Happy New Year 4-H Families!

I hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday break. I am very excited to begin a new year. There is a lot to look forward to this month and the rest of the year. The first things on your 4-H to-do list should include setting goals for this next year to give you a clear pathway to a successful 4-H year. Also be sure to attend your club meetings regularly to ensure that you receive all of the important information about your projects, club activities, and camps. Think about what you plan to do for County Club Days and prepare for that. I’m excited for all to come in 2016.

~ Tayla

Finney County 4-H Club Days

Finney County Club Days will be held on **Saturday, February 6th, 2016** at the Holcomb High School from 8 AM - 1 PM. 4-H Club Days is an opportunity for youth to showcase their talents for the public. It is a time for 4-H members to share what they know with others! Youth may take part in several different events, including public speaking, project talks, extemporaneous speaking, demonstrations, illustrated talks, digital presentations, reading, show & tell, musical events including choral, vocal, & instrumental, dance events including square & folk, and talent events such as skits and plays. Those receiving the Top Blue Awards will have the opportunity to advance to Regional Club Days that will be held in Dodge City on March 5th. We have a variety of resources available at the Extension Office to help you prepare for Club Days. They can also be found on the Finney County Website under the 4-H Youth Development tab. **Entries will be due Tuesday, January 26th.**

THANK YOU!!
FINNEY COUNTY PARENTS, 4-H VOLUNTEERS, FINNEY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS AND MEMBERS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

4-H Council News

We are pleased to announce your 4-H Council Officers for the 2015-16 4-H Year.

♦ President: Tyler Cloud - Beacon Boosters
♦ Vice-President: Abby Murrell - Happy Hustlers
♦ Secretary: Shelby Irsik - Kourageous Kids
♦ Treasurer: Elly Murrell - Happy Hustlers
♦ Adult Advisors: Kerri Cole & J.D. Irsik

Each 4-H Club should have nominated 4-H Council Representatives to attend the council meetings on a bi-monthly basis and report back to their respective 4-H Clubs. We encourage those nominated youth to be present at all meetings. 4-H Council meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, May, September, and November, unless announced otherwise.

January 4-H Council Meeting is Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7PM in the 4-H Building

4-H Ambassadors Selected for the 2015-16 4-H Year

The 4-H Ambassadors are a crucial part of promoting 4-H to youth county and state wide. Our Ambassadors are always hard at work planning for 4-H events, such as Club Days, Earth Day at Lee Richardson Zoo, as well as Farmer for a Day, Turtle Races, and the 4-H Sunday ceremony that take place during the Finney County Fair. We are pleased to announce the Finney County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2015-16 4-H year. Congratulations on being selected as a 4-H Ambassador! We look forward to you all beginning and/or continuing your paths of leadership through the 4-H Ambassador program.

♦ Andrew Baker - Beacon Boosters
♦ Tyler Cloud - Beacon Boosters
♦ Annie Gerber - Wide Awake
♦ Lauren Jones - Sherlock Strivers
♦ Gracie Kraft - Happy Hustlers
♦ Jonathan Lock - Wide Awake
♦ Micaila Lock - Wide Awake
♦ Andy Toscano - Tigers & Wildcats
♦ Peyton Wessels - Wide Awake

2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

Each year, Kansas 4-H provides thousands of dollars for higher education to all Kansas 4-Hers. If you are a graduating senior with plans to attend college and are a member of 4-H, remember to fill out your application. Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. Applications are due to the Extension Office no later than Friday, January 22, 2016.
ATTENTION ALL 4-Hers!!

Cloverbud Club

If you have a child between the ages of 5 & 6 this is the time to start getting them involved in 4-H through the Cloverbud Club! Come learn about 4-H, meet some of our junior leaders, interact with other kids, participate in games/crafts, and most importantly... have fun! Our next meeting will be January 19th at 6:00PM in the 4-H Building For more information, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 620-272-3670, or email Tayla at tlcannella@ksu.edu.

