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4-H UPDATES

Newsletter of Barber County 4-H



Finish Up Strong. . . Start the Year Right

Record Books

- Screening is September 28.
- Includes Officer's Books for the Club Seal Awards
- Achievement Level Pins Applications should be turned into leaders
- Resources for anything you are missing are at: <https://www.barber.k-state.edu/4-h/recordbook/>
- When in doubt, call the Extension Office for help. We are glad to try and help you.
- We are reprinting an article that families have found helpful, if they don't know where to start. See page 2.

Finish Officer Responsibilities

- Finish an officer's book. This helps the next officer.
- Pass on notes or tips you picked up.
- Let the next officer know if there was unfinished business. Are you waiting on a check or expecting a bill for a project?

Plan to Enroll

- 4-H Enrollment starts October 1.
- Enroll in 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/>)
- Select PAY BY CHECK. Public Service Company of Oklahoma donated the \$15 program fee for all Barber County 4-H members. Selecting PAY BY CHECK is the easiest way. If you put in a card number, we will not be able to help you fix this.

Dream

- What would you like to achieve? What is possible?
- Now, make those goals and get started!

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Complete A Record Book in 10 Days

This article assumes you've not opened the green book with your new project report forms in it. The average 4-H member has 3 to 4 projects. This will be laid out with a four project time frame. You can adjust it to fit your number of projects and the time you have available.

It should be noted, this is not how Record Books were intended to work. But every year, some families share their last-minute struggles.

Day 1

Skip past the permanent record and personal page. There is a large temptation to start at the beginning, but this method is going to work backwards.

Select your favorite project, the one you could talk about all day long. Pull out the project report form for this project. Assuming it's still blank, you need to start by thinking back to what you hoped to accomplish this year. There will be a place to list goals or objectives. It is okay if you did not accomplish all of your goals.

For the adult or older 4-H member helping gather up the expenses associated with this project; hopefully, they are written down in a notebook or a pile of receipts.

Move right on in to telling about what you did in the project, what you exhibited at the fair, and other learning experiences like collecting insects or community service.

Now go to the sections that require financial information, or feeding details for livestock projects; hopefully, the adult helping you has gathered these records for you. Enter this data in the boxes provided.

Now you are ready for the fun part, photos and project reflections or a story. Make sure you read the directions.

Make a list of anything you need to finish the project report form. This could be printing color photos on Mom's computer, finding the weight records from the fair for your livestock, or adding ribbon placings from the State Fair.

Congratulations you've just finished one project record.

Days 2-4

Days two, three and four will be exactly like day one. Because the average enrollment tends to be four projects. If you have time left after completing any one of the project days, move ahead to start the next project sheet.



Complete A Record Book in 10 Days

Day 5

The personal page is the very first page. One of the most missed items is a photo on the personal page. This can be a school photo or a snapshot.

Adult helpers make sure the list of projects on this page matches the list of projects the extension office has on record for your enrollment on May 1. Just because you didn't end up buying an animal or making a clothing project for the fair, it doesn't make it a dropped project. This is a great time to think about what happened to prevent you from reaching your goals that you had when you entered the project. Sometimes these stories are the most memorable.

This might also be the day you realize that you are missing project report forms. These are all available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.

Day 6

A 4-H Story is today's goal. This is a chance for you to share everything you want to remember about the 4-H year. Some members like to write a little bit about each project. Some members like to write a little bit about each month and what happened. There is no right or wrong way to write a 4-H story.

For those members who are in their last couple of years, looking back at all you've learned from 4-H might make a very interesting story. Remember that in Barber County, we judge the 4-H stories and select winners in the junior and senior divisions. This is awarded at the Achievement Banquet. 4-H Council sponsors the cash prizes.

4-H Council Meetings

September 28, 2026

7:00 PM

Remember to bring Friends of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Nominations from your club
Past winners available at:
www.barber.k-state.edu/4-h/council/index.html

Followed by Record Book Screening

Extension Office Meeting Room at 410 W. Kansas Medicine Lodge, KS

4-H Officer Training

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

9:00 AM AT MLHS



Complete A Record Book in 10 Days, Part 3

Day 7

It's time to start the permanent records. Looking in your club program book, the online news updates, and even your family calendar will make this easier. These records can be typed on the ones from the previous year. Handwriting is also acceptable. Do whatever works best for your family. Doing the project records first, also provides a source of information for the permanent records. Updating the permanent records is a requirement for having a completed record book. Please do your best to include all of the different pieces.

Day 8

Remember that list you started making of things you needed for your project report forms? Today is a day to go back and add all of those pieces. Look over everything again, read all of the directions, and make sure you didn't miss anything.

Day 9

Your level achievement pin should have been included with your record book. Today, go through and mark what you achieved this year. If you have questions about how things might count, ask your club leader or call the extension office. We are glad to help. These forms are available online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html>

Day 10

Today is your day to apply for the county champion. The county champions recognized at the Achievement Banquet are based solely on the records turned in with the record book. County champions are divided into 3 age divisions.

On this day, you will need to make sure you have access to a copy machine. Select your best projects to turn in for the county champion. Details for this are available under record keeping on the [Barber County web page](#). Also, use this day to finish up any loose ends. Remember that all record books must be turned in to a community leader. Please honor the deadlines they have set. Community leaders will bring the record books to the 4-H Council Meeting on September 28th. Record books will be screened by leaders following the council meeting. Happy Record Keeping!

Club News

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



Sunflower Reporter Notes

May 2026 - The Sunflower 4-H Club met on May 3rd at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by, "What is your Mother's middle name?" The club rescinded the May Community Service motion; and will now help with the fundraiser for Lindsey Wallace. A new member joined the club, Tex Smith! Blaine Waggoner did a demonstration on how to pitch a baseball. Jasper McNally demonstrated how to run away from an alligator and all it took was a towel and a rope! Kye Settle's project talk was on

photography, which was a picture of his dog wrapped up in a cozy blanket. The dog was so cute! JoJo Jones showed the club a party-themed diorama that she made for her project talk. I gave music jokes for my music program; "What kind of music do bunnies like?" "Hip-Hop!" For other program, Braylee Waggoner gave Rodeo trivia. Janda and Jancey Goodno gave a project talk on their Leadership project. It was Citizenship in Action which was held in Topeka, Kansas. They got to tour the Capitol and debate over a bill, among many other things! Janda Goodno sang, "You are my sunshine", for Mother's Day. For his music program, Boyd Banks gave fun facts about David Allen Coe. None of the members knew who he was, but we learned that he lived in a hearse, was in prison and just died. Why he picked this singer, nobody knows. Braylee Waggoner led the club in singing the Grand Ol' Flag because it is almost Memorial Day. Blaine Waggoner picked charades for recreation. The Goodno family provided refreshments which included pinwheels, pretzels, and juice packs. Till next time

June 2026 - The Sunflower 4-H Club met on June 19th at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by, "Where do you want to go on summer vacation?" For June community service the club decided to help the fairboard at the fairgrounds work day. Boyd Banks gave a project talk on his market Steer, Cash. One of his favorite things about Cash is that he is always happy. Callan Smith had music so he did fun facts about the Star Spangled banner since it is America's 250th Anniversary. Did you know the song became the National Anthem over 100 years after the song was written? Tex Smith demonstrated how to make a cool patriotic drink using fruit punch, blue powerade, a bombpop popsicle, cool whip and cherries. Jancey Goodno gave other program on NBA trivia. Did you know that height of the hoop is 10ft?! Tex Smith led us in singing Home on the Range for his music program. Asher Brittain sang his ABC's for music. Kye Settle told the club animal jokes for his other program. "What insect is in the FBI? A spy." Jada Brittain gave knock knock jokes for her other program. Club tour committee members, Jancey Goodno and Braylee Waggoner, will plan the club tour for July. Club Tour is always a lot of fun getting to go see everyone's projects and hang out; everyone is looking forward to it. For song Braylee Waggoner led us in singing 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. For recreation Blaine Waggoner led us in playing hot potato. It was really fun, and we used a real potato! For refreshments Mike Marshall brought cookies (I'm guessing his wife made them because they were too pretty for his baking skills) and juice boxes. Till next time

