THANK YOU SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS!!!!
The County Fairs are over for another year! Thanks to all the volunteers that made the fairs successful! A special thank you goes out to all the Superintendents and Assistants for their work in the various 4-H divisions. The fairs would not have been successful without everyone’s help!

FAIR THANK YOU NOTES
Attention exhibitors!!! Don’t forget the important thank you notes! You may think, “Thank You” notes are little inconveniences that waste your time, but think again! Donors greatly appreciate knowing who won their trophies and awards. Donors look forward to hearing from the 4-H members. If you cannot find the donor’s address...check the bottom of the trophy for the sponsor. Please remember to send thank you’s...it helps for future giving! Don’t know what to write? Thank them for sponsoring the award, tell them about yourself and the project you won the award for. You can also tell them about the other 4-H projects you are enrolled in and the activities you enjoy doing in 4-H.

SPECIAL THANKS!
A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the Concession / Pop Stand during the Fair!!! Besides the convenience of a handy meal to families spending the day at the fair, the proceeds from the sales will support many future scholarships to 4-H events. An extra special thank you to our sponsors--Clark, Mize and Linville Chartered Law Firm and Accessible Home Healthcare---and to those who helped cook, serve, and clean up each day’s meal. We couldn’t have done it without you!

ATTENTION: 4-H COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS
Individuals who are currently serving as co-chairs of a 4-H Council Committee, please return your co-chair notebook (1 per committee) by October 9. If your committee is still active and working on events, you may turn in your notebook as soon as the event is over.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DISTRICTWIDE KAP SCREENING
CKD adult volunteers (this includes parents) will be evaluating and ranking the CKD 4-H KAPs on Tuesday, September 29 at 6 p.m. in Room 109 at the Salina Extension Office. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the process. If adult volunteers are interested, please contact Amanda, amandareed@ksu.edu.

FLASH DEADLINE
If you have something you would like in the 4-H Flash, be sure to email it to semaass@k-state.edu. The deadline for the October Flash is Friday, September 11.
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS
Have you considered taking a leadership role with 4-H Council? Wonder why you should consider running for an office? Well, now is your chance! Hear what some of your outgoing officers have to say about serving in an officer position by going to https://youtu.be/aJ4yBpppFdo. This video can also be found on the Central Kansas District 4-H Facebook page.

4-H Council Officer Applications are available on the website (http://www.centrkansas.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development / 4-H Council. Applications are due to either Extension Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 4. One year of 4-H Council experience is required and youth should be 12 years of age before January 1, 2016. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the current officers or Sarah.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE
The National 4-H Conference is a working conference where youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old before January 1, 2016. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates. Kansas 4-H members who have attended National 4-H Congress are eligible to apply for National 4-H Conference. The 2016 National 4-H Conference will be held April 9-14, 2016, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Applications and letters of reference will be due to either Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2015. Applications are now available from the State 4-H Office. For more information about National 4-H Conference and for the application, please go to http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=458.

From the state screening process, the top applicants will be invited to Rock Springs for interviews to select final delegates. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the written application and interviews. All interviews will be held Saturday, November 21, 2015 during the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum. Nominees must register and attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum to interview. If selected as a National 4-H Conference delegate, there are additional responsibilities including being involved in the 4-H program through the State 4-H Youth Council and several other aspects of the Kansas 4-H program.

The approximate share of the registration and transportation costs for delegate’s chosen to attend this conference is $925.00. There are scholarship possibilities to help offset the cost of the delegate’s portion of the cost through the District 4-H Council and the local 4-H club.

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (KYLF)
It is time to register for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs 4-H Center, November 20-22, 2015. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, before January 1, 2016.

At the time of writing this newsletter, registration information was not available. Details can be found (the first part of September) at http://www.kansas4-h.org. Registration will be online and youth will select their workshops at this time. The fee of $200 per youth delegate or adult chaperone, participation forms and registration information are due on October 15 to the Local Extension Office. To be eligible for a scholarship through District 4-H Council, do not forget to complete the 4-H Council Scholarship Application (http://www.centrkansas.ksu.edu/ 4-H Youth Development, under 4-H’er Forms and Documents) and turn in to the Extension Office by the registration deadline. The cost with the scholarship application will be $150. There will be a $25 cancellation fee that will be charged to any 4-H member who decides not to attend after registering. This is not a local fee, but a state fee. The 4-H Council Scholarship WILL NOT cover this cancellation fee.
KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1, 2016, may apply to be a state council member. The duties of the state council members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum, Campference, Citizenship In Action, and may include assisting with State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement programs, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will soon be available on the State 4-H website at http://www.kansas4-h.org/, and will be due online October 1, before 5 p.m. CST. In addition, 2 letters of reference must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2015 OR they may be uploaded on the application site by October 1 at 5 p.m. If you have any questions about State Youth Council, please contact Shaylee Arpin, current KYLC member, or Sarah.

DISTRICTWIDE OFFICER TRAINING & FAMILY EVENT

The Districtwide Officer Training and Family Event will take place on Saturday, September 26. The location is still to be determined (those that register online will be notified via email of the location). We are excited to announce that McPherson County 4-H families will be joining us for this event this year. A “family” component has been added to this event to encourage all 4-H’ers and their families to attend the Officer Training & Family Event. Registration will be from 12:45-1:00 p.m. and the sessions from 1-3:45 p.m. The link for online registration will soon be available at http://www.centalkansas.ksu.edu/4-h (Upcoming Events & Online Registration) and will be due September 21. Youth who have been elected to serve as an officer for their club should plan to attend. All club officers for the District are expected to attend the training. Below is just a preview of the various sessions for 4-H members and families.

- Registration & Welcome
- Door Prizes for attending sessions
- President / Vice Pres.
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian / Reporter / Photographer
- Recreation Leader
- Song Leader
- Parliamentarian
- District Council Representative
- How to be a 4-H Parent

- Make & Take Crafts
- What is an Ambassador?
- Pretty Awesome PAR-LAW FUN! Gavel Games and Model Meetings
- What is 4-H Club Day all about?
- State Events
- Making Meetings Rock!
- Social Media and Your Club
- Horticulture Judging School
- Photography Judging School

DISCOVERY DAYS TASK FORCE

Do you love to attend Discovery Days? If so, then you are encouraged to apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force for 2016! Discovery Days Task Force Applications will soon be available on the State 4-H website. Applications are due October 1, applicants should expect to be notified by November 1 as to their selection as a Task Force member.

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held in Minneapolis on Monday, September 28, beginning at 7 p.m. It is important for clubs to be present at this meeting because officer elections will take place. The theme for this meeting is “Fall into 4-H.” We hope to see everyone there!

MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL

Are you in the clothing project and like to sew? Why not enter the Make It Yourself With Wool Contest? Garments must be made from a minimum of 60% loomed, knitted or felted wool fabric or yarn. Individuals of all ages may enter, including adults. Kansas is a state only contest with no district qualifier. The 2015 contest will be held on November 1, at Kansas State University with a registration deadline of October 12. Be sure and check their website for more information http://www.kansassheep.com/miyww.html. Email Deb Gordon at debgordonks@gmail.com to receive an entry form.
THE CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WANTS YOU!!!
Do you enjoy the 4-H program and all the opportunities it provides? Are you looking to take your leadership skills to the next level? Then the Central Kansas District 4-H Ambassador Program just might be for YOU!

We are looking for 4-H members who are interested in becoming 4-H Ambassadors. The Ambassadors represent and promote the 4-H program and help it grow! Some of the programs that the Ambassadors have assisted with are various things at the Fair, Achievement Banquet, Friends of 4-H Breakfast, Ag Awareness Day, etc.

The Ambassador Program is a large commitment for 4-H’ers and their families. Please take time to carefully consider the time commitment to the program and other requirements before applying. Interested 4-H’ers need to be in at least the 8th grade, interested in promoting the 4-H program and willing to make a two year commitment to the program.

Applications are available at either Extension Office or online at http://www.centrralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h under 4-H’er Forms and Documents. Applications are due to either Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2015. For more information about the ambassador program, contact a current Ambassador or the ambassador advisors, Amber Fouard at 785-342-0510 or amberfouard@gmail.com or Karla Arpin at 785-309-9080 or karla.arpin64@gmail.com.

LION’S BBQ
Mark your calendars for the Annual Salina Downtown Lion’s BBQ, to be held Saturday, November 14, at the 4-H Building in Salina. All 4-H Clu bs in the District are asked to help support this BBQ. as the Downtown Lions are big supporters of CKD 4-H. They support 4-H with scholarships for 4-H Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, and Discovery Days. Just like last year, it is imperative that we help them with this fundraiser more than ever. Tickets were given to the Salina Area Organizational Leaders at the Tri-Rivers Fair. The Minneapolis Area Organizational Leaders tickets are now available to be picked up at the Extension Office (Minneapolis Office: Delphos, Livewires, Wooddale; Salina Office: Pleasant Valley, Solomon Valley) 4-H members can start selling now.

