Kansas Honor Flight Fundraiser a Success!

Thank you to all who helped with the 6th Annual Kansas Honor Flight Fundraiser. We had a fantastic turnout. We were able to raise over $8,000 to send to Kansas WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Veterans. With these funds, they will be able to see their Monument in Washington D.C. at no expense to them. I would like to thank all of the 4-H parents, community volunteers, and 4-H Clubs for all of your hard work and dedication. Without all of your hands, our 4-H Clubs would not have been able to host such a great event. Here are some snap shots of the day.
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 28, 2016, at 7PM in the 4-H Building

2016 Finney County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

The Finney County Foundation is happy to offer two scholarships for Finney County Seniors

- $500 - Finney County 4-H Foundation Merit Scholarship
- $1000 - Mary Jo Williams Finney County 4-H Scholarship

For both of these scholarships, you must have been enrolled in 4-H for a minimum of 5 years and be enrolled your senior year of high school, have a cumulative 2.7 GPA or higher, be a resident of Finney County, and be enrolled as a full-time student in an institution of higher education.

Each scholarship is a one-time award. Students must submit proof of enrollment in order to receive the scholarship.

Applications are available on www.finney.ksu.edu, or in the Extension Office. Applications are to be mailed to the Finney County 4-H Foundation by March 1, 2016.

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 next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 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.

Deadlines:

- Add/Drop Deadline is May 1, 2016 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.
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

Kansas 4-H Events
2016 – 2017

Horse Panorama ................................................................. January 30–31, 2016
Citizenship In Action .......................................................... February 14–15, 2016
Ambassador Training .............................................................. February 19–20, 2016
Shooting Sports Instructor Training ........................................ April 8–10, 2016
National 4-H Conference .................................................... April 9–14, 2016
Spring Shooting Sports Match ............................................... April 23, 2016
Discovery Days ................................................................. May 31–June 3, 2016
Sewing Camp ................................................................. May 31–June 3, 2016
Senior FCS Judging Contest ................................................ June 1 and/or June 2, 2016
Geology Field Trip ............................................................... June 10–12, 2016
Citizenship Washington Focus ............................................ June 16–27, 2016
Campference ................................................................. June 24–27, 2016
International 4-H Exchanges .............................................. July–August 2016 for four weeks; dates vary by country
State 4-H Dairy Events ..................................................... August 11–13, 2016
Horticulture Judging Contest ................................................ August 20, 2016
Livestock Sweepstakes .......................................................... August 20, 2016
Kansas State Fair ................................................................. September 9–18, 2016
Fall Shooting Sports Match ................................................. September 17, 24 and October 1, 2016
National 4-H Week ............................................................ October 2–9, 2016
48 Hours of 4-H ................................................................. October 9–10, 2016
Dog Conference ................................................................. October 22–23, 2016
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum ........................................ November 18–20, 2016
Intermediate FCS Judging Contest ........................................ TBD during KSF
Dog Judges Training ........................................................... January 27–29, 2017
Ambassador Training ............................................................. February 24–25, 2017
Dog Conference ................................................................. October 21–22, 2017

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Upcoming Events

2016 4-H Camp Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

- **Discovery Days: May 31 - June 3, 2016**
  - Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! It is offered to youth who are 13-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016. Registration will open March 1st!

- **Heart of Kansas Camp: June 8-11, 2016**
  - 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 ages 10-14 and counselors ages 15-18. Registration should be available in March!

- **Camp Lakeside: June 9-10, 2016**
  - Camp Lakeside takes place at Lake Scott State Park as a single overnight 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 will be available in March for all youth interested in attending.

Free Kansas Leadership Training coming to Garden City

If you are a 4-H parent, volunteer, alumni, or agent, this training is for you! Join us at the Garden City class to build your leadership skills.

Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) staff will share the KLC core curriculum that equips people with the ability to make lasting change for the common good. KLC is different in the field of leadership development with its focus on leadership as an activity, not a role or position. KLC envisions more Kansans sharing responsibility for acting together in pursuit of the common good. Come learn how these principles can help move the work of Kansas 4-H forward.

The Garden City Class will take place on April 15th at the Finney County Fairgrounds. All classes are from 10 AM to 3 PM with a break for lunch.

**Register online at [www.kansas4hfoundation.org/KLC](http://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/KLC)**

Don’t miss out on this opportunity, they will have a lot of new ideas that we could all implement in our clubs.
Livestock Information

Poultry ban has been lifted!

Good news poultry exhibitors! The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced on Dec. 4, 2015, that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or co-mingled.

The order was implemented in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) and protect poultry health in Kansas. Kansas experienced a positive case of HPAI in Leavenworth County in 2015. However, they have lifted the ban as a result of no new cases of HPAI in Kansas since March 2015. The USDA still continues to encourage all poultry owners to monitor their flocks and maintain good biosecurity practices.

