February, 2016

LOCAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS
Don’t forget, local 4-H scholarships are due March 1. Refer back to the December/January Flash for more information or visit the District website. Applications can be turned in to either Extension Office. Don’t forget to turn in a copy of the Central Kansas District 4-H Scholarship Checklist too.

SEWING MACHINES FOR CHECKOUT FOR 4-H MEMBERS ONLY
The District has three sewing machines for 4-H members to check out (one in Minneapolis and two in Salina). The machines can be checked out for 7 days, or 1 week. Checkout will require a $100 refundable deposit, with checks to be made out to CKD Extension. If the 4-H member wants to check out the ¼ inch foot, that will require an additional $30 deposit. Individuals MUST allow for time to go through a check out sheet and check in sheet when checking out and returning the sewing machine. Note: The only sewing needles provided are the 80/12 needles. If the 4-H member needs a special needle based on the material he/she will be working with, he/she will need to supply their own.

CONGRATULATIONS STATE KAP FINALISTS
Congratulations to the following 4-H members for being named State KAP Finalists:

Clothing & Textiles: Ashley Oldham, Pleasant Valley
Foods & Nutrition: Adrienne Pohl, Friendly Valley
Leadership: Collyn Fouard, Cardinal
Performing Arts: Kananda Kindlesparger, Smoky View
Reading: Jonathan Martin, Pleasant Valley
Self Determined: Kananda Kindlesparger, Smoky View
Visual Arts: Haley Peterson, Smoky View

NEWS FROM THE HISTORIAN
The Central Kansas District 4-H Council Historian is now on Flickr. Do you have photos or information to share with the 4-H Council Historian? Then use our new Flickr account. The URL for the public group is http://www.flickr.com/groups/ckd4h.

FLASH DEADLINES FOR 2016
If you have something you would like in the Flash, be sure to email it to klittich@ksu.edu. The deadline for the March Flash is Thursday, February 4; April Flash is Friday, March 4; and for the May Flash is Monday, April 4.

KANSAS POULTRY
The Kansas Department of Agriculture recently announced that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or co-mingled. The ban was previously in place in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), and protect poultry health in Kansas.
4-H CLUB DAY INFORMATION

4-H CLUB DAY – MARCH 5
The BIG day is just around the corner!!! Have you been practicing the demonstrations, project talks and talent acts? If not, no time to start like the present! The 4-H Club Day schedule will not be mailed out to all of the 4-H families. Instead, the 4-H Club Day schedule will be posted to the website under 4-H Youth Development in two places: What’s Hot and Upcoming Events and Online Registration. A hard copy will be made available to you at either Extension Office upon requested. An email will be sent to all 4-H families when the 4-H Club Day Program is posted to the website. Please check the times as soon as you can! Don’t wait until Thursday, March 3. Contact the Extension Office by noon, Thursday, March 3 for any cancellations.

NEW LOCATION: Salina South Middle School (2015 Simmons Street, Salina, but parking will be off of 4th Street). You’ll need to use the South entrance at the back of the building. The doors will be unlocked by 7:30 a.m. Check the schedule for prep rooms! NO PIANOS OR KEYBOARDS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PRACTICE! Instrumental solos...warm up in the Commons area or outside. A concession stand will be available throughout Club Day for your convenience.

RUNOFFS FOR REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAY- If you receive a purple on a demonstration, public speaking or project talk...you may choose to present your public presentation again for a chance to represent the District at 4-H Regional Club Day. Regional run-offs will begin at either 12 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. (will depend on the morning schedule). Don’t forget to be prepared to do your demonstration or speech again if you make run-offs. This means to be sure and bring an additional set of ingredients, etc.

NO ANIMALS OR WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. Several questions have been asked about bringing animals and weapons into Salina South Middle School for the purpose of demonstrations during 4-H Club Day. The School District Office has said animals or weapons are NOT allowed on school grounds. If you are planning on a shooting sports demonstration, dog care and training demonstration, etc., please be aware of this. This does not mean that you cannot have a demonstration focusing on shooting sports or an animal project, it just means that you may need to get a little more creative in how you do it. Kate Littich (4-H Program Assistant) would be happy to visit with anyone to help brainstorm some possibilities if anyone needs some help to think through how it could work and how it may look.

