Honor Flight Fundraiser Successful!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 7th Annual Fundraiser to benefit the Kansas Honor Flight on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Through Kansas Honor Flight volunteers and several other local volunteers, YOU, the 4-H clubs were able to raise $11,950 to send veterans on the next Kansas Honor Flight to D.C. The cost per veteran to attend is $700. That means that you all will be responsible for having sent 17 veterans on the next Honor Flight, at no expense to them. I look forward to seeing what we can do in 2018!

Deadlines:
- Add/Drop Deadline is May 1, 2017 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!!

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, February 21st 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 March Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 6PM in the Extension Office.

Finney County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

The Finney County Foundation is happy to offer two scholarships for Finney County graduating seniors or graduates who are or have been active in 4-H.

* $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, 2017.
UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 4-H Camp Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Discovery Days: May 30 - June 2, 2017
- 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, 2017. Registration will open March 1st!

Wildcat Sewing Camp: May 30 - June 2, 2017
- This year’s Specialty Camp is designed for youth who have mastered basic sewing skills and are ready to challenge themselves to learn 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 all know the basics with pattern layout/cutting and basic sewing machine operation. Participants will choose their project when they arrive on campus. Registration will become available in March of 2017!

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 will be available in March!

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. The cost to attend is $80. Registration is now available online at the Finney County Extension webpage.

Finney County 4-H Foundation offers 25% reimbursement of registration fees to 4-H Camps, KS Youth Leadership, SW Youth Leadership, Discovery Days, & Citizenship in Action
FINNEY COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY RESULTS

Model Meeting—Top Blue
Happy Hustlers 4-H Club

Senior Skit - Top Blue
Kourageous Kids 4-H Club

Senior Instrumental - Top Blue
Rayenah Bergstrom - Happy Hustlers

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

Extemporaneous - Top Blue
Tyler Cloud - Beacon Boosters
Willie Haas - Sherlock Strivers

Public Speaking - Top Blue
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Senior Demonstration & Ill Talks - Top Blue
Rian Linenberger - Happy Hustlers
Joy Clifford - Beacon Boosters

Junior Novelty - Top Blue
Wide Awake Performing Arts Gals

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

Junior Instrumental - Top Blue
Colby Kempke - Happy Hustlers
Melissa Fierro - Kourageous Kids

Junior Instrumental (Piano) - Top Blue
Annalise York - Kourageous Kids

Junior Demonstrations & Ill Talks - Top Blue
Audrey Norquest - Kourageous Kids
Baylee Hutcheson - Finney Flyers

Junior Project Talks [7-8] - Top Blue
Lauren Lightner - Wide Awake

Junior Project Talks [9-13] - Top Blue
Miles Combs - Finney Flyers
Aaron Morales - Wide Awake

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS

Date: February 18, 2017

Location: Dodge City Middle School

The schedule has been sent to all 4-H families and is also available at the Finney County Extension webpage.
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.

Beef Tagging — Saturday, March 11th

Beef Tagging will take place on Saturday, March 11th at the Finney County Fairgrounds over by the scale house and beef pavilion. We will begin at 8AM and will be there until Noon to tag your steers and heifers. Please make sure that your calves have halters on them for the ease of tagging. Tags will cost $3.50 each, so please either bring a check or exact change.

This will be the only date to tag your steers and heifers. If you are unable to tag on this day, please notify Tayla prior to the tagging so we can make arrangements to have your cattle tagged.

Finney County Pig & Goat Sale

The Finney County Pig & Goat sale is on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Pork Quality Assurance Training will be offered after the sale. (Other dates will be available as well)
Livestock Information

Deadline to acquire Livestock projects - May 1st

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.

2017 Small Livestock Tagging Dates:

Sheep, Swine, Goat, Bucket Calf Early Tagging will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in the Show Arena. 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.

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.
Finney Flyers

The Finney Flyers January meeting was called to order on the 8th at 4:08 p.m. by Vice-President Kierstyn Hartman at the Finney County 4-H Building.

Roll Call was answered by: 12 members, 1 community leader and 12 parents & guests by sharing what their favorite NFL team was.

Officers gave their reports and all were approved as read or submitted.

The Honor Flight Chili Feed is January 21, 2017. Members volunteered for two hour time slots during the day and were asked to bring one bake sale item and four or more desserts per family by 11 a.m. A motion was made and approved to donate $50 to the Honor Flight. Club members were also asked to sell tickets for the chili feed.

4-H Club Days will be at Holcomb High School on February 4, 2017. Club members who are participating individually must sign up by January 24th.

McDonald’s card sales money is due next meeting.

A motion was made and passed for parents to act as officers for the next meeting.

Talks were given by Kierstyn Hartman and Kynadee Ramsey about their years in 4-H and what they enjoy most.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat was led by Kynadee Ramsey. After the meeting, Jackson Combs led the group in a game of Swim Fishy Swim.

The next club meeting will be held on February 5th at 4 p.m.

Wide Awake

The Wide Awake 4-H club met at 7:00 PM at Plymell Elementary School. There were 5 guest attending and the flag salute was led by Ryan Heiman. Roll call was, “What do you plan to do new in 2017?” In “New Business” the club decided to donate money and a gift basket to the Honor Flight Fundraiser. For the program part of the meeting, Emma Lightner did “Parliamentarian Tip” on the two parts of the meeting. The recreation leader, Trell Baker taught the club members to play a hula hoop game. Meeting was adjourned and the next months meeting will be held on February 13, 2017 at the same time and location.

Remember to send your monthly club reports to tlcannella@ksu.edu. They will be featured in the next newsletter.
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, charges 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 1.

Calendar of Events

**February**
- 4: Finney County 4-H Club Days
- 11: 4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats
- 18: Regional Club Days—Dodge City
- 19-20: Citizenship in Action
- 20: President’s Day - Office Closed
- 21: Cloverbud Club Meeting

**March**
- 11: Beef Tagging
- 21: Cloverbud Club Meeting
- 25: Finney Co. Pig & Goat Sale
- 27: 4-H Council Meeting

**April**
- 18: Cloverbud Club Meeting
- 22: Early Livestock Tagging

**May**
- 1: Add/Drop Deadline
- 8-9: Small Livestock Tagging
- 16: Cloverbud Club Meeting
- 19-20: Finney Co. Spring Show
- 22: 4-H Council Meeting
- 29: Memorial Day—Office Closed
- 30 - 6/2: Discovery Days

2017 Finney County Fair Dates
July 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
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National 4-H Volunteer Resource Site
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