March 12, 2015

Dear 4-H Families:

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

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**Regional 4-H Club Day**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Regional 4-H Club Day. The results for Stevens County are as follows:

- **Int Project Talk**
  - Jacob Bell: Top Blue
  - Victoria Bryan: Blue
  - Zachary Willis: Blue

- **Sr Public Speaking**
  - Megan Bryan: Red

- **Jr Demo/Illustrated Talk**
  - Thomas Willis: Blue
  - Amya Johnson: Top Blue

- **Sr Demo/Illustrated Talk**
  - Lacey Brecheisen: Top Blue

- **Sr Skit**
  - Cloverleaf Cowboys: Top Blue

- **Jr Reading**
  - Claudia Clark: Top Blue

- **Jr Instrumental Solo**
  - Jayce Heger: Blue

- **Jr Instrumental Solo**
  - Grant Niehues: Top Blue

- **Int Instrumental Solo**
  - Jacob Bell: Top Blue

- **Int Instrumental Solo**
  - Catie Gooch: Top Blue

- **Sr Instrumental Solo**
  - Casle Heger: Top Blue

- **Int Vocal Solo**
  - Catie Gooch: Blue

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*Congratulations to everyone on your efforts.*

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**Thank You, Volunteers**

Thanks to the following *volunteers* for their help sponsoring the Junior Leader Trip: Gayle Claggett, Keri Clark, Matt Clark, Darin Heger, Michelle Heger, Robb Heger, Matt Johnson, Jeff Newlon and Tina Schechter.

Project Leaders for sharing their expertise:

- William Bryan
- Amy Bryan
- Judy Parsons
- Derek Dillinger
- Chris Hinds
- Ron Honig
- Cathy Wolters
- Nancy Johnson
- Frances Russell

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**Businessmen's Appreciation Dinner**

The 4-H Businessmen’s Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Memorial Hall, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The club assignments for Dinner are as follows:

- **Set up**
  - Buffalo Boosters / City Slickers

- **Decorations**
  - Wranglers

- **Entertainment**
  - County Club Day Top Blues

- **Drinks**
  - Cloverleaf Cowboys

- **Cleanup**
  - Heartland

The 4-H Council will continue to mail invitations to businesses and 4-H supporters, inviting them to attend.

Please note the following:

1. The meat will be catered this year, the rest will be potluck. 4-H Families are asked to bring a salad or vegetable dish, and dessert, enough to feed themselves and a guest family.

2. The dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be held at Memorial Hall. We must have an accurate head count for the chair rental, so *everyone* must reserve tickets for the dinner. **Reservations must be made by April 20th.**

3. Everyone who received a Top Blue at County Club Day for a reading, music or novelty, please plan to repeat your presentation for entertainment. This has become a great showcase for our talented kids.

4. We need your help to make this a success. This is an appreciation dinner to thank businesses and individuals for their support to our 4-H programs.

5. **Mark April 26th on your calendar and plan to attend. Be sure to make your reservations by April 20th.**

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

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Regional FCS Judging

Congratulations for placing in FCS Judging on March 7th:
  Lainey Cox - Beginner First,
  Megan Newlon - Intermediate Third
  Claire Clark - Senior Third.

Others who judged were Ella Beesley, Claudia Clark,
Casle Heger, Jayce Heger, Madison Crawford,
Catie Gooch, Lacey Brecheisen, Laramie Brecheisen,
and Adyson Gooch.

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Tractor Safety Training

Anyone 14 or older who wants to work on a farm for someone other than a parent or legal guardian must take the Tractor Safety Course, according to U.S. Department of Labor requirements. Pre-registration is at the Extension Office. Students need their Social Security number, $10 course fee, and a lunch, or lunch money. Call us at 544-4359 for more information.

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4-H Education Scholarships

The Stevens County 4-H Council has set aside money to be used for County 4-H scholarships for 2015. Applications are due in the Extension Office by April 1.

Applicants must have been a Stevens County 4-H member for at least three years, and must be a Stevens County graduating high school senior. Application forms are available at the Extension Office or online at www.stevens.ksu.edu.

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4-H Council and Junior Leadership Club

4-H Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 20th at the Extension Office. Every club needs to be represented.

Junior Leadership Club will follow at 7:45 p.m.

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STEVENS COUNTY FAIR
is July 27 - August 1, 2015

Fair Work Day is Monday, July 27

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Money Available for 4-H Events!

This is a reminder that the Stevens County 4-H Council provides half of the registration fee to one event per 4-H’er per 4-H year. This includes Horse Panorama; 4-H Camps; Clothing Camp; Discovery Days; Livestock Camp; Photography Camp; Geology Field Trip; Kansas Youth Leadership Forum; Campference; 4-H Ventures; Citizenship Washington Focus; etc.