4-H Club Day will be fantastic!!!! Stay calm, breathe and ask questions!

PowerPoint Presentations – Please refer to the 4-H Club Day Rules that were printed in the December/January Flash. Those who choose to utilize the PowerPoint option are responsible for the set-up of the equipment in a timely fashion. Also, the 4-H Club Day Committee does not guarantee that there will be a white space in the room for PowerPoint to be used. Therefore, you are responsible for your own screen OR you can bring white poster board (or foam core board) to use on the easel provided. You will also be responsible for providing your own extension cord. LCD Projectors are available on a first come, first serve basis. You may call the Salina Extension Office (309-5850) to reserve one or sign up at 4-H Club Day. Do not call the Extension Office until you have seen the schedule and can let us know the time you will need it. Thanks!

The How’s and Why’s of 4-H Club Day....

• 4-H members will be scheduled randomly.
• The judges for Project Talks, Public Speaking and Junior and Senior Demonstrations may select 2-4 purples from their representative rooms. These 8-16 purple winners then have the choice to compete in the afternoon at the 4-H Regional Run-offs. Spontaneous Speaking is not a 4-H Regional event, so it does not qualify.
• **4-H Regional Run-offs begin at either 12 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.** (will depend on the morning schedule). **Contestants whom received purples in the public presentation divisions will be responsible to sign up for a time** if they choose to compete for a spot to represent the Central Kansas District at Regional 4-H Club Day.
• 4-H members are encouraged to visit with the judges following their presentations. The judges are nice!
• No pianos or keyboards are available for practice. Instruments may warm-up in the Commons Area or outside.
• **Each club has been assigned a room to monitor. Please follow through!**
• Only committee members are allowed in the 4-H Club Day Office!

Regional 4-H Club Day has been scheduled for March 19, 2016, at Clay Center
PERFECT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS!

Resources to help you prepare for 4-H Club Day - Resources are posted on our website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/) to help you prepare your speeches for 4-H Club Day. Look for a link under “4-H’er Forms and Documents, 4-H Communication Fact Sheets,” and be sure to check out the Public Presentation Video. Look for the link to the video under “What’s Hot.”

4-H CLUB DAY SERVICE PROJECT

This year we have the opportunity to help the Salina Animal Shelter. There will be an area set up for sewing and creating items needed for the animals at the shelter. Donations are also needed in the form of clean child size socks, towels, blankets, non-clumping cat litter, dog treats, and dog food.

SAVE THE DATE

• Regional 4-H Club Day, March 19, 2016 – This event will be held in Clay Center.
• Central Kansas Classic Beef Show, April 9, 2016 – This event will be held in Salina.
• Discovery Days, May 31-June 3, 2016 – This event will be held on the K-State Campus in Manhattan.
• Campference, June 24-27, 2016 – This event is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and will be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
• 4-H Camp, June 4-7, 2016 – This event will be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Counselors will need to be prepared to go to 4-H Camp on June 3.
• CKD 4-H Invitational Dog Show, June 18, 2016 – This event will be held in Salina.
• North Central District Horse Show – July 5 (Check-in), July 6, 2016 – This event will be held in Salina.
• Ottawa County Fair, July 19-23, 2016 – This event will be held in Minneapolis.
• Tri-Rivers Fair, August 3-7, 2016 – This event will be held in Salina.
• Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show, August 11-13, 2016 – This event will be held in Salina.
• Kansas State Fair, September 9-18, 2016 – This event will be held in Hutchinson.
• Kansas Junior Livestock Show, September 30-October 2, 2016 – This event will be held in Hutchinson.

More details will follow as they become available on all events above.

KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER TRAINING

Gain insight in your role as a 4-H leader and how you can help youth understand leadership as a behavior. This opportunity is open to all 4-H alumni, volunteers, agents, and friends. For more information go to www.kansas4hfoundation.org/KLC. You can attend any or all of the trainings which will be held on February 19 (Wichita), March 5 (Fort Hays State University), April 15 (Garden City), May 20 (Wichita), October 14 (Wichita), November 20 (Rock Springs). All trainings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and the training are free.

OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER HAS ARRIVED!