Finney County Spring Show Planning Meeting

We are bringing back the Finney County Spring Show. It will now be a part of the Cimarron Valley Livestock Series. The Spring Show will be held on Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. We would like to have all of our livestock exhibitors involved in the planning process. This is your show. We would love to have your input while planning the rest of the show. This will be a big event, and we will need many hands and heads to make it a success. We have selected a date for a planning meeting for both parents and youth to attend. Those who are interested in helping either before, or the days of the show should attend the meeting Thursday, February 18th at 6:30PM in the Grandstand Meeting Room. Even if you plan on showing your animals at the spring show, there is still a lot that needs done and decided on before the show.

Beef Tagging - March 12th

Beef Tagging will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2016, 8AM-12PM, by the scale house on the Finney County Fairgrounds. Beef Tags will cost $3.50/tag. Please bring exact change or check.
Livestock Information

Deadline to acquire Livestock projects - May 1st

Early Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging AND Livestock Clinic:

◊ Early Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging - Saturday April 16, 2016, 8AM-12PM, Finney County Fairgrounds, Show Arena

  • There will be a clinic regarding the care of your livestock and showmanship tips for all livestock species beginning at 12:30PM (after tagging). Crop Production Services (CPS) has offered to sponsor a meal to those who wish to stay for the clinic. The meal will be served at Noon.

  • The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Trailer will be on site for exhibitors to get their certification. Swine exhibitors are still required to complete a Pork Quality Assurance Training.

Finney County Pig & Goat Sale:

◊ The Finney County Pig & Goat sale is on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Pork Quality Assurance Training will be offered after the sale. (Other dates will be available as well)

Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging:

◊ Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging - Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 from 5-7PM at the Finney County Fairgrounds.

  • All Market and Breeding small animal livestock are required to be tagged, identified, and recorded by Tuesday, May 10th.

  • 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.

  • If you have not yet filled out a Finney County Declaration Form for 4-H/FFA Livestock, please do so before or on the day 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 July 1st.

  • All Market and Breeding small animal livestock are required to be tagged, identified, and recorded by Tuesday, May 10th.

  • Tags will be $2.75/tag, so please come with exact amount cash, or preferably a check.

NEW FOR 2016: All animals must be tagged to the correct individual or family nomination at the time of tagging. Should an animal not be tagged to the correct family when entering in the county fair, they may be subject to disqualification. If an animal had been previously tagged under another family name, the animal must be re-tagged by the tagging deadline of May 10th.

(Tagging deadline subject to change depending on weather circumstances or the need for rescheduling)
Finney County Fair Updates

- **Arts & Crafts**: Consultation Judging will now take place on Tuesday, July 26th along with Food & Nutrition and Photography judging. Consultation judging will still be by appointment.

- **Fiber Arts**: Consultation Judging will take place on Tuesday, July 19th along with the Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue judging. Consultation judging will be by appointment.

- **Horse Show**: The Horse show will be divided into two days. Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Halter, and Horsemanship classes will be held on Saturday, July 23rd beginning at 8:30AM, check-in will be at 7:30AM. Speed Events will be held on Thursday, July 28th beginning at 7PM, check-in will be at 6PM.

- **Pet Show**: Due to the Horse Show moving, the pet show will still be held on Saturday July 23rd, but will start at 2PM.

- **Rabbits & Poultry**: Since the sheep show will overlap with the rabbit & poultry judging, the rabbit show will be on Wednesday, July 27th at 11AM. The Poultry show will be at 1PM.

- **Livestock Check-in**: The barns will open to receive livestock at 3PM on Tuesday, July 26th. Sheep/Goats may not enter barns without having been checked by a veterinarian. All livestock will be checked in and weighed on Tuesday. Beef 4-5PM, Sheep/Goats 5-7PM, & Swine 7-9PM.

- **Livestock Show Order**:
  - Wednesday: 8AM Sheep Show, 6PM Beef Show
  - Thursday: 8AM Swine Show, 7PM Horse Show (speed events)
  - Friday: 8AM Goat Show, 6PM Supreme Showman
  - Saturday: 8AM Premium Auction (Breakfast will be served at 6:30AM for 4-Hers)

**Livestock Champions**: The Overall Grand Champion Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat will have the opportunity to attend the Tri-State Royal “Champion of Champions” Show in Goodland, Kansas in August. Youth will be allowed to collect premium money for their champion specie then be non-terminal to attend the show. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the superintendent before the premium sale that the animal will go on to the Tri-State Royal. At that time photos and any other identification will be taken of the animal. The carcass will be sold at floor price and harvested after the completion of the Tri-State Royal by either GCCC or Ehresman Packing. Immediately after the Tri-State Royal, it is the responsibility of the owner to contact the superintendent and to take the animal to the designated kill site. This animal will NOT be eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show having gone through the premium auction (as per Kansas 4-H Policy Guide). By choosing to attend the Tri-State Royal, the animal will forfeit competition in the carcass contest. Should the Grand Champion choose to not move on, the same rules will apply to the Reserve Champion of that specie. Only Overall Grand & Reserve Champion animals are eligible to show in the Tri-State Royal.

- **Livestock Check-out**: Due to animals not being properly taken care of after the Premium Auction, we will not be releasing ANY animals until Sunday after the 4-H Sunday Service.

