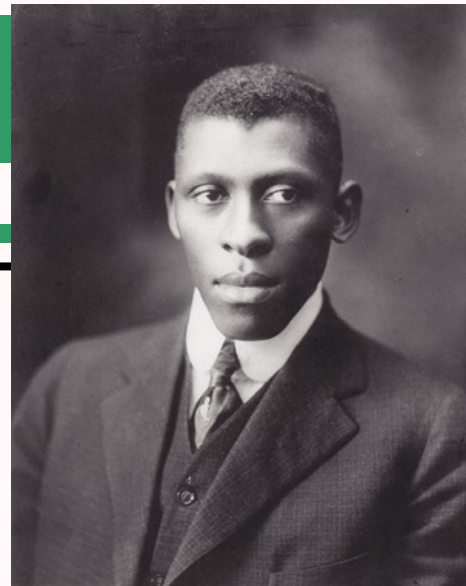


THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY
2025

A Minute with Madeline

Celebrating African American Pioneers in 4-H



February is Black History Month. As we reflect on the rich history of 4-H and its impact on youth development across America, it's essential to recognize the profound contributions made by African American pioneers who helped shape the program into what it is today. Figures like **T. M. Campbell**, **Margaret H. Thomas**, and **Dr. J. R. Hooker** played pivotal roles in integrating and advancing the mission of 4-H, despite the challenges posed by racial discrimination and segregation.

T. M. Campbell (pictured above) is widely recognized as America's first African American extension agent, making significant strides in agricultural education and outreach for Black communities in the early 20th century. Hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1906, he helped bridge the gap between Black farmers and agricultural resources, offering valuable education in modern farming techniques, crop management, and animal husbandry. His efforts were instrumental in improving the livelihoods of African American farmers, who had limited access to formal agricultural education due to segregation. Campbell's role as an extension agent laid the groundwork for future African American leaders in agricultural extension and 4-H programs, as he was among the first to recognize the importance of equipping Black communities with the knowledge and resources to thrive in agriculture. His pioneering work helped demonstrate the vital role of African American extension agents in uplifting rural communities and fostering economic empowerment.

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Celebrating African American Pioneers in 4-H Cont.

Margaret H. Thomas was a trailblazer in 4-H, serving as an advocate for African American youth in agricultural education during a time when racial barriers were prevalent. As the first African American to hold a national position in the 4-H organization, Thomas was instrumental in breaking down barriers for Black youth and providing them with opportunities to engage in leadership development, agriculture, and community service. Through her work, Thomas created pathways for future generations to develop essential life skills, empowering African American youth to become leaders in their communities.

Equally significant was **Dr. J. R. Hooker**, whose advocacy and leadership were essential in the integration of 4-H programs across the country. As an educator and extension agent, Hooker worked tirelessly to ensure that African American youth had access to the educational opportunities offered through 4-H. Hooker's efforts were crucial in creating spaces where African American youth could not only learn but thrive, contributing to their communities and developing leadership skills that would serve them throughout their lives. His work laid the foundation for an inclusive 4-H program, and his legacy continues to inspire future generations.

These pioneers, along with others who contributed to the cause, exemplified resilience, determination, and a steadfast belief in the power of youth development. They faced adversity but remained dedicated to creating a more equitable and inclusive 4-H community, one that could uplift all young people, regardless of race. Today, African American leaders continue to build on their legacy, working to ensure that 4-H remains a place of opportunity for youth of all backgrounds.





Happy Valentine's Day!

LEADER'S LOUNGE

February Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing in 4-H at school
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved.

Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting

Promote/Recruit

- Volunteer Registration Deadline February 1
- Beef Weigh-In and Tagging February 22
- CIA February 16-17
- 4-H Day March 2
- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects

To-Do

- Make sure 4-H Council Report is given
- Remind 4-H'ers to complete registration for 4-H Day
- Remind 4-H'ers to prepare presentations for 4-H Day
- Check in with Project Leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Check club's progress toward goals
- Start speaking with your club members on how they can show appreciation to their club volunteers during April's National Volunteer Week.
- Remind 4-H'ers to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the May 1st Deadline
- Remind 4-H'ers of the 2 Meeting Requirement for the Butler County Fair
- Remind families to "Subscribe" to the 4-H Online broadcast messages. This is where all newsletters and important information is sent out to families!
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Work with your co-leader!
- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Spring Beef Weigh-In
- 4-H Day
- If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, make t-shirts, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

