

## Our Shining 4-H Stars



- ★ The Small Bore Rifle members and the Archery members have been traveling to nearby counties to compete this summer. Congrats to all who qualified for state! State Archery will be held September 16<sup>th</sup>. Small bore rifle will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck 4-H members!
- ★ Thank you to all the Archery and Small Bore rifle leaders for planning a local state qualifier!
- ★ We have a great group of members signed up to participate at the Kansas State Fair by sending an exhibit, taking and showing their animals, participating in fashion revue or judging in a FCS, poultry or photography judging contest. We know you will do your very best as you represent Barton County. Good Luck!

### Dates to put on your calendar

- October 1-7 - National 4-H Week
- October 8 - 48 Hours of 4-H work at the Zoo
- October 16 - 4-H Council meeting at 7:30 pm
- October 124 - Expansion Grant Wrap Up - 5 - 8 pm
- November 12 - 4-H Achievement Celebration at Barton Community College - 6:30 pm

### Age for 4-H Membership

4-H membership is open to all boys and girls who are 7 years of age and have not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the new year(2018). For this next 4-H year (October 1, 2017- September 30, 2018) your age will be figured by the age you will be on January 1, 2018.

**Remember:** Cloverbuds must be age 5 or 6 (before January 1, 2018) and they will become a bonafide 4-H member if they are age 7 before January 1, 2018. This is a state policy.

Cloverbuds are invited to bring limited project items to the fair. They get to visit with a judge but will not be involved in competitive events. They are invited to participate in show and share at 4-H Days. Cloverbuds is a fun introduction to 4-H!

### Online Enrollment Begins Oct. 1

All enrollment and filling out of Health Participation forms will be completed on 4-HOnline. Members and leaders will be able to enroll or re-enroll on **October 2** when the 4-H online program rolls over to the new year.

The link can be found at [www.barton.ksu.edu](http://www.barton.ksu.edu) just scroll down and find the 4-HOnline “logo” or symbol on the right side. Or on our 4-H page <http://www.barton.k-state.edu/4-h/join.html>

In Barton County, all returning members must be re-enrolled **by December 1<sup>st</sup>**. All new members must be enrolled by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to exhibit at the Barton County Fair in the 4-H division. The explanation of the projects will help you decide which projects to enroll in.

<http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1065.pdf>

### 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 and independent 4-H members. The program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline and you will see these choices:

- by debit/credit card
- by check
- by sponsor
- request a waiver

If you have questions please give Berny a call.

### Volunteer Screening Update

Every adult who helps with the 4-H program is asked to fill out a Volunteer Service Application and complete training. The current process took effect August 1, 2014 and includes a background check every three years, so for those who have never completed a background check, this is the year that it must be done.

Thank you to all volunteers for your service!

## National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2017

Each year, we celebrate the beginning of the 4-H year with National 4-H Week. Each club and each member should plan to do something to tell the community about our great program. Consider these great ideas:

- Wear a 4-H T-shirt to school everyday during National 4-H week.
- Make posters and hang them up at school, church or at the day care center.
- Plan to hang a 4-H banner or plan a window display for your school, library or business in your town.
- Invite a friend to the next 4-H meeting.
- Say thanks to 4-H donors with a plate of homemade goodies.
- Some clubs celebrate 4-H Sunday during 4-H Week. If your club plans to do this, consider using the 4-H leaflets that are available.

### 4-H Club Officer Elections

As you prepare to elect your officers at your September 4-H meeting, consider these guidelines.

- ◆ Nominate and vote for the member who will carry out the responsibilities of the office. Elections should not be a popularity contest.
- ◆ Vote on each office individually. It takes time but allows important learning time for members.
- ◆ Consider having members sign up for the office they are interested in to find out their interest.
- ◆ A nomination does not need a second. It can simply be, "Mr. President, I nominate Joe"
- ◆ In order to "close the nominations" for each office, a motion, second and a vote is required.
- ◆ Voting should be done by ballot. Once again this does take time, but it is the proper way to vote.
- ◆ In cases where there are more than one person in an office (ex: if there are two songleaders) each member would vote for the corresponding candidates (2 votes for 2 songleaders).

## 48 Hours of 4-H - October 8

According to the 4-H study of Positive Youth Development, 4-H members are nearly 4 times more likely to give back to their communities!

48 hours of 4-H is a challenge to club members, adult leaders and 4-H Alumni to explore their service capabilities and inspire the community around them by taking part in a service project during the weekend of October 7-8, 2017.

