It is hard to imagine that we are coming in to the last month of the 4-H year! Be sure to check over your record books and achievement pin applications. Clubs need to schedule time to complete their financial reviews.

It is also important to look back on the past year and reflect on things you have learned. Some of those may be related to a specific 4-H project but many may be related to trying something new, stepping into a new role, stretching your leadership and teamwork skills.

Now is also a good time to take a moment to thank those who have helped you this year. 4-H’ers—I’m talking to YOU!...parents, grandparents, neighbors, club leaders, project leaders and others.

I encourage all of our 4-H families to attend the Kansas State Fair and spend some time in the 4-H exhibits. Check out ideas for next year or maybe a whole new project area! As a 4-H member, I grew up too far away from the Kansas State Fair to see my exhibits on display so I hope you make time to listen to a 4-H Public Presentation, look at the Horticulture displays, or find your favorite photos in the state-wide display.

We’ll be getting information out in September about re-enrollment for the 2021-22 4-H year. If you are a volunteer, please be sure that you update your 4-H Online profile at that time also.

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!
Randy and Annette Goering believe in 4-H! They were 4-H parents and continue to support 4-H activities. Randy recently retired from Eagle Radio and had a great opportunity occur to further support 4-H in Barton County!

The Schmidt foundation is the legacy of Eagle Communications founder Robert E (Bob) Schmidt and his wife Patricia. Bob and Pat were successful entrepreneurs in the broadcast industry as well as the farm and ranch business. Their wishes, upon their passing, were for the funds in their foundation be used to support the communities where Eagle did business. So these days, each time Eagle CEO Kurt David, and/or Chairman of the Board Gary Shorman, meet with a group of Eagles, one individual is selected to present a check from the Schmidt Foundation to the local Charity of the individual's choice. At a recent meeting of the Great Bend Eagle Team, CEO Kurt David, selected Randy Goering to benefit a local charity, in honor of his retirement. Randy’s choice was Barton County 4-H. This is just one of the ways the Schmidt Foundation is supporting the communities where Eagle does business.

THANK YOU to The Schmidt Foundation, Golden Belt Community Foundation, and especially Randy and Annette Goering!

2022 4-H Camp!

4-H Camp in 2022 will look a little different and registration will have a much different format.

Families will be able to select 4 day/3 night camps (similar to what we have done) or a 7 day/6 night experience. Registration will be handled through the Rock Springs Ranch 4-H site and begins Sept 1 for 4-H members only! If you sign up by Oct. 31 for the 2022 camping season, you will receive a 10% discount on your session.

Campers will have expanded activities, counselors trained in positive youth development, and the same cinnamon rolls as always!

For more information, including registration: https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/
Saturday Sessions! We have a goal to help newer 4-H families or those in new projects to grow and learn about resources, activities, and events. You will need to register for the Saturday Session by noon on the Friday prior via a Qualtics survey link (see below) so we know how many to prepare for and a link will be posted for each session’s sign-up.

For the first few months, we have scheduled the following:

Oct. 9 10-11:30  Record Books  Extension Office

Come learn about how to set 4-H Goals, where to find the record books online, and set your family up for record book success!  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dmysvTK23t0xHU

Nov. 6 10-11:30  Beef & Swine  Old 4-H Building (we will follow this meeting with a light lunch at 11:30 and Livestock Committee Meeting from 12-1:30)

Get basic information about Swine and Beef selection, halter breaking/feeding suggestions, fair & sale process, tagging and paperwork, Round Robin, YQCA (not a class but info about). This is NOT a showmanship clinic but a chance to learn from experienced families.  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d450t6H9NVk8XLE

Dec. 11 10-11:30  Club Day Preparation  TBD

Learn about different types of Club Day presentations and ARI, how to register, a schedule overview, and about Regional Club Day and presenting at KSF.  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a5AmPCCRP882XXM

Jan. 15 10-11:30  Project Day  NEW Extension Office

Check out project information/resources (including copyright information) and fair exhibit ideas for STEM, Arts & Crafts, and Fiber Arts.  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eYgAwxEgwLRdhjM