February

- February 1: Volunteer Registration Deadline
- February 5: Jr. Swine Producer Day Registration Deadline
- February 8: Rain Barrel Clinic - Andover Library 9:30 a.m.
- February 11: 4-H Council Meeting
- February 16-17: CIA (Citizenship in Action)
- February 17: Extension Office Closed
- February 18: YQCA In-Person Training 6:00 p.m.
- February 22: Market Beef Weigh-In
- February 22-23: Horse Panorama - Rock Springs
- February 22: Rain Barrel Clinic - El Dorado 9 a.m.
- February 26: Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Deadline

March

- March 1: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- March 1: Jr. Swine Producer Day - Manhattan
- March 2: 4-H Day
- March 11: Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic
- March 13: YQCA In-Person Training
- March 17: Super Saturday Registration Due
- March 20: State 4-H Horse Judging Contest at EquiFest
- March 22: Super Saturday Judging Event - Colby
- March 22: Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day - Manhattan
- March 30: Regional 4-H Day - Mulvane
- March TBA: Clipping Clinic

April

- April 5: K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest
- April 8: 4-H Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 9: YQCA In-Person Training
- April 11: Club Quarterly Report Deadline
- April 11: Extension Office Mug Mingle 7:45 a.m.
- April 17: Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge - Manhattan
- April 19-24: National 4-H Conference - Washington D.C.
- April 21: Small Animal Tagging 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- April 21: Market Dairy Wether ID Forms Deadline
- April 20-26: National Volunteer Week
- April TBA: Fitting Clinic

See the full 2024-2025 Calendar [HERE](#)



February 3, 2025

To: Butler County 4-H / FFA Beef Leaders and Beef Project Members, Community Leaders, and the Butler County Fair Association Executive Committee

From: Charlene Miller, Butler County Extension Director / Agriculture CEA; Madeline Wallace, Butler County 4-H & Youth Development CEA; Miranda Depenbusch, Bluestem FFA Advisor; Luke Guynn, Bluestem FFA Advisor; and Sarah Grunder, Flinthills FFA Advisor

WHAT: 1) 4-H / FFA Market Beef (Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy Steers) Weigh-In & Tagging
2) Bucket Calves
3) Commercial Heifers

WHEN: Saturday, February 22nd | 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SET-UP – 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. (please come help if you're available)

WEIGH-IN – 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (weigh-in will start sooner if set-up is finished)

TEARDOWN/CLEANUP – at conclusion of weigh-in

WHERE: Flinthills High School, FFA/Ag Facility, 806 SE Rosalia Rd, Rosalia, KS 67132 (**Map on back**)

- Required to be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Butler County Fair.
- The tags have been sponsored by an anonymous donor. Thank you cards will be available to be signed at weigh-in.
- Bucket Calves and Commercial Heifers are welcome to be brought to this tagging. Please note that Bucket Calves must be tagged by Monday, April 21st and Commercial Heifers must be tagged by 11:30 a.m. June 13th. For Commercial heifers that are not at County Tagging, please contact the Butler County Extension Office to schedule a time to have them tagged. If you have Bucket Calves, please see the beef packet for an additional tagging option.

Requirements:

- ✓ **YQCA:** YQCA is REQUIRED to be eligible to exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (except horses) at the 2025 Butler County Fair and must be completed by May 29th, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. to be eligible to participate. YQCA information can be found at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>
- ✓ **ENROLLMENT:** Please double-check that your 4-H / FFA members are enrolled in 4-H / FFA for the 2024-2025 year and are also enrolled in the Beef Project by May 1st, 2025.
- ✓ **TWO (2) FORMS FOR MARKET STEERS, DAIRY STEERS, & MARKET HEIFERS:** Animal Care & Housing and Owner Certification of Market Animals. Please refer to the enclosed packet and each form for additional information. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. Household nomination has been included with the Animal Care and Housing Form. Paper and electronic forms will be accepted. You can find electronic forms at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **ONE (1) FORM FOR BREEDING HEIFERS & BUCKET CALVES:** Animal Care & Housing. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and parent/guardians sign the form. Paper and electronic forms will be accepted. You can find electronic forms at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **If you run into a problem on county beef tagging day, contact Extension Director/ Ag Agent, Charlene Miller, at 316-323-7306 or your FFA Advisor.**

