December 2023-January 2024

Chautauqua County 4-H Update

4-H Calendar

December
2 Long Family Spaghetti Lunch and Benefit Auction
22-January 1 Office Closed for the Holidays

January
10 4-H Council—Sedan
15 Offices Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
19 SE Regional Project Award Screening, Fredonia

February
1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at the Fair
1 Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
14 4-H Council—Sedan
12 K-State Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Due
16 CQ County Club Day/Favorite Foods Entries Due
18-19 Citizenship in Action—Topeka
26 K-State Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Due

County Wide 4-H Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13th, 6-7 pm at the Golden Pin Lanes, Sedan

$5 per person

Keep watching the 4-H Facebook page to see more details about our County 4-H Christmas Party!
Chautauqua County 4-H Calendar of Events 2024
*All dates are subject to change until finalized by 4-H Council*

January
10 4-H Council—Sedan
15 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Offices Closed
19 SE Regional Project Award Screening, Fredonia
27 Horse Panorama, Salina

February
1 Enrollment Deadline for Exhibiting at the county fair
1 Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
14 4-H Council — Sedan
16 CQ County Club Day/Favorite Foods Entries Due
18-19 Citizenship in Action—Topeka
24 County Club Days/Favorite Foods Show — Sedan

March
1 State 4-H Scholarships Applications Due
2 KSU Jr Beef Producer Days—Manhattan
16 KSU Jr Sheep Producer Days—Manhattan
23 Regional 4-H Club Days—Madison
24 Market Beef Weigh In—Sedan
29 Good Friday—Extension Offices Closed

April
1 CQ County 4-H Scholarship and Cord Applications Due
10 4-H Council
26-27 Market Hog, Lamb and Goat Weigh In—Sedan
27 Spring Beef Show

May
1 Project Drop/Add Deadline
1 State Nominations Due for Market Beef
12 Fun Fish Clinic—Sedan
27 Memorial Day—Extension Offices Closed
29-31 Discovery Days—Manhattan

June
1 Horse ID’s Due
1 Spring Small Animal Livestock Show—Sedan
2/7/16 4-H Camp—Rock Springs
7-9 Discovery Days—Manhattan
12 4-H Council
15 State Nominations Due for Commercial Heifer, Market Hogs, Lambs and Meat Goats

July
4 Independence Day – Extension Offices Closed
12 CQ County Fair Entries Due
12 Skillathon—Extension Office
12 Premium Sale Requirements Due to Office
15 Kansas State Fair Market Livestock Entries Due
17-20 Elk County 4-H Fair—Howard
20 Fashion Revue—Cedar Vale
20 Fairgrounds Clean Up – Sedan
22 CQ Horse Show—Sedan
24 CQ County Market Livestock Weigh In—Sedan
24-27 CQ, County Fair—Sedan

August
14 4-H Council
TBA Inter-State Fair and Rodeo—Coffeyville
15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due
17-18 (Tentative) State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September
2 Labor Day—Extension Offices Closed
6-15 Kansas State Fair—Hutchinson
20 Record Books and Pin Applications Due
27-29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show—Hutchinson

October
1 Beginning of New 4-H Year
6-12 National 4-H Week
12-13 48 Hours of 4-H
9 4-H Council
19 4-H Bingo Fundraiser

November
TBA Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend
TBA County 4-H Achievement Banquet and Supporters’ Appreciation Dinner
Project Exploration

Does the natural world fascinate you? Do you want to know more about how nature, its resources, and how we as humans interact with it and care for it? Then consider exploring the Environmental Science project! From the food we eat, to the clothes we wear, to the air we breathe, the natural environment affects us daily. You pick the topic and then learn and make a difference. Become active in your community, school, club, and home with your newfound knowledge of the environment.

Some of the activities in Environmental Science project include hiking a local trail and finding and identifying leaves, researching where our energy comes from and going on a field trip to see where it begins, planning and planting a pollinator garden, exploring an ecosystem.

Careers in this field are in a variety of areas: Environmental Engineers, Environmental Chemists, Biologists, Environmental Consultants, Geologists, Environmental Managers, Environmental Lawyers, technicians, electricians, maintenance personnel, water quality scientist, and the list goes on. There are so many demands for people with knowledge in this area. Check it out and see if this is something in which you might be interested!

ATV Safety Course Available

In order to keep youth safe on ATV & Side by Side, a safety course was created by the ATV Safety Institute. In conjunction with FFA, we are offering a FREE 2-hour Safety course designed to give youth basic safety operation of one of the most popular vehicles used in rural America today. Check it out at atvsafety.org/atv-ecourse/

If you complete this course, please email or bring your certificate by the office so we can make a copy and document your achievement.

