



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
December 2023-January 2024**

Wishing each of our 4-H families safe travels, healthy visits with family and friends, and a blessed Christmas and New Year!

We have a LOT coming up in the next few months and now is a great time to do a little project record planning and project learning!



Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

Michelle Bryan



Family Resource Page



- Dec. 18 Dairy Goat Webinar (see flyer)
- Dec. 25-29 Cottonwood Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 12 DEADLINE for Senior Project Records for regional evaluation
- Jan. 13 4-H Basketball with K-State Women’s Basketball (see flyer)
- Jan. 15 NW Area Project Judge Training (deadline to register is **Jan 8**)
- Jan. 19 4-H Club Day registrations due (watch for sign up links)
- Jan 27 Horse Panorama
- Feb. 4 4-H Club Day
- Feb. 19 Spring 4-H Livestock Meeting
- Feb. 24 Beef weigh-in

Are you interested in 4-H Camp for summer 2024? Interested in challenging your Leader-In-Training (LIT) or Counselor-In-Training (CIT) skills?

Rock Springs opened camp registration opened in November <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

****LIT (Ages 15-16; rising HS Sophomore & Juniors)**

This program focuses on leadership and community development programming along with a service project. Each session will be a mix of hands-on leadership training with counselors/mentors, along with peer group training sessions on skills that are relatable to leadership experiences in the future. They will have the opportunity to practice these skills to become a confident and reliable leader. Counselor/mentors will deliver feedback, encouragement, and put them on the path to success. There will also be time to just relax, make friends, and enjoy other camp activities. This is an excellent progression if a camper thinks they may want to advance to CIT or join RSR staff in the future.

****CIT (Ages 16-17; rising HS Seniors)**

CIT are given responsibility over a group of younger campers from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience but they will also have “camp” time with their peers built into each day. The CIT program is a fun and wonderful way to explore what it means to be a beginning leader and a mentor and is a good fit for young people who may want to explore a career in education, early childhood care or other related fields.

2024 4-H Ambassadors!

Returning: Ailey Williams, Parker Dicks, Jonas Kern, and Melody Braddy

New: Kassie Linsner, DJ Wyant, and Kylie McCormick

4-H Ambassadors promote 4-H to current 4-H families and to the community!

Are you looking for some FUN winter activities? Check out these resources from 4-H.org:

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Interested in Junior Leaders but aren't sure where to start?

- 1) Be thirteen in 4-H age
- 2) Enroll in the Leadership Project
- 3) Attend the January meeting on 1.15 at the 4-H Educational Building and
- 4) JOIN IN THE FUN!!

Contact Melissa Woydziak or Michelle Beran for more information!

Project Resources

Goal Setting Work Sheet—Setting goals is a crucial part of the learning process and necessary for a solid Project Record: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

Project Record - NOW is the time to get out a project record form and make plans (with that Goal Setting Work Sheet) for learning opportunities, photos, leadership and citizenship within a project!

This page is a great resource and has links to the current Project Record forms:

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

ZBooks and resources—Would you like to keep track of project record activities on the go?

ZBOOKS is a great app that was designed to mirror the PDF versions of Project Records!

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

Curriculum—We have curriculum at the Extension Office for nearly every project area AND you have access to project pages: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>

Upcoming Event Resources:

4-H Club Day—Feb. 4, Ellinwood High School

This event provides an opportunity for youth to participate in a demonstration, illustrated talk, music selection, a dramatic or comedic reading, and for our older members extemporaneous speaking and ARI (Application, Resume, and Interview). Check with Michelle if you need more information and watch for the registration information to be sent soon.

Citizenship In Action—Feb. 18/19, Topeka

[2023 information](#)—please note that 2024 will be posted soon!

LEADERS' CORNER



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. **Be watching for additional resources and organizational meetings in the very near future! Whether you have been a leader for several years or a fairly new, we can always learn something new to share with 4-H youth!



Please note—It is very important that the 4-H Club Officer and Leader form be turned in on time as this allows us to update the website and emailing lists for 4-H Council. We are missing several and will be updating the website very soon!



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.



Financial Review—We are missing several and a follow up email was sent to club leaders in November. This can impact your club charter and participation by club members are local, regional, and state events.



Are you a member of the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers? Would you like to know more? Check out the information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-association/index.html>. The association meets at least annually during KYLF in November.



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DAIRY GOATS COUNTY FAIR & BEYOND

DECEMBER 18TH, 2023 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Join us for an online Zoom workshop to learn all about the Dairy Doe Project. This workshop will be geared towards families interested and enrolled in the Dairy Goat Project and Extension Agents.

Topics that will be covered:

- County vs. State
- State Fair Entry Deadlines
- Registration Tattoos
- Preparing your animal to show



Register by Sunday, December 17th to receive the
Zoom link: <https://forms.gle/Bh4V8a4UBFeFsLd47>

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



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KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

\$30: Ticket, Voucher (\$10 concessions), & Shirt

\$20: Ticket & Voucher (\$10 concessions)

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD (1/13/24, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (1/13/24, 12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (1/13/24, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due **January 1st, 2024**. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY>

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JUDGES TRAINING

MONDAY, JAN. 15
10:30AM TO 3:00PM

\$10 Fee - Lunch Provided
Pay at the door

Registration Due
January 3rd

To register
Use the link or QR
code.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d8cZPUfrrxhYoK



JUDGING AREAS:

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RABBITS
HORTICULTURE & CROPS
VISUAL ARTS
WOODWORKING
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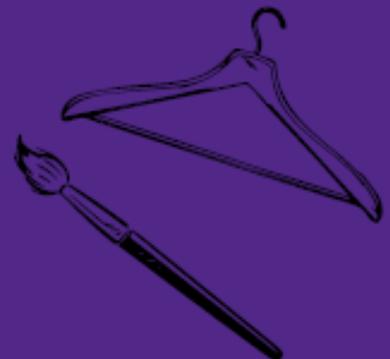
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Junior Leaders

Jan 15

6 pm

4-H Council

Jan 15

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



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