Enclosures:

- Beef Project Packet

Find the full packet and map at

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>



BUTLER COUNTY 4-H DAY

MARCH 2ND

2025

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**1:00
P.M.**

**BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
901 S. HAVERHILL RD.
EL DORADO**

Buildings 700 & 1500

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL BUTLER
COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS TO SHARE THEIR
SPEAKING SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, TALENTS,
AND CREATIVITY BEFORE A LARGER
AUDIENCE.**

This is a qualifying event for the Kansas State Fair

**WHAT IS
4-H DAY??**

EVENTS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

TALENT SHOWCASE

FAVORITE FOODS

GAVEL GAMES

INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, AND CLUB DIVISIONS

Treat for all participants!!

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025**

<https://forms.gle/5gLYUV72D6BT4QrUA>

*Late Registrations will NOT be accepted

**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION**



GUIDELINES:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/4hday.html>

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Butler County Fair Dates and Deadlines

Strive to Thrive in 2025

The 2025 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 17th-22nd, 2025!

Important Dates

Butler County Fair Rules

The 2025 4-H/FFA Division Rules are now available and posted! They can be found on our website at:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/>

Pre-Entries

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to pre-enter if participating in Fashion Revue
- Butler County will be using FairEntry once again this year for pre-entries
- Make sure you receive your confirmation e-mail!

- **February 22:** Market Beef Tagging*
- **April 15:** Bucket Calves Must Be Born*
- **April 21:** Small Animal Tagging*
- **May 1:** 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline
- **May 29:** YQCA Deadline
- **May 29:** Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms Deadline
- **May 29:** Horse ID Deadline*
- **June 1:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 13:** Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- **June 13:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline*
- **June 15:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- **June 23:** Pre-Entries Close at 11:59 p.m.
- **July 1:** Dairy Doe Registration/Ownership Deadline*

*See the 2025 Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA Tagging Guidelines and Forms Table [HERE](#)



2025 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County 4-H Fair.

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2025 Butler County 4-H Fair is **May 29th at 11:59 PM, 2025.**

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 30th at 11:30 a.m.. You can find more information about YQCA [HERE](#).

In person class dates:

- Tuesday, February 18th
- Thursday, March 13th
- Wednesday, April 9th
- Wednesday, May 28th

** All Classes will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Community/4-H Building (200 N. Griffith, El Dorado)



Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

- **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**
YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. 8-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training. 7 year olds must attend an instructor led course.
- **How much does getting certified cost?**
The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.
- **Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?**
Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.
- **I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?**
No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.
- **Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?**
Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.
- **Do I need to register before class?**
Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class. You will also need to take the pre-test before class.
- **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**
No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.

Club News

Purple Heart

On Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, the current members of the Purple Heart 4-H Club held a reception at Hope Community Church in Andover, KS from 2:00-4:00 PM to celebrate Purple Heart's 80th year as a club. The club invited all Purple Heart Alumni and current members. They served cake, punch, nuts and cream cheese mints that some current members had gotten together and made. The current and alumni both brought projects they had taken to the county fair to share with each other. We had approximately 60 people attend! It was a wonderful time of people catching up and new and old getting to share stories about their 4-H years.



Flint Hills

The Flinthills 4-H Club spread some holiday cheer in December. They rang the bell for the Salvation Army and later gathered to shop for Christmas gifts for charitable organizations.

-Toby B., Reporter



2025 Horse Project

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2025 4-H program year, please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse, complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate, have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it. A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office and the 4-H Horse member maintains the ORIGINAL certificate. The original certificate is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows. **Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project.** An example of the Horse ID Certificate is available online.

Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) has been revised and is now available. Supplemental educational materials will also be released throughout the year to assist 4-H members, leaders and Extension staff with the 4-H Horse program.



Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama is a unique opportunity for kids who are interested in increasing their equine knowledge and testing their skills in a contest environment. Competition in Horse Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking, Project Talks, Demonstrations and virtual contests in logo and ad design, photography, posters and PowerPoint presentations are available to youth age 9-18. A special "first-timers" event will expose youth who've never participated in Horse Bowl and Hippology to the opportunities available at Horse Panorama. First-time attendees will also have the opportunity to tour Rock Springs and visit the historic stables to meet the horses.

