



2016
**Cowley County
Extension Council
Annual Meeting**

K-STATE
Research and Extension

Cowley County

December 1, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Baden Square Community Center
700 Gary St, Winfield KS

Potluck Dinner & Meeting

County Program Responsibility (K.S.A. 2-611)

The 24 members so elected in the three county commissioner districts, or at large, in any county shall constitute and be the county extension council, and it shall be the duty of the council to plan the educational extension programs of the county.

Responsibilities and Limitations of Extension Council

The county extension council shall have for its sole purpose the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture, marketing, home economics, 4-H club and youth work, community and resource development, and economic development initiatives to all persons in the county and the imparting to such persons in the county of information on those subjects through practical demonstrations, meetings, publications or otherwise, in accordance with the program and service prescribed by the council. Such councils shall not engage in commercial or other private enterprises, legislative programs, or other activities not authorized by this act and shall not give preferred service to any individual, group or organization.

2016 Extension Council

Ag & Natural Resources	Family & Consumer Sciences	4-H Youth Development	Community Development
Roger Black	Shirley Douglas	Beau Bailey	Brian Biddle
Carrol Campbell	Rita Hensley	Brett Brown	Marian Hedges
Roy Hervey	Liz Lawrence	Brenda Hicks	Grady Martin
Darrel Long	Julie McClure	Scott Lowe	Craig Pringle
Emilie McLain	Rocio Peirce	Amanda Mugler	Dustin Quint
Rodney Smith	Julie Swanson	Todd Shepherd	Gretchen Wacker

2017 Extension Council

Ag & Natural Resources	Family & Consumer Sciences	4-H Youth Development	Community Development
Roger Black	Shirley Douglas	Beau Bailey	Brian Biddle
Brad Bryant	Liz Lawrence	Brett Brown	Marian Hedges
Carrol Campbell	Stephanie Mackey	Craig Depenbusch	Grady Martin
Mike Legako	Julie McClure	Angie Krepps	Craig Pringle
Darrel Long	Rocio Peirce	Amanda Mugler	Dustin Quint
Rodney Smith	Julie Swanson	Todd Shepherd	Sarah Werner

Annual Meeting Program

Welcome

Invocation

Comments

- Elected Officials
- Extension Staff

Extension Appreciation Award

Business Meeting

- Roll Call
- Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting
- Recognition of Outgoing Extension Council & Executive Board* Members
 - ANR – Roy Hervey, Emilie McLain
 - FCS – Rita Hensley
 - 4-H – Scott Lowe, Brenda Hicks*
 - CD – Gretchen Wacker
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of 2017 Executive Board
- Oath of Executive Board Members
- Program Development Committee Meetings: *Elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary*
- Announcements
- Adjournment
- Picture of 2017 Executive Board

2016 Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board

Beau Bailey - Chairperson
Todd Shepherd - Vice Chair
Brenda Hicks - Secretary
Roger Black - Treasurer
Brett Brown
Carrol Campbell
Shirley Douglas
Marian Hedges
Julie Swanson

Area Extension Director

Dr. J.D. McNutt
Southeast Area, Parsons, Kansas

Dean of Agriculture, Director of Agriculture Experiment Station and Director of Extension

Dr. John D. Floros
Manhattan, Kansas

Cowley County Commissioners

Wayne Wilt, District 1
Gary Wilson, District 2
Alan Groom, District 3

State of Kansas Legislators

Senator Steve Abrams
32nd District

Representative Ed Trimmer
78th District

Representative Kasha Kelley
79th District



Cowley County Extension Staff

(left to right) Kelsey Holcomb, 4-H Youth Development; Becky Reid, Family & Consumer Sciences; Jill Zimmerman, Agriculture & Natural Resources; Cindy Stephens, Office Professional.

Extension Appreciation Award

Jim McClung



*Jim McClung (on right)
pictured with son Travis and
grandson Cruz.*

Charlie Smith probably didn't know what to think about the rambunctious boys he met at the McClung farm. The boys were ready to help the Cowley County Ag Agent with a wheat variety test plot. Of course, Charlie put them to work vacuuming the drill between varieties. Little did Charlie know that these young men would grow up to be lifetime supporters of Extension.

