

Our Shining 4-H Stars



2017-2018 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 15th) at 7:30 pm.

48 hours of 4H

A nice round of applause to the 4-H clubs who helped with the projects for the Dream Center and the Brit Spaugh Zoo. A great group of members met on Saturday and made pillow cases for the Dream Center. On Sunday, sixty people gathered to help clean the grounds at the Brit Spaugh Zoo. THANKS 4-Hers for all your work.

2017 4-H Achievement Review

Congratulations to all members and leaders who were honored at the 4-H Achievement celebration on November 12th.

A big thank you to the Achievement committee for planning and decorating. It was a great evening with around 150 4-H members, guests and family members in attendance. Thanks to all who pitched in and helped with clean up too!

The KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) is for 4-H members to record 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

Set your Learning, Citizenship and Leadership goals now for each of your projects.

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 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.

4-H Day - February 24th

4-H Council members voted to hold 4-H Day at Ellinwood High School on Saturday, February 24th. Most events will start at 9 am.

We know there is not a Saturday that works perfectly, so 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!

Second Saturday Sewing Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 am

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

Extension Office Closed

The Cottonwood Extension District Great Bend Office will be closed November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday and December 25 for Christmas. The office is also closed on New Year's Day January 1st.

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 first required form can be found at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu look under "4-H" and then "forms".

Returning volunteers who have completed the initial form and taken the training 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 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. The new 4-H year has begun and 4-H events do not just happen. They only happen with lots of help! Consider signing up for one of the following county committees:

- 4-H Achievement Program 2018
- 4-H BBQ - Fundraising
- 4-H Day - most likely in Ellinwood in 2018
- 48 Hours of 4-H
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Recognition (Adult from each club)

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.

Archery will begin on Sunday, February 18th and Tuesday, Feb 20th. Sunday meetings on from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., and also on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Air rifle meetings started on October 24th. 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.

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 17th 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.



Kansas

Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball Saturday, January 13, 2018, 1:00 p.m. K-State vs. Oklahoma State

Group Ticket Rate of \$20 per person, youth or adult
4-H and non 4-H families and individuals welcome to attend

What you will receive:

*A ticket to the K-State vs. Oklahoma State Women's Basketball Game ·
A game day T-shirt · \$7 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands at the game*

The day's preliminary activities will include:

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tickets and Shirts distributed (Peace Lutheran Church, 2500 Kimball Ave)
12:00 p.m.	Doors open for General Public for the game
1:00 p.m.	Tip off

Online registration for this event will be due **December 21, 2017**.

No paper registrations will be accepted. All orders must be paid with a credit card.

To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2018kae4ha>



WORKSHEET FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

Contact Name*: _____
 County/Extension District: _____
 Contact Home Phone #: () _____
 Contact Cell Phone #: () _____

*Tickets and T-shirts will be grouped based upon contact name NOT total County/District.
 **Final and additional information will be sent to the e-mail address provided.

Number of Ticket Packages Ordered @ \$20 each	Total Payment for Ticket Package
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T-Shirt Sizes



Size	Quantity	Added Price
Youth Small (6-8)		
Youth Medium (10-12)		
Youth Large (14-16)		
Youth X-Large (18-20)		
Adult Small		
Adult Medium		
Adult Large		
Adult 1X-Large		
Adult 2X-Large		\$2
Adult 3X-Large		\$3
Adult 4X-Large		\$4
Adult 5X Large		\$5

NO REFUNDS can be made due to cancellations or no shows and the game will generally not be cancelled due to weather. General Admission Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Office after the due date at the regular ticket price. Youth 2 years of age and under do not need to purchase a ticket.

PARKING details will be sent in the email along with the final details closer to the game.

RECEIPT and confirmation email will be sent shortly after you register online.

Online Registration Questions??
 Please contact Sarah Keatley at 785-532-0754

Total Due for Ticket Packages		
Added price for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL T-shirts		
PAYMENT TOTAL:		

Registration for this event is only online.
 All orders must be paid with a credit card.
 No paper registrations will be accepted.
 To register, go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/2018kae4ha>

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.

4-H Day with the K-State Wildcat Women's Basketball Team Saturday, January 13, 2018

K-State vs Oklahoma State

Enclosed is the order form.

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. Come join the fun!!

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 9th. You will then have a 24-hour grace period. You will have until Monday, February 12th 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.

Golden Belt Community Foundation's Match Day - Tuesday, Nov. 28

#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 on or BEFORE Tuesday, November 28th.

The Last Bulk Mail Newsletter

**This will be the last 4-H
newsletter mailed out to 4-H
families and to our friends and
4-H business partners.**

**We will continue to post a newsletter
on our website,
www.cottonwood.ksu.edu
and on ks4-Online.com.**

**We will also e-mail the newsletter to
all enrolled 4-H families through the
ks4online system. If you change an
email address please make that change
in the ks.4online 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.**

**If you are a friend of 4-H or a 4-H
Business partner and you could like to
continue to receive the 4-H Newsletter by
email, please email bunruh@ksu.edu or
bwalton@ksu.edu**

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December, 2017

Dear 4-H Families,
Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas & an awesome 2018!
Be sure to keep track on all deadlines and meeting dates!

November Dates

21 - 4-H Livestock Members Meeting - 7 pm - Ext. Office

23 & 24 - Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

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

December 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 2018.

9 - 2nd Saturday Sewing

16 - Ambassador Training - 9 am -3 pm

25 - Extension Office Closed for Christmas

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

Sincerely,

Berny Unruh
District Extension Agent, 4-H and Youth Development



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