4-H Youth Clover Connection

Upcoming Deadlines

4-Hers, please be reminded of the following deadlines:

**April 15th**
- Deadline to register for Wildcat Sewing Camp.

**April 20th**
- Deadline to register for Discovery Days.

**May 1st**
- **Payment due** to the Extension Office for Discovery Days & Wildcat Sewing Camp.
- **Add/Drop Deadline** is May 1st to enroll in all projects that will be exhibited at the Finney County Fair. You can do this by logging into your family enrollment on 4-HOnline and making the changes yourself.
- **Camp registrations** due for Heart of Kansas Camp & Lakeside Camp
- **Market beef nominations** for Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show are due.
- **Horse ID papers** are due to the Extension Office.

**May 15th**
- Livestock Declaration forms need to be completed and on file at the Extension Office. This should have been done at tagging.
- **Payment due** to the Extension Office for Heart of Kansas and Lakeside Camps.

**June 15**
- **Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat nominations** for Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show are due.
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

4-H Council News

Each 4-H Club should have nominated 4-H Council Representatives to attend the council meetings on a bi-monthly basis and report back to their respective 4-H Clubs. We encourage those nominated youth to be present at all meetings. 4-H Council meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, May, September, and November, unless announced otherwise.

**March 4-H Council Meeting is Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7PM in the 4-H Building**

Cloverbud Club

If you have a child between the ages of 5 & 6, this is the time to start getting them involved in 4-H through the Cloverbud Club! Come learn about 4-H, meet some of our junior leaders, interact with other kids, participate in games/crafts, and most importantly... have fun!! Our meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00PM in the 4-H Building**. For more information, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 620-272-3670, or email Tayla at tlcannella@ksu.edu.

Mark your calendars! The May Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2017, at 6PM in the 4-H Building.

Summer Reading Petting Zoo - June 24th

Everyone please save the date for the Summer Reading Program’s Petting Zoo hosted by the Finney County 4-Hers. We will need 4-Hers to bring their animals, projects, and anything else that best represents 4-H!

Southwest Area 4-H Rabbit Events

4-Hers, do you and your rabbit need practice showing prior to the county fair? Are you new to the project and need some tips for success in the rabbit project? Then plan to attend the 9th Annual 4-H Rabbit Show and Clinic on April 1st in Hugoton. Please share with others who may be interested in attending this rabbit show/clinic. This would be a great learning opportunity for all rabbit members. Show and clinic information is posted on the Finney County Extension webpage under the 4-H Youth Development tab and then under county events.
Registration open for 4-H Summer Camps!

**Discovery Days: May 30 - June 2, 2017**

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put May 30 - June 2, 2017 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. This year’s theme is “Make a Splash” Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer!

- Registration is available at the following link.
- The cost to attend is $230, (some classes have additional fees.)
- Registration Deadline: April 20, 2017

**Wildcat Sewing Camp: May 30 - June 2, 2017**

This year’s Specialty Camp is designed for 4-H youth (ages 13-18) who have mastered basic sewing skills and are ready to challenge themselves by learning new and more advanced skills. The camp offers 4-H members an opportunity to learn and build confidence in the Clothing and Textiles project. Participants should know the basics regarding pattern layout/cutting and basic sewing machine operation. Participants will pre-select their pattern prior to attending camp. There will be time for a service learning opportunity.

All fabrics, supplies and equipment will be provided for youth to construct their project. Teens (age 16-19) and adults with sewing knowledge and passion, are invited to participate as an assistant. Applications are posted to the right and are due April 1, 2017.

- Registration is available at the following link.
- The cost to attend is $215.
- Registration Deadline: April 15, 2017

**4-H Campference: June 27-30, 2017**

- 4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2017), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

- Registration is available at the following link.
Summer Camps (cont.)

Heart of Kansas Camp: June 7-10, 2017

- The Heart of Kansas camp takes place at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It provides youth the opportunity to take part in a great camping experience full of different activities such as swimming, fishing, crafts, horseback riding, dance, canoeing, and much more to come for this coming year. HOK is for youth who have completed grades 3-8 and counselors ages 15-18.
  
  - Registration is available at the following link.
  - The cost to attend is $190 (4-H members) & $191 (non 4-H members)
  - The cost to attend as a camp counselor is $220. Counselors will travel to Rock Springs for counselor training on June 6th.
  - Registration is due no later than May 1, 2017.