Jim McClung remembers how labor intensive it was to plant a test plot with Charlie (at least from a 10 year old's perspective). The data from that field and many others helped K-State provide trustworthy, research based information to help his family through Cowley County Extension.

Jim was active in 4-H and pursued his love of agriculture by attending Cowley College and Kansas State University to obtain a degree in Ag Education. Jim returned to Winfield to

work at Winfield High School in Ag Education from 1976-83 and farm. He has farmed full time since 1983.

By being self-employed, Jim could pursue another passion - serving on community boards. He has served on the Conservation District Board since 1991 and Cowley County Fair Board since 1975. (He is quick to share that two other members - Charles Craig & Larry Hittle - have had longer service on the Fair Board).

Jim is currently serving on the Statewide Extension Advisory Council for K-State Research and Extension. He describes this as a "tremendous opportunity to work with others who are passionate about Extension." He has been able to promote programs and community impact to elected officials, both locally and in Topeka.

His advice to people/families who want to pursue agriculture is to “take baby steps and be patient. There are opportunities on the horizon since many farmers are at (or approaching) retirement age. Future producers need to position themselves with knowledge, education and finances — all available by connecting with Extension resources.”

Jim has great support from wife Mary to serve in a variety of ways. Members of the extended McClung family have been regular participants and partners in Extension education programs. Jim has served on the local Extension Council and continues to partner with test plots. His brother and farming partner - Vic and his wife Jan - were recognized with the Extension Appreciation Award in 2009 prior to Vic’s passing from ALS in 2011. Also in 1996 his parents Irvin and Gracie McClung were recognized.

Jim McClung shared that he is honored to have been selected for the Extension Appreciation Award but doesn’t consider this a “recognition of retirement.” He still has a great passion for Extension and for what it does for his life and the residents of Cowley County. He invites Kansans to connect with the expertise and resources from K-State Research & Extension and gain “Knowledge for Life.”



Jim pictured with sister JoAnn (Parsons) and older brother Vic.

Cowley County Extension Appreciation Award Recipients

- 2015 - Kent & Nancy Miller
- 2014 - Winfield Daily Courier News Dept.
- 2013 - Tina and Beau Bailey
- 2012 -John Brazle and Justin Brazle
- 2011 - Carrol Wray and Jeanie Campbell
- 2010 – Dick Bonfy
- 2009 – Vic and Jan McClung
- 2008 – John Blankenship Family
- 2007 – Jim and Jessie Bradley
- 2006 – Lloyd and Carmelita Clarkson
- 2005 – Junior Shorter and Family
- 2004 – Larry and Mary Hittle
- 2003 – Mildred Moore
- 2002 – Verne and Zola Gottlob
- 2001 – Larry and Billie Swanson
- 2000 – John and Judy Lawson
- 1999 – Duane and Pat Chrisler
- 1998 – John and Zora Weir
- 1997 – Carl Seeliger
- 1996 – Irvin and Gracie McClung
- 1995 – Karolyn Smith
- 1994 – City of Winfield, Cowley County Fair Association
- 1993 – Roger and Melba Maechtlen
- 1992 – Harvey and Vada Whitehill
- 1991 – Don and Joan Drake
- 1990 – Frank and Helen Bossi
- 1989 – Floyd and Margaret Thiel
- 1988 – Not presented
- 1987 – Walter and Alice Hunt
- 1986 – Dwayne Lagerstrom
- 1985 – Bea DeVore

The K-State Research and Extension
Appreciation Award was authorized by the
Extension administrative staff in 1977. Its
purpose is to honor a person(s) who has
made outstanding contributions to the
extension programs in a county or district.

2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Cowley County Extension Council Annual Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on December 1, 2015, at Baden Square in Winfield Kansas.

Board Chair Bill Mueller called the meeting to order and welcomed special guest Ron Wilson who is in attendance. The invocation was given by Roger Black. The group adjourned briefly for dinner.

Kelsey Holcomb gave County Director comments and thanked the group for the support in the prior year for the Extension program. She highlighted the wonderful support shown by the County Commissioners in the form of the increase to the budget as well as the recent success of the 2015 Fall for Extension event. The programming events surrounding the Agricultural Act of 2014 was an excellent example of reconnection with the community and demonstrating Extension in action. The agents are looking forward to working on the programming for the Family Nutrition grant in the coming year.

