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4-H Clover Talk



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A Note from Katrina:

Merry Christmas from all of here at Cherokee County Extension Office! We hope that everyone gets to spend time with those they love and remember the reason for the season. We are getting ready to get started with some project meetings starting up for the 2018 Cherokee County Fair, we will be having a Parents Sewing Meeting on December 18th at 6:00 p.m., an Entomology Introductory Meeting on December 19th from 5:00—6:00, Geology Introductory Project Meeting on December 28th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. So come out to learn about some of the projects starting up in Cherokee County 4-H!

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 5th—S.V.S. Club Mtg Clubhouse 6:30
- Dec 10th—G.S. Club Banquet 4-H BLDG 2:00
- Dec 11th—Parents Sewing Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Dec 14th—Horse Quiz Bowl 3:30-4:45
- Dec 17th—Shamrock Club Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Dec 18th—Sewing Mtg 4-H BLDG 8:00-12:00
- Dec 19th—Entomology Mtg 5:00 Extension
- Dec 19th—L.E.B. Club Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Dec 21st—Horse Quiz Bowl 3:30-4:45
- Dec 25th—OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 26th—OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 28th—Sewing Mtg 4-H BLDG 8:00-12:00
- Dec 28th—Geology Mtg 5:00 Extension Office
- Jan 1st— OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan 8th—Kids in Kitchen Riverton 3:30-5:00
- Jan 8th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Jan 8th—G.S. 4-H Club Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:30
- Jan 9th—L.E.B. Club Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Jan 10th— Kids in Kitchen Columbus 3:30-5:00
- Jan 15th—OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan 15th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Jan 18th—4-H Council Mtg 4-H BLDG 5:30
- Jan 21st—Shamrock Club Mtg 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Jan 22nd—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Jan 26th—Kansas 4-H Scholarships Due
- Jan 26th—28th—Horse Panorama
- Jan 29th—BB Gun Meeting 4-H BLDG 6:00
- Feb 2nd—County 4-H Days Entries Due
- Feb 10th—County Wide 4-H Days
- Feb 10th—Valentines Dance
- Feb 16th—Volleyball Entry Forms Due
- Feb 23rd—Market Calf Weigh In 5:00-7:00
- March 3rd—Regional 4-H Days Chanute
- March 10th— Volleyball Tournament

WE UNFORTUNATELY DID NOT GET THE GRANT TO COVER EXPENSES FOR 4-H MEMBERSHIP DUES, THIS MEANS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO SELECT ANOTHER OPTION (BESIDES SPONSOR) WHEN ENROLLING. ENROLLMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY FAIR IS DUE MAY 1ST, 2018.

Attention all Seniors—Kansas 4-H Scholarships are due into the office by 5:00 p.m. on January 26th. I will not be here that afternoon but you can drop them off with Julie.

This scholarship is available to high school seniors. This is a HARD DEADLINE. Applications can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

4-H Weigh Dates

Even though it's still cold outside, its time to start thinking about upcoming fair projects for the 2018 Cherokee County Fair, which will take place July 24-28, 2018.

Friday February 23rd—Market Calves weigh in at Columbus Veterinary Clinic from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You can weigh in heifers but they will be in the same classes with the market steers. 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. Market heifers must be preg checked up to 30 days prior with vet certification proof to superintendent at final weigh in.

*Market Beef need to weigh at least 1,000 lbs at fair

Friday April 13th—Feeder Calves weigh in at Columbus Veterinary Clinic from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Must weigh between 275-650 lbs at initial weigh in. Must be born after Sept 1st.

*Feeder Beef must gain one pound a day, but weigh 999 lbs or less at final weigh in

Saturday April 14th—Market Swine weigh in at fairgrounds from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

*Market Hogs should weigh between 60-90 lbs at initial weigh in.

Monday April 16th—Goat/Sheep weigh in at fairgrounds from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

*Goats need to weigh at least 50 lbs at final weigh in

*Sheep need to weigh at least 90 lbs at final weigh in



Horse Panorama Practice



Horse Panorama is a contest open to 4-H members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the horse project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography, and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages. Don't own a horse, or don't know anything about horses, that's okay, we will all learn together. Our horse panorama practices started on September 21st at 3:30-4:45. We have practices every Thursday unless otherwise noted in the upcoming events section of the Newsletter (front page). Contact Katrina at kcurry@ksu.edu or 620-429-3849 if you are interested in learning more about next year's horse panorama contest.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Activity

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers, Club Leaders, Parents, and Volunteers that participated in our Soldier Boxes for our 48 hours of 4-H Service Project Opportunity. We ended up filing up and sending boxes to twelve soldiers in need. This opportunity will be noted to the state office for recognition of Cherokee County.

Tractor Safety Training

This year we will be hosting another tractor safety training class for Tuesday, March 20th at the Extension Office Meeting Room. The training will run from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and is \$10.00 to attend to cover the cost of training manuals. We will provide lunch and snacks for the day. A tractor safety training certificate is required for 14 and 15 year olds who are wanting to be employed on a farm. Older & younger youth are welcome to come and attend.

