

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER
2024

A Minute with Madeline



As the leaves fall and the air turns crisp, November brings a special time of year to reflect on our blessings and the spirit of giving. In this season of gratitude, it's important to take a moment to acknowledge the heart and soul of our 4-H program: our incredible members and volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to helping our youth and program thrive. Here are just a few reasons why I am so thankful for each of you:

- **Passion and Commitment:** Our members consistently demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication, whether it's through their projects, community service, or participation in events. Your eagerness to learn and grow is what makes 4-H such a vibrant and dynamic program.
- **Leadership and Mentorship:** Our volunteers are the backbone of 4-H. They generously share their time and expertise, guiding our members and helping them develop essential life skills. Your mentorship shapes the next generation of leaders, instilling values of responsibility, teamwork, and community engagement.
- **Community Spirit:** The sense of camaraderie and support among our 4-H families is truly inspiring. Together, we create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered. This spirit of unity is vital to our success and enriches the lives of all involved.
- **Innovative Ideas:** Our members bring fresh perspectives and creativity to the table. From new ideas for their projects to innovative approaches to community service, your contributions help us evolve and stay relevant in today's world.
- **Positive Impact:** The work you do extends beyond 4-H. By participating in service projects and community outreach, you are making a lasting impact on those around you. Your efforts exemplify the true meaning of giving back and inspire others to do the same.

As we reflect on these reasons, let's carry this gratitude into our daily lives, remembering that together, we are creating a brighter future for ourselves and our communities. Thank you for being an essential part of the Butler County 4-H family!

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*thank
you*

LEADER'S LOUNGE

November Check-Up

- Recognize those that submitted Record Books and Pin Applications.
- Distribute Achievement Celebration items to those that were not able to attend.
- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting & join 4-H!
- 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

- "Understanding Youth SPARKS" 4-H Volunteer Training
- Extension Office Christmas Donation Drive
- 4-H Days in February

To-Do

- Distribute copies of club program calendar or club notebooks
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Identify and schedule meeting community service committee
- Plan holiday celebration
- Begin discussion of 4-H Day plans
- Check club's progress toward goals.
- Remind volunteers and 4-H'ers to enroll / re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new 4-H year
- Complete Officer Training with new Club Officers
- Notify Extension Office of new club leaders, project leaders, and club officers.
- Turn in Club Financial Review to the Extension Office by 11:30 a.m. Friday, November 1st
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Work with your co-leader!
- 4-H Families to get enrolled for the new 4-H year.
- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- If your Club is planning to have a bake sale, fundraiser, etc., please contact our office prior to doing so!



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

November

- November 1: 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due
- November 9-10: Volunteer Shooting Sports Update Only Training – Rock Springs Ranch
- November 11: Office Closed
- November 15: 4-H & IFYE Outbound Application Deadline
- November 18: Kidding & Lambing Workshop
- November 18: 4-H Council 7:00 p.m.
- November 20: Understanding Youth SPARKS 4-H Volunteer Training 6:00 p.m.
- November 23-24: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) - Rock Springs Ranch
- November 23-24: Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum - Rock Springs Ranch
- November 28-29: Office Closed
- November 29-December 3: National 4-H Congress



December

- December 7: The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest - Tonganoxie
- December 13: Christmas Donation Drive Drop Off by 11:30 a.m.
- December 25: Office Closed



January

- January 1: Office Closed
- January 4-5: Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Orientation Retreat - Rock Springs Ranch
- January 10: Club Quarterly Report Due
- January 14: 4-H Council Meeting
- January 27: YQCA Training



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

Achievement Celebration

Award Recipients

2024 COUNTY CHAMPION KAPS

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS

JULIA A. - BEEF
MADELYNN I. - RABBITS

SENIOR CHAMPIONS

CAMI M. - BEEF
RILEY G. - DAIRY
KYLEE B. - FIBER ARTS
GRACE R. - SHOPPING IN STYLE

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KAP BLUE AWARD WINNERS

INTERMEDIATE

ELLA A. - BEEF
JACK M. - SWINE
LUKE P. - BEEF
VALERIE S. - VISUAL
ARTS

SENIORS

JADON G. -
SHOOTING SPORTS
CALLY M. - BEEF
BRENNAS. - FOODS &
NUTRITION
JACKSON S. - DAIRY

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Achievement Celebration Award Recipients

Congratulation
**TO THE 2024
PRESTIGIOUS AWARD
WINNERS**

I Dare You

Mikalyn P.
Jackson S.

**Dr. Johnson
Outstanding 4-H'er**

Kylee B.

**Kiwanis Jr.
Leader**

Brenna S.

**Service to 4-H &
Community**

Cami M.

Key Award

Kylee B.

**EW Nath
Scholarship**

Kyle P.

