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



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## SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

*Written by Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent*

It's been a year since we entered the COVID pandemic. While we have all experienced the pandemic differently, I think that we can all agree this year has challenged us and taught us a lot about ourselves. As your 4-H agent I've been really encouraged by the tenacity that 4-H'ers, families, and volunteers have all shown to continue making the best better!

Clubs and projects are still encouraged to meet virtually when possible. However, we do have the 'go ahead' to meet in person with the understanding and expectation that we'll all continue to follow our local COVID guidelines to keep one another safe. If clubs/projects would like to host other in-person events, outside of regular club/project meetings, please contact me asap.





## STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

There have been several updates for the 2021 nomination season. Please be sure to review these updates while preparing to nominate. You can find nomination information on the K-State Animal Science and Industry [website](#). Contact Jessie with any questions.



## YOUTH QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

All youth who plan to exhibit livestock during the 4-H Summer Showcase held during the Wyandotte County Fair must complete their Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification through an in-person or online course by May 1 annually. Wyandotte is not currently offering in-person courses. You can find more information about YQCA and how to register on the K-State Animal Science and Industry [YQCA website](#). Contact Jessie with any questions.



## 4-H DIVISION UPDATES - KANSAS STATE FAIR

There have been recent updates to the 4-H Divisions at the Kansas State Fair. These updates include changes to premiums and visual arts. You can review the updated handbooks on the KS 4-H [website](#). Also see an announcement from Wade Weber, KS 4-H Youth Development and State 4-H Program Leader, explaining these updates.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 2:** Spring Holiday, WyCo KSRE office closed
- **April 7:** State Horse Panorama Digital Uploads deadline
- **April 23:** State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- **May 1:** State BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Match
- **May 1:** Project Add/Drop Deadline
- **May 1:** Beef, Goat, Horse, Sheep and Swine ID papers due
- **May 1:** Market Beef Nominations deadline
- **June 15:** Small Livestock Nomination deadline

## PROJECT UPDATES

- [District Horse Show Participation Changes](#)
- [Youth Livestock Educational Resources Available](#)
- [Kansas Clover Classroom](#)
- [New project pages for Visual Arts, Home Environment, and Reading projects](#)



## K-STATE ANIMAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HYBRID PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 2021 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year's program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus.

Check out the county 4-H  
website tabs for more  
information about WyCo 4-H!





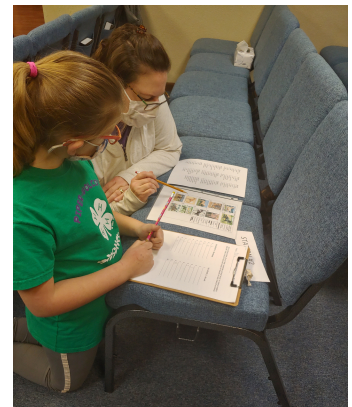
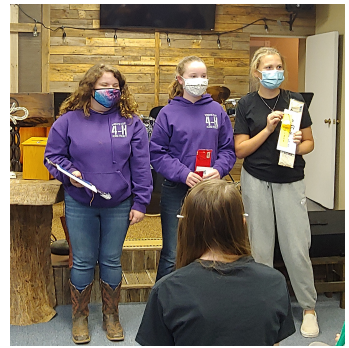
## WYCO 4-H HORSE PROJECT

*Submitted by Chandler Harris, Youth Member*

The horse project has had an exciting start to spring. They started with their first ever WYCO hippology and quiz bowl on March 12th. The event was held at Bent Knee Cowboy Church in Bonner Springs and had both horseless horse members and mounted members. There were 13 horse project participants. 4 of the 13 are new to the project and/or 4H this year.

Besides being busy studying horse science, the project members have been learning how to be better horsemen/women. In March, the drill team members had a successful run through of their first drill team routine, which they've been working on since October. Their routine is four minutes in length and is lead by drill team captain Madison Bone.

In March, the project also had a safety clinic led by Senior, Chandler Harris. During the clinic, Chandler taught his 4H peers how to tie two different safety knots, how to safely approach and halter a horse, how to back your horse from the ground to maintain proper ground space, and how to safely return your horse to its stall. All of these skills are imperative to learn.



## WYCO 4-H DOG PROJECT

*Submitted by Danell Collins, Dog Project Leader*

We begin training season on March 25th, 7pm at Cynthia Clark's dog training facility. If you haven't received an email from the Dog Project leader, Danell Collins, and want to make sure you are enrolled in the dog project and signed up for training please contact the 4-H staff at [dsweeten@ksu.edu](mailto:dsweeten@ksu.edu). If you don't have a dog, Cynthia has several dogs that are great for beginners that she will let you train with. Looking forward to seeing the 4-H kids and dogs.





# FANTASTIC 4-H CAMP

Fantastic 4-H Camp is around the corner (June 6-9, 2021) and we are making the final preparations to open camper registration in the next few weeks.



## FANTASTIC 4-H CAMP DETAILS

This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for 4-H youth ages 7-12. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. Your camper will sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends.

- When: June 6-9, 2021
- Where: Rock Spring Ranch (1168 Highway K157, Junction City, KS 66441)
- COVID Mitigation: 4-H Camp will operate at 50% capacity and will adhere to COVID guidelines from K-State, Dickinson County Health Department, and American Camping Association. Guidelines will include, but not be limited to, mask wearing and practicing social distancing. We will share more details from Rock Springs Ranch as it becomes available.
- Limited to 50% capacity for 2021. Total camper numbers are determined by counselor numbers.



## WYANDOTTE COUNTY SPECIFIC DETAILS:

- Due to limited capacity for 2021, camp registration will only be open to enrolled 4-H'ers in the county.
- Families will be responsible for transporting the camper/counselor to and from Rock Springs Ranch.
- Cost of the 2021 4-H Camp is to be announced but it will not exceed \$250 for Wyandotte County. 4-H Camp scholarships are not as available as previous years. Please contact Jessie if your camper may need financial assistance to attend camp.
- Please call the WyCo Extension Office with any questions.



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