Check out the 48 Hours of 4-H page on the state website, [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) for more details and to register your club's project!

The project that was discussed at 4-H Council for all clubs to be involved in was to help clean at the Great Bend Zoo on Sunday, October 8th from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. More information will be available soon.

### 4-H Records

The due date for your 4-H Record Books, KAP's (Kansas Award Portfolios) and Achievement Pin Applications is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your leaders as they may have an earlier due date.

- ◆ All 4-H Record Books will be turned into the Leader to be turned into the Extension Office. Leaders may set an earlier date to have records turned into them and the leaders may bring in all record books together.
- ◆ Record Books must include: Personal Page, Permanent Record and a "4-H Story" to be considered complete for an achievement pin.
- ◆ Things that are NOT included in a record book and should be placed in a separate Memory Book are: ribbons, evaluation sheets from the fair and 4-H Day, newspaper clippings, etc.
- ◆ To be considered as a project county winner, 4-H members age 7-13 will be completing the KAP form for 7-8 year olds. This is a simple two page form so members age 12 and 13 may want to add a longer story and more pictures. This can be found at [www.barton.ksu.edu](http://www.barton.ksu.edu) under "4-H" and "Forms"
- ◆ Members 14 and older will complete the Kansas 4-H Award Portfolio (found on the [barton.ksu.edu](http://barton.ksu.edu) website AND at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) the state website) for each project in which they wish to apply for a county award. The top county winner in each award area will be eligible for competition at the Northwest Area KAP screening.

## 2017 Achievement Program

4-H Achievement Awards for this past year will be presented Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Barton Community College Union.

### The following are due on September 29<sup>th</sup> (24-hour grace period allowed)

- ▶ Record book signed by member, parent and leader with a Personal Page, 4-H story, Permanent Record.
- ▶ KAP for your project in a separate notebook.
- ▶ Achievement Pin Applications signed by two leaders, parent and member
- ▶ Key Award Applications
- ▶ Officer Notebooks (Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Historian)

The Achievement Celebration Committee would like to have a representative from each club to help plan the celebration. If you have ideas to share, please visit with your club's committee member.

### Awards

The award is not the end result of the 4-H program. The objective of awards is to encourage and further a youth's educational development and to help him look ahead on the road of achievements.

### Key Award

Key Awards are presented by the state to only 10% of the 4-H'ers in Kansas. Applications for this award should be obtained early in the year, so the member can work toward meeting the requirements. 4-H'ers 16 and older may apply if enrolled in junior leadership and meet nine of the eleven local, county, and state activities.

The Key Award does take some prior planning. For one section, the member must have participated in 4-H Day in either public speaking or in the demonstration division. The extemporaneous division does not count.

Please ask if you have questions about what will count for each of the requirements. Or fill out a draft form and bring it in to the Extension Office to be checked over.

## 4-H Achievement Pins

Membership, Bronze, Clover, Emerald, Silver, Silver Guard, Leadership, Gold Pin, and Gold Guard -- all 4-H'ers are encouraged to work toward receiving the achievement pins. Members should ask for a pin application at the beginning of the year and set their goals to achieve the pin. If a member joins 4-H at age 11 or 12 it is possible to start the pin process with the emerald or silver pin. However, it is not possible to go back later and apply for pins not received. Ask if you have questions about where to start.

- **Membership Pin** - First in a series of 4-H Achievement Pins. Must attend more than half of the club meetings after a member is enrolled.

- **Bronze Pin** - Second in the series of pins. Exhibit at Fair, complete 4-H record book, attend over ½ of club meetings, attend one county or club event.

- **Clover Pin** - Third in the series of pins. Exhibit at Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete record book and complete 3 of optional guidelines.

- **Emerald Pin** - Fourth in the series of pins. Exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, and complete 5 of optional guidelines.

- **Silver Pin** - Fifth in the series of pins. Exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, and complete 6 of optional guidelines.

- **Guard for Silver Pin** - Sixth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, and complete 8 of optional guidelines.

- **Leadership Pin** - Seventh in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year and complete 11 of optional guidelines.

- **Gold Pin** - Eighth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year and complete 15 of optional guidelines.

- **Guard for Gold Pin** - Ninth in the series of pins. Must have received the previous pin, exhibit at the Fair, attend over ½ of club meetings, complete 4-H record book, enroll in Leadership project for the current year and complete 16 of optional guidelines.