Camp Lakeside: June 8-9, 2017

- Camp Lakeside takes place at Lake Scott State Park as a two day, one night camp for youth ages 7-9 and counselors ages 15-18. Lakeside offers a variety of activities including archery, rafting, swimming, crafts, hiking, fishing, campfire, and more. Registration is now available online at the Finney County Extension webpage.
  
  - Registration is available at the following link.
  - The cost to attend is $80 (4-H members) & $81 (non 4-H members)
  - Registration is due no later than May 1, 2017.

Camp Counselor Applications

We are in need for responsible 15-18 year old 4-Hers to serve as camp counselors for Camp Lakeside and Heart of Kansas Camps for 2017. See above details for each of the camps. If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor, please visit the following website and fill out the proper application for the camp you wish to be a counselor for. This is a great leadership opportunity for eligible youth!
## FINNEY COUNTY 4-H REGIONAL CLUB DAY RESULTS

### Junior Readings
- **Morgan Hammond**: SS, Blue
- **Emma Lightner**: WA, Purple

### Senior Skit
- **Kourageous Kids 4-H Club**: Purple

### Senior Dance
- **Tigers & Wildcats 4-H Club**: Blue

### Junior Novelty
- **Wide Awake Performing Arts Gals**: Blue

### Junior Instrumental
- **Colby Kempke**: HH, Blue
- **Melissa Fierro**: KK, Red

### Junior Instrumental (Piano)
- **Mariah Standley**: KK, Red

### Senior Instrumental
- **Rayenah Bergstrom**: HH, Red

### Junior Vocal Solo
- **Katie Mongeau**: SS, Blue

### Senior Instrumental (Piano)
- **Elly Murrell**: HH, Blue

### Junior Demonstrations & Ill Talks
- **Audrey Norquest**: KK, Purple
- **Baylee Hutcheson**: FF, Blue

### Extemporaneous
- **Willie Haas**: SS, Blue
- **Abby Murrell**: HH, Blue

### Junior Project Talks [7-8]
- **Lauren Lightner**: WA, Purple

### Public Speaking
- **Willie Haas**: SS, Purple

### Junior Project Talks [9-13]
- **Miles Combs**: FF, Purple
- **Aaron Morales**: WA, Purple

### Senior Demonstration & Ill Talks
- **Andrew Baker**: BB, Blue

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 4-HERS ON THEIR SUCCESSES AT COUNTY & REGIONAL CLUB DAYS!**
Livestock Information

Livestock Premium Auction Requirements

NO 4-H MEMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREMIUM AUCTION unless they have first met the requirements during the current 4-H calendar year (October 1st—September 30th): Attend a minimum of four (4) regular 4-H club meetings AND at least one of the following:

1. Present a project talk at a 4-H Club Meeting
2. Participate in Finney County 4-H Club Days
3. Actively participate in 4-H Ambassadors or Junior Leaders
4. Hold an office in your club
5. Lead a community service project

This change/addition to the rules is to become effective beginning with the 2017 County Fair (the October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 4-H Year). All attendance and participation requirements must be verified by the 4-H Club Leaders.

Note: This will NOT disqualify youth from showing livestock at the fair, ONLY selling an animal at the Premium Auction.

Livestock Quality Assurance Training

Livestock and Pork Quality Assurance Training is designed for youth ages 7-18. Participants learn about the quality of meat and food products that come from livestock. Quality assurance for livestock producers means making a promise to the consumers, or the people who consume the meat, eggs, milk, and dairy products from food production animals. The promise is that products from livestock will be the highest possible quality and producers will do everything possible to make these products safe to eat. Finney County 4-H/FFA Members are required to take this training in order to show and sell during the Finney County Fair or other state and national events.

The following dates have been scheduled as an opportunity for youth to complete this training:

- April 11, 2017; 6PM - Grandstand Meeting Room
- May 2, 2017; 6PM - 4-H Building - Large Side

Other opportunities may not be available to complete this training. Please put one of these dates on your schedule.

Deadline to acquire Livestock projects - May 1st
Livestock Information

2017 Small Livestock Tagging Dates:

Sheep, Swine, Goat, Bucket Calf Early Tagging will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in the Show Arena from 8AM-Noon. This tagging is for members who already have all their animals purchased and/or will be participating in Spring Livestock Shows.

Sheep, Swine, Goat, Bucket Calf Second Chance Tagging will take place on Monday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 9th from 5-7PM in the Show Arena. This will be the absolute last chance to have your county fair animals tagged.

Finney County Livestock Clinic

We will once again be hosting a livestock clinic for youth who would like to learn more about their goat, sheep, swine or beef projects. This will be held on Saturday, April 22nd after the early tagging. A FREE meal will be served to all 4-Hers and their families at Noon. The clinics will start at 1PM in the following order: Swine, Goat, Sheep, Beef. Please RSVP to Tayla if you plan on attending. This is a hands-on clinic, so please feel free to bring your livestock.

Tagging Information:

♦ All Market and Breeding small animal livestock are required to be tagged, identified, and recorded by Tuesday, May 9th.
♦ All Finney County market animals need to be tagged with an official Kansas 4-H EID Tag. These tags are needed to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
♦ A Finney County Declaration Form for 4-H/FFA Livestock, needs to be completed at the time of tagging.
♦ If you need to co-nominate tagged livestock, this can be done by completing a Household Nominations Form. Youth will determine which individual animal[s] they will exhibit once they submit a Finney Co. Fair Livestock entry and stall request form, by June 30th.
♦ Tags will cost $2.75/tag for Swine, Sheep, and Goat tags.
♦ Beef & Bucket Calf tags cost $3.50/tag.

2017 Finney County Spring Show

Save the date for the 2017 Finney County Spring Show! The Finney County Spring Show will be held on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20, 2017. Swine will show on Friday. Sheep, Goats, and Beef will show on Saturday. Information is available on the Finney County Extension webpage.

Livestock Declaration Forms Due May 15th!
Horse Information

HORSE ID PAPERS - DUE MAY 1ST

May 1st is the deadline to update Horse Identification papers in the Extension Office.

◊ If a new horse is being used, a new form needs to be filled out with recent photography of the horse.

◊ Previously Horse ID’s need to be updated every year. Owner has the original papers and the Extension Office has a copy. Both copies need to be renewed each year.

◊ 4-H members are to bring the original Horse ID papers into the Extension Office to be ID’ed for the current year.

◊ Horses that do not have papers on file at the Extension Office are ineligible for exhibit at any 4-H horse event.

SOUTHWEST SPECTACULAR HORSE SHOW

Save the date for the Southwest Spectacular Horse Show. It will be held on Saturday, July 8th at the Finney County Fairgrounds. Flyer coming soon!

HORSE LEVEL TESTING

The Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence consists of four achievement levels (I, II, III, IV), each of which contains three sections: knowledge, leadership, and horsemanship skill attainment. Once participants successfully pass the required sections, they will receive certification of achievements and be granted the right to advance to the next level.

Intermediate (ages 10 to 13) youth who wish to participate at the District and/or State horse show must have successfully met the requirements of all three sections of Achievement Level I prior to the entry deadlines for their District show. Showmanship and Halter class participants must pass the first two sections of Achievement Level I, plus the Groundwork portion of the skill test prior to their District qualifying 4-H Horse Show entry deadline.

Senior (ages 14 to 18) youth who wish to participate in the District and/or State horse show must complete all three sections of Achievement Level II prior to the entry deadline for their District show. Showmanship and Halter class participants must pass the first two sections of Achievement Level II, plus the Groundwork portion of the Level I skill test prior to their District qualifying 4-H Horse Show entry deadline. Senior youth who wish to participate in the 2-year-old snaffle bit futurity and the 3-year-old futurity projects must be Achievement Level II certified prior to the May 1 nomination deadline.

Contact the Extension Office to schedule a time to complete your test.
Changes for 2017:

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

◊ 4-H Foods, Photography, and Arts & Crafts judging will take place on **Monday, July 24th from 8AM-12PM.**

◊ Fair set-up in the Exhibition Building & Grandstand Meeting Room will take place on **Saturday, July 22nd beginning at 8AM.**

◊ Fair set-up in the 4-H Building, Livestock Pavilion, Beef Pavilion, Rabbit & Poultry Barn will take place on **Saturday, July 22nd beginning at 6PM.**

◊ Educational Displays, 4-H Fiber Arts, 4-H Clothing, & Cloverbud Exhibits will be checked in on **Monday, July 24th from 7-11AM.** Educational Displays will be judged at 1PM on this same afternoon.

◊ Shooting Sports, Energy Management, Forestry, Geology, Entomology, SpaceTech, Woodworking, Wildlife/Sportfishing, and Shop Exhibits will be checked in from **7-11AM on Tuesday, July 25th.** These exhibits will be judged on this same day beginning at 1PM.

◊ Garden & Crops will be checked in from **7-9AM on Tuesday, July 25th.** They will be judged at 10AM on this same day.

◊ 4-H Flowers will be checked in from **9AM-12PM on Tuesday, July 25th.** They will be judged at 1PM on this same day.

