

You are invited to come out to the Annual Hickleberry County Fair! Several of the county's most hilarious and notorious people are getting together for a memorable and suspenseful evening of home-cookin', good music, and a mystery to solve that is sure to knock your socks off! Memories will be made, but not all will be so sweet as Mrs. Witherspoon's prize-winning cherry pies. You see, the rumor is there's been a murder...

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You will play the role of Patty (Pat) Barnhart.

Your role will require some humility and a fun-loving spirit because Pat Barnhart is as ruddy and fun as a hot summer day is long. This rough and tumble woman was made for the outdoors and adventure, so you are not ruffled at all by this night, and should help keep the gang laughing and thinking about the simple things in life. Pat is the Canterway Stable's ranch hand, and, how shall we put it delicately, handler of biohazardous materials (aka horse poop). Pat is best friends with janitor Gus Lavoni, who may be present tonight.

Costume Suggestion: Wear old farm type of clothing, such as overalls and or a flannel shirt. Your hair should be in a pony tail (no pun intended) if possible or under a baseball cap. You should carry a huge brush in your pocket (if it's clean, you could go around offering to brushing people's hair). Bring some chewing gum and pretend its chewing tobacco ('baccy). If you feel bold, wipe some chocolate, grease or dark brown makeup on your face to look like you work a tough outdoor job with horses. Be elusive about what the brown substance is if you want. Another option: If you can't stand the rugged look, try squeaky clean, wide eyed, stable girl with overalls and painted on freckles, and go by "Patty" instead of "Cowpatty."

Be sure to visit <u>www.suppersleuths.com</u> to learn about the other characters who will attend, and for more helpful resources to prepare for the occasion!



OPTIONAL CHARACTER: PAT BARNHART PLAYER BOOKLET

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

This room is full of murder suspects – and you are one of them! You must try to figure out who the murderer is tonight, by both accusing your fellow players and also trying to convince everyone else that you are innocent.

This game has four rounds, each round revealing new pieces of information about each character. Do not turn the page in your player's booklet until the host tells you to do so.

On the top of each page is information you are to share with the whole group. You can either ad lib or read directly from the page, but make sure that before moving on to the next round, you share all information on the top of each page with the whole group.

On the bottom of the page, you will see hidden information about your character. Do not reveal this information until you think it is the appropriate time. You may not lie if someone asks you about this information, but you do not need to offer incriminating evidence about yourself without a direct question. However, if you find out that you are the murderer, DO NOT TELL! If asked about it, you should say, "I am not aware of that information at this time," or just lie if you have to. Likewise, if someone asks you a question you do not know the answer to, just say, "I am not aware of that information at this time." The murderer is the only one permitted to lie at any time in this game.

There are also 8 secret clues that different players will reveal throughout the night. Make sure you do not look at your clue until your player's booklet tells you to look at it and pass it around to the group. When that time comes, just detach it and pass it around. You may also use the next page to take notes throughout the evening.

At the start of the game, the killer is not aware of his or her identity – it could even be you! Be suspicious of everyone's motives, and remain in character throughout the evening. After dessert, you will be given a chance to make your accusation. You may accuse any player of being the killer, including yourself. However, you must give evidence from the clues, and again, DO NOT TELL if the booklet says you are the killer! Have fun!

LIST OF CHARACTERS

Chester Finkowski – An Elvis impersonator who absolutely obsesses over his belief that "the King" is still alive, well and returning soon. Mr. Presley here may be in disguise for a reason deeper than rock and roll!

Madame Mona Soothini - A gypsy who makes her fortune selling yours, Mme Soothini is sure to attend the fair every year, but she can't be found as the fairgrounds close. Why she rushes off and where she goes is not clear, even when viewed through her crystal.

Travis Buckland - This handsome stud rides like he's got nothing to lose. He seems like a good of boy, just lookin' for thrills, but can a guy this reckless be trusted? Is he just talking bull?

Tiffany Ann Canterway - This sophisticated, attractive and arrogant horsewoman is a 4H snob and owner of Canterway Stables, the largest equestrian site in the whole county. She has participated in fundraising for the fair for years, but when she doesn't get her way, how long will her short fuse...and funding last?

J.L. Mackabee – This trucker loves a good county fair and has been to this one for the past 14 years. J.L. may look like any wide-eyed country kin of yours, but when he's on the road and on the radio, he's mixin' with all kinds. Some say he used to be in jail.

