



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
August-September 2024**

Many of you know that my spring 2024 was a bit more stressful than I had planned or could have anticipated. The good news is that my husband has bounced back from a heart attack and quadruple-bypass surgery very well!

It did, however, throw my schedule more than a bit out of kilter and things that I planned to check mark off didn't always happen in the time frame that I would have liked.

Many thanks to every family that checked on us, offered a warm thought or prayer, and gave some grace to my overwhelming task list.

It was great to see lots of families working and playing together at the fair! As we roll into the last two months of the 4-H year, work on finishing up those project records. If you didn't start a project record this year, I would encourage you to make that a part of project planning for the new year!

Also, we have LOTS of entries that qualified for the Kansas State Fair! As a 4-H member, I had exhibits at KSF several different years but never had the opportunity to see them on display due to the distance that we lived from Hutchinson. Come and listen to a demonstration; walk through and check out the photography entries; stop by for entomology or geology or any of the other dozens of 4-H projects on display! You might get some fun ideas for next year!

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



Family Resource Page



Aug 9	KSF entries DUE to Cottonwood Extension Office by 5 pm
Sept 2	Labor Day—Cottonwood Extension Office closed
Sept 4	Kids' Ag Day
Sept 4	ALL KSF entries (except foods/hort) due to Cottonwood Extension Office by 4 pm
Sept 5	ALL KSF Food/Horticulture entries due by 8:15 am
Sept 6-15	Kansas State Fair
Sept 30	Organizational Leaders Meeting (see note below)
Oct 1	4-H Project Records and Pin Applications DUE
Oct 1	New 4-H Year enrollment begins!
Oct 6-12	National 4-H Week
Oct 12/13	484H
Nov 1	Financial Reviews DUE
Nov 3	4-H Achievement Celebration
Nov 23/24	KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)
Nov 25	4-H Livestock Committee meeting
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving, Cottonwood Extension Office closed
<i>JUNE 25-29 2025 Barton County Fair (tentative date)</i>	

If you are a club leader, project leader, or interested in serving in one of these roles, we will hold a training session at the Cottonwood-Barton office on Monday, Sept 30, from 6:30-8:30. See how Positive Youth Development and the related research can help you in your leadership/mentorship role and how 4-H Policy reinforces the focus and direction of the 4-H Youth Development program.

This program is for club leaders, project instructors including dog and shooting sports, advisors for Junior Leaders, Ambassadors, Livestock Committee, and more!

Kansas State Fair Time!

Entries will be due to the Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, Aug. 9!

The link to the 4-H section of the Kansas State Fair book and related information is: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>.

****If you received a PURPLE on your demonstration/illustrated talk, project talk, or reading (and are 4-H age 9), you are eligible to enter you demonstration/illustrated talk, project talk, or reading for the Kansas State Fair!**

Drop Off for non-perishable items (everything but FOODS and HORTICULTURE) is until 4 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 5; please allow time to ensure that your tags and other required information is appropriately attached. You may begin dropping this items off Aug.19.

Perishable items (FOODS & HORTICULTURE) must be dropped on by 8:15 am on Thursday, Sept. 5. Michelle will have the office open by 7:30 am for these items and will be leaving promptly at 8:30 am.

For large projects (woodworking, ag mechanics etc.), please check with Michelle to see if it is feasible for the Extension Office to transport. If not, we will provide you with entry tags and you would be responsible for having the entry on the KSF grounds BY 11 am on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Qualifiers from 4-H Club Day include:

Landon Woydziak— Demonstration

Ema Debes—Illustrated Talk

Brogan Edgerton—Project Talk

Chloe Vaupel—Demonstration

Brantley Edgerton—Project Talk

Aliza Straub—Demonstration

Willow Braddy—Reading

Ailey Williams—Reading

If you are interested in serving on one of the judging teams (FCS, Photo, Crops ID, or Poultry), let Michelle know ASAP as we will then determine teams from the available 4-H members.



Eligible entries include:

Payten Brabb: General Craft (KIND art), Foods

Brantley Edgerton: Photo B&W

Owen Guerra: Foods

Owen Norris: Foods, Horticulture

Jasper Ryff: Entomology

Hunter Coulson: Foods (ONE), Shooting Sports poster

Jackson DeVorss: Geology

Ema Debes: Photo, STEM BBC, Wildlife Display

Brady Karlin: Foods, Photo B&W, Woodworking

Maggie Kern: Visual Arts (ladder), Sewing & Textile Design (ONE), Entomology, Foods (ONE), Geology, Horticulture (TWO), Woodworking

Everett Negaard: Foods, Photography (ONE Color OR B&W), STEM Ed Poster

Raquel Guerra: Foods

Sara Jahay: Fiber Arts, Foods

Eden Ringwald: Foods (ONE), Horticulture (TWO)

