

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## A Minute with Madeline

### St. Patrick's Day and 4-H: Finding the Luck in Community and Growth

March is here, and with it comes the much-celebrated St. Patrick's Day—a day filled with green, good fortune, and community spirit. While many think of shamrocks and leprechauns when they hear "St. Patrick's Day," there are surprising parallels between this holiday and the values 4-H instills in our members. At its heart, St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of community, growth, and tradition, which aligns beautifully with the mission and work of 4-H in Butler County.

#### The Clover Connection

St. Patrick's Day is often associated with the four-leaf clover, a symbol of luck and prosperity. This symbol resonates strongly with 4-H, which uses the four-leaf clover as its own emblem. Each leaf of the clover represents one of the 4-H pillars: **Head**, **Heart**, **Hands**, and **Health**. Just like the luck attributed to a four-leaf clover, 4-H members are fortunate to have the opportunity to develop these key values as they grow into responsible, caring leaders.

- **Head** represents learning and thinking, encouraging members to use their heads for problem-solving, leadership, and creativity.
- **Heart** is all about caring for others and developing kindness, empathy, and compassion in our community.
- **Hands** symbolizes the importance of service and helping others—whether it's through community service, teaching others, or engaging in hands-on learning.
- **Health** encourages maintaining a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally.

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By embodying these four values, 4-H members are not only cultivating personal growth but also fostering positive change within Butler County and beyond.

## **Luck in Learning and Leadership**

St. Patrick's Day celebrations often bring people together, from parades to family gatherings, highlighting the importance of community. In much the same way, 4-H encourages collaboration and leadership. Whether through 4-H clubs, community service projects, or county fairs, 4-H members learn that success isn't just about individual achievement—it's about supporting one another, working together, and celebrating shared accomplishments.

Through various 4-H projects, members gain valuable skills that help them in life. They learn the importance of teamwork, the value of giving back, and how to approach challenges with a positive, solutions-oriented mindset. These qualities align with the "luck" we associate with St. Patrick's Day—just as the Irish say that "luck is when preparation meets opportunity," 4-H members are preparing themselves for success by putting in the hard work and dedication needed to grow as individuals and as a community.

## **Community and Giving Back**

One of the key elements of St. Patrick's Day is the spirit of generosity and good fortune shared with others. This connects directly to the 4-H commitment to service. Butler County 4-H members are continually involved in community service projects, whether it's working with our senior citizens, hosting food drives, or providing assistance to those in need. The act of giving back is not only rewarding—it helps cultivate a sense of belonging and gratitude, both of which are core values of 4-H.

## **Celebrate the Spirit of St. Patrick's Day with 4-H**

This St. Patrick's Day, as you celebrate the traditions of Irish heritage, take a moment to reflect on how the values of community, growth, and tradition also live on in the Butler County 4-H program. Just like the four-leaf clover, 4-H brings together the best qualities of life—learning, caring, helping, and being healthy. We can all consider ourselves lucky to be a part of such a wonderful organization that fosters these values in our youth and our communities.

So, wear your green, celebrate with your community, and think about the ways in which 4-H is helping our youth grow and flourish—much like a lucky four-leaf clover in the field.



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*.



# LEADER'S LOUNGE

## March 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

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects

If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, make t-shirts, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!

## To-Do

- Help 4-H'ers plan and prepare projects for the fair
- 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!
- Horse ID Papers are due May 29th
- Animal Care and Housing Form and Owner Certification of Market Animal Forms are due May 29th. These forms can be submitted digitally and found on our website [HERE](#). Paper forms are also acceptable.



# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## March

- March 1: Rescheduled Beef Weigh-In
- March 1: Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
- March 1: Jr. Swine Producer Day - Manhattan
- March 2: 4-H Day
- March 7: 4-H Horse Judging Contest Registration Deadline
- March 11: Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic
- March 13: YQCA In-Person Training
- March 13: Seed Swap - Andover Library
- March 17: Super Saturday Registration Deadline
- March 21: State 4-H Horse Judging Contest at EquiFest
- March 22: Super Saturday Judging Event - Colby
- March 22: Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day - Manhattan
- March 26: Kokedama Class
- March 30: Regional 4-H Day - Mulvane
- March 30: Walk Kansas Begins

## April

- April 5: K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest
- April 5-6: Lawn & Garden Show
- 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 26: "Spring Into Volunteering" - Salina
- April TBA: Fitting Clinic

## May

- May 1: Project Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1: 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1: Market Beef State Nominations Due
- May 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update
- May 11: Black Gold Spring Show
- May 26: Extension Office Closed
- May 28: YQCA In-Person Training
- May 29: 4-H Mini Fair
- May 29: Butler County YQCA Deadline
- May 29: Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms Deadline
- May 29: Horse ID Form Deadline
- May 30: Online YQCA Certificates Due 11:30 a.m.



