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STATE 4-H NEWS

YOUTH COUNCIL & NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Applications for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council and National 4-H Conference are open. All applications will be completed online and are due by October 1. Any Kansas 4-H member ages 14-18 before January 1, 2027 may apply as a Council Rep, and those ages 15-18 before January 1, 2027, may apply for National 4-H Conference. Complete application here—[Youth Leadership Council | K-State | Kansas State University](#)

48 HOURS OF 4-H

Let's see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend of National 4-H Week, October 10 and 11, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too! 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, and 4-H Alumni It's time to make plans for your club to participate, and registration is open on the [48 Hours of 4-H](#)

DOG CONFERENCE

October 17-18 at Rock Springs Ranch. Participants will have the opportunity to explore exciting topics including agility, veterinary health, creating homemade agility obstacles, and hands-on crafts. There are also a variety of contests, including photography, quiz bowl, and presentations. The conference is for dog project members and their canine companions. Registration is due September 24. For more details and to register—[Kansas State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl | K-State | Kansas State University](#)

KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

November 21-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch and consists of the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum (KVF). KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2027, and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. This Forum for adults is organized by the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers. Registration deadline is October 15, for both events. There will also be an option for coming in on Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance. For more information—[Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) and [Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum](#)

ONLINE RECORD KEEPING — ZBOOKS

ZBooks is the online 4-H record keeping software. This online software is identical to the pdf forms used for many years—Both are evaluated using the same rubric and set of standards. Some features of ZBooks include: mobile friendly, internet-based, unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted, permanent record is included, and the live online support chat feature. ZBooks resources can be found here: [RECORD REPORT FORM PILOT](#)

LOCAL 4 - H NEWS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Phillips County 4-H Council — September 28 at 7:00 pm at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room

Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders—September 14 at 7:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

Rooks County 4-H Council—September 14 at 7:30 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

KANSAS STATE FAIR

September 11-20. 4-H exhibits to be transported by the Phillips-Rooks Extension District staff should be dropped off to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices by September 9 at 4:00 p.m. Items will be transported to Hutchinson on September 10.

OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE DAY

Record Books, Pin Applications and Project Report Forms are all due on October 1 to the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Offices. Members can complete all materials by pencil/paper, typed and printed (form fillable pdf) or ZBooks (online record keeping system—[RECORD REPORT FORM PILOT](#)). Please refer to this link to answer your questions regarding project recognition and project report forms—[Master Guide with Rubrics.pdf](#) Materials including tutorial videos can be found at the following links:

Record Book Personal Page: [Personal Info Page.pdf](#)

Record Book Permanent Record: [Project Recognition](#)

Member Achievement Pin Applications: [Awards and Recognition](#)

Project Report Forms: [Project Recognition](#)

A complete record book will have a personal page, permanent record and age appropriate project report form (general or animal project forms are available).

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK & 4-H SUNDAY

October 5-11. Make plans to invite new members to 4-H. 4-H Sunday will be held October 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Phillipsburg United Methodist Church. Radio spots will be recorded and refreshments will be provided after the service. October 5 is Go Green. Wear anything green! October 8 is Thankful Thursday. Celebrate someone who is making a difference—another 4-Her or a volunteer that is impacting their community and beyond.

CLUB TREASURER AND LEADERS: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The yearly review of the club treasurer's books will take place on:

Phillips County—October 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Phillips County Annex Meeting Room

Rooks County—October 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building

Each club should be represented by the club treasurer and one leader to complete the review of other club treasurer's books.

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Phillips County—November 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Phillips County Fair Building. Club greeters and 4-H Council Officers need to be there by 5:00 pm. Sunnyside is responsible for set up and Deer Creek will be decorating.

Rooks County—November 14 at 5:00 pm at the Rooks County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS

As the new 4-H year approaches, so does your Club Officer Elections. Please follow the Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for your club: [meeting-will-come-to-order-simplified-guidelines-for-parliamentary-procedure 4H440.pdf](#)

Please make sure that all club members know that elections are taking place. Each club needs to have at least two club leaders selected from the club's parents committee. The club leaders can be set up on rotating terms at the club's discretion. Good luck with the upcoming 4-H year.

PHILLIPS COUNTY APPLICATIONS

Due October 1. Phillips County Club Seal Application, Phillips County Outstanding 4-H Member Application, Phillips County 4-H Scholarship Application, Rex and Martha Kellogg Scholarship Application can all be found here—[Phillips County 4-H](#)

PHILLIPS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATIONS

Due October 23 by noon. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. Application can be found here—[Phillips County 4-H](#)



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE
OUR COUNTY FAIRS A SUCCESS!
WE APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE
OF YOU!**

CELEBRATING CODY MILLER'S EXTENSION CAREER

Eighteen years ago, a young Kansas State University graduate joined the Phillips-Rooks Extension District as the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent with shared 4-H responsibilities. Little did we know then the lasting impact Cody would have on our organization, our communities, and the people he served.

During his 18 years with K-State Extension, Cody has mentored countless young people, helping them develop skills, confidence, and leadership abilities through the 4-H program. He has worked alongside area producers, helping them navigate challenges, find solutions, and make informed decisions through both the good years and the difficult ones on their operations. Beyond his professional role, Cody has been an active and valued member of the Phillips County communities he proudly calls home.

Throughout his Extension career, Cody also built a wonderful family with his wife, Rachel. Together they have been blessed with three outstanding young men who have grown up alongside his Extension journey.

At our most recent board meeting, Cody announced his decision to close this chapter of his career with K-State Extension. We know his presence, expertise, and dedication will be greatly missed.

Cody's 18 years of service have left a lasting legacy in the Phillips-Rooks Extension District. We are incredibly grateful for his commitment to our youth, producers, communities, and organization.

This is definitely a "see you later," not a goodbye. We look forward to watching Cody continue to make a positive impact in our communities for years to come.





Pathfinders Program!

October 3rd, 2026

**Barton Community College
Technical Building (East)
By the Water Tower
245 NE 30 Rd, Great Bend,
KS 67530**

***\$20 registration fee
w/ Lunch Provided***

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/4wY11LY>

***or by QR Code
found below***

***More info at
cottonwood.k-state.edu***

SCAN ME!



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Open to all youth in grades 6-8. Space is limited, so register soon! Registration begins at 8 am.

Youth Morning Sessions:

8:30 AM-10:00 AM

10:15 AM-11:45 AM

Youth Afternoon Sessions:

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

- Hands-on career exploration
- EMS careers
- Skilled trades: welding, plumbing, construction
- Youth get to take home an item they make
- Youth will complete both career sessions
- Afternoon will be team-building activities

Adult Session:

10:30AM-11:30AM

- Barton Community College opportunities
- What is K-State Extension?

**Long pants and close-toed shoes are
required.**

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September

5 State 4-H Dog Show
9 Kansas State Fair Non-Livestock Exhibits Due
11-20 Kansas State Fair
14 Rooks County 4-H Junior Leaders
14 Rooks County 4-H Council
28 Phillips County 4-H Council

October

1 4-H Online Re-enrollment
1 4-H Pin Applications, Record Books, and Project Report Forms Deadline
1 Phillips County Club Seal, Outstanding 4-H Member, County 4-H Scholarship Application and Rex and Martha Kellogg Scholarship Application Due
1 Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications Due
1 National 4-H Conference Applications Due
2-4 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
3 Pathfinders Program
4 4-H Sunday
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November

7 Phillips County 4-H Achievement Banquet
14 Rooks County 4-H Achievement Banquet
21-22 Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend