

# VOLUNTEER VOICE

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## "Life's A Zoo...What's A 4-H Volunteer To Do?:"

The 4-H Volunteer Leader's Forum and 2003 Business Meeting will be held October 18 and 19, 2003 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The forum offers information on club management tips, 4-H marketing and recruitment resources, project leadership skills, and hands on projects. Ron Willis, mental health consultant from Beloit, will be the keynote speaker on Sunday. Ron returns to the 2003 Forum to help us expand our awareness of individual differences plus he'll provide concrete examples to bring out the best in others. The registration booklet is enclosed with this mailing. Bring a friend with you to the forum!!!!

## 2003 Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 18, at 7:00 pm at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Agenda items include the election of officers, including President-Elect (3 year term), Northeast Area Vice-President (2 year term) and Southwest Area Vice-President (2 year term). A map of the K-State Research & Extension Statewide Operations Areas can be found on the last page of this newsletter if you have questions as to which area your county is assigned. The future of the association lies in the leadership given by the membership, so please consider expanding your role and involvement in 4-H and the volunteer association by serving as an officer! Contact Linda Henningsen, Nominating Committee Chair, for more information.

Another agenda item is the proposed change to the Association By-Laws due to K-State Research and Extension restructuring the organizational chart and areas. The proposed By-Laws amendment affects Article IV Section 2 so as to accommodate this change. Enclosed is the notice sent to all current members as to the official change.

## Volunteer Association Web Page

The State 4-H website has a link to the Volunteer Association web page. The address is: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/4hyp/Volunteer/volassociapage.htm>.

The Association will be posting more information about the state volunteers in the future. Currently there is a link to the North Central Regional Volunteer Forum (NCRVF) site, the association membership brochure, and a current list of officers and contact information.

## Julie Green Memorial Scholarship

Julie Green Memorial Scholarship was established with a \$1,000 gift by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers as an honor to Julie, former president of the organization, after her untimely death in a tornado, May 4, 2003. The fund now totals over \$3800 (Cherokee County raised nearly \$2000 at their county fair for the scholarship fund!).

The scholarship fund will be used to help support continuing education for adult volunteers working with 4-H youth development. Contributions to the scholarship can be sent to the Julie Green Memorial Scholarship Fund, State 4-H Department, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. Announcement of the scholarship application process will take place at the Business Meeting, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Area 4-H Youth Development Specialists

From time to time 4-H volunteers need to know what educational opportunities are available for them in their area. Area 4-H Youth Development Specialists are valuable resources for you in many ways, including finding out what's taking place across each respective area regarding 4-H leader training opportunities. Rod Buchele will be joining the 4-H Youth Development Department as the Southwest Area 4-H YD Specialist on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He'll be at the State Fair so be sure to meet and welcome him to Kansas 4-H! Here's how you can contact them:

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## Volunteer Information Profile

The purpose of the Volunteer Information Profile is to identify a volunteer work force which will provide a safe, caring, and positive environment for youth. Any volunteer, adult or teen, with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with other adults present or in a public setting or a volunteer whose position puts them in close, ongoing, one-to-one interaction with youth will have to successfully complete the Volunteer Information Profile, participate in a required orientation session, and be officially documented and recorded as a 4-H volunteer.

This system was implemented in 1999 to ensure a safe environment for youth participating in the K-State Research and Extension programs. There is also an annual Volunteer Information Profile Update Form that should be completed by each VIP volunteer. Volunteers should be aware of this process and follow the steps necessary to become officially documented. One of the benefits of being VIP Registered Volunteer is liability insurance coverage. After all, don't you want to be involved in an organization that places a safe learning environment for both youth and adults as a top priority?

## KA4-HV Assumes Primary Leadership for Volunteer Development

In concert with the Department of 4-H Youth Development, KA4-HV has assumed primary leadership for planning, coordinating and facilitating volunteer development efforts! You'll hear more about the plan for volunteer development scholarships, 4-H Master Volunteer Training, and other exciting plans at the Annual Business Meeting. Now, more than ever, a strong core of trained and competent volunteers will be needed in all counties across the state to assure the future of the 4-H youth development programs. As a member of this association, you are part of the plan to put it all into action!