Ida Witherspoon - As a farmer's wife and notorious town gossip, Ida is the reigning quilting and cherry-berry pie champ in the county. Mrs. Witherspoon seems to have no real competition for the blue ribbon this year...so why has she been such an "old bitty" lately?

William B. Lackhart – Local mayor, Lackhart, feels the pressure to please all and to have a good fair each year. But whether he also plays fair to get votes is still out at the polls.

Cindy Sue Sweetly – Last year's "Berry-Beauty" queen, this year Cindy reluctantly passed her crown onto another young girl. She wears that flashy smile wherever she goes but some say that she never smiles when she doesn't know who's there.

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APPETIZERS

SHARE AFTER ALL SUSPECTS HAVE SHARED:

(Speak in a gruff voice) Hey all you guys, I'm Patricia Barnhart, known around these parts as Pat or Cowpat or Cowpatty, whichever suits your fancy. Not that we're fancy around here anyway. I'm not your typical guest here tonight, I guess I'm here just to help out in the kitchen instead of the stable tonight. Don't worry, I washed my hands. But seriously, I work in the horse stables. I just love animals, I love my job and I want to keep it. I won't stand for any sissies like Tiffany telling me what to do because tonight I'm gonna just take it all in (grin widely). If it weren't for me and Gus Lavoni, the janitor, cleaning up after this place, you'd be in deep manure. But it looks like y'all are in trouble anyway. (Fake spit some tobacco and wipe your mouth on the back of your arm or sleeve). Lucky for y'all, I'm not afraid of messes. Dig in everyone!

HIDDEN INFORMATION: (Do not share until you feel it's necessary.)

You have no new information at this time. Feel free to question others and focus on the food!

PAT BARNHART



Soup/Salad

SHARE AFTER ALL SUSPECTS HAVE SHARED.

Anyone here need a horse doctor? Because when it comes to breakin' horses, if it ain't broke, I'll fix it. Heh, heh. Get it, a horse needs to be broken in. Anyway all, I was just trying to lighten up the par-tay a little bit. I'm getting all tuckered out, what with cleanin' up after Miss Thang's horses today. Hey Tiff, some o' them girls horse had a bad case o' the runs today. What are you feeding 'em, caviar or somethin'? Or not feeding them at all, from what I;m hearing!

HIDDEN INFORMATION: (Do not share until you feel it's necessary.)

You and janitor Gus Lavoni are best friends and you hope one day you could be more which is why you never deny a relationship with him. If he is present, talk about what a faithful part of the county fair he is, and if he is absent, talk about him as though everyone knows him, and say how you miss him. It will create an even weirder effect, if that is possible.

PAT BARNHART



MAIN COURSE

SHARE AFTER ALL SUSPECTS HAVE SHARED:

Since we're talking about such heated love affairs tonight, I don't want any of y'all gossiping any more about me and Gus Lavoni, especially you Ida (wink at her). Not that I'm denying a relationship with him but it ain't none of your business what he and I share together, not that we share anything. Papaw Barnhart always said don't stir up a bucket of manure, just let it sit. By the way, I don't like one bit what I'm hearing about Miss Tiffany Ann cleaning up the stalls. For the record, I do that! And Tiffany, stay out of the third stall, that one's got my name on it! Gus carved it for me, so let's remember that!

HIDDEN INFORMATION: (DO NOT SHARE UNTIL YOU FEEL IT'S NECESSARY.)

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PAT BARNHART



DESSERT

Share after all suspects have shared.

Well, if I didn't know better, I'd say Travis and Tiffanty, Major and the likes of all of you carnies are shaking in your boots right now. My how the tables have turned! Well, Mamaw Glenna was just asking me the other day if I could get my cousin Ol' Sally a job and I think I'll just swing on by the farm today. I'm sure good ol' Sally will be glad to help out with Tiffany's horses when Tiff has to sell them. Or maybe she and I can fix the cars at the used car lot their putting in. They'll need a lot of horsepower, and that's where I come in! They know I'll work for dirt cheap which is all you make here anyway, eh? Thanks for the grub. Night all!

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PAT BARNHART



SOLVE THE MYSTERY

Take a few moments to think through the following questions, look over your notes, and decide for yourself who committed the murder. There are a lot of crooked guests here, but only one is the murderer!