Mark your calendars! The February Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 6PM in the 4-H Building.

Southwest Youth Leadership/Volunteer Forum

Much like the Kansas Youth/Volunteer Leadership Forum, this is a great opportunity for youth and adults to build their leadership skills and exchange ideas for building a strong 4-H program. The Southwest Youth Leadership/Volunteer Forum will be held on Saturday January 23, 2016 at the Nazarene Church (1700 Ross Road) in Dodge City, KS, from 9:30am - 3:00pm.

ALL youth in grades 7-12 are welcome! ALL volunteers are welcome to attend.

Youth Price: $35 with t-shirt $30 no t-shirt
Adult Price: $20 with t-shirt $12 no t-shirt

Registration Due: Jan. 11, 2016

Please Note: Your 4-H Participation Form must be in the 4-H Online Enrollment System or in your local county office. Any food allergies need to be reported to your local county agent.

Registration forms are available at the Finney County Extension Office.

Join us with our guest speaker Justin Wiebers for a day of building leadership skills to use in your 4-H club, school and other organizations. Justin is a long time supporter of 4-H and has lots of experience in the 4-H program. You don’t want to miss this great event put on by your SW 4-H Youth Council representatives.

Topics of Discussion
- How to recruit volunteers
- Clover bud ideas
- Meetings with Pizzazz
- State Volunteer Association
- Fundraising ideas
- Building upon strengths
Volunteers get your renewals & applications in!

Volunteer Screening is one of the required steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer:

- All volunteers who have previously completed VIP training and want to continue as active 4-H volunteers will need to complete VIP renewal forms.
  - Renewal forms due now for this year. All VIP certified volunteers will need to complete the annual VIP Renewal Form at the beginning of each 4-H year. When the 4-H members re-enroll the VIP Volunteers will also renew their VIP.
- Any adult with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present in a public setting OR a volunteer whose position puts them in close, ongoing, one on one interaction with youth must complete the Volunteer Screening Process. This includes, but is not limited to: Organizational Leaders, Project Leaders, County wide Leaders, Master Volunteers, Teen Leaders, Ambassadors.
- Any youth over the age of 13 who serve in the role of a Junior Project Leader or work with other 4-H youth in any way, must complete a VIP Application and attend a scheduled Volunteer Orientation.

To become a registered Volunteer, please pick up an application from the Extension Office, or you can find it online at http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/volunteers/volunteer-screening-resources/

4-H Volunteer Orientation will be available on 4-HOnline. The Kansas State 4-H Office is still working on getting the orientation active, but you will be notified when it becomes available.

Free Kansas Leadership Training coming to Garden City

If you are a 4-H parent, volunteer, alumni or agent, this training is for you! Join us at the Garden City class to build your leadership skills.

Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) staff will share the KLC core curriculum that equips people with the ability to make lasting change for the common good. KLC is different in the field of leadership development with its focus on leadership as an activity, not a role or position. KLC envisions more Kansans sharing responsibility for acting together in pursuit of the common good. Come learn how these principles can help move the work of Kansas 4-H forward.

The Garden City Class will take place on April 15th at the Finney County Fairgrounds. All classes are from 10 AM to 3 PM with a break for lunch.

**Register online at www.kansas4hfoundation.org/KLC

Don’t miss out on this opportunity, they will have a lot of new ideas that we could all implement in our clubs.
Upcoming 4-H Events

Honor Flight Fundraiser

♦ The 2016 Honor Flight Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, January 16th at the Finney County Fairgrounds starting at 11 AM - 6:30 PM. All 4-H Clubs are invited to participate.

♦ 4-H Mini Fair:

   All 4-H members are asked to promote 4-H with 4-H displays, posters, project items made etc. Those items are to be brought to the Exhibition Building on Saturday morning, early February 15th., or drop them by the Extension Office.

