SIMPLE THANK YOUS
No matter what the occasion, make sure to show your appreciation with a handwritten thank you note. Phone calls, Facebook shout outs, emails, text messages—they all get the job done. But a handwritten thank-you note says more: It tells the recipient that we went out of our way to sit down and write just to them, because they’re worth it. Need some help? Use this simple thank-you card template: Who, What and When.

WHO: Sit down and make a list of everyone you need to thank. This could be anyone who did anything to help you throughout the year, an event, a special gift, or simple gesture. WHAT: Here’s the basic template for a good thank-you note along with a few sample phrases to get you started. Make sure to hand write your thank you notes using blue or black ink and write legibly. Make sure that your card recipient can read your gratitude-filled message.
1. Greeting. Don’t forget to make sure you’re using the correct form and spelling of the person’s name, as well as anyone else’s mentioned in the note.
   *Dear Aunt Sharon and Uncle Bob,
2. Express your thanks. Begin with the two most important words: Thank you.
   *Thank you so much for…
   *It made my day when I opened…
   *I’m so grateful you were there when…
3. Add specific details. To make each thank you note a one-of-a-kind, it’s important that you add specific detail to your thanks. Tell them how you plan to use or display their gift. It shows them that you really appreciate the thought that went into it. Even if it’s cold hard cash, describe how you’ll spend the stuff.
   *Here’s a picture of me with my new briefcase. I look so professional!
   *I can’t wait to use the birthday money you sent to decorate my dorm room.
4. Look ahead. Mention the next time you might see them, or just let them know you’re thinking of them.
   *We look forward to seeing you next month at Lucy’s party.
5. Restate your thanks. Add details to thank them in a different way.
   *Again, thank you for your generosity. I’m so excited about college. I’ll let you know all about it when I get settled.
   *We felt so blessed that you made the trip to be with us on our wedding day. We can’t wait to see you again soon!
6. End with your regards.
   “Sincerely” is a safe standby, but for closer relationships, you might choose a warmer option.
WHEN: Timing is everything. Be prompt with sending your thanks, preferably within a week’s time. The quicker that you send your thank you notes out the better. Although, if it has taken you awhile to get to writing your notes make sure that you still get them in the mail. A thank you sent anytime is always nicer than none at all.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS
Exhibits are due to your local Extension Office by 10:00 am on Thursday, September 5. After the Kansas State Fair exhibits can be picked up starting Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 am.

ENROLLMENT DETAILS
4-H Online will be closed in September to complete end of year reporting. It will re-open October 1 after 8:00 am. During enrollment you will be asked to declare a program fee intention. There will be an option for credit cards, checks, and waiver. Unless you are asking for a waiver, please select check. Payment is due within seven days. Clubs who plan to pay for their members need to speak with Jennifer, about a form to submit with their check to the State Office. Cloverbuds & Volunteers are exempt.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
4-H Enrollment opens October 1, 2019. Enrollment and Payment must be complete before Sunday, December 1st. Youth age 18: If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you are planning to volunteer in 4-H only please enroll as an adult.

4-H RECRUITMENT
Take advantage of the new school year and invite new families to join 4-H. Encourage parents to include 4-H as part of their fall activities. 4-H is the network of families that grows great kids. 4-H is for city/town families too.

OFFICER BOOKS, MIG AND RECORD BOOKS/KAP
Hopefully you are working on or have completed your MIG and at least one KAP. If you need help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Record Books are due to club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books. Officer Books and Records are due in the Extension Office, October 1. Books turned in after the deadline of club leader will not be judged.
2019/2020 RECORD BOOKS

Southwind District has been selected as a pilot for the new record book process effective October 1, 2019. All of the Southwind District will be utilizing the same record book and judging process. That process will be explained this fall.

RECORD BOOK JUDGING

Mark your calendars for the following dates which have been set for record book judging: Iola, Monday, October 7 Erie, Tuesday, October 8 Fort Scott, Wednesday, October 9 Judging will be from 1:00 – 7:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Junior Leaders and any adults who are interested in judging are welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn more about completing the KAP. Please contact your local Extension Office if you are planning on attending.

OFFICER TRAINING

All officers and leaders are required to attend Officers Training October 27 at 2:00 pm, Marmaton Valley High School, Moran. If you are unable to attend, let Jennifer know ASAP! Leaders will be having a special meeting regarding club leader succession plans. Please bring any adults that would like to be a future leader.

4-H SWAG

If your club is looking for 4-H items to distribute over National 4-H Week contact Jennifer, she can bring it to your local Extension office. Please provide her a week notice due to District travel.

SHARE THE CLOVER

Each day of National 4-H Week, plan to wear a 4-H Shirt or at least green! AND don't forget to take a selfie for FB or Instagram! When you post use the hashtags: #KS4H, #InspireKidstoDo, #4Hgrown, #TrueLeader, #Southwind4H. Don’t forget National 4-H Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 8th!!

GO LIVE!

National 4-H Week is coming soon! I want to challenge each and every 4-H Member, Parent, and Volunteer to share your 4-H Story with the world on Facebook! Each day I encourage you to pick a topic and go LIVE! To make it easier, I compiled a list for you (one for each day of the week!) Please make sure to use the hashtags #TrueLeader, #InspireKidstoDo, #4Hgrown, #KS4H, #Southwind4H in your comments and posts all week! Ideas to use are: What is 4-H?, Why 4-H?, Best 4-H Memory, Favorite Project, 4-H Community Service Project Favorite Club Activity, How to Join! You may Go LIVE with any one idea for the week (or one each day)!!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: INSPIRE KIDS TO DO!

The theme of this year’s National 4-H Week, which takes place from October 6 – 12, is Inspire Kids to Do! How will you participate locally? To help you make plans, a zoom webinar will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 from 11:00 am - Noon. The webinar will be recorded and posted for you to watch at a later date. Club leaders, 4-H ambassadors, 4-H Councils, etc. would all find this webinar helpful to watch! The webinar can be found at https://www.kansas4h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.htm. The webinar will highlight materials and marketing assets that will be available to you, social media messaging, and will provide an opportunity to share with others across the state how you celebrate National 4-H week locally.

48 HOURS OF 4-H

Join us October 12-13, 2019 in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too! Check out the website https://www.kansas4h.org/events-activities/conference-events/48hours for more information.

CLOVERS CARE 5K Walk/Run

Celebrate National 4-H Week with the Clovers Care 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 12 at the Marmaton Valley Schools Track in Moran. The 5K will begin at 9:00am and is open to everyone. Each registration will receive a medal and breakfast. Watch for details about price and registration links via email. Proceeds will go to the Southwind 4-H Program and $5 of each registration will be divided between the District to be given to a local food bank.

DISCOVERY DAYS TASK FORCE

Do you have a 4-H’er who has had a great time at Discovery Days in the past? Do you know someone who would make a great leader for Discovery Days? Do you know someone who has found their spark while at Discovery Days? Encourage them to apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force! This group meets face-to-face in December and then several times via conference call throughout the spring to plan one of the largest Kansas 4-H Events! To apply, visit kansas4H.org under What's Hot. Applications are due by October 1, 2019.

KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND – KYLF & KVF

The KYLF and KVF Forums will be November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth age 14-18 before January 1, 2020 and KVF is for Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. KVF will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. October 15 is registration deadline for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

YOUTH COUNCIL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE APPLICATIONS

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both. The information will soon be available on the State 4-H Website. Kansas 4-H members between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2020 may apply as a Council Representative and those 15-18 before January 1, 2020 may apply for National Conference. KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two year term. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. Please encourage outstanding young leaders in your local unit to apply. Applications and reference forms are due on an online form on October 1, 2019 before 11:59 p.m. CST. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email that link by the above deadline. The signature page (both conference or council rep) and agreement page (conference only) must be postmarked or emailed on or before October 1. This year the Council Elections will include the application process detailed above and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview by zoom prior to KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election.
KANSAS 4-H SWEEPSTAKES

