



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
June-July 2023**

School is just about out and the busyness of summer is starting! The newsletter is filled with information about the fair and other summer events. We will continue to post updates and additions as details are finalized.

We will have several new families who will experience the fair for the first time—help them, look out for them, include them!

There are a million moving pieces that happen between the Extension Office and the Barton County Fair Association for an event of this size. Please be patient; be kind to Superintendents; look for ways and places to help. In addition, support a project area that you aren't familiar with—check out the Ag Mechanics or Entomology, stop by the poultry area, attend the Fashion Revue.

The Fair is such a fun community event but keep in mind that it is ONE of many ways 4-H members showcase their project learning. They are not going to remember every single thing you drilled into their head about that recipe but....could they look the judge in the eye more consistently than last year; did they answer questions more completely: did they carry themselves with a little more confidence? If YES to any of these, then **that** is the success! I'm excited for the Junior Leaders' Day Camp on May 31 and to attend Discovery Days with four of our 4-H members in early June.

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



Family Resource Page



- May 25 Photo Workshop 2-3 pm; drop-ins welcome
YQCA classes (3:30; or 5:30—*see page 6 for registration information*)
- May 31 Junior Leaders Day Camp https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WXHZWDon9AqPCS
- Jun 1 Horse ID DUE
- Jun 15 **Fair entries DUE (including Fashion Revue scripts and related paperwork!)**
YQCA DUE (must be complete by midnight to participate in the fair auction)
Small animal/commercial heifer nominations DUE
- Jun 16-17 Insect Spectacular
- Jun 24 4-H Dog Show
- Jun 29 Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, BANNERS judging
- Jul 3 FAIR SET UP - ALL HELPERS NEEDED!
- Jul 5-9 Barton County Fair—Country Pride County Wide!
- Jul 9/10 FAIR CLEAN UP—ALL HELPERS NEEDED!

Camille Dolechek will begin on May 22 as the Cottonwood-BT summer program assistant!

She is a student at K-State majoring in Elementary Education and from Hoisington.

We are excited to have her on –board and working this summer with day camps, fair, and many other programs!

Be sure to give her a warm 4-H welcome!



Day Camp



Come join us for a day of fun with story time, snacks, and more!



- At the 4-H building on highway 281
- Wednesday, May 31 from 9am to 12pm
- Ages 5-9
- Limited to the first 20 people to register
- Survey registration link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WXHZWDon9AqPCS
- QR Code to register at bottom of the page



Country Pride; County Wide—Fair Resources!

**We will have printed schedules and fair books at some point. Until then, the following page has been updated and is available! https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Barton_FairMisc.html

**Schedule Change: Round Robin will be held on Saturday, July 8, with Small Animal beginning at 4 pm, followed up Large Animal.

**Saturday, July 8, will provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to present their Project Talk, Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, or Poetry/Prose (Reading) on the Free Stage in Expo II! Contact Michelle if interested and we will set up a schedule.

**Signup.com links will be provided for judging times for many project areas after entries are completed and we know how many slots to assign. Please watch for these to be posted in the Barton 4-H Facebook page and via email.

**Signup.com link will be provided to sign up for work times for the 4-H BBQ! If your club plans to sign up as a group, a club leader may certainly do so but this provides more flexibility for families. We need everyone's help at some point in this event!

Fair Clean-up and Set-up

We appreciate all of the work that happens in Expo III before and after the fair. We need to model that same drive and work ethic in Expo II!

Michelle is working with the Barton County Fair Association for a better list of tasks and timelines so that we can efficiently prepare and clean up this building!

Even if you help in Expo III, we would ask that you check in for Expo II. Additionally, for families who do not exhibit in Expo III, we really need your help to get the building cleaned up and items stored. Due to the number of 4-H AND Open Class entries in Expo II, it cannot be cleared and cleaned in the same time frame as Expo III.

MORE TO COME—STAY TUNED!

Record Books—please review THIRD NOTICE!!!

NOW is the time to update project records and review goals <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

We are making a few changes to the Record Book/Project Record Process for 2022-2023!

