



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON
4-H NEWSLETTER
February—March 2025**

I don't know about you but 2025 was a rough start! Between the stomach flu, blizzard, and bacterial bronchitis, I am ready for spring!

Most of you know that one of my favorite parts of 4-H programming is helping youth to develop good communication skills. We can all continue to improve our verbal, written, and unspoken communication and I love events like 4-H Club Day! From watching our littlest present a Show & Share to those big kids as they practice a variety of presentation skills.

I hope that many had an opportunity to test their decision-making skills by life skills judging and photography judging. We had a good number of participants!

The next couple of months will fly by as seniors wind up their year and set their "next steps", as 4-H members take on more complex tasks and learning for their projects, and as spring events from livestock shows to Shutterbugs kick off! Take a deep breath and enjoy the moments of learning and family time (even when it seems frantic!).

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

Michelle Bran





Family Resource Page



- Feb 16/17 Citizenship In Action, Topeka
- Feb 22/23 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs Ranch
- Feb 24 Organizational Leaders Meeting, 6:30-8:30
- March 1 Junior Producer Swine Day
- March 14 Regional 4-H Club Day
- March 17 Foods Workshop 10-12
- March 17 YQCA, 12:30-1:30
- March 21 Quilt Guild Sewing Class (see flyer for more information!)
- March 22 Super Saturday, Colby
- March 22 Junior Producer Meat Goat Day
- May 12 Fair t-shirt order deadline (by club)
- May 21 YQCA, 5:30-6:30
- May 23 Foods Workshop 10-12
- 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 25-29 2025 Barton County Fair **Barnyard Mardi Gras!***

Congratulations to the Hoisington Jets who received a Community Service Award from the Hoisington Chamber of Commerce during the annual Chamber Banquet!



4-H Club Day Results

Regional qualifiers—if you are unable to attend Regional Club Day on Friday, March 14, please notify Michelle BY end of business on Wed, Feb. 26, so that an alternate can be contacted.

Show & Share – Hunter Johnson, Green

Show & Share – Catarina Debes, Green

Show & Share – Coy Prosser, Green

Project Talk – George Debes, Purple & Regional Qualified

Project Talk – Maggie Kern, Purple & Regional Qualified

Project Talk – Everett Negaard, Blue

JR Demo/Illustrated – Emaline Debes, Purple & Regional Qualified

JR Demo/Illustrated – Ensley Vaupel, Purple & Regional Qualified

JR Demo/Illustrated – Brantley Edgerton, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

JR Demo/Illustrated – Breckynn Edgerton, Blue (Regional 2nd Alternate)

JR Demo/Illustrated – Austyn Prosser, Blue

JR Demo/Illustrated – Clementyne Norris, Blue

JR Demo/Illustrated – Brady Fanshier, Blue

Piano – Chloe Vaupel, Purple & Regional Qualified

Piano – Cora Calcara, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

Piano – Ensley Vaupel, Blue (Regional 2nd Alternate)

Piano – Amber Ochs, Red

Instrumental solo – Ailey Williams, Purple & Regional Qualified

Instrumental solo – DJ Wyant, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

Instrumental ensemble – Kylie McCormick/Ailey Williams, Purple & Regional Qualified

SR Demo/Illustrated – Adessa Prosser, Purple & Regional Qualified

SR Demo/Illustrated – Samantha Negaard, Purple & Regional Qualified

SR Demo/Illustrated – Brogan Edgerton, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

SR Demo/Illustrated – Ailey Williams, Blue (Regional 2nd Alternate)

Public Speaking – Russell Kern, Purple & Regional Qualified

Extemporaneous – Ailey Williams, Purple & Regional Qualified

Extemporaneous – Melody Braddy, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

Extemporaneous – Kiera Wyant, Blue (Regional 2nd Alternate)

ARI – Jonas Kern, Purple & Regional Qualified

ARI – Ailey Williams, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

Club Skit – Cow Creek, Purple & Regional Qualified

Club Skit – Ellinwood Energizers, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

Club Skit – Hoisington Jets, Blue (Regional 2nd Alternate)

Club Skit – Busy Buzzers, Blue

JR Reading – Clementyne Norris, Red

SR Reading – Ailey Williams, Purple & Regional Qualified

SR Reading – Willow Braddy, Blue (Regional 1st Alternate)

SR Reading – Kaelynn Axman, Blue

SR Reading – Jillian Axman, Blue

SR Reading – Kaisha Woydziak, Red

Dance – Elizabeth Martin, Purple & Regional Qualified

Any participants receiving a PURPLE ribbon at Barton 4-H Club Day in Project Talks, Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks, Public Speaking, and Reading are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in the Public Presentations!

Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training

This program is a collaboration with K-State Research and Extension Districts: Post Rock, Midway, Cottonwood, CKD, and River Valley.

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed for 14- and 15-year-olds seeking employment in production agriculture.

Core content areas include:

- Safety basics, Agricultural hazards, Tractors, Connecting and using implements, Materials handling, and more.

Students are certified after successfully passing a 50-question test at the training and doing both an operating skills test and a driving test administered by the employer.

2025 Course Dates, Locations, & Contact Info

April 5th – Ellsworth, KS

Carrico Implement

Craig Dinkel: cadinkel@ksu.edu or 785-472-4442

April 26th – Beloit, KS

Carrico Implement

Blaire Todd: blairet@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597

May 10th – Washington, KS

Bruna Implement Company

Luke Byers: lsbyers@ksu.edu or 785-632-5335

May 22rd – Solomon, KS

KanEquip, Inc.

Justine Johns: jwh04@ksu.edu or 785-392-2147

Scan to register!



SIGN UP: Visit

<https://bit.ly/tractorsafety2025>, scan QR code,
or call an agent listed below!

MANUAL COST: \$15 – Pick up at your local
Extension Office

BRING: Your course manual and enrollment
form. Pay and pick up your course manual at
your local Extension Office. Please pick up
your manual at least 4 days PRIOR to the
course.



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NW 4-H

Super Saturday Judging Contest & Project Opportunitites

Saturday, March 22, 9:00am - Finish
Colby Comm. College & Thomas Co Fairgrounds

March 17th - Registrations for lunch and Project opportunities due

March 22nd:

- 9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon)
- 10:00am to noon - Volunteer/ Parent Session
- 11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch
- 12:30pm Check in for livestock Judging at Thomas Co Fairgrounds
- 1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities
- 1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

For more information contact:
rdeines@ksu.edu or 785-798-5020

Project Opportunities : \$5.00
Engineering and Technology
(robots, circuits, engineering, batteries)
and
Visual Arts Stations
(Paper crafts, scrapbook, clay)

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Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajjdd7SK7HICeW

Registration deadline: March 17th

Morning Judging Contest: Crops, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, Livestock Skill-a-thon and Entomology

Afternoon Judging Contest: Livestock Judging

Afternoon Project Opportunities: Engineering and Technology and Visual Arts Stations

Also a Parents/Volunteer Session will be held.

Sack Lunch Provided for \$8.00

This year I attended the 4-H National Congress in Atlanta. I had an amazing time, and met tons of cool people from all over the U.S. With many of them, I traded pins, which may have been one of my favorite things that I did there. Workshops were held several of the days where we could learn leadership skills, teambuilding, and many fun activities. Each day a new world class speaker would give some fun words of wisdom, often followed by entertainment from other delegates. I also got to tour several locations in Atlanta, like the zoo and history center. One of my favorite things that I did there was the service project at the Historic Oakland Cemetery's center. The food there was also amazing. We went to the Hard Rock Cafe and The Varsity, two renowned locations, as well as an international and a gala dinner. Congress was ran extremely well with tons of things to do and people to meet. I would recommend anyone to go there, it was definitely one of the best weeks I have ever lived. Submitted by Jonas Kern



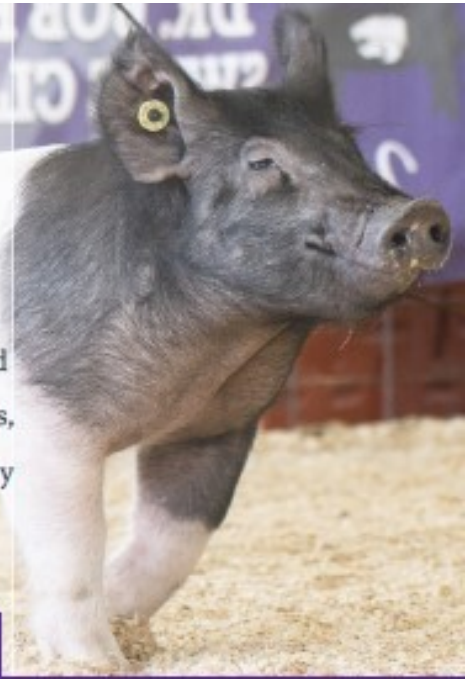
Adessa Prosser won the Kansas 4-H Horse Demonstration/Illustrated Talk division at the 2024 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama January 27, 2024 in Salina. She was selected to represent Kansas 4-H in the presentations contest at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver, CO January 8-11, 2025. Complete information about the Western National Roundup is available at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/national-western-roundup/>

Kansas typically sends the following teams to the roundup: Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Public Speaking, Horse Presentations, Livestock Judging, and Meat Judging.