Each 4-H Club is to provide the following for the fundraiser:

Desserts: Four or more (4) 9x13 desserts in FOIL PAN (Cake, Brownies, Rice Krispy Bars, Bar Cookies, Cupcakes)

Bake Sale: One (1) bake sale item per 4-H family, consisting of minimum - 2 dozen cookies, whole pie, 2 dozen cinnamon rolls, cakes, fruit cobbler, cupcakes, etc.

Silent Auction: One or more donated item per 4-H Club (suggest baskets or items donated from businesses)

All proceeds from this event will send our Kansas Korean War, Vietnam War, and WWII Veterans to Washington D.C. to see their Monument at no expense to them.

Citizenship In Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

♦ When: February 14-15, 2016
♦ Where: Topeka, KS
♦ Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year
♦ Registration: Register on: www.kansas4-h.org and click on “4-H Event Registration” on the right-hand side of the page.
♦ Registration Fee: $165
♦ Registration Deadline: January 15, 2016
I have received several calls regarding fundraising ideas for 4-H clubs. I have a few different options for clubs at the Extension Office. If you need any new ideas, please let me know.

Volunteer Opportunity for 4-H Clubs

There is an organization that meets monthly at the Senior Center, the first Friday of each month for a covered dish dinner and entertainment. 4-H clubs have been invited to join the group one month for bingo and dinner. Dinner and bingo prizes will be provided. All they need are the young people to join the seniors for dinner and play bingo!

Possible dates would be Fridays, January 8, February 5 or March 4 at 6PM.

If your club is interested, please contact Tayla at the Extension Office. 272-3670, or if you have any further questions email Tayla: tlcannella@ksu.edu.
Upcoming 4-H Events

Citizenship Washington Focus

June 16 – June 27, 2016

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues.

There are 50 spaces available for this trip! There are no county quotas. Applications will be accepted until January 15, or until the 50 spaces are filled; whichever comes first.

Ages: Youth must be 15–18 years of age as of January 1, 2016.

2016 4-H Camp Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

- Discovery Days: May 31 - June 3, 2016
  ⇒ Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! It is offered to youth who are 13-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016. Registration will open in April.

- Heart of Kansas Camp: June 8-11, 2016
  ⇒ The Heart of Kansas camp takes place at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It provides youth the opportunity to take part in a great camping experience full of different activities such as swimming, fishing, crafts, horseback riding, dance, canoeing, and much more to come for this coming year. HOK is for youth ages 10-14 and counselors ages 15-18. Registration should be available in early April.

- Camp Lakeside: June 9-10, 2016
  ⇒ Camp Lakeside takes place at Lake Scott State Park as a single overnight camp for youth ages 7-9 and counselors ages 15-18. Lakeside offers a variety of activities including archery, rafting, swimming, crafts, hiking, fishing, campfire and more. Registration will be available in early April for all youth interested in attending.

Finney County 4-H Foundation offers 25% reimbursement of registration fees to 4-H Camps, KS Youth Leadership, SW Youth Leadership, Discovery Days, & Citizenship in Action
Livestock Information

Poultry ban has been lifted!

Good news poultry exhibitors! The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced on Dec. 4, 2015, that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or co-mingled.

The order was implemented in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) and protect poultry health in Kansas. Kansas experienced a positive case of HPAI in Leavenworth County in 2015. However, they have lifted the ban as a result of no new cases of HPAI in Kansas since March 2015. The USDA still continues to encourage all poultry owners to monitor their flocks and maintain good biosecurity practices.

Tagging Dates:

◊ Beef Tagging - Saturday, March 12, 2016, 8AM-12PM, Finney County Fairgrounds

◊ Early Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging - Saturday April 16, 2016, 8AM-12PM, Finney County Fairgrounds

  • There will be a clinic regarding the care of your livestock and showmanship tips for all livestock species beginning at 12:30PM (after tagging). Crop Production Services (CPS) has offered to sponsor a meal to those who wish to stay for the clinic. The meal will be served at Noon.