Bill Mueller presented the 2015 Extension Appreciation Award to Kent and Nancy Miller. Kent, in addition to his regular and ongoing support to Extension in general, was instrumental in the Extension's outreach support for area producers during the decision making period prior to the renewal deadline of agricultural programs that were part of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

Becky Reid introduced the keynote speaker Ron Wilson. Ron is the director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development in Manhattan, Kansas. Ron has written and produced more than 900 features about small town Kansas entrepreneurs and community leaders

through his weekly radio program and news column called "Kansas Profile." Ron holds a B.S. in Agricultural Education and a Masters in Mass Communications from Kansas State University. Ron discussed Extensions defined "Grand Challenges" for the next few years.

Brenda Hicks called roll of the 2014 and 2015 Cowley County Extension members. Those with an (*) indicate their presence at the meeting:

Agriculture: Roger Black*, Carrol Campbell*, Jason Goyer, Roy Hervey*, Darrel Long, Emilie McLain, Bill Mueller*, Rodney Smith

Family and Consumer Sciences: Jeannine Bryan*, Shirley Douglas, Rita Hensley*, Liz Lawrence*, Julie McClure, Charla Myrick*, Kay Newton*, Rocio Peirce*, Julie Swanson

4-H Youth Development: Beau Bailey*, Brett Brown*, Brenda Hicks*, Scott Lowe*, Gaye Mackey, Amanda Mugler, Todd Shepherd*

Community Development: Brian Biddle, Mark Fuchs, Marian Hedges, Connie Hittle, Grady Martin*, Craig Pringle*, Dustin Quint, Diane Rosecrans, Gretchen Wacker*

Todd Shephard moved and Carrol Campbell seconded to approve the minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Todd Shepherd presented retiring board members with certificates and gifts. Retiring members are Bill Mueller and Jeannine Bryan.

Bill Mueller presented the Nomination Committee report of the slate of officers and members for the 2016 Executive Board:

Chair: Beau Bailey

Vice Chair: Todd Shepherd

Secretary: Brenda Hicks

Treasurer: Roger Black

Members: Brett Brown, Carrol Campbell, Shirley Douglas, Marian Hedges, Julie Swanson

No nominations from the floor were presented. Carrol Campbell moved that the slate be adopted as presented. Brett Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Beau Bailey moved and Roger Black seconded to secure Treasurer's Bond from United Agency for at least \$150,000. Motion passed.

County Clerk Karen Madison gave the Oath of Office to the 2016 Executive Board Members.

The Program Development Committee Meetings met briefly to select officers for their groups.

Agriculture: Chair, Roger Black; Vice Chair, Carrol Campbell; Secretary, Roy Hervey

Family and Consumer Sciences: Chair, Rita Hensley; Vice Chair, Liz Lawrence; Secretary, Rocio Pierce

4-H Youth Development: Chair, Brenda Hicks; Vice Chair, Brett Brown; Secretary, Todd Shepherd

Community Development: Chair, Gretchen Wacker; Vice Chair, Grady Martin; Secretary, Craig Pringle

Bill Mueller announced that the Joint Executive Board Meeting will be held January 7, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Assembly Room and reminded the 2016 Executive Board to come to the front for a picture. The 2015 board will meet immediately following adjournment for the December Executive Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



2016 Executive Board: (L-R) Brett Brown; Beau Bailey, Chair; Brenda Hicks, Secretary; Todd Shepherd, Vice Chair; Carrol Campbell; Roger Black, Treasurer. Not pictured: Shirley Douglas, Marian Hedges, Julie Swanson.

Making a Difference

K-State Research and Extension represents nearly 130 years of agricultural research and more than 100 years of extension. This system connects the university to every county through locally based educators. The legacy of this work is felt today in the continuous improvements in the quality of life and standard of living enjoyed by Kansans.

Value of Your Cowley County Extension Tax Dollar

2014 Estimated County Population: 36,204

2016 County Appropriation: \$186,586

2016 County Appropriation Per Capita: \$5.15

Your \$5.15 gives you access to the following services provided by Cowley County Extension:

Adult Development and Aging

- Assisting adults through education to stay independent in their homes

Community Development

- Active roles with community partnerships, coalitions, initiatives
- Coordination of many community events

Child and Family Development

- Age appropriate and structured family opportunities

Crop Production/Livestock Production

- Conduct on-farm research for the benefit of farmers and K-State
- Provide access to research based unbiased information through educational opportunities
- Access to soil and forage testing services
- Access to market trends and historical data for local decisions

Family Resources Management

- Food budgeting
- Home inventories
- Education for personal property dispersal options
- Emergency preparedness

Farm Management

- Crop leasing and land valuing information
- Farm transitioning resources
- Farm and Ranch trained facilitation
- Farm Bill assistance

Horticulture

- Community resource for horticulture information
- Diagnosis of horticulture issues for homeowners and gardeners

Nutrition, Food Safety & Health

- Walk Kansas program
- Meal planning, budgeting and preparation education for SNAP recipients
- Promotion of local foods and Farmers Markets
- ServSafe® and food handler training for businesses, groups, and individuals
- Hands on classes and demonstrations for food preparation and preservation

Youth Development

- Cowley County 4-H program – 376 youth enrolled in 13 clubs
- Hands on classes to increase competence and confidence
- School enrichment programs promoting science, healthy living, and leadership

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Helping Ranchers have Fewer Problems at Calving

Contacts: 50+ local, and out-of-County/State participants (information meeting, e-mail newsletters, and news articles)

Partners: KSU Department of Animal Sciences & KSU Department Veterinary Science

Timely assistance at calving can cut death losses by half and help boost the cow's reproductive health after delivery.

Ranchers had a review of the normal calving process, how and when to intervene, and how to manage a difficult birth. Cow nutrition and real life examples of the effect of nutrition during pregnancy on calving management, as well as the lifetime health and performance of the calf were also discussed.

Evaluations returned by attendees indicated as a result of attending the meeting they:

- 66% anticipate that information gained at the meeting will result in moderate to significant management changes.
- 78% expect to change when they provide assistance.
- 86% expect to change the manor or technique used when providing assistance.
- 95% expect to increase the percentage of live births
- 63% expect an economic impact greater than \$1,001 with 2 attendees indicating the impact greater than \$5,000.



Transitioning Farm & Ranch Businesses to the Next Generation

Contacts: 60+ local, and out-of-County/State participants (information meeting, e-mail newsletters, individual consultations)

Partners: KSU Department of Agricultural Economics, William Newton Health Care Foundation, Kent Miller

The transfer of ownership, management, and leadership decisions from one generation to another is an important issue for farms, ranches, and rural communities across Kansas.

Nationally known speaker Roger McEowen shared his expertise with the audience. Key issues were discussed were agricultural law, estate planning, and tax strategies.

Evaluations returned by attendees indicated as a result of attending the meeting they:

- 97% were more knowledgeable about succession planning and the issues affecting the process.
- 95% were likely or very likely to being more committed to engaging in the process.
- 60% expect an economic impact as a result of attending with 16 individuals indicating that the impact was greater than \$5,000.



Agriculture and Natural Resources

Preparing Youth to be Safe Tractor Operators

Contacts: 20+ local, and out-of-county participants

Partners: K-State Biological & Agricultural Engineering, PrairieLand Partners John Deere & Sumner County K-State Research & Extension

Students who attended the class learned to be safe tractor operators through both classroom and hands-on-learning opportunities. This class is required for those who are 14 or 15 years of age and planning to do farm work for someone other than a parent or guardian. The tractor safety course follows the U.S. Department of Labor requirements and students must complete the training before they can be employed at certain hazardous farm tasks. This includes operating a tractor over 20 horsepower.



SMART Agricultural Leasing Arrangements

Contacts: 30+ local, and out-of-county participants

Partners: K-State Agricultural Economics

Leasing land for farming and ranching has become a necessity to grow and stay competitive in today's commercial agriculture. This assisted farmers, ranchers, and landowners to have a greater understanding of how to effectively and equitably negotiate a land lease.

Other items that were discussed included: discussing various lease arrangements (crop share, fixed cash rent, flexible leases), effective communication, calculating equitable leases using cost of production budgets, price and yield expectations, and other market-based information.



Markets, Weather, Weeds, and Veterinary Feed Directive

Contacts: 150+ local, and out-of-County/State participants

Partners: K-State Agronomy, Animal Sciences and Weather Data Library, Kansas Livestock Association, American AgCredit, Cargill Animal Nutrition, Merck Animal Health, Western Feed Mills, Merial Animal Health, Valley Coop, and Two Rivers Coop.

