Happy February!

It is hard to imagine that 2021 is 1/12th complete and our 4-H year is 1/3 complete! If you haven’t set project goals, now is the time to get that into place.

This is also the time to begin work on all of your 4-H projects. I know, you are thinking, “Michelle, are you crazy? How can I work on my garden in February?” I get it…..but this is the time to plan your garden; what are you planting? What tools/supplies do you need? Who do you need as a resource?

“No my goat project—I don’t even have my goat yet!” True but now is the time to do your research - what is in your tack box; where do you plan to purchase your goat; what will you look for in a meat goat? Are you planning to take part in Junior Producer Meat Goat Week?

How can you share about your project with your cub, at 4-H Club Day, at your school? Do you have a connection with a nursing home or library who would love to have a presentation about your project? What OTHER projects are you enrolled in that compliment your favorite project…..think photography, foods and nutrition, entomology, woodworking?

Kansas 4-H has developed a wide variety of resources for project planning, project record keeping, and project presentations! Many of them are linked in this newsletter but give me a call if you don’t find what you are looking for.

We are making some updates to the 4-H section of the Cottonwood Extension District website so keep checking back to see is new!

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

Michelle Robertson
Congratulations to 4-H Alum, Dalton Dicks, as he received a 4-H Holding Board scholarship presented by board member, Tom Burns. Dalton is a freshman at Wichita State University.

2021 Regional Club Day
Important Information!

Participating Counties:
Cottonwood – Barton
Midway – Ellis/Russell
Pawnee
Rice
Stafford

Regional Club Day will be held Friday, March 12, 2021 at Great Bend High School. Due to COVID restrictions, we have made adjustments in order to hold this event in person. If you do not feel comfortable participating in person, you must notify your county agent when registering and will be provided a Flipgrid link to submit your presentation.

Should circumstances change, it is possible that the Extension Agents will make a decision to move fully to a virtual format or cancel the event. Notification will be provided as quickly as possible if this action becomes a necessity.

1) There will be NO model meetings, gavel games, or skits.
2) ARI will be offered in person and via Flipgrid
3) Public Speaking will be offered in person and via Flipgrid
4) Extemporaneous Speaking will be ONLY offered in person
5) Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks will be offered in person and via Flipgrid
6) Project Talks and Readings will be offered in person and via Flipgrid
7) Music presentations will be offered in person and via Flipgrid

Only immediate family are allowed in the room during presentations and seating will not be available. We know that families’ members enjoy watching and supporting our youth but would ask that families keep numbers to a minimum.

Masks must be worn at all times unless you are actively presenting.

Hand sanitizer will be available in several locations. Agents/volunteers will assist door monitors in wiping presentation tables/ easels and door handles between each presentation.

You may be eligible to compete with your entry at Regional Club Day. The Extension Office will post qualifiers on Monday, March 1. Let Brenda or Michelle know BY 5 pm on March 4 if you plan to present!

All participants who receive a Purple or Blue at Barton County 4-H Club Day are eligible to present your Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, or Reading at the Kansas State Fair!
Register for 4-H Club Day by 5 pm on Feb. 12!

We will not be holding model meeting, skits, or gavel games due to COVID restrictions.

We will need Door Monitors so lots of volunteer opportunities.

Registration Link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFAD2FA5FEC70-4hclub

Excellent Resources can be located at General Communication Resources!
LEADERS’ CORNER

Looking for resources to energize your club meetings and empower club officers? Check out the Club Corner Resources!

Do your club officers need to brush up on skills and responsibilities? Share these videos!

4-H is about much more than an exhibit at the fair and leaders set examples of intentional learning while guiding youth to practice community service, communication skills, record keeping, and leadership!

Do your families need assistance in enrolling, adding/deleting projects, or updating their 4-H Online profile? Kansas 4-H has provided a great resource!

There are LOTS of fun project resources located in the Project Pages - most have an Explore Your Spark document within each project. Kansas Clover Classroom has activity page Challenges to expand learning and understanding of different project areas. You do NOT have to be enrolled in a Project to complete a Challenge.

Record Keeping is an important life skill but can certainly be overwhelming! Several great resources are available for use at a club meeting or to share with club families.

PROJECT RECOGNITION
UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 8       Leading in Times of Disruption (youth program; deadline for registration Feb 1)
Feb. 12      5 pm—deadline for 4-H Club Day
Feb. 14/15   Citizenship In Action virtual
Feb. 15      President’s Day—Extension Office closed
Feb. 15-20   Junior Swine Producer Week
Feb. 18      4-H Leader/Volunteer Training REAL COLORS (deadline for registration Feb. 1)
Feb. 20      4-H20 Ambassador Training, Wetlands Education Center
Feb. 22      4-H Livestock Committee meeting
Feb. 27      Beef Weigh-in—ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER (be prepared to pay that day for any additional services you need)
Feb. 28      4-H Club Day—Hoisington High School

Mar. 12      Regional Club Day
Mar. 15-20   Junior Meat Goat Producer Week
Mar. 20      TENTATIVE Space Tech Day, BCC
Mar. 22      Junior Leaders/4-H Council Meetings

May 1        Market Beef nominations due
              Horse ID paperwork due

June 1-4     Discovery Days virtual
June 5       TENTATIVE Super Saturday (judging contests, workshops)
June 20      HOK Counselors to RSR for training
June 21-24   Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp

July 7-11    Barton County Fair
Junior Leaders

4-H Council

March 22 at 6 pm
March 22 at 7:30 pm

Meetings are held at the 4-H Education Building (Hwy 281) OR Zoom Conference Call

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