- 1) Each project record will need to be in a separate notebook (you can simply photo-copy the Personal Page and Permanent Record for each)
- 2) Each age division will need to use a specific color of 3-ring binder for their Project Record
 - *Juniors (age 7-9) - WHITE binder
 - *Intermediate (age 10-13) - BLUE binder
 - *Senior (age 14-18) - BLACK binder

While this might seem silly, it makes managing 40-60 Project Records much more efficient.

- 3) Each 4-H member will still need to complete a 4-H Book for a pin application and this can be in the GREEN 4-H folders and the pin application can be tucked into the front of this book.

There is a difference between a Project (Clothing and Textiles) and an Exhibit (Buymanship, sewn item). As such, you would complete a single Project Record and note all of your Clothing and Textiles activities and entries within the one record. Please let Michelle know if you need clarification on this.

For the 2021-2022 4-H year, the attached list shows the Project Award categories: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/2021-2022%20Project%20Award%20Categories.pdf>

For an overview of the process and handy tips for success, check out <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Master%20Guide%20to%20KS%204-H%20Project%20Recognition%20System.pdf>

Recognition Check Sheet—this is a GREAT resource and should be included in the front of your Project Record! <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Check%20Sheet.pdf>

Continue to think about upcoming activities and when/where you need to be involved and capture moments for pin applications and Project Records.

LEADERS' CORNER



****4-H Council— Council Officers coordinate the Sunrise Service for Sunday, July 9!**



****Help new families with the set up and clean up process and expectations. Please remember that Expo II cannot be flipped as quickly as Expo III as there are 4-H AND Open Class exhibits to be picked up. The fair is a fun, crazy, and often frustrating week for all families but especially new families.**



Club Resources—are you stretched finding new ways to engage 4-H members at meetings? Check out these great resources!! <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html>



CLUB LEADERS—It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online and verify that you have completed the volunteer training in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification.

For animal project learning and, especially if you plan to enter an animal in the Premium Auction:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is required to be completed by midnight, June 15.

Class options: on-site (Extension Office at 3:30 or 5:30 on May 25), on-site at another county, or online

Registration is required at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Please use the same login and password that you use for your 4-H Online account as this makes reporting easier.



Calculating for Food Safety at County and State Fair!

It is strongly recommended that youth learn to calculate the sugar content for food safety in display items for the county fair and is a required calculation for a Kansas State Fair entry for 2023.

There are excellent resources provided for this process. In

particular, the video on this page is very helpful! <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html>.

Please review this information very carefully and practice these calculations as a project learning tool.



There will be a price increase for camping at the Fair Grounds.

Please contact info@bartoncountyfair.com for more information.



Barton County Fair Association

Yoder Pie's Sale

Looking for a Great Tasting Pie for
the 4th of July??



Pie Orders are needed by June 16th

Pies will be Delivered July 3rd, Pick up location to be announced.

Please make check payable to Barton County Fair Association

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sold By: _____

Total:\$ _____

Cream Pies-\$15

- ___ Banana Cream
- ___ Chocolate Cream
- ___ Chocolate P.B. Cream
- ___ Coconut Cream
- ___ Peanut Butter Pie
- ___ Sour Cream Raisin

Fruit Pies-\$15

- ___ Apple
- ___ Blackberry
- ___ Blueberry
- ___ Dutch Apple (Crumb Top)
- ___ Peach
- ___ Peach Pecan (Crumb Top)

Specialty Pies-\$15

- ___ Pecan
- ___ Pumpkin
- ___ Toll House

Cream Cheese Pies-\$15

- ___ Chocolate P.B. Cream Cheese
- ___ Lemon Cream Cheese
- ___ Snicker Bar Cream Cheese
- ___ Strawberry Cream Cheese

No Sugar Added Pies-\$15

- ___ Apple
- ___ Chocolate
- ___ Coconut

Junior Leaders

Aug 21

6 pm

4-H Council

Aug 21

7:30 pm

Council committees meet before the meeting or at 7 pm on meeting nights or may schedule meetings at other times.

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

We have many successful seniors who will be moving on from their 4-H careers. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Anna Ricker, Elsa Lopez, Haley McCormick, Natalie Williams, and Jayla Wyant.

Please extend a special congratulations to Jayla Wyant who was named a Vanier Scholarship Winner!



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