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March

4-H Clover Talk



A Note from Katrina:

My goodness gracious, where in the world did February get to, our local 4-H Days had a great turnout with over 50 participants. Thanks to everyone for being so well prepared and rehearsed. We have some very talented individuals here in Cherokee County. Our sweetheart dance was also a hit and raised over 100 non-perishable food items for the local food pantry here in Columbus! Again, thanks to Eric Underwood for being our DJ for the event, he always does a fantastic job!

- Katrina

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 1st—Experiences w/ Extension 3:30-5
- Mar 2nd—Cloverbuds Meeting 6:00
- Mar 4th—District 4-H Days Chanute 9:00-12
- Mar 6th—Kids in the Kitchen Riverton 3:30
- Mar 6th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Mar 6th—SVS Meeting Clubhouse 7:00
- Mar 7th—Dog Meeting 4-H Building 6:00
- Mar 9th—Dog Meeting 4-H Building 6:00
- Mar 12th—Glittering Stones Meeting 2:00
- Mar 12th—Shamrock Meeting 5:00
- Mar 13th—Kids in the Kitchen Riverton 3:30
- Mar 14th—Lone Elm Beaver Meeting 7:00
- March 15th—Fair book Design Due 5:00**
- Mar 16th—Dog Meeting 4-H Building 6:00
- Mar 18th—BB Gun State Qualifying Match
- Mar 18th—Shotgun Practice 10:00
- Mar 19th—Archery Practice 1:00 Shanks
- Mar 20th—Kids in the Kitchen Riverton 3:30
- Mar 20th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Mar 22nd—Tractor Safety Training 9:00-4
- Mar 22nd—Experiences w/ Extension 3:30
- Mar 23rd—Dog Meeting 3-H Building 6:00
- Mar 25th—Dog Camp 8:00-3:00
- Mar 27th—Kids in the Kitchen Riverton 3:30
- Mar 27th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Mar 30th—Dog Meeting 4-H Building 6:00
- April 1st—V-ball Tourney Southeast 1:00
- April 2nd—2016 Horse Banquet 2:00
- April 2nd—Archery Practice Shanks 1:00
- April 3rd—SVS Meeting Clubhouse 7:00
- April 6th—Cloverbuds Meeting 6:00
- April 8th—Shotgun Practice 10:00
- April 9th—Shamrock Meeting 5:00
- April 10th—4-H Council Meeting 5:30
- April 13th—Earth Day 2017
- April 14th—Good Friday Office Closed

4-H Enrollment for Fair Participation— MAY 1st IS THE DEADLINE FOR 4-H ONLINE REGISTRATION TO BE COMPLETE TO COMPETE IN ANY FAIR PROJECTS

Fair Book Cover Design— Who wants their drawing or picture to be featured as the front cover photo on the fair book. Check with me for more information about how to make this happen! 620-429-3849, or kcurry@ksu.edu

4-H Weigh Dates

Even though it doesn't feel like summer it is time to start thinking about fair projects for the 2017 Cherokee County Fair, which will be July 25th-29th.

Friday February 17th – Market Calves weigh in at Columbus Veterinary Clinic from 5-7 p.m. You can weigh in heifers but they will be in the same class with the market steers, it is all going to be in one class. Maximum weight at first weigh in for steers/heifers will be 1000 lbs. Family nominations will be used again this year for all livestock and you will need to designate which animal belongs to which child at fair weigh in.

Friday April 21st– Feeder Calves weigh at Columbus Veterinary Clinic from 5-7 p.m.

Saturday April 22nd– Swine weigh at fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m.

Monday April 24th – Goat/Sheep weigh at fairgrounds from 5-7 p.m.

Bucket calves must be tagged by June 1 and they need to be born after Jan 1st. Can be brought to any of the weigh in dates or brought by the extension office to be tagged.

Some suggestions of the size and age of animals you should be considering purchasing for the fair.

Market Steers/Heifers – Animals must be less than 1000 lbs. Look for animals probably born in late Feb and March.

Feeder Calves – Animals must weigh between 275- 625 lbs. Must be born after Sept 1st.