Record Book vouchers may also be used toward remaining fees. Contact the office for more information.

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Camp Counselors Needed

It is time to apply to be a camp counselor for this summer’s camps. For the Heart of Kansas Camp at Rock Springs you must have finished the 9th grade. For Lakeside 4-H Camp you must have finished the 8th grade.

All 4-H’ers 14 and older must be VIP registered prior to camp. Please contact the office soon if you wish to be a camp counselor.

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REMINDERS:

Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held May 26-29 at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This university experience is open to youth 13-18 4-H age, and features workshops, service activities, dances, and free time on the beautiful K-State campus.

Online registration is open now and closes April 15. The fee is $205, plus additional fees for some classes. For more information and to register go to http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418.

If you cancel any 4-H online registration, you will owe $25 before a deadline, and the full amount thereafter.

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4-H Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to promote Campference! This event is focused on youth ages 12 - 14 (before January 1, 2015), and will be held May 31 to June 3, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due online by May 15.

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Camping Opportunities

Make your plans now, sign up in the Extension Office by May 1. A sign-up flyer is attached. Let us know if you have any questions.

Heart of Kansas – June 26-29. Cost is $160.00.
Camp Lakeside – June 11-12. The cost is $75.00.

North High Adventure Trip

From June 26-29, 4-H Youth ages 13-18 will canoe down the Niobrara River in Nebraska, one of the best canoeing rivers in the US, and try out an adventure course that includes a water slide, low and high ropes courses, zip line, climbing wall and repelling tower.

Cost for the trip is $130 and includes transportation, tent and equipment rental, and most meals. Reserve your spot now with Josh, with full payment; space is available for the next six who register. If you have questions or need more information contact Josh.

Photo Adventure Camp

May 31-June 3, 2015, is an exciting four day photographic experience for teens ages 13-16. The camp, held at Rock Springs 4-H Center, offers hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics and skills. Campers supply their camera equipment. Parents, project leaders and other 4-H Volunteers who have completed the 4-H volunteer screening process are invited to attend camp and learn along with the youth.

Enrollment is limited so don’t delay in registering for Photo Adventure Camp 2015. The registration fee is $190 for youth or adults. Register on-line. Registration closes April 15, 2015. Registration is now open at: www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=317.

Campers will be assigned to workshops and activities based on prior attendance at Photo Camp, the camera they will be bringing and demonstrated skills. Camp will finish with a presentation for parents featuring images made by all campers.

Sewing Camp

Create a garment from pattern to wear during this year’s 4th annual Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp! Participants will explore new sewing concepts and improve current sewing skills. Junior participants (age 9-12) and Senior participants (age 13 and older) will attend camp at K-State Salina, work on touch control sewing machines, and receive assistance from teen counselors and textile knowledgeable adults.

Junior camp will be June 25-27, and Senior camp will be June 27-30. All fabrics, supplies and equipment will be provided for youth to construct their garment. Junior participants will choose from an apron, pull-over shirt or pants. Senior participants will choose between a tailored vest or “silky” shirt. Junior registration cost is $170 and Senior registration cost is $215. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. Registration closes May 8, 2015. Visit http://www.cvent.com/d/2rqkr0 to register.

Additional Sewing Camp Opportunity

Area agents are hosting a one-night sewing camp in Scott City on June 17-18. It is closer, shorter, and cozier, let us know if you will consider it.

Sales, Shows, Etc.

Check the calendar of events for livestock projects opportunities. If you don’t see a sale or show listed that you know about, call us for more information. We have received some information for area events, and we can check with other counties for their flyers.

State Geology Field Trip

Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, will be the State Geology Field Trip. More information on the site and registration will be available soon.

We have black gloves and a hood that need to go home. Stop by the office if you can’t find yours, and have been in an office vehicle this year.
Project Meetings

Foods and Nutrition  4-H Brunch: create your own meal, and learn about table setting, etiquette, and healthful food choices. This multi-county meeting will be Friday, June 5th at 9:30 a.m. in Ulysses.

Horse  Horse ID papers are due in the Office by May 1. Bring your current papers in for a new agent signature, and if you have a new project horse, complete a new form, available online or in the office, to submit with pictures for an agent signature.

Level Testing – Youth wanting to show at the District and State 4-H shows who would like to complete their level testing, or who want more information, may contact Judy Parsons at 453-1034. We will set up meetings in March and April to get ready for testing. The SW District 4-H Horse Show is Tuesday, June 30 in Dodge City. Call for more information.

Summer Work nights - We will be starting summer work nights on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We will have work nights each Wednesday until our County Fair Horse Show. Bring your horse and be prepared to learn and have fun!! Horseless Horse youth will be contacted to set up project meetings for the summer.