Ryli Ryff: Foods

Kolten Brabb: Photography (ONE Color OR B&W), Woodworking

Willow Braddy: Foods

Brogan Edgerton: Fashion Revue, Photography

Amber Ochs: Foods (ONE)

Callie Ochs: Foods (ONE)

Leah Steffan: Fashion Revue?, Photography

Aliza Straub: Visual Arts (Clay/Ceramics Flower Bowl), Sewing & Textiles, Fiber Arts (Knitting), Fashion Revue (Sewing & Textile and Formal), Horticulture (THREE), Photography

Hunter Trower: Photography

Chloe Vaupel: Sewing & Textiles, Fiber Arts (Needle Art), Foods (ONE), Fashion Revue (Sewing & Textile), Photography (ONE color OR B&W)

Kaisha Woydziak: Visual Arts (Jewelry—Blue & White), Foods, Woodworking

Callie Loesch: Photography

Samantha Negaard: Fashion Revue?, Foods, Photography

Kiera Wyant: Foods, STEM Rocketry

Teegan Guerra: Foods

Russell Kern: Sewing & Textiles, Energy Management, Foods (ONE), Food Preservation (TWO in separate classes), Geology, Geology-lapidary, Horticulture, Photography

Adessa Prosser: Fashion Revue (Casual)

DJ Wyant: Foods (ONE), STEM-Rocketry (TWO from different classes)

Melody Braddy: Fashion Revue (Formal), Foods, Photography (B&W)

Kylee Miessler: Photography

Jordan Ochs: Foods (ONE)

Grey Ringwald: Foods, Food Preservation

Yessica Esquivel: STEM—Ag Mech, Woodworking

Jonas Kern: Visual Arts (Stamp Art), Fiber Arts (Crochet), Foods, Food Preservation (TWO in separate classes), Geology, Horticulture (TWO), Photography, STEM—Smithing, Wildlife (TWO in separate classes), Woodworking

Analeah Ochs: Foods (ONE)

Kylie McCormick: Woodworking

Ailey Williams: Fiber Arts (Needle Art), Foods (ONE)

Landon Woydziak: Woodworking

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. As we begin the new 4-H year on Oct. 1, please complete your paperwork as well as working with 4-H families!



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.



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.



At your August 4-H Club meeting, actively work with members to share about 4-H and recruiting new members! Some great resources can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html>



Project Records—Project Records and Pin Applications are due in the Extension Office October 1. Please work with your club members to complete their Project Records and Pin Applications in good time for leaders to review and sign.

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

2024-25 4-H Enrollment

Why enroll in October?

The goal of 4-H is project learning throughout the year, not just to produce a fair entry!

The sooner your family is enrolled, the sooner you are added to email lists for communication.

Clubs should not elect officers from non-enrolled 4-H members (that's hard to keep in mind during October officer elections!)

Selecting Projects—setting goals

Using the goal setting sheet (https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/setting-4-h-project-goals_4H1100) is a great way to start 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** (one/week), **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)

Why start Project Records in October?

By having Project Records out in October, you have the opportunity to look ahead for activities and events that provide learning/practice or where you need to practice at home.

For older youth, you may need to include leadership activities related to the project and this is much easier to plan in October or November than in September when the year is nearly complete.


4-H Online will close for access sometime during September to prepare for the new 4-H year. As we get closer, watch for an announcement that 2024-2025 4-H Online enrollment is open!

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A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry


4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions—or what we like to call their “spark!” Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.

Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway (4H1131).



Learning Experiences	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/Showcase	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum-guided activities• Project meetings• Kansas Clover Classroom• Educational tours• Workshops/clinics• State project events• KSJ Junior Producer Days• Judging contests• Public presentations• Interviewing the experts• Educational presentations• Quiz bowl contests• Skill-a-thon• How-to shows and online videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helping your community or others outside your family• Helping others without financial compensationExamples may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food drives• Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home• Knit caps for newborns• Assist in community garden• Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work• Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching skills or information to others outside your family• Organizing or coordinating an event or activityExamples may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach a workshop• Facilitate a group activity• Assist a Project Leader with project meeting• Plan a tour• Serve as a Junior/Teen Leader• Serve as a Junior Superintendent• Create project-related videos for use on social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.)• 4-H Club Days• 4-H Project Displays• Livestock show• Educational presentation• County Fair• Kansas State Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal setting• Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc.• Leadership and Citizenship• Project reflection• Pictures documenting learning and engagement

Local Contact Information

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A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry can be downloaded from:

https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/4-h-project-more-than-a-fair-entry_4H1132

4-H Online Resources are available at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>



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2024 Barton County Fair
Blue Jeans and
Big Dreams!



Junior Leaders

August 19 6 pm

4-H Council

August 19 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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