STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 7

All non-livestock items going to the Kansas State Fair need to be in the Extension Office NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 7th. Robin will be leaving bright and early on Friday morning to take all items to the Fair to be judged. Results will be posted on the 4-H website by Saturday afternoon look for KSF Results at www.kansas4-h.org. A special thanks goes out to Bill and Janet Smith for taking up all the entomology and geology exhibits.

MEATS JUDGING TEAM WINS AT STATE!

Barber County was very well represented at the Kansas State Meats Judging Contest held on August 20, 2017. Our Intermediate Team placed 1st with team members Rhyan Marshall, Sterling Rector, Easton Rector and Camryn Smith! Individually the members placed Rhyan 1st, Sterling 3, Easton 4, Camryn 7. More on page 2.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council Meeting is on Monday, September 25, 2017, 7:00 P.M. at the Peoples Bank Sunflower Room. Each club should bring nominations for 4-H Alumni and Friend of 4-H awards for the 2016-2017 year. We are going to look at the standing rules and talk about any changes that need to be made before we begin the new 4-H year on October 1st. A copy of the current lists and rules are included in this letter. We are also going to elect the new 4-H Council Officers.
MEATS JUDGING CONTINUED

Also judging in the intermediate division was Hudson Rector who placed 6th, Jack Schreiner who placed 11th and Callan Smith who placed 16th.

We had one senior compete; Chloe Blunk who placed 21st. Also judging in the Senior division who were not able to compete for prizes were Madison Marshall who would have placed 1st and Taylor Paxson who would have placed 4th.

Congratulations to all team members and to Coach Tom Carr and Tim Marshall for leading them to a victory. They would like to thank the Barber County Cattlemen’s for the help financially.

Below: Barber County had 5 individuals in the top 10.

KYLFF

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be held at Rock Springs Ranch on November 17-19, 2017.

Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups and inspirational speakers.

This event also elects the Kansas Youth Council members. Applications to be on the council are being accepted now through October 1st. Applications can be found on the web at www.kansas4-h.org or through the Extension Office.

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.
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF KANSAS 4-H: THE KANSAS 4-H PROGRAM FEE

Beginning with the 2017 4-H year, Kansas 4-H will implement a $15 per member program fee for all community club 4-H members. The program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline or with a group payment process. Please read Investing in the Future of Kansas 4-H: A Guide to the 4-H Program Fee, a detailed explanation of the fee with Frequently Asked Questions. It is included in the newsletter this month.

4-H Clubs have the option of paying for their members or members paying for themselves. Our office needs to know by September 25 at 4-H Council if your club will be paying for all members. If you decide members will pay for themselves, there is a waiver option to apply for within the 4-H online system. (It is 1 click and a quick sentence or two.) You will find this where you can select to pay with a card or check at the end of enrollment for each child. If you pay with a card, you will pay for each child separately because of the design of the system.

Our third option is that the Barber County 4-H Foundation has agreed to hold donations for members that would not be able to join because of the program fee. At this time, we are starting to make people aware they can sponsor a 4-H member. We currently have not raised funds for this purpose, but do believe there are some donors that would like to help cover this program fee.

If you are interested in donating to help 4-H members pay the program fee, please contact Robin at the Extension office for more details. If you would like to visit with the 4-H Foundation Board about how they will keep this money separate for this cause, board members are Jeff Baier, Shirley Christensen, Pam Cox, Corona Hoch and Sue Marshall.

Where is the money going? That is the most common question asked. The State 4-H Office will manage the funds. The plan is to put it towards Project Support, Volunteer Development, and Program Enhancement. Page 4 of Investing in the Future of Kansas 4-H goes into more detail of what all this may include.

If you have any questions about any issues around the program fee, please contact Robin.

RECORD BOOK HELP

RECORD BOOK SCREENING SEPTEMBER 25
TURN IT INTO YOUR CLUB LEADERS BY THE DEADLINE THEY ANNOUNCED.

- Need Extra Pages? Visit: www.barber.ksu.edu
- Find 4-H on the Left Menu, then Record Books under it
- Order to put your book in: Personal Page, 4-H Story, Updated Permanent Records, Record Sheets for Each Project Enrolled in on May 1.
- Unsure of your projects? Call the Office we will look it up.
- Questions on Record Books or County Champion Applications, Call Robin. Workdays will be by appointment this year.
September 2017

A NEW 4-H YEAR

October 1 is the start of the new 4-H Year. With this comes a flurry of activities and questions. Here are a few of the events to be planning for in the next few weeks.

4-H Council & Record Book Screening - September 25 - See the article covering these on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

National 4-H Week is October 1 - 7. We do not have a county wide activity planned. This could change at 4-H Council, but clubs should talk about how they would like to promote 4-H. This is a great time to recruit new members.

Enrollment in the New 4-H Year opens on October 2. Please be patient because the 4-H online system is closed now to allow us to finish reports for this year and be ready to start the next year. More detailed instructions will be included in the October Newsletter. Remember, returning members must enroll by December 1 to be able to show at the Fair.

Volunteer Renewals start on October 2. This year we are moving to an all paper process because of the need for signatures on forms for background screening. This screening is only required every 3 years. If you need to complete these forms, they will be mailed to your house. Club Leaders will also have a list of leaders that need to complete forms for their club.

Officers Training is October 7 at 9:00 A.M. at the Medicine Lodge High School. This year everything will start in the Cafeteria. We will dismiss by offices. Also offered this day, is an opportunity to enroll from 8:30 to 10:30 in the Library. We will also have leader’s training that meets the needs of the Volunteer Screening process. If you are unable to attend the leaders section, please visit with Robin. Our goal is to have everybody up to date by December 1.

4-H Hours of 48 is October 7 and 8. This is a project of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Their packet of information was mailed to each club leader. I hope your club will look at doing some community service during this time. If you do a monthly project, please list it on their site. (T-Shirts are available if you choose.)

Record Book Judging for another county will be a night between September 26 and October 9, except October 4 or 5. Please communicate with your leaders which date would work best. We will set this at 4-H Council.

As we go through all of these annual 4-H events, please remember that new members are experiencing some of them for the first time. Try to allow time for questions or explain what everything means a couple of times so everybody can learn more about the 4-H Program.
RECORD BOOK SCREENING

4-H record book review is Monday, September 25, 2017, at the People's Bank in Medicine Lodge, after the 4-H Council Meeting. All leaders and parents are encouraged to attend and help the process move faster. Leaders are to bring the record books, county champion applications and pin award applications to this meeting. No late books or applications will be accepted.

Please check your cell phones and see what number you have listed for the Extension Office. We have a new phone system and only have one line to answer calls.

The correct number is 620-886-3971.

4-H MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT SAY

Thank You

TO TIM MARSHALL FOR HIS DEDICATION TO 4-H AND ALL OF EXTENSION FOR 16 YEARS.