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WICHITA COUNTY

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

2015 Extension Council Members

Agriculture

Lauren Wedel
Craig Berning
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Milan Reimer
Craig Sheppard
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Ann Wiles
Helen Ridder
Janelle Downs

Community Development

Aimee Baker
Bruce Leisy
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Tyler Graff
Simone Cahoj
Deb Smith

Program

Presiding Officer - Milan Reimer
Chairman of the Wichita County
Executive Board

Business Meeting

- Call to order
- Introduction of Guests
- Roll Call and Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting
- Extension Agent 2014 Reports
- Extension Comments by JD McNutt, SW Area Director

- 2015 Executive Board Elections

- Presentation of Awards
- Oath of Public Office
- Adjournment
- Program Development Committees meet to elect Chairperson

Dinner Served by FCE Council

2014 Wichita County Extension Executive Board

Milan Reimer - Chair
Dixie Kiser - Vice Chair
Dorene Reimer - Treasurer
Ann Wiles - Secretary
Tammy Simons - Board Member
Marilyn Luebbers- Board Member
Simone Cahoj - Board Member
Deb Smith - Board Member
Tori Koehn - Board Member

Wichita County Extension Staff

Allen Baker, CEA, Agriculture & Natural Resources

Lanna Kreutzer - Office Professional

2014 is here and almost gone and has been an eventful and busy year. On the agriculture side of my programming, I stayed busy with monthly newsletters, plant, disease and insect identification, animal health & nutrition questions, rental rates and land values, water, soil and feed analysis, chemical application licensing, supervision of National Corn Growers and Sorghum Growers contests, as well as strange and unusual questions being researched & answered. I also co-hosted 2 meetings in Scott County in 2014 – one being a Sorghum School sponsored by the KS Sorghum Commission and the other a RAM II Workshop. Other efforts included Soil Conservation Awards Committee, Youth Tractor Safety Training and serving on the FFA / Agriculture Advisory Committee at the Wichita County High School.

Horticulture is always a hot topic throughout the year. Horticultural and pest problems were diagnosed, along with tree, weed and insect identification and control measures were recommended when warranted. I have also changed my program focus to Horticulture for the 2014-2015 program year.

The Community Development part of my job has continued to be active and I have been helping out where I can. I was once again involved in the Community Internship Program this year, in cooperation with Economic Development. We shared an intern during the summer, which was Skyler Hembree. The main focus of the internship was the development and start of our Community Garden. The Community Garden Project has moved in leaps and bounds this year. Our area was plotted and plumbed with hydrants. Raised beds were built, set, filled and mulched. The garden Shed bough and set, and the fence is 98% finished. All that remains to finish the fence is hanging the gate. I plan to utilize the Community Gardening in my programming by doing some demonstration and variety plots along with educational programs for county citizens. I also cooperated with Wichita County Economic Development to help with the “Wind and Wheels” event. There was a car show, food vendors kite flying and live music. The 4-H Council sponsored a Rocket Contest and Launch. It was a great day and perfect weather for the launch.



4-H is ever popular and takes much of my time throughout the year. Many activities over the past year have been planned, prepared and put on including officer and VIP trainings, weigh & tag for 4-H animals, Achievement Banquet, 4-H Promotion at the grade school, Regional Club Day and the Kansas State Fair. Money making projects were the 4-H Raffle and the Goblet Toss at the Wichita County Fair. Wichita County took 21 exhibits to the State Fair this year. Seven Wichita County 4-H campers travelled to Rock Springs 4-H Ranch for county camp. It was a great experience for me and the 4-H'ers.

As with any year, certain individuals rise to the top and deserve special recognition. The 4-H Council Scholarship in the amount of \$750 was awarded to Zane Ward this year. The Joyce Blau Memorial Scholarship, which is a \$600 scholarship was awarded to alumni Wichita County 4-H'er Clancy Masterson.

In addition to the above events, help was given in projects, 4-H Council meetings, Area KAP judging, 4-H PDC meetings. We also held an officers Training and Model Meeting Night I judged 3 other county fairs and 3 other county's record books, along with attending area and state meetings and participated in various webinars.

In 2014, Wichita County had three 4-H Clubs totaling 67 4-H members of which 15 were new members. We had three senior 4-H'ers graduate, and the new 4-H year has 10 to 15 new members joining.

Continuing education and Professional Development is an ongoing effort. Many events and training's were attended including agent updates - Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Animal Science. Annual Conference in Manhattan and the Directors Workshop were also attended. Other educational events included 'Cover Your Acres' Conference in Oberlin, industrial and Extension research field days, and Administrative workshops.

Finally, there are the many other activities that I am involved with and took part in. I am the President of the Kansas Association of County Agriculture Agents. This is a one year term, but I will be president for another year due to turnover of agents. I attended the Kansas Association of County Agriculture Agents Spring Workshop in Hays. I am a member the State Fair Market Wheat Show Committee. Locally I have helped with the Hunter Safety Program organization and promotion and work with the Fair Board various fair related business. I helped Belinda with Bread in a Bag on Kansas Day. We also participated in the Western KSRE Partnership meeting. With Belinda's retirement, I finished the Walk KS for Kids program and took over as County Director in April.