



THE CLOVER CONNECTION



The official monthly newsletter of Wyandotte County 4-H

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To Make the Best Better!



Dates to Remember

- October 1- Beginning of New 4-H Year!
- ****Be sure to re-enroll in 4-H Online!!!****
- Oct 12-13- 48 Hrs of 4-H Service Project
 - November 1- Record Book submission deadline
 - November 30- Returning 4-Hers re-enrollment deadline per Fair Book rules
 - TBD- County 4-H Club Days

Celebrating the Kansas State Fair

Congratulations to the Wyandotte County 4-H members who participated with their 4-H projects at the Kansas State Fair! The Kansas State Fair is the peak of competition for Kansas 4-H members. Most state fair divisions require 4-H members to qualify or meet a minimum standard at the county fair in order to participate at the state level. These 4-H members represented Wyandotte County in their 4-H divisions.

Piper 4-H Club

Anson-Woodworking, Visual Arts-Leather

Ellie- Photography, Sewing & Textile Design, Visual Arts-General Crafts

Emma- Cattle, Swine

Miles- Swine

Abigail-Photography

Wolcott Wanderers 4-H Club

Eli- Swine, Goat, Building Block Construction, Foods & Nutrition

Isaiah-Swine, Goat

Nearman 4-H Club

Amber- Dog, Visual Arts-Clay & Ceramics, Veterinary Science, Fiber Arts

Ruby- Dog, Visual Arts-Three Dimensional, Fiber Arts

Michael-Photography

Grace-Photography

Andrew-Photography, Shooting Sports

Homestead 4-H Club

Marcus- Visual Arts-Fine Arts

Shay- Fiber Arts, Woodworking

Miriam- Fiber Arts

Anna- Fiber Arts

Johnny-Fiber Arts

Lyle-Geology



New 4-H Year!!!

October 1 marks the new 4-H year! Below are a few important dates to remember as we move into the 24-25 4-H year.

October 1- All 4-H members, cloverbuds, and adult volunteers need to re-enroll in the 4-H program for the 2024-2025 year by logging into and updating their 4-H Online account. 4-H members will need to pay the annual enrollment fee of \$15.

November 30- Per the Wyandotte 4-H Fair Book on page 2 under the Exhibits section, rule #2 and on page 5 under the Livestock Auction section, Rule #1:

“Returning Wyandotte County 4-Hers are to be enrolled annually by Nov. 30 in order to be eligible to receive ribbon premiums and participate in the livestock auction as 4-Hers.”

This rule will be enforced for the 2024-2025 4-H year.

The 4-H agent will run a report of enrolled 4-H members from 4-H Online the following business day after November 30. This report will be referenced when 4-H members are tagging in livestock projects and submitting livestock entries in the 2025 county and state fairs. Any returning 4-H members who enroll after the Nov 30 deadline will still be allowed to participate in 4-H club meetings and other 4-H events.

May 1, 2025- Will be the last day to enroll in 4-H Online and select projects for participation in the 4-H divisions at the county and state fair.
-Breeding/non-market livestock forms due to the 4-H agent
-****HORSE ID FORMS**** All horse ID forms must be updated this year with the new 24/25 official form. The Wyandotte County 4-H deadline for these forms will be **May 1, regardless of the state horse show’s deadline.**

June 15, 2025- Annual copy of Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification for all 4-H members showing a livestock animal due to the 4-H agent.



New Rabbit Project Leader

If you are interested in learning more about raising or showing rabbits, you are in luck! The Wyandotte 4-H program has a new rabbit project leader, Renee Foster. Mrs. Renee has been busy preparing the rabbit project for the new 4-H year and is excited to share her enthusiasm with the 4-Hers. Check out Mrs. Renee's bio below. To get involved with the rabbit project contact Mrs. Renee at mrsrfoster7@gmail.com.



Hey Y'all! My name is Renee Foster! I am happily married to my husband Joe and we have Abigail, who is 12. We are a huge animal family. We currently have 3 dogs, 14 chickens, 1 turkey, an axolotl, leopard gecko, an appaloosa horse, and a holland lop rabbit named Twix. Abigail is the president of the horse project and we have been active members for 5 years now. I currently work in healthcare full time, Joe is an IT Director, Abigail is the animal caretaker!

I enjoy being outside whether sitting with a good book or hanging out with the animals. I enjoy caring for people and animals. I am currently pursuing a nursing degree, because why not wait until your 40! I am ready to grow the rabbit club to what it used to be. I'm beyond excited to take on the role as the leader!

Record Books

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.

4-Hers are encouraged to use the ZBooks platform to submit their record books. However the form fillable .PDFs (handwritten or typed) and ZBooks options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same.

If you need extra pictures for your record book- check out the free online portfolio our Communications Manager, Rebekah Branch, created of all the photos she took at this year's county fair [here](#).

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

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge



\$70,000+ in Cash Prizes to Student Entrepreneurs!

The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, or YEC, is a community based competition for youth grades 6-12 to create and promote a business venture. Those who qualify at the local level are able to compete at the state championship, known as the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge. Large cash prizes are awarded to students and their businesses at the state level. Kansas 4-H, K-State Research & Extension, Network Kansas, and K-State University Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship have come together to promote YEC, a competition designed for student-created, managed, and owned ventures. Go to the [competition website](#) for more detailed information.

The Toolbox KC hosts the Wyandotte Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. Go to their website to learn more and for updates on this year's contest.

www.thetoolboxkc.com/yec-2024



Have a star 4-Her that deserves recognition?

Have a picture from a project meeting or 4-H event that you would like to share with the community?

Let us know! Email csling@ksu.edu



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