Upcoming Events

- Family Fun Night
  March 10, 6:00 P.M.

- Regional Club Day
  March 18, PCC

- Project Change Deadline
  May 1

- Camp Counselor Apps
  Due May 1

- Horse ID papers due
  May 1

- Tag-In Day May 6

- Tractor Safety May 6

- Discovery Days
  May 30 – June 2, Registration
  opened March 1

- Sewing Camp—May 30
  June 2, Registration
  closes April 21st

- County Camp @ RSR
  June 7-10, Registration
  Due May 1 with 1/2 payment.

- Barber County Fair
  July 28-30

4-H CLUB DAY RESULTS

Barber County held its annual Club Day at the South Barber High School in Kiowa on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Results are as follows:

**Model Meeting:** Top Blue – Gyp Hill Pioneers 4-H Club

**Gavel Games, Intermediate Division:**
Top Blue – Sunflower, members: Camryn & Callan Smith, Rachel & Cole Fischer and Jack Schreiner.

**Senior Division:**

**Public Speaking:**
Top Blues – Bianca Lewis, Maddie Marshall Alt. Top Blue – Takira Blick

**Project Talks:**
Blue – Belle Burden, Alt. Top Blues – Jack Schreiner and Kooper Wesley, Red – Mason Scripsitck and Peter Sawyer

**Sr. Demonstrations:**
Top Blues – Cade Lonker, Anna Siegrist; Alt. Top Blues – Olivia Woods and Allie Hoch; Blue – Chloe Blunk, Garrett Burden

**Jr. Demonstrations:**

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**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Family Fun Night is Friday, March the 10th at the Medicine Lodge High School. If you haven't turned in your entry form, please do so as soon as possible. Classes fill on a first come first served basis.
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CLUB DAY RESULTS CONTINUED

**Sr. Vocal Solo**: Top Blue – Olivia Woods

**Jr. Vocal Solos**: Top Blue – Kaitlyn Myers; Alt Top Blue – Grace Cantrell

**Sr. Vocal Ensemble**: Top Blue – Olivia Woods & Kaitlyn Myers

**Jr. Vocal Ensemble**: Top Blue – Sunny Lakers, members Noah & Neveah Woods, Thomas, Jacob & Martin Mills, Kaitlyn & Christopher Myers and Harmony Moss; Alt. Top Blue – Cloverleaf, members Addy, Ava, & Aydan Bryan

**Sr. Instrumental Solo**: Top Blue – Allie Hoch; Alt. Top Blue – Olivia Woods; Blue – Carson Cargill, Garrett Burden

**Jr. Instrumental Solo**: Top Blue – Shalea Watts; Alt. Top Blue – Nora Gugelmeyer; Blue – Briar Bodemann, Rachel Fischer, Easton Rector, Sterling Rector

**Skits**: Top Blue – Cloverleaf 4-H Club; Alt Top Blue – Stampede 4-H Club

**Show and Tell** – (All Received Participation Only) Abigail Bryan, Callen Corr, Cambridge Rector, Abby Schreiner and Beau Wesley

All top blues will now compete against the top blues from surrounding counties on Saturday, March 18, 2017, 8:00 AM at Pratt Community College.

GO-GETTER AWARD

The Go Getter Award is given to the 4-H club with the most participation as a point system of total club members and the ribbon placings they earned on Club Day entries. In first place is Sunflower 4-H Club, second place went to Sunny Lakers 4-H Club and third is Stampede 4-H Club.

Congratulations to all the clubs for the large percentage of members who competed in this year’s Club Day.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES JUDGING

In conjunction with the 4-H Club Day, Barber County held a Family and Consumer Science Judging Contest. This year the participants had to identify spices with the use of scent only. We had 18 4-H members and 11 adults participate. Results are as follows:

- **Junior Division**: Champions; Garen Cantrell and Briar Bodemann, Blues; Shalea Watts, Grace Cantrell, Gavin Watts, Hudson Rector, Nora Gugelmeyer, Madisyn Day, Easton Rector, Reds; Belle Burden, Aydan Bryan, Sterling Rector, Tristan Watts and Bree Bodemann.

- **Senior Division**: Champion; Chloe Blunk, Blues; Takira Blick, Allie Hoch, Red; Makenzie Blick.

Adults participating: Stephanie Marshall, Kim Lyons, Jan Engard, Walinda Arnett, Linda Rector, Melissa Rector, Jenny Cantrell, Sheryl Farney, Tim Rector, Fred Gillig and Yvonne Burden.
GEOLOGY FIELDTRIP TO THE KANOPOLIS LAKE AREA

4-H Geologists Addyson and Ava Bryan, Cade Simpson, Hudson Rector, Isabella Burden, Kaitlyn Myers, Leo Turner, Luke Dunham, Yvonne Burden, who provided transportation, supervision and collecting assistance, and Bill and Janet Smith, 4-H Project Leaders attended the fieldtrip. The trip could not have been possible without the specific location and information of the area received from Cynthia Aramowicz who lives in St. John, Kansas.

The lake is inEllsworth County about 25 miles southwest of Salina, Kansas. It lies within the Smoky Hills physiographic province which is drained by the Smokey Hills River and its tributaries. The area is of Cretaceous age (about 100 million years old). This was a time of high global sea level and much of the Western Interior of North America was periodically flooded. These sea level changes provided areas of shale, siltstone, sandstone and limestone, which contained shells. Most of the area is called the Kiowa Formation.

