Chautauqua County 4-H Update

4-H Calendar

October

1  Beginning of New 4-H Year/Online Enrollment Begins
7-13 National 4-H Week
10  4-H Council—Wauneta
13-14 48 Hours of 4-H
18  Premium Sale Committee Meeting—Sedan

November

3  Achievement Banquet and Supporters’ Dinner
14  Officer Training—Sedan
17-18 Kansas Leadership Weekend—Rock Springs

National 4-H Week

October 7-13 is National 4-H Week. This is a time to promote 4-H, encourage membership, celebrate the completion of a successful 4-H year, make plans and set goals for the new 4-H year. It is recommended that all clubs do something to promote 4-H during this week. Some ideas include hanging up your club banners at businesses, wearing your 4-H shirts as a club, or making thank you gifts for local supporters.

4-H Shirt Design Contest

All 4-H members are encouraged to design a county 4-H t-shirt. All designs will be uploaded to Facebook and will be voted on. The winning designer will get a free shirt. Some things to remember about t-shirt designs. It will be a single color design. Simpler is better.
4-H Enrollment

September 30 is the end of the 4-H year and October 1 starts to re-enroll for the new 4-H year. This year re-enrollment and new enrollments will all be done on 4-H Online https://ks.4honline.com If you can’t remember your log on or are having trouble call Doris or Jenny at (620)725-5890. Remember you must be 7 by January 1, 2019 to enroll in 4-H. Kids ages 5 and up may sign up to be in Cloverbuds. This year there will again be a $15 per member Kansas 4-H Program Fee. Enrollment Deadline for competing in the county fair will be February 1st. Drop/Add Deadline will still be May 1st.

Volunteer Screening Process

August 1, 2014, Kansas 4-H implemented an updated volunteer screening policy for 4-H volunteers who work with youth or provide leadership to 4-H programs in public settings. Moving forward, all volunteers (in positions requiring screening) must be screened under the new process. Any steps completed under the old process will still be valid with the exception of the background screening which must be completed using the new process. An interview will now be required as specified in the new process. Resources to support the new process are posted at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=603. Resources are also available at the extension offices.

Volunteer Screening Checklist

- Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service Application complete, signed and dated
- Interview complete
- Kansas Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Information and Permission form filled out and mailed to Department for Children and Families
- Background check
- Orientation session completed
- File reviewed
- Name submitted to Local Extension Unit Board for Appointment

48 Hours of 4-H

According to The 4-H study of Positive Youth Development, 4-Hers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? In one weekend this fall, 48-Hours of 4-H will challenge club members, adult leaders and 4-H alumni to explore their service capabilities and inspire the community around them by taking part in some type of service project during the weekend of October 13-14, 2018.

For Chautauqua County’s service project we will be helping at the Hollow on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm. More hands will make for light work. Sue Allen has several different projects lined up for all skill levels. Please bring rakes, wheel barrows and rubber boots if you have them.

CQ Co 4-H Appreciation Dinner & Achievement Banquet

The Banquet will be November 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Fair Building at the Sedan Fairgrounds. Each club will be in charge of either decorations, drinks or rolls. 4-H Council will provide the meat and tableware. Each 4-H Family is to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please take the time to invite supporters to this event so that we can thank them for all they do and show off what Chautauqua County 4-H Members are all about. We have postcards available in the office if you would like some to send out to supporters.
Gun Raffle

Mossberg Patriot bolt action 270 Rifle with Scope

$1 a chance

Contact a Chautauqua Co. 4-H member for tickets.

Drawing will be December 1st!

Gun purchased from H & H Hunting Supplies. Proceeds will benefit the Chautauqua County 4-H Scholarship Fund.

Must be 18 years old to win.

Contact Jenny with any questions 620-725-5890.

4-H Members: The top 3 members with the most tickets sold will receive a 4-H prize. Top seller will get an insulated tumbler. 2nd and 3rd will get a water bottle or a cinch bag. If you need more tickets there are more available at the office.

All tickets and money must be turned in by November 30th.
County-wide Project Club Meetings

Starting in October we will be having project meetings every month. These will cover a wide variety of projects and you do not need to be enrolled in the project to participate. The purpose of the meetings is to expose members to projects and give them the basics of what the projects entail. The meetings about the four market species will count toward premium sale requirements. If you are interested in teaching or helping with these meetings let Jenny know.

October 14th @ 2 pm
Cedar Vale Arena

**Horses**—Delia Sutton will go over basic grooming and proper showmanship of a horse. Dress appropriately as we will meet outside.

November 18th @ 2 pm
Fairgrounds Arena—Sedan

**Beef**—Garrett Everett and Wyatt Goode will demonstrate proper care and grooming as well as showing of Beef Cattle. Dress appropriately as we will meet outside.

Other projects planned include: Foods, Gardening, Photography, Rabbits & Poultry, Woodworking, Sheep & Goats, and Swine.

Premium Sale Committee Meeting

On October 18th at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office the Premium Sale Committee will meet. Everyone is invited to join this meeting and sign up to be on the committee. At this meeting the committee will discuss educational requirements and supporters’ dinner. Current members are Becky Williams, Amy Goode, Damon Snyder, Logan Underwood, Dean Wolfe, Sonny Williams, Donnie Underwood, Jimmie Snyder, Lana Williams, and Lindsey Carter.

Fairgrounds Improvements

Immediately following the Premium Sale Committee Meeting there will be a meeting to discuss fairgrounds improvements. We need to develop a plan of what the needs/wants are and how to secure permission and funding. Bring ideas!
**Club Officer Elections**

With October beginning a new 4-H Year, the September or October club meeting is the time for clubs to elect officers for the new 4-H year. Electing officers can be a very educational process for both young and old members. Here are a few suggestions I have for your club in electing officers:

- Talk to members about the election process and why we use it in a democracy.
- I strongly suggest that clubs use a nominating committee and prepare a ballot. Allow write-ins and let the 4-H’ers vote by written ballot.
- Allow the group to see the total nominating committee’s report before taking nominations.
- New members probably should not be eligible to be elected to offices.
- Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief campaign “speech” before balloting.
- Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a candidate’s name may be easier for younger members.
- A member does not have to be present to be elected. However, an effective officer must be someone that does have a good attendance and club participation record.
- Every leader, nominating committee member and current officer should review the club bylaws and be familiar with them before elections.

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**CQ Co 4-H Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. at Wauneta

We will be finalizing details for Achievement Banquet.

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**Save The Date**

**Chautauqua County Fair**

**July 25-27, 2019**

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**Kansas Leadership Weekend**

Leadership is Sweet! Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, delegate groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2019 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. Speaker and Life Coach Mea Austin will be with us Saturday as a speaker and workshop presenter. An awesome set of skill building workshops are planned as well. Come to KYLF to learn more!

Volunteer Forum will help you SHINE brighter and lead youth to SHINE their brightest. The Kansas Volunteer Forum will include a workshop with the Kansas Leadership Center, opportunities for networking and sharing resources.

The Forums will be held November 17-18, 2018 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2018 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers.

Registration is open for both of these events. Both forums will register through the same system. You will find this information on the website, 4-H Events and Activities > General Events > and there you will find info for both events. Registration deadline is October 16 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

Early bird cost of KYLF is $200. Early bird cost of KVF is $165.
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