◊ Barns will be open to accept livestock projects at **8AM on Tuesday, July 25th.** Vet checks for sheep and goats will be done at weigh-in from 5-6PM that evening.

◊ Livestock show days and times remain unchanged from 2016.

**ENTRY PROCESS:**

4-H Families will be required to complete online entries this year. You will be able to log-in to FairEntry using your 4-HOnline family username & password. Entry cards will be printed out upon completion of entries and can be picked up prior to the fair or on the day of check-in. Please check your emails regularly for entry instructions.
Superintendents Needed!!

Adult Superintendents:

If you are interested in becoming a superintendent in one or more project areas, we would love to have your leadership for this year’s Finney County Fair. 4-H and Open Class superintendent opportunities are available in the following areas:


Junior Superintendents:

We are currently looking for Junior Superintendents for this year’s Finney County Fair! We would like to have 4-Hers present at check-in times, during judging, and to help clean up during the Finney County Fair. For livestock projects, you would help pass out ribbons, hand out or collect cards during the show. We would advise you to become a superintendent in an area that you will not be exhibiting; this is especially true for livestock projects.

If you are interested, please contact Tayla at the Finney County Extension Office and let me know what areas you would like to help with. You may also fill out a sheet and return it to the Finney County Extension Office by May 31st. The phone number at the office is 620-272-3670, I will respond to texts at 719-571-0514, or email tlcannella@ksu.edu.

Thank you to those of you who have continued to serve as adult or junior superintendents! The Finney County Fair would not be possible without your help and support!
Club Corner

Sherlock Strivers—February

The Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club met Sunday, February 12, 2017, at Holcomb Elementary.

18 members and 9 parents were present. President, Emma Mangels, led the meeting, and the Secretary’s Report was given by Elizabeth Mangels. Morgan and Makay Hammond led the club in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Under old business, the club learned of the results of Club Days, which was held February 4, at Holcomb High School. Several members had great accomplishments and will advance on to Regional Competition in Dodge City on February 18.

Under New business, the club discussed making a donation to the memorial fund for Dudley Fryman, a longtime friend to 4-H.

Several members then gave Project Talks. The projects this month included Photography, Foods, Reading, Goats, and Woodworking.

Andrea Brown announced that she would be holding a Community Service Book Drive for her Reading Project, and asked that members please bring their new or slightly used children’s books to be donated to Magic’s HOPE Pony Partners Literacy Program.

The next meeting will be March 5 at Holcomb Elementary.

Sherlock Strivers—March

The Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club met Sunday, March 5, 2017, at Holcomb Elementary.

23 members and 13 parents were present. President, Emma Mangels, led the meeting, and the Secretary’s Report was given by Elizabeth Mangels. Dylan Burch and Makay Hammond led the club in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Under old business, the club discussed and decided on their monthly community service projects for April and May. Members were also reminded that beef tagging would be on March 11th. Leader, Delaina Hammond, announced placings for Regional Club Days in Dodge City.

Under New business, several members gave project talks on Buymanship, Fiber Arts, Clothing Construction, Goats, and Pigs. It was announced that the Finney County Pig and Goat Sale would be March 25th, and that Pork Quality Assurance Training would be offered after the sale. 4-H Discovery Days will be May 30-June 2. Wildcat Sewing Camp will be held May 30-June 2, also. Horse members were reminded that Horse I.D. papers are due May 1.

Andrea Brown had announced at the February meeting that she would be holding a Community Service Book Drive for her Reading Project, and asked that members please bring their new or slightly used children’s books. Approximately 20 books were donated to the book drive.

The group then celebrated March birthdays and collected cans for the Emmaus House. After the meeting was adjourned, members made dog toys out of old T-shirts. These will be donated to the Finney County Humane Society.

The next meeting will be April 2 at Holcomb Elementary.
Shutterbugs in the Garden City Zoo

Shutterbugs at the Garden City Zoo will be held on Saturday, May 6th this year for all 4-H photography members interested in learning more about their project! The doors will open at 8:30AM and sessions will end around noon. Topics include: cell phone photography, portraits, light bending, really big bubbles, animal antics, Frame it Up, between the bars, “Close, Closer, and Closest,” and many more.

Remember to bring: your camera, charged batteries, empty memory cards, a tripod (if you have one), and your camera bag with an ID tag.

There is a $5/person fee to attend. Youth and adults are invited to participate in this event.

Registration form is on the Finney County Extension webpage as well as at the Extension Office. Registration is DUE MAY 1st.

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