November 18, 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

Here’s information on 4-H activities, events and other items we thought you might be interested in.

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4-H ENROLLMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 15

4-H Online Enrollment at https://ks.4honline.com/
The enrollment deadline has passed, so if you have not completed your State Online enrollment for the 2015-2016 year, please call or stop in so we can help you finish it. Projects can changed until May 15, 2016.

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Junior Leadership Club Community Service

All 4-H’ers 12 and older by January 1st are welcome to be in Junior Leadership Club. Saturday, January 9, 2016 is the date set for hosting the area senior citizens’ Senior Adult Prom. This has become an annual special event that is much appreciated by our seniors, and enjoyed by everyone who attends. Plan now to be part of the fun!

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2016 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

Approximately 50 Kansas 4-H members will take part in the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. 4-H members 15-18 years of age by January 1, 2016 are eligible to apply; so far, 25 youth are registered.

The trip is from Thursday, June 16 to Monday, June 27, 2016. A $250 non-refundable deposit is due by January 15th, the remaining $1425 is due by April 15. More details are available at the Extension Office, and online at www.kansas4-h.org, until January 15, 2016.

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Citizenship in Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, will be held Sunday, February 14 and Monday, February 15, 2016, at the State Capitol in Topeka. All youth 13 to 19 years old by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend.

The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The cost to attend is $165.00 and registration deadline is January 15. More information and registration is available at the State 4-H website, www.kansas4h.org.

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Kansas 4-H with the Lady Cats

Mark your calendars for February 27th at 3:30 pm for the annual KAE4-HA Lady Cat game with Kansas 4-H. Additional information will be coming out soon, we just want to make sure you get this on your calendar now! $20 will get you a t-shirt, ticket to the game and a meal voucher for a hot dog and drink. Registration information will be coming soon - be watching! The Lady Cats will be taking on the Baylor Bears that Saturday.
Area 4-H Awards

The Area 4-H Records Judging will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016. To be eligible for this competition, 4-H’ers must be designated a senior project County Champion. The following 4-H’ers are eligible to submit their KAP forms to the area judging:

- Lacey Brecheisen: Dog, Meat Goats, Pets, Photography, Sheep, Visual Arts
- Laramie Brecheisen: Entomology
- Claire Clark: Foods/Nutrition, Horse, Leadership
- Madison Hall: Swine
- Casle Heger: Beef
- Rebecca Johnson: Citizenship, Health, Poultry
- Sarah Johnson: Reading
- Vallery Persing: Clothing/Textiles

Congratulations! to these 4-H’ers on their work, and good luck in the Area Judging. Instructions for submission of individual KAPs are on the 4-H website with the KAP forms. Please check with us if you have questions about getting your records ready, and bring them to the Extension Office by January 7th.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship

If you want to apply for a State 4-H Scholarship, the application is due in the State Office no later than 5 pm on Monday, February 1, 2016. All scholarships and eligibility requirements, and an application, are found at http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/docs/scholarships/Kansas_4H_Scholarship_Application.pdf. Contact Josh and Nancy for additional information.

County 4-H Club Day

County 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Hugoton Middle School. Entries are due in the Extension Office by Tuesday, February 2nd. 4-H Club Leaders will receive entry forms, so let them know how you will participate.

We will observe the following age guidelines:

- Jr. Division: 7 - 9 years of age
- Intermediate Division: 10 - 13 years of age
- Sr. Division: 14 years and older

These ages are as of January 1, 2016.

What is 4-H Club Day? 4-H Club Day is an event at which 4-H’ers can participate in model meetings, project talks, demonstrations and illustrated talks, skits, vocal and/or instrumental music; judge consumer problems and identify crops and weeds; and have fun with their friends. They can participate in many of these activities as individuals or as groups. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in purple, blue, red and white ribbon categories. 4-H Club Day is a good opportunity for 4-H’ers to perform in front of others, and share 4-H experiences.

