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# Central Kansas District 4-H

**April, 2025**

## 4-H Council News

### May Meeting

The May 4-H Council Meeting will be held in Minneapolis. The date is to be determined. Watch for an update on date and time.

## 4-H Newsletter Deadlines for 2025

If you have something you would like in the 4-H Newsletter, be sure to email it to [klittich@ksu.edu](mailto:klittich@ksu.edu).

Deadlines are:

- May - April 10
- June - May 10
- July/August - June 10
- September - August 10
- October - September 10



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## Graduating Seniors

Ariana Baltazor, Willing Workers  
Arianna Cox, Cardinal  
Cadence Foth, Willing Workers  
Kinsley Foth, Willing Workers  
Victoria Hueser, Woodsdale  
Lillian Hulse, Pleasant Valley  
Elizabeth Hyde, Woodsdale  
Kiley Isaacson, Gypsum Valley  
Anna Karber, Gypsum Valley  
Marcus Kern, Cardinal



Avery Kinkelaar, Gypsum Valley  
Hensli Lofdahl, Smoky View  
Ryan Myers, Woodsdale  
Acacia Pracht, Smoky View  
Erik Schlatter, Boldly Go  
Josi Schrader, Solomon Valley  
Caroline Stone, Sunny Valley  
Jacob Tillberg, Cardinal  
Aiden Wangerin, Willing Workers  
Kaitlyn Watkins, Willing Workers

Congratulations District 4-H High School Graduates, Class of 2025!

## Add/Drop Due May 1



There are several responsibilities as a 4-H member and a 4-H parent. One of these responsibilities is the adding and dropping of 4-H projects. Here are the details for adding and dropping projects in 4HOnline.

**Adding Projects:** 4-H members CAN ADD 4-H projects in 4HOnline. Remember, you must be enrolled in the projects you plan to exhibit in at the County Fair no later than May 1.

**Dropping Projects:** 4-H members CAN DROP 4-H projects in 4HOnline. Remember, you should plan to do record keeping on all projects you are enrolled in.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to add or drop any projects by May 1, 11:59 p.m. You will need to do this by logging into 4HOnline. **After May 1, the system will not allow you to add or drop projects.**

Remember, 4-H members must be enrolled in the project area(s) they will be exhibiting in at the county fair. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either Extension Office.

**Please go into 4-H Online**

**<https://v2.4honline.com/>**

**to check and double check the projects  
your child(ren) are enrolled in.**

## R - E - A - D

It is imperative for families to plan ahead, and be accountable for:

- adding and/or dropping projects,
- turning in paperwork and
- entering fair pre-entries.



# Regional 4-H Club Day Results



Congratulations to all who participated in Regional 4-H Club Day. Those who represented the District at Regional 4-H Club Day were:

## **Project Talks:**

Eddie, Smoky View - Blue  
Parker, Cardinal - Blue  
Bradley, Boldly Go - Blue  
Alexis, Solomon Valley - Blue

## **Junior Demo./Ill. Talk:**

Esther, Friendly Valley - