**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**September**
- 5 – KSF Exhibits due by 10 a.m.
- 6-15 – Kansas State Fair
- 18 – Pick up KSF Exhibits

**October**
- 1 – 4-H Online Enrollment opens
- 1 – Officer Books, MIG & KAP
- 6-12 – National 4-H Week
- 7 – Record Book Judging, Iola
- 8 – Record Book Judging, Erie
- 8 – 4-H Spirit Day
- 9 – Record Book Judging, Fort Scott
- 12-13 – 48 Hours of 4-H
- 14 – Offices Closed, Columbus Day
- 15 – KYLF & KVF Registration due
- 27 – Officer Training, Moran

**November**
- 10 - Fort Scott Achievement Banquet
- 11 – Offices Closed, Veterans Day
- 23-24 – KYLF & KVF
- 28-29 – Offices Closed, Thanksgiving

**December**
- 1 – 4-H Online Enrollment and Payment must be complete
- 24 & 25 – Offices Closed, Christmas

**EXTENSION OFFICES:**

- **Erie** : 620-244-3826
- **Fort Scott** : 620-223-3720
- **Iola** : 620-365-2242
- **Yates Center** : 620-625-8620

**Website**
www.southwind.ksu.edu

**Facebook**
Southwind Extension District

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**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.*  

   *The going-away party meant so much to me. Having all my friends and family in one place was something I’ll never forget.*

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.

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**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.

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**ENROLLMENT DETAILS**

4-H Online will be closed in September to complete end of year reporting. It will re-open October 1 at 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.
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.kansas4-h.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.kansas4-h.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 medallion 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 kansas4-h.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.

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!!
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 Schaal, 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 Schaal 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.

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.

COBOSMEPH 4-H DRONE + ROBOT OLYMPICS

Cosmomeph 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 Cosmosphere, 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 Cosmosphere, Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). Register by September 20 at http://www.EventCrm.com/d/6yqr6q Questions, please contact Aniss ajeepsen@ksu.edu

Discover Yourself in 4-H
4-H ENROLLMENT AND CLUB ELECTIONS
The 2019-2020 4-H year starts on October 1. Again, this year 4-H Council will pay enrollment fees for enrollments completed by December 1. Club elections are coming up, and clubs should keep in mind the following: Brand new members who have just joined are not eligible to be elected officers or to vote. Who gets to vote? Last year’s 4-H’ers. Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief (one minute) “speech” before voting. Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a name may be easier for 7-8 year olds. Term limits may be a good idea, and should be consistent from year to year. Every leader, nominating committee member, and officer should be familiar with their club by-laws.

RECORD BOOKS
Record books are due to the Extension office by September 16. Double check with your leaders for your club deadline, as you will be turning them in to your leaders first. Be sure to follow the “Arrangement of 4-H Record Books” sheet. If you need a copy, call the office. Your record book should be neat and easy to read. You can use a pen or pencil, or fill pages out online and print them. Online form-filling works ONLY with Internet Explorer or Google Chrome browsers. Mozilla Firefox does not support fillable forms. Remember the purpose of your record book – things that you have learned and have accomplished throughout the year. It should be something you can look back on and compare records and see improvements and lessons learned from one year to the next. Take pride in the work you put in your record.

KANSAS STATE FAIR AND KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
Good luck to all who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair! Our county will be well represented with a number of individual projects, as well as livestock entries. The Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be the next destination of Jarrett and Jaylynn Birk, along with Aidan and Emery Yoho and their animals. We know that Woodson County 4-H’ers will make us proud at all of the fairs and shows!

4-H COUNCIL MEETING
The next 4-H Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. at Bressner Hall. It will be the last meeting for old council members. The new council will start in November. Topics covered will include fair comments, Achievement Recognition date, and meal vs. refreshments. It is very important for your club to be represented with 3 council members. Clubs are requested to turn in a list of new council members and other officers following their club meetings in September.