



COTTONWOOD DISTRICT - BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2020

I miss you all!

I miss your faces - Zoom is pretty neat but it doesn't have quite the same connection as seeing you in my office, at the grocery store, or in the Traverse headed to an activity. I appreciate the technology that allows us to stay in touch by phone, email, or Facebook - but it isn't the same as a handshake, a high-five, or a big hug!

In the midst of what I am missing (just as much as all of you), I appreciate the words of one of the Barton County Fair Board members as we were making tough decisions in the last few weeks. She said, "It's important for us to celebrate what we CAN do and not focus on what we can't". Wise words! I have posted quite a few times on my own social media over the last 65 days about things I was grateful for - this helped me stay focused on what I COULD do instead of being overwhelmed by what I was struggling to figure out HOW do to. I appreciate each and every one of you who sent me a question or comment; even when I didn't have the answers!

I'm excited that we have a process for showcasing project learning! It will be different but it can be FUN! I have learned a lot of new technology over the last couple of months - things that I would not have chosen to learn but now see how they can add value in a variety of other applications. I hope that you will take on Flip Grid in the same manner - have fun with it, DON'T wait until the last minute to submit, and showcase what you have learned! Communications is an important part of 4-H learning and planning your video and recording your project learning is a new way of practicing good communication skills!

Life is a Grand Adventure - Make every day count!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Michelle Brun".

Junior Leaders
August 17 @ 6:00 pm

4-H Council
August 17
Committees @ 7:00 pm
Council @ 7:30 pm

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Cottonwood 4-H - Barton County



4-H IN THE NEWS



CAMPFERENCE!

This event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14 who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. This year Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth. It will include some of our favorites in a new way, like a talent show, a campfire, camp groups and a camp craft.

Delegates will also be a part of a community conversation and participate in a skill building workshop with the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Registered participants will receive a 4-H Campference packet in the mail, which will include craft supplies, a detailed schedule, a few camp type surprises and other items needed for most all activities. Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members serve as counselors for this event.

Registration

The fee for each 4-H Campference Delegate is \$20. Registration information can be found at www.Kansas4-H.org under the events registration tab. Online registration is open until June 12 or until all spots are filled. You may need to mail your check to your local office, please check on the office hours prior to making a trip. For more information, check out <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/>

Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus is providing teenagers fascinated by drones with a new learning opportunity this summer that is social distance-friendly.

From June 22-26, the campus is offering an online unmanned aircraft systems program called the UAS Virtual Academy for ages 14 to 17. The academy invites participants to explore the world of drones by learning foundational aviation skills, flight maneuvers, safety procedures, and photography and videography basics, as well as receiving mentorship from Kansas State Polytechnic's expert staff and students. The weeklong program costs \$49 and participants must provide their own drone.

Participants will be sent an instruction kit that includes essentials such as a logbook and landing pad to support the experience. Students will learn through a combination of online lessons and flight training that can be done anywhere they choose. The academy will provide drone fundamentals that strengthen awareness of regulations and safety, flight planning knowledge, flying techniques, and photography and video skills. In addition, industry experts will log on and give insight into potential careers. Those who successfully complete the program will receive a special achievement package in the mail and will be prepared to transition to a collegiate UAS degree program if desired. Registration for the UAS Virtual Academy closes at noon **June 15**. To sign up, visit polytechnic.k-state.edu/uas-academy. Also on this website, participants can find recommendations for the suggested aircraft to purchase for the academy.

For additional questions, contact professional education and outreach at 785-826-2633 or profed@k-state.edu.



FAMILY RESOURCE PAGE



Fair Livestock - we have a few changes to requirements for participating in the Livestock Auction. Deadline for Intent to Sell form has been updated - the new form is [HERE](#)

Things that have NOT changed include:

- 1) Completion of YQCA
- 2) Reenrollment by Dec 1; new enrollment by March 1
- 3) Completion and timely submission of the Livestock Medication Form

Flip Grid Deadlines - there is a chart included in this newsletter with deadlines for submission of all videos for Flip Grid entries (all inside exhibits and rabbits). These are firm deadlines so please plan ahead.

Rabbit Show - Due to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2), we have moved the Rabbit Show during the fair to Flip Grid also. While not ideal, we do not want to potentially expose any rabbits to this highly transmittable disease.

Introducing the Kansas Clover Classroom! 4-H agents across the NW region of Kansas have been hard at work this spring building the start of a great project resource! The Kansas Clover Classroom is intended for use by parents and project leaders who want to help youth dive into a project! Watch for more exciting news on this! The first Challenges was posted on our Facebook page on May 29 - be sure to check it out and look for more Challenges!



Fair Schedule!

The 2020 Barton County Fair will look and feel different but we have a great opportunity to try new things and share 4-H project learning!