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July 2026 - The Sunflower 4-H Club met on July 12th at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by, "What is your favorite species and why? Most of the members liked cattle the best. For the July Community Service, the club decided to donate ice to the County Fair that is used to cool down water for everyone. In place of the program, the club held their tour, to see each member's animals and projects that will be exhibited at the County fair. The club ended the tour at the Schoolhouse and enjoyed pizza and ice cream. Some of the members played hangman while the parents talked. Till next time

August 2026 - The Sunflower 4-H Club met on August 9th at the Walstead Schoolhouse. Roll call was answered by, "What is your favorite ice cream? It was all different flavors from chocolate to mint chocolate chip. Joscelyn Jones had a demonstration on how to make a rainbow loom bracelet. Paisley Marshall gave a project talk on her pig named Tim, after her Dad. Asher Brittan had a project talk on his homemade coyote call he made out of an artillery box. It was super cool! Tex Smith gave a project talk on his bucket calf, which is a Hereford Cross. For music, Braylee Waggoner did Morgan Wallen music trivia. Jada Brittan sang "Take me out to the ballgame, for her music program. For other program, Blaine Waggoner gave cow jokes. "What is a cow with 2 legs." Lean Beef!! Haha! Tex Smith showed the club on the chalk board how to run barrels for other program. Callan Smith gave a project talk on his steer named Dirty Harry. Paisley Marshall named him back in December of 2025 for Callan. For song, Braylee Waggoner led the club in singing "Row, row, row your boat. Refreshments were homemade cookies and koolaid provided by the Jones family. Till next time.

Feature Story - My Dad

When you go to the County Fair you might see me in the show ring or in the barn. You might see ribbons, banners, and buckles. But you don't always see my Dad. My Dad is the guy carrying all the heavy stuff, helping wash calves, loading the trailer, filling water buckets, hauling hay, and fixing things that break. Sometimes my animals don't listen. Sometimes I get nervous before the show. Sometimes I don't do as well as I could. But he's always there, leaning against the show ring, with a little smile that says, "You've got this." He's taught me so much more than to clean waterers and feed animals. He's taught me to work hard and to do my best. People think 4-H is about showing animals. I think it's really about being part of something bigger than myself, spending time with family, making memories, and having someone beside me every step of the way. One day my animals will be gone. My ribbons, banners, and buckles will probably end up in a box, and I might not even remember what place I got. But I'll always remember our early mornings, late nights, our truck rides, our farts, the laughs, the hugs, and hearing my Dad say, "Let's go feed." If there was a class for "Best 4-H Dad" mine would be Grand Champion. Because I may be the one holding the halter in the show ring... But my Dad is the reason I had the courage to walk through the gate in the first place. I love you, Turdbucket. Thanks for always believing in me-evenbefore I believed in myself



4-H Financial Summary Due

By State Law, the County Extension Council is responsible for the appropriate management of all 4-H club funds.

This means that each year, we need to receive a Financial Summary from each club. If your treasurer is completing a treasurer's book, this is included.

If not, leaders will need to help complete pages 29 & 30 of the Treasurer's Book. It is also available on the Kansas 4-H Resource Site at <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H474.pdf>.

This needs to be turned in with all Record Books on September 28.

Looking Ahead. . . .

September

- September 9: Exhibits Due to the Extension Office for State Fair
- September 11-20: Kansas State Fair
- September 28: 4-H Record Books Due & 4-H Council

October

- October 1: New 4-H Year Starts
- October 2-4 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- October 4-10: National 4-H Week
- October 10-11: 48 hours of 4-H

November

- November 7: Officer Training at MLHS, 9AM
- November 14: Achievement Banquet plans to be made at 4-H Council on September 28.
- November 14: 4-H Council following Achievement Banquet
- November 21-22: KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum) 4-H Members age 14 and over

December

- December 1: Deadline for Returning Members to be enrolled in 4-H Online



KYLF = Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers, and more. In addition, the 2027 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected, and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

When: November 21-22, 2026

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026

Fees: \$215 and an additional optional \$55 for Friday overnight and breakfast.

Registration Deadline: hursday, October 15, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

Workshop list & Draft Schedule available at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/>

Kansas Youth Leadership Council Applications Open

The application for and information about the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference is open and available now! The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2027, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027, may apply for the National 4-H Conference.

This year's Kansas Youth Leadership Forum delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council.

The deadline will be October 1, 2026

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