Photography  Presented by the State Photo Action Team, 4-H’ers of all skill levels are invited to a workshop at the Meade County 4-H Building Saturday, March 28th from 9:15 to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided; bring any camera. Register to Walker Clawson, walker@clawsonranch.com by March 20.

Rabbit  Meetings are April 14, May 12, June 9, and July 14 at 6:30 p.m. The deadline to identify 4-H project rabbits for this year is June 1. You may bring them to the May 12 project meeting to tattoo them. After that, contact William or Amy Bryan, at 428-6656, to identify your project rabbits by June 1. Don’t wait until the last day! The Stevens County 4-H Rabbit Show will be April 4th.

Shooting Sports  The Air Rifle/BB Gun Fun Shoot is Thursday, April 2, be there at 6 pm.

Swine  Brady Heger will hold a project meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. He will present pointers on what to look for when purchasing project pigs.

Pork Quality Assurance Certification  PQA Certification is required for all youth swine exhibitors at the Stevens County Fair, the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, and the Kansas State Fair.

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Project Weigh-in and ID Dates

All animals, including breeding projects, must be tagged and recorded in our office with a 4-H livestock tag in order to show and sell at the Stevens County Fair.

Ear tags are $2 for each animal to be shown at the county level. Electronic ID Ear tags are $4 for each animal that will be shown at the Kansas State Fair or Junior Livestock Show. Please be prepared to pay for ear tags when animals are tagged.

All of the weighing will be done at the Stevens County Fairgrounds. If you have any conflict with dates, please arrange to meet with Josh.

All Steers and Heifers  Swine, Sheep, Goats, Bucket Calves
March 13, 4 pm - 7 pm  Sat., Apr 25, 8:30 am - 12pm
March 14, 8:30 am - 12 pm  Tues., Apr 28, 4 pm - 7 pm
March 18, 4 pm - 7 pm  Thurs., Apr 30, 4 pm - 7 pm

Rabbits  must be identified with an ear tattoo and recorded with William and Amy Bryan by June 1. Meat pens must be on record by July 1.

Poultry also must be banded and recorded with Landon Brecheisen. We’ll send more information to members who are enrolled when it becomes finalized.

Livestock junior leaders can sign up with Josh to help with weigh-in, limited times are available. It’s a good chance to add a service to your record book.

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Gas Capital Livestock Show

The Gas Capital Livestock Show will be held Saturday, May 2nd at the Fairgrounds. This is a market beef, goat, sheep and swine livestock show and is open to all Kansas 4-H and FFA members. Mark this date on your calendar, a flyer will be available soon.

We will need help to set up on April 26 at 3:30 p.m. following the Businessmen’s Dinner. Even if you do not plan to show, please let us know if you can help set up the show ring, stands, pens, etc. We also need workers the day of the show, to keep things running smoothly. This is an excellent project service opportunity.

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State Show Nominations

To be eligible for entry at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show all Market Animals must be nominated with the Family Declaration Form; Species Nomination Form; DNA Hair Sample envelope; Electronic ID Ear Tag; and $8.00 fee per nominated animal, as follows:

**By May 1**  Market Beef

**By June 15** Commercial Heifers, Ewes, Does, and Breeding Gilts; and Market Lambs, Hogs, and Goats

Let Josh know well ahead of the deadlines if you will have animals to nominate.

Nominations are not required for Registered Breeding Heifers, Ewes, or Purebred/Pedigreed Breeding Gilts.

Contest Entry forms and fees for nominated animals are due July 15 for the Kansas State Fair and August 15 for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

Exhibit Pre-Entry July 1

The Stevens County Fair Board requires 4-H and FFA pre-entry forms to be in the Extension Office or Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 1st**.

Pre-entry forms and fair books will be available by the first of June, so 4-H’ers should plan now for the entries they will make in this year’s fair. Plan to pre-enter every potential exhibit and event for each 4-H’er, even if an exhibit is not ready. Anything not pre-entered by the deadline can only be exhibited in open class.

Kansas Japanese Exchange

Kansas 4-H again will be hosting Japanese youth and adult chaperones in Kansas from mid-July to mid-August. We already have one family in Stevens County planning to host and we would like to have others. Additional host families are needed for the four-week period. If your family would like to get involved or you would like to know more about hosting a Japanese youth in your home, please contact Rose Scott, Summer Japanese Inbound Coordinator, 785-565-3197 or e-mail sixtykid2@gmail.com, or contact the Extension Office.
Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp
Rock Springs Ranch
For 4-H’ers Who Have Finished 3rd-7th Grade
Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, 2015

$160 total fee, or $80.00 if 4-H pays half, or $70.00 including $10 records voucher, per camper, and this registration form are due May 1st. Make check payable to Stevens County 4-H Council.

