

KIOWA COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021 EDITION

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY:

- 1st - Entry Open for District VI Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating Contest, and Horse Show
- 4th- Entry Open for District VI Shoot
- 8th - Prowers County Horse Clinic
- 8th - Arapahoe County Dog Show
- 16th - Free fishing day at Jackson's Pond
- 16th - Kiowa County Horse Project Practice (all are welcome to attend)
- 16th - Plainview High School Graduation
- 22nd - Pueblo County Dog Show
- 29th - Eads High School Graduation (Congratulations Hatch Nelson!!)

JUNE:

- 1st - Small Animal Weigh In (Mandatory)
- 4th - Entry DEADLINE for District VI Creative Cooks and Cake Decorating Contest, Horse Show, and Shoot
- 4th-5th - South Central District Retreat at the Colorado State Fairground in Pueblo
- 5th - Elbert County Dog Show
- 7th - Kiowa County 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm @ Extension office (Planning Banquet)
- 17th - District VI Creative Cooks and Cake Decorating Contest, 6:00pm, Senior Center in Eads
- 19th - Douglas County Dog Show
- 19th - El Paso County Dog Show
- 26th - District VI Horse Show, 9:00am, Kiowa County Fairgrounds in Eads
- 27th - District VI Shoot, check in at 8:00am, in La Junta



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H COUNCIL BUSINESS

President - Chase Stolzenberger
Vice President - Alexa Nelson
Secretary - Clayton Nelson
Treasurer - Katherine Trospen
Reporter - Gaige Rittgers

MEETINGS ARE HELD
BI-MONTHLY. ALL MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US!

Reporter Report from 4-H Council April 2021 Meeting:

Kiowa County 4-H Council held the regular meeting on April 5, 2021. President Chase Stolzenberger, Vice President Alexa Nelson, Treasurer Katherine Trospen, Secretary Clayton Nelson, reporter Gaige Rittgers, leader advisors Jodi Stolzenberger and Melissa Jones, extension agent Tearle Lessenand, and administrative assistant Krystal Eikenberg were present. Pledges were led by Gaige and Katherine. Minutes from October 2020 was approved. Approval of minutes from February meeting were tabled. Katherine gave treasurer's report and approval of bills was held. Clayton gave report on jackets for council, a motion was approved for council to pay \$50 of the jackets for the council members. Donation letters for the awards was discussed. Council members approved a motion for the letters to be hand delivered by council and club members. 2021 Exhibit Day theme was approved. This year the theme will be 4-H is More Than Ribbons and Awards. Both the add/drop deadline and the Big R Partnership applications are on April 15th. The next council meeting will be on June 7, 2021 and all 4-H members are welcomed to attend.
Gaige Rittgers 4-H Council Reporter

Katherine Trospen
Reporter

Next Council Meeting:
June 7, 2021 @ 6:30pm
Extension Office All 4-H Members are welcome to attend!

Items to be discussed at this meeting:

- Banquet Night, theme, time, date, and what will be served

PRAIRIE QUEEN CLUB

President - Chase Stolzenberger
Vice President - Alexa Nelson
Secretary - Taygen Ferris
Treasurer - Case Nelson
Reporter - Katherine Trospen
Historian - Clayton Nelson
Activity Leaders: Clayton Nelson
Aspen Nelson
Hailee Trospen

Reporter Report from Prairie Queen April 2021 Meeting:

The Prairie Queen 4H Club meet on April 18, 2021 at the Eads Community Building. The Club did role call, pledges and talked about the upcoming concession for the riding club. Stolzenberger's said that they would work the concession stand. The meeting was adjourned. Travis Taylor the CSU extension Agent from Yuma County came to do a presentation about what to look for in picking out an animal for the fair. He also talked about how to care for the animals to make sure that they have the possible chance of becoming a winner in their show.

Katherine Trospen
Reporter

PRAIRIE QUEEN CLOVERBUD REPORT

The Prairie Queen Cloverbuds meet April 18, 2021 at the Eads Community Building. The group learned how to make cookies from cake mix. The group also learned about duck eggs and that you can cook with them. The cookies turned out good. The clover buds also learned about making soap. They were shown different ways that they could make soap. The soap that they made was jelly soap in the colors of pink, yellow and Orange. The Soap was scented with pink Lemonade. They were placed into different shape molds. The kids had a fun time.

Katherine Trospen
Reporter

Next Club Meeting:
May 16, 2021 held in conjunction with the free fishing day at Jackson's Pond.

May Cloverbud Meeting: held in conjunction with the free fishing day at Jackson's Pond

SHERIDAN LAKE LIVEWIRES

President - Kiya Leonard
Vice President - Rooney Fehr
Treasurer - Selena Fehr
Secretary/Reporter - Wesly Fehr

Reporter Report from April 2021 Meeting:

There was no meeting held, as the Club enjoyed a fun day out. They went bowling in Lamar.