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



# Citizenship in Action



10 of our Butler County 4-H'ers took the trip to Topeka, KS over President's Day Weekend to attend 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 not only familiarizes youth with the capitol building, but also shows them how they can affect the legislative process.



## 4-H AND BEYOND!



### Kendra G.

Lily Lake

Kendra recently competed at the Clearwater 4-1A Kansas Regional Bowling competition. Her high school team took 2nd place and Kendra was the top individual! She will be representing her school at the State Tournament.

If there is a youth member or volunteer that you would like to recognize, please fill out this [Google Form](#)



# Coggins Now Required for Horse Project

The Kansas Department of Animal Health released an update to [Kansas Animal Health Regulations](#) in its [Spring 2025 newsletter](#). This has resulted in many questions from local staff, project leaders and fairboards regarding the requirement of a negative EIA test for local events.

- [KAR 9-7-14](#) establishes the requirement of a negative **EIA test** (Coggins) for horses that are changing ownership or are used for exhibition purposes which must be completed in the previous 12 months. This requirement includes horses that originate outside the state of Kansas **or from within** the state of Kansas.

From the Kansas Department of Animal Health:  
K.A.R. 9-7-14

*(2) "Exhibition" shall mean the commingling of animals for the purpose of showing or judging contest or any other type of public display, equidae used for team roping, penning, barrel racing, rodeo, or other performance events. (Authorized by K.S.A. 47-607d and 47-610; implementing K.S.A. 47-610; effective, E-76-28, Aug. 15, 1975; effective May 1, 1976; amended Jan. 23, 1998; amended Jan. 3, 2025.*

## What is a Coggins test?

- 'Coggins' is a common name for a blood test that is used to screen horses, mules and donkeys for a possibly fatal disease - Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA).

## What is Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA)?

- EIA is an infectious, and potentially even deadly, virus that affects the immune system of animals in the equidae family.
- While some animals are able to carry the virus without showing symptoms, other horses will suffer from very severe symptoms of the disease including irregular heartbeats, swollen legs and abdomen, general weakness, anemia, a high fever and even sudden death.
- A herd outbreak of EIA can lead to catastrophic consequences which is why it is essential for horse owners to be diligent about testing for the disease.

## How can my horse catch EIA?

- EIA is transmitted from one horse to another through mosquito bites, horse flies, deer flies or stable flies that have fed on a different infected animal. This means that your horse does not even need to have come into direct contact with an infected animal in order to contract this disease.
- Because flies are attracted to barns and other places that horses frequent, this extremely serious disease can be quickly and easily transmitted from one horse to another.

## Where/How is a Coggins test performed?

- A veterinarian conducts a thorough exam of the horse and performs a blood draw. The blood is submitted to an accredited laboratory. Once the analysis is complete, the lab will forward the results either directly to the owner, and/or to your veterinarian. Some veterinary clinics use digital Coggins testing technology. This means that the results of the test will be visible online, but can be printed.

## Why is Coggins testing important and who should be testing?

- EIA is highly contagious and fatal. Responsible horse owners should test annually, especially if horses will be comingled with other horses.

An example of a Coggins certificate as well as additional information can be found here:

<https://www.ksvhc.org/services/equine/field/coggins.html>



# 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:

- 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 (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

## Benton Busy Bees

Members of the Benton Busy Bees 4-H Club participated in a fundraiser by serving drinks and provide table service at the yearly Butler County Conservation District meeting that took place on February 6, 2025, at Butler Community College. This fundraising opportunity also helped the 4-Her's work on their customer service and communication skills.

-Wiley P., Reporter



## North Butler

The North Butler 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting January 20th at the Emmaus Church. Vice President Ella A. led the meeting. Roll call was taken by members completing the statement, "My favorite chip is...": fourteen members were present.

Harley M. gave the 4-H Council Report and reminded members that 4-H Days is March 2nd. For a leader's report, Debora Claassen echoed the reminder of the upcoming 4-H Days event and that sign-up was open. She also encouraged everyone to read the newsletter that was sent out by the Extension office. Finally, Debora shared with the club that now was a great time to set goals for this year's 4-H project. Setting goals will give a place to start, and a spot to reach for throughout the year.

Three birthdays were recognized: Milo, Hadley, and Natalie. For this month's program, Kate led the club in singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." She could not join in person, so she did this virtually by playing the piano and sending a video for us to sing along to! Rustin gave a project talk on "Making Jewelry," and showcased bracelets and earrings she has made from clay beads. Lucy told us about the trip she took to Thailand and Myanmar! Ella demonstrated "How to Make Cookie Dough Overnight Oats." Kierra shared her violin talent by engaging the audience with three Christmas songs. As she played, she didn't tell us the names, but we could join in if we recognized them! It was a lot of fun. The songs were: "Angels We Have Heard On High," "I Saw Three Ships," and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

After the program, Milo led us in playing Color Tag, and refreshments were served by the Miller family.