  • The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Trailer will be on site for exhibitors to get their certification. Swine exhibitors are still required to complete a Pork Quality Assurance Training.

◊ Pork Quality Assurance Training will be offered after the Finney County Pig & Goat Sale on April 9, 2016. (Other dates will be available as well)

◊ Swine, Goat, Sheep, Bucket Calf Tagging - Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 from 5-7PM at the Finney County Fairgrounds

NEW FOR 2016: All animals must be tagged to the correct individual or family nomination at the time of tagging. Should an animal not be tagged to the correct family when entering in the county fair, they may be subject to disqualification. If an animal had been previously tagged under another family name, the animal must be re-tagged by the tagging deadline of May 10th.

(Tagging deadline subject to change depending on weather circumstances or the need for rescheduling)
Club Corner

I would like to give each of the clubs an opportunity to share their club news and happenings with all Finney County 4-H Families. Many of the Reporters for your clubs do news columns, but I would like to give Reporters another place to share their club news... so why not have a column in the 4-H Youth Clover Connection? Reporters, send me your club news each month after your meeting, and it will be placed in the new “Club Corner” section in the next newsletter. Type them up or bring in a legible hand-written copy, or you can email them to tlcannella@ksu.edu.

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2016 Finney County Fair Dates

July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
Make the 4-H Connection on the WEB

Finney Co. Extension 4-H Information
www.finney.ksu.edu

Learn more about the Kansas 4-H Adventure at
www.kansas4-h.org

Finney County K-State Research & Extension Facebook—Link

National 4-H Council
www.fourhcouncil.edu

National 4-H Volunteer Resource Site
www.4hvolunteersusa.org

Check Out Extension Facebook Page

Keep up with Finney County K-State Research & Extension Program by clicking “LIKE” and follow the programs in 4-H, Family and Consumer Science and Agriculture on our Facebook page

Finney County Extension Facebook

Were on the web!
www.finney.ksu.edu
2016 Finney County 4-H Club Day Entry Form
February 6, 2016
This entry form is due into the Finney County Extension Office no later than 5:00 pm, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Name/Club ___________________________ Age as of January 1, 2016: __________

Circle age category: Cloverbud (5-6) Junior (7-13) Senior (14-18)

Use only one form per person. One form per team/group entry.

Speaking events:
_____ Public Speaking [14-18]
_____ Project Talk [7-11]
_____ Extemporaneous Speaking [14-18]
_____ Demonstration: Senior __ Junior __ Indiv. __ Team
_____ Illustrated Talk: Senior __ Junior
_____ Digital Presentation: Senior __ Junior __ Indiv. __ Team
_____ Reading: Senior __ Junior
_____ Show & Tell (7-8)
_____ Cloverbuds: Show & Tell (5-6)

Music events:
_____ Chorus: Senior __ Junior
_____ Vocal Ensemble: Senior __ Junior
_____ Vocal Solo: Senior __ Junior
_____ Instrumental Ensemble: Senior __ Junior
_____ Instrumental Solo: Instrument __ Piano __ Senior __ Junior
_____ Band or Orchestra: Senior __ Junior

Talent Dance events:
_____ Square Dance: Senior __ Junior
_____ Folk Dance: Senior __ Junior
_____ Other Dance: Senior __ Junior

Talent Dramatic, Novelty & Other event(s):
_____ One Act Play: Senior __ Junior
_____ Skit: Senior __ Junior
_____ Novelty: Senior __ Junior
_____ Other: Vocal Performance: Senior __ Junior

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

MODEL MEETING ENTRY
(To be filled out by 4-H Club Community Leaders only)

Club Name: __________________________

4-H Club Model Meeting Entry:
_____ YES ____ NO

Names of group participants:

Event Name: __________________________
Participants if more than one in presentation:

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Time Schedule Conflict?
Please specify an approximate time, if there is a conflict. We will try to accommodate the best we can. No guarantees!

Special Needs:

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