

Our Shining 4-H Stars



2016-2017 4-H Council Officers

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Making decisions for the entire 4-H membership is a challenging task! Thank You to all those attending the first 4-H Council meeting of the new year. The next meeting will be the third Monday of January (the 21st) at 7:30 pm.

48 hours of 4H

A huge round of applause to the 4-H clubs who helped with the clean up of the nature trail at the Wetlands Education Center. On Sunday after the project sessions, forty people gathered to help clean up and THEN we got to enjoy dutch oven cobbler! **Thanks** 4-H for all your work.

4-H Online Enrollments due Dec.1st

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. Also, project leaders want to know who is signed up for certain projects. The 4-H Participation Form with health information will be completed during the online enrollment process. 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 an "4hOnline" box and you just click on it to get started.

If you have any issues or questions please give us a call at the Extension Office 793-1910. Brenda or Berny can help you with your family's enrollment.

Second Saturday Sewing Saturday, Nov. 10th, 9:30 -11 am

Please let us know by Friday at noon if you will be able to join us for some sewing fun. Materials will be provided and it will be a basic sewing project but all ages and skill levels are welcome! Adult and junior leader help is always welcome.

2018 Achievement Celebration Sunday, Nov. 11th at 6:30 pm Barton Comm College Union

We have turned in the count for the meals. If you did not get your reservation turned in, you are still welcome to join us for the awards program that will begin at approximately 7:00 or shortly after.

We encourage the 4-H members to dress nicely but nice jeans are certainly acceptable.

The clubs will be called up to the front. If all members would gather on the left side of the stage we will send you up on stage as the president of your club calls your name. The community leaders will hand you your award in a file folder.

If you did not fill out any award applications, you are still welcome to come on stage - we will ask the president of your club to introduce you.

4-H Day - Sunday, Feb. 24th

4-H Council members voted to hold 4-H Day at Hoisington High School on Sunday, Feb 24th. Most events will start at about 1:30 pm.

We ask you to put this on your schedule and make plans to get involved!

4-H Day offers members a chance to share life skills like organizing your thoughts, presenting your ideas in front of an audience and listening to some encouraging ideas from a judge.

It is also a great opportunity for all the members from one club to get together and plan a club skit, novelty/stunt or music number.

It will be great to see you all at 4-H Day!

County 4-H Livestock Comm.Meeting Date to be determined!

All 4-H beef, goat, sheep and swine project members are invited to a livestock committee meeting at the Extension Office meeting room, However we have had a difficult time finding a date when there is not an event being held at one school or another. Please get enrolled so we can send you a letter or postcard when a date is set.

Officers and advisors will be elected and a plan for the year will be discussed.

This will NOT be a livestock educational meeting that counts for quality assurance.

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. You do not have to be a 4-H Council Representative to serve on a county committee. This is also a great opportunity to build some strong relationships across the county. The new year has begun and 4-H events do not just magically happen. They only happen with lots of help! Consider signing up for one of the following county committees:

- 4-H Achievement Program 2019
- 4-H BBQ - Fundraising in 2019
- 4-H Day - in Hoisington in 2019
- 48 Hours of 4-H for 2019
- Recognition Comm. (Adult from each club)

Volunteer Forms Needed

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

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, contact our office soon so we can get the process started. The volunteer service form can be found at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu look under "4-H" and then "forms". OR as you are enrolling in 4-H Online you will be asked if you are a volunteer and if you click on the link in blue you will be taken to a qualtrics form and you can fill it out online.

Returning volunteers who have completed the initial form and taken the training must 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 (it must be more than one person) in the club/group (someone **not related** to those on the signature card or the club treasurer) to review the financial records. 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.

Club treasurers and community leaders will be getting a notice if we do not have the required paperwork by Nov. 15th.

Thank You for working on this important detail.

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, Jeff Clark, Scott Smith, Brian Rowan, Leland Miller. Certified archery instructors are Dennis Trapp, Roger McPherson and Bill Abrams.

Kate Wary serves as County Coordinator.

Archery will begin in January or February. The beginning date will be announced in December.

Air rifle meetings started on October 23rd. No late 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. Only members who have gone through the air rifle training will be allowed to shoot small bore rifle next June.

The shooting sports handbook is posted on our Cottonwood website 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. Please do your part and get this paid to the leaders of each discipline.

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. Please help those new to the organization feel welcome. 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 are looking for one person from each club to serve as a New Family Coordinator. You do not have to know everything 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.

4-H Day with the K-State Wildcat Women’s Basketball Team Sunday, January 13, 2019, Noon K-State vs KU

Additional information is posted on the state website: www.kansas4-h.org.

You can order tickets as an individual, as a family or as a club. The package includes a ticket to the game, a game day t-shirt and food coupons at the game. Deadline to order tickets is Dec 20th.

Golden Belt Community Foundation's Match Day - Tuesday, Nov. 27

“#Giving Tuesday is a counter narrative to Black Friday and Cyber Monday because it reminds us that the spirit of the holiday giving season should be about community and not just consumerism”, said Kathy Calvin, CEO of the UN Foundation. “The most meaningful gift we can give our children, loved ones, friends and neighbors is the commitment to work together to help build a better world.”

All donations to the “Barton County 4-H Council” Endowment will be eligible to be matched by some generous donors. Minimum donation to be matched is \$25 and the maximum donation to qualify for a match per donor/per fund is \$1000.

This year funds can be collected the entire month of November so if you would like to donate to our endowment fund stop by the Extension Office at any time or donate online!

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. 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 and keep track of deadlines by reading the 4-H newsletter, checking the county website and by joining the “Barton County 4-H members” Facebook group.

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November, 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Don't forget to keep track of all deadlines and meeting dates!

November Dates

10 - Second Saturday Sewing from 9:30 - 11 am

11 - 4-H Achievement Celebration - 6:30 pm - BCC Union

12 - Veteran's Day - Extension Office Closed

17-18 - Kansas (adult and youth) Leadership Weekend at RSR

22 & 23 - Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

27 - Give Where You Live - All donations over \$25 will be proportionally matched!

Date to be Determined - 4-H Livestock Members Meeting - 7 pm - Ext. Office

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.*

Sincerely,

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