BCC Scholarship

Cally M.

**Butler County Jr.
Leader**

Riley G.

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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:

- Monday, January 27th
- 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.



4-H Online Enrollment Opens October 1st!

4-H's Long-reaching Effects

Compared to other youth, 4-Hers are:

4x more likely to contribute
to their communities



2x more likely to be
civically active

2x more likely to make
healthier lifestyle choices



The Top 5 Project Areas in Butler County:

1. Photography
2. Visual Arts
3. Foods & Nutrition
4. Clothing & Textiles
5. Floriculture & Horticulture

Find more information here:



What does Butler County 4-H have to offer?

- 9 Community 4-H Clubs across the County
- Butler County 4-H Shooting Sports
- Over 70 Projects
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6 yrs.

Visit Our Website

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

Call Us

316-321-9660

2025 Horse ID Update

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) is currently being revised. It will be released in mid-October. This will not affect any deadlines within the 4-H Horse project. 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 Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 23-24, 2024 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2024.

Registrations were due Monday, October 15, 2024. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council and is a great opportunity for youth to build their leadership skills! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2024 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at www.kansas4h.org.

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024

REGISTER TODAY

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Prepare For The New 4-H Year!

The new 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2024! From hands-on exploration to project-based skill building, young people thrive through participation in 4-H and find their way to success in life and future careers. We are excited to offer over 35 projects, ranging from Foods and Nutrition, to Robotics and Geology, to Livestock. There truly is something for everyone! We focus on exploration, learning, and experiencing the world around us through hands-on activities lead by our qualified volunteers and mentors.

Any Butler County youth ages 7 to 18 is eligible to join 4-H! Our learning pathways support 21st century learning skills to help our youth grow and develop into productive citizens within their community! I encourage you to visit our website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/> to learn how to enroll in 4-H!

4-H'ers

- Try a new project! Find a list [HERE](#)
- Invite a friend to a 4-H meeting!
- Consider running for an office in your club!
- Plan a presentation for a club meeting!

Parents

- Don't forget to enroll in 4-H Online beginning October 1
- Sign up to become a volunteer! Contact the Extension Office for more information
- Verify that the family email address on file is the best for us to use to communicate with you
- Encourage 4-H'ers in your family and club to try something new, such as a project or presentation. Getting out of our comfort zone fosters growth!
- Invite another family to a meeting or 4-H event to learn about our program

Quick Tips

- State 4-H Projects—there have been some changes!! Please check the 4-H Project page and watch enrollment carefully!! Make sure your 4-H'er gets enrolled in the right projects.
- Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.
 - If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in the 2023-2024 year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-H'er's years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.



4-H Council Event Scholarships

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 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>





MONDAY

NOV. 18TH

6:30 P.M.

KIDDING AND - LAMBING 101 WORKSHOP

PREPARE FOR THE KIDDING & LAMBING SEASON

Join K-State Research & Extension Butler County & Cowley County along with 3 Varner Girls to learn the basics and help prepare you for the kidding and lambing season. Check-In will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER:

CALL 316-321-9660

ONLINE

<https://forms.gle/9fPMwrdXZgmHhTgo7>

LOCATION:

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY/4-H
BUILDING
200 N GRIFFITH
EL DORADO, KS 67042



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The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Saturday December 7th 2024

*Leavenworth County Fairgrounds
Tonganoxie, KS*

*Come learn livestock evaluation from Butler County
Community College Livestock Judging Team*

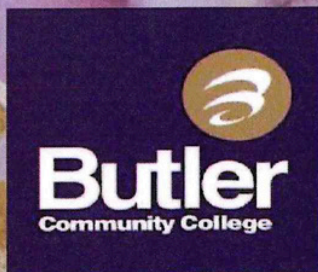
*New this year will be meats identification training
hosted by KSU Meats Science Department*

*Follow us on Facebook for more info
Leavenworth County Livestock Committee*

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2024 CHRISTMAS DONATION DRIVE

Drop off by December 13th

K-State Research and Extension Butler County is partnering with Tri-County CASA to provide the abused and neglected children of Butler, Elk, and Greenwood Counties with a little joy this Christmas.

We will be collecting New & Unwrapped Items:

- **Cuddle Kits**
 - One pillow case that can be used as a bag to gather their items
 - One soft and warm blanket to wrap up in
 - One stuffed animal to hold on to
 - One flashlight with batteries
- **Small Suitcases or Duffle Bags**
- **Nightlights**
- **Small Document Lockboxes**

All donations will be received
until 11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 13th at the
Butler County Extension Office
206 N Griffith in El Dorado



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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.

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
- 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

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.

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Questions?

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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

[https://commerce.cashnet.com /
KSUASIND](https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND)

By

February 26