January 2016

Upcoming Events

January 2016
1 New Year’s Day, office closed
1 4-H Council Committee sign-ups due to Debra Sweeten
11 Wyandotte County Extension Council Board Meeting, 11:30am – 2:00pm, at Extension Office
12 4-H Livestock Project Update Meeting, 7:00pm, at Agriculture Hall of Fame
15 Citizenship In Action (CIA) registration deadline
18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
18 4-H Officer Training, 5:30pm, at Extension Office
28 Leader Update & Volunteer Training, 7:00pm, at Extension Office
30 NE Area Leadership Event

February 2016
19 – 20 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training at Rock Springs
25 Wyandotte County 4-H Council meeting, 7:00pm at Extension Office

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

July 2016
12-16 Wyandotte County Fair

4-H Families,

Here is to a great 2016 and a wonderful 4-H experience starting with Club Day in February! Hope to see you all participating in a project talk, demonstration, or a club skit. We truly appreciate all the time and talents each of you bring to our program. Thank you.

Olivia and Debra
Wyandotte County 4-H Council Meetings

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

2016 meetings shall be held at 7:00PM at the Wyandotte County Extension Office (except the April 28 meeting) on:
- February 25
- April 28 (location to be determined)
- 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. All 4-H’ers and their families are encouraged to attend.

Wyandotte County Extension Council Meetings

The WyCo Extension Council meeting is on January 11, at the WyCo Extension Office, 11:00 – 2:00pm. Extension Council meetings are open to the public.

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. They are made up of business people, community leaders, farmers, home makers, teachers, etc, and have an interest in Extension.

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.
Club Day

Wyandotte County 4-H Club Day is February 20, starting at 8:00am.

Could you help? Club Day Volunteers Needed to Assist with Planning. Responsibilities include assisting 4-H Agent in planning and conducting county Club Day and model meetings and attending the Club Day planning meeting. On the day of Club Day, committee members help set up and take down, monitor performances, organize the performances, accommodate the judge, etc.

Planning Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 14, 6:30p
Registration due: Friday, Feb. 12.
Scheduling Meeting: Monday, Feb. 15 (President’s Day) 6:30p
Schedule sent via email: Tuesday Feb. 16, 9:00a
Club Days set up: Friday, Feb. 19, 5:30p (approximately 30 minutes)
Club Days: Saturday, Feb. 20, starting at 8:00a

Please contact Debra or Olivia at the Extension Office, or contact Samantha Yantz, Committee Chair at 913-687-9141. Thank you.

County Club Days

Club Events:

* Model Meeting

Group Events:

* Gavel Games
* Instrumental Ensemble, Band, and Orchestra
* Vocal Ensemble and Chorus
* Dance Ensemble and Dance Group
* One-Act Play
* Skit
* Duo Acting
* Duo Novelty Performances
* Group Novelty Performances

**Individual Events:**

* Demonstrations
* Illustrated Talks
* Project Talks
* Public Speaking
* Multimedia Presentations
* Impromptu Speaking
* Oral Interpretations/ Readings
* Historical Speech
* Show and Share (county-level event only)
* Instrumental or Piano Solo
* Vocal Solo
* Solo Dance
* Solo Acting
* Solo Novelty Performances

For further descriptions, contact Extension Office.

**Club Leaders, Project Leaders and Volunteers**

**New Volunteers,** you must attend a Volunteer Orientation and submit necessary forms and information to be a volunteer with Wyandotte County 4-H.

**Renewing Registered Volunteers,** please submit your Renewal Form, if you haven’t yet, as it is past due. If completing your renewal form slipped your radar, please complete the form and submit it ASAP. The Volunteer Renewal form must be completed by all Registered Volunteers each year. Here is the link to the form [https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H953.pdf](https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H953.pdf)
Club Leaders, Project Leaders and specific Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers. For more information on which volunteer category you fit into, contact Olivia Moore, Extension Agent, at 913.299-9300.

Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2016?
The deadline to reenroll for returning 4-H members this 4-H year was December 31, 2015. If a returning 4-H member has not been reenrolled yet, please do so right away as all correspondences from the 4-H office will now be sent using information from the 2016 enrollments in 4HOnline. New families may enroll for the 2016 4-H year at any time, but the sooner the better so that they can start receiving correspondences as well. Here are a few tips: - Log in to your family’s existing profile. DO NOT create a new family account! - Most data will pre-populate from the 2015 year’s data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club, Projects, etc. - If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office. - The Participation Form will be filled out online this year as part of the enrollment/reenrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

2016 Scholarship Applications Available
The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/docs/scholarships/Kansas_4H_Scholarship_Application.pdf

2016 Northeast 4-H Leadership Event
**What:** The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This is open to youth ages 12-18 years old as well as volunteers/adults. This is an event that will help to create leadership skills, with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas.

**When:** January 30, 2016, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Riley, Ks. Registration closes January 15. The cost of the event is $25 which includes workshops, lunch, and a snack. To register go to www.Kansas4-H.org and click on “4-H Event Registration.”

**Why:** If you are looking for a one day leadership experience with new friends, leadership skills, and great ideas to take back to your clubs then you should attend! The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is put on by the Northeast Area Representatives from the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

Citizenship In Action Registration
Registration deadline is January 15 for Citizenship In Action. You can find information by visiting www.kansas4-H.org. Youth who are 13-18 by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but also show them how they can affect the legislative process.
Scholarship opportunities will be available and we will communicate that information with Local Extension Offices, through our website and with youth who are attending.

4-H Livestock Project Update

January 12, 2016 7:00-8:30 PM at the National Agricultural Hall of Fame, 630 N. 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012.

All Livestock (Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Sheep as well as Horse) Project members, parents, leaders, volunteers and Wyandotte County Fair Association members are welcome to spend the evening with our Wyandotte County 4-H & Youth Development Department as we share policy from K-State Research & Extension, which results in changes to our local program, specifically around:

1. 4-H Council, Livestock Advisory Committee
2. Special Livestock Awards (eg. belt buckles, trophies)
3. Livestock Buyers Dinner
4. Premium Livestock Sale

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact Olivia D. Moore, 4-H & Youth Development Agent at 913-299-9300.

2016 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

By Deryl Waldren, K-State

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 19-20 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It is open to all county/district 4-H ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is “Rockin’ and Rollin’ with 4-H Ambassadors.” There will be six youth workshops, three adult workshops, two speakers, with lots of fun and fellowship. By Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site by December 15th. Registration will be on the CVent system, and will close on February 1st. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round. For more information, please call Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Rock Springs Dates for 2016 Fantastic 4-H Camp

Hold the date for Rock Springs 2016 4-H Camp ~ Fantastic is June 12 -15.

Wyandotte County 4-H Fair Dates for 2016

Wyandotte County Fair dates have been changed for 2016. The new dates are July 12 – 16.

Project Resources

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.

**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.

**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.

**Kansas Lifts Ban on Poultry Exhibitions**

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced on December 4, 2015, that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or comingled. The order was implemented in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) and protect poultry health in Kansas. The ban was lifted as a result of no new cases of HPAI in Kansas since March 2015. While the ban is lifted all poultry owners are encouraged to monitor their flocks and maintain good biosecurity practices. For additional information about HPAI and the response efforts in Kansas, visit http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-disease-control-andtraceability/avian-influenza.

**4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair 2016**

4-H Entomology Rule Changes for Kansas State Fair There are new rules for 4-H Entomology at the State Fair. These new rules will be required for the 2016 State Fair. State Fair division rules and a tip sheet explaining the changes can be found at http://entomology.k-state.edu/extension/4-h-and-youth/. Start working on these changes now so you will be all ready for the 2016 fair season.
REPORTER’s CORNER: Wyandotte County 4-H Clubs

Attention all club Reporters! 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 by the Newsletter submission deadline, which is the 20th of each month.

4-Hers and Leaders: Contribute to This Newsletter

What do you know? What do you want to share? What news do you have? 4-Hers and Leaders, this is your newsletter. Help us make it effective, relevant and interesting for all of our WyCo 4-H families. We encourage you to contribute your relevant information to us by the 20th of each month, so that we can get it into the newsletter.

Just write it up as you want it published, and then email it to us at: dsweeten@ksu.edu

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.

“K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction, please contact us.”

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