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4-H UPDATES



Official Newsletter of Barber County 4-H



Fair Changes for 2024

The 2024 Fair will be July 25-28. The Fair Board and the Extension Council have had great discussions on some changes. One of the biggest changes is following a change at the state level.

Starting this year, animals sold during a premium sale may be shown again including at Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair. The Barber County Fair Board has edited its Premium Rules to be in line with this.

Another change is also to keep in line with Kansas 4-H Policy. State Policy does not allow for an attendance rule to SHOW at the county Fair, but it does allow for this to be a requirement to sell in a Premium Sale. Starting with 2024, 4-H members will be required to attend half of their club meetings between October 1 and the County Fair to be eligible to sell in the Premium Sale. This includes animals and food.

The Barber County Extension Council is in charge of reviewing rules related to project work. The 2 changes at this point relate to the swine project.

First, the rule about swine age will now be: Market Swine must be born after December 1 of the previous year. Previously it was January 1 of the current year.

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Barber County Tagging Information

March 1 - Market Beef
Tagging Deadline

May 3 - Breeding Beef,
All Sheep and Goats, All
Swine for the Market or
Breeding Shows

June 15 - Swine for the
Prospect Class (must be
State EID tagged)

Tags will be purchased
from the Extension
Office.

State EID Tags - \$3
Barber County Tags - \$2

All Animal information
will be uploaded through
4-H Online.

Directions are available
through a [How to Guide](https://howflow.io/workflow/LF610AxKeiCjOuZtkMXSW)
at:
<https://howflow.io/workflow/LF610AxKeiCjOuZtkMXSW>

Fair Changes, Continued

The second change is adding a prospect class to the Swine Show.

The class is for swine tagged for KJLS or KSF. The animals in this class must have a State tag (EID). We will continue to accept tagging information on these animals until June 15 to correlate with KJLS and KSF nomination deadline. The board recognized these animals are not always purchased by the May tagging deadline. Entries in this class will not be eligible for Grand Champion Market Swine and will not count towards the breed maximum of 2.

- a. This is an effort to allow members to exhibit their younger swine projects to a show experience prior to attending a state show.
- b. This prospect class is unique to swine this year.
- c. The underweight class will remain for swine that were targeted for the County Fair, but did not make the minimum weight.
- d. The prospect class will be placed after the Breeding Swine Classes to help differentiate it from the Market Show.
- e. At this time, the intention is all breeds will show together. The Superintendents have the authority to split the class if it is too large.

2024 Tagging Policy: For the 2024 Barber County Fair, all market and breeding animals will be identified by a State EID Tag, a Barber County Tag, Scrapie Tag or a Tattoo. This number will be submitted with 3 photos (Front, Side, & Side) by the deadlines announced in the 4-H Newsletter. Tags will be available for purchase in the Barber County Extension Office.



Club Day is February 17

Club Days will be on February 17 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 12 from the Club Leaders to the Extension Office. An online schedule will be posted by the 14th on barber.ksu.edu and shared on the Facebook page. I'm hoping this late entry date will decrease the number of cancellations.

Virtual entries are allowed. They will need to be emailed to me (reubank@ksu.edu) by February 15. 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. This includes 2 changes and updated scoresheets.

Change 1 - The Project Talk age group was increased to include all juniors (age 7-13).

Change 2 - A Junior Public Speaking was added. It will follow the same rules as the Senior Public Speaking.

These changes were made across all of the counties in the Regional Club Day.

Regional Club Day will March 23 at Medicine Lodge High School.

Guidelines available online

Flipbook Link:
<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ClubDayGuide>

Guideline Book is also available as a PDF on our website. If you would like a print copy, please call the Extension Office.

www.barber.k-state.edu/4-h/





4-H Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 26, 2024
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM

MAY 20, 2024
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY
RECORD BOOK
SCREENING

Barber County Spring Show

MAY 4, 2024

Barber County Fair

JULY 25 - 28, 2024

Looking Ahead. . . .

January

- Ag Agent Position Opens for Applications
- Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training, January 26-28
- Barber County 4-H Scholarship Due January 31

February

- Citizenship in Action in Topeka, February 18-19
- Club Days - February 10 starting at 9:00 AM

March

- Regional Club Days, TBD
- Market Beef Tagging, due March 1
- K-State Jr. Beef Producer Day, March 2
- K-State Jr. Sheep Producer Day, March 16

May

- Spring Show & All Other Tagging, due May 4

June

- Discovery Days in Manhattan, June 5-7
- Multi-County Camp, June 11-13
- Insect Spectacular, June 14-15

Regional Club Day

Regional Club Day will be March 23 at the Medicine Lodge High School. Usually, the schedule starts around 9:00 P.M.

Entries will be due March 5 to the Extension Office. All Top Blues will be eligible to attend. Alternate Top Blues will be notified if the Top Blue recipient is unable to attend.

Club News

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



Reporter's
Corner

Club News from
Barber County



No Club Notes this month.

Scholarships

The **Barber County 4-H Foundation** is once again offering scholarships to seniors and college students (for 1 year). The Scholarship is due January 31, 2024, to the Extension Office. The scholarship form is available online at <https://www.barber.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

Barber County Cattlemen have announced their scholarship is due by February 9 and is available at <https://forms.gle/4J2MAFjvZytRct6Y7>

Kansas 4-H Statewide Scholarship Information is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

2024-25 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

Scholarships are due March 1st, 2024 by 11:59PM CST

[APPLY HERE](#)

[REFERENCE SUBMISSION](#)

The Barber County Horse Scholarship and Barber County Fair Scholarship will be due with Fair Pre-Entries. Forms will be available in the first part of June.

Citizenship In Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 18-19, 2024

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: [HERE!](#)

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024, unless the maximum allowable participants of 240 is reached first.

Record Book Roundup

MONTHLY TIPS FOR COMPLETING YOUR RECORD BOOK

Take Note This Month

- Open your Record Book. Check to see if you have enough Record Sheets to have one for each project.
- Review the Achievement Pin Level form in your Record Book. These forms were updated statewide this year. The changes were not major, but make sure you are working all year on this.
- Special Thank You to Rhyan Marshall who put the forms in the record books and added the Pin Applications.

Record Book are coming in January

Record Books with all of your project report forms will be returned to you at your January Club Meeting if your leader has picked them up from the Extension Office.

January is a great time to set goals for each project if you haven't already. Goals should be SMART. Check to see if your goals contain these pieces.

The bottom line, get a jump start now to make August and September easier when finishing up and applying for awards.

S	Specific	Make your goal specific and narrow for more effective planning	
M	Measurable	Make sure your goal and progress are measurable	
A	Achievable	Make sure you can reasonably accomplish your goal within a certain time frame	
R	Relevant	Your goal should align with your values and long-term objectives	
T	Time-based	Set a realistic but ambitious end date to clarify task prioritization and increase motivation	

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State Wide Events

Flyers, Images, Notes about State Wide Events

2024 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

Scholarships are due March 1st, 2023 by 11:59PM CST.

Full details are available on the [Kansas 4-H Website under Scholarships](#)

For the sake of clarity in the following information, there will be two types of scholarships referenced; State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP).

Eligibility

The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together. We hope that this encourages more applicants to pursue both of these scholarship opportunities. Please review the chart on the [webpage](#) to see which scholarships you are eligible for.

What You Will Need to Apply:

Application

Part 1: Select the scholarship program(s) that you are applying for (State 4-H Scholarships and/or the Vanier Family Scholarship Program).

Part 2: Answer questions regarding demographics, general 4-H participation, and academic information.

Part 3: Attach your Cover Letter and Resume (in a PDF). Please reference the Cover Letter and Resume handouts for additional information.

Guidelines

[Cover Letter](#)

[Resume](#)

Part 4: Submit!

References

You need two references for your application to be considered complete. When identifying references, select individuals who can speak to the leadership, dedication, and commitment you have demonstrated. You should NOT use family members as a reference. There are no requirements and/or restrictions for how you should know your references.

References will NOT submit a letter of recommendation. References will be asked specific questions.

This is separate from the Barber County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

State Wide Events

Flyers, Images, Notes about State Wide Events

Junior Beef Day and Junior Sheep Day

Junior producer days are hosted to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Meat Goat days are held in the odd years.

Education materials from previous events are located under the "[Education Materials and Resources](#)" tab.

2024 Junior Beef Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024

Cost: \$20/person

Registration Deadline: February 12, 2024

[Flyer](#)

2024 Junior Sheep Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Cost: \$20/person

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2024

[Flyer](#)



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

Madisyn Day attended KYLF in November. It was a great weekend to focus on learning new leadership techniques. Rock Springs Ranch is a great experience in the fall. Visit with Madisyn about what she learned. Start planning next year to attend this event the weekend before Thanksgiving.



Event Calendar

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Extension Office Closed	2	3 Fair Board	4	5	6
7	8 Extension Board	9	10	11	12	13 4-H Day with the Lady Cats
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 BA 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due			

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 4-H Foundation	7	8	9 Cattlemen's Scholarship Due	10
11	12 Club Day Entries Due	13	14	15	16	17 Club Day @ 9 AM
18 Citizenship in Action	19 Extension Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 4-H Council	27	28	29		

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Market Beef Tagging Photos Due	2 Junior Beef Day
3	4	5 Regional Club Day Entries Due	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Junior Sheep Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Regional Club Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!



Registration for 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

At Rock Springs Ranch, campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas.



Register Now!

Visit us online to learn more about 4-H camp!

Mini-Camp
Rising 1st-3rd graders
Session #1: July 14-16

Half-Week
Rising 3rd-12th graders
Session #1: June 2-5
Session #2: June 5-8
Session #4: June 16-19
Session #5: June 19-22
Session #7: June 30-July 3

Week-Long
Rising 3rd-12th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #6: June 23-28
Session #8: July 1-2

LIT
(Leaders in Training)
Rising 10th-11th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #2: June 23-28

CIT
(Counselors in Training)
Rising 12th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #2: June 23-28
Session #3: July 7-12





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2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF Producer Day

MARCH 2



Program

Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and \$25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.



Tentative Schedule

- 8:00AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Health, Reproduction, Showmanship
- 3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 3:30PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)



Registration

Registration Deadline: February 12
 Registration Fee: \$20/person
 Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
 Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12

- *All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
- **Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ***To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.

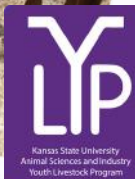


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Registration Due
FEB. 12

Questions
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Animal Sciences and Industry
Youth Livestock Program

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MARCH 16



PRODUCER DAY

Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.



- 8:30AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
 - Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
- NOON Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
 - Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
- 3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

Registration Deadline: February 26
 Registration Fee: \$20/person
 Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>
 Late Registration: \$25/person

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