- **Yearly Membership Pin** - Any member may apply for this pin if you cannot meet requirements for the next pin in the series.

You may apply for only one pin each year.

## Order of your 4-H Record Book

For those 7-13 years old, the order of your 4-H record book when it is turned in should be:

1. Personal Page - signed in all the right spots!
2. 4-H Story- Please take the time to tell your story!
3. Permanent Record
4. KAP forms (7-8 year old form) in alphabetical order by project - each should be complete and pictures and a story are necessary to be a county award winner.

Seniors age 14 and older applying for achievement pins should include personal page, 4-H story and permanent record for a “completed book”.

## Your 4-H Story

Here are some suggestions for writing your story.

1. First, introduce yourself. Tell about your age, years in the project, etc.
2. Second, tell about your project. What goals did you set? What did you learn? Tell about the successful and not so great things that happened. How did the project turn out financially?
3. Third, tell about your plans for the future. Will you take the project(s) again. How have they helped you in school and in your other activities?

If you are working towards a project award in a certain project, you should write a separate story for that project. If you are writing just one 4-H story, tell about each project that you completed.

## Permanent Record Tips

One of the changes at the state level has been a move towards more computer-friendly record keeping forms. The permanent record has only 4 sections instead of 11 sections in the past - The idea behind this was to help cut down on duplication.

The forms are on the web in Word-compatible format. The form can be downloaded to your computer and saved. Each year you will add new information.

This new form will take some getting used to, but in the long run it should prove to be more efficient. The information from the permanent record can also be copied and pasted to the KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio).

The KAP is the form that will be used to apply for a county, area or state project award.

## Order of your KAP notebook

For those 14 and older, your KAP will be considered to advance on to area screening. Your KAP should be compiled as it is listed on the front of your KAP form:

1. Personal Page (can be photocopied)
2. Up to a 6-page story, double-spaced and on one side of the page.
3. The KAP form with one page of introduction and 3 pages of pictures is 13 pages long.
4. Signatures are required on the second page.

## Barton Co. KAP Assistance

Recordbooks and KAPs have you baffled? If you have questions and would like some help, Berny will be at the Extension office on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6:30 pm to answer your questions on achievement pin applications, Kansas Award Portfolios and 4-H record books.

You may also give me a call at the office during the day and I can offer some assistance.

We do have “sample” completed achievement pin applications that should be helpful in filling out your applications for this year. If you would like a copy please ask at the Extension Office.

## Friend of 4-H Award

The Friend of 4-H award is given to an individual, a couple or a business for their dedication of time and talent to the Barton County 4-H program without any expectations of payment. They help because they believe in YOU - the youth of Barton county.

Each club can make a nomination and then 4-H Council representatives get to vote at the October 4-H Council meeting. Each club will have 4 votes.

Each club can nominate a person, a couple or a business who deserves recognition. The club must have a **written** nomination to share at the Council meeting. An oral presentation or verbal nomination from a council member will not be accepted as a formal nomination.

Leaders, if you need a list of past winners, please check out the Community Leader 2017 News that was handed out at the August 4-H Council meeting.

## **Dog Care and Training Conference**

The state 4-H Dog Conference will be at Rock Springs Ranch on October 20-22, 2017. Online registration will be available soon and registration is due by September 30.

## **KYLF - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum**

KYLF will be held November 17-19, 2017 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. The Forum is open to youth age 14-18 years old by January 1, 2018. Registrations are due October 15 and remember if you sign up and do not attend, you will be held accountable for your fee. Check it out online at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org)

This event will include speakers, learning sessions, activities, and the election of the State 4-H Youth Council.

## **KS 4-H Youth Council**

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the council members are to plan the KYLF conference and be involved at state functions. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council are available on the state website and must be submitted online. Applications are due October 1.

## **National 4-H Conference**

This conference is held in April in Washington DC and is an amazing opportunity. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2018 and it is a separate application. Conference delegates serve a two-year term on State 4-H youth council. Visit with Mikey Hughes if you have questions about this conference.

## **CWF - Citizenship Washington Focus**

CWF is an amazing trip to Washington, DC during the month of June. It is a chance to see the nation's capitol but most importantly you meet people from all over the US. More information is on the state website: [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) under "Events" and "Regional/National events". Applications will be accepted until January 15<sup>th</sup> or until the 50 spaces are filled.

