February 2016

Upcoming Events

February 2016
02 Chaparral Club’s Fundraiser – Eat at Culver’s, 5-8pm & 10% of your bill is donated to Chaparral
05 Deadline to register for Club Day
08 WyCo Extension Council Board Meeting, 6:00pm at Extension Office
19 – 20 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training at Rock Springs
20 WyCo Club Day, 8:00am at Extension Office
25 WyCo 4-H Council meeting, 7:00pm at Extension Office

March 2016
05 Ks Jr Beef Producer Day, K-State
19 Regional Club Day
19 Statewide Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest, Topeka
19 Ks Jr Sheep Producer Day, K-State

April 2016
28 WyCo 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00pm at Ag Hall in the Red Barn

June 2016
12-15 Fantastic 4-H Camp at Rock Springs

July 2016
12-16 Wyandotte County Fair

4-H Families,
“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.” - John Maxwell

February kicks off the beginning of an exciting and busy 4-H season for our Wyandotte County 4-H youth. Our 4-H’ers will be shining with their leadership abilities while participating in all of the activities found throughout this Newsletter!

Olivia and Debra
Wyandotte County 4-H Council Meetings

All 4-H’ers and their families are encouraged to attend.

Your 2016 County Council officers are:
- President: Ian Pack
- Vice President: Samantha Yantz
- Secretary: Aiden Jones
- Treasurer: Christina Edwards

2016 meetings are 7:00PM at the Wyandotte County Extension Office (except the April 28 meeting) on:
- February 25
- April 28 (location is National Agricultural Hall of Fame, in the Red Barn)
- June 23
- August 25
- Oct 27
- Dec 15

According to the By-laws of Wyandotte County 4-H, each Club is to have three designated 4-H representatives and three designated adult leaders that participate in this group.

To see the By-laws of Wyandotte County 4-H, go online to: [http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/](http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/)

Attached you will find the December 2015 4-H Council Meeting Minutes by Aiden Jones, 4-H Council Secretary. Please read the minutes prior to attending the February 25 4-H Council Meeting.

Wyandotte County Extension Council Meeting

The WyCo Extension Council meetings occur the second Monday each month, at the WyCo Extension Office, at 6:00pm. Extension Council meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is February 8.

The Extension Council represents the citizens of Wyandotte County, Kansas. They are the “voice” of the community, giving the agents and Extension Director input and guidance. The Wyandotte County Extension Council is composed of 24 members. Six members are elected in each of the four Extension program areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H/Youth Development, and Community Development.

**Wyandotte County Extension Executive Board 2016**
- Chairperson: Brenda Mortell
- Vice Chairperson: Dennis Connor
- Secretary: Brooke Sutton
- Treasurer: Tom Cooley

**Board Members at Large**
- Kimberley Holm (4-H)
- Joanna Sabally (FCS)
- Erin Stryka (FCS)
- Joshua Markley (Ag & Natural Resources)
- Andrea Generaus (Community Development)

Anyone interested in running for Council who meet the eligibility requirements, can fill out a nomination form and turn it in up until the morning of the Extension Council election, which is usually held in early October each year. To get more information on how you could be nominated, how you can vote, and the overall election process, contact Bruce Chladny, County Extension Director.
**WyCo 4-H Club Day**

Registration is due Friday, February 05 for participation in the February 20 WyCo 4-H Club Day. For the 2016 Club Day registration form and more information: [http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/](http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/)

Club Day Volunteers are needed. Your help is needed during Club Day to set up and take down, monitor performances, organize the performances, accommodate the judge, etc. Please contact Samantha Yantz, Committee Chair at 913-687-9141 or Olivia at the Extension Office.

**Regional Club Day**

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. 4-H’ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Wyandotte County at Regional 4-H Club Day.

**Club Day Resources: 4-H Communication Fact Sheets Helpful**

Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Our youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H helps 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 WyCo 4-H Club Day presentations. These can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit: [http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551](http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551).

**Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheet Series Available:**

- Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview
- 4-H Project Talks
- 4-H Demonstrations
- 4-H Illustrated Talks
- 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Planning Form
- 4-H Public Speaking
- 4-H Public Speaking Record
- 4-H Presentation Brainstorming Activity
- 4-H Effective Presentation Tips
- 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids

**Kansas 4-H Generic Record Form**

**Presentation Score Sheets Available:**

- 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Scoresheet
- 4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet
- 4-H Project Talk Scoresheet
Project Leaders

Who are the WyCo 4-H 2016 Project Leaders? To find out, visit the WyCo 4-H webpage at: http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/ The Wyandotte County 4-H Project Leaders list is updated annually, to ensure correct information. The list shows the name and contact information for our Volunteers who have signed up and turned in the Project Leader Commitment Form for 2016. You’ll notice that several projects do not have a leader listed; this is because no one turned in the Project Leader Commitment form for those projects. You can find the 4-H Project Leader form, 4-H Project Leader Position Description and informational documents online at http://www.wyandotte.k-state.edu/4-h/

Project Leaders must have a valid eMail, have an active profile in 4-HOnline, and be (or become ASAP) a Registered Volunteer according to Kansas 4-H Policy Guides. If you are interested in being a project leader, please contact Debra Sweeten, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development, dsweeten@ksu.edu or (913) 299-9300.

Adding/Dropping Projects ~ Deadline is May 1st

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H’ers is May 1. 4-H’ers who have not established project enrollment by May 1 will not be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Wyandotte County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H’er’s profile. This option will be available until midnight on May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to 4-H’ers’ projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Extension office.

Project Resources for Club Leaders, Project Leaders and Volunteers

There are a variety of project resource books in the Extension Office available to purchase. They typically cost around $5 and have a lot of activities and lessons about each specific project. They are also written and designed to match the skill or age level of the 4-H’er. Stop by the office to take a look at the materials.

Leadership Training Opportunity!!!

The Kansas 4-H Foundation has secured funding to offer FREE Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) training. This training is being offered to 4-H alumni, volunteers, agents and friends!

All trainings will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.:
- February 19, KLC - Wichita
- March 5, Fort Hays State University - Hays
- April 15, Garden City Fairgrounds - Garden City
- May 20, KLC - Wichita

This leadership curriculum is offered at Kansas universities like K-State, Emporia State, Wichita State and more. Let’s learn together to give our 4-H members a head start on their college career! The Kansas Leadership Center competencies and principles focus on a different type of leadership, one that we experience every day. We act as "change agents" and at KLC they help you prepare to do just that, enact change!
Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day
By Lexie Hayes
The 2016 Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day has been scheduled for March 5, 2016 in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of beef production and management. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty and staff will cover topics such as nutrition, project management, meat science, reproduction, health, leadership, communication, showmanship, and show ring etiquette. This interactive, hands-on educational event will stimulate your enthusiasm and provide a foundation for management and care of your youth beef project in the coming year. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

The early registration deadline is February 10, 2016 and the fee is $15/person. Registrations received after February 10, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is $20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html.
Online registration is also available at https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND. This event has been added on the Pulse Calendar through the Department of Animals Sciences and Industry.

KJLS and KSF Market Beef Nominations
KJLS and KSF Market Beef Nominations 4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations to the Youth Livestock office by May 1.
Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day
By Lexie Hayes
The 2016 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 19, 2016 in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, the Teague Family, as well as K-State faculty and staff members. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, sheep project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of sheep production and management. Topics include market and breeding project selection, nutrition and feeding, management, health, meat science, wool judging, grooming, showmanship, and show ring etiquette.

This interactive event is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations). The early registration deadline is February 24, 2016 and the fee is $15/person. Registrations received after February 24, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is $20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html.

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State Wide Livestock Judging Clinic
Saturday March 19th, 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas Expo Centre in Topeka, the Shawnee County 4-H Livestock and Horse Committees will be hosting a state wide livestock judging clinic and contest.
Attached is an informational flyer.
For more information, contact: Brooke Gray, 4-H Program Assistant, Shawnee County, (785) 232-0062

4-H Horseless Horse Project Clarification
The State 4-H office has had questions concerning the Horseless Horse project, below are some clarifications based on learning and risk management.
4-H Horseless Horse:
- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse.
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses.
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations.
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse shows and trail rides.
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only.
- No riding.

