edu

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 22, 2015 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The study material for the years 2015 & 2016 is taken from The Kansas Garden Guide, KSRE publication S-51 (Rev.) March 2010. This publication is available for purchase at local Extension offices or can be downloaded The Kansas Garden Guide.

The written exam selections from The Kansas Garden Guide include pp. 5-23 (Introduction, Planning a Garden, Composting, Soil Improvement Seeding and Planting and pp 71-74 (Herbs). Be sure to use the 2010 version of the garden guide. This information will be available on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.
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*We make every effort to place all events on calendar; however, it is your responsibility to make sure none were inadvertently left off.

PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY FOR FUTURE EVENT DATES AND DETAILS OF THIS MONTH’S EVENTS
Reno County Extension Office Phone # 620-662-2371

Articles for the newsletter are due on or before the 20th of each month by 5pm
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