Thirteen 4-H members from the Southwind Extension District - Allen, Bourbon, Neosho and Woodson Counties – had the opportunity to participate at the annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes at Kansas State University. Their skills and knowledge were challenged by participating in Livestock & Meats Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl and Livestock Skillathon contests. Those attending were (left to right) Carla Nemecek (District Director & Coach), Taylor Elsworth, Leah Mueller, Gwen Fry, Kristy Beene, Carly Dreher, Brody Nemecek, Jillian Keller, Clay Brillhart, Haydon Schaaf, Haleigh O'Brien, Trey Sommer, Sadie Marchiano and Aidan Yoho. Southwind Extension District was named the 2019 Champion and 3rd Overall Kansas State 4-H Sweepstakes Teams. Top ten individual Sweepstakes winners for Southwind were Jillian Keller, 10th; Aidan Yoho, 7th; Sadie Marchiano, 5th; Clay Brillhart, 3rd; Brody Nemecek, 2nd; and Haydon Schaaf was named High Individual Overall (for the second consecutive year) after excelling in all contests. The Livestock Quiz Bowl started with a qualifying exam. The twelve teams with the highest average scores advanced to the quiz bowl. Southwind #2 (Schaaf, Nemecek, Brillhart, Yoho) was seated first after the test and was later named the Reserve Champion Quiz Bowl Team. Southwind #1 (Marchiano, Keller, Dreher, Fry) earned 3rd best team. The Livestock Judging contest consisted of nine judging classes and four sets of reasons with 201 contestants and 43 teams from across Kansas. Southwind #2 (Keller, Brillhart, Nemecek, Schaaf) was 1st in Sheep/Goats; 1st in Hogs; 1st in Cattle and 1st in Reasons and named Champion Team Overall. Southwind #1 (Dreher, Marchiano, Fry, Yoho) was 2nd in Sheep/Goats; 3rd Hogs; 8th Beef; 5th Reasons; High Individual Overall. *Clay Brillhart – 3rd Sheep/Goats; 3rd Individual Overall *Haydon Schaaf – 5th Hogs; High Individual Beef; 4th Reasons; 3rd Individual Overall *Brody Nemecek – High Individual Hogs; High Individual Reasons *Sadie Marchiano -5th Sheep/Goats; 2nd Hogs; 6th Reasons; 7th Individual Overall. The Meats Judging contest was based on identification of thirty retail cuts, six placings classes and three sets of reasons. Southwind #2 (Schaaf, Brillhart, Nemecek, Yoho) was 3rd in Placings, 5th in Reasons, 2nd in Retail ID and Champion Team Overall. Southwind #1 (Beene, Fry, Keller, Marchiano) was 2nd in Meats Reasons. Individual meats judging results are as follows: *Haydon Schaaf – High Individual Retail ID and High Individual Overall *Jillian Keller – 2nd Reasons *Clay Brillhart – 7th Individual Overall In the Livestock Skillathon, 4-H members rotated individually through stations that addressed six areas of animal science. Southwind #2 (Brillhart, Marchiano, Nemecek, Schaaf) was 1st in Exam, 1st in ID; and Champion Team Overall. Southwind #1 (Dreher, Fry, Keller, Yoho) was 4th in ID and 4th Team Overall. Southwind #3 (Beene, Mueller, O'Brien, Elsworth) were 5th in the Exam. Individual Skillathon results are as follows: *Brody Nemecek – 2nd Exam; 1st ID; High Individual Overall *Sadie Marchiano – 5th ID; 4th Individual *Haleigh O'Brien – 1st Exam *Aidan Yoho – 8th Individual *Haydon Schaaf – 6th Individual *Clay Brillhart – 5th Individual This group worked hard and studied a great deal of material to prepare for four state contests. To be named Champion Livestock and Meats Judging Teams, Reserve Champion Quiz Bowl Team, Champion Livestock Skillathon Team, and Overall Champion Sweepstakes Team at the state contests shows how hard these 4-H members pushed each other to “Make the Best Better.” As the State Champion Livestock Judging Team, Southwind District (Keller, Brillhart, Schaaf, Nemecek) will represent Kansas 4-H at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, MO in October.