Extending the University to the people and sharing knowledge is of critical importance to K-State and Cowley County Extension. Each winter and spring we host highly relevant meetings for local growers and ranchers. The discussion of the Veterinary Feed Directive and its implementation, weather, market outlook, and herbicide resistant weeds drew large crowds and interested participants.



Agriculture and Natural Resources

Scout Early, Scout Often, and Know Before you Spray

Contacts: 60+ local, and out-of-county participants

Partners: K-State Research & Extension Department of Entomology; Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, Sumner County Extension

Sugarcane aphids were first observed in Kansas in Cowley County on Monday, July 18. The occurrence of sugarcane aphid infestations, cause significant economic losses for sorghum producers with reduced crop yields, harvest efficiency reductions, and catastrophic crop losses. The only recommended insecticides are Transform 50WG and Sivanto which with application cost more than \$20/acre. On July 25 we hosted a grower meeting in Oxford which discussed management options for growers.



Growers benefit from local Alfalfa Research

Contacts: 100+ local, and out-of-county participants

Partners: K-State Research & Extension, Kansas Forage and Grassland Council, Roger & Carol Black, W-L Alfalfa, Dairyland Seed, Alforex Seeds, Forage Genetics, Kaufman Seeds, America's Alfalfa, Sharp Brothers Seed, and SDK Labs.



The project includes twelve alfalfa varieties planted on April 5, in fifteen foot wide by 600 foot-long-strips, replicated three times. Annually we will collect both yield and quality data including neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), total digestible nutrients (TDN) and relative feed value (RFV).

Improving Wheat Yields through Local Research

Contacts: 350+ local, and out-of-County/State participants

Partners: K-State Agronomy, Bryant Farms, Blankenship Farms

Scope: Individual variety/fungicide treatments at each location (Cowley, Harper, Sumner, Harvey, Sedgwick) replicated three times.

Research has documented that for each \$1 invested in varietal improvements; nearly \$12 is earned by Kansas wheat producers. Public research in wheat breeding has resulted in higher yields for Kansas wheat producers over the past several decades. On-farm and local research is critical to continued state-wide research efforts. Local demand for this information is important.



Family and Consumer Sciences

Creating Hands On Experiences for Health

Contacts: 75 households

Partner: Eagle Nest, Inc.

“That’s a Crock, the cooking class for busy families” has been offered 12 times since April 2013. To date, 75 participants have completed the course which includes assembling two slow cooker meals and taking home a new 7 quart slow cooker. The youngest participant has been 14 and oldest has been 94!

Participants responded they have learned how to set nutrition goals, practiced planning meals, learned new shopping strategies and the importance of food safety.



Supporting First Foods

Contacts: 82 moms at Community Wide Baby Shower; 20+ members of Breastfeeding Advocates of Cowley County; 100+ members of Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

Extension strives to help families make positive nutrition choices from the beginning. We are active in community groups that are promoting, protecting and supporting breastfeeding.

Becky Reid serves as the Communication Chairperson and Board of Directors member for the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition.



Mobilizing Communities

Cowley County is in the last year of a four year research/extension project called “Communities Preventing Childhood Obesity.” Our Cowley County Healthy Communities Coalition completed ecological assessments, parent interviews and coalition member surveys to meet requirements of the grant. To date, the Healthy Communities Coalition has received \$20,000 to implement local nutrition and physical activity interventions for preschoolers and their families.



This winter, county youth were invited to design a bike rack for their community. Over 200 submissions were received. Winning designs will be constructed by local community partners.

Funding for the bike rack project is from the Communities Preventing Childhood Obesity grant.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hands On Experiences for Health

Contacts: 300+ booth visitors; 100+ vendors/volunteers (Overall estimates of 900+ for event)

Partner: Safe Kids Cowley County Coalition partners

The sixth annual Cowley County Health and Safety Fair moved to Barn 4 at the Winfield Fairgrounds and attracted a record-setting crowd on April 16, 2016. Participants explored interactive exhibits to learn about health and safety.

Visitors to the K-State Research and Extension booth had a chance to “spin the wheel” for a trivia question and prize. Over 300 kids and adults tested their knowledge about food groups, physical activity and food safety.

