

THE CLOVER CONNECTION



Monthly newsletter of the Wyandotte County 4-H Youth Development Program



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WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Written by Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Fall is my favorite time of year - cooler weather, pretty colors, fuzzy sweaters, bonfires and more! Fall is also a time where many individuals begin to celebrate and reflect on the things, they are thankful for. While there is an emphasis on gratitude and thanks during this season, it's also important to have an attitude of thanks throughout the year too. Reflecting on the things we are thankful for can help us shift our perspectives into a more positive mindset. In an article from Harvard, "*Giving thanks can make you happier*" there is a great quote, "In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships."

This year I am thankful for Wyandotte County 4-H'ers, volunteers and supporters, my family and friends, and crazy pup Loki! What are you thankful for this year?

Reminder

- 1 Re-Enroll youth and adult volunteers
- 2 Youth must attend first shooting sports meeting to participate
- 3 Club and Project Annual Forms Due Nov. 1
- 4 "Like" our WyCo 4-H Facebook page!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov 01:** Club and Project Annual Forms due to KSRE 4-H Office
- **Nov 11:** Veterans Day Holiday – KSRE Office Closed
- **Nov 26 & 27:** - Thanksgiving Holiday – KSRE Office Closed
- **Nov 30:** Deadline Returning WyCo 4-H members to Re-enroll WyCo 4-H via 4HOnline without losing certain privileges

DON'T DELAY, RE-ENROLL TODAY!

November is the final month for 4-H re-enrollment for 4-H Youth without losing certain privileges.

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Members and Volunteers log in to your 4HOnline profiles to re-enroll in 4-H, Clubs and Projects. 4HOnline has been upgraded. With the new version, you'll see some minor changes when you reenroll. If your login password doesn't work, then just ask to reset password on the login page. All WyCo 4-H Club Members, Club Leaders and Project Leaders are encouraged to re-enroll as soon as possible during November.

RETURNING WYCO 4-HERS RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE POLICY

Any returning Wyandotte County 4-H member who re-enrolls in the Wyandotte County 4-H Youth Development program must complete the re-enrollment process by **November 30th of the current 4-H year**. If re-enrollment is **not** completed by this deadline, youth will become ineligible for the current year to:

1. Receive exhibit award premium or participate in livestock premium auctions as 4-Hers,
2. Hold a leadership position at the county level (i.e. 4-H Council officer position, etc),
3. Represent the County on a team or for an award, at a state competitive 4-H event (i.e. shooting sports; judging team; state KAP; etc),
4. Receive any local 4-H scholarship or support dollars for registration or travel.

See full WyCo 4-H Re-enrollment policy (beginning Oct 1, 2018) for further details on our county website.

VOLUNTEERS IN LEADERSHIP ROLE(S) MUST RE-ENROLL IN NOVEMBER

Volunteers in leadership roles, such as Club Leaders and Project Leaders, in 4-H who wish to remain in their volunteer roles must complete their 4HOnline re-enrollment, checking the boxes for their Ks 4-H Volunteer role and project(s) in which they are leader.

KS 4-H TIP SHEET: RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Kansas 4-H Tip Sheet is a monthly newsletter that provides valuable information to local Extension offices, as well as Kansas 4-H families. The deadlines posted may be different than those set by local Extension offices. In addition, local Extension offices may not be able to provide chaperones and/or transportation to statewide Kansas 4-H events, programs, trainings and activities. Always check with your local Extension office before registering.

[Check out the KS 4-H Tip Sheet here.](#)



REPORTER'S CORNER

The latest updates from 4-H Community Clubs and Countywide 4-H Projects submitted by 4-H youth leaders

NEARMAN 4-H CLUB

Submitted by Ruby Young and Amber Young

The Nearman 4-H Club October meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The meeting was called to order by president, Amber Young. During the short business meeting it was announced that the Nearman 4-H Club had five families with a total of twelve members participate in the "48 Hours of 4-H" community service event this month. This year the community service event was the Wyandotte County Lake Shoreline Clean Up. Premiums for this year's Summer Showcase at the virtual Wyandotte County Fair were handed out. Then the new officers for the 2020/2021 4-H year were installed. Also, the club welcomes two new members who joined this month; Adrian Kays and Makenzy Zinn. As a fun end to the evening, club members enjoyed a Halloween party. All members who were present dressed in Halloween costumes. Bridget Peterson was voted as having the best costume.

PRAIRIE FIRE CLUB

Submitted by Tammy Deterding (Club leader and Coach) and Kara Deterding (Historian)

The Prairie Fire Club Meeting for November will be held on November 22nd (time to be determined) at Tri-County Rod and Gun Club.