Wesly Fehr

Sheridan Lake Livewires Reporter

Next Club Meeting:
May 8, 2021 @ 8:00am

Leaders and Projects they Lead

- ◇ **Debbie Cornelius - Sheridan Lake Livewires Club, Cloverbuds**
- ◇ **Susan Darcy - Cooking 101 (Unit 1), Food & Nutrition (Boling Water Canning), Dairy & Pygmy Goats, Poultry, Companion Rabbits. Willing to help with any cooking project!**
- ◇ **Missy Jones - Market Beef**
- ◇ **Mark Nelson - Shooting Sports and Ceramics**
- ◇ **Michelle Nelson - Artistic Clothing (Upcycle Your Style, Units 5, 7, & 8), Poultry, Rabbit, Shooting Sports, Photography, Clothing Construction (All), Heritage Arts (Quilting & Misc, Fiber)**
- ◇ **Jodi Stolzenberger - Council Advisor and Prairie Queen Club Leader**
- ◇ **Gloria Trosper - Prairie Queen Club Leader, Cloverbuds, Concession Stand Manager**

Letter From Extension Agent Tearle:

Things are really starting to pick up with 4-H. It seems as though May is the month where Projects really start to fire up. Our final enrollment numbers for 2021 is, 11 Volunteer/Leaders, 49 Members, and 17 Cloverbuds. The Kiowa County Riding Club and Horse Project members have lots of events planned all Summer long. The Horse Project Leader Yonda Leonard has teamed up with Prowers County and are alternating practices and clinics for the Summer. Shooting Sports Leaders Mark and Michelle Nelson have also taken on the leadership of Bent and Prowers Counties to ensure the Members are getting the training and knowledge needed to complete the project safely. I am proud of our local Leaders being willing to help not only lead our local Clubs, but the willingness to help out where needed in other Counties. Being in a small area, team work is what makes the dream work. Make sure you check out the District VI Competitions being held in June. Kiowa County will host 2 of the 4 District VI Events planned. Creative Cooks and Cake Decorating Contest will be held on June 17th at the Senior Center here in Eads. We will also host the District VI Horse Show on June 26th at the Kiowa County Fairgrounds. For participation information for all the District VI Contests, contact the office. Congratulations to all the surrounding area graduates and a special shout out to Hatch Nelson, our only graduating Senior 4-H Member.

Kiowa County Extension Agent: Tearle Lessenden

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT!

Leathercraft

Project units are designed for members 8-18 years old.

Unit 1 & 2

Inspiring youth to:

- Learn the history, sources, structures, tanning techniques, and definitions related to leathercraft
- Learn to prepare leather for stamping, create a design and use stamping tools
- Learn basic methods of lacing and stitching
- Learn basic leather finishing
- Practice using basic leather carving tools
- Keep accurate records of costs and skills

Unit 3-7

Inspiring youth to:

- Practice skills learned in previous units
- Learn advanced skills such as embossing and filigree work
- Improve figure carving on articles
- Learn about dying and shading on advanced carved projects
- Figure carve a portrait or scene
- Make or rebuild a saddle

Unit 8-10

Inspiring youth to:

- Practice skills learned in previous units
- Develop a pattern using stamping tools
- Tool one or more articles using geometric stamping
- Manipulate leather by lacing, braiding, expanding, sculpting or

- other techniques which do not include carving, tooling, or sewing
- Make one or more articles using a non-tooled and non-sewn technique
- Practice skills required for leather construction
- Make one or more garments or articles

Tips:

- You may enroll in Unit 1 and Unit 2 and progress as fast as you wish.
- It is highly recommended that you complete Unit 2 before taking Unit 3.
- You can re-enroll in the same unit, as long as your exhibit shows new skills learned.
- Pictorial carvings are framed pictures and figure carvings are realistic animal and human figures. These skills are taught in Units 4, 5, and 6.
- Put your name, age, and county on the back of your exhibit board or individual exhibit.
- Indicate in your e-record whether articles are made from a kit or are self-cut and designed by the member.
- A set means a collection of items considered together and usually having something in common, such as six matching coasters or a belt and buckle with matching designs.
- Advanced Leathercraft members may exhibit in more than one class provided the member is enrolled in and have completed the requirements of the unit.

MAY BIRTHDAYS -

3rd - Kara Wilson

8th - Koree Ellenberger

17th - Alexa Nelson

27th - Addison Courkamp

28th - Tearle Lessenden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

SIMPLE SPRING WORDSEARCH

D B Y G R E N E K Y
R L H V M E D G B K
I O L T S I N B N G
B S S T W I S T X Q
Y S G H Z O E T D D
D O E Z A E R S W L
A M U E W D U G D Y
L B W T B N E D U B

BLOSSOM	MIST	LADYBIRD
BUZZING	TWEET	GROWTH
SHADE	NEST	BUD
SUN	BEES	ENERGY

Color & Meaning of the May Birthstone: Emerald

The May birthstone, the **emerald**, was a favorite gem of Cleopatra and Catherine the Great. It has long been associated with fertility, rebirth, and love.

Perhaps you recall The Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz," named for the vibrant, scintillating greens of this popular gem.

The finest emeralds have a rich green color, sometimes touched with a hint of blue, of intriguing translucence, depth, and clarity.

MAY BIRTHSTONE FACTS & FOLKLORE

- Emeralds, like aquamarine, are a form of the mineral beryl. In the 1700s, powdered emeralds were sold by chemists to help relieve pain.
- Ancient Romans went so far as to dedicate this stone to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.
- Today, it is thought that emeralds signify wisdom, growth, and patience.
- Wearing an emerald may help to strengthen your memory. If you dream of buying an emerald, someone you trust may deceive you.

Brown Sugar BBQ Chicken

INGREDIENTS

2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts

1 c. barbecue sauce, plus more for drizzling

1/2 c. brown sugar

1/4 c. Italian dressing

2 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. paprika

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

6 Potato buns

Coleslaw, for serving

DIRECTIONS

1 | In a slow-cooker, add chicken breasts, barbecue sauce, brown sugar, bourbon, Italian dressing, garlic powder and paprika. Season with salt and pepper.

2 | Toss until well coated, then cover and cook on high for 4 hours or on low for 6 hours.

3 | Shred chicken and serve on buns with a drizzle of barbecue sauce and a spoonful of coleslaw.