



THE CLOVER CONNECTION



The official monthly newsletter of Wyandotte County 4-H

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Welcome to the New 4-H Year!!!!

The new 4-H Year starts on October 1, 2025.

Be sure to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2025-2026 4-H year and pay the \$15 annual membership fee.

Club leaders, project leaders, and Cloverbuds will also need to re-enroll in 4-H Online (no membership fee).

48 Hours of 4-H Community Service Project

The 48 Hours of 4-H Community Service project will be on October 11th. Be sure to bring your donation items to your next 4-H club meeting! More info on page 4.

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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.

4-H Motto:

"To Make the Best Better!"

Congratulations to the 4-H members who represented Wyandotte County at the Kansas State Fair!

Cattle

Emma McCracken, 1st Place and Breed Reserve Champion,
Registered Breeding Heifer- Simmental
Miles McCracken- 2nd Place Registered Breeding Heifer-
Simmental



Swine

Emma McCracken, 3rd Place Market Hog- 29-Dark Crossbred
Emma McCracken, 2nd Place Market Hog- 32- Dark Crossbred

Goat

Eli Hall, 1st place market goat in Division IV and 3rd overall.
Eli Hall, 7th Place Meat Goat- Division II
Eli Hall, 5th Place Breeding Doe- Division I
Eli Hall, 6th Place Breeding Doe- Division II



Dog Show

Abigail S.- Purple, White, White
Ruby Y.- Blue, White, White
Amber Y.- Blue, White, White, Purple, Purple, White, Purple



Sewing & Textile Design

Ellen G.- Blue

Ag Mechanics Welding

Anson G.- Blue

Woodworking

Anson G.- Red

Shooting Sports

Andrew S.- Red

Wildlife

Grace S.- Blue

Food and Nutrition

Anson G.- Purple

Abigail S.- White

Eli H.- Purple

Ellen G.- Blue

Visual Arts

Anna S.- Blue

Maxim T.- Purple

Abigail S. - Purple

Daniella W.- Red

Photography

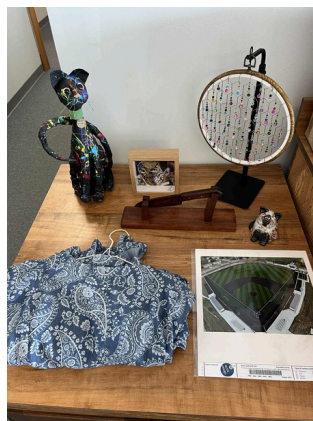
Abigail S.- Blue

Anson G.- Blue

Ellen G.- Blue

Andrew S.- Blue

Grace S. Blue



New 4-H Year Starts October 1st

The 2025-2026 4-H year starts next month on **October 1st**. On or after **October 1st**, all 4-H members, cloverbuds, club leaders, project leaders, and adult volunteers need to re-enroll in 4-H Online.com. 4-H members will need to pay the annual membership fee of \$15. Cloverbuds and adult leaders/volunteers do not pay an annual membership fee.

4-H Online Enrollment Guides can be found [here](http://www.4h.k-state.edu/resources/4-h-online/) or at www.4h.k-state.edu/resources/4-h-online/

Payment of Annual 4-H Membership Fees

When enrolling on 4-H Online, you will be given the option of paying immediately with a credit card or mailing a check to the state 4-H office. If you choose to mail a check, you are responsible for following up with the state office to ensure they received your check and processed your payment. The county 4-H Agent does not have control over the annual membership fee payment process.

November 30 Re-Enrollment Policy

All returning 4-H members who participated in the 2025 county fair and are planning to participate in the 2026 county fair are required to re-enroll in 4-H Online by November 30th. Don't delay!

New 4-H Club Meeting Attendance Rule

Starting October 1, 2025 all returning 4-H members must attend a minimum of five (5) club meetings between October 1st and July 1st of the current 4-H year in order to enter a project and/or exhibit in the 4-H divisions at the county and state fairs.

Rule example: Cara showed a beef project in the 4-H divisions at the 2025 county fair. Cara plans to show a beef project in the 4-H divisions at the 2026 county fair. With the new rule, Cara must attend 5 or more club meetings between October 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026 in order to enter and show her beef project in the county fair.

The way this rule will be enforced:

At every monthly club meeting the club secretary (or other youth officer) will do a roll call and record the names of the 4-H members in attendance. The club secretary is responsible for sending the roll call list to the 4-H Agent within 5 days of the meeting. The roll call can be sent to the 4-H Agent in any way that makes sense to the club secretary- whether that is via email, text, screen shot, word document, spreadsheet, etc. Emails must be sent to csling@ksu.edu and texts go to 913-299-9307.

When entering 4-H exhibits in FairEntry for the county fair, 4-Hers will be asked to enter the dates of the 5 or more club meetings they attended between October 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026. The club meeting dates entered in FairEntry must match the roll call dates the club secretary sent to the 4-H agent throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to keep track of the dates and number of meetings they attended. Returning 4-H members who do not attend 5 or more 4-H club meetings or who enter false information in FairEntry will not be allowed to exhibit in the 4-H divisions at the county and state fairs.

4-H clubs that are required to send roll call lists after each club meeting are Piper, Wolcott Wanderers, Blazing Bridles, Homestead, Nearman, and Prairie Fire.

4-H project meetings are not required to send the 4-H agent roll calls. (Examples include dog project trainings, shooting sports practices, horse project meetings, etc)

48 HOURS OF 4-H SERVICE PROJECT

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR

The Jerry Lee Jarrett Life Center serves Bonner Springs and surrounding communities with vital resources including:

- *Veteran's Affairs*
- *Pantry of Hope*
- *Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous*
- *Child in Need of Care Services*

We are collecting items to fill hygiene bags and HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday) bags for those in need.

HYGIENE ITEMS

- *Toothbrushes*
- *Toothpaste*
- *Washcloths*
- *Deodorant*
- *Soap*
- *Shampoo*
- *Feminine Hygiene Products*

HOPE ITEMS

- *Non-perishable Food (granola bars, tuna packets, fruit cups, etc.)*
- *Diapers (all sizes)*
- *Baby wipes*
- *Socks (new)*
- *Small Water Bottles*
- *Travel-size Tissues*

Donations can be dropped off at your October 4-H Club meeting or the Wyandotte County Extension office **until October 10th**

October
11

10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

JOIN US TO ASSEMBLE BAGS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Jerry Lee Jarrett Life Center
143. W Insley Rd. Bonner Springs, KS



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4-H Project Leaders

4-H is a community of young people across Kansas who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Adult volunteers are the heartbeat of the 4-H program serving as mentors, teachers and friends. The 4-H program would not be possible without volunteers!

The adult volunteers and project leaders are here to help 4-Hers with their 4-H projects. Volunteers share their time, knowledge, and expertise with the 4-H youth. If you have questions, would like input on how to improve your project, or are interested in trying a new project, reach out to one of the project or club leaders for info.

Wyandotte 4-H Project Leaders:

Art- Megan Geist

Cattle- Jessica Cook

Dog- Mike Tounzen

Goat- Cindy Jaccard

Horse- Meggan Schempp and Hailee Hansen

Rabbit- Renee Foster

Sheep- Michaela Hayes

Shooting Sports- Cyndi and Tim Bird, David Streit,
& Gerard Weldele

Swine- Cindy and Steve Mortell



There are many project areas in 4-H where we need adults to volunteer their time and experience to educate the youth. If you are a 4-H parent or alumni and would like to be a part of helping 4-H youth thrive, please reach out to the 4-H Agent. Below are current projects that would benefit from a project leader. However, if you are interested in being a project leader for another project not listed, talk to the 4-H Agent. We can figure something out!

Popular WyCo 4-H projects that need an adult leader:

Woodworking

Photography

Robotics

Legos/BBE

Foods & Nutrition

Sewing and Fashion

Wildlife



Officer Elections

The new 4-H year also means it's time to elect new youth club officers. Every 4-H Club should hold an annual election to vote in new officers to fill the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If the club is large enough, additional youth officers may be elected including but not limited to: recreation leader, pledge/song leader, and reporter.

4-H members are encouraged to participate in officer roles for their club and practice valuable skills such as: leadership, responsibility, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and communication. A 4-H leadership role looks great on resumes and job, scholarship, college, and trade school applications.

A brief summary of each role:

President- Lead the monthly club business meeting according to parliamentary procedure, encourage participation in the meeting, represent the club at events, attend as many 4-H club meetings as possible, set the rules of conduct, ensure the other officers are upholding their responsibilities, communicate with the adult club leaders.

Vice-President- Check with the president on plans or special work to be done, preside at the meeting or represent your group at other events in the president's absence, help plan club meetings and activities, work with the club at the beginning of the 4-H year to set goals for the club.

Secretary- Call roll and keep an accurate record of attendance, take meeting minutes- accurate notes of the events of each meeting and record motions, send meeting minutes to 4-H Agent.

Treasurer- Give the treasurer's report at each club meeting, be a signor on the club bank account, write checks for all expenditures (after receiving club approval), use the 4-H Treasurer's Record Book to keep club records, participate in the annual club financial review.

Recreation Leader- Prepare games/activities for each meeting and lead them, teach your fellow club members how to learn from teamwork activities.

Pledge and/or Song Leader- Lead the club in saying the 4-H motto and pledge, teach the club new songs, lead the group in singing at each meeting and, when requested, at special events.

Reporter- As a 4-H reporter, your job is to be a little nosey! Know what is going on in your club and tell your town about the good stuff. Spread the word about what your club is doing in the community.

Record Books Due November 1st

It's that time of year to start putting together your record books! We have many first timers that are eligible for the first year member pin, along with project award pins. 4-H Record Books are a great way to practice record keeping, written communication, and compile information for scholarships and college or job applications.

You can find information about record books and the pin award applications by going to the WyCo Extension website under the 4-H Youth Development tab, then go to Record Keeping on the left side of the screen. If you have questions about 4-H record books or need help putting yours together, call or email the 4-H agent! The [Kansas 4-H website](#) is also a great resource.

The deadline to submit your 4-H record book is Friday November 1



Free Photos from the County Fair

The photo album from the 4-H fair events are available to download.

Go to flickr.com or follow the link below to view the fair photo album. All photos are FREE to download!

Thank you Rebekah Branch, WyCo Extension Communications Manager, for taking these photos and making them available for free.

Link to photo album: www.flickr.com/photos/wycoksre/albums/72177720327755369/page48





**We love celebrating the
accomplishments of our 4-H members.
Send a picture of your 4-Her and their
story to the 4-H Agent at
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