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Regional Club Days—March 4, 2017

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Rebekah McKinley County Extension Agent Community Vitality, 4-H Regional Club Days will be Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Syracuse High School, 502 North Main Street. The Counties participating are Scot, Kearny, Hamilton, Wichita, and Greeley.

You will receive a county and regional ranking and ribbon for this one day event. The top 3 participants in each event will be identified at a regional and county level. This event will count as BOTH taking part in a County 4-H Day as a contestant, AND taking part in a Regional 4-H Day as a contestant on your Membership Achievement Plan.

4-H'ers need to commit to Regional Club Days by Friday, February 17, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. Registration MUST be received by this date to create a schedule and ensure adequate judges will be found.

To help you prepare for this event, please call or stop by the Extension Office. Jenifer will be more than happy to provide feedback and assistance to any talent/talk you would like to present.

Don't forget to return your entry form to the Extension Office by February 17th.



date is Monday, March 27, 2017 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This weigh-in is for all market steers and heifers, second year bucket calves and for commercial breeding heif-

ers. Registered breeding heif-

ers will need to be identified

by this date and copies of their registration papers need to be filed with the Extension Office. The Weigh-In does not include bucket claves or other small animals.

Beef Weigh In

Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at Rusty Wharton's Cattle Working Shed and <u>MUST</u> be attended.. For directions please call the office.

Alternate Weigh-In



Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds are 5-6 year olds as of January 1st of the current year.

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of five and six year olds by providing a unique educational opportunity. Cloverbuds are still allowed to enter in all projects, except cannot show livestock or participate in Shooting Sports.

Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit or showcase activity-related items from their 4-H experience at the fair. They will receive participation ribbons.

Cloverbuds may showcase a pet from the ap-

proved pet list as follows:

 Amphibians, Dogs, Guinea Pigs, Parakeets, Ant Farms, Fish, Hamsters, Rabbits, Cats, Gerbils, Mice, and Rats.

If you are interested in learning more about he Cloverbud program please contact the office at 384-5225

Club Days Help

If you can speak, you can influence. If you can influence, you can change lives. Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Kansa youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H has helped youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations. The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is listed below. These may be helpful to you as you begin to prepare for regional 4-H Day presentations. They can be downloaded free from Kansas 4-H website at: http:// www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx? tabid=551

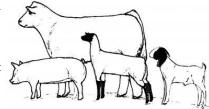
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Small Animal Weigh In

Small Animal weigh-in for bucket calves, sheep, swine, and goat will be held at the fairgrounds, Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Alternate weigh-in date is Monday, April 24, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. State nomination forms will also be made available at weigh -in.

Please call Jenifer (384-5225) and let her know the approximate time and number of animals you will have.



Walk Kansas - March 19 - May 13, 2017

Walk Kansas is a teambased program that will help you and others lead a healthier life. Join this program and

- Be more active
- Make better nutrition choices
- And walk away your stress

Walk Kansas is a six member team-based program that will help you and others lead a healthier life by being more active, making better nutrition choices and learning positive ways to deal with stress. Each team will collectively "walk" 423 miles, the distance across Kansas.

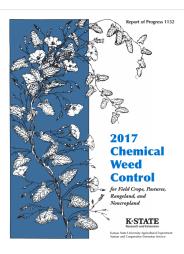
Registration will open late February, watch

on our website and Facebook Page for more news on Walk Kansas.



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The 2017 Chemical Weed Control Books are in. Stop by the extension Office and pick up your free copy. Courtesy of the Hamilton County Extension Council Or download online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/CHEMWEEDGUIDE.pdf



Tractor Safety - Saturday March 11, 2017 in Syracuse

Important Dates

February 17	Regional Club Days Entries due
18	4-H Council Meeting
19-20	CIA
20	Office Closed—Presidents Day
March 4	Regional Club Days—Syracuse High school
11	Tractor safety
25	Beef Weigh In
27	Alternate Beef Weigh In

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