

Rice County 4-H Newsletter

October 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No, I am not crazy! October 1 marks the start of another 4-H calendar year. Can you believe how this year has flown by? I am excited for the new year and have some new programs that I would like to share with you all.

As a past 4-H mom, I know how overwhelming it can be to choose projects, complete record books, and prepare for the fair. Looking back, I think about how my children have grown and benefited from their 4-H experiences. I hope that you all see those benefits as well.

My son, Zeb, is a freshman at North Central Kansas Area Vo-Tech in diesel mechanics. He was selected to be a part of the team doing research on Bio-diesel in injection pumps; the results will be presented to the Kansas Soybean Commission. Zeb was chosen because of his strong speaking abilities... which he learned from being in 4-H. During his first ever project talk, he got up and started to cry, prompting a 4-H dad to approach and start asking him questions one on one about his project. That changed his life forever. It is my hope that somewhere, some way, 4-H can change your life too.

There is so much information to absorb. The following link is a resource page for 4-H families. It explains "How to enroll", "How to Re-enroll", "How to sign up as a Volunteer" and much more. Please take a few minutes to check this page out. It will help old and new members alike.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html>

**Registered
Volunteer
Update**

As Club/Project Leaders (including Ambassadors and Junior Leaders), ensuring that our adult volunteers will provide a safe environment for our 4-Hers is crucial. Volunteer Screening is an important part of this.

This year, you will update YOUR volunteer profile in 4-H Online in addition to enrolling your child for the 2019-2020 year. For those who are due for their 3-year renewal, please address this immediately; Wendy will be reaching out to those who are due for 3-year re-screening with the link for the background check. If you are a new leader who has not completed the background check, you will need to start the process with the 4-H Online enrollment. Wendy will follow up from there. Please keep in mind the seriousness of having our volunteers screened as it can affect your status as a club/project leader. Links to the process can be found on the New Family Resource Page or at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/volunteers/volunteer-screening-resources/index.html>



JUNIOR LEADERS

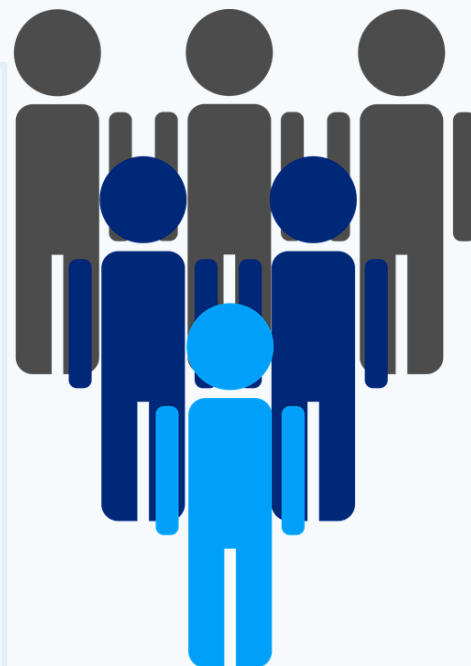
Anyone 12 years old and up should strongly consider enrolling in the Leadership project and participate in the Junior Leaders group.

We have been raising funds for a trip of some kind, and now it is time to make plans and add them to the calendar! We have earned about \$10,000 from peach sales this year and last year in addition to concession stand profits.

We need to have a planning meeting ASAP! Let's shoot for 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 13th. Bring your ideas for a fun learning activity.

Ideas so far:

- Disney leadership adventure package
- Branson, MO
- Skiing



State Archery Concession Success!



A huge thank you to those that came and helped during this event! It was quite a busy and successful day!

Thanks to: Zoe, Eric and Zane Kratzer; Shayla, Breaden, Kami and Keltyn Grasser; Elizabeth and Colton Madden; Wyatt and Deacon Showalter; Frannie and Tessa Miller; Alene Bliss and Emma Elliott. We had so many great volunteers that I hope I did not forget anyone!

We earned a little over \$1,600 (that is twice as much as 2018). If we would have had more food, we could have sold even more!

Great job, 4-Hers!

4-H Program Fees

The Rice County 4-H Council voted at their last meeting to cover this \$15 expense IF you turned in your record book this past month. When you re-enroll, be sure to select the option that states: "I have a sponsor". If you are a new 4-H family, the council will cover your fees as well.

The state has purchased a state-wide blanket insurance coverage policy with these fees. This provides coverage during state events like KYLF, CIA, Discovery Days, and County Camp. It includes **registered** volunteers as well. This means that we will not have to pay for our own county coverage and that we should be getting a refund check for the payments we have already made.

Got your goat?

A community member has reached out to the office about dispersing his small herd of goats. He has 6 Boer goats and a dairy goat. If anyone is interested, please contact Dale Klug at 620-617-6155.



Congratulations!



- Congratulations to the 4-H members who participated in the State Archery Shooting Sports Meet in September! Participants included: Colton Madden, Zane Kratzer, Emma Elliott and Deacon Showalter. Thank you for representing Rice County 4-H so well.
- Congratulations to Taylor Dieball on becoming one of the first recipients of the Kansas State Fair's youth livestock scholarship!

Leaders: New Member Recruitment

Does your club have a plan for recruiting new members? How do you include a potential or new member in meetings and activities? If you need pins or new member packets, please visit with Wendy.

REMINDERS

- Treasurer Audits are due in the office ASAP from each club. I need to present them to the extension council board this month.
- We will have officer training Sunday October 13 at 3 pm, 4-H meetings at 4 pm and County Council Meeting at 5:30 pm. It will be a full Sunday at the office.



2019 Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

When: October 19-20, 2019

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center, near Junction City, KS

Who: 4-H members 7-18 years of age

Rock Star 4-H Dogs **Track 1** Educational Classes:

1. Train the Trainer Dog Tips
2. Dog Poisonings and Toxins
3. Bling Your Dog Out Like A Rock Star
4. American Kennel Club Experiences
5. Canine Good Citizen Program.

Track 2 is open only to current dog teams or dog teams ready to advance into more advanced training. 2019 will focus on advanced agility.

Participants must choose Track 1 classes or follow Track 2. **It is not possible to mix-and-match tracks. Only one dog is allowed per youth participant that must be noted on the registration form. Dogs are optional** and may be included in the conference to aid in their socialization skills. However, youth do not have to bring a dog to participate. Parents and volunteer leaders are also invited.

Chaperoning: **All youth must be chaperoned** by a parent, 4-H leader or KSRE staff person. Parents may chaperone multiple children from their immediate family. Parents may not chaperone participants who are not in their immediate family. Screened volunteer leaders may chaperone other youth with parental permission from their county/district. KSRE staff members may chaperone any youth with parental permission from any Kansas county/district.

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2019, 11:59 p.m.

*There is a \$25 cancellation fee once participants have registered on Cvent through October 7, 2019. No refunds will be given beginning on October 8, 2019. Registration Fee: Cost is \$125.00 for full-time participants, \$75.00 for Saturday only and \$50.00 for Sunday only.

T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost of \$11.00 and \$27.00 respectively.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2019 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 23-24, 2019

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2020

Registration: Open late Summer of 2019

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2019

There is an option to come in on Friday evening after 8 p.m. for lodging and breakfast Saturday morning if distance or schedules warrants this. An additional fee applies and chaperones will be necessary.

These state events are needed to get your pins apps once you are working on your silver pin or higher. We have been blessed with several grants that will cover the cost of these events (CIA and maybe part of Discovery Days)

Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

What: The Kansas Volunteer Forum

When: November 23-24, 2019

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: 4-H Volunteers

Registration information below will be updated in July

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/volunteers/volunteer-association/index.html>

Ask Wendy if you want to know more about this Adult Volunteer event (18 and older). You will be there the same time as KYLF, but the volunteer forum is held in the Leadership Lodge, with bedding and towels provided. We will eat and attend some sessions with the 4-H group.

Come learn what other volunteers across the state are doing!



Tractor Supply Co is helping to support 4-H! From Oct. 9-20, you may purchase a Paper Clover knowing that the proceeds are divided 90% for Kansas 4-H and 10% for National 4-H!

Julie Green and Rod Buchele Scholarship

In memory of Julie Green, one of the founders of the KA4-HV and Rod Buchele, longtime 4-H Volunteer Specialist and Association Advisor. The scholarships are to assist a Kansas 4-H Volunteer to attend a State or Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum. Applications are due November 1. The scholarship is for \$75.00 and will be reimbursed after attendance at the selected Forum.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/>



NATIONAL

4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 6-12, 2019

National 4-H Week is October 6-12th. Wear your 4-H t-shirts, invite your class mates to a meeting and tell others what you love about 4-H. Let's get our club numbers up!

**48 HOURS
OF 4-H:
INSPIRE
KIDS TO
DO!**



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Rice County is hosting a Blood Drive October 12 from 9 am to 3 pm.

We need volunteers to help that day. Come work a 2-4 hour shift. If you are part of the County Council, you voted to have this event, so you ALL need to be there part of the day to assist. We will need a few dozen cookies or snacks to hand out. I have some cookies left from the fair I can use. **We have to have 15-20 people signed up to donate blood or this event will be cancelled.**

PLEASE COUNCIL MEMBERS: find someone to donate. If each of you found 1 person, we would have enough.

A Note from the Editor

Greetings to all, to 4-Hers big and small, from the editor of this fine periodical!

My name is Katie Breitenbach; I am the new Office Professional of Rice County. I have yet to introduce myself, so I thought it best to do so now:

I graduated from Gardner Edgerton High in 2014 and, graduated from Kansas State University (Go Cats!) this spring, earning my B.S. in Animal Sciences and Industry. In my time at K-State, I also earned a Business minor and my Equine Science Certificate.

I moved from Manhattan to Geneseo in late June of this year and started as the OP of Rice County in early September. My significant other, Edward, works as the Quality Assurance Microbiologist for Red Barn Pet Products.

I have been riding horses since I was six years old and have competed in hunters, classical dressage, and cowboy dressage; I have two of my own horses, Artie and Fantom.

I would love to share my knowledge and passion for horses with any interested parties! Please let me know if any 4-Hers are interested in the Horse Project. I would be more than happy to help! The upcoming Equine Extravaganza would be a great opportunity to learn more about the Horse Project!

Have a wonderful Spooky Season, 4-Hers! And a Happy New Year!

-Katie, Rice County Office Professional

Upcoming Events of 2019:

October 6-12—National 4-H Week!

October 11—Chamber Coffee: 9-10 AM @ Extension Office

October 12-13— Rice County 4-H Blood Drive: 9 AM-3PM @ Extension Office

October 13—Officer training, Junior Leaders meeting at 2 PM, 4-H meetings at 4 PM, and County Council Meeting at 5:30 PM @ Extension Office

October 19-20—Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl @ Rock Springs

November 3—Rice County 4-H Achievement Banquet @ Sterling College

November 9—Equine Extravaganza @ Rock Springs

November 23-24—Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum @ Rock Springs

November 23-24—Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs

Upcoming Events of 2020:

January 16—KAP Area Screening in Manhattan, KS

January 18—North East Area Leadership Event @ Rock Springs

January 24-26 (tentative) - Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs

February 16-17—Citizenship in Action in Topeka, KS

February 22-23—Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs