Spring is just around the corner!

We’ve weathered a pretty tough storm over the last 12-13 months and circumstances have sure tested my patience and resilience. The prospect of warmer weather, flowers blooming, and opportunities to get outdoors sure helps my outlook! In addition, the possibility of camp in person has me singing Grey Squirrel (now that will be stuck in my head all day!) and looking forward to working with counselors to provide a fun and safe learning environment for our campers.

All of our Barton County schools are on Spring Break the same week and the Kansas Clover Classroom has great resources for project learning—be sure to check them out at https://www.kansas4-h.org/. With Ellis County and the Walnut Creek District, we are hosting a Space Tech Day at Barton Community College. The Dog Project has been posting some fun resources on their Facebook page; the Horse Project has had some updates to events, and we are making plans for a more traditional county fair with the theme of “A New Beginning”. This year recognizes the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail which provides a great opportunity to explore our area, the history, and outdoor opportunities.

All of these plaster a big grin on my face!

I have written a lot about showing kindness this past year and I truly believe that it starts with each one of us every day. Set up a Random Acts of Kindness plan with your family and make it a part of your dinner or car conversation. As adults, we have to model the behaviors we look for in our youth. Will you hold a door for someone, buy an extra cup of coffee, reach out to a friend with a note or phone call, or look for a way to help a stranger?

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

Michelle Robinson

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4-H IN THE NEWS

Club Day Results!

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, Show & Share

Ribbon

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Kamaji, H. Cameron, Beulah Cameron, Liliana Cameron

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Brandi L., Brandi L., Brandi L., Brandi L.

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Lila L., Lila L., Lila L.

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: AlACHINE, Keke, AlACHINE, Keke, AlACHINE, Keke

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Maggie, Maggie, Maggie

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Shaye, Shaye, Shaye

Junior Demo & Illustrated Talk: Eric, Eric, Eric

Regional Qualifiers

Project Talks

1st Alternate

2nd Alternate

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk

Ribbon

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Sierra, Sierra, Sierra

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Dylan, Dylan, Dylan

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Alex, Alex, Alex

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Natalie, Natalie, Natalie

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Sara, Sara, Sara

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Mike, Mike, Mike

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Lily, Lily, Lily

Regional Qualifiers

SR Demo/Demonstrated Talk: Natalie, Natalie, Natalie

1st Alternate

2nd Alternate

Creative Dramatics

Ribbon

Creative Dramatics: Bryce, Bryce, Bryce

Creative Dramatics: Brandi, Brandi, Brandi

Creative Dramatics: Ethan, Ethan, Ethan

Creative Dramatics: Brandi, Brandi, Brandi

Creative Dramatics: Willow, Willow, Willow

Regional Qualifiers

Creative Dramatics: Samantha, Samantha, Samantha

1st Alternate

2nd Alternate

Public Speaking Exttemp

Ribbon

Public Speaking Exttemp: David, David, David

Public Speaking Exttemp: Joe, Joe, Joe

Public Speaking Exttemp: Mike, Mike, Mike

Public Speaking Exttemp: Lily, Lily, Lily

Regional Qualifiers

Public Speaking Exttemp: David, David, David

1st Alternate

2nd Alternate

Public Speaking: Parker, Parker, Parker
Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp
Are YOU ready to sing Grey Squirrel, help with KP, and show your love for 4-H and Rock Springs? Then you need to apply to be a Heart Of Kansas Camp Counselor! Counselors need to be 15-18 and want to share their leadership and responsibility with 4-H campers. We have a little different application process this year as you will complete an online application and your parent/guardian will need to complete an authorization via this survey link APPLICATION.

Discovery Days
Discovery Days is an event, usually held on K-State’s campus, to give older 4-H youth an opportunity to take classes, explore campus, and meet 4-H members across the state. For 2021, Discovery Days will be held virtually June 1-4 with a great selection of classes online. For more details and registration information, see https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html

YQCA
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a nationwide curriculum for youth to bolster their livestock project learning through a three topic session covering animal well-being, food safety, and life skills. Alicia will be offering in-person classes on April 19 at 6 pm and May 27 at 1 pm. You must register through the YQCA website and you will use the same login in that you use for 4-H Online.

If you cannot attend one of the classes here, you will see all of the available classes in Kansas and can register for any of those. The cost for an in-person class is $3 and is paid during the online registration. Additionally, you can complete the course in an online format and would select that during your registration with a cost of $12. There are some coupons available and can be used for the online course on a first-come, first served basis.

In order to participate in the fair premium auction, you must complete the YQCA certification BY end of day on June 15!
LEADERS’ CORNER

Looking for resources to energize your club meetings and empower club officers? Check out the Club Corner Resources!

Do your club officers need to brush up on skills and responsibilities? Share these videos!

4-H is about much more than an exhibit at the fair and leaders set examples of intentional learning while guiding youth to practice community service, communication skills, record keeping, and leadership! Check out More Than A Fair Entry

Do your families need assistance in enrolling, adding/deleting projects, or updating their 4-H Online profile? Kansas 4-H has provided a great resource!

There are LOTS of fun project resources located in the Project Pages - most have an Explore Your Spark document within each project. Kansas Clover Classroom has activity page Challenges to expand learning and understanding of different project areas. You do NOT have to be enrolled in a Project to complete a Challenge. Completing the survey with a Challenge will enter your 4-H youth into a drawing for some fun 4-H swag in March!

Record Keeping is an important life skill but can certainly be overwhelming! Several great resources are available for use at a club meeting or to share with club families. PROJECT RECOGNITION
Rock Springs 4-H Center
June 21-24, 2021

Heart of Kansas

4-H Camp
K-State Research and Extension

Extension Office

TO COTTONWOOD BARTON
April 30, 2021

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN

house you with at least one of your choices.
committee will make all reasonable efforts to
camp under special circumstances. The housing
youth per county will be housed together. ex-
counties to stay together. No more than two
permit “groups” of friends of different ages or
their registration. Scheduling does not always

NOTE: Please ask your friends to list you on

\[2\]

\[1\]

name, grade, and county)

Friends I would like to camp with: (Include

Please note any special dietary needs here:

Camper Name: 

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP

K-STATE GROWS HERE
After registration & payment, you will receive the "Heart of Kansas Camp Guide", it will explain what to pack, travel arrangements, and other details pertaining to the camp.

**Highlights Include:**
- Campfire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, and more!

**Activities Include:**
- Campfire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, and more!
- **Crafts include:**
  - Cakes, robots, rockets, compass course, animals, & more!
- **Activities include:**
  - Fishing, swimming, archery, wall climbing, nature center, crafts, & more!

**735 Acres of Tall Grass Prairie and Rolling Hills**

Camps include air-conditioned, bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 8-10 campers live in cabins of two trained counselors. Campers will enjoy hiking, swimming, and outdoor games.

**Cooking:**
- Camp Cooks provide hearty home-cooked meals. From chicken fingers to pulled pork, not to mention their famous cinnamon rolls. You won’t want to miss out on this!

**735 Acres of Tall Grass Prairie and Rolling Hills**

Located in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills, nestled in a valley surrounded by creeks and woodlands. The Kansas 4-H Ranch is owned and operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

**Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp**

4-H Camp is a four-day, fun-filled learning experience for children who have completed third through fifth grades and counselors 15 years of age and older (must have completed their freshman year of high school).

**Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp**

RANCH

**Rock Springs Ranch**

Join us as we explore the HAPPY TRAILS of adventure, learning, and fun at 4-H Camp!

**Registration Form**

TO BARTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2021

**Barton 4-H Council**

Please make checks payable to:

Camper Name: __________________________
Grade Completed: ______________________
Gender: [ ] Boy [ ] Girl
Parent/Guardian: ________________________
City/State/Zip: _________________________
Address: ______________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________

**Camp Fees:**
- $185 per 4-H member
- **Camp fees include:**
  - Travel to and from camp
  - Lodging, meals, and adult supervision for special programs
  - Use of the Rock Springs Ranch facilities for 4 days and 3 nights.

ADULT SIZE: S M L XL
 ADULT SIZE: S M L XL

YOUTH SIZE: S M L XL
 YOUTH SIZE: S M L XL

T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL
 T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL

Check here: [ ] Friday [ ] Saturday [ ] Sunday [ ] Monday
UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar. 12    Regional Club Day
Mar. 15-20  Junior Meat Goat Producer Week
Mar. 17    DEADLINE for Space Tech Day
Mar. 20    Space Tech Day, BCC
Mar. 22    Junior Leaders/4-H Council Meetings

April 15  DEADLINE for Camp Counselor Applications

May 1    Market Beef nominations due
        Horse ID paperwork due

June 1-4  Discovery Days virtual
June 5    TENTATIVE Super Saturday (judging contests, workshops)
June 17  Poultry Pullorum Testing
June 20  HOK Counselors to RSR for training
June 21-24 Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp

July 7-11 Barton County Fair
Junior Leaders  
March 22 at 6 pm

4-H Council  
March 22 at 7:30 pm

Meetings are held at the 4-H Education Building (Hwy 281) OR Zoom Conference Call

Stay in touch with Cottonwood Extension District—Barton 4-H

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