The Mixed Bag Fundraiser was such a great success last year, that we’ve decided to do it again. The new catalogs and fundraiser packets were distributed at the January District Council meeting and sales have begun. The large variety of bags, totes, and kitchen gadgets should make sales a breeze. Orders and money will be due to your club leaders on March 31. Items will be delivered on May 6. Please direct any questions to Robyn Prickett at stevelovesrobyn@juno.com or 785-493-0014.

MY FINANCIAL FUTURE

4-H developed a new curriculum to assist youth in developing critical skills and knowledge in money management. “My Financial Future" seeks to directly help young people develop the skills they will need to successfully manage their personal and perhaps business finances. Many 4-H project areas incorporate financial record-keeping into the curriculum. This curriculum makes financial literacy a central focus of learning with a strong emphasis on setting and achieving financial SMART goals; holding yourself accountable to financial decisions and consequences; and knowing your rights and responsibilities as a consumer. The series of meetings will be offered again in April through the Salina Public Library, and also during the summer at the Extension Office. More information and registration details will be coming.

RED WHEEL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Minneapolis – Red Wheel sales will conclude on February 8. Leaders are to get the club’s totals in to the Minneapolis Office by Friday, February 12, Noon. The delivery date is Saturday, February 27 at the Minneapolis Extension Office.
4-H CAMP INFORMATION

OZ-SOME 4-H CAMP INFORMATION

WANTED: CAMP COUNSELORS & JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELORS

If you are currently an 8th grader or older…we need YOU! Camp Counselors are 8th through 12th graders (preference given to older youth). Camp will be June 4-7. Counselor applications are available at either Extension Office and online. Applications will be due April 14. All counselor applicants must attend the Counselor Training on June 3 and 4 at Rock Springs. Interviews will be scheduled in Minneapolis on April 14 and in Salina on April 19 and April 21. Interviews will be scheduled between 3:00 -5:30 p.m. If these dates and times don’t work for you, contact Leah Robinson in the Minneapolis Extension Office to set up an appointment for an interview. Camp Counselors will need to complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application and meet the necessary requirements to be eligible for the 4-H Council Scholarship. The scholarship application is due with the Camp Counselor Application. If the scholarship application is approved, the counselors will not have to pay their registration fee. Please make sure you also begin the Volunteer Screening Process if you have not, or update for 2016 with a renewal.

4-H CAMP
Four action-packed days await 4-H’ers ready for exploring Rock Springs 4-H Center, June 4-7! Meet new and old friends to enjoy swimming, canoeing and horseback riding when you sign up for 4-H camp.

Who can go? 4-H members and their friends who have or will be completing grades 3-7 may attend.

The cost for a regular camper is $198 or $108 with the scholarship.

4-H ROOKIE CAMP
Come one come all 1st and 2nd graders for an overnight camp. Enjoy swimming, horseback riding and more. This is based on a first come, first served basis, so register early to secure your spot!

This year there will be two sessions for Rookie Camp. The first group will be June 4-5. The second group will be June 6-7. When you register online for camp, you will be asked your session preference. We will make every effort to get campers into their preferred session.

The cost for a rookie camper will be $100 or $35 with the scholarship.

NEW & IMPORTANT! Registration for 4-H Camp will be online this year AND we will be using Camp Doc again for the medical information process (equivalent to the 4-H Participation Form). More registration information and deadlines will be forthcoming in the March newsletter.

ATTENTION ALL 4-H MEMBERS ATTENDING CAMP – SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Campers will need to complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application and meet the necessary requirements to be eligible for the 4-H Council Scholarship. The scholarship application will include a paragraph on “Why I want to attend camp.” Scholarship sponsors include: 4-H Council, Ottawa County 4-H Foundation, Salina Downtown Lions and Saline County 4-H Development Fund. The completed scholarship application will be due by the camp registration deadline (remember, it requires an organizational leader signature and the 4-H’er signature). Don’t miss out on this fun adventure!

Remember…all campers will ride the bus. Full-time campers will ride it to and from. First session rookie campers will ride it to camp and someone will need to pick them up. Second session rookie campers will need their own transportation to camp, and then they will ride the bus home.