Name __________________________________ Age _____ Grade Next Year _______

Same Grade Friends to cabin with
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Name __________________________________ Age _____ Grade Next Year _______

Same Grade Friends to cabin with
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Family Address ____________________________________________________________

Parent Signature _______________________________ Phone ______________________

4-H Camp Lakeside
Scott City
For 4-H’ers age 7 to 10
Thursday and Friday, June 11-12, 2015

$75.00 or $37.50 if 4-H pays half, or $27.50 including $10 records voucher, per camper, and this registration form, are due by May 1st. Make check payable to Stevens County 4-H Council.

Name __________________________________ Age _____ Grade Next Year _______

T-Shirt Size _____ Friends to cabin with ________________________________

Name __________________________________ Age _____ Grade Next Year _______

T-Shirt Size _____ Friends to cabin with ________________________________

Family Address ________________________________

Parent Signature _______________________________ Phone ______________________
Stevens County Fair Association 2015 Presents:
4th Annual Greater Southwest Pig Sale

Friday • April 3 • 7:00 p.m.

Fairgrounds ~ Hugoton, Kansas
Concessions will be served

Grand Champion
2014 Haskell County Fair
Bred by Western Plains Genetic

Grand Champion Barrow
Kansas Junior Livestock Show
Bred by Thompson & Son

Reserve Champion Spot
2015 San Antonio Livestock Show
Bred by Reiss Livestock

Consigners:

Reiss Livestock
(Val Reiss)
785-821-1010

Thompson & Son
(Greg Thompson)
620-382-5464

Western Plains Genetics
(Alan Imler)
620-271-8822

Brady Bunch Show Pigs
(Larry Brady)
620-544-2083

Tony Martin
620-544-4095
stvnfair@pld.com

Stevens County Fair Association
PO Box 356
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Evan Winchester
620-629-1185
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2015 4-H Events

| March 18 | Final Beef Weigh In, Fairgrounds | May 31-3 | Photo Adventure Camp, Rock Springs 4-H |
| March 27-28 | Kiwanis Sale Concessions, Fairgrounds | June 1 | Deadline to ID Rabbits for Stevens County Fair |
| March 28 | Multi-County Photography Workshop, Meade | June 5 | Multi-County Foods Project, Ulysses |
| April 1 | Stevens County 4-H Scholarships Deadline | June 9 | Creative Cooks Contest, Hugoton Middle School |
| April 2 | BB Gun/ Air Rifle Fun Contest, 4-H Building | June 9 | Rabbit Project Meeting, 4-H Building |
| April 3 | Jr Leaders Cancer Bake Sale, White's Foodliner | June 11-12 | Lakeside 4-H Camp, Scott State Lake |
| April 3 | SV County Fair Assn. Pig Sale, Fairgrounds | June 13-14 | Geology Field Trips |
| April 4 | Stevens County Rabbit Show, Fairgrounds | June 15 | State Livestock Show Nomination Deadline |
| April 14 | Rabbit Project, 4-H Building | June 17-18 | Scott City Sewing Camp, Scott City |
| April 18 | Shutterbugs in Botanica, Wichita | June 25-30 | Junior and Senior Sewing Camps, Salina |
| April 25 | Shutterbugs in the Zoo, Garden City | June 26-29 | North High Adventure Trip, Nebraska |
| April 25 28 30 | Swine/Sheep/Goat/Bucket Calf Weigh In | June 30 | District 4-H Horse Show, Dodge City |
| April 26 | 4-H Businessmen’s Dinner, Memorial Hall | July 1 | 4-H Pre-Entries due for Stevens County Fair |
| April 26 | Set Up Gas Capital Livestock Show, Fairgrounds | July 6-7 | Multi-County FCS Project Trip, Wichita |
| May 1 | Horse ID’s Due in Extension Office | July 14 | Rabbit Project Meeting, 4-H Building |
| May 1 | 4-H Camp Registrations Due in Extension Office | July 24 | Fashion Revue / FCS Judging, Hugoton Middle School |
| May 1 | State Market Beef Nominations Deadline | July 25 | County Fair Horse Show, Fairgrounds |
| May 2 | Gas Capital Livestock Show, Fairgrounds | July 27 | Fair Parade, Main Street |
| May 12 | Rabbit Project Meeting, 4-H Building | July 27 | Stevens County Fair |
| May 26-29 | Discovery Days, K-State Campus, Manhattan | July 27-Aug 1 | Stevens County Fair |
| May 31-3 | Campference, Rock Springs 4-H Center | Sept 11-20 | Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson |

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