



ISSUE 5 MARCH 2026

4-H UPDATES

Newsletter of Barber County 4-H



Start Making Summer Plans

4-H offers many opportunities for involvement and learning experiences in the summer. Here are a few highlights and more plans are still being developed.

The BIG ONE: The County Fair is July 23-26. Fashion Review & Perishable Foods judging will be the week before. Building Block Engineering will be judged on July 1.

CAMP: Something for everybody. Day Camp is May 28th in Pratt. Campers: K-5th Grade; Helpers: 6th Grade and over. The flyer is included on page 14 and 15. Sign up by May 15.

Overnight Camp is June 9-11 at Silver Maple Camp south of Kingman. Campers: 7-12 years old; Counselors: 14 years old and older. The sign-up form is on page 13. This is due May 1. Scholarships are available by writing a letter to the 4-H Foundation.

Rock Springs Ranch has camping opportunities for 6 to 17-year-olds. Details are available at www.rockspringsranch.org/summer-camps/sessions-rates

Photography Workshop

Join the State Photography Team on April 18 from 9:00 AM – Noon in Kingman
This event is free, but registration is required.

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Important Reminder

As the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) continues to evolve, some 4-H members may purchase livestock that already have an official 840 EID tag (15-digit number beginning with 840). These tags CANNOT legally be removed, and an animal MAY ONLY HAVE ONE 840 EID tag.

This process currently applies primarily to cattle and hogs, as Kansas 4-H EID tags for these species are also 840 tags. If your livestock project already has an 840 EID tag, please notify the Extension Office when requesting tags for the County Fair and/or State Fair/KJLS.

Barber County Fair Tag-In

Tag-In Dates:

- March 6 – Market Beef
- May 1 – Breeding Beef, Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine

Projects must be entered in 4HOnline:

👉 <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Tags are \$3 per head

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions!

State Livestock Nominations

In addition to county requirements, exhibitors planning to nominate animals for state shows must meet the following State Nomination Deadlines:

- Market Beef – May 1
- Small Livestock – June 15

For more information on ordering DNA envelopes and completing state nominations:

[Click Here](#)

Please contact the Barber County Extension Office with any questions regarding tag-ins or nominations.



Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) a program that is managed by Network Kansas and Kansas State University.

WHAT IS A YEC COMPETITION? Communities host locally organized events that bring students together for a hands-on entrepreneurship experience. The local entrepreneurship competition involve students preparing a written business plan or executive summary, a “tradeshow booth” (similar to a science fair tabletop display), and presentation. Then students compete against one another in teams or individually. Students’ work is judged by local entrepreneurs, resource partners, mentors, or other adults.

Awards are provided by Barber County Development. Cash prizes will be for 1st to 3rd place. .

The Barber County YEC is March 9 in Kiowa.

If you were unable to enter the Barber County YEC, there is a YEC Wildcard Competition in Hays on April 7.

Entry details: <https://goventuredash.com/competitions/856>

Details about the State Contest are available <https://cba.kstate.edu/academics/departments/center-advancemententrepreneurship/KEC-competition-info.html>

Regional Club Day

4-H Regional Club Day is March 21 at the Medicine Lodge High School. The schedule will be made available upon completion.

Entries are DUE to the Extension Office by March 6.

All Top Blues will be eligible to attend. Alternate Top Blues will be notified if Top Blue recipient is unable to attend.

Details, including scoresheets are available at: [Regional Club Day Guidelines](#)

Club Day Results

February 21, 2026 at South Barber High School

Music

Junior Instrumental/Piano Solos

- Livia Miller - Top Blue
- Addison Blevins - 1st Alt Top Blue
- Adaline Foulkrod - Blue
- Elgin Foulkrod - Blue

Junior Vocal Ensemble

- Braylee & Blaine Waggoner - Blue (Video)

Show and Tell (Cloverbuds)

- Bradie Callis - Participant

Skit

- Kye Settle & Asher Brittain - Top Blue

Novelty

- Jada Brittain and Jocelyn Jones - Top Blue

Senior Public Speaking

- Tanith Erikson - Top Blue
- Jayden Holt - Top Blue
- Madisyn Day - Red
- Abbigayle Young - Red

Project Talks

- Taten Graves - Top Blue
- Elgin Foulkrod - Top Blue
- Jasper McNally - Blue
- Syros Veralló - Blue

Gavel Games

Senior

- Sunflower - Blue (Video)

Intermediate

- Sunflower - Top Blue

Readings

Junior Readings

- Jocelyn Jones - Top Blue
- Paisley Marshall - Top Blue
- Grady Hutson - 1st Alt Top Blue
- Karoline Nemechek - 2nd Alt Top Blue
- Asher Brittain - Blue
- Jada Brittain - Blue
- Tenley Graves - Blue
- Ryker Gosvener - Blue
- River Inman - Blue
- Tucker Blevins - Blue
- Braylee Waggoner - Blue (Video)

Senior Readings

- Nevaeh Woods - Top Blue
- Garen Cantrell - Top Blue
- Jancey Goodno - 1st Alt Top Blue
- Breckyn Hiltner - Blue
- Callen Corr - Blue

Junior Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

- Hayden Hutson - Top Blue
- Kye Settle, Asher & Jada Brittain - Top Blue
- Liam Brattin - Blue
- Jemma Coley - Blue (Video)
- Blaine Waggoner - Blue (Video)

Senior Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

- Jancey Goodno - Top Blue
- Callen Corr - Top Blue
- Callan Smith - 1st Alt. Top Blue
- Janda Goodno - Blue
- Nevaeh Woods - Blue
- Jayden Holt - Blue
- Boyd Banks - Blue (Video)

Regional Clubs Day is March 21 in Medicine Lodge.

Members receiving a Top Blue need to call the Extension Office by March 6 to sign up.



Club News

Submit notes from your club meetings by the 20th of each month to reubank@ksu.edu to have them included here.



Reporter's Corner

Club News from
Barber County



Reporter Notes

February Sunflower 4-H Meeting

By: Paisley Marshall

The Sunflower 4-H Club met on February 1st at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by "What do you appreciate most about your parents?" Most of the answers were "cooking my food". What do you appreciate most about your parents? A new member joined the club, Jocelyn Jones "JoJo"!

Braylee Waggoner introduced 3 different t-shirt designs to the club. Everyone voted on their favorite. The club is excited to have matching club t-shirts. For March community service, the club is going to help clean up at the KickingBear Wild Game Tasting. It will be February 28th, at the First Christian Church at 5:00PM.

This meeting was Parent's Day, so all the parents had to do the projects. They don't do as good as the kids. LOL! Andy Waggoner showed the club all about cotton farming, from planting to harvest. He even brought a cotton plant for us to feel! Heather Smith did superbowl trivia. Did you know a 30 second commercial cost 10 MILLION DOLLARS! Chad Banks demonstrated exercises with a band to do after shoulder surgery. Jenae Settle gave fun facts on the 4-leaf clover and Sunflowers. Did you know sunflowers can hold 2,000 seeds in their head. Janell Goodno gave a project talk on 'How to give a Project Talk'. Mikel Brittain and Adriana Brittain gave 4-H Facts. Did you know 4-H started in 1902! Mike Marshall brought a trombone from 1926!! The Club begged him to play it and he actually gave it a good blow! Stephanie Marshall gave a project talk on her Giant Schnauzer, Frank. He behaved really well and showed us a trick of 'sitting pretty'. Jada Brittain did her project talk on Betsy, her black heifer. Asher Brittain did his demonstration on how to cast a fishing pole. That fishing pole was really long! Braylee Waggoner led the club in singing Happy Birthday to Jocelyn Jones "JoJo".

The club played charades for recreation. Callan Smith brought strawberry shortcake, chex mix and juice boxes for refreshments. Afterwards the club built Valentine Boxes filled with cookies and candies, and homemade Valentine cards to deliver to the long term care people in the hospital at Medicine Lodge and the nursing home in Kiowa. Till next time.