K-State Research and Extension has been a member of the Safe Kids Coalition since 2010 and serves on the planning committee. Extension is responsible for vendors, including advance communication and development of the Health Fair Scavenger Hunt activity worksheet.



Family Nutrition Program (SNAP-Ed)

Contacts: 100 youth; 50+ adults; 7 partners;

The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) provides nutrition education for food assistance recipients as well as non-recipients who are eligible to receive food assistance. It is administered by Kansas State University Research and Extension through a contract with Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS). FNP programming is provided by county personnel.

The goal of this Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate." Source: USDA-FNS

A series of lessons are delivered at host sites throughout the county to youth and adult participants.



Sewing Service Day

4-H members in the clothing and textile project constructed 60 bags in 2.5 hours. The book bags will be distributed by the Winfield Rotary Club to preschool youth.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Encouraging Community Vitality

Supporting Families on the Go

Contacts: 55+ families at RV; outreach to 200+

Partners: Breastfeeding Advocates of Cowley County; Cowley County Fair Board; Flint Hills RV

Breastfeeding Advocates of Cowley County (BACC) has received a Impact Funding Grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund to implement a “Breastfeeding on the Go” project. The goal is that community events will provide breastfeeding resources to support moms and babies. BACC is working with community event organizers to designate breastfeeding accommodations at events where seating and shelter is limited.

The group hosted the Family Services RV each evening at the Cowley County Fair and served over 55 families.



“I cannot thank you all enough for having the BACC RV at the Cowley County Fair. It was amazing being able to feed and change my son in a comfortable environment.”



Promoting Healthy Eating

Contacts: 400+

Partners: Summer Lunch Sites and Farmers Markets in Ark City and Winfield

Tasting demonstrations allow youth and adults to explore new foods and learn about nutrition.

Seasonal and simple foods are featured at school summer lunch sites and Farmers Markets. Try it – you might like it!



4-H Youth Development

A Positive Self-Concept

Achievement Celebration

- **Contacts:** 200 4-H Youth and adults
- 86 4-H'ers recognized for project achievement and Achievement Pins
- 10 scholarships totaling \$2350
- 2 Key Award Recipients
- 26 volunteers were recognized for their service



Southeast Area Kansas Award Portfolio (record book)

Screening

- 3 record books from Senior Cowley County 4-H'ers
- Leadership, Sheep, Horse
- 1 qualified for state award screening



Lifeskills: planning/organizing, goal setting, problem solving, learning to learn, self-discipline, managing feelings, self-esteem, teamwork, leadership, social responsibility, skills, mastery, community pride.



Developing An Inquiring Mind

Winfield Middle School Sage Program

- **Contacts:** 20 youth
- Coordinated and facilitated Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) inquiry sessions.
- 6 week program

4-H School Enrichment

- **Contacts:** 61 youth; 4th and 5th grades
- USD 470 Arkansas City, USD 462 Central-Burden
- Lego WeDo and Junk Drawer Robotics
- 2 sessions/classroom

Lifeskills: Cooperation, teamwork, goal-setting, conflict resolution, problem-solving, wise use of resources, group effort, learning to learn, planning/organizing, critical thinking, sharing.

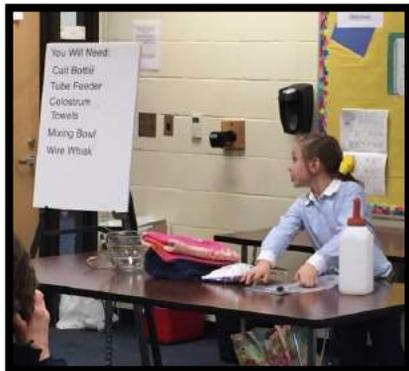
Developing a Concern for the Community

4-H Junior Leaders, Numana Food packaging event

- **Contacts:** 27 youth
- November 14, 2015; Cowley College Recreation Building
- 6,000 meals packaged

Lifeskills: concern for others, empathy, community service, responsible citizenship, contribution to group effort, wise use of resources, service learning, cooperation.