Need Help? If you have questions or need help preparing a presentation, check with your leaders or come to the Extension Office. We hope to see each of you participate.

The 4-H Club Day Event Guidelines is attached. More information about 4-H Club Day, including the judging score sheets used, is available in the office. Let us know if you have any questions.

4-H Day Presentation Tips

1. Arrive Early  Please arrive at the assigned room a few minutes early so we can stay on schedule. Schedules will be mailed to participants before Club Day. Refer to the enclosed information for the time allowance per presentation, judges will watch limits.

2. Public Presentations
   + Outline your talk without writing it word for word.
   + Practice giving your presentation in the mirror, and then to someone else. They may offer some suggestions, and you can time your presentation to keep it in the limits.
   + Speak so you can be easily heard and understood. The judges and audience are really interested, so speak loudly and clearly. And speak slowly, at a natural speed, with occasional changes for emphasis and attention.
   + Use charts and visuals if they help you present your topic.
   + Be at ease, be pleasant, smile, and be yourself. Tell the audience about your topic with enthusiasm and confidence.

3. Public Speaking  Present an outline of your speech to the judge. Visuals may be helpful but aren’t required.

4. Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks  Your presentation should be long enough to cover your topic effectively. Posters should be simple and easy to read.

5. Music  Provide an original copy of the music for the judges. Introduce yourself and your piece, and tell a little bit about it. Vocal solos should be memorized. An instrumental solo does not have to be memorized. An accompanist does not have to be a 4-H’er.
Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day is set for February 27th in Liberal. Top Blue ribbon winners from our County Club Day will be eligible to participate. FCS Judging and Crops Judging will also be available.

Check out our social media presence!
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stevens-County-4-H/165641383451093

Have Any Ideas?

If you have ideas related to the 4-H Division of the Stevens County Fair, we want to hear them.

- Present your thoughts to an agent or one of the 4-H PDC Members, preferably in writing.
- Ideas will be discussed by the 4-H PDC, and checked for feasibility.
- The PDC then presents ideas to the Extension Council Executive Board, who may approve to submit them to the Stevens County Fair Board.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Project Information

**Beef**

Weigh-in and tagging for beef projects, are:
1. Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 8:30 am to noon;
2. Tuesday, March 8, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm; and
3. Wednesday, March 9 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Clothing Construction**

First and second year 4-H sewers can schedule project meetings with Nancy Honig. Summer gets busy and now is a great time to sew. Call her at 544-4359.

**Food/Nutrition**

4-H cooks age 12 to 14 will meet Monday, December 21st from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building, for a 4-H Holiday Baking Day. You must register your spot by Thursday, December 17th, at 544-4359.

**Rabbit**

The rabbit project meetings will be held on all second Tuesdays from January 12th - July 12th at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building. Anyone interested in the rabbit project should attend.

No animals should be purchased for a first project until after a member has attended the first two meetings covering selection criteria. If you have any questions, call William Bryan at 428-6656.

A Regional Rabbit Clinic will be held Saturday, February 6th from 8 am to 2 pm at the 4-H Building. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**Shooting Sports**

There will not be a one day Safety Meeting this year. Project safety will be covered in the first project meetings. You must be enrolled online and fill out our local Parental Permission and Waiver of Liability form before you can participate in this project.

Project meetings will not be come and go. Members need to be on time and participate in the safety lesson at the beginning of each meeting. As always, parents are strongly encouraged to stay for the meeting.

New this year: due to State and National requirement changes, seven year old youth may not participate in any shooting sports projects, only 4-H ages 8 to 19.

