



# KEARNEY COUNTY 4-H

March 15 – 4-H Leader Meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom  
 March 19 – Pick up your 4-H Sign  
 March 22 –YQCA Training, 7 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds.  
 March 22 –Parker Sturgis Award Application Due  
 March 25 –YQCA Training, 7 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds  
 April 5– 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds  
**Food Stand Manager Being Sought—See newsletter for more details**

### **Re-enrollment—DON'T MISS OUT!**

Please re-enroll in Kearney County 4-H. An e-mail was sent out in the middle of October to re-enroll and with instructions. All enrollments must be done on-line. Please call the office if you need help! If you need a step-by-step instruction sheet, please call the office. Please enroll A.S.A.P. so that you do not miss out on any newsletters or correspondence! You can add or delete projects until June 15, 2021

### **Livestock Youth Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) Trainings**

All livestock exhibitors including rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete a Quality Assurance--Youth Quality Care for Animals training each year. Like last year, Quality Assurance Face to Face will cost \$3.00 this year and you will need to register for the training on-line. The 4-H Council **will be** paying the \$3 for you for the face-to-face training. If you want to do the on-line training, it will be \$12 and that will be your responsibility to pay. There is a Test Out Option on-line only, which is \$36 for Intermediates and \$48 for Seniors. That cost is your responsibility as well. This will allow youth to test out of their current age division and it is only available on-line. We have already held two trainings. There are two dates left to complete QA face to face: **March 22 in Kearney County and March 25 in Franklin County at 7 p.m.** Please note these early dates. There will not be further dates added! You must complete YQCA to exhibit at the County Fair, State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. Please call the office or email Shelly to sign up and get your coupon code.

### **Leader Meeting**

The annual Leader meeting will be held via Zoom on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. If you are registered as a leader you will receive the Zoom invite via email. Please join us to learn about new projects, policies and activities for Kearney County 4-H!

### **2021 CALENDAR ENCLOSED**

The 2021 Kearney County 4-H Calendar is enclosed. Please mark your calendar with these important dates.

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### **Parker Sturgis Livestock Award**

Parker Sturgis was a Kearney County 4-H'er who got his start in 4-H through the kindness of a family who wanted to help give him the experience of working with livestock. Tragically, Parker passed away in a car accident in December of 2015. Due to some generous donations, the Parker Sturgis Livestock Award has been established in his honor to help a 4-H'er gain the same experiences that he was given. The award winner will receive a hog to show at the 2021 Kearney County Fair. Have you always wanted to show a pig? Here is your chance. Fill out the application enclosed with the Livestock Blast by March 22<sup>nd</sup> or call the office for an application.

### **4-H Public Speaking Contest**

The Kearney County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Kearney County Fairgrounds. Rules and guidelines are included with this newsletter. PLEASE NOTE: There is a new age for the Junior and Intermediate divisions. Please see the enclosed guidelines. If you need help with your speech, please give Rhonda a call. This is one of the best events that you can take part in 4-H. These are life skills that you will use your whole life. Let's have a great turnout this year!!

### **Kearney/Franklin County Horse Show Date Set**

The Kearney/Franklin County Horse Show has been set for Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Kearney County Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars!

### **4-H COUNTY FAIR FOODSTAND**

We are **currently looking** for a Foodstand manager. If you are interested, please call the office. **Kearney County 4-H Families will once again be asked to work a time slot at the 2021 Kearney County Fair Foodstand.** The money raised helps us to provide programs for all 4-H'ers. **If you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them contact the Extension Office for an application!**

### **4-H SIGNS FOR FAMILIES**

Display your new 4-H Sign with Pride in your front yard. The Kearney County 4-H Council has purchased "I Belong" 4-H Signs for all 4-H Families. If you have not received your sign, please come into the Extension Office and pick it up by **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>!**

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Happy Spring!!