4-H Youth Development



A Positive Self-Concept

Cowley County 4-H Day

- **Contacts:** 200 4-H Youth and adults
- 67 youth participants
- 120 presentations
- 20 qualified for Regional 4-H Day

Regional 4-H Day, El Dorado

- Contacts: 400+ youth and adults
- 130 total presentations
- 17 Cowley County youth, 21 presentations
- Butler, Cowley, Marion, Harvey, McPherson, Sumner Counties

4-H Members participated in the first large county-wide event of the 4-H program year. 4-H Day is an opportunity for youth to showcase a talent, musical skill or public speaking. Presentations are evaluated by skilled judges who provide feedback and constructive criticism. Participants are awarded a ribbon and, those members who receive Top Blue, are afforded the opportunity to advance to Regional 4-H Day, a multi-county event held annually in Butler County. Members may also participate in the Consumer Education Experience and Favorite Family Foods Show.

Lifeskills: self-esteem, self-discipline, teamwork, contributions to the group effort, leadership, cooperation, communication, planning/organizing, goal-setting, decision-making, learning to learn, achievement

Developing An Inquiring Mind

- Contacts: 220 elementary youth
- 10 classrooms
- Arkansas City, Central-Burden

Elementary students learned about the lifecycle of the butterfly, compared and contrasted butterflies vs. moths and learned about insect basics. Classes had the opportunity to observe and record changes in painted lady butterfly larva and study live butterflies. At the completion of the program, the butterflies were released. Presentations were given to Kindergarten through 5th grades per teacher request.

Lifeskills: Developing and inquiring mind, learning to learn, keeping record, problems solving.

Gaining Self-Confidence

- 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) and Shooting Sports
- Contacts: 24 youth, 6 adults
- State Champion WHEP teams in the Senior Division, first and second place teams in the Junior Division
- 1st and 2nd place individuals in the Senior WHEP Division, 1st-3rd place Individuals in the Junior Division
- 4 Cowley County 4-H'ers will be representing Kansas at the national competition.

Lifeskills: teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, learning to learn, decision making, goal setting, cooperation, leadership, contribution to the group effort.

4-H Youth Development

A Positive Self-Concept

Cowley County Fair
 Contacts: 300 4-H Youth
 150 youth and adult volunteers
 Over 20,000 potential public contacts
 2,000 + project exhibits
 1,000 + volunteer hour



Lifeskills: planning/organizing, goal setting, problem solving, learning to learn, self-discipline, managing feelings, self-esteem, teamwork, leadership, social skills, mastery, responsibility, community pride.
Long-term impacts: youth involved in 4-H exhibitions learn mastery and show increased self-esteem.



Developing A Concern for the Community

4-H member Audrie Bailey organized “Do-Rag Sunday” at the Cowley County Fair in an effort to raise money for Lexie’s Lamb. Lexie’s Lamb is a non-profit that provides assistance to families of terminally ill children in hospitals in Wichita. Bailey sold handkerchiefs to be worn as “do-rags” at the fair Sunday and contributed the proceeds to Lexie’s Lamb. She also made donation requests to 4-H clubs, 4-H Council and Junior Leaders. She was able to contribute \$2403.64 to Lexie’s Lamb this year.

Lifeskills: Developing and inquiring mind, learning to learn, goal setting, service learning, contributions to the group effort, self-motivation, leadership, volunteering, problem solving.

Cowley County 4-H Development Fund

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is a legal 170c1, not for profit, no-governmental, charitable organization established in 1995 to receive gifts and charitable contributions. The Development Fund supports local 4-H members through scholarships, awards and grants.

The Development Fund Board is the governing board for the 4-H Development Fund. The Board is comprised of five members including the Extension Council Chair, 4-H PDC Chair and three at-large members.

Money that is contributed to the Development Fund supports Cowley County youth through scholarships, leadership development grants, assistance for youth attending state and national leadership events (i.e. 4-H camp, etc.) and to provide funding for additional educational programs.

2016 Highlights:



Kline Motors, in cooperation with **Southwestern College's Enactus** group hosted a Ford "Drive4UR Community" event for 4-H on Saturday, October 8 at the Southwestern College campus. For every valid test drive, Ford donated \$20 to the Cowley County 4-H Youth Development Fund. A total of \$6,000 was raised.



Local employees at **PraireLand Partners John Deere, Winfield** restored a 1937 Unstyled Model A Tractor. Raffle chances were sold and winner chose to donate the tractor back to the the Cowley County Development Fund. The tractor was auctioned via Purple Wave Auction for additional proceeds. A total of \$10,226 was donated to the development fund.