Happy New Year, friends! Whether you believe in setting New Year’s Resolutions or not, the start of a new year is the perfect time to set your intentions for the year. We each can set and make progress towards our own goals. I’d like to encourage you each to take some time with your 4-H family to reflect on: What do I want to accomplish in 4-H this year? Set some SMART goals, put your plans into action and check out 4-H Record Keeping Resources!

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **January 2** – NYE observed, Extension Office Closed
- **January 16** – MLK day, Extension Office Closed
HORSE PROJECT

We are 3 lessons into our 9 sessions of studying before KS Horse Panorama at the end of January. Today they gathered in groups of 4–5 to construct the horse digestive system out of playdough. Each group had a different region and had to construct their digestive region and tell what its main functions are.

Last Friday they learned about hoof and foot structure, common equine diseases and coat colors at our monthly meeting. Next Sunday we will learn about confirmation, soundness and blemishes. We will also begin learning about aging a horse by its teeth. 14 attended Sunday and 12 attended on Friday.

Our two coaches are Cara Eldredge and Erica Slaymaker. They are new volunteers for the horse project.

DOG PROJECT

The Dog Project met at a Piper Heritage Vet Clinic for their December 2022 meeting for a tour of the facilities and to learn more about veterinary practices and vet school. Dog project members enjoyed their time at the clinic!

Upcoming plans for the dog project include meeting with a former 4-H dog project member who is currently a veterinary nurse and a community service project in partnership with a local shelter.
Club Day is a countywide event that allows 4-H’ers to demonstrate their public speaking and creative talents. Attendance has been extremely low over the last 5+ years making it difficult to provide a meaningful experience for youth (and adults too). In an effort to make Club Days a richer experience, Wyandotte County & Johnson County 4-H are teaming up!

This year, Wyandotte County will not hold a county club day event in Wyandotte County, however WyCo 4-H’ers are invited to participate in County Club Day in Johnson County on February 11.

WyCo 4-H’ers will participate in JoCo as WyCo 4-H’ers. This means that WyCo 4-H’ers will be judged separately from JoCo 4-H’ers so that youth from each county can qualify for regional club days.

Let us know if you are interested in participating in Johnson County by filling out this google form: (https://forms.gle/5J2axpditypCC8ha8)
STATE EVENTS

January 10: Deadline to register for Horse Panorama
February 12: 4-H Day with Women Wildcat (basketball)
February 15: Deadline to register for K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
February 22: Deadline to register for K-State Junior Meat Goat Day
March 1: KS 4-H and Vanier Scholarship applications due
June 7–9: KS 4-H Discovery Days

PROJECT INFORMATION

Updates to KS 4-H Horse Project

4-H CAMP UPDATES

Rock Springs Ranch continues to expand and update the camping experience for young people in KS.
• Registration is open for 4-H Camp in 2023
• What to Expect at 4-H Camp in 2023
• Learn more about 4-H camp pricing and camperships

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