4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair 2016
The revised rules for 2016 Kansas State Fair 4-H Entomology division and the resource “Insects of Kansas Book: 2016 Revised Taxonomy” can be found on the Kansas 4-H website under Entomology: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html

If you have questions regarding the new taxonomy, please contact Sarah N. Zukoff, PhD, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Southwest Research and Extension Center, snzukoff@ksu.edu. If you have questions regarding the rules, please contact Diane Mack, dmack@ksu.edu or 4-H Entomology division superintendent, Dale Weishaar, Sumner County volunteer, wwheat@havilandtelco.com.

4-H Cloverbuds
The Cloverbuds program was designed for 5-and 6-year-olds. Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project–focused. 4-H Cloverbuds members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbuds members may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds may not have 4-H livestock projects that require long-term, ongoing care or weigh-ins, nor can the member participate as a competitive 4-H exhibitor within livestock divisions. When 4-H and/or Extension plans, organizes and facilitates a livestock, small animal, horse or pre or post-fair activity please double check that 4-H Policies are being followed. For more information referring to 4-H Cloverbuds, check the Kansas Department of 4-H Youth Development Policy Guide, section D3 4-H Cloverbuds, page 8 or check the Cloverbuds page.
Community Partners

Heartland Equine Hospital Tour for Youth
WyCo 4-H Youth and their families are invited to visit & tour the Heartland Equine Hospital on Wednesday, February 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm.
If you are interested in touring the Equine Hospital, please contact Kathy Jones, Heartland Equine Hospital, 17577 Bayside Drive, Tonganoxie, KS 66086, phone 913-287-7575

American Red Cross Offers Learning Experiences

BABYSITTER TRAINING
Offered in partnership with the American Red Cross, this course is ideal for current or prospective babysitter's ages 11 - 15. The course teaches the best ways to be safe. Topics covered in this course are safety, safe play, basic care, first aid, leadership, professionalism, and Infant/Child CPR. Participants will have one-half hour for lunch so be sure to bring a sack lunch. Workshop includes book with CD Rom.
Be sure to bring a sack lunch. 65.00 Saturday February 27, 2016 9-3
Contact: Pamela Howe, Coordinator, Community Education, 913-288-7189 phowe@kckcc.edu

PET FIRST AID
Your pet is counting on you. What will you do when an emergency strikes? Pet First Aid, an American Red Cross course, presents symptoms and care for ailments and emergencies, instructions for creating a pet first aid kit and tips on maintaining your pet's health and well-being. Participants will receive a book w/DVD, a student first aid kit for use in class, practice on manikins (dog and cat), plus practical pet health tips and lifetime certification.
60.00 Saturday March 5 9- Noon
Contact: Pamela Howe, Coordinator, Community Education, 913-288-7189 phowe@kckcc.edu

REPORTER’S CORNER: Wyandotte County 4-H Clubs

Fundraiser for Chaparral 4-H Club
Tuesday, February 2nd, 5:00 – 8:00pm, join in the Chaparral 4-H Club fundraiser.

Simply eat at Culvers at the Village West (aka Legends) between 5:00pm and 8:00pm on February 2nd and 10% of all sales at Culver’s during our fundraiser will be donated to Chaparral 4-H Club. It doesn't matter if it is drive thru or dine in, and the customers don't even need to know about the fundraiser for Chaparral 4-H Club to benefit. It also doesn't cost anything extra.