Market Hogs – Ideal weights at weigh in would be 50-90 lbs. Pigs born in mid-Feb to early March should work well.

Meat Goats -- Goats should be born end of Dec to early Feb. Goats need to weigh at least 50 lbs. An ideal weight would be 75 – 80 lbs at fair.

Sheep- Lambs born in Jan/Feb should be fine. Sheep need to weigh at least 90 lbs or more at fair.



2016 Annual Horse Banquet

The 2016 Annual Horse Achievement Banquet will be held on April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

Meats will be provided, it is asked that you bring a side dish (enough for your family and guests) and come out for an afternoon of awards, reminiscing, and great fellowship.



Next 4-H Council Meeting will be April 10th at 5:30 at the Extension Office Meeting Room, and will be a very short meeting as I have another obligation from 6:30-7:30 that evening.

Mae Sherwood Youth Development Fund Grants are available in the office for pickup. These grants are available to help expand the youth development of the 4-H program here in Cherokee County. If you need new equipment, funds for new materials, etc then fill out an application to see if you qualify.

Grants must be filled out and turned into the Extension office by March 31st, for May 1st funding. The grant application can be found on our website at:

<http://www.cherokee.k-state.edu/4-h/>



BB Gun practices have been scheduled and I know that some of you are SO ready to get started. **First off make sure that you are enrolled in 4-H Online before beginning practice.** Practices are as follows at the 4-H building at 6:00 pm: February 6th, 20th, 27th March 6th, 20th, 27th.



Shotgun practices have been scheduled and I'm excited to see everyone get started. **First things first, make sure that you are enrolled on the 4-H online system, in the shotgun discipline of shooting sports before you shoot at any of the practices.** Practices are as follows at the Shawnee Creek Preserve at 10:00 a.m.: March 18th, April 8th & 22nd, May 20th & 27th, June 10th & 17th, July 8th & 22nd, August 12th—State Qualifier, August 26th, September 9th, and September 23&24th—State Shotgun Match.



The weather has began to warm up and archery practices have been scheduled. **Along with the other disciplines, please make sure that you are enrolled in 4-H online under the archery discipline before participating in practices.** Practices are as follows at Bob Shanks' Farm at 1:00 p.m.: March 19th, April 2nd & 23rd, May 7th & 21st, June 4th & 11th, July 16th, August 13th & 20th, September 10th, and September 16th—State Archery Match



Justin Mooney Memorial 4-H Volleyball Tournament



April 1st beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Southeast High School Gym you will hear a lot of cheering going on for our participants in this years Justin Mooney Memorial 4-H Volleyball Tournament. So get your practices scheduled and get your teams together for a day of fun. There are three different divisions for all ages. You need not be a 4-H'er to participate in the volleyball tournament. The three divisions are as follows: K-6th, 7th-12th, College—Adult and registrations with \$20.00 team fee are due by March 15th, 2017.

Tractor Safety Training

This year we will be hosting another tractor safety training class for Wednesday, March 22nd from 9-4. Tractor Safety Training is required for 14 and 15 year olds, older youth are welcome to come and attend. Chili will be provided for lunch. If you are interested in attending Tractor Safety Training please call the extension office and let us know by March 9th. Registration will be \$10.00 to cover the cost of the training manuals.



CK CO Canine Camp

March 25th, 2017 Check in at 8:00 at the 4-H Building, workshop will fun from 8:30-4:30 and will be working on obedience, rally obedience, showmanship, and agility. We will also have a special guest speaker!

\$25.00 pre-entry cost

\$30.00 cost day of camp.

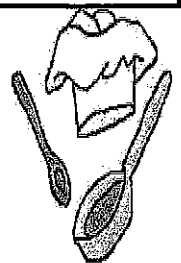
Kids in the Kitchen Riverton Series

Monday March 6th 3:30-5:00

Monday March 13th 3:30-5:00

Monday March 20th 3:30-5:00

Monday March 27th 3:30-5:00



Classes being held at Riverton Friends Church in Riverton, please call to get your kiddos signed up 620-429-3849

Shutterbugs at Botanica – Great opportunity to get some advice on your photography project!

