It is hard to believe that I have completed three months in the Cottonwood District!

One of the important pieces of 4-H is Learning By Doing and, as Extension Agents, we continue to do that to keep programs fresh, learn new techniques and tools, and look for ways to provide additional learning opportunities for youth.

You will see some changes to KAPs in the future. I am working with a much more tech-savvy teammate to develop some resources for completing record books and KAPs! These can be overwhelming and frustrating and there is nothing worse than painfully sitting through multiple sessions at the kitchen table to try and complete the final step in one of your favorite projects! (hmmm—can you tell that I struggled with record books too?) I am always happy to take a look at a record book, Pin Application or KAP to provide feedback and recommendations.

One of the areas I love to challenge 4-H families is to attend the Kansas State Fair and look through the projects in the 4-H Building. You can find inspiration and ideas while looking for names that you know! As a 4-H member, I lived too far away to ever see my entries on display so please make time to go and check out all of the items from across our state.

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!
The anticipation is building for National 4-H Week, when the 4-H community of over 6 million young people, 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 4-H professionals will celebrate America’s largest youth organization by showcasing the incredible work that they do each and every day to make a positive impact on those around them.

The theme of the 2019 National 4-H Week, which takes place from October 6 – 12, is Inspire Kids to Do!

What does YOUR club have planned? Be sure to post photos or send to Michelle so that we can share in your successes!

Register for Projects Under Construction BY Sept. 3!

http://www.cvent.com/d/ryqs9k

October 12-13

Has your club registered 48 Hours of 4-H projects yet? We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall 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! This year you can even follow us on a FaceBook Event to keep up to date! Check that you are interested so updates hit your feed!

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and to register your 48H projects(s). Be watching the Facebook Event to win some prizes and get excited about serving our communities.

Friend of 4-H Award

The Friend of 4-H Award is given to an individual/couple or business for their dedication of time and talent to the Barton County 4-H program. They help because they believe in YOU! Each club may make a written nomination by Oct. 1. 4-H Council will vote at the Oct. 21st meeting.
New Family Resource Page

This page is dedicated to the new and not-so-new 4-H families who may have questions about upcoming events and activities. If you have a question, send it to Michelle and we’ll include it!

Q1. Was is the Achievement Celebration/Program and who attends:

A1. The 4-H Achievement Celebration is our time to celebrate accomplishments, recognize leaders and volunteers, and share some 4-H fellowship! Even if you are a new family to 4-H (and haven’t completed record books or pin applications), I would encourage you to attend and learn more about preparing for next year’s celebration.

The 2019 4-H Achievement Celebration will be held November 10 at 6:30 pm at the Barton Community College Union. We will provide additional information in a later newsletter.

Q2. Our Club Leader mentioned Achievement Pins. What are these?

A2. Achievement Pins are recognition for a year’s work and must be applied for annually. It is recommended that you use the application at the beginning of the 4-H year to set goals and stay on track throughout the year. 

https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4hforms.html

You may apply for one pin each year and cannot go backwards—so if you have received your Silver Pin, you can’t apply for your Emerald Pin. The Pins are:

Membership—Must attend more than half of the club meetings after enrollment

Bronze—Exhibit at the fair, complete a 4-H record book, attend over half of club meetings, attend 1 county/club event

Clover—Exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, and complete 3 of the extra activities

Emerald—Exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, and complete 5 of the extra activities

Silver—Exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, and complete 6 of the extra activities

Guard for Silver—MUST have received Silver Pin, exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, complete 8 of extra activities

Leadership—MUST have received Silver Pin and Guard, exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, enroll in Leadership Project for current year, and complete 11 of extra activities

Gold—MUST have received Leadership Pin, exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, enroll in Leadership Project for current year, and complete 15 of extra activities

Guard for Gold—MUST have received Gold Pin, exhibit at fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete record book, enroll in Leadership Project for current year, and complete 16 of extra activities

Yearly Membership Pin—any member may apply for this pin if you cannot meet requirements for the next pin in the series

Key Award—Key Awards are presented by the state to only 10% of 4-H members in Kansas. You must be 16 or older, enrolled in Leadership, and meet 9 of the local, county, and state activities. The activities encompass the entire year so you will want to have this handy all year.
LEADERS’ CORNER

Leaders—a couple of your priorities in the next two months include:

* **Officer Elections** (and returning the form to the Extension Office by 10/10/19!) [https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4h_docs/leader_and_officer_list.pdf]

* **Record books and KAPs** (Kansas Award Portfolio) - does your club have a plan in place to review and sign off on each of these? The completed forms need to be turned into the Extension Office by Sept. 27.

* **Financial Reviews**—every organization that holds a financial account (club, 4-H council, Junior Leaders etc) MUST provide a completed financial review form. The deadline for a completed form is Oct. 25. These will be presented to the Cottonwood Extension Board for review at the November or December meeting. Be sure these are completed timely as this can affect the status of your charter. [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/forms/admin_forms/KSU4-3.pdf]

* **Volunteer Renewals**—annual renewals are required each fall and the easiest time is during enrollment! Remind your club parents who are volunteers to update their information when they enroll their 4-H members and complete the needed steps. There are some changes happening to this process and Michelle will keep you up to date as changes occur.