PROJECT INFORMATION

2020/2021 BB GUN AND AIR RIFLE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The first practice and training session for the 2020-2021 BB Gun and Air Rifle program will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at the Tri-County Rod & Gun Club, 18573 Stillwell Road, Linwood, KS. 66052

All participants are required to be 4-H members and must register at 4HOnline.com Registration at 4HOnline will not open until October 1, 2020. If you are interested in the Shooting Sports BB Gun/Air Rifle Program, you must attend this first meeting even if you have not yet registered at 4HOnline.



A Notarized Liability release form must be brought to this first meeting. The form can be obtained [here](#), or at the end of the newsletter. Participant fees and expectations will be discussed at this meeting.

NOTE: New participants must attend the first meeting. If they miss the first meeting, we will ask them to return the following year. All participants must be 4-H age 8. If you have any questions, please contact; Ron Letcher; Cell (913) 219-1603 or Cyndi Bird: Birdclan6@yahoo.com.

Important Reminders

- 1) Families who want to participate in Shooting sports for the air season **MUST** be registered with 4-H prior to October 30th and have selected BB gun, Air pistol and/or Air Rifle as their projects since our season starts on November 1st at Tri-County Rod and Gun Club.
- 2) Shooting Sports Air season (BB gun, Air Pistol, and Air Rifle) will start practices on November 1st at 3:00pm at Tri-County Rod and Gun Club. This is a mandatory meeting for all shooters. All new shooters will also have to participate in a safety course that lasts 4-6 weeks.

DOG CARE AND TRAINING PROJECT GOING STRONG

Submitted by Danell Collins, Dog Care and Training Project Leader

We train every Thursday (when weather is good). 4-H members learn about how to care for dogs, and to train their dogs in basic commands and Showmanship, Obedience, Rally-O and Agility. It is a great way to develop a bond between human and dog.

To learn more about the Dog Care and Training Project, check out this [website](#)!



CONGRATULATIONS TO KS 4-H STATE SHOOTING SPORTS MATCH WINNERS

Submitted by Tammy Deterding (Club leader and Coach) and Kara Deterding (Historian)

Below are the KS 4-H State Shooting Sports match award winners for Archery and Small Bore/Muzzleloader. These kids did amazing at the state matches this year and I am super proud as one of their coaches to do a little bragging!

Archery Results

- **Barebow class-** Team - Daniella Winkle & Michael Streit took 4th place
- **Jr Olympic class-** Andrew Steit took 4th as individual
- **Team** - Kent Deterding & Andrew Streit took 2nd place

• Small Bore / Muzzleloading Results

- **Muzzleloading**
 - Eric Bird received 3rd place for Bull, 2nd place for Novelty and 4th place overall
 - Sadie Bird received 2nd place for Bull, 1st place for Silhouettes and 2nd place overall
 - Team - Sadie and Eric Bird took 1st place as a team
- **Rifle Results**
 - Garrett Dall received 2nd place in Paper, 3rd place in Silhouettes, and 2nd place overall
 - Cole Holmgren received 5th place in paper, 4th place in Silhouettes, and 5th place overall
 - Kent Deterding received 3rd place in paper, 4th place overall
 - Team - Garrett Dall and Kent Deterding took 1st place as a team
- **Pistol Results**
 - Kent Deterdig received 2nd place for paper, 2nd place for silhouettes, and 1st place overall earning him a Top Shot
 - Team - Kent Deterding and Cole Holmgren earned 2nd place as a team.



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OCTOBER 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Submitted by Debra Sweeten, WyCo 4-H Program Assistant

The regular meeting of the Wyandotte County 4-H Council meeting was held October 15, 2020 by Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chandler H., Council President. Pledges led by Tabitha Burt. Roll taken by having each attendee state their name, Club and a project enrolled in this year. Attendance: 8 Youth, 5 Adults, 2 WyCo 4-H Staff.

Secretary's Report: Tabitha Burt and Gloria Burt took turns reading the minutes of the last 4-H Council meeting, which was on August 20, 2020. *Della Tounzen moved to approve August 20 minutes, with correction of writing last name instead of using initial. Tabitha Burt seconded the motion. The minutes stand approved as corrected.*

Treasurer's Report: Ruby Young, Treasurer, presented

- August Beginning Balance: \$6,890.79 Deposit/Credit \$ 0.00 Checks/Debits \$ (0.00) Service Charge \$ (3.00)
- September Begin Balance: \$6,887.79 Deposit/Credit \$ 0.00 Checks/Debits \$ (0.00) Service Charge \$ (3.00)
- Ending Balance \$6,884.79

Motion by Tabitha Burt to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Amber Young. The Treasurer Report has been approved.