If your child(ren) have meds, they will need to be checked in with the Ambassadors at the time of loading the bus. It will then be given to the nurses when the buses get to camp.

CAMP NURSES
We are looking for individuals willing to attend 4-H Camp as one of three camp nurses. If you are interested, please contact Kate Littich (klittich@ksu.edu).
DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT NEWS

DISTRICTWIDE PROJECT LEADERS
Below are listed District Project Leaders which hold meetings throughout the year to help you with your projects. Check the newsletter for meeting dates and times or you may contact these leaders to find out the next meeting date, time and location.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Phone #</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cats &amp; Hand Pets</td>
<td>Sydney Hynes</td>
<td>283-4249</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tmhynes3@hotmail.com">tmhynes3@hotmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clothing &amp; Textiles/Community Service and Quilting</td>
<td>Mary Bernhardt</td>
<td>825-7762</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mary_bernhardt@cox.net">mary_bernhardt@cox.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dog Care &amp; Training</td>
<td>Sarah, Madison, &amp; Tracy Repp</td>
<td>227-5647 (cell)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:caninecapers4h@yahoo.com">caninecapers4h@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dog Care &amp; Training</td>
<td>Morgan, Rebekah, &amp; Diana Thompson</td>
<td>536-4543</td>
<td><a href="mailto:caninecapers4h@yahoo.com">caninecapers4h@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Geology</td>
<td>Lois Larson (McPherson county)</td>
<td>227-2631 (home)</td>
<td>loisllarson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horse</td>
<td>Stefany Kaniper</td>
<td>822-7358</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ckdhoofbeats@yahoo.com">ckdhoofbeats@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horse</td>
<td>Bev Seuser</td>
<td>823-8923 (home)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:classy3560@gmail.com">classy3560@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>643-0754 (cell)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Photography</td>
<td>Eric Lamer</td>
<td>643 6781 (cell)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:eric@maabrethren.com">eric@maabrethren.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poultry</td>
<td>Hannah Fahrenthold</td>
<td>822-7810</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hannahfahrenthold@gmail.com">hannahfahrenthold@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rabbit</td>
<td>Jessica Fahrenthold</td>
<td>488-2698</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lfahrenthold@yahoo.com">lfahrenthold@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>Kate Littich</td>
<td>212-6025</td>
<td><a href="mailto:klittich@smokyvalley.org">klittich@smokyvalley.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheep</td>
<td>Rylee Schrock</td>
<td>822-4537</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mschrock12@gmail.com">mschrock12@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visual Arts: Scrapbooking</td>
<td>Allison Lecklider</td>
<td>822-5125</td>
<td><a href="mailto:allisonlecklider@yahoo.com">allisonlecklider@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PHOTOGRAPHY EVENTS
The Photo Action Team has elected to NOT host a Photography Adventure Camp in 2016. In lieu of a camp, the team is planning photography session that will be offered during Discovery Days 2016. Photography project members are encouraged to consider these classes as they make their Discovery Days selections.

The Photo Team will also host two Shutterbug events this spring. A variety of workshops will be offered at both events. More information will be coming soon, but save the dates for the following events:

Shutterbugs at the Garden, Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Botanica in Wichita
Shutterbugs at the Zoo, Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City

Shawnee County 4-H Photography will be hosting a Multi County Photo Workshop on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The workshop will be held at the Auburn Community Center in Auburn, Kansas. Participants should bring their digital camera, memory cards for lots of photos, fresh battery, battery charger, and tripod (optional). There are several class choices to select from, and a Photo Judging Contest will be held. Registration (including fees) is due on February 26 to the Shawnee County Extension Office. For registration information, please go to the District website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.
CREATIVE THREADS
Repurposing Workshop
This will be a two-day workshop held on March 16th and 18th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day at the Salina Extension Office, Room 109. To register, please go to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/ 4-H Youth Development, Upcoming Events and Online Registration. Spots are limited, so sign up early! The cost is $10 per person. The online registration must be completed and the fee received by March 4. A sewing machine will be provided if it is indicated on the registration. All materials will be provided to complete a garment or outfit. All ages are welcome, but basic machine sewing skills are required (those with limited skills will need an adult attend with them). Participants will need to bring a sack lunch daily and camera to take before and after photos. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bernhardt at mary_bernhardt@cox.net.