Our first stop was an area along the lake called Horsethief Canyon for Barite Rosettes (barium sulfate) which are weathering out of the sandstone and look like small roses. Our second stop was along Highway 401 north of the lake where we found Gypsum Crystals of selenite some with beautiful radial aggregates (sunbursts) of gypsum. Another type of gypsum crystal called Satin Spar was also found. Our next and last stop was for lunch and to the Caving Banks area of the lake. This was where we had our greatest surprise when we found clusters of golden Pyrite crystals. Also a calcite cone-in-cone structure that looked like an ice cream cone was found. Fossils, mainly a gastropod (snail) with full shell, some up to two inches long rounded out the collecting. On the way home along Highway 4 we saw an outcropping of Greenhorn Limestone and Graneros Shale which we did not group collect, because of time, but took a large slab of each for breaking into specimen sizes at a later date.

Could this trip have possibly been any better, how about 70 degree weather on February 11th.

Bill

DOG MEETINGS

There will be two dog meetings in March, the first will be on Sunday, March 5th from 5-6:30 P.M. at the fair grounds and then on Saturday, March 25th we will be at Orscheln’s Farm Store in Medicine Lodge from 1 to 4 P.M. doing demonstrations on agility and Rally - Obedience.
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NOMINATION DEADLINES FOR KJLS AND KSF

Nomination deadlines for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and the Kansas State Fair are as follows:

- Steers (w/DNA) - May 1
- Mkt. Heifers (w/DNA) - May 1
- Commercial Breeding Heifers - June 15
- Lambs (w/DNA) - June 15

Meat Goats (w/DNA) – June 15
Hogs (w/DNA) – June 15 – Must be PQA Plus certified by nomination time.

PQA Plus Certification Class will be June 5th, 2:00 P.M. at the Court house.

SPRING SHOW & TAG-IN

The Spring Show and Tag-In will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the Barber County Fairgrounds. Livestock tagging will be from 7-9 A.M. and the Livestock Show will be after that. All breeding animals must be tagged by May 6th. Barber County.

Breeding Beef and Meat Goat Futurity forms and money must be turned in by 9 A.M. on May 6th. If you cannot make the tagging on May 6th, you can request an on farm tagging with Tim by April 28th.
There will be a $10 charge per stop.

DISCOVERY DAYS

This year’s theme for Discovery Days is "Make A Splash". Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions.

The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience.

You experience this through action oriented learning activities, fun tours, and great evening social events. You will meet new people, build leadership skills and grow as a person.

Registration is open at www.kansas4-h.org and will close on April 20, 2017. Dates of Discovery Days are May 30-June 2, 2017. Classes are filled on a first come first served basis, so sign up early.

SEWING CAMP

Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Sewing Camp to be held on the KSU Campus May 30-June 2, 2017. Cost is $215 which includes all you need to make a article which you will choose once you get registered for camp. Limited to 50 participants, so sign up early at www.kansas4-h.org.
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TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

If you are 14 or 15 years old, planning on doing farm work for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, you must take a Tractor Safety Course according to the U.S. Department of Labor requirements.

Barber County along with Pratt, Stafford, Kiowa and Kingman counties will be offering a training on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Pratt County Fairgrounds from 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pre-registration is required by April 21st and we are limited on the number of participants so sign up early. Fee is $25.00 and due with registration forms at the Extension Office.

COLLEGE CAREER DAYS IN DODGE CITY

This spring, for a second year in a row, we are partnering with Ryan Ausmus, Dean of Instruction and Outreach, at Dodge City Community College who has generously offered to host our 4-H youth and families at a local southwest Kansas college and career day event.

We ask that you put April 20th, 2016 on your calendar and start recruiting any interested youth and families that you feel may benefit. College and Career Day is focused on a youth audience from 6th to 12th grade but ANY family members are welcome to attend.

The youth and parents are able to get a lot of their pressing questions answered about financial aid, standardized testing, college and career readiness, and speak directly to faculty from the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, and Human Ecology.

CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Barber County will be going to Rock Springs Ranch for Summer Camp June 7-10. Camp is open to 4-H members through the 8th grade. Cost for camp will be $200 which includes a bus trip to and from Kingman, KS. One half of the fees will be due May 1, 2017 with the second half due June 1st. Registration forms are included in this newsletter.

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Requirements for this job include patience and caring. Counselors will be responsible for 8 or 9 young campers around the clock. You must be at least 16 years old, be approved by agents, and sign up by May 1st. Counselors will leave on June 6th and return on June 10th. A full job description and application is available at the Extension Office. Cost will be paid by the 4-H Council. If you sign up and do not attend, you will be responsible for the amount that 4-H Council is charged for you.
CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION TRIP TO TOPEKA

On February 19th early in the morning, 8 youth and 2 drivers headed for Topeka. Upon arriving, and after enjoying a nice lunch at the Texas Roadhouse, each 4-H Member selected what bill they would like to draft. They dealt with the topics of increasing the minimum criving age, schools charging for all extracurricular activities and providing a free post-secondary education. Being the oldest 4-H Member, Taylor Paxson was assigned to the Senate. Cheyenne Lukins, Jaycee Patton, Allie Hoch, Sterling Rector, Takira Blick, Briar Bodemann, and Carson Cargill were all assigned to the House of Representatives.

After an afternoon of debating wording, costs, and fairness, a final draft of the bill was completed. Then we had a break for dinner and Representative Kyle Hoffman was able to join us. The dinner speaker was former House of Representatives member Josh Svaty. He shared how his experiences in 4-H prepared him for life. Then, dressed in the best business attire, the whole group moved to the Capital. The Kansas Youth Council members ran the House and Senate Chambers by the same rules as the elected officials. Each bill was debated and voted on. Several of our Barber County youth shared their positions on the bills.

On President's Day, Monday, we once again dressed in business suits and went to the Capital. We went on the dome tour when a very brave group made it to the top and was able to walk around outside of the dome. We also visited with Representative Hoffman over the milk and cookies break. Then we watched the House of Representatives come to order and vote on official business.

Please visit with any of the members that attended to get more details from their perspective.