Help is needed for the BBQ!!! Two shifts are needed for November 14:

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We’d like to have at least three adults and five to six youth per shift. Younger members should be accompanied by an older teen leader or a parent. If members of your club will be able to help, please call the Salina Extension Office or email Carol at cmcraver@ksu.edu and let us know how many workers you will have and what shift you will be able to work. This is a big 4-H fundraiser put on by the Downtown Lions, so provide your support since the Lions provide theirs!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KANSAS! PHOTO CONTEST
Young people across Kansas are invited to discover and celebrate the people and places of Kansas through photographs. The photo contest is open to Kansas students from 1st through 12th grade. Winners will be announced as part of the state’s 155th birthday celebration on January 29, 2016, at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and the information for submitting photographs are available at http://happybirthdayks.org. Entries are being accepted from now through October 31, 2015.
2015 DISTRICT 4-H AWARDS & RECOGNITION INFORMATION

It's hard to imagine that the end of another 4-H year is upon us. With the end of the 4-H year comes time to finish filling out the pin applications, record books, Kansas Award Portfolio’s, etc. This document highlights the Central Kansas District 4-H Awards System and what awards and recognition are available to 4-H members. 4-H’ers and Parents are strongly encouraged to read this document thoroughly. If you have any questions, please call or email Sarah. The next four pages are also available on the District website, http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/ under 4-H Youth Development, Awards & Recognition and 4-H’ers Forms and Documents. Note: Events occurring after the due date for District awards will count towards the next 4-H year.

Pin Applications/Member Achievement Plan
Top off the 2014-15 year in style...apply for the Achievement Pins! How, you may ask? The Achievement Pin Application is available on the District website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/4-h). The 4-H Member Achievement Plan is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Member Achievement Plan. Regardless of what pin the 4-H member is applying for, they will all fill out the same form, but the items required will vary (see the details on the first page).

The Achievement Pins or Standard of Excellence Award Categories: Where a “standard” is set and completion of categories is determined by a minimum requirement.

1. Membership Pin
2. Bronze Pin
3. Clover Pin
4. Emerald Pin
5. Silver Pin
6. Silver Guard
7. Leadership Pin
8. Gold Pin
9. Gold Guard
10. Citizenship Pin

Please note:

- Only one Achievement Pin can be received by each 4-H member per year.
- A pin may be skipped, but once a pin is skipped, a 4-H’er may not go back and apply for it. For example: If a 4-H’er received the Emerald Pin in 2011, receives the Silver Guard in 2012, he/she cannot go back and apply for the Silver Pin in 2013.
- Only Central Kansas District 4-H Member Achievement Plan Applications will be accepted. So, be sure to download them from the District website.

Appeal Process for Deferred Pin Applications/Member Achievement Plans
If a 4-H member has his/her pin application deferred on the club level, the organizational leader is to notify the 4-H member. If the 4-H member wishes to appeal the deferral, they may do so by completing the Appeal Process form. The Appeal Process form is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Member Achievement Plan.

Kansas 4-H Key Award
The Kansas 4-H Key Award is a state award. The basic requirements are: 1) a 4-H’er must have passed his/her 16th birthday before January 1 of the current year; 2) completed four or more years of 4-H work; and 3) enrolled in leadership for four or more years. There are several other requirements for this award. The Kansas 4-H Key Award is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Key Award Application (found under Additional Award Forms).

Please note: A 4-H member may apply for the Kansas 4-H Key Award (State Award) in addition to an Achievement Pin (District Award) in the same year.

Ten-Year Award
In order for a 4-H member to receive a plaque for being in 4-H for 10 years, he/she will need to complete the Ten-Year Award Application. The Ten-Year Award Application is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Ten-Year Award Application (found under Additional Award Forms).

This application will be due September 28, 5 p.m., to either Extension Office. This process was new in 2013.
Outstanding 4-H’er Award
Do you want to be considered for the Outstanding 4-H’er Award? Are you wondering what you need to do to be considered? If you are a senior 4-H’er (15 years old and older before January 1 of the current year), and want to apply for this award, the first thing to do is to complete and turn in a Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) in any 4-H project award area by September 28. After all the books are judged, the members with the top scoring books will be interviewed by a panel on Sunday, October 18, in the afternoon. Interviewees will be notified by email with their scheduled time and location of the interview.

The Outstanding 4-H’er(s) will be named at the Central Kansas District 4-H Celebration of Achievements. If you are selected to interview, you will want to dress in business professional attire, which means, guys, you will want to wear dress pants, button up shirt and tie, no tennis or athletic shoes. A suit jacket is optional, but you may want to try to borrow one if you don’t have one. Girls, a dress, skirt, or dress slacks and top is appropriate...no spaghetti straps.

Remember your appearance is someone’s first impression of you and will set the tone of your interview. You should also prepare by reviewing your KAP...you will probably be asked some questions about your leadership roles and other things you accomplished this year so make sure you have a copy of your KAP because your KAP will not be returned until the Central Kansas District 4-H Celebration of Achievements.

This award may only be received once during a member’s 4-H career.

Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)
Did you know that the true completion of your 4-H project is the final report you write...a.k.a. your Record Book or the Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)? The number one question asked about KAP’s is “who can apply?” The answer is any 4-H member. All 4-H’ers will submit their KAP’s to their club leaders and the leaders will turn all of the KAPs in to either Extension Office. So, if your goal is to receive a District Award in a 4-H Project Area, then you will want to fill out the KAP. Below are the 4-H Project Award Areas.