This year's event will be held February 22-23 at Rock Springs. The overnight format will allow for networking of 4-H Horse lovers from across the state. A volunteer panel for adult attendees and fun night at Rock Springs' Indoor activity center are also planned.

Complete registration information and rules are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>

A photograph showing a group of children sitting at a long table, engaged in an activity. They appear to be looking at materials on the table, possibly registration forms or project displays. The setting is indoors, likely a community center or school.

REGISTER TODAY

HORSE PANORAMA

The 4-H logo, which consists of a four-leaf clover with the letters 'H', 'E', 'H', and '4' on each leaf.

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4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that the Butler County 4-H Council has event scholarships available to all Butler County 4-H members?!

Scholarship Requirements:

- Any current 4-H member (includes Coverbuds) is eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- 4-H'ers are limited to 2 event scholarships per 4-H year.
- Completed forms are to be submitted to the Butler County Extension Office with event payment prior to event registration deadline.



Scholarship Details:

- If you did not submit a KAP and pin application *or* did not receive a pin within the past year for a \$100 scholarship
- Submitted a KAP and received a pin within the past year for a \$200 scholarship. Those that have already received their 10-year pin are exempt from pin requirement.

You can find the scholarship application here:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/Scholarships.html>

You can find more Kansas 4-H State Event Opportunities here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/index.html>



YQCA Scholarship Opportunity

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age
- Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
- Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).

As a high school senior, the essay question regarding your future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. If you are selected, you must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award.

If you are a high school graduate, you must be currently enrolled in a 2-4 year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school.

Applications open January 1, 2025 and close February 17, 2025.

Find out more and apply for the scholarship at <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php>



Kansas 4-H Partners with HirePaths

Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom Activities added to HirePaths



Kansas 4-H and HirePaths are now sharing career-related content to help youth learn about high-demand jobs and skills related to Kansas careers. As part of this partnership, many activities from the Kansas 4-H's Clover Classroom library are now available on the [HirePaths Free Lesson Plans](#) page and the [Activities for Kids](#) section of the website.

“These activities are appropriate for anyone to do with a child or young person,” said Patsy Maddy, Kansas 4-H Youth Development special projects administrator. “You can feel good about doing them at home with your kids and neighbors, or they can be done in a classroom or a 4-H Club meeting.”

Clover Classroom started in 2019 to provide parents and club leaders with an easy resource to help facilitate educational activities that teach kids many real-world life skills, such as how to track wildlife or bake bread – skills that in many cases directly relate to possible careers such as a park ranger or baker.

When the world shut down in 2020 during the pandemic, 4-H developed more Clover Classroom activities for online distribution because families needed more activities to use at home. The HirePaths partnership will help these lessons reach even more Kansas kids, either at home or school.

“Everyone is busy,” Maddy said. “We collaborated with extension agents in their areas of expertise to package these programs into activities that are easy for families to facilitate at home.”

Several new lessons are in the works, and Maddy is always looking for new collaborations to add to the collection. But before a Clover Classroom activity is published, it is vetted by experts at K-State Research and Extension to make sure the guidelines are clear, complete, accurate and safe.

Read the full article here: <https://hirepaths.com/blog/2024/12/18/kansas-4-h-clover-classroom-activities-added-to-hirepaths>

Check out the Clover Classroom here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html>



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WILLIE AND THE BEANSTALK

Join the K-State Department of Agronomy for the Annual Soybean Competition.

Willie and the Beanstalk is a soybean competition for Kansas K-12 students to encourage interest in the field and increase their knowledge of soybean development. Students who enter the competition will work to see who can grow the largest soybean plant. The contest can prove to be a valuable teaching tool as it allows students to plant their own soybean, then watch it grow and document the progress the plant has made.

Be part of the contest to grow the biggest soybean plant in 47 days!

- Registration for the 2025 contest: OPENS FEBRUARY 3, 2025.
- Please contact beanstalk@ksu.edu with questions about registration.
- **Rules for the 2025 Contest**
 - First day to plant/soak seed - Monday, February 24, 2025 Documentation submission deadline - Friday, March 28, 2025
 - [New information on documentation](#)
 - Judging on Saturday, April 12, 2025
 - [Information on remote judging](#)
 - In person judging will be April 12, 2025 from 9 am to noon at the K-State Manhattan Campus Open House, inside [Waters Hall](#), (details will be posted later).