Did You Know?

4-H is the largest non-formal youth educational organization in the United States.

4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the four H's standing for **Head**, **Heart**, **Hands**, and **Health**.

Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity.

Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service, and
my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Looking Ahead. . . .

March

- Market Beef Tag-In DUE: March 6
- K-State Junior Beef Producer Day: March 7
- Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge: March 9
- Regional Club Days: March 21, MLHS
- Hunters Safety: March 27-28 (more details soon)

April

- YQCA Class: April 11
- K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day: April 11
- Barber County Spring Livestock Show: April 18-19

May

- Silver Maple Camp Forms DUE: May 1
- Breeding Beef and Small Animal Tag-In DUE: May 1
- State Nominations for Market Beef DUE: May 1
- Day Camp Forms DUE: May 15
- 4-H Council: May 18
- Day Camp: May 28 (in Pratt)

June

- Horse Papers DUE: June 1
- Discovery Days: June 3-5
- Silver Maple Camp: June 9-11
 - Counselors Arrive: June 8
- State Nominations for Small Animals: June 15
- State Nominations for Commercial Heifers: June 15

July

- Pre-Entries Due - July 7
- Barber County Fair July 23-26



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Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

620-886-3971

www.barber.ksu.edu

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/barbercountyextension

YQCA CLASS

April 11, 2026

8:30 - 11:00AM

May Precision Ag

126 S 7th St - Kiowa, KS

Register at:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Questions:

620-886-3971

jgoodno@ksu.edu



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4-H PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**Saturday,
April 18, 2026**



9:00 AM - Noon



**Saddle and
Ropers Building**

**Call the Office at 620-532-5131 to
sign-up or for more information**




Photography Workshop Opportunity!

Join the State Photography Team on April 18

from 9:00 AM – Noon in Kingman for a hands-on photography workshop!

Participants will learn about photo composition,
basic camera settings, and drone photography.

 Please bring your camera with you so you can practice during the session.

This event is free, but registration is required.

 Please email Melissa at mthimesch@ksu.edu to register by April 10.

 Location: Saddle and Ropers Building at the Kingman Expo Center

2022 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



Scan Me!



Registration

Due: 3.20.2026

Cost: \$20/person

<https://bit.ly/SheepJrProducer>

*All adults & youth must register to attend.

**Only those registered by 3/20/26 will receive a t-shirt.

***Late registration is \$30/person.



Questions

Lexie Hayes



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Program

Join us for the biennial K-State Junior Sheep Producer

Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Presentations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be an educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. A variety of topics will be shared, including an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. All ages and skill levels are invited! Lunch and a t-shirt are included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by March 20 or \$30/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register. There will be an optional tour of the sheep and meat goat center offered on Friday evening and Saturday after jr. day.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

8:00AM Check-in

9:00AM Welcome

9:15AM Selection

10:00AM Nutrition

10:45AM Morning Breakout Sessions

-facilities & equipment, reproduction, project management purchase to show

NOON

1:00PM

1:45PM

Lunch

Health

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

3:45PM

4:00PM

-wool, showmanship, clipping & grooming

Dismissal

Optional YQCA Class

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



Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

Western Kansas Wildcard Competition!

April 7th, 2026



\$13,000
in scholarships
and prizes!



**Hosted by Fort Hays State University
Gross Memorial Coliseum**

If you are in Western Kansas, did **not** win your local YEC competition, but you are hungry for a shot to get to State YEC - this event is for you! Pitch your business ideas, compete for scholarships and cash prizes, and hustle to be **one** of **five** Western Kansas wildcards competitors to go to State YEC!

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Learn more at <https://goventuredash.com/competitions/856>



WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP

*United
We Grow*

JUNE 9-11, 2026

SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY

Cost is \$135 - Includes All Meals,
Activities and Lodging

**CAMPERS AGES 7-12
COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED TOO!**

*Archery, Crafts, Fishing, Robots,
Nature, Snacks and Dancing!*

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Sign Up Now

WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP JUNE 9-11, 2026

SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY



COST IS \$135 -

INCLUDES ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES AND LODGING

RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 1ST.

Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Gender: (Circle one) Male or Female

T-Shirt Size: (please circle) (Youth) YXS YS YM YL YXL
(Adult) AS AM AL AXL

Parent / Guardian: _____

Phone (home): _____ Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Dance Song Requests: _____

Make checks payable to your local 4-H Council.
Return form and payment to your local Extension office.



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4-H Day Camp

One Adventure At A Time!



May
28

Crafts - Foods - Adventure

Pratt Area 4-H Center
81 Lake Rd. Pratt, KS

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4-H DAY CAMP

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Date:

Address:

Phone: Camper Youth Leader Completing Grade:

Parent/Guardian:

Phone:

May 28 Pratt Area 4-H Center (81 Lake Rd. Pratt, KS)

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Open to youth from Barber, Pratt, & Kingman Counties ages 7–12

Youth Leaders needed (ages 13+)

\$25 per participant (includes lunch & supplies)

Registration Due: May 15 (to your local Extension Office)

A one-day summer camp packed with fun - crafts, foods, educational activities, and a trip to the B-29 Museum!

Questions: Contact your local Extension Office

Make Checks Payable to (your local) 4-H Council

Barber County Extension Office 620-886-3971

Kingman County Extension Office 620-532-5131

Pratt County Extension Office 620-672-6121



cool careers

Student Edition



1

Want to know how to get started with our NEW Cool Careers contest?

2

You, or a group up to four 4-H members, select a job or profession within one of your 4-H projects you want to learn more about.

3

Identify someone in that profession you would like to interview and get the ball rolling!



Plan your interview questions & storyboard



Interview your professional & video/film



Edit video segments & add music & graphics

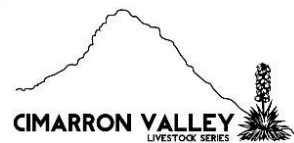
Use technology you already have access to: phone, tablet, video camera or laptop!

For video examples, graphics, music content and registration form visit www.kansas4-H.org



Barber County Spring Livestock Show "A Tribute to Danny Stewart and Terry Underwood"

Barber County Fairgrounds - Hardtner, Kansas



SANCTIONED

April 18-19, 2026

Show Order & Times

Entry Fees

Small Animal - \$10 (pre-entry) Saturday ONLY
\$15 if entering day of the show

Beef - \$15 (pre-entry) Sunday ONLY
\$20 if entering day of the show

Showmanship - FREE

Prizes & Giveaways

Cash Prizes: Grand & Reserve Grand Champions

Breed & Reserve Breed Champions

\$2 bill awarded to each animal shown - Includes Breeding & Market

SHOWMANSHIP

Prizes for Grand, Reserve and 3rd Place

Entry Deadline

Entry form AND Cards for each specie must be turned in by designated time each day.

Swine - 9:00 AM (Saturday)

Goats - 10:30 AM (Saturday)

Sheep - 11:30 AM (Saturday)

Cattle - 10:30 AM (Sunday)

Hotel Accommodations:

Kiowa Motel (620) 825-4040

Gyp Hills Guest Ranch (620) 886-3303

Hardtner Guest Lodge (620) 296-4440

For more information call

Gina Stewart (580) 829-1315

Saturday

Showmanship prior to each specie

10:00 AM

Swine

Goats

Sheep

Sunday

11:00 AM

Showmanship

Breeding Heifers

Market Beef

SHOW RULES

Swine

- Must be born after January 1, 2026
- Maximum weight 165 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (10 lbs.)

Goats

- Must have milk teeth present
- Maximum weight 85 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)
- Must have USDA premise ID tag

Sheep

- Must be born after January 1, 2026
- Maximum weight 110 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)

Beef

- Shown by weight
- Blow and Show (no paints, glue, adhesives, glues or boning soaps)

State of KS Animal Health requirements for County Shows will be followed