- Beef
- Citizenship
- Clothing & Textiles (includes construction, buymanship, fashion revue)
- Communications (includes public speaking & other medias)
- Dairy (cattle & goats)
- Dog Care & Training
- Energy Management (electric energy, renewable energy, alternative energy, petroleum power, small engines)
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Family Studies
- Fiber Arts
- Foods & Nutrition
- Geology
- Health & Wellness (includes fitness, bicycle, recreation)
- Home Environment
- Horse
- Leadership
- Meat Goats
- Performing Arts
- Pets
- Photography
- Plant Science (includes gardening, horticulture, crops)
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Reading
- Self-Determined
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Space Tech (includes aerospace, rocketry/robotics, astronomy, GIS-GPS)
- Swine
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife
- Wood Science

There are three age levels for the 4-H Project Awards. They are 7-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds, and 13 years old and older. All KAP Forms are available on the District website under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) Documents. The awards will be divided by age groups: 7-8 years old; 9-12 years old; and 13 years old and older.

Guidelines for the different age groups are:

7-8 years old
This age group will fill out the KAP for the 7-8 year olds. Instead of a 6 page typed (or handwritten) story AND 3 pages of pictures, the 4-H’er will be given 4 total pages to provide pictures and a story. In order for the 4-H’er to tell their 4-H story and share pictures of their projects, they will be allowed to draw, use stickers, color, use photographs, clipart, and handwrite or type their story. The main guideline is that they stay within the 4 page requirement. This age group will need to turn in their award application in a red or blue notebook. Everyone in the 7-8 year old group that has turned in a KAP will all receive a participation certificate and a “token” of recognition (i.e., 4-H item such as a pencil, key chain, magnet, etc.).
**9-12 years old**
This group will need to use the KAP for the 9-13 year olds (*We use the state form and it will state it is for 9-13 year olds, but for the Central Kansas District it will be only for 9-12 year olds*). The guidelines on the KAP will need to be followed. This age group will need to turn in their award application in a **white** notebook.

**13 years old and older**
This group will need to fill out the KAP for the 14 years old and older (*We use the state form and it will state it is for 14 years old and older, but for the Central Kansas District it will be for those 13 years old and older*). They will need to follow the guidelines on the KAP as set forth by the State 4-H Office for the area and state contests. This age group will need to turn in their award application in a **black** notebook.

The 9-12 year old group & 13 years old and older group will be recognized using the following guideline: Youth will be recognized based on the enrollment in the age group. 10% or up to 4 books/individuals may be recognized. But, if 15 or more books are turned in a project area more youth may be recognized. For every 5 books over 10, one more 4-H’er may receive recognition. For example, if the photography project had 23 award recognition books turned in and had an enrollment of 43, 6 books/individuals may be recognized (10% up to 4 and for every additional 5 books after 10, 1 more youth can be recognized...4+1+1 = 6). Only books in the 9-13 year old and 14 year old and older groups that warrant recognition will be recognized for an award.

The **notebooks** should be ½ inch or 1 inch 3-ring binder. No clipart or pictures are allowed on the cover page. The notebooks should have a label (or sheet of paper for the presentation/view binder notebooks) with the following:

- 4-H’ers name (First and Last name)
- Central Kansas District
- 4-H Club Name
- 4-H Project Area

**Additional Club Forms**
For the 4-H member who just wants to keep records and not compete for a 4-H Project Award, they will need to complete the Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record for them (new in 2015). This form will replace the Generic 4-H Project Record Form. The Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record will NOT be used for a District Project Award, only for the 4-H’ers who just want to fill out a record book on their project. This form would count towards the record book requirement for the achievement pin applications. The Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record (found under Record Keeping Materials) OR under 4-H Youth Development → Record Keeping Materials → Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record.

In addition to the Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record, the **4-H Permanent Record** is also a great record keeping tool for 4-H members. The Permanent Record is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → Permanent Record (found under Record Keeping Materials) OR under 4-H Youth Development → Record Keeping Materials → Permanent Record.

Most clubs use the **CKD Record Book Check Sheet** to help review the 4-H Record Books and KAP’s before they come to the Extension Office. The CKD Record Book Check Sheet is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards & Recognition → CKD Record Book Check Sheet (found under Record Keeping Materials) OR under 4-H Youth Development → Record Keeping Materials → CKD Record Book Check Sheet.

A complete **4-H Record Book** includes: the Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record Form for each project enrolled in (that a KAP is not completed), 4-H Personal Page, Permanent Record, 4-H Story, and Pictures.

Also, organizational leaders, the **Club Summary** (or annual summary) for the club seal is available under 4-H Youth Development → Organizational Leaders → Club Summary. This form is due September 28, 5 p.m., to either Extension Office.

Don’t forget that the **Club Secretary’s Book** is also due to the Extension Office on September 28.
Awards Specific to the Minneapolis Area Club Members - $50 award
Below is a list of project areas that are included in this series of awards. The recipients of these awards are the senior winners in the respective project based on the 4-H’ers KAP.

- Beef Award – Everett Harris Award
- Citizenship Award, Leadership Award – Sponsored by: Ottawa County 4-H Foundation
- Lucky Seven 4-H Club Horse Award – Sponsored by: Ottawa County 4-H Foundation
- Sheep Award, Swine Award – Sponsored by: Ottawa County Pork Producers Association

Additional District Awards

4-H Alumni – Due September 28, 5 p.m.
Each 4-H Community Club or Individual can nominate an individual(s) for this award. The nomination should be typed and the requirements are as follows:

- Submit a name of someone whom you feel has contributed a great deal to Central Kansas District 4-H
- The nominee does not have to serve in a volunteer leader role
- The nominee should be a past 4-H member, but does not have to have been a 4-H member in the Central Kansas District (Ottawa or Saline County)
- While a nomination form can be found under 4-H Youth Development → Organizational Leaders → 2014-15 Leader Forms, nominations can be made in a letter form to the review committee and contain the criteria mentioned above.

Family of the Year – Due September 28, 5 p.m.
Each 4-H Community Club or Individual can nominate several families for this award (on nomination form per family). The nomination should be typed and the requirements are as follows:

- To be eligible, at least one member of the family must be a current Central Kansas District 4-H’er or 4-H volunteer leader
- The selection criteria for this award includes:
  - Balance of total family involvement in 4-H
  - Contributions family has made to the 4-H program (most weight given to club and local levels)
  - Years of service to 4-H
  - Involvement and contributions given to community
  - Evidence family has benefited from 4-H
- While a nomination form can be found under 4-H Youth Development → Organizational Leaders → 2014-15 Leader Forms, nominations can be made in a letter form to the review committee and contain the criteria mentioned above.

Friend of 4-H – Due September 28, 5 p.m.
Each 4-H Community Club can nominate a maximum of one individual for this award. The nomination should be typed and the requirements are as follows:

- Submit a name of someone whom you feel has contributed a great deal to Central Kansas District 4-H
- The nominee does not have to serve in a volunteer leader role
- The nominee does not have to be a past 4-H member
- While a nomination form can be found under 4-H Youth Development → Organizational Leaders → 2014-15 Leader Forms, nominations can be made in a letter form to the review committee and contain the criteria mentioned above.

Volunteer of the Year Award
This award is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the district or state level as determined before January 1 of the current year. Nominations can come from the club or individuals. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. One award will be given each year. Nominations may be made in a letter form indicating why the nominee is deserving of this award. This nomination will be due September 28, 5 p.m., to either Extension Office.

Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award
This award is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the district or state level as determined before January 1 of the current year. Nominations can come from the club or individuals. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. One award will be given each year. Nominations may be made in a letter form indicating why the nominee is deserving of this award. This nomination will be due September 28, 5 p.m., to either Extension Office.

At the time of updating the award information, we had not received details from the state regarding the 4-H alumni, volunteer of the year, and outstanding lifetime volunteer awards. Therefore we do not know if there will be state awards in these areas for 2016.
COUNTY FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING RESULTS

Intermediate Division
Top 10 Individuals
1. Keely Orr, Friendly Valley
2. Jayci Shepard, Pleasant Valley
   Sydney Hynes, Cardinal
4. Savannah Zink, Friendly Valley
5. Karissa Kindlesparger, Smoky View
6. Rebekah Thompson, Friendly Valley
7. Madison Repp, Friendly Valley
8. Anya Pohl, Friendly Valley
9. Rylee Schrock, Cardinal
10. Kyiella Kindlesparger, Smoky View

Senior Division
Top 10 Individuals
1. Haley Peterson, Smoky View
2. Sarah Repp, Friendly Valley
3. Alan Pohl, Friendly Valley
4. Adrienne Pohl, Friendly Valley
5. Trenton Brubaker, Woodsdale
   Laura Peterson, Friendly Valley
   Katlin Allton, Smoky View
8. Kananda Kindlesparger, Smoky View
9. Shane Miller, Willing Workers
10. Hannah Henry, Friendly Valley

COUNTY FAIR FCS JUDGING RESULTS

Intermediate Division
Top 10 Individuals
1. Grace Pfannenstiel, Boldly Go
2. Savannah Zink, Friendly Valley
3. Katrina Fahrenthold, Boldly Go
4. Jayci Shepard, Pleasant Valley
5. Sydney Hynes, Cardinal
6. Melissa Lidgett, Willing Workers
7. Emma Littich, Smoky View
8. Anya Pohl, Friendly Valley
9. Erin Lange, Cardinal
10. Bree Isaacson, Gypsum Valley

Senior Division
Top 10 Individuals
1. Shaylee Arpin, Willing Workers
2. Rachel Prickett, Boldly Go
3. Ashley Oldham, Pleasant Valley
4. Adrienne Pohl, Friendly Valley
5. Kananda Kindlesparger, Smoky View
6. Layne Blomquist, Willing Workers
7. Alan Pohl, Friendly Valley
8. Sofiel Montoy, Rolling Meadows
9. Ariana Deterding, Boldly Go
10. Camisha Stevenson, Cardinal

According to a 4-H study of positive youth development, 4-H’ers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities. But just how much can they do? In one weekend this fall, 48-Hours of 4-H will challenge club members, adult leaders, and 4-H alumni to explore their service capabilities and inspire the community around them by taking part in some type of service project during the weekend of October 10-11, 2015. This weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and past 4-H’ers too! Prizes awarded to the groups that go the extra mile!

For more information, please go to http://www.kansas4-H.org/484h

This Kansas 4-H Challenge is brought to you by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council in conjunction with K-State Research and Extension, Department of 4-H Youth Development with generous support from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Be watching for more information regarding this opportunity in the 4-H Flash and/or from your Organizational Leaders. The 4-H Council Officer Team is still working to secure Districtwide service opportunities during this weekend.
KANSAS STATE FAIR – SEPTEMBER 11-20

Eligibility and Transportation of Exhibits
If you received a purple ribbon on your project at the county level, are 9 years old or older (before January 1, 2015), and if your class is offered at the state level, you have met the requirements for being a state fair exhibitor! If you have small exhibits (and they are not alive!), they will be taken to Hutchinson for you.

Please note that entry cards will not be mailed. State fair exhibits cannot be brought into the Extension offices until September 8, 9, and 10 during office hours. You will need to plan on extra time when you come to the office because you will need to attach the necessary items to the exhibit (i.e., entry card, score sheet, food label, etc.). You will be responsible for attaching the items, not the office staff. Office staff will be available to help if you have questions. Entry cards and other necessary items for the exhibits will not be allowed to leave the Extension Office unless you are taking your own exhibits down to the state fair.

Note: Rabbit, Dog, and Dairy entry cards will be available at the state fair. Please read the State Fair Guidelines 2015 posted on the website under 4-H Youth Development, County Fairs, Kansas State Fair Guidelines on how to prepare your exhibits and bring them to the Salina office ready to go to Hutchinson.

All 4-H’er s - As you prepare to bring items to the office, please note the following:
- You will come to the office and we will have your entry cards and stickers, if needed, for your exhibit.
- Once you have prepared the exhibit with the entry cards, etc., be sure and bring the necessary packing stuff with you.
- Please package your exhibits for travel as the Extension Offices cannot be responsible for breakage.
- Please check-in with office staff after you have finished preparing and packing the item(s) for the state fair.

All 4-H’ers must have their non-perishable items, such as woodworking, photography, geology, entomology, etc., to their respective offices by 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 10.

All exhibits (includes foods) for Salina area 4-H’ers may be brought to the Salina office on September 8, 9, 10 during office hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Minneapolis area 4-H’ers food exhibits must be at the Minneapolis office before 8 a.m. on Friday, September 11 (building opens at 7 a.m.).

All exhibits will return from the fair on September 20, and Salina area exhibits may be picked up beginning at 9 a.m. on September 22. Minneapolis area exhibits may be picked up beginning at 9 a.m. on September 24. For more information, please contact your respective local Extension Office.

COMPLETED BOOKS
To qualify for a completed 4-H year, members have options for their documentation:
1. Complete a KAP for each project.
2. Complete a KAP for those projects applying for award program and 4-H Generic Project Record Form(s) for remaining projects.
3. Complete Central Kansas District 4-H Project Record Form(s) all projects (this form new in 2015).

By completing the permanent record (not required to be included with the KAP) throughout the 4-H year, it helps to complete the forms above.
K-9 CAPERS NEWS
If you would like to arrange a District meeting in your area please have your local project leader contact caninecapers4h@yahoo.com.

Below are the meeting dates for 2015. All meetings will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. If you have any question, please email caninecapers4h@yahoo.com. This email address is checked frequently.

September 1 (Ag Hall) 6:30-8:30 p.m.
September 5 (Ag Hall) 8-10:30 a.m.
September 19 KSF Dog Show

Quiz Bowl Practices 6 p.m.
(Salina Office, Room 109)
September 15, 22, 29*
October 6, 13*
* Location TBD

4-H PDC YOUTH REPRESENTATION
Each 4-H Club has the opportunity to encourage 4-H members that are in 8th grade or high school to serve as a youth representative on the 4-H Program Development Committee. Youth will serve on the 4-H PDC from October until September. Two youth from each geographic area in the District will be chosen to serve this one year term. Applications are available on the website (under 4-H’er Forms & Documents) and are due to either Extension Office by October 1, 2015.

MY FINANCIAL FUTURE
4-H developed a new curriculum to assist youth in developing critical skills and knowledge in money management. "My Financial Future" seeks to directly help young people develop the skills they will need to successfully manage their personal and perhaps business finances. Many 4-H project areas incorporate financial record-keeping into the curriculum. This curriculum makes financial literacy a central focus of learning with a strong emphasis on setting and achieving financial SMART goals; holding yourself accountable to financial decisions and consequences; and knowing your rights and responsibilities as a consumer.

When: Nov 2 - 30th, 2015
Monday evenings for 5 weeks from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

For more information, email Stefany Kaniper at skaniper@farmersagent.com or visit http://salinapubliclibrary.org/class to register.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK DETAILS
National 4-H Week will be held October 4-10, 2015. What will your club do to celebrate this week?

On the District level, this year we will be having 4-H week celebration at the Central Mall on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Each table will be represented by a project. We will be combining the Clubs to promote each project.

Dogs will be allowed at the Mall as long as they are either in a crate or on a leash at all time.

Please contact Bonnie Anderson (bonblue1@gmail.com) with the Promotion and Recruitment committee if you would like to share your projects by September 20.
Kansas 4-H Clubs are invited to

STACK THE PLATES

at Rock Springs 4-H Center

With more than 120,000 meals served each year in Williams Dining Hall, the dishes get a real workout! For many years, all the dishes in the dining hall were crested with the 4-H clover. Unfortunately, as the cresting of dishes became less common, affordable access to replacement dishes was diminished and plain white replacement dishes were purchased instead.

🌟 PUT THE CLOVER BACK ON THE TABLE! 🌟

Recently, the chance to purchase high-quality, affordable 4-H clover crested dishes became available. The timing is perfect. Not only is there a need to replenish the dishes at Rock Springs, but Williams Dining Hall will soon undergo some major renovations. With some important help from Kansas 4-H clubs, 600 place settings* will be purchased and debuted when Williams Dining Hall reopens!

Seeing the 4-H clover on the dishes as you dine is a great reminder of the importance of 4-H and the history of Rock Springs 4-H Center. There’s not an easier way to promote 4-H to all visitors at Rock Springs.

4-H Clubs can help!

Each club is asked to consider purchasing 2 place settings ($40 each), representing current members and future members who will use the plates. Donations of all amounts will be appreciated. All contributing clubs will be recognized in the 2016 Foundation Fundamentals and on the Kansas 4-H Foundation website. Donations will count toward 2015 Gavel Club giving levels and must be received by December 31, 2015.

Stack the Plates Giving Levels

Plate Stackers: $80 or more to purchase 2 or more place settings
Buffet Boosters: $40 - $79.99 to purchase at least 1 place setting
Table Setters: $1 - $39.99 to help purchase a place setting

* 6-piece place setting includes dinner plate, salad plate, bread plate, cereal bowl, fruit bowl, and mug

ADDITIONAL Details

- Information will be shared with club leaders via email
- Letters and donation forms will be mailed to each club
- Donation form, participating clubs, and progress toward goal will soon be posted at www.kansas4hfoundation.org
- To kick off the campaign, 100 place settings were donated in honor of a strong 4-H family and 16 more were purchased as the Discovery Days Service Project
- Dishes are on display at Rock Springs 4-H Center or can be seen in the Foundation office
- Photos or posts of activities related to Stack the Plates can be sent to moverstreet@ksu.edu for use on FB
- Fun recognition and activities are planned to encourage participation
- For more information, contact the Kansas 4-H Foundation at moverstreet@ksu.edu or 785.532.5881
4-H VOLUNTEERS
Make a World of Difference

EXTRA

NEWS FOR CENTRAL KANSAS DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

SEPTEMBER CHECK-UP
The final month of the 2014-15 4-H year has arrived! Where has the time gone...it’s hard to believe another year has come and gone. Take a moment and review the end of the year responsibilities. Also, be aware...the new year begins October 1! Let’s see where we are...

___ Organizational Leaders, appointed or elected, names reported to either Extension Office by September 1.
___ Gear up for a great New 4-H Year!

Review
___ 4-H Flash read and important dates marked on calendar.
___ Highlight key points from the 4-H Flash at club meeting
___ Results – recruitment efforts; i.e. project leaders.

To-Do
___ National 4-H Week Activities planned.
___ Have new 4-H parents complete the volunteer service application form and make arrangements to attend volunteer screening Orientation.
___ Check project leaders list.
___ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
___ Send Club changes; Organizational Leaders, times, meeting places submitted to Extension Offices.
___ Election of officers.
___ Plan club achievement programs.
___ Announce 4-H Week and 4-H Sunday.
___ Plan meeting with Parents’ Committee.
___ Plan installation of officers for October.
___ Review constitution and by-laws with executive committee.
___ Update 4-H Records, KAPs and Pin Applications.

Promote/Recruit
___ Parents’ Committee meeting and recruiting project leaders.
___ Announce to club parents that you are recruiting project leaders.
___ Nominating Committee developing a slate of officer candidates.
___ Salina Lion’s Barbecue workers recruited.
___ Delegate club responsibilities to other volunteers.
___ Promote Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLFF) and Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum (KVF).

Remember
___ Organizational Leader Update to kick off the New Year, Thursday, September 24, at 7 p.m. in Room 109, Salina Office
___ AND Thursday, October 1, at 7 p.m. in the Minneapolis Extension Meeting Room. Organizational Leaders just need to attend one of the updates...whichever one fits best into your schedule.
___ Salina Lion’s BBQ tickets sold? Unsold tickets and money are due to either Extension Office by October 30.
___ Kansas Award Portfolio due September 28, 5 p.m., either Extension Office.
___ Achievement Pin Applications completed and turned into either Extension Office, by September 28, 5 p.m.
___ Annual Summary (for club seals) and Club Secretary Book due September 28, 5 p.m., either Extension Office.
___ National 4-H Conference Applications due September 28, 5 p.m., either Extension Office.
___ Remind Council representatives to attend the September 4-H Council meeting on September 28, 7 p.m. in Minneapolis.
___ Nominations due for Family of the Year, Alumni, and Friend of 4-H on September 28 to either Extension Office.
DEADLINE FOR CLUB ROLL
Organizational leaders, if you want to drop members from your club roll, it must be done no later than September 1. Requests must be made by phone or email to Sarah (semaass@k-state.edu) with the rational for dropping the member(s) from the roll. Please note: If 4-H members participated in the county fair, they will not be dropped from the roll.

4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR AND ALUMNI NOMINATIONS
Begin thinking about who your club will nominate for the CKD 4-H Family of the Year and 4-H Alumni Awards. Applications and information are available on the website. Please see the 2015 District 4-H Awards and Recognition Information for more details. Let’s challenge ourselves and members to nominate an alumni or family for these honors. Think about the adults in your club serving as organizational leaders and project leaders. What about 4-H sponsors who have contributed to the 4-H movement. How about those long-term families that give 100 percent to make 4-H happen. The list grows when you think about it. Plus...what a special way to thank those who have given so much to you!

KAPs, PIN APPLICATIONS, SECRETARY BOOK AND ANNUAL SUMMARIES
End of the 4-H year is quickly approaching...KAPs, Achievement Pin Applications, Secretary’s Book and Annual Summaries are due Monday, September 28, 5 p.m., to either Extension Office. Achievement Pin Applications are available on the website (http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu). Only the CKD Achievement Pin Applications will be accepted. Trips and Awards Committee is planning to meet Tuesday, September 29. Organizational Leaders, please provide the Extension Office with a phone number where you can be reached during the meeting if the Trips and Awards Committee has questions. If you cannot be reached while Trips and Awards is meeting the 4-H member might not receive credit on the pin application. Don’t forget to use the Pin Application Summary to list all members of your club and what pin they are applying for AND the KAP Summary to list all the KAPs that are submitted by your club. These documents are available on the website under Organizational Leaders. If they are not applying for a pin or submitting a KAP, please note that as well.

CLUB LEADERSHIP
Change is good! Some clubs have a rotation system in place for volunteers to gradually, with training, move into the Organizational Leadership role. This process aids in recruiting volunteers to serve in leadership roles. Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes and ideas...some volunteers are more willing to serve if they know it’s not a forever commitment! Plus...the rotation system strengthens a club...as more volunteers know the club’s system! The new 4-H year is approaching...will the leadership stay the same? Will it change? Please notify either Extension Office by September 1 of who the Organizational Leaders will be for the 2015-16 year! This is important for preparing promotional materials!

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW
The end of July, all organizational leaders should have received a letter from Sarah with information about the 2014-15 Financial Review. Remember, the report is due to either Extension Office by November 16 at 5 p.m. The Financial Review Form is posted online for your convenience under Organizational Leaders. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah.

GETTING STARTED WITH THE NEW 4-H YEAR
Here are a few tips to get your new 4-H year and your club moving in the right direction:
- First, who are the Organizational Leaders? You or someone new? Please let Sarah know.
- How is the Parent’s Committee functioning? Functioning-recruiting Project Leaders and supporting Organizational Leaders. Need some motivation to get things rolling?
- How is the club structure? Does the club have a New Family Coordinator? Project Leader Trainer? Demonstration Trainer? Awards Trainer? Not sure what these jobs are or what they involve?

Need help with any of the above, please call Sarah. She can help you and find answers for you too.

NEW 4-H YEAR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATIONS FORMS
At the September / October Organizational Leader’s Meetings, we will be discussing the enrollment process for the new 4-H year, in addition to lots of other new 4-H year items. It is important that each club is represented at one of the meetings.

Be sure to attend one of the two meetings offered (September 24, in Salina and October 1, in Minneapolis). It is important to have at least one representative from each club present.
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