Please tell your friends and everyone join us in eating at Culvers, 1925 Prairie Crossing, Kansas City, Ks on February 2nd, 5:00-8:00pm.
Good Job WyCo 4-H Shooting Sports

By Kara Deterding, Reporter, Prairie Fire 4-H Club

Wyandotte County 4-H Shooting Sports project started their season January 15th in Wichita, Kansas. The shooters had an outstanding day. The WyCo 4-H BB Gun team took 1st place overall out of all the counties that participated; the team was made up of Cole Holmgren, Eric Bird, Kent Deterding, Garrett Dall, and Izabelle Koeing. Other medals were earned by Henry Bird (4th), Col Holmgren (2nd) and Leah Mueller (1st) in the 8-10 year old age group. Eric Bird placed (2nd) in the 11 year old age group. Izabelle Koeing (5th), Kent Deterding (4th) and Garett Dall (1st) all placed in the 12 year old age group. Courtney Sutton placed 2nd in the 12-14 year old age group. In keeping with our 4-H life development skills, our WyCo 4-H Youth did a great job showing good sportsmanship and good attitudes all day. End of day had a BB Gun top shot, WyCo 4-H Shooting Sports had four participants out of 10: Courtney Sutton, Eric Bird, Sadie Bird, and Garrett Dall. Garrett Dall won Top Shot award.

Our WyCo 4-H Air Riffle shooters did well also, placing 4th overall. This team was made up of Garrett Dall, Irene Bird, Sophie Roper and Levi Mackey. Garrett Dall (1st) and Kaitlynn Daniels (2nd) placed in the first year shooters category. Irene Bird placed (4th) in the 17-18 year old category. Sophie Roper placed (5th) in the 16 year old category. Levi Mackey placed (6th) in the 12-14 year old category. Irene Bird was one of the top ten Air Riffle shooters of the day, which qualified her for participation in the Top Shot shoot at the end of the day.

Our Air Pistol Team made up of Sophie Roper and Kaitlynn Daniels placed 3rd overall. In Jr. Sporter class Sadie Bird placed (1st) and Sophie Roper Placed (1st) in Sr. Open class; they also participated in the Air Pistol Top Shot at the end of the day. Sophie Roper took home the title of Top Shot for Air Pistol.

We are looking forward to see what the rest of the season has in store for the WyCo 4-H H shooters as they continue to work hard and improve.

WyCo 4-H Shooter Earns Medals and Ties the National Record

Courtney Sutton is a member of the Prairie Fire 4-H Club in Wyandotte County, and has been in the Wyandotte County 4-H Shooting Sports project since October 2010. On Saturday, January 30, 2016 Courtney competed at the Flint Hills Jr. Shooters match in Alma, Ks, shooting a total aggregate score of 391 out of a possible 400 in BB gun, which ties with the National record. With this score, Courtney also earned medals in the following positions: 3rd place in prone with a 4-way tie of 99, 1st in standing with a 96, 1st in sitting with a 98, and 1st in kneeling with a 98.

4-H Club Reporters and Leaders: Contribute to the Newsletter

Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that’s happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you! Your articles and pictures can be featured in the Newsletter and on our Wyandotte County 4-H Facebook. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Debra Sweeten at dsweeten@ksu.edu by the Newsletter submission deadline, which is the 20th of each month.

All submissions subject to minor editing and approval.
Wyandotte County 4-H Newsletter

The Wyandotte County 4-H Newsletter is published on the first of each month by the Wyandotte County Extension Office.

If you have an article that you would like to submit, please contact us by the 20th of the previous month.

This newsletter is one way of communicating education information and updates to 4-H members, leaders, parents and the community.

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Minutes of the December 3, 2015 Wyandotte County 4-H Council

By Aiden Jones, Secretary 4-H Council & Brooke Sutton, 4-H Adult Advisor

The regular meeting of the Wy Co 4-H Council meeting was held December 3, 2015 in the Wildcat Room at the Wy Co Extension Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ian Pack. Ian also led the group in pledges.

Clubs with representatives present were: CMT (1 adult, 1 youth), Lucky Clovers (1 adult), Prairie Fire (3 adults, 2 youth), Nearman (3 adults, 2 youth) and Wolcott Wanderers (1 adult). Debra Sweeten, Ron Letcher and Nadine Newton were also present.

Secretary’s Report: Minutes of the October Council meeting were read by Aiden Jones. Minutes were approved as read, with no amendments.