Project Area	Virtual or Live	Video DUE DATE! (if virtual)	Judging/Show Date	Time (if live)
Clothing Construction	Virtual	Monday, June 29	Thursday, July 1	
Fashion Revue	Virtual	Monday, June 29	Thursday, July 1	
Fiber Arts	Virtual	Monday, June 29	Thursday, July 1	
Foods	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Wed, July 8	
Arts & Crafts	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Wed, July 8	
Cloverbuds	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Wed, July 8	
Rabbits	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Wed, July 8	
Horse - Riding Classes	Live		Tuesday, July 7	8:00 AM
Bucket Calf	Live		Wed, July 8	8:30 AM
Meat Goats	Live		Wed, July 8	5:00 PM
Horticulture	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Photography	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Reading	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Home Environment	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Self-Determined	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Wildlife	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Space Tech	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Energy Management	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Entomology	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Geology	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Forestry	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Crops	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Shooting Sports	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Woodworking	Virtual	Monday, July 6	Thursday, July 9	
Swine	Live		Thursday, July 9	8:30 AM
Horse - Halter/Showmanship	Live		Thursday, July 9	5:00 PM
Poultry	Live		Friday, July 10	8:30 AM
Beef	Live		Friday, July 10	5:00 PM

What is Flip Grid, you ask?

Flip Grid is a fun application used in many schools for interactive, virtual learning!

After fair entries close on June 15, we start sending out Flip Codes for each 4-H member in their entry areas. Each 4-H member will want to review the instructions for their particular Flip Grid (fair department) and Topic (fair class) before starting. Gather your project, your camera or smart phone, and video your information for the judge. Each topic has a time limit for the video and you can review, edit, and record again before you upload!

You will want to get in close during the first part of your video - show the bottom, sides and top of baked goods; seams and hems of constructed garments; open the top of entomology boxes; and joins and sanding on woodworking. In other words, get up close with the details that the judge would look at if they were judging in person (even if there are mistakes)! Then, take the remaining time to "talk to the judge" about your project - what did you learn, what was really hard, what would you do differently, who helped you? Think about the questions that you know a judge has asked before. We have also added some prompt questions in the Overview and Introduction section of each Grid. You will NOT reply to the Overview and Introduction section; you will go into your topic/class and provide your reply.

Feedback from the judge will come via email with both video and written follow up. This is private information and is not available to other users. If you did not check the "please check here if you DO NOT want your entry videos viewed publicly", your video entry may be featured on the Barton County Fair website and Facebook page and the Cottonwood Extension website and Facebook page.

Family training is available at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/2020_fair_and_alternative.html

The Flip Grid home page is: <https://info.flipgrid.com/>

Michelle is still learning this also so there may be things that she can't answer but we'll sure learn together!

LEADERS' CORNER

Leaders -I appreciate your flexibility and willingness to try new resources and new formats to hold club meetings and keep 4-H families engaged. These have been challenging times and I appreciate the time and effort you put forth our 4-H members! Continue to encourage them as we come up to crunch time with fair deadlines and don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle with questions or concerns.

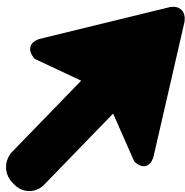
****We have a couple of clubs who have had no representatives at 4-H Council this entire year. Please check in with your Council representatives and make sure that they are getting these dates on their calendar and arranging for substitutes if they cannot attend.**

ZSuite Training - several training opportunities were provided to Club Leaders during February for the new record system. Cottonwood - Barton is part of the pilot project which will replace KAPs for the Junior and Intermediate levels.

ZSuites provides a very user friendly platform for recording and updating 4-H records! Michelle's favorite part is that it can be accessed via a mobile device so you can upload on the go!

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Club Leader and family training is available
HERE!



Volunteer Status

Providing a safe environment for youth to explore and learn is one of the fundamentals of 4-H! In order to provide that safe environment, all 4-H volunteers must complete the Volunteer Registration Process. Kansas 4-H policy requires that that each club have at least two leaders who have completed this process.

For more information on the process, please access the LINK. To check on your status, please contact Michelle.

NOW is a great time to check on your 4-H Online profile and training!

THANK YOU for your willingness to make a difference in the life of a 4-H member.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June

- 8 - DEADLINE for Creative Circuit Camp (see below)
- 12 - Campference Registration deadline
- 15 - DEADLINE for Barton County Fair entries
- 15 - Goat, Sheep, Swine nominations/DNA due for KSF and KJLS
- 29 - DEADLINE for Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts videos to Flip Grid

July

- 6 - DEADLINE for inside exhibit videos to Flip Grid
- 8-12 Barton County Fair - SEE FAIR SECTION FOR SPECIFIC DATES/DEADLINES
- 27 - 4-H Council Officer meeting

August

- 17 - Junior Leaders
- 17 - 4-H Council

September

- 11-20 - Kansas State Fair

October

- 3-10 - National 4-H Week
- 10-11 - 484H



Join us For: Creative Coding Camp

Sponsored by: **K-STATE** Research and Extension | **4-H** GROWS HERE

Starting 3 weeks of learning (June – 22,24,26,29; July – 1,6,8,10)

Cost: \$30 deposit to borrow the unit (limited number)
\$35 to purchase the unit (return evaluation and get \$5 from us!)

*Required – Computer with a USB Port, internet access, ability to use <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/makecode?rtc=1>

To register by June 8th contact Cottonwood Hays Office: (785) 628-9430

Zoom @ 11:00 AM CDT on M/W/F

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Ages: 5th grade & up; Parent help may be necessary for younger children and those with limited computer experience