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

Congratulations to our members who competed this year. They were: Abigail Meiwes (11th Intermediate), Carly Kramer (32nd Intermediate), Levi Meiwes (21st Senior), Gracie Yoho (28th Senior), and Zoi Yoho (30th Senior).

EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

The 4-H Equine Extravaganza, Saturday, November 9, Rock Springs brings together novice and professional horsemen in a one-of-a-kind setting for cross learning from beginning to advanced techniques, skills and knowledge. A three tier educational pathway for youth, adult volunteers, and achievement level evaluators proposed to offer a choice to the participants to further the educational efforts. Youth can learn basic care, feeding practices and safety concerns while adult volunteers dive into methods for extending learning from discovering curriculum to educational activities. Prospective level evaluators will learn about level testing and develop skills needed to effectively assess youth. This one-day event promises to spark an interest in youth to achieve greatness by participating in the 4-H Horse Panorama, competing in a Horse Judging Contest or exhibiting at the District Horse Show. The adult volunteer will be encouraged to mentor youth through additional training or preparing for these contests. Youth can participate in an Achievement Level 1 review and testing with an option to complete the groundwork on site. Register at www.Kansas4-h.org through Cvent September 1 - October 15. Cost per person $20. Overnight lodging available at an additional cost.

COSMOSPHERE 4-H DRONE + ROBOT OLYMPICS

Cosmospere 4-H Drone + Robot Olympics October 4, at 4 p.m., - October 5, 4 p.m. Cost is $115 for youth between 9-18 years old and $85 for adult chaperones (youth must have a designated chaperone to attend). Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Registered KSRE 4-H Leaders or KSRE staff may also chaperone 4-H members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight. Participants will receive introduction education about drones and robots, then split between a robot group and drone group, then continue training activities for each vehicle and finally, a team competition with several challenges using both vehicles. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors and understand how to pilot drones. There will be a tour of the Cosmospere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration includes 3 Meals and an overnight stay. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmospere, Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). Register by September 20 at http://www.event.cmon/d/6yqr6q Questions, please contact Aniss ajepsen@ksu.edu
BASE BID CHECKS
The base bid checks for livestock may be picked up at the Extension office. You may send a self-addressed stamped envelope, 111 S. Butler, Erie, KS 66733, and the check can be mailed to you.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING
The 4-H Council will meet on September 23, in the Neosho County Courthouse basement. Council representatives and at least one adult from each club must be in attendance.

2019-2020 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
Officer selection will be immediately following Officer Training on Sunday, October 27th at Marmaton Valley High School, Moran. Council reps and at least one adult from each club must be in attendance.

CARCASS CONTEST WINNERS
Congratulations to Kaylee Tayler for having the Champion Market Steer Carcass and Grant Taylor for the Reserve Champion Market Steer Carcass. Thank you to Jim and Donna Bates for the sponsorship of the contest awards and for being the driving force behind this great learning opportunity.

MEDALLION AWARD PLAQUES
Any new 4-H member this past year should order a Medallion Plaque to display any awards received at the achievement banquet. First-year members will receive medallions for project work, achievement and years of membership (if correct paperwork has been filled out). 4-H Council provides these awards. First-year members need to purchase the 8x10 plaque and nameplate that the medallions will go on. The cost of the plaque and nameplate will be $10.00, additional hanger bars for plaques are $3.00 if you need one. Please make all checks payable to the 4-H Council. Please contact the Erie office by noon on, Friday, September 13 with payment. Orders will be submitted that afternoon. You may mail your payment to 4-H Council, 111 S. Butler, Erie, KS 66733.

FRIEND OF 4-H AND ALUMNI NAMES NEEDED
There are many well deserving nominees for these awards. Clubs should be thinking of names/ideas of who to nominate for the Friend of 4-H Award and the Alumni Award. Names will need to be turned in by no later than October 1.