Treasurer’s Report: read by VP Sammy Yantz.
- Prev Balance - $9,995.88
- Deposits - 0
- Debits – 0
- Ending Balance - $9,995.88

4-H Agent’s Report: 4-H Staff Debra Sweeten spoke about 4-H Online, stating that we currently have 65 youth enrolled. There are still 118 inactive 4-Her’s and volunteers. She reminded members and volunteers who had not re-enrolled to please log into their profile in 4-HOnline and do re-enroll, so that they will be active in the 4-HOnline system and will receive communication from KSRE regarding 4-H.

4-H Curriculum and Educational kits, Project Leader guides and Member project books are available for purchase at the Ext Office.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business:
- Concession stand trailer- Ron Letcher stated the Fair Board is only interested in renting the trailer not purchasing. He suggested advertising it for sale, estimated approximate value of $15,000, and was purchased over 20 years ago. Gaylen Meriwether made a motion to sell the trailer, Emily Yantz seconded the motion. Motion passed. A committee of Ron Letcher, David Andervich and Shelley Thompson will price and advertise the concession trailer, and see to the showing and sale.
- Cookbook fundraiser- Becky Korgol not present, tabled to next meeting.
- 4-H Welcome signs- Olivia Moore not present, tabled to next meeting.

New Business:
- 4-H Financials:
  - Debra stated that the Club and Project financials need to be reviewed and turned in yearly. They need to be turned in ASAP. There are new forms available online (http://www.k-state.edu/boardleadership/duties/budget/Financial%20Review%20Committee%20Responsibilities.pdf).
  - Please use these new forms starting this year.
2 CD’s maturing: a 1 yr. CD $5,108.00 and a 2 yr. CD $6,720.44, both rolled over to next year Nov. 12th, 2016. Put on agenda for Aug. 2016 meeting about the next rollover.

Check for $19 for pins and awards for the 2015 Achievement Celebration needs to be paid. Debbie Pack made the motion; Cyndi Bird seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Club By-Laws- These are due yearly to the Ext. Office. There are no records now of any club’s By-laws at the Ext. Office. Debra would like each club to review their By-laws at their next 4-H club meeting and then turn their club By-laws into the Ext. Office. If there are no changes to the By-laws the following year, then the club leader needs to submit a letter or email stating that their club has no changes to their By-laws to the Ext. Office.

- Wyandotte County 4-H County Council By-Laws- needs to be reviewed and updated, then turned into the Ext. Office. Policy Committee including: Gaylen Meriwether, Debbie Pack, Aiden Jones, Nadine Newton, and Ian Pack, was formed to review the By-laws. Discussion from Ian, Samantha and Gaylen of including in the By-laws requirements of each 4-H Club.

- Officer and Parliamentary Procedures Training; rescheduled- Debra will contact the K-State team who are doing the training to see if they can have a meeting in January.

- Volunteer Committees- Debra had handouts with a description of each committee and a selection sheet. She asked all in attendance to fill out the committee selection sheet if they would like to be on one of the committees. She also stated she would email leaders the form to pass along to their club members. She would like these forms back by Jan. 15, 2016 so the committees can plan on meeting before the next council meeting in February.

- Discussion about Club Days took place regarding when it would be and if the fee would be paid for those who are eligible to go to Regional Club Days. Terryl Mueller requested sending an email out to see how many 4Her’s would be interested in participating in Club Days at county level. Samantha made a motion to pay the $200 fee for Regional Club Days if we have a minimum of 10 participants at the county level. Gaylen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shelly Thompson; the motion was seconded by Aiden Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.
Barnyard Babies 2016

Saturday, April 23  10 AM to 4 PM (Set up by 9 AM)

The National Agricultural Center in Bonner Springs would like to invite 4-H Families to participate in its annual celebration of birth on the farm.

The event has an average attendance of 3,000 to 5,000 people. Along with local animals, there are family fun opportunities of games, food, and train rides! Set up is by 9 AM and pen space is reserved on a first come-first served basis.

The 3 ways to be involved:

- Bring 4-H project animals
- Promote 4-H with your club’s booth (get those posters created!)
- Fundraising opportunity (bake sale space for your club at event!)
- Community Service Hours

Please Contact the Center ASAP to reserve your participation!

National Agricultural Center
Questions to 913-721-1075

Email at info@aghalloffame.com