

Our Shining 4-H Stars



2018-2019 4-H Junior Leader Officers

President - **Dalton Dicks**
Vice President - **Hailey Hicks**
Secretary - **Grace Hoskins**
Treasurer - **Haley McCormick**
Reporter/Social Media - **Dathan Proffitt**

The next junior leader meeting is scheduled for January 21, 6 pm at the 4-H Building between Great Bend and Hoisington.

4-H Livestock Committee Officers

President - **Luke Wondra**
Vice-President - **Dalton Dicks**
Secretary - **Haley McCormick**
Treasurer - **Liam Proffitt**
Adult Advisors: **Shane Dicks and Luke McCormick**

The next Livestock Committee meeting will be February 18, 7 pm at the Extension Office.

2018 4-H Achievement Review

Congratulations to all members and leaders who were honored at the 4-H Achievement celebration on November 11th.

A big thank you to the Achievement committee for planning and decorating. It was a great evening with 180 4-H members, guests and family members in attendance. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped with clean up too!

We have had questions about the county Project Awards and how or why members win these. The KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) is for 4-H members to record their project accomplishments for the year. Your KAP will be evaluated on:

- 50% of what you have learned
- 25% of your leadership accomplishments
- 25% of your citizenship accomplishments

Start now to set your learning, citizenship and leadership goals for each of your projects.

FYI: The awards at the fair are based on the specific item that the member displays.

4-H Online Enrollments due Dec. 1

4-H Online enrollments for returning members are due December 1st. These must be completed in order for you to participate in the Barton County Fair. The 4-H Participation Form with health information is completed during the online enrollment process, so have your insurance and DPT with you when enrolling. All leaders must also be signed up on 4-H online.

Go to www.cottonwood.ksu.edu, scroll down and on the right hand side you will find a "4-H Online" icon, just click on it to get started.

If you have any issues or questions please give us a call at the Extension Office. Brenda or Berny can help you with your family's enrollment.

Second Saturday Sewing

Saturday, December 8

9:30 - 11 am

Extension Office meeting room

Please let us know by Friday, December 7th if you will be able to join us for some sewing fun. Materials will be provided for a simple, fun project that you can give as a gift or keep it for yourself!

Extension Office Closed

The Cottonwood Extension District-Great Bend Office will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas. The office is also closed on New Year's Day January 1st.

4-H Day with the K-State Wildcat Women's Basketball Team Saturday, January 13, 2019 K-State vs KU

The package includes a ticket to the game, a game day t-shirt and food coupons at the game. Registration must be completed online by December 20th. Go to kansas4-h.org and look under "What's Hot".

Volunteer Forms Needed

All volunteers who work directly with youth in the 4-H program are required to complete the Volunteer Screening process. This helps ensure wholesome, safe programs for youth.

If you are serving as a volunteer, you will first need to complete the volunteer profile form found at cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4hforms.html or go to our website cottonwood.k-state.edu and look under "Barton County 4-H" and then "forms". You will also need to complete a form to send to Topeka and complete online information to allow a Background Check. Currently this must be done every three years.

Volunteers who have completed the initial and are approved must then complete an annual renewal form. Junior leaders who are project leaders or camp counselors must also complete the process.

Community Leaders and Club Treasurers

Just a reminder that if you haven't completed your club's financial summary sheet, we need them as soon as possible. Thank you to several clubs who have completed this necessary task!!

Choose a committee of two-three people in the club/group (someone **not related** to those on the signature card or the club treasurer) to review the financial records. The committee must look at the checkbook and the bank statements and check all receipts and deposits. The report that needs to be filled out was sent to community leaders and is also in the back of the treasurer's record book.

County-Wide 4-H Council Committees

Junior leaders (age 12 and older) working to earn achievement pins will want to sign up for a county committee. This is also a great opportunity to build some strong relationships across the county. Consider signing up for one of the following county committees:

- 4-H Achievement Program 2019
- 4-H BBQ - Fundraising
- 4-H Day - in Hoisington in 2019
- 48 Hours of 4-H
- Family and Consumer Sciences

Please let the Extension Office know by January 4th so the 4-H Council officers can assign committees before the next Council meeting.

Shooting Sports News

Shooting sports is a county-wide project. 4-H Shooting sports instructors must be certified and they contribute many hours to the shooting sports program.

Certified Air Rifle instructors are John Reh, Steve Schultz, Jeff Clark, Scott Smith, Brian Rowan, Leland Miller. Certified archery instructors are Dennis Trapp, Kathy McGinnis, Roger McPherson, Dustin Wyant and Bill Abrams.

Kate Wary serves as County Coordinator.

Air rifle meetings started on October 23rd. No additional enrollments will be accepted. The first six meetings are required because all positions will be taught. If you did not get started on time this year, please put it on your calendar to start on time next year.

The shooting sports handbook is posted at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu and has specifics for the requirements for each discipline.

Shooting Sports is a project that does require each member to pay a \$20 fee to participate. The fee helps pay for targets, pellets, and new equipment.

The Barton County Winter Classic for air rifle will be held on Saturday, February 16th at the Expo Grounds.

Welcome New 4-H Families

Try to remember how you feel when you walk into a brand new group. Help those new to the organization not be overwhelmed. Try to involve them in club activities - not just at the first meeting but throughout the year.

- ✓ Form a "mentor" system (or buddy system) by having older 4-H members help new 4-H members with meetings, records and events.
- ✓ Advise new families of deadlines. Explain the major events that happen in 4-H, such as 4-H Day, Fair, 4-H Camp, etc. Explain the sometimes confusing 4-H terms. Don't assume everyone understands.
- ✓ Let new 4-H families participate at their own pace. Involve them in club activities but allow them to participate at a level that is comfortable to them.
- ✓ Remember your club is like a family. In families, we need to help everyone find their own niche, challenge them to be a part of the family and accept them for who they are.