## **Join the 4-H Ambassador Team**

Applications to be a Barton County 4-H Ambassador are due October 15<sup>th</sup> (24 hour grace period extends that to the 16<sup>th</sup>). 4-H members in the 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply. Applications and job descriptions will be sent to 4-H members in that age group, but they are also available at [www.barton.ksu.edu](http://www.barton.ksu.edu) and look under "4-H and Youth" and "Forms".

Barton County Ambassadors provide a vital role in marketing the 4-H program. This is an opportunity for older 4-H members to apply leadership, marketing, and public presentation skills to create dynamic promotions for 4-H.

In order to have an ambassador program, we do need to have two adult leaders willing to meet with Ambassadors at least 6 times a year and carry out a planned promotional 4-H program.

## **What is the Leadership Project?**

Leadership is a project that all 4-H youth age 12 and older should enroll in. Leadership involves helping others learn. Leadership work is required on achievement pins and the Key award.

Junior leaders can sign up to be a project leader, an assistant or even the county-wide leader. To fulfill your obligations, you must plan and hold meetings or assist at project meetings. Please do not put down on your pin applications that you are a leader of a group if you have held 0 meetings and have made 0 phone calls to help 0 members. If there are 0 members in the project, then you need to get members enrolled and involved and plan a learning activity.

After you have completed the volunteer screening process, we would be glad to have you sign up as a project leader.

## **Junior Leaders**

All youth 12 years older and enrolled in the leadership project are eligible to join the Barton County 4-H Junior Leader Group and you will be invited to join the group's organized activities.

We are currently inviting two or three parents to consider being the adult sponsors for this group. If you are interested, please talk to Berny.

**Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Award Nomination Form**

Place a check mark by the awards you are applying for and place this form in the front of your book.  
Due September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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, Power of the Wind)
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Family Studies
- Fiber Arts (Quilting, Crochet, etc.)
- Foods and Nutrition
- Geology
- Health and Wellness
- 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, Robotics, etc)
- Swine
- Visual Arts
- Wildlife
- Wood Science

**4-H Achievement Pins**

Apply for only ONE achievement pin each year. Place the achievement pin application 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- can be applied for in any year
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Key Award is a state application and is separate from the above pin series. Must be 16.

**Other Award Areas:**

- 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 at 4-H Council (October 16<sup>th</sup>)

The Barton County 4-H Club Summary Report is to be completed by the club officers to receive the seal for your charter. Due Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.



# September 2017

- DON'T FORGET:**
- ◇ **KANSAS STATE FAIR**
  - ◇ **DUE DATES :**
    - **KAP & PIN APPLICATIONS**
    - **RECORD BOOKS**
    - **CLUB SUMMARY**
    - **FRIEND OF 4-H NOMINATIONS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY— OFFICES CLOSED!!!</b>	5	6 <i>4-H Grade Ag Day— all agents</i>	7 Bring KSF entries to Extension Office Teen Cooking - GB Library—6 pm	8 <b>KANSAS STATE FAIR (KSF)</b>	9 <b>KSF</b>
10 <b>KSF Photography Judging</b>	11 <b>KSF \$1 day</b>	12 <b>KAP and Record book help 3:30-6:30 pm</b>	13 <b>KSF</b>	14 <b>KAP and Record book help 3:30-6:30 pm</b>	15 <b>KSF</b>	16 <b>KSF Fashion Revue FCS Judging Poultry Judging State Archery</b>
17 <b>KSF</b>	18 Volunteer Screening Training 7 pm RSVP by noon	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>KAP, Record books, Key award and Achievement Pin Applications due</i>	30 <b>State Small Bore Rifle and Small Bore Pistol</b>

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## September 2017

### Important Dates

Now until September 7<sup>th</sup> - Bring in pre-entered non-perishable  
State Fair exhibits

Sept 8 - Bring in foods and horticulture state fair exhibits  
from 7:30 - 8:30 am

Sept. 8-17 - Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson

Sept. 12 and 14 - 3:30- 6:30 pm - Awards Assistance at Extension  
Office

Sept. 2 - Record Books, Achievement Pin  
Applications, and Key Award Applications due

Oct. 1 -7 - Celebrate National 4-H Week! Invite a friend to join 4-H.

Oct. 8 - 48 hours of 4-H event at the Zoo from 1:30-4:30 pm

Oct. 13 - New Officer List Due to the Extension Office

Oct. 15 - Ambassador Applications due

Oct. 16 - 4-H Council meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Achievement Celebration meeting - 6:45 pm

“Friend of 4-H” Applications Due at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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