What: Workshops offered at sites around Botanica. Topics include Camera Questions, Props and Costumes, Portraits and Posing, Lighting, Getting Ready for the Fair, Kaleidoscopes, Composition and Photo Scavenger Hunt. In the event of rain or snow, workshops will be held indoors. Contact Eric Otte with any questions at 316-755-2973 or 316-680-9316.

When: April 29, 2017

Where: Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 Amidon, Wichita, KS

Registration Fee: \$7.00 gate fee to enter the garden



Fair book Cover Design Contest— Draw, Color, Trace, Snap Pictures, or even use computer designing to win yourself a free armband for any night of the Cherokee County Fair July 25th—29th. The Cherokee County Fairboard wants 4-H'ers of Cherokee County to design the front cover of this year's fair book. There are no stipulations except it must represent Cherokee County in a positive manner. The prize that the fair board has selected for this years winner will be an armband for any night the carnival. For more information contact Katrina at the office. 620-429-3849 or kcurry@ksu.edu. Deadline is March 15th and must be turned into the extension office by 5:00 on this date.



Greenbush Adventure Camp

Greenbush Adventure camp is a camp that is open to 7-9 year old youth who are enrolled in 4-H and interested in a one night stay at Greenbush Education Center in Girard, KS. This camp has

two available dates June 6th & 7th, OR June 7th & 8th. Numerous activities such as stargazing, canoeing, fishing, archery, insect adventures, ropes course and much more. Your kiddos will come home with stories galore! Price is \$75.00 per camper, this is a great little camp for those campers (or parents) who aren't quite ready for multiple nights away from home.

I am also looking for 16 year old or older 4-H'ers that would be interested in being a camp counselor for this camp. Contact the office for more information.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Sunny Hills Rock Springs 4-H Camp is a magical place near Junction City, Kansas. Kids that attend this camp have opportunities to go horseback riding, develop leadership skills, learn about wildlife, go canoeing, and many other activities. 4-H'ers that attend Rock Springs have the opportunity to make friendships that will last a lifetime. Sunny Hills 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 24th through the 27th this year. The Sherwood 4-H Development Fund sponsors two 4-H'ers from each 4-H Club to go to this camp, so If you are interested in going then talk to your 4-H Club leader and have them recommend you. Ages for this camp are 3rd grade complete through 7th grade complete.



I am also I need of counselors which must be 10th grade complete. If you would be interested in attending camp but would like more info feel free to ask your club leader, or give me a call in the office.

C.C.L.I.A will be hosting a Spring Livestock Expo May 13th



Beef animals will require a \$10.00 deposit per head for stall space is required. This money will be refunded in cash after a C.C.L.I.A member has checked your stall area and it has been cleaned. Pre-entry fee of \$15.00 per head and a late or day of show fee will be \$20.00 per head. Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found at Cherokee.ksu.edu and are due May 6th. Come pick up a form to find out more!

C.C.L.I.A. Sheep and Goat Showdown



Sheep and Goat showdown will take place May 13th and is a great starter show to prepare yourself and your animals. Sheep and goats will require a \$10.00 stall fee per exhibitor which will be refunded in cash after a C.C.L.I.A member has checked your stall area after cleaning. Pre-entry fee of \$15.00 per head and a late or day of show fee of \$20.00 per head. Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office or found at Cherokee.ksu.edu and are due May 6th.

SCHOLARSHIPS

C.C.L.I.A. Sammy Ross Memorial Scholarships are available at the Extension Office and is available to anyone who is a member of C.C.L.I.A or their immediate family. If you have won the Sammy Ross Scholarship previously then you are no longer eligible to apply. **Applications due May 6th**

C.C.L.I.A. Ag Related Fields Scholarships are available at the Extension Office and is available to anyone who is a member of C.C.L.I.A or their immediate family. **Applications must be turned in by May 6th**

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Discovery Days is Coming up too -

What: 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?

Who: Youth 13-18 year old 4-H age

When: May 30th - June 2nd

Where: K-State Campus Manhattan Kansas

Registration Fee: \$230 base price

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2017 at 11:59PM

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