



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON  
4-H NEWSLETTER  
August-September 2023**

I cannot say Thank You enough to each and every 4-H family who helped with fair set-up and clean-up, with the food stand, and with the BBQ!

I so appreciated hearing a heartfelt thank you to a judge, to a competitor, to a fair board member, to a volunteer from our 4-H members and families. You are raising awesome kids and I love being a small part of that!

Be on the lookout for news from Jayla as she is currently in Japan with the International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. Additionally, Nathan and Melissa Woydziak and their family are hosting a youth from Japan for several weeks. I can't wait to hear about adventures from both groups!

I hope that you are all enjoying a little rest and relaxation time before sports and school schedules begin. I know a few families continue to clean up and deal with storm damage from the July 16th storms. I am making plans for programming in schools and at the area Rec Centers and Libraries.

We are also getting geared up for the Kansas State Fair! We have emailed and posted information about our long list of qualifiers and I'm looking forward to a car full of entries! As a 4-H member, I lived too far away to attend the State Fair so I encourage you to check out the 4-H exhibits, listen to a demonstration or illustrated talk, and support fellow 4-H families across the state.

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



# Family Resource Page



- Aug 10 KSF entries due **BY 5 PM**
- Sept 4 Labor Day—Cottonwood Office closed
- Sept 6 Barton County Kids’ Ag Day
- Sept 6 ALL KSF entries (except Foods and Horticulture) due **BY 5 PM**
- Sept 7 KSF Foods and Horticulture entries **7—8:30 AM**
- Sept 9-17 Kansas State Fair
- Oct 1 2024 4-H Enrollment begins
- Oct 1 Record Books and Pin Applications **DUE**
- Oct 1-8 National 4-H Week
- Oct 7/8 484H
- Oct 25 4-H Ambassador applications due
- Nov 1 **Financial Reviews DUE**
- Nov 18/19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)
- Nov 20 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting

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**Please review the Record Book changes on Page 4! If you have any questions or need assistance, set up a meeting time with Michelle.**

For additional Record Book Resources: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>

Pin Applications can be located at: [https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton\\_4hforms.html](https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/barton_4hforms.html)

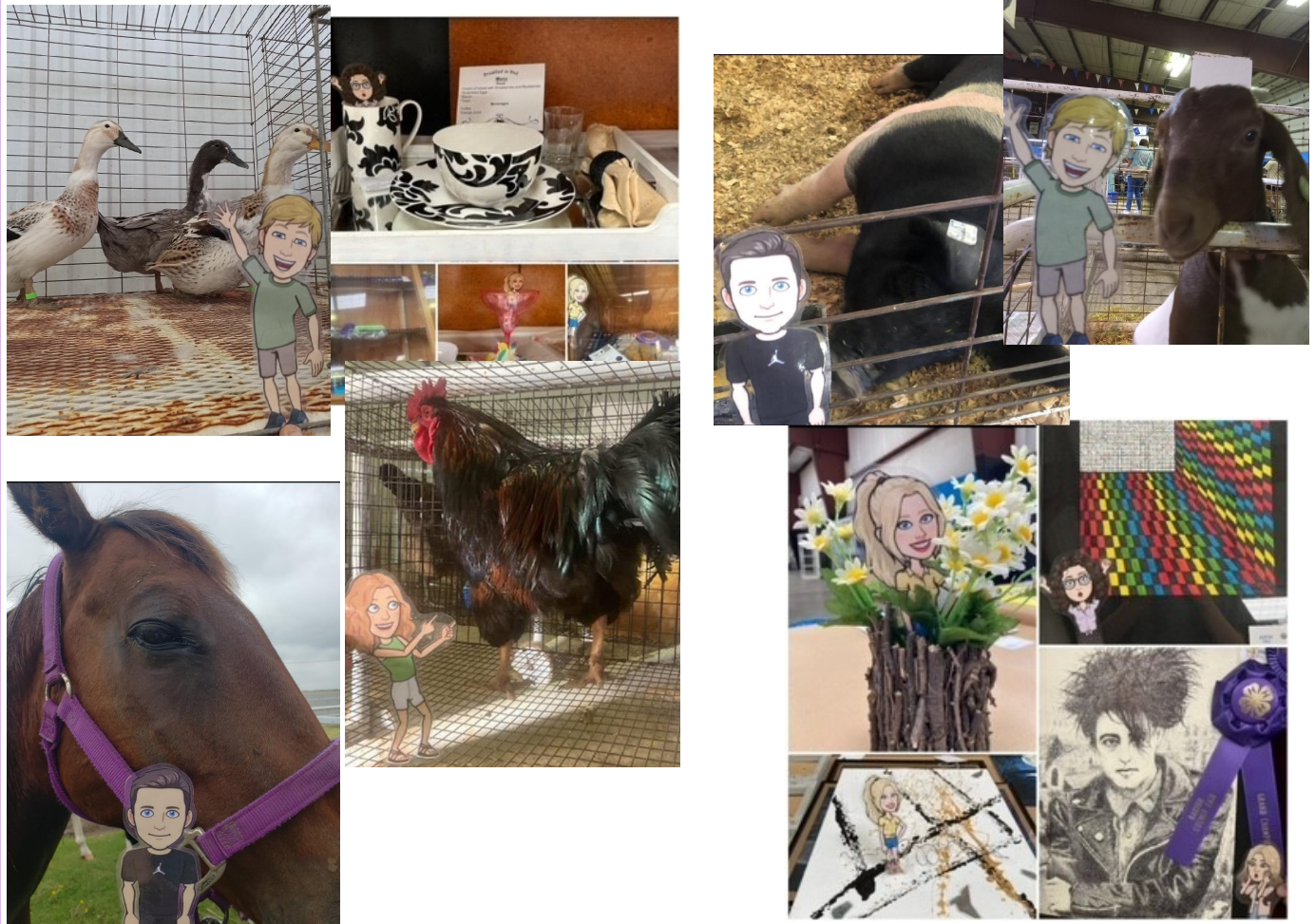
Kansas State Fair—for information about schedules or entry requirements, please review <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. Results will be available at this link also throughout the fair.

## 4-H Ambassadors!

Barton County 4-H Ambassadors were a great help with Fair Activities. They recorded promotional pieces for the radio, planned and coordinated the Youth Rally, helped promote activities throughout the week (check out their emoji photos), and assisted with the Business Breakfast! GREAT JOB to each and every one and to their adviser, Hayley Dicks!

If you are interested in serving as a 4-H Ambassador, see the [application](https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Form%20fillable%20Ambassador%20Contract%202024%20Final.pdf) and contract for selected Ambassadors for more information. (<https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Form%20fillable%20Ambassador%20Contract%202024%20Final.pdf>)

The deadline for submitting the application is Oct. 25!



## Fair Clean-up and Set-up

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with fair set-up and clean-up. Your many hands made for smoother work and I know this was appreciated by the Barton County Fair Association!



## Record Books—please review **LAST NOTICE!!!**

NOW is the time to update project records and review goals <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

### \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

We are making a few changes to the Record Book/Project Record Process for 2022-2023!

- 1) Each project record will need to be in a separate notebook (you can simply photo-copy the Personal Page and Permanent Record for each)
- 2) Each age division will need to use a specific color of 3-ring binder for their Project Record
  - \*Juniors (age 7-9) - WHITE binder
  - \*Intermediate (age 10-13) - BLUE binder
  - \*Senior (age 14-18) - BLACK binder

While this might seem silly, it makes managing 40-60 Project Records much more efficient.

- 3) Each 4-H member will still need to complete a 4-H Book for a pin application and this can be in the GREEN 4-H folders and the pin application can be tucked into the front of this book.

There is a difference between a Project (Clothing and Textiles) and an Exhibit (Buymanship, sewn item). As such, you would complete a single Project Record and note all of your Clothing and Textiles activities and entries within the one record. Please let Michelle know if you need clarification on this.

For the 2021-2022 4-H year, the attached list shows the Project Award categories (and we don't anticipate any changes): <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/2021-2022%20Project%20Award%20Categories.pdf>

For an overview of the process and handy tips for success, check out <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Master%20Guide%20to%20KS%204-H%20Project%20Recognition%20System.pdf>

Recognition Check Sheet—this is a GREAT resource and should be included in the front of your Project Record! <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/barton-county4h/Check%20Sheet.pdf>

Continue to think about activities and when/where you need to be involved and capture moments for pin applications and Project Records.

# 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 this fall. 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!



Now is a GREAT time to begin talking about plans and goals for your club!  
\*Would you like to add members? What are your specific plans to make that happen? What resources do you need?  
\*Does your club plan to hold a fundraiser (please make sure that Michelle knows what/when this will be)? What plans do you need to make this a successful event?  
\*Are there new members who need extra information? Does all of your club know about resources that are available online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/> OR at the Cottonwood Extension Office?



**Club Resources**—are you stretched finding new ways to engage 4-H members at meetings? Check out these great resources!! <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html>



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.



**Junior Leaders**

**Aug 21**

**6 pm**

**4-H Council**

**Aug 21**

**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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