Field Trip to Pendleton Wool Outlet
Mark your calendar and plan to travel to Pendleton Wool Outlet in Nebraska City on Saturday, March 12, 2016. To register, please go to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h, Upcoming Events and Online Registration. Cost will be $20 per person, which includes a buffet lunch. You will need to bring money for fabric you want to purchase and any snacks. Space is limited to 10. Adults may also register, but preference will be for youth (if 7 youth and 3 adults register then everyone can go, but if 8 youth and 4 adults register then the last 2 adults will not be able to go). A waiting list will be kept in case there are any cancellations. Deadline to register is February 26, 2016, payment due to either office by 5:00 p.m March 4, 2016. Checks should be made payable to Central Kansas Extension District. An itinerary can be found in the December/January Flash newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bernhardt at mary_bernhardt@cox.net.

K-9 CAPERS NEWS
Like us on Facebook. Search for K 9 Capers 4H Club.

It has come to our attention that some of the messages from the K-9 Capers email address is going to 4-H members’ spam or junk mail. Please be sure to add caninecapers4h@yahoo.com to your address book to help prevent this from occurring.

Below are the meeting dates for 2016. Tuesday meetings will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday meetings will be held 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please email caninecapers4h@yahoo.com. This email address is checked frequently.

February 2 (Kenwood)  
February 9 (Kenwood) *  
February 23 (Kenwood)  
March 1 (Kenwood) *  
March 8 (Kenwood)
April 5 (Ag Hall)  
April 12 (Ag Hall)  
May 10 (Ag Hall)  
May 21 (Rodeo Stadium)  
May 24 (Rodeo Stadium)
June 4 (Ag Hall)  
June 14 (Ag Hall)  
*focus on showmanship

There will be a sign up for some practices. If there is little to no interest, they will be cancelled.

Also please note the following dates:

June 17 (3:30-8:30 set up for Invitational, no dogs)  
June 18 (8:00 a.m. Invitational Show)  
July 9 (Ag Hall, possible CGC testing or practice)  
July 15 (Friday time to be announced, Fair show set up, no dogs)  
July 16 (Tri Rivers Fair Dog Show, with possibility of Ottawa County joining)
August 23 (Ag Hall)  
August 27  
September 6 (TBA, possible CGC testing)  
September 17 (State Fair Dog Show)  
October (Quiz Bowl and practices to be announced)  
November (Salina Parade of Lights, the Saturday before Thanksgiving)

Beryl Billingsley will be our training coach and CGC testing evaluator again this year. She plans to attend 2 meetings per month as her schedule allows.

County Fair shows and other open show dates can be found on the Ks4h.org website. Please read your Flash newsletter and watch your email. If there are cancellations, watch your email or check the K-9 Capers Facebook page.
**BEEF CHECK-IN FOR DISTRICT BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS**

Beef Check-in will be **Saturday, March 12**. From 8:30 -11 a.m. we will be at Glenn Engelland’s Farm (from the I-70 exit go north 1 1/2 miles on Halstead, turn left or west on to Watkins Rd. for 1 1/2 miles). Farm located on the south side of the road. We will also be checking-in from 1-3 p.m. at Spencer Schrader’s. From Wells, go north to Mulberry Rd, then east 2/3 mile to 210 Rd, then north 2 miles, and then east on Oxbow Road. The farm is located on the south side of the road. Regardless of where you plan to go, please call 309-5850 for a time by **Thursday, March 10**. Both check-ins are open to all District 4-H Members. At both sites we will be weighing, tagging market animals and tagging and tattoo Commercial Heifers, if needed. Commercial heifers that will not be nominated to attend state shows can be tagged at home and photo taken showing the heifer with the tag in the ear by May 1. Registered heifers do not have to be checked in or nominated. When you call for a time, be sure to let the office know if you would like your animals nominated to show at the Kansas State Fair and/or the Junior Livestock Show (cost is to be determined). All animals will have an official “Kansas 4-H” ear tag put in the ear at a cost of $3/tag.