Committee Reports:

- National 4-H Week & 48Hrs of 4-H
 - Jessie Carr, Agent, reported that at least 33 adults & youth participated in the Shoreline Cleanup of Wyandotte County Lake. We partnered w/Stewards of WyCo Lake in this community service
 - Meggan Schempp reported that the Horse Project had a community service project of 4 hrs Farm Cleanup at Freedom Farms. 15 people participated in the cleanup.
 - Finance Committee, Fundraising – Ruby Young, Chair & Della Tounzen, Co-Chair – nothing to report
 - Achievement Program Committee – Jessie Carr, Agent, reported an email survey sent to all WyCo 4-H families resulted in the Achievement celebration will be done by asynchronous celebration, so over the next few weeks we will put together a plan and then share it.
 - Nominating Committee – Jessie Carr, Agent, reported that during the new business portion of this meeting, we will present a slate of nominees for the 2020-2021 4-H year for WyCo 4-H Council Officers.

4-H Staff Report: Jessie Carr, Agent, shared that she is excited for the new 4-H year.

Old Business: none

New Business: Election of 4-H Council Officers was facilitated by Jessie Carr, Agent. A slate of nominees was presented for the 2020-2021 4-H year for WyCo 4-H Council Officers: President, Gloria Burt; Vice President, Garrett Dall; Secretary, Ethan Strong; Treasurer, Tabitha Burt. Jessie Carr shared that there were no nominees on the slate for the position of Reporter. Jessie Carr asked three times if there were any nominees from the floor. On the second ask, someone nominated Delaney Schempp, and then she respectfully declined. Having no nominees accepting nominations from the floor for Reporter, the nomination process was closed. The election on the slate of nominees as presented was held and completed.

- Election Resulted in October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 4-H year WyCo 4-H Council Officers: President, Gloria Burt; Vice President, Garrett Dall; Secretary, Ethan Strong; Treasurer, Tabitha Burt.

Announcements:

- Be sure to see Newsletter for upcoming dates and deadlines
- 4-H Council Meetings are held quarterly, 3rd Thursday, at 7:00pm. The next Council meeting is Feb 18, 2021.
- 4-H Council Executive Board Meetings are two weeks prior to Council meetings. The next Council Executive Board meeting is to be determined by the 2021 4-H Council Officers
- 4-H Council Agenda items – if you have topics to discuss, then email Debra Sweeten at dsweeten@ksu.edu

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Delaney Schempp, seconded by Ruby Young, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

HORSE PROJECT COMPLETES SERVICE PROJECT DURING 48 HOURS OF 4-H WEEKEND

Submitted by Meggan Schempp, Horse and Horseless Horse Project Leader

For National 4H Week, members of the Horse Project pitched in and joined Freedom Farm to help educate the 2nd graders from Hope Lutheran School in Shawnee, KS. The 2nd graders normally learn about agriculture and farm animals each September and then take an annual trip to the American Royal for Youth Education Day. Because of COVID, there wasn't an opportunity for that trip this year, so Wyandotte County Horse Project members and Freedom Farm created a farm experience for them. On Wednesday October 7th, the 4H youth from Wyandotte County brought their prize-winning animals and rich knowledge of them to share with small groups of the 2nd graders.

The children learned about Horses from Freedom Farm and Macey Schempp. They learned about chickens from Kaitlyn Martin and rabbits from Chandler Harris. They learned about goats from Julie Phillips and cows from Maks and Jameson Mortell. Thanks to those youth and their families, the 2nd graders from Hope Lutheran School had a field trip to remember.



48 HOURS OF 4-H WEEKEND HIT IN WYCO

Submitted by Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Fifty 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers, and community members teamed up for service projects throughout Wyandotte County. This year, 4-H'ers connected with two community partners for their service challenges. One team of 4-H'ers partnered with Stewards of Wyandotte County Lake to clean up the county lake shoreline. Another team of 4-H'ers partnered with Freedom Farm to help clean up the center.

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the *Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities.



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**Wyandotte County
4-H Shooting Sports**

LIABILITY RELEASE

We, the parents (legal guardian) of _____, grant permission for his/her participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports program; and approve of the use of firearms and/or archery equipment while participating under the supervision of a 4-H certified shooting sports leader. I understand that shooting sports are potentially hazardous and certain risks are involved. These potential hazards include possible injuries from firearms and/or archery wounds that could possibly result in paralysis, loss of vision, limb or life.

I agree that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and agree that I will not hold the 4-H project leaders, County Extension Council, Kansas State 4-H Staff, local extension staff, Kansas State Research and Extension or the Curators of Kansas State University liable for any accidents.

I also understand that safety procedures and practice will be strictly adhered to and that our children (ward) may be immediately expelled without recourse from the program as a result of horseplay, inattentiveness, inappropriate conduct, violation of safety rules and failure to range officer's direction.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this ____ day of _____ Year ____

Notary Public _____

My Commission expires _____

The 4-H Pledge:

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.