Way To Go!

Georgia Wade, Prairie Pride 4-H Club, was the top ticket seller for our County 4-H BINGO event. She sold $370 in tickets. That’s nearly 30%, or about 1/3 of all our pre-sale ticket sales.

Georgia is a 6th grader at Sedan and is active in volleyball, basketball, track, Math Team, and FCA. Georgia has completed several projects in 4-H, but her Rabbit project is her favorite.

Way to hustle, Georgia!

4-H Council Elects Officers

The Chautauqua County 4-H Council elected a new slate of officers at the November meeting. The 2023-2024 4-H year will be led by President, Mallo-ry Darnall; Vice President, Jem Gooden; Secretary, Lexi Williams; and Treasurer, Wyatt Schmidtberger. I know we are in good hands.

Other business at the meeting included the upcoming County-wide Christmas Party at the Golden Pin Lanes in Sedan at 6:00 pm on December 13. A committee was selected to make final plans for the Adopt-A-Grandparent portion of the Christmas party. Committee members are: Kristi Loftin, Robyn Sutton, Wyatt Schmidtberger, Lexi Williams, and Kannon Loftin.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be January 10, 2024 in Sedan.
Kansas 4-Hers prep for new year, eyeing projects

*K-State Research and Extension news service*

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Just weeks removed from the Kansas State Fair, there may seem to be a lull in 4-H activities for many Kansas youth. Actually, the fun is just beginning.

Amy Sollock, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist in the southwest region, said a new 4-H year kicked off in October and youth have some important decisions to make regarding which projects they will pursue over the next 12 months.

“We’ve got more than 30 project areas, so there’s something for everybody,” Sollock said. “Some kids naturally gravitate toward things they’re already interested in. Or sometimes they’ll pick... something they’ve never heard of, but it sounds exciting. And sometimes people pick things because a friend had a good time in it, or they know somebody who knows a lot about that and they want to learn with someone.”

Animal sciences, baking, creative arts, photography, livestock...Sollock said information on all of the projects available to Kansas 4-Hers is available online. State 4-H officials have even published a Project Selection Guide, and each project area has its own web page to give in-depth details on the types of activities — and commitment — that is required.

“Every family needs to have that honest conversation with themselves at the beginning of the 4-H year,” Sollock said. “How much time do you have to give? How dedicated are you going to be? What’s your budget look like? Some projects – like caring for livestock – have more expense associated with them.”

Other projects, she added, have very little expense involved, but still come with a given amount of time and energy that needs to be given throughout the coming year.

“This is something that we take seriously,” Sollock said. “When you enroll in a project at the beginning of the 4-H year, it’s a year-long experience – not just something to do in July at the county fair. You will learn about, talk about, read about the project all year long.”

Youth are encouraged to select more than one project area for the year, Sollock said.

How many, she adds, is up to the family and the amount of time they can dedicate over the next 12 months.

“We talk a lot about finding your spark in 4-H, and exploring interests and different things that look exciting to kids,” Sollock said. “Project work is an excellent way for them to find their spark. And who knows: It may lead to a potential career down the road.”

Registration for the new Kansas 4-H year is now available online. Interested persons can also get more information about 4-H at their local extension office.

Coming Soon...

Tickets will soon be available for 4-H with Wildcat Women’s Basketball. Watch for updates on our FB page!
December Office Closings

The Extension Office will be closed December 22 - January 1 for the Holidays.

Registrations Due:
KSU Jr. Beef Producer Day—February 12
KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day—February 26

And other really important stuff...

Horse Panorama
January 27, 2024 @ K-State Salina
Registration Due: January 2, 2024

January Office Closings
January 1 (New Year’s Day)
January 16 (MLK Jr. Day)

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Merry Christmas
2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF Producer Day
MARCH 2

Program
Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and $25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.

Tentative Schedule
8:00AM Check-in & Registration
9:30AM Welcome
9:45AM Project Selection
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
  -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting
NOON Lunch
1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
  -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
3:30PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration
Registration Deadline: February 12
Registration Fee: $20/person
Registration Link: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister
Late Registration: $25/person after February 12
*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.

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Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is $20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or $25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.

Tentative Schedule

8:30AM Check-in & Registration
9:30AM Welcome
9:45AM Project Selection
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
   - Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
NOON Lunch
12:45PM Health
1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
   - Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration

Registration Deadline: February 26
Registration Fee: $20/person
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