For more information, email beanstalk@ksu.edu or visit <https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/outreach-and-services/k-12-educators/willie-and-the-beanstalk/>

IPM Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.” The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media. There are five age categories in which 1st – 3rd place will be awarded:

- Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- 3rd grade – 5th grade
- 6th grade – 8th grade
- High school
- Adult

Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025.

Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for details!

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AGE GROUPS

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- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

CATEGORIES

- Traditional Illustration (drawing or painting)
- Digital Artwork
- 3-D Creation (painting on canvas, collage, sculpture, or other media)

AWARDS

Certificates and prizes will be awarded for each art category in each age group for 1st through 3rd place.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit your entry by April 15, 2025. See full rules and details by visiting <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> or by scanning the QR code.

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2025 Insect Spectacular T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all creative 4-H'ers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2025 Insect Spectacular T-shirts.

Theme: Scarab Beetles

Contest Dates: Contest will run from February 01 to March 03, 2025. Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 03, 2025.
Mailing Address: 2447 40th Road,
Humboldt, Kansas 66748
OR Email: vicky.wallace55@gmail.com



Design Size: Design must fit on an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper.

Colors: Maximum three colors plus one color for T-shirt

Wording: Must include "Insect Spectacular 2025". You can include something that goes with the theme if you like.

Description: You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the T-shirts for participants at the 2025 Insect Spectacular. This is the State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer. You can use graphics of true scarab beetles or create your own artful images. No copyrighted clip art, photos or graphics may be used.

Prize: Winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Sonic.

Leadership: This would be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book, especially for the Visual Arts, Entomology, and Leadership projects.

Information that must be on the back of your entry:

4-Hers Name, 4-H Age, County/District, Mailing address, Phone number, first and second choice of T-shirt color, Email (if you have one)

Questions: Contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com OR Phone: (620)804-9170

Winning design will be selected by the State 4-H Entomology committee. Anyone submitting a design for competition may not vote on the design selection.



NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00am - Finish

Host Site: Colby Community College Student Union and Thomas County Fairgrounds. Colby, Kansas

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:00am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm Thomas County Fairgrounds

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00

The afternoon will be filled with engineering and technology stations (robots, circuits, building bricks, etc.) and Visual Arts Stations (Scrapbook, clay, paper crafts, etc.)

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00



Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajjdd7SK7HICeW

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or rdeines@ksu.edu or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu

Time Line:

March 17th - Registrations for lunch and Project opportunities due

March 22nd:

- 9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon)
- 10:00am to noon - Volunteer/ Parent Session
- 11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch
- 12:30pm Check in for livestock Judging at Livestock Pavilion , Thomas Co Fairgrounds, Colby
- 1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities
- 1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

Results:

Livestock Judging Classes will be talked at the conclusion of reasons being given, all other contest results will be sent out 5-7 business days after the event.

Who: Any 4-H or FFA Youth 7-18 years of age, plus volunteers and parents

Where: Colby Community College Student Union for Indoor and Thomas County Fairgrounds for Livestock Judging

Cost: \$7 per individual (1 contest or multiple)

\$8 Sack Lunch- Sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink

Project Opportunities : \$5.00 Engineering & Technology and Visual Arts Stations

Registration will be paid at the Event with Cash or Check made payable to Ness County 4-H Council



Contest Divisions:

Juniors - age 7-8 participation prizes only

Intermediates - age 9-13

Seniors - age 14 and over



Team Notice -- A younger member may move up an age group to complete a team but will be required to complete the requirements of the age division through the entire contest.

Awards:

Certificates and medals will be awarded in the intermediate and senior divisions. The top three individual and the top team will receive medals. The top 10 individuals will receive certificates. Medals and Certificates will be delivered to the home county at the earliest time possible. Junior division will participate as a "learning experience" and receive a 4-H incentive at each judging area. Results will be posted to <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>

NW 4-H Super Saturday Judging Event Eligibility Requirements: Any current member of a 4-H Club and/or FFA chapter is eligible to participate.

Judging Teams: a county, district or chapter may enter one or more three/four member teams in all judging contest areas. Present team member names at registration. If team are not identified at registration they will not be scored as a team. Top 3 scores will be used to determine team score. Team members must be from the same local unit.