Meetings to be held at the fairgrounds are as follows:

- **Air Rifle and BB Gun**
  - Thursday, Nov 19, 6:00 pm
  - Friday, Nov 20, 6:00 pm
  - Tuesday, Dec 1, 6:00 pm
  - Thursday, Dec 3, 6:00 pm
  - Saturday, Dec 5, 3 - 6 pm
  - Thursday, Dec 10, 6:00 pm
  - Saturday, Dec 12, 3 - 6 pm
  - Thursday, Dec 15, 6:00 pm

- **Archery**
  - Tuesday, Dec 1, 5:30 pm
  - Tuesday, Dec 15, 5:30 pm

**Thanks to Our Veterans**

And we thank the Junior Leaders and parents who helped on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning of Veteran’s Day, to display the flags on Main and Sixth Streets in Hugoton.

Thank You! to Craig, Tia and Jacob Bell, Claire Clark, Addy Gooch, Kynna Crawford, Megan Newlon, Lacey and Laramie Brecheisen.

And a big thank you to Doug Martin, and Craig and Tia Bell for helping take the flags down due to very windy weather. Make sure to thank them when you see them.
4-H Day Event Guidelines

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<td>Reading</td>
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<td>Model Meeting</td>
<td>Any number of 4-H Members, plus at least One Adult</td>
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Age is determined by age of 4-H member on January 1 of the current 4-H year. Senior Division: 14 and older; Intermediate Division: 10-13; Junior Division: 7 - 9. Age of the oldest participant in a group will determine if the group entry is in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Division.

If one youth is 14 or older and the rest are 11 and younger, the group will compete in the Senior Division.

It is the agent’s or judge’s option to change entries to another section as they deem as more appropriate based on the major theme or intent of the entry.

All entries will receive a Top Blue, Blue, Red or White ribbon rating.
Girl, We Got This!
Empowering Young
Ladies In 4-H

Come and discover all that you can be.

♦ True Colors - discover what your personality color is and how you can make it work for you.
♦ Dress for Success - make your fashion sense work for you while impressing others.
♦ Teen dating - what is safe and what are signs of violence.
♦ Owning your own actions - every action has a reaction, learn how to control yours.

December 22, 2015
Wm. Carpenter 4-H Building,
608 Fair Ground Rd
Scott City, Ks
9:30 - Registration
9:45 - Introductions
10:00 - Sessions
12:00 - Lunch (provided)
12:45 - Sessions

Calling all young ladies 10-18 years old in 4-H. Come and join us for a great day of empowerment. You will learn some great tips and skills that will help you with everyday opportunities. If you are interested in spending the day with us, RSVP to your Agent by December 15th.

Scott Co. - 620-872-2930
Haskell Co. - 620-675-2261
Morton Co. - 620-697-2558
Stevens Co. - 620-544-4359
Wallace Co. - 785-852-4285
Our Project Leaders

Bucket Calf: Derek and Stacy Dillinger
Clothing, years 1-2: Nancy Honig
Dog: Emma French
Geology: Julie Kinser
Foods, ages 7-8: Cathy Wolters, Nancy Johnson
Foods, ages 9-11: Vallery Persing, Erica Kolb
Horse: Judy Parsons
Poultry: William and Amy Bryan
Sheep/Goats: Lacey Brecheisen
Rabbits: Derek Dillinger, Chris Hinds, Ron Honig, Josh Morris
Shooting Sports: Derek Dillinger, Chris Hinds, Ron Honig, Josh Morris

We need leaders for the other projects, please let us know if you, or someone you know, would be interested.

2016 Program Development Committee

The 4-H PDC is a part of the Stevens County Extension Council, and they assist in planning the 4-H and youth programs in Stevens County. The elected members of the 2015 committee are:

Tia Bell
Dettra Crawford
Stacy Dillinger
Nancy Johnson
Carla Kerbow
Erin Kraisinger

We wish you a happy holiday season, and hope that everything is going well for you.

If you should have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy L. Honig
CEA, FCS

Joshua C. Morris
CEA, ANR

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Horse Bowl / Hippology Meetings
Noon at the First Christian Church

Lunch is provided, then practice is until 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend practice on the following dates:
  November 29
  December 6, 13, 20
  January 10, 17, 24
Travel date is Friday, January 29.

Horse Panorama is
January 30 and 31, 2016