Feb. 12 10-11:39  Record Books!  NEW Extension Office

Bring your record book and update with activities to date and looking ahead for the next few months.  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b1t97LbAxryJFbM

Mar. 18 10-11:30  Sheep & Goat  Old 4-H Building (we will follow this meeting with a light lunch at 11:30 and Livestock Committee Meeting form 12-1:30) ***NOTE THIS IS A FRIDAY*****

Get basic information about Meat Goats and Sheep selection, breaking/feeding suggestions, fair & sale process, tagging and paperwork, Round Robin, YQCA (not a class but info about). This is NOT a showmanship clinic but a chance to learn from experienced families.  https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_benRPVaRBHAb8ns

More dates to be added soon!!
LEADERS’ CORNER

Project Training! Join us for a free online project volunteer leader training series as we begin our new 4-H program year. The series will feature sessions in Personal Development, STEM, Family & Consumer Science, Creative Arts, Ag & Natural Resources, and Animal Science. Each session will begin at 6:30 pm on Sept. 21, 23, 28, 30 and Oct. 5, 7, 12, 14. REGISTER HERE!

Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by Oct 29. The financial review process models lessons of accountability, the importance of keeping good records, and assures that 4-H organizations are in compliance with state and federal expectations, as well as IRS requirements, for use of funds generated to support Extension programs. INSTRUCTIONS; 4-H FINANCIAL REVIEW

RECRUITMENT— what plans does your club have to recruit new members? NOW is the time to make plans!

Friend of 4-H Awards— Clubs need to be thinking of nominations as we will discuss review nominations and make a final decision at the October 4-H Council Meeting.

CLUB LEADERS— It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification. Please update this when you enroll your kids in October!
4-H BBQ!
This fundraiser supports educational activities and event scholarships!

Check out the 4-H opportunities in over 30 project areas!

Old 4-H Grounds (between Great Bend and Hoisington)

Serving
11 am – 1:30 pm
Inside seating or drive through

Meal includes:
Beef or Pork
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw

Save The Date:
October 10, 2021

$8.00/plate
Bulk orders of meat may be made by reserving prior to Oct 1 (call 620-793-1910)
4-H BBQ Information:

A Sign Up Genius link has been emailed, posted to the Barton 4-H Facebook page, and is noted here for helpers:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFAD2FA5FEC70-2021

Every 4-H family needs to sign up for at least one time frame to assist with the BBQ. We do need several families with older youth to assist with the prep work on Saturday.

This is our fundraiser for the year for 4-H Council so it is important that every one from every club pitch in to help with ticket sales, sharing the flyer/Facebook event, and working that weekend!

Club Leaders were provided a separate Sign Up Genius link for the Project Fair which will occur on Sunday during the BBQ as a way to share the different 4-H projects and learning opportunities with the public and to recruit new 4-H members!

Some great places to share the flyer and talk to about tickets:

Church
Businesses you deal with
Neighbors
Doctors’ Offices
Civic Organizations
Friends
Child Care
Work

Michelle will be sending the flyer to three area Chamber of Commerce offices, the Rec Centers, and local libraries as well as the newspapers and radio.
UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept 7  BY 5 pm—all non-food KSF entries to office
Sept 8  BY 8:15 am—all FOOD KSF entries to office (office will be open at 7:45)
Sept 10-19  Kansas State Fair
Sept 25  Fiber Arts Day—tentative
Sept 27  DEADLINE Record books and Achievement Pin applications; Club Summary Reports

Oct 1  Ambassador Applications
Oct 1-2  NW 4-H Leadership Event—Michelle Cummings, speaker!
Oct 3-10  National 4-H Week
Oct 9-10  484H
Oct 10  4-H BBQ and Project Fair
Oct 10  DEADLINE Club Officer and Leader lists
Oct 23  Let’s Talk—Civil Discourse, Hays
Oct 29  DEADLINE Financial Reviews

Nov 14  Achievement Celebration—BCC
Nov 20/21  KYLF/KVLF, Rock Springs
Nov 25/26  Cottonwood Office CLOSED
Nov 30  Golden Belt Community Foundation Giving Tuesday
Junior Leaders  
October 18 at 6 pm

4-H Council  
October 18 at 7:30 pm

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

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