New Family Coordinator Position

We would like for one person from each club to serve as a New Family Coordinator in every club. You do not have to know everything there is to know about 4-H!

Your role would be to just be a helpful person to assist new families to find the answers to the questions they have. Having a person in each club would truly strengthen our 4-H Clubs.

A training would be held and materials are available to assist you in this venture.

Twenty-Four Hour Grace Period

4-H Council voted and the Barton County Extension Council approved their decision to offer a 24-hour grace period after the published 4-H deadlines.

For example, 4-H Day entries will be due on Friday, February 8th. You will then have a 24-hour grace period (business days). You will have until Monday, February 11th to get your entries in. Entries can be put in the drop box and can be e-mailed, but we will not accept phone entries.

For 4-H Day, if you do not enter on time, you will not be eligible for top blue. You can certainly still participate and receive an evaluation from the judge.

For 4-H camp and other county events that require registration, you will not be allowed to participate if your registration is not received on time.

Please attend your 4-H meetings & keep track of deadlines by reading the 4-H newsletter, checking the county website at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu and be sure to join the “*Barton County 4-H members*” Facebook group.

We will continue to post newsletters on our website, www.cottonwood.ksu.edu and on ks4-honline.com.

We will also e-mail the newsletter to all enrolled 4-H families through the [ks4-honline](http://ks4-honline.com) system. If you change an email address please make that change in the [ks4-honline](http://ks4-honline.com) system.

We will continue to print some copies of the newsletter and you are welcome to stop by the office and pick up a printed copy.

State Livestock Notes

The 2019 Kansas Junior Producer Days have been scheduled! Junior Swine Producer Day will be hosted on March 9, 2019, with Junior Meat Goat Producer Day being March 30, 2019. Both junior day programs will be in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry's Weber Hall on the K-State campus. These events are one-day educational opportunities for youth, parents, agents, and project leaders to learn about various aspects of livestock project selection and management.

An optional Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session will be held at the conclusion of both junior days. This will be an opportunity for youth to obtain their YQCA certification through an instructor-led session. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS will require all exhibitors to be YQCA certified for the 2019 shows. Please watch the K-State Youth Livestock Program website and Facebook page for registration details! Families will have the option to mail in their junior day registration, or complete it online.

Dear 4-H Families,

Have a very Merry Christmas & an awesome 2019! Be sure to keep track on all deadlines and meeting dates!

December 1 - All returning 4-H members must have their 4-H Online enrollments completed or they will not be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division at the Barton Co. Fair for 2019.

8 - 2nd Saturday Sewing - 9:30 -11 am at the Extension Office

24 & 25 - Extension Office Closed for Christmas

January 1 - Extension Office Closed for New Year's Day

Sincerely,

Berny Unruh
Cottonwood Extension 4-H Agent

2019 Barton County 4-H Calendar

| January | February | March |
|---|--|---|
| 10 - Area KAP Screening 12 - Second Saturday Sewing 15 - CIA registration due 17 - Cloverbuds 21 - Jr Leaders - 6 pm 21 - 4-H Council - 7:30 26-27 - Horse Panorama 28 - State 4-H Scholarships App. due | 2 - Judges Training - Hays 9- Second Saturday Sewing ?? 8 - 4-H entries due 16 - Barton County Winter Classic - Expo I 17- 18 - Citizenship in Action 22-23 - Ambassador Training 23- Beef Weigh-in - 9-10:30 am 24 - 4-H Day!! | 8 - Regional 4-H Day - GB 9- Second Saturday Sewing 13 - Fiber Arts Day - G Bend 18 - 4-H Council - 7:30 pm 23 - 4-H Super Saturday & NW judging (Hays) |
| April | May | June |
| 13 - Second Saturday Sewing 13 - Spring State Shoot 15 - 4-H Discovery Days Registration Due 30 - Camp counselor applications Due | 1 - Last Day to DROP/ADD projects Horse ID's Due T-Shirt Orders Due 3 - 4-H Camp Registration Due 20 - 4-H Council meeting May 28 - 31 - 4-H Discovery Days - KSU | 4-H Day Camp - TBA 10- Counselors to Camp 11-14 - Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 15 - Fair Pre-Entries Due 21-22 - Insect Spectacular at Wetlands Education Center |
| July | August | September |
| 1- BBQ Ticket Sales Due 2 - Fashion Revue and Clothing Judging - 8:30 am 10-14- Barton County Fair 15 - Fair Clean up 15 - Kansas State Fair Livestock Entries Due | 8 - State Wheat Expo - 9 - KS State Fair Pre-Entries Due 19- 4-H Council (tentative) 24 - State Livestock Judging State Horticulture Judging | 6-15 - Kansas State Fair 5 - State Fair entries in the Extension Office 6 - State Fair Foods and Horticulture in the Office <p style="text-align: center;">Club Officer Elections</p> |
| October | November | December |
| 1- KS4-HOnline Opens 6-12 - National 4-H Week 12-13- 48 Hours of 4-H 21 - 4-H Council - 7:30 (Officer elections) TBD - Dog Conference TBD - Fall State Shooting | 10- Annual 4-H Achievement Celebration 16 -17 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and Kansas Volunteer Forum | <p>December 1st - All returning members must be re-enrolled on 4-H Online to be able to show and exhibit at the Barton County Fair.</p> <p>Happy Holidays!!</p> |