## North Central Regional Volunteer Forum

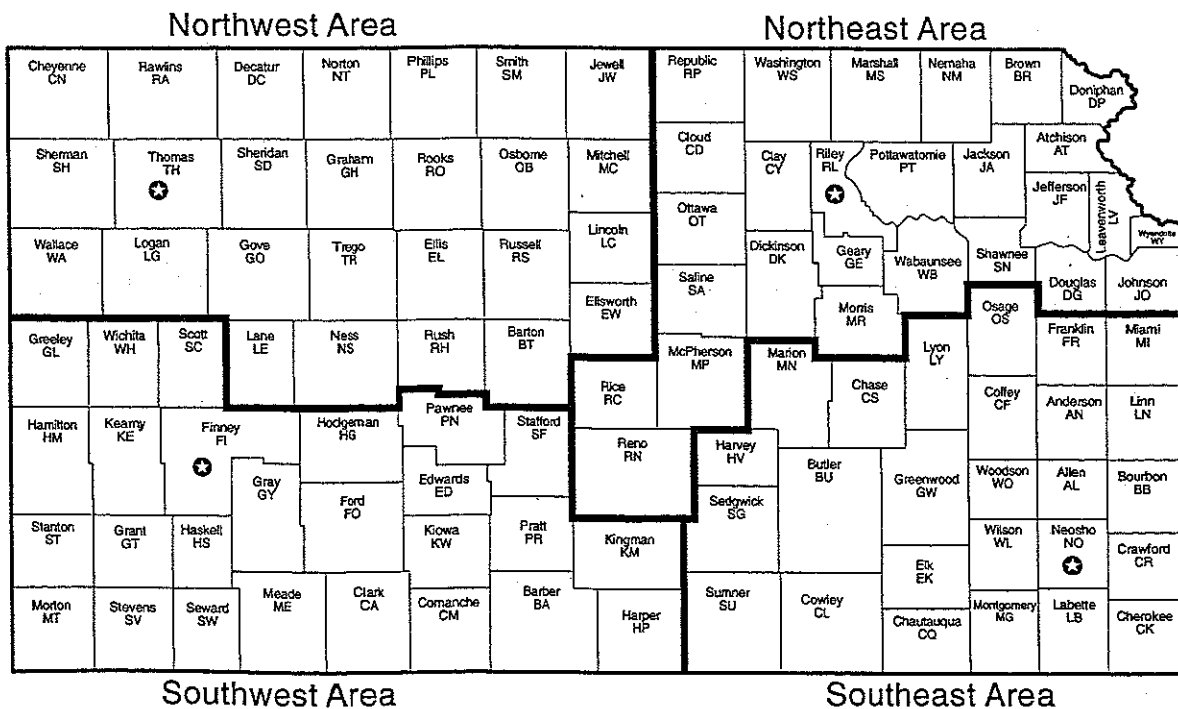
The North Central Regional Volunteer Forum will be in Peoria, Illinois, November 13-16, 2003. The theme "Building Our Future with Volunteers" will be carried out through energizing speakers, informative workshops, fascinating tours, entertainment, and other activities. Registrations are due October 15<sup>th</sup>. We do not have a state delegation coordinator this year, so participants will be responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements. Contact your local Extension Office to obtain a copy of the registration book and forms. You can also download and print the information or register on-line from the NCRVF website: <http://www.4-H.uiuc.edu/events/03forum.html>

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## K-State Research & Extension Statewide Operations

### Areas Serviced by State Specialists



★ Area Office

## Membership Renewal

The KA4-HV has been in existence for two years. The membership year coincides with the 4-H program year, October 1 - September 30. That means that now is the time that you renew your membership. Membership dues are \$5.00 per year or \$50.00 for a lifetime membership.

***IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY JANUARY 15, 2004,  
YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST.***

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Please fill out the information form below and send your check (payable to KA4-HV) to:

Deb Wood, Treasurer  
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Chapman, Kansas 67431

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Fees enclosed:

\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 one year (good until Sept. 30, 2004)

\_\_\_ \$50.00 lifetime