Do your club members struggle with planning their project goals for each year? Does this cause headaches while filling out record books? Do older 4-H members have to scramble at the end of the 4-H year to complete necessary activities for pins applications?

If you answered YES to any of these, be sure to check out and encourage club members to use the Goal Setting Worksheet in October and November to plan their year! [https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4h_docs/4H1100-2.pdf]

#InspireKidsToDo #GrowingLeaders

Curriculum Spotlight

Did you know that the Extension Office has a wide variety of 4-H Project Materials available for check out!

If you have a new family or a family who wants to look at a new project, have them contact the office for some great resources!

**Entomology!**

We have two different sets of materials which include workbooks from “Creepy Crawlies” to “Dragons, Houses, and other Flies” to learn more about the critters around us!

The Entomology Project also provides access to fun state-wide events such as the Insect Spectacular held each spring.
Drone and Robotics Olympics!

Cosmosphere 4-H Drone + Robot Olympics will begin Friday, October 4, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, October 5, 4 p.m. Cost will be $115 for youth between 9-18-years old and $85 for all adult chaperones (all 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 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 also be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration also includes three meals and an overnight stay.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff. Deadline for registration is September 20th and registration is available here: http://www.cvent.com/d/6yqr6q

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.

Youth can learn basic care, feeding practices and safety concerns while adult volunteers dive into methods for extending learning from discovering curriculum to educational competitive 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. Plus, youth can participate in an Achievement Level 1 review and testing with an option to complete the groundwork on site too.

Registration will be available on 4-H Kansas.org through Cvent starting September 1 and closes October 15. Cost per person $20. Overnight lodging available at an additional cost.

SAVE THE DATE!

If you are enrolled or interested in Air Rifle or Air Pistol within the Shooting Sports project, plan to attend an informational meeting on October 29!

For more information, contact instructors John Reh, Dennis Trapp, or Shooting Sports Coordinator Kate Wary.
UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept

3—Registration closes for Projects Under Construction NW Region Camp
6—KSF entries leave Extension Office at 8:30 am
7-15—Kansas State Fair!
20—Drone and Robotics Olympics registration deadline
27—Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter notebooks due to Extension Office
   - Completed record books, Completed KAPs, Completed Pin Applications due to Extension Office

Oct

1—Nominations for Friend of 4-H due to Extension Office
4/5—Drone and Robotics Olympics, Cosmosphere
5—Projects Under Construction Camp, FHSU Union
7-13—National 4-H Week
10—Club Officer and Leader Forms due to Extension Office
   - Club Summary due to Extension Office (for club seal)
   https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4h_docs/4-H_Club_summary.pdf
12/13—484H
21—Junior Leaders meetings at 6:00; 4-H Council Meeting at 7:30 (Achievement Banquet committee
   Needs to meet prior to 4-H Council!)
25—Club Financial Reviews (ANY 4-H entity with a checkbook! Community Club, Dog, Horse, 4-H
   Council, Junior Leaders, Ambassadors)
29—Info meeting for Shooting Sports Air Rifle and Air Pistol participants

Nov

9—4-H Equine Extravaganza, Rock Springs Ranch
23/24—KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum/Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum), Rock Springs Ranch
AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Member Name ______________________________

Place a check mark by the awards you are applying for and place this form in the front of your record book. This is due September 27th to the Cottonwood Extension Office-BT Co.

Project Award Areas
To apply for a project award, your record book must have a completed KAP with pictures and a story about what you have done and learned in this project. You also must be enrolled in the project area to compete for a county award.

- Beef
- Bucket Calf
- Citizenship
- Clothing and Textiles
- Communications (Public Speaking)
- Dairy (includes dairy cattle and goats)
- Dog Care and Training
- Energy Management (Small Engines, Electric and Power of the Wind)
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Family Studies
- Fiber Arts (Quilting, Crochet, etc.)
- Foods and Nutrition
- Geology
- Health and Wellness (Health, Fitness, Bicycle and Recreation)
- Home Environment
- Horse
- Leadership
- Meat Goats
- Performing Arts
- Pets (Cats, hand pets, aquarium pets)
- Photography
- Plant Science (Crops, Horticulture, Flowers and Forestry)
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Reading
- Self-determined
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Space Tech (Rocketry and Robotics)
- Swine
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife
- Wood Science (woodworking)

4-H Achievement Pins
Place the achievement pin application (one only) inside the front cover of your record book.

- Membership Pin
- Bronze Pin
- Clover Pin
- Emerald pin
- Silver Pin
- Silver Guard Pin
- Leadership Pin
- Gold pin
- Gold Guard Pin
- Yearly Pin (Barton County Form)

- Key Award is a State Application and is separate from the above pin series. Must be 16.

Other Award Areas: Due September 27th.

- Reporter Book
- Secretary Book
- Treasurer Book
- Historian Book

The Friend of 4-H award will be a nomination from each club and voted on by members of 4-H Council. Due to Extension Office by Oct. 1.

The Barton County 4-H Club Summary Report is to be completed by the club officers and leaders to receive the seal for your charter. Due October 10th.