-Gracia 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.

## 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held March 21, 2025, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina.

Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25.

Registration closes March 7th. [Please register here.](#)

This is considered the state horse judging contest for Kansas 4-H. The first place team will have the option to represent Kansas at the Western National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Denver next January.

Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry- [4-H Horse Judging rules.](#)

A promotional poster for the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The poster has a green background with white and yellow text. At the top left is a 4-H clover logo. The main text reads: "STATE 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST HELD WITH EQUIFEST OF KANSAS SALINE COUNTY EXPO CENTER : MARCH 21, 2025". Below this, it lists registration details: "Registration due March 7th", "\$25/4-H Contest Entry", "\$15/Open Entry", and "Optional \$10 Lunch Ticket". It also lists the schedule: "Registration - 7:45am", "Rules Meeting - 8:15am", and "Contest Start - 8:30am". A section titled "Awards to Follow" includes "Additional Information: Kelsey Nordyke klnordyke@ksu.edu". At the bottom, there are logos for EquiFest, KQHVA, K-STATE Research and Extension, and the 4-H logo. A small photograph shows two people in green shirts looking at a horse in a stable. At the very bottom, there is a small section for "Accommodations" with fine print.

# 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>







# 4-H VOLUNTEERS

## Save the Date for Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025, and the fee will be submitted to local offices.

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## Plan Now for National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 2025

It is time to get National Volunteer Week on your calendar so you will have a plan to recognize your local 4-H and Extension Volunteers.

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Recognize the impact of the number of hours contributed to the organization or program.
- Recognize the achievements or accomplishments of those with whom the volunteer works.
- Have a program participant share a success story about the volunteer.
- Provide scholarships for conferences/training.





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## INSECT ART CONTEST 2025

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### AGE GROUPS

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 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](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](mailto:rdeines@ksu.edu) or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or [cplate@ksu.edu](mailto: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**



# 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.

## March 1



**Tentative Schedule**

8:00AM Registration Opens  
9:00AM Welcome  
9:15AM Project Selection  
10:00AM Breakout Sessions  
-Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching  
Lunch  
12:00PM Health  
12:45PM  
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

**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

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# CELEBRATING [25] YEARS OF WALK KANSAS

AN 8-WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE!

March 30 - May 24, 2025

*Gather your team of six or go solo this year.*  
Register online at [WalkKansas.org](http://WalkKansas.org) or by contacting your local K-State Research and Extension office.

**Registration open March 3!**

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Walk Kansas

Butler County  
Bonnie Brewer, Family & Consumer Science  
Extension Agent  
206 North Griffith, Suite A  
El Dorado, KS 67042  
316-321-9660

# Kokedama Class

Join us for a fun evening learning the art behind the Japanese Kokedama. The experts from Simple Morea will be teaching you how to make your very own Sansevieria Kokedama to take home. The cost of this class is \$45 and pre-registration with payment is *required*. To register please visit this link:  
<https://forms.gle/Lc17WbfPh9jz2hXHA>, email Calla at [callae@ksu.edu](mailto:callae@ksu.edu), or call 316-321-9660

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Butler Community Building  
200 N. Griffith - El Dorado, KS

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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

**REGISTER NOW**

☎ 316-321-9660  
 ✉ callae@ksu.edu



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## ANNUAL BUTLER COUNTY Lawn & Garden Show

### GROW & BLOOM IN BUTLER



Master Gardeners of Butler Co., KS

**FREE Admission**

- Children's Activities
- Concessions
- Exhibits & Vendors
- Plants for sale!
- Professional Presentations
- Seed Swap
- Soil test service available!
- & More!

**DOOR PRIZES!**

Saturday, April 5th, 2025

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Butler County Community/4-H Building  
 206 N. Griffith, El Dorado

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REGISTRATION OPEN!

NEW INFO BELOW!

# KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

## 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](http://JUDGINGCARD.COM)

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER [ERBEYER@KSU.EDU](mailto:ERBEYER@KSU.EDU)

# Seed Swap

Join Calla and the Master Gardeners for a fun and free Seed Swap! Bring your extra seeds and trade for new varieties. Connect with fellow gardeners, share tips, and grow something new!

**Thursday, March 13**  
 5:30-7 PM, Art Gallery

K-STATE Research and Extension Butler County

Join Us For Our 2025 Quarterly Extension Connection

# Mug Mingle

**Grab a mug and mingle with your local Butler County Extension Staff**  
 Friday, April 11th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.  
 Save the dates: July 11th and October 19th

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