



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON  
4-H NEWSLETTER  
June-July 2025**

It's nearly Fair Time!

Have you practiced your recipes, checked the sugar content for safety, and thought about presentation?

Do you have your woodworking project down to the final sanding and finishing, developed your plans for the packet, and thought about how to share your idea with the judge?

Have you completed a recent weigh-in for your animal, spent time working with them 2-3 times per day, and thought about your basic species information to talk about if asked by the judge?

Are your photos printed and mounted? Can you talk about the details of where it was taken, what kind of camera you used (even if it is your phone!), what prompted you to take that photo?

The days between now and June 21 will fly by! Think ahead about staying hydrated, having sunscreen, checking the supplies you will need, and reviewing the schedule for important dates/times.

While exhibiting at the fair is a learning opportunity, I also want it to be a fun and enjoyable event for all of the 4-H family!

I will be out of the office June 5-6 and 9-11 for our daughter's wedding but we have lots of experienced parents and, of course, Brenda who knows so much and wants each and every 4-H member to be successful!

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



# Family Resource Page



- June 6 Fair entries, fashion review scripts (and related paperwork) by 5 pm
- June 6 YQCA completion by midnight to participate in premium auction
- June 10 Pullorum Testing, 4-H Ed Building, 8 am
- June 12 Superintendent Meeting, Expo I, 7 pm
- June 17 **Barn set-up** (cattle pens, swine pens/alley) - older youth and parents;  
please bring gloves! 6:30 pm
- Aug 8 KSF entries due to Extension Office by 5 pm (see Pg 5 for more info)

*JUNE 25-29 2025 Barton County Fair **Barnyard Mardi Gras!***

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## **4-H ONLY Fair Schedule:**

- Sat, 6.21 Sewing/Textiles, Shopping In Style, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Banner judging  
**8:30 am—Expo I**
- Sun, 6.22 Dog Show  
2 pm—Expo III
- Mon, 6.23 Set Up and helpers' picnic
- Tues, 6.24
- Wed, 6.25 8-12 Check in all exhibits, Judging begins for Foods, Arts/Crafts, Cloverbuds,  
Rabbits/Poultry  
American Ag Credit BBQ for 4-H families followed by Livestock Meeting &  
Youth Rally (Youth Rally is open to ALL youth so bring a friend!)
- Thurs, 6.26 Business Appreciation Breakfast—4-H families are invited to visit with members  
of the public who attend (much like a Chamber Coffee)  
Swine Show, Horse halter classes, Bucket Calf show, judging of Horticulture,  
Crops, Photography, Engineering/Tech and LOTS of other categories!
- Fri, 6.27 Dairy goats, Meat goats, Sheep shows, Beef show
- Sat, 6.28 Horse show, Hand pets, Fashion Revue, 4-H Takes the Stage (present your  
demonstration, reading, music selection, and more to showcase 4-H!)
- Sun, 6.29 Sunrise Service, 4-H Holding Board Breakfast for 4-H families?!, Small Animal  
Round Robin, Large Animal Round Robin, 4-H Awards, Sale of Champions
- Mon, 6.30 Final Clean-up and helpers' picnic

See Page 3 and 4 for Sign-Up Genius Links!



Register for

4-H JUDGING

**Saturday**  
**June 21, 2025**

[bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Saturday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Saturday)



**Wednesday**  
**June 25, 2025**

[bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Wednesday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Wednesday)



**Thursday**  
**June 26, 2025**

[bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Thursday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Thursday)



6.21.2025 Judging Link: [bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Saturday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Saturday)

6.25.2025 Judging Link: [bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Wednesday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Wednesday)

6.26.2025 Judging Link: [bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Thursday](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Thursday)



## Register for 4-H JUDGING

Cloverbuds are invited to showcase a project they've enjoyed working on and practice their communication skills by sharing their accomplishments with a judge in a fun, low-pressure setting.

Through hands-on learning in areas like science, arts and crafts, healthy living, and community service, Cloverbuds build confidence and develop important life skills.

**This is their moment to shine and celebrate what they've learned!**

**Wednesday**  
**June 25, 2025**  
**12:00PM**  
**Expo II**

[bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Cloverbuds](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Cloverbuds)



**SCAN ME TO  
REGISTER**



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Cottonwood District

Cloverbud Judging Link: [bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Cloverbuds](https://bit.ly/bartonco-4-Hjudging-Cloverbuds)

### Fair Thank You Station

We will have a Thank You Station in Expo III to pick up awards again this year.

Hours will be: Wed (6.25) 1-4

Thurs (6.26) 9-12

Fri (6.27) 9-12



Outside of those hours, contact Michelle and we'll make arrangements during the fair or back at the office.



State Fair Information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/docs/2025/2025%20Clean%20Fairbook%203.25.25.pdf>

#### State Fair Deadlines:

Grand Drive (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) - July 15

Horses— August 1

Dairy Goats—entered via KSF system in Open Class (see fair book for more information)

Static Entries (everything else!), Poultry, Rabbits, Dog - August 8 by 5 pm

**\*\*BY August 8, notify Michelle if you are interested in participating in a judging contest. Top scores from those available will be selected for teams for FCS Judging, Photography Judging, Rabbit Judging, or Poultry Judging. More information about these contests, including preparation, is in the KSF Handbook linked above.**

Remember—if you had a purple in most categories at 4-H Club Day (local), you are eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair! We'll include more information around KSF entry time.

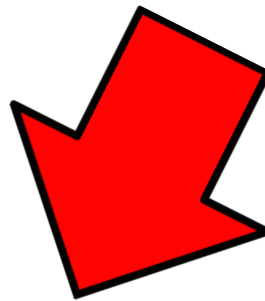
These include:

Project Talk—George Debes, Maggie Kern

Jr Demo/Illustrated—Ema Debes, Ensley Vaupel

Sr Demo/Illustrated—Adessa Prosser, Samantha Negaard

Reading—Ailey Williams



**4-H Members—NOW is a great time to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to the Barton County Fair!**

We had a great suggestion at a 4-H Council meeting to encourage members to visit with local businesses and drop off fair schedules with an invitation to support the fair.....This is not about financial support; just to come out and see the exhibits, enjoy a meal or concert, take in a livestock show as part of our communities across Barton County!

Fair schedules are ready for pickup at the Extension Office!

# LEADERS' CORNER



## **CLUB LEADERS—**

Please visit with your club's 4-H Council Representatives so that they are aware of their role and responsibility to attend 4-H Council and fulfill their elected duties. They serve as the conduit of information between the club and the county-wide 4-H Council. Council members are also expected to serve on at least one committee.



4-H Council committee roles can be fulfilled by members outside of Council representatives. If you have a club member with an interest in serving on the Achievement Celebration, Fundraising, or 4-H Day committees, please let Michelle know as this can be a great leadership role for older 4-H members.



**How can you help your club members prepare for the fair?**

**Practice consultative judging at your June meeting! Older 4-H members can serve as the “judge” and help a younger member feel a little more comfortable.**



Project Records—Have everyone bring their Goal Setting Sheets and Project Records to your next meeting! Check on updates, upcoming opportunities—this can be fun and interactive; maybe toss out a piece of candy for updates? This is a great time to think about fair and other summer activities that need to be included in a Project Record. Are they missing a photo for the record? Now is a great time to work on those!



<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>

## Project Record—Next Steps

### Review Project Goals

Using the goal setting sheet ([https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/setting-4-h-project-goals\\_4H1100](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/setting-4-h-project-goals_4H1100)) is a great way to stay on track during your project year!

Keep in mind that winning Grand Champion or a purple ribbon is not a goal. Goals should be SMART: **Specific** (bake a cake), **Measurable** (understand and improve the texture of my cake), **Achievable** (I can do this myself or with help from a family member); **Relevant** (I am enrolled in the Foods & Nutrition project); **Timely** (one/week in Feb-May)

### What to update now?

This is a great time to review your project records and update based on club meetings/activities such as Community Service; project learning such as a workshop, day in the kitchen or at a livestock sale; or looking ahead at participation such as presenting or volunteering during the fair or at other events!

Also, this is a good time to review project expenses and update that part of your Project Record.

### Project Record Planning

To have a successful Project Record, what do you need to add?

A learning opportunity? Think about upcoming events such as Shutterbugs, Insect Spectacular, or a state 4-H Geology trip. It could also mean a trip to shop for wardrobe essentials or check out different fabrics and fibers.

Community Service? Do you love the Foods project AND the Dog project? You might be able to combine those things by baking dog treats and donating any profits to a local rescue. Or you might contribute to a bake sale that benefits a local shelter.

Remember, 4-H Projects are about MUCH more than a fair entry!

[https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/4-h-project-more-than-a-fair-entry\\_4H1132](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/4-h-project-more-than-a-fair-entry_4H1132)



**Junior Leaders**

**August 18**

**6 pm**

**4-H Council**

**August 18**

**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**

\*\*\*New schedule—4-H Council determined at 8.16.24 meeting to meet on the following dates: Oct 21, Dec 16, Feb 17, Apr 21, and Aug 18. This is a **CHANGE** but minimizes meetings on holidays and for more efficient business at the beginning of the 4-H year.\*\*\*



**HEAD**



**HEART**



**HANDS**



**HEALTH**

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