**K-STATE ANIMAL SCIENCES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The 2016 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will have two sessions this year at the Kansas State, Manhattan campus. The first session is June 8-11, 2016. The second session will be held June 29-July 2, 2016. The focus of the academy is to increase the participant’s knowledge of a dynamic and sustainable livestock industry and its importance to a global food system. Students will learn valuable leadership skills and enhance their personal development. Selection is limited to 20 students per session, ensuring ample personalized instruction and interaction with counselors, professors, and livestock industry leaders. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about current industry operations, collaborate with other young leaders, enhance personal leadership development, tour leading industry operations, and interact with K-State faculty and staff. More information and applications are available at: [http://bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy](http://bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy). The application deadline is April 1, 2016.

**KANSAS JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS**

**Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day** – March 5, 2016. Presentations and demonstration by K-State faculty, staff, and guest speakers will cover topics such as nutrition, project management, meat science, reproduction, health, leadership, communication, showmanship, and show ring etiquette. This interactive, hands-on educational event will stimulate enthusiasm and provide a foundation for the management and care of youth beef projects. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will be provided for participants. Registration is due by February 10, 2016 and is $15 per person. Registrations received after February 10, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and will be $20 per person. For registration information, please go to the District website ([http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu](http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu)), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.

**Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day** – March 19, 2016. This event will be an interactive, educational day in which youth, parents, sheep project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge about youth sheep production and management. Topics will include market and breeding project selection, health and wellness, feeding, nutrition and management, wool education and judging, meat science, breed identification, showmanship, and grooming. All ages and skill levels are invited to attend. Registration is due by February 10, 2016 and is $15 per person. Registrations received after February 10, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and will be $20 per person. For registration information, please go to the District website ([http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu](http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu)), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.

For more information on both Junior Producer Days, visit [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu). The K-State Youth Livestock Program has also created Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep everyone updated on information and deadlines. Go to the website listed above to find links to these accounts.

**CENTRAL KANSAS CLASSIC BEEF SHOW**

This “Blow and Go” show will be held on **Saturday, April 9th**, 2016. The show is open to any bonafide 4-H and FFA members who have not yet reached their 19th birthday before January 1, 2016. There will be a special class for the 4-H’ers enrolled in a club in the Central Kansas District. The entry fee is $15 per head, but after April 1st the fee will increase to $20 per head. All fees must accompany registration. For registration information, please go to the District website ([http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu](http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu)), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration. A concession stand will also be available for your convenience at this show.
PQA CERTIFICATION
All youth who wish to exhibit swine at the Kansas State Fair, the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, or Tri-Rivers Fair must be PQA certified. Contact either Extension Office for further details on this process.

HORSE LEVEL TESTING
Anyone wanting to take levels tests before District Horse Show Entries are due (June 1, 2016), should be studying for them now and then contact Bev so that a time may be set up to take the test. You can email Bev at classy3560@gmail.com.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THROUGH ON YOUR COMMITMENTS
Everyone has their own plans and goals as a member, but choosing which ones are the most important is often a challenge. With so many 4-H activities to get involved in, time management sometimes crumbles beneath us and we forget how much we have committed to. But that commitment is the true dedication to the 4-H Organization. It’s our pledge to “make the best better” for ourselves and for others. That commitment means we are obligated to follow through. It shows assurance, reliability, and trust, and over time this translates into key leadership. When we do not follow through on our commitments, it raises a question of trust for those around us and, eventually, causes great opportunities to be lost. As 4-H members, parents, and leaders, when we commit ourselves to doing something, we must follow through. Please remember this when signing up for workshops, events, meetings, etc. throughout the year.

NORTHWEST AREA 4-H SUPER SATURDAY
All 4-H youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of 4-H learning experiences, Saturday, March 5th in Hays on the Fort Hays State University campus. Adults can participate in the Kansas Leadership Center training from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Morning activities for youth include five judging contests (crops, entomology, horticulture, life skills, and photography). Afternoon activities for youth include livestock judging and project workshops (Team Work and Team Play, Trebuchets/Catapults, Photography, Painted Canvas, Posters). The registration deadline is March 1st. For registration information, please go to the District website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.