Livestock Judging: Laurel & Logan Despain, Risa Overmiller

This judging contest is designed to teach youth how to analyze market and breeding beef, goats, sheep and swine, measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as ideal. There will be six classes. Juniors and intermediates will have 2 classes of questions, with no reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons. Officials will give placings and talk the classes at the end of the contest and awards will be announced.

Crops: Stacy Campbell

The contest will consist of identification of plants and samples, classification of samples (crop, noxious weed or common weed) all youth will identify 100 samples (50 seeds and 50 plants) a tie breaker of 6 samples will be used.

Entomology: Jake Faulkender

The contest is designed to help youth learn how to properly identify Kansas insects. Each division will identify insect specimens, Juniors will identify 15, Intermediates 20 and Seniors 25.

Horticulture: Ryan Engel, Jay Harris and Master Gardener Volunteers

The contest will consist of 3 or 4 judging classes of any horticulture section (vegetables, flowers, nuts, etc.)The identification contest will include 15 samples for juniors, 50 samples for intermediates and seniors. <https://www.k-state.edu/hort-judging/> for identification resources.

Life Skills: Chandra Plate and Cindy Walker

Judging topics will be chosen from any 4-H project life skill, these could include, family consumer science, foods & nutrition, health & Safety, human development, housing, interior design and environmental issues. Junior division will judge 3 classes, intermediates 4 classes and seniors 6 classes.

Photography: Karen Nelson and Photo Action team volunteers

The contest will consist of six classes of photos, a written test, and a problem class. Juniors will only judge the photos. Test questions will come from the 4-H CCS curriculum, the 4-H Guide to digital photography, the national Geographic Ultimate Field guide to Photography (2009) and other photography reference material.

Livestock Skill-a-thon: Tamara Robertson, Laurel Despain and Jenilee Godsey

The contest is designed to provide a framework for youth to learn a variety of topics related to the production and management of beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine. The contest will consist of 6 areas, including: livestock breed identification, equipment identification, wholesale and/or retail meat cut identification, anatomical identification, livestock feedstuff identification, and a written test. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will complete all 6 areas with increasing difficulty for each age division.

***Volunteer and Parent Session will share the updated Kansas 4-H Policy, Club Parent Committees information and a Q&A time for Parents and Volunteers to walk away with resources to Make the Best Better**

RAIN BARREL CLINIC

Andover Public Library
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Clinic is free!
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SATURDAY,
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2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

Tentative Schedule

8:00AM Registration Opens
9:00AM Welcome
9:15AM Project Selection
10:00AM Breakout Sessions
-Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
12:00PM Lunch
12:45PM Health
1:30PM Breakout Sessions
-Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
3:00PM Wrap-up
3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

Registration

- ✓ \$20/person by February 5
- ✓ \$25/person after February 5
- ✓ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ✓ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ✓ No refunds.
- ✓ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

Questions?

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Register By February 5

Limited Attendance

Location

Stanley Stout Center

Register Online

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

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K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

3.22.25

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Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Tentative Program

Friday, March 21
5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22
8:00AM Check-in
9:00AM Welcome
9:15AM Selection
10:00AM Breakout Sessions
-Nutrition
-Facilities & Equipment
-Doe Management & Kidding
11:15AM Health & Wellness
12:00PM Lunch
1:00PM Breakout Sessions
-Showmanship
-Reproduction
-Clipping & Grooming
3:15PM Wrap-up
3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)
4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Register Online

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By February 26

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Location

Stanley Stout Center

Register Online

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YOUTH LAWN MOWING CLINIC

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
 Butler Community Building
 200 N. Griffith – El Dorado, KS
 Registration Begins at 4:30 p.m. Clinic Will Be 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 Pizza will be provided

You Will Learn:

- ✓ Lawn Mower Safety
- ✓ Lawn Mower Maintenance
- ✓ Proper Care for Various Types of Turfgrass
- ✓ Business Skills Necessary to Run Your Own Lawn Mowing Business

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

CLINIC COST IS \$10

This clinic is designed for youth in 5th through 9th grade

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INVITATIONAL MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

APRIL 5, 2025

- 6 CLASSES, 2 SETS OF QUESTIONS, AND 40 RETAIL ID
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- EDUCATIONAL WALK THROUGH AFTER CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM

REGISTRATION LINK ON JUDGINGCARD.COM

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER ERBEYER@KSU.EDU

