

ISSUE 2 JANUARY 2026

4-H UPDATES

Newsletter of Barber County 4-H



Clubs Days Details

Club Days will be on February 21 at South Barber High School. The schedule will start around 9:00 A.M., but the building will be open by 8:00 A.M. for those needing a chance for one last practice.

Each club is asked to bring a snack to share (2 dozen cookies or snack bars) 4-H Council will provide water.

The entries are due February 9 from the Club Leaders to the Extension Office. An online schedule will be posted by the 13th on barber.ksu.edu and shared on the Facebook page.

Virtual entries are allowed. They will need to be emailed to Justin (jgoodno@ksu.edu) by February 19. As a reminder, according to 4-H Council Standing Rules, these entries will not be eligible for top blue or Regional Club Day.

The Club Day Guidelines are in a flipbook format. It is online at <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ClubDayGuide>

Regional Club Day will March 21 at Medicine Lodge High School.

WELCOME



Justin Goodno

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K-State Junior Producer Days

Beef Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Cost: \$20/person

Registration Deadline:

February 13, 2026

Location: Bilbrey Family Event Center, Manhattan, KS

[Registration: Click Here](#)

Sheep Producer Day

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Cost: \$20/person

Registration Deadline:

March 20, 2026

Location: Bilbrey Family Events Center, Manhattan, KS

[Registration: Click Here](#)

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) is 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.

IMPORTANT ELEMENTS: A written executive summary, a presentation at the tradeshow booth and a tradeshow booth. It is a competitive process by which students’ work is evaluated/scored.

Awards are provided by Barber County Development. Cash prizes will be for 1st to 3rd place. See the flyer included in this newsletter to sign up for the Barber County Contest at: <https://goventuredash.com/competitions/784>.

If you would like help with an idea, please reach out to Justin or Robin. We would like to help you develop your ideas.

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

Record Books

Club Leaders will be returning Record Books this month.

Please look to see if you have the correct records. Also, you will get a list of your projects.

You can drop or add projects until May 1.



Sue Marshall was recognized at the Achievement Banquet for 50 years of 4-H Volunteering!

Photos of all awards available at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/zxAcFswc1cvGYuwf7>



Achievement Banquet Photos



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



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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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. . . .

January

- Citizenship In Action Deadline: January 26

February

- BCCA Scholarship Deadline: February 9
- Barber County 4-H Scholarship Deadline: February 9
- Club Day Entries DUE: February 9
- Citizenship In Action: February 15-16
- Club Days: February 21, SBHS
- 4-H Council: February 23

March

- K-State Youth Meat Judging Contest: March 1
- 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball: March 1
- Market Beef Tag-In DUE: March 6
- Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge: March 9
- Regional Club Days: March 21, MLHS
- K-State Junior Beef Producer Day: March 7

April

- K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day: April 11

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
- 4-H Council: May 18

June

- 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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Youth
**Entrepreneurship
Challenge**

Barber County YEC

Do you have a business idea?

Develop your business plan and compete to earn prize money.

Open to 7th to 12th Grade Students in Barber County.

COMPETITION DATES:

Executive Summary Submission Deadline: March 2, 2026

Trade Show & Final Presentation: March 9, 2026

Register

Register for **FREE** to
participate in the
Barber County **YEC 2026** at
[goventuredash.com/
competitions/784](https://goventuredash.com/competitions/784)
DEADLINE: February 25

Prepare

Let's get started! YEC
Participants can work with
mentors to get their pitches
just right!

January 5, 2026

**Come See the 2025 Winning
Trade Show Booth &
Brainstorm For 2026**

Compete

Local entrepreneurs will
judge participant's booths
and executive summaries.

Prizes:

1st Place: **\$300**

2nd Place: **\$150**

3rd Place: **\$50**

*1st place winner guaranteed
opportunity to compete at YEC State

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Kansas 4-H Day *with* K-State Women's Basketball



K-State Wildcats Vs.
Iowa State
WILL BE TELEVISED



Step 1: Pick a Package:

\$28 Package Includes:

- Ticket
- \$10 Concession Voucher
- T-Shirt

\$18 Package Includes:

- Ticket
- \$10 Concession Voucher

Step 2: Register to get Tickets:

Use the QR Code or the link to register



<https://tinyurl.com/5x84fp33>



Pick up ticket packages on
game day 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Location TBA closer to event.



Doors open for the general
public at 12:00 pm



Tip-off at 1:00 pm

**Online registration
for this event will
be due February 8,
2026. No paper
registrations will
be accepted.**

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<https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience>

Sunday, March 1, @ 1:00 PM

2026 K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Program

Join us on March 7, 2026, for the biennial K-State Junior Beef Producer Day! This event is a fun-filled educational day for youth, parents, beef project leaders, ag teachers, and extension agents to expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, students, and guest speakers will cover topics that may include selection, nutrition, daily care, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification class will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt will also be provided for those who register by the deadline. The registration fee is \$20 per person for those who sign up by February 13. The fee will increase to \$30 per person for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 13 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending the event must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

8:00AM	Check-in
9:00AM	Welcome
9:15AM	Project Selection
10:00AM	Morning Breakout Sessions -Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Care, Grooming & Fitting
Noon	Lunch
1:00PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions -Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
3:15PM	Dismissal
3:30PM	Optional YQCA Class

Registration

Deadline: February 13

Fee: \$20/person

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/BeefJrProducer>

Late Registration: \$30/person (after February 13)

*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.

**Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.



Scan Me!

Questions?

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**Registration Due
February 13**



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2022 K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day



Date

4.11.2026

Manhattan, KS



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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

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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

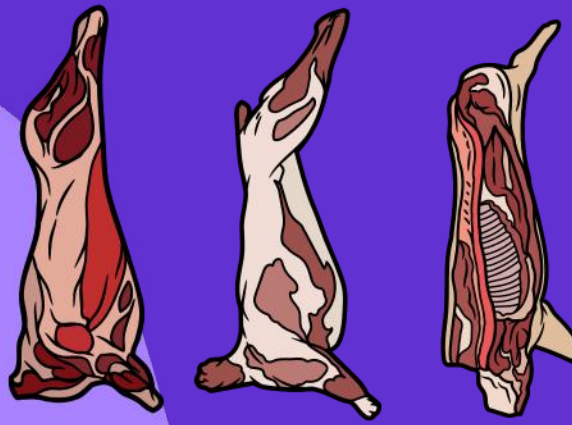
4:00-6:00PM Optional Sheep & Goat Center Tour



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REGISTER
NOW!!



REGISTRATION
LINK BELOW!!

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUTH MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

MARCH 1, 2026

**REGISTRATION ON
JUDGINGCARD.COM- CLICK
SYMBOL OR LINK BELOW!
QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER
ERBEYER@KSU.EDU**



<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=24341>

- AT LEAST 6 CLASSES, 40 RETAIL ID, AND QUESTIONS
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- AWARDS FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM
- YOUTH OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME





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