DISCOVERY DAYS
The Kansas 4-H program is excited to announce they are now accepting classes for the 2016 Discovery Days program held at Kansas State University (May 31-June 3, 2016). Classes will be taught on June 1 and June 2. They are accepting classes to be taught for 90 minutes, 3 hours, or all day (8:30am-4:30pm) sessions. They encourage instructors to offer classes that will help youth learn more about the different colleges and departments at Kansas State. If you are interested in teaching a class, please indicate your interest by visiting: http://tinyurl.com/DDClass2016. Class proposals are due by February 15th.

Responsible, mature, and dependable young adults are needed to serve as floor counselors. These floor counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks, and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. Floor counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights and a $100 stipend. Applications are due by April 1, 2016. Floor Counselors should have been out of 4-H for at least 1 full year before applying. To apply, visit: http://tinyurl.com/DD2016FloorCounselor.

2016 CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT AMBASSADORS
Congratulations to the newly installed Central Kansas District 4-H Ambassadors:

Sydney Hynes, Cardinal
Kamdyn Johnson, Cardinal
Sofiel Montoy, Rolling Meadows
Paul Persigehl, Rolling Meadows
Rylee Schrock, Cardinal

Continuing Ambassadors are:

Katlin Allton, Smoky View
Layne Blomquist, Willing Workers
Nickolas Davenport, Stoney Ridge
Ariana Deterding, Boldly Go
Adrienne Pohl, Friendly Valley
Alan Pohl, Friendly Valley
Rachel Prickett, Boldly Go
Camisha Stevenson, Cardinal
ATTENTION NEW 4-H FAMILIES – DISTRICTWIDE 4-H ORIENTATION
New to 4-H in the last 1-3 years? Plan to attend a new 4-H family orientation on Tuesday, February 2 from 7-8:15 p.m. in Room 109 at the Salina Extension Office. This orientation is for new families (0-3 years) and anyone who would like to attend to have a refresher course on what 4-H has to offer their child(ren) and the volunteer opportunities that exist. Please bring your questions to this meeting. We will discuss a number of things ranging from what 4-H Club Day is to what is involved in the Volunteer Screening process and why it is important. We’ll go over the scholarships that are available to 4-H’ers to attend 4-H Camp and other trips. We’ll talk about Districtwide activities, state activities and the importance of record books. Know what a KAP is? Don’t worry if you do not, as we will discuss that as well. We hope to see you on February 2nd!

VOLUNTEER SCREENING ORIENTATION (formerly VIP Orientation)
The next Volunteer Screening Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, from 7 – 9 p.m. Online “RSVP” will be due on Tuesday, March 29th. The link can be found on the website under 4-H Youth Development, Upcoming Events and Online Registration. If you do not have access to the web, please contact either Extension Office. If there are not enough individuals interested, it will be cancelled and those that sign up by the deadline will be notified.

This is the Orientation that any potential 4-H Camp Counselors should plan to attend if they have not already attended an Orientation previously.

4-H COUNCIL NEWS
The March 4-H Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Salina office in Room 107. The theme for the March meeting has not yet been decided. Watch the March Flash for the information.

Committee Update
The 4-H Council Committees have been appointed and emails went out the end of December. The list (excluding email addresses and phone numbers) has been posted on our website under 4-H Council. Copies of the committee list will be available at either Extension Office and were handed out at the January 4-H Council meeting.

WILLIE AND THE BEANSTALK
Willie and the Beanstalk is a contest open to high school and middle school students interested in plant growth. The challenge is to grow the largest soybean plant in a 47-day time span while documenting the effort. Contest rules and forms are available at: http://beanstalk.agronomy.ksu.edu. Team members do not need to be enrolled in the Plant Science projects to participate. Registration is due February 29th, 2016.

GAVEL GAME/MODEL MEETING CONTEST RESULTS
Congratulations to all the participants! The judges had positive comments and enjoyed your presentations!

Pre-Junior Gavel Games
Gypsum Valley - Participation

Junior Gavel Games
Smoky View A - Purple
Smoky View B - Blue
Cardinal - Purple
Stoney Ridge - Blue
Sunny Valley - Blue
Boldly Go A - Purple (Regional)
Boldly Go B - Purple
Boldly Go C - Purple
Gypsum Valley - Purple
Delphos - Purple (Regional)
Pleasant Valley - Purple
Willing Workers A - Blue
Willing Workers B - Purple

Senior Gavel Games
Cardinal - Blue
Sunny Valley - Blue
Boldly Go A - Purple
Boldly Go B - Purple (Regional)
Boldly Go C - Purple
Pleasant Valley - Purple (Regional)

Senior Extimp.
First Place Team: Katie Buchanan, Josiah Thelander, Noah Pfannenstiel, Kyla Deterding
Second Place Team: Rachel Prickett, Grace Pfannenstiel, Ariana Deterding, Andrew Lagerman

Model Meetings
Rolling Meadows – Blue
Willing Workers – Purple (Regional)
EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

FEBRUARY CHECK-UP
Five months into the 2015-16 4-H year...where has the time gone? Are you ready for the monthly check-up?

Review
___ 4-H Club Day Monitor roles reviewed with club members.
___ 4-H Club Day Run-Offs explained to the 4-H members. Run-Offs conducted Saturday, March 5, following 4-H Club Day.
___ 4-H Flash read and important dates marked on calendar.
___ Review highlights from the 4-H Flash at club meeting.

To-Do
___ Volunteer Service Application and Renewal Form (formerly known as VIP) completed on all project leaders.
___ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
___ 4-H Club members inviting friends to join 4-H. Parents encouraging other parents to explore 4-H.
___ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
___ Report from the January 4-H council meeting.
___ Encourage 4-H members to update their Achievement Pins and Permanent Records.
___ Check club’s progress toward goals.
___ Visitors’ reported to Kate (klittich@ksu.edu)

Promote/Recruit
___ 4-H members encouraged to participate in judging contest(s) at 4-H Club Day. 4-H members should be knowledgeable about filling out Judging Cards after a short lesson during club meeting. Judging Card example available for check-out at the Salina Office.
___ 4-H Camp Counselors recruited
___ 4-H Camp promoted, June 4-7; Rookie Camp promoted, two sessions, Rock Springs. Registration due TBA.
___ 4-H Discovery Days promoted, May 31-June 3, 2016. Registration due TBA.

Remember
___ Reminder… if needing to cancel from 4-H Club Day, please call the Salina Extension Office by NOON, Thursday, March 3.
___ 4-H Club Day at Salina South Middle School, 2015 Simmons (parking and entrance off of 4th Street), March 5.
___ 4-H Club Day contestants reminded that NO PIANO OR KEYBOARD is available for practice.

CLUB VISITS
Approximately half of the clubs will be visited by a team of 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) members, Executive Board member or 4-H Agent January through April. The team members will have a short activity to share with the 4-H’ers, parents and leaders. If clubs are concerned about the length of their club meeting due to the visit, the activity that the guests will be presenting can count as your clubs’ recreation activity.

The club visit schedule was emailed out to the organizational leaders in December and included the contact information of the individuals visiting your club.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>New Family mtg., Room 109, Salina, 7 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>FLASH Articles/Items DUE to Kate</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>K-9 Capers, Kenwood Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Red Wheel Sales end, Minneapolis</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>K-9 Capers, Kenwood Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Registration DUE for Jr. Beef &amp; Sheep Producers Day</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Red Wheel Sales DUE Minneapolis, by 12:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>CIA – Topeka</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CIA – Topeka Offices Closed Salina &amp; Minneapolis</td>
<td></td>
<td>State Ambassador Training</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>State Ambassador Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
<td>State Ambassador Training</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kansas Leadership Center Training, Wichita</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>K-9 Capers, Kenwood Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Registration due for Shawnee Co. Photography workshop</td>
<td></td>
<td>Red Wheel Delivery, Minneapolis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Pendleton Wool Outlet reg. due</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Willie and the Beanstalk reg. DUE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Upcoming Dates:**

**March**
- 1-31 - Ottawa County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive
- 1 - Local 4-H Scholarships due
- 1 - K-9 Capers, Kenwood Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 3 - 4-H Club Day cancellations DUE by NOON
- 4 - Creative Threads reg. and payment due
- 4 - Pendleton Wool Outlet Field Trip payment due
- 5 - 4-H Club Day, Salina
- 5 - Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
- 10 - Beef weigh-in RSVP DUE to Salina office
- 12 - Spring Beef Weigh-In and Tagging