Upcoming Events

- County Club Day
  February 16

- Horse 101
  February 21, 6:30 P.M.

- Citizenship In Action
  February 17-18

- Market Beef Tagging
  Appointment Deadline
  February 22

- 4-H Council Meeting
  February 25, 7:00 P.M.

- Beef Boot Camp March 11

- Regional Club Day March 23, RSVP by March 1

- Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ RSR April 6-8, RSVP March 9

- Tractor Safety April 27

- Project Change Deadline
  May 1

- Tag-In Day May 4

- Discovery Days
  May 29 – 31, Registration opens March 1

- County Camp @ Rock Springs June 11-14, Registration Due May 1 with 1/2 payment.

- Barber County Fair
  July 25-28

4-H CLUB DAY

The Barber County 4-H Club Day will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at the South Barber High School in Kiowa.

The day will begin at 1:00 P.M. The 4-H Council will be sponsoring a concession stand with snacks and drinks.

A Schedule of the afternoon activities are included with this newsletter.

New this year, we will be offering a Meat Judging and a Crops Judging contest in the cafeteria. Both contests are come and go as your schedule allows. We hope that you will take time to participate and learn more about these two activities that Barber County offers.

Regional Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 23, at Pratt Community College. Entries will be due on Friday, March 1st for those that receive a Top Blue at County Club Day.

BARBER COUNTY DAY CAMP

Following Day Camp last summer, the counselors visited with Robin on the way home. It was decided that Barber County was ready to do a Day Camp here. This is going to take many volunteers to plan and carry out a whole day event.

At 4-H Council on February 25, we will be gathering names of people interested in helping to plan this activity. Justin and Robin decided it will be held in August just before school starts to help recruit new 4-H members and get younger members excited about different projects. The Committee will pick the final date.

Traditionally, Day Camp has been for those going into 1st grade through 6th grade. Those in 7th grade and older, have been helpers and counselors. This would be a great leadership activity for this age group.

4-H Council will need to decide, but this could replace Family Fun Night. We will still have different project areas highlighted, but will have more time since it is an all-day event.

If you will not be at 4-H Council, but would like to help plan the Day Camp please contact the office and let us know. We will be planning a meeting in March to talk about themes, activities, possible speakers and many other details.
MARKET BEEF TAGGING

Market Beef tagging arrangements must be made with Justin Goodno by February 22, 2019. All market beef must have tags in place by March 1, 2019. Market beef can be tagged any time before that date.

All breeding animals, bucket calves and the rest of the market animals must be tagged by May 4, 2019, the tagging deadline.

BEEF BOOT CAMP

4-H Beef Boot Camp is coming back to Barber County, on March 11. The day will begin at the Walstead School House (near Medicine Lodge) with an YQCA certification. If you plan on showing (any species) at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, you have to have this certification. There is a small pre-registration fee involved with YQCA. The Extension Office does not handle any of the money or pre-registration for YQCA. The YQCA fee and registration is available online at https://learngrow.io/. This certification is open to youth across several counties, so be sure to pre-register to ensure your spot. There is limit of 35 persons.

The Beef Boot Camp will begin right after the YQCA certification. The topics to be covered are Cattle Trace, Body Condition Scoring, Handling Facilities/ Starter Yard Overview, and Carcass Evaluation.

We will have cattle tagged in the Cattle Trace program availa-

ble and the Program Manager, Cassie Kniebel will give the presentation. There will also be cattle available to practice on for the Body Condition Scoring program.

The afternoon will consist of a tour at Werner Feeders (Sharon, KS). We will cover their handling facilities and get an overview of their starter yard. The day will conclude at the Attica Locker with a carcass evaluation program presented by Dr. Tom Carr. Parents/ Chaperones will need to be available to transport youth on the tour stops.

Lunch will be provided by the Barber County Cattleman’s Association.

To register, contact the Extension Office 620-886-3971 by March 1.
**FEBRUARY 2019**

**YQCA CERTIFICATION**

If you are planning on showing any livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, you must have a Youth Quality Care of Animals certificate. Justin Goodno will be hosting this class on March 11th at 9:00 A.M. Class will last approximately one hour.

You must pre-register and pay a small fee. Go to https://learngrow.io/ to sign up.

**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 surrounding counties will be offering a training on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Pratt Community College from 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Pre-registration is required by April 12 and we are limited on the number of participants so sign up early. Fee is $30.00 and due at registration. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

**4-H CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH**

Camp is scheduled for June 11 to 14. We will ride a bus out of Kingman to camp together with Pratt and Kingman Counties. Everybody will get to do archery, canoes and swimming. The last night will still include a talent show, movie and dance.

Activities are split into 3 groups based on age. This is a great thing because the older groups will get more advanced options. For example, everybody will do Archery. The youngest campers will do traditional camp archery; the middle age group will have 3D targets; and the oldest group will have aerial targets. All campers will receive a t-shirt.

Camp is $180 plus the bus fee. The bus fee will be $20 per camper. So Camp will cost $200 for each Barber County Camper.

Remember the Barber County 4-H Foundation offers $50 camp scholarships, paid after you attend camp. To apply all you have to do is write a letter about why you want to go to 4-H Camp and turn it in with your camp form.

Camp forms will be sent out in the March Newsletter. They are due into the office on May 1, with a $100 deposit. The remaining $100 will be due June 1st.

Camp Counselor Applications are now available. They are due on April 23rd.

Counselors do not have to pay for camp, but they are getting an experience of a lifetime. Their fees ($225) are paid by 4-H Council. If you sign up to be a counselor and then cancel, you will be responsible for this fee.