Sewing Project Meeting

Jodi Helwig & Lisa Hartzfeld will be the new sewing project leaders. They will have a parents meeting on Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. This meeting will be to visit with parents and kids about their sewing knowledge, and see what their ideas are project wise. There will be a working sewing project meeting on Monday Dec. 18th from 8-12, and Thursday December 28th from 8-12 at the 4-H BLDG.

Kids in the Kitchen Riverton & Columbus Series

Riverton—Riverton Friends Church

Monday December 11th —3:30-5:00

Monday January 8th —3:30-5:00

Columbus—Extension Office

Wednesday December 13th—3:30-5:00

Wednesday January 10th—3:30-5:00

We will do the same recipe each month, for each location. This series is limited on space and is on a first come first serve basis, so call the Extension Office to get signed up for it. 620-429-3949



4-H Council

Cherokee County 4-H Council will be having their next meeting on January 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H building. This meeting is for the all new 4-H Council Members. The representatives for each club are as follows.

G.S.-Emma Walker, Peyton Herrenbruck
Shamrock-Haddie Gideon, Mya Hamilton

S.V.S.-Dylan Helwig, Zoie Elmore

L.E.B.-Nate Cook, Benjamin Major

Representatives it is your responsibility to report 4-H council dealings back with your club at monthly meetings, so please try to be present so that your club will be adequately represented.

Your New 4-H Families

Please continue to keep your new families in the loop. 4-H has many due dates and activities that are available. New people do not always know about these opportunities. Please help them out by explaining what the activity is and what is involved. They will be much more likely to return for more years of 4-H involvement if this happens.

4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year starts October 2, 2017. 4-H enrollment must be renewed each year using the 4-H Online system. This year there is a \$15 fee mandated by the state 4-H office. **PLEASE do not stop coming to 4-H meetings because you are concerned about the fee.** At the state level, waivers will be offered for single income families, youth who receive free and reduced lunches, etc. Cherokee County's grant request was denied at this time. Also don't forget that enrollment must be completed and final on 4-H Online by May 1st in order to participate in the fair.

4-H Volunteer Orientation

Volunteers If you missed the Volunteer Re-Screen Session at the end of September you have until December 31 to get your Volunteer Application completed and turned back into me to send to the state office. These forms are available at the office. Every Volunteer that registered with Meghan is due to re-screen so please get this done. Please do not wait until the last minute as this is a fairly lengthy process. If you are a new volunteer (as of October 1, 2017) you must complete the online orientation or you can come into the office for a face to face session. To complete this online you need to login to 4honline, continue to your family, click "edit" next to your name, then at the top click "trainings" click "sign up for trainings". Then this will bring up the videos and quizzes for you to take. Each video is between 2 and 5 minutes. The quiz may be taken after each video. I will receive an email letting me know you have completed the orientation so you do not need to send the certificate to me. To sign up as a new volunteer there is some paperwork to complete please contact Katrina to get what you need to go through this process. 620-429-3849.

Volunteer Renewal

If you are currently a registered volunteer (have done your training with me last year) you will need to fill out a renewal for each year that you volunteer, with re-screenings every three years. (Contact Katrina)



BB Gun Practices

BB Gun Practices are going to be getting started before to long.

Starting in January there will be a "mandatory" (highly encouraged) first meeting to go over safety, this meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on January 8th, at the 4-H building. Consecutive meeting dates are as follows:

January Practices begin 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H BLDG

-15th, 22nd, 29th,

February Practices begin 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H BLDG

- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

March Practices begin 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at 4-H BLDG

-5th, 12th, and 17th.

Cherokee County 4-H Days

It's time to start thinking about 4-H Days for 2018, do you have a skit, dance, song, demonstration, or project talk that you or your club would like to do. 4-H Days will be taking place February 10th, 2018 at the 4-H Building. 4-H Day Entries will be due February 2nd by 5:00 p.m. Entry forms can be found at the back of your newsletter, picked up at the Extension Office, or found on our webpage Cherokee.ksu.edu. No entries will be taken over the phone, 4-H days is a lot of fun and is a great opportunity to showcase some of your many talents, or work on your public speaking skills. Those of you who qualify for regional 4-H days, the date for that event is March 3rd, 2018 at Chanute again.

Valentines Dance

It's that time of year again, grab your dancing partner and get ready for the Cherokee County Valentine's Dance taking place on February 10th at the 4-H Building. This fun filled event will run from 7:30-10:00. Anyone 4-H or non 4-H is welcome to attend. We use this dance as a community service project. We donate the collected items to local food pantries around the county. The "cost" to get in is 5 canned food items for singles, 8 canned food items for couples, or 10 canned food items for families. Come on out for a fun evening for the whole family



Justin Mooney Memorial Volleyball Tournament

Get your teams together and get to serving! We are going to host yet another Justin Mooney Memorial Volleyball Tournament, with a Tachikara Official Volleyball being awarded to each winning team in each category. This event will take place on March 10th, 2018. Place and time are still pending. There will be three divisions this year Kindergarten through 6th grade, 7th through 12th grade, and College—Adult. So get your knee pads out, dust them off, and schedule some fun weekend practices with some of your friends. Team Registration is due on February 16th by 5:00 p.m. and the fee is \$20 per team enrolled. It's a fun day for the whole family!