Adessa is a member of the Cow Creek 4-H Club and is active in a variety of projects, Junior Leaders, 4-H Council.



2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day



Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

March 1



Tentative Schedule

- 8:00AM Registration Opens
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Project Selection
- 10:00AM Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Breakout Sessions
 - Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
- 3:00PM Wrap-up
- 3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)



Registration

- ✔ \$20/person by February 5
- ✔ \$25/person after February 5
- ✔ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ✔ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ✔ No refunds.
- ✔ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.



Questions?

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Register By February 5

Limited Attendance

Location
Stanley Stout Center

Register Online
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

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K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

3.22.25

Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

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Tentative Program

Friday, March 21

5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*
 Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Breakout Sessions

-Nutrition

-Facilities & Equipment

-Doe Management & Kidding

11:15AM Health & Wellness

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM Breakout Sessions

-Showmanship

-Reproduction







-Clipping & Grooming

3:15PM Wrap-up

3:30PM YQCA Training (*optional*)

4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*
 Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Registration

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-  \$25/person after February 26
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Questions?

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Register Online

[https://commerce.cashnet.com /
 KSUASIND](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND)

By
February 26

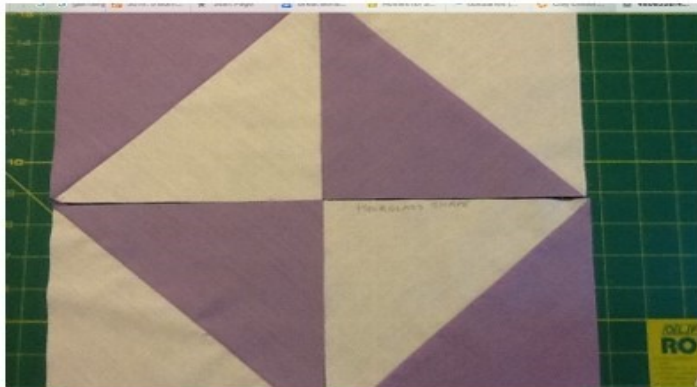
Beginning Quilting Workshop Set

Members of the Central Kansas Thread Benders Quilt Guild are excited to share a fun project that you can complete during a spring break workshop.

Mark your calendar for **Friday, March 21st**, and come to the Extension office (3007 10th Street) meeting room from **9:00 – 10:30 AM**. You will need to bring two 10-inch squares of contrasting fabrics and a ½ yard piece of fabric to complete a 12" pillow. You will also want to bring a spool of thread that matches your fabric.

All other equipment (sewing machines, cutting mat, scissors, *etc*) will be provided. This project will give you some basic quilting skills and you will come away with a pillow that you may want to enter in the Fair.

Class size is limited to 10 so call the Extension office @ 620-793-1910 before March 14th to reserve your spot. Call Donna Krug, (620)282-7338 if you have any questions.



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Hourglass Quilt Block



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Foods and Nutrition Workshops

Nov 27 - Butterhorn Rolls
Dec 30 - New Years Cookies/Fried Dough
March 17 - St. Patricks Theme
May 23 - Pie Bites

Plus food science experiments at each meeting

Registration Link:
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4VOs6kkAsnVzLJY

Meet at Barton County Extension Office
10am-12pm

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There is still time to sign up for the last two cooking sessions hosted by Russell Kern!

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Remaining sessions:

March 17

May 23



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 began 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.



How can you help your club members follow up from 4-H Club Day?

- 1) CELEBRATE all participants!
- 2) Help newer members understand the Regional Club Day process and encourage all to attend and listen to others present



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 update from community service over the holidays to project learning to participation at 4-H Club Day!

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



*******Organizational Leaders (club leaders, project leaders, Ambassador/Junior Leader advisers) - please join Michelle for a meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, at the Extension Office from 6:30-8:30. We'll review resources and check in on club progress.**



Project Record—Next Steps

Review Project Goals

Using the goal setting sheet (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 participation such as presenting or volunteering at 4-H Club Day!

Project Record Planning

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

A learning opportunity? Think about upcoming events such as Super Saturday or Junior Producer Days

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

Junior Leaders

February 17

6 pm

4-H Council

February 17

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.



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