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2016 Finney County Fair Dates  July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Finney County Club Days Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year’s Finney County Club Days! Regional Club Days will be held on Saturday, March 5th in Dodge City to those of you who qualified. If you did not turn in your card, please do this as soon as possible to let us know as to whether or not you wish to attend.

Senior Skit - Top Blue
Happy Hustlers 4-H Club

Junior Skit - Top Blue
Wide Awake 4-H Club

Senior Readings - Top Blue
Abby Murrell - Happy Hustlers

Junior Readings - Top Blue
Emma Lightner - Wide Awake
Morgan Hammond - Sherlock Strivers

Senior Vocal Solo - Top Blue
Abby Murrell - Happy Hustlers

Junior Instrumental - Top Blue
Meara Bergstrom - Happy Hustlers

Senior Instrumental - Top Blue
Corrine Bergstrom - Happy Hustlers

Junior Instrumental (Piano) - Top Blue
Elly Murrell - Happy Hustlers

Senior Instrumental (Piano) - Top Blue
Miguel Soltero - Tigers & Wildcats

Junior Demonstrations & Ill. Talks - Top Blue
Audrey Norquest - Kourageous Kids
Baylee Hutcheson - Beacon Boosters

Extemporaneous - Top Blue
Tyler Cloud - Beacon Boosters

Junior Project Talks - Top Blue
Sunny Cook - Kourageous Kids
Mariah Standley - Beacon Boosters

Public Speaking - Top Blue
Micalla Lock - Wide Awake

Senior Demonstrations & Ill. Talks - Top Blue
Cheska Prince - Kourageous Kids

Regional Club Days

Date: March 5, 2016

Location: Little Theater and the Fine Arts building at Dodge City Community College

The schedule will be released by or on Tuesday, March 1st. If you plan to participate in Regional Club Days, please be patient as we work on the schedule.
Club Corner

Kourageous Kids 4-H Club

The December Kourageous Kids 4-H club meeting was held just after shopping for two angel tree youth at Wal-Mart. Pledges were led by Ashfield Cook. Roll call was led by Shelby Irsik and members answered by “What is your favorite Christmas carol?” There were 17 members and no guests present. The community service committee reported the club received $76.95 from aluminum cans collection. 1st Vice President, Amanda Currie asked for activities or meetings that members had attended that month. Three people attended a knitting project meeting, nine members attended the achievement banquet, and everyone attended officers training in November. Audrey Norquest had a birthday in December and the club sang happy birthday to her. The leaders reminded members of important dates coming up and 4-H days skit committee needs to get the skit chosen. The meeting was adjourned. A potluck dinner was enjoyed with our club’s families. The members had a candy bar exchange and a hot chocolate bar conclude the evening.

~ Audrey Norquest reporter for December

Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club

The Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club met on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at the Holcomb Elementary Cafeteria. 12 members were present and 6 parents and guests were present. Rebecca Roth and Lizzy Mangels were our pledge leaders. Roll call was answered with what your favorite candy is.

Officer reports were then given by the Secretary, Emma Mangels; Treasurer, Kyle Hammond; and Reporter, Andrea Brown. Leader Delaina Hammond announced results of our fall pumpkin sales. She also discussed changing the club’s meal for First Responders to a Cookies and Cakes Treat. Due to scheduling issues, we will also be changing the date to a later month.

4-H Club Days results were also announced. Sherlock Strivers had several Purples and Blues.

In New Business, members gave project talks in Photography, Foods, Goats, and Woodworking. After adjournment, members enjoyed Valentine sugar cookies.

~ Andrea Brown, reporter
Club Corner (cont.)

Tigers & Wildcats

Nine members of the Tigers & Wildcats 4-H Club attended the 2016 Citizenship in Action trip in Topeka on February 14-15. 4-Hers were able to meet with their legislators, representatives, and senators. Youth were also able to discuss four different bills on the floor of the senate and house. This was a great learning opportunity for our 4-Hers to see the government action. This is an annual event that is sponsored by Kansas 4-H. Be looking out for the dates for next years event!

Calendar of Events

**February**

6  Finney County Club Days
7  Shooting Sports
14-15 Citizenship in Action
14  Shooting Sports
15  President’s Day - Office Closed
16  Cloverbud Club/Jr. Leaders
18  Spring Show Planning Meeting
21  Shooting Sports
24  Regional Club Days Cards Due

**March**

5  Regional Club Days
12  Beef Tagging
15  Cloverbud Club/Jr. Leaders (tentative)
28  4-H Council Meeting

**April**

9  Finney County Pig & Goat Sale
    Pork Quality Assurance Training
15  Kansas Leadership Training in Garden City
16  Early Tagging
    Livestock Showmanship Clinic
19  Cloverbud Club Meeting
20  Earth Day at Lee Richardson Zoo

**May**

1  Add/Drop Deadline for projects
9  Tagging
10  Tagging
17  Cloverbud Club Meeting
20-21  Finney County Spring Show
23  4-H Council Meeting
30  Memorial Day - Office Closed
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Learn more about the Kansas 4-H Adventure at
www.kansas4-H.org

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National 4-H Council
www.fourhcouncil.edu

National 4-H Volunteer Resource Site
www.4hvolunteersusa.org

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