

Rice County 4-H Newsletter

November 2019

It's That Time of Year Again!

GET ENROLLED!

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H, please do so by December 1. We have to report numbers to the state office. Please make sure you as a parent have enrolled as well. They are getting more strict with the volunteer requirements. Once enrolled, go to your profile and click on the training tab and complete the training videos and quizzes. This will only take about 20-30 minutes. We will then contact you about completing a background check and getting approval from the Extension Council Board. It is required that club leaders be certified volunteers.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our 4-H members for getting your record books and KAP's turned in. We had a nice turn out for our Achievement banquet. You are all making the best better.

Show Your 4-H Pride!

Remember to wear your 4-H t-shirts on the 4th of every month. Be prepared to answer any questions people have about 4-H. This is a great way to promote 4-H without too much effort.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL!

Our new Officers for Rice County 4-H Council are as follows:

President: Zane Kratzer

Vice President: Mallory Beltz

Secretary: Peyton Erikson

Treasurer: Kami Grasser

Members at Large: Lindsey Beltz, Emma Elliott

Council Advisor: Zoe Kratzer

Our next Council Meeting will be January 2nd at 7:30 pm.



County Club Days

The council voted to hold County Club Day on February 17th beginning at 4:00 PM at Little River High School. Start planning a club activity, skit or model meeting. The alternate date will be February 23rd.

Required Training for Animal Projects

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) training will be held February 9th at 5:30 PM. Every youth who owns and plans on showing an animal is required to take this training. This is the 3rd year with this particular programming. New activities and information will be presented.

Soup Supper

The Annual Soup Supper will be held January 19th with the alternate date being January 26th. We will send out a letter next month with more details about this. We will have a new soup this year: Tortilla Soup instead of potato soup. We will continue to have chili and chicken and noodle.

New Rice County Jr Leaders Officers

President: Mallory Beltz

Vice President: Zane Kratzer

Secretary: Alaina Madden

Treasurer: Wyatt Beltz

Adult Leaders: Sally Dieball & Shayla Grasser

Jr. Leaders have set up a committee to plan a ski trip over spring break. If you are interested in joining Jr. leaders, you must be 12 years old by the 4-H; It is highly encouraged that you be enrolled in the Leadership Project. The Jr. leaders are called upon to present awards, help at county functions, assist with project meetings and run the Clover Bud Meetings.

Jr. Leaders will meet again December 8th to shop for an adopted family and will hold a meeting afterwards.



KYLF

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be held November 23-24 at Rock Springs. We will need to leave by 6:15 AM or if everyone agrees we can make arrangements to go the night before. Please let Wendy know ASAP if you would rather go on Friday. We all have to be able to at that time.

The Jr Leaders will be helping with Project Meetings and Clover Bud Meetings.

The Clover Bud Schedule is:

January 13, 2020 @ 6:15 PM—Kylie, Kami, Peyton, & Victoria

February 10, 2020 @ 6:15 PM—Mallory, Alaina, Colton, & Lindsey

March 9, 2020 @ 6:15 PM—Ty, Braeden, Wyatt S., Tessa, & Courtney

April 13, 2020 @ 6:15 PM—Zane, Wyatt B., Carter, CJ, & Deacon

May 11, 2020 @ 6:15 PM— Nathaniel, Kyle, Cole, & Christopher

Project Leaders

Those Leading projects will be:

Photography: Mallory and Peyton

Beef: Kyle and Cole

Swine: The Grassers

Sheep: Stansburys

Foods: Peyton, Kami, Nathaniel

Archery: Zane

Horse: Katie Breitenbach

Horticulture Judging

We have a retired farmer who is willing to help with horticulture judging. He has over 100 plant species in his yard. This includes trees, plants, grasses, fruits, vegetables and more. What a great way to expand our knowledge! Please let Wendy know if you are interested. Wendy went to national horticulture judging when she was in 4-H and it was the best trip ever!

A Note from the Editor Regarding the Horse Project

Those interested in participating in the horse project should verify that they are enrolled in 4-H for the year and that they have signed up to participate in the horse or horseless horse project. Please remember that the horseless horse project is a great option for those who do not have access to a family owned or leased horse.

We should hold a meeting in the next month or so in order to get to know each other, cover some basics, and to discuss goals for the year.

Those who are already signed up should start thinking about their goals for the year; Don't forget to write your goals down!

-Katie Breitenbach

Science of Agriculture Challenge

We need to think about putting a team together from Rice County for the Science of Agriculture Challenge. Let me know if you would be interested. More information can be found on the Kansas 4-H web page and the link below.

Science of Agriculture

Did you know agriculture connects to all parts of our daily lives? Agriculture is a key part of the technology you use, the clothes you wear and the food you eat. It also plays an important role in careers, environmental studies, healthy living, animal safety and much more!

We're looking for youth in grades 6-12 who want to explore agricultural related topics and share their problem-solving ideas. You don't need to be in 4-H already to join this challenge.

What is the Science of Agriculture Challenge?

It's a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 3-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and develop solutions. As a team, you'll identify agriculture-related issues in your community, find solutions and share your projects with your community. Each summer, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams receives a scholarship of \$400-\$1,000!

Watch the following video to learn more:

<https://youtu.be/ODj50S89dxw>



Upcoming Events of 2019:

November 11—Extension Office closed in observance of Veterans Day

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

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

November 28-29—Extension Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

December 1—Please be enrolled in 4-H by this date

December 4—Wear your 4-H shirts to support 4-H!

December 8—Jr. Leaders meeting

December 24-25—Extension Office closed in observance of Christmas

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January 1—Extension Office closed in observance of New Years Day

January 2—Rice County 4-H Council meeting @ 7:30 PM

January 4—Wear your 4-H shirts to support 4-H!

January 13—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM

January 16—KAP Area Screening in Manhattan, KS

January 18—North East Area Leadership Event @ Rock Springs

January 19—Annual Soup Supper

January 20—Extension Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

February 4—Wear your 4-H shirts to support 4-H!

February 9—YQCA Training, 5:30 PM

February 10—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM

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

February 17—County Club Day, 4:00 PM @ Little River High School

February 17—Extension Office closed in observance of Presidents' Day

February 22-23—Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

March 9—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM

April 11—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM

May 11—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM