Mirror, Mirror

The 2021 4-H year is nearly over. As we wind down with the current and get ready to gear up for the new, take some time to look back and reflect. If you could put a mirror on the wall for 2021, what would you see? Highs and lows, happy and sad, trial and error, and lessons learned may well be a few of the images you see.

All good things eventually come to an end and bad/sad/unhappy times serve as stepping stones to help us grow as individuals/families/clubs. As you take time to think about the reflections you see in the mirror, try writing them down and use them as tools for 2022 and the years beyond. Use those tools to better yourself, get involved, help improve a system, practice servant leadership, and become a solution where a solution is needed.

If you worked hard, put your best effort forward, helped others, and got involved, you should be proud of your accomplishments! When I reflect on 2021, I see 4-H’ers who have grown and matured over the last year, leaders who gave their heart and soul to their 4-H clubs, and parents who worked hard to help their children. I also see 4-H’ers, leaders, and parents having fun, events that have taught us all lessons and provided us stepping stone, and situations that encouraged others to get involved.

2021 is winding down and the next newsletter will be ringing in the new 4-H year. As you finish reflecting on 2021, imagine what image you want to see in 2022. Let’s step into 2022 with both feet forward and arms open, embracing the new year!

~Charlene
Leader’s Lounge

September Check-Up
☐ Celebrate the current 4-H year. Begin planning for the club achievement party.
☐ Start planning for the new 4-H year.
☐ Start recruiting new members

Review
☐ Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar.
☐ Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting.

To-Do
☐ Project leaders notified of their specific responsibilities.
☐ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
☐ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
☐ Begin planning for election of club officers.
☐ Have members think about projects for the new year.
☐ Check club’s progress toward goals.
☐ Notify Extension Office of new club leaders, project leaders, and club officers.

Promote/Recruit
☐ Parents’ Committee recruiting Organizational Leaders and Project Leaders for the 2021-2022 4-H year.
☐ Encourage 4-Hers to complete Achievement Pin Award Applications and Record Books.

Remember
☐ Record books, Pin Applications, scholarships, ambassador applications, and Club Summaries due September 24th.
Butler County 4-H Enrollment Quick Tips

☐ 4-H Online Enrollment Link

☐ Butler County 4-H Website with Enrollment Information


☐ We are working to align with the State Project list so there are a few changes:

⇒ Visual Arts: General Arts & Crafts along with Visual Arts: Leather Craft will all enroll under the common name Visual Arts.
⇒ Pigeons will enroll in Animals, Others
⇒ Public Speaking will enroll in Communications

☐ Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.

⇒ If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in last year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-Her’s years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.

☐ State Project list can be found HERE

Record Books, Pins, and Awards

It’s time to get your record book and pin applications in!

Document Submission Deadline
All Record Keeping & Project Report forms, Ambassador applications, pin applications, club summaries, college scholarship applications, reporter and secretary notebooks, and special award applications are due into our office no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, September 24th.

Don’t miss this deadline! All forms can be found online at http://www.butler.ksu.edu/4-h/recordsawardsetc.html

Want to help judge Record Books?
If you are interested in helping judge record book, and you are an adult or teen leader over the age of 13, please let Charlene know at cmmiller1@ksu.edu.

This is a great learning experience. Those that have participated in the past really enjoyed the opportunity, as well as, picked up ideas and lessons learned from judging them. We exchange our senior Record Keeping Forms with Cowley County. They judge our senior Record Keeping Forms, and we judge theirs. We also judge our junior and intermediate Record Keeping Forms.

Don’t worry if you have never judged before, we will help you get started! This is a great opportunity to learn, volunteer, and give back! Judging will take place on September 29th from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Butler County Community Building. Any time you can volunteer (even if only for 30 min) is greatly appreciated!
4-H Service Challenge

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alms too! Find all the information HERE and start planning your projects.

Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we can share all the great things that happened across Butler County with the state 4-H office. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo!

Important Dates and Deadlines

**September**
- September 1st: Rock Springs 4-H Camp Enrollment Opens (Learn more in the 4-H Camp Section on pg. 8)
- September 7th: State Fair exhibit drop–off at the 4-H Building  
  ⇒ Additional time slot added! 7:00-9:00 AM  
  ⇒ 3:00-6:00 PM
- September 8th-19th: Kansas State Fair
- September 15th: Kansas 4-H Sports-fishing tournament ends
- September 22nd: Ribbon Money checks will expire
- September 24th: Record Forms, Special Awards, Pin Apps, Club Summary, College Scholarship Apps Due
- September 26th: Officer Training
- September 25th: Kansas 4-H Fall Shooting Sports Archery Match
- September 29th: Record book judging

**October**
- October 1st: 2021-2022 4-H year begins
- October 1st-3rd: Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
- October 8th: Buyer’s Cards are due to the Extension Office
- October 3rd-9th: National 4-H Week
- October 5th: Project Leader Webinar Training: Service Learning
- October 7th: Project Leader Webinar Training: Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
- October 8th: Club Quarterly Report Due to Extension Office
- October 9th-10th: Kansas 4-H Fall Shooting Sports Shotgun Match
- October 9th-10th: 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 12th: Project Leader Webinar Training: Financial Literacy
- October 14th: Project Leader Webinar Training: Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife
- October 24th: 4-H Council Meeting
- October 30th: Achievement Celebration

**November**
- November 1st: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Deadline
- November 1st: 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due
- November 20th-21st: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 yrs.)
- November 26th-30th: National 4-H Congress

*See the 2021-2022 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates*
Hunter Education

The September field day for the intranet assisted course has been rescheduled for October 9th, 2021. To take this course you must first register for it at the Extension Office and pick up a flyer with the instructions for taking the intranet portion of the course. The Field day class starts at 8am. Check-in and pretesting is from 7:30 to 8am and will conclude at about 3pm.

Rifle, Pistol and Archery Projects

- Basic Rifle, Pistol and Archery classes begin in September and will meet weekly through Thanksgiving.
- Rifle and Pistol start on Thursday, September 2nd
- Archery starts on Thursday evening, Sept. 9th.
- Check-in is from 6:30-7:00 PM on the first night of each discipline. Please note that the initial registration and safety briefing is required. All classes will run between 7:00- 8:00 PM.

- The 2021 fall schedule for Archery, Pistol, and, Rifle can be found HERE
- Please note that any youth that enroll prior to Oct. 1, 2021 will need to reenroll after October 1st for the new 4-H year.
- All equipment and supplies are provided. If Archery participants have their own bow that they prefer to shoot, they can bring it. If it is suitable, they may use it. All meetings are held at the 4-H Building.

4-H Ambassadors

4-H Ambassador’s—What are they? They are a group of 4-H’ers between the ages of 14 & 18 (as of January 1st) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H Activities.

They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the County Fair, Mini-Fair, help with the achievement banquet and officer training. They have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 24th by 5:00 PM. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online HERE or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!
MANHATTAN, Kan. – There’s an old saying that wonders if a tree falls in a forest, but nobody was there to see it…did it really fall?

Kansas 4-H youth development specialist Amy Sollock hopes the state’s youth don’t have to ponder that same conundrum. That’s one reason why she touts the state’s record-keeping forms to all 4-H youth. “We find immense value in any project-based learning experience throughout the year,” said Sollock, who is located in the southwest region of the state. “In order to grow from those experiences, it’s important to document and reflect on them. We’ve developed a record-keeping system to help 4-Hers learn some of those important skills.”

The state’s Project Report Form is nine sections long, but it’s not all that daunting. Sollock says the forms contain a set of easy-to-follow steps to help kids capture what they did, what they learned and more. She added that the Permanent Record Form encourages youth to capture events outside of their 4-H involvement. “We find value in documenting everything a young person is doing,” she said. “As they go through the 4-H program, their Permanent Record grows with the child each year. They add to it and before you know it, it’s quite an impressive document.”

Numerous 4-H alumni and parents have reported that keeping records in 4-H has helped them fill out forms such as college admissions, scholarships and even job applications. Sollock said it’s also a great resource for creating a resume. “I think our kids are busier than they have ever been with all of the activities that are available to them,” she said. “It’s not reasonable to remember everything accurately once we get 5 to 10 years down the road.” “The fact that they’re documenting their experiences – and more importantly what they’ve learned or gained from those experiences – they have everything in one spot when they sit down to create a resume or fill out a job application.”

The Kansas 4-H record keeping and project report forms are available online. “We’ve got forms that are appropriate for age and skill level, as well as for general projects and animal projects,” Sollock said. “We want this process to be easy. Record keeping isn’t anybody’s favorite thing to do, but it shouldn’t be difficult. We think that it’s important enough that we want all kids to experience it and learn from it. We think our system is straightforward and easy to understand.”

Learn more about the many opportunities available to youth on the Kansas 4-H website.
Welcoming New Families

It is the time of year when our office starts getting more calls and web inquiries of people wanting to join 4-H. When you have visitors, remember, impressions last. Here are a few helpful tips for you:

- Greet your visitors at the door when they arrive.
- Introduce them to your family and other 4-H members.
- Tell them about the opening ceremony of your club so they know what to expect and give them a copy of the 4-H Pledge to follow along.
- Introduce them to the club. You can do this during roll call. If they are joining another club member, have that club member help introduce them.
- Involve them in the recreation activities.
- Invite them to go first with refreshments.
- After the meeting, send a Thank You note for attending and invite them to the next meeting.
- Have a New Family Coordinator who can sit next to them at meetings and answer any questions they have.
- Develop a buddy system. Team a new 4-H family with a current 4-H family who can help explain and understand 4-H.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office and ask! Let’s help make new families feel welcome, as least confused as possible, and continue to grow the 4-H program!

Creative Ideas

To add zest to your meeting

Dress Silly Day:
One meeting could be jazzed up by a dress theme. Members can create costumes from their clothing at home. You can have a mismatched day, green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

Backwards Meeting:
Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

Draw Your Name Out of a Hat Day:
Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Move To a New Seat During a Meeting:
This is another seating adventure. The President could give the command. “Move two seats to your left.” “Rows one and two switch seats.” “End seats switch with each other.” The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.
State Fair Information and Notes

If You Want the Extension Office to Deliver Your 4-H Exhibit to The State Fair:

- Remember: (SMALL, NON-BREATHING ITEMS ONLY!)
- Due to limited space, anything requiring boxes or extra support to transport cannot exceed 12”x 12”x12” This does not include poster boards that can lay flat.
- You need to bring your item to the Extension Office between the hours of 7:00-9:00 AM or 3:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7th. Items cannot be accepted outside of these designated times.

Important Notes About the State Fair:

- If you ordered additional tickets through our office, those are now available for pick-up.
- Visit HERE to view the State Fair Schedule, find exhibitor handbooks, scoresheets, and all information pertaining to 4-H at the state fair.
- If you are exhibiting at the state fair, we will contact you when entry cards, exhibitor tickets become available (Please note that if you are NOT sending your exhibit to the state fair via the Extension Office, you will need to pick up these cards/tickets prior to taking your project to check-in at the state fair.)

Rock Springs 4-H Camp Information

4-H Camp, as you may be aware, is making a bit of a change this coming year! By the time you receive this newsletter, you will all hopefully have received an email with all the information and changes. That being said, there are a few highlights that we want to share with you, but these are certainly not all encompassing:

- 4-H Camp Registration opens on September 1st, 2021; there is an early bird registration through Oct. 31, 2021 that is only available to current 4-H members. You will also receive a 10% discount if you use the early bird registration.

  ➞ Register HERE

- Camp price will range from $315 to $900 depending on which option you choose:
  ➞ 3 day or 6 day camp options
  ➞ Requesting a reduced fee or not requesting a reduced fee
  ➞ Payment plans are also available through Rock Springs. Be watching for more information on this
- Camp is now open for all 4-H youth up to 18 years of age.
- Teens can no longer apply to be a camp counselor. However, there is a Leader-In-Training and Counselor-In-Training option. We will share more information as we receive it.
- You can sign up to attend any camp date you choose.

  Be watching for more information soon! We will also share it as we receive it!
Save the Date!

Achievement Celebration
We want to take time to recognize all of our amazing 4-Her’s and everything they have accomplished throughout the year. We also want to show our appreciation to our incredible volunteers who work tirelessly to “Make The Best Better!” Please come out and help us celebrate all of our 4-Her’s and Volunteers!

Saturday, October 30th | 10:00 AM
Located at the Butler Community College Welcome Center
901 S Haverhill Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042

4-H Officer’s Training
Officer Training teaches 4-H Club Officers about their specific officer responsibilities, as well as reinforces concepts for members who have been officers previously. This training builds teamwork and trust in the club officer team, which leads to a more effective and successful 4-H year!

September 26th | 2:00-4:00 PM
Location To Be Announced
4-H Publication Updates

Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — Health and Wellness Challenge: Take a Hike! Spanish. 4H1148S. Ashley Conness and Kristy Packard. Whether you live in town, in the country, or are on vacation, use the tools in this project challenge to plan and go on an adventure! Translated into Spanish.

4-H Visual Arts Project, Spanish. 4H1150S. Aliah Mestrovich Seay. This project page, translated into Spanish, provides information about the 4-H Visual Arts Project, including the types of educational activities involved and how this project can lay a foundation for future learning and careers.

The 4-H Project Exhibit: The Judge’s Role. 4H1158. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps judges understand their role in this process and provides suggestions for an effective judging session.

The 4-H Project Exhibit: A Superintendent’s Role. 4H1159. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps fair superintendents understand their role in this process.

Consultative Judging of a 4-H Project Exhibit. 4H1160. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps 4-H members understand the process and how to get the most from a judging session.

Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — Fiber Arts Challenge: Macrame. 4H1161. Patsy Maddy. In this fiber arts project challenge, youth learn common macrame knots and how to incorporate principles of design into developing their own items. It also includes directions for making friendship bracelets.

Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — 4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety. 4H1162. McKenzie Smithson and Kim Nabor. In this horse project challenge, learn about safety considerations when working with horses, including proper ways to catch, bridle, saddle, and lead horses.

Extension Office Updates

⇒ We have hired a new 4-H Agent! Look for more information to be released soon!

⇒ Barb Roths, Family Consumer Science Agent retired effective August 20th

⇒ Our new Horticulture Agent, Calla Edwards, starts September 20th. Please stop by or send a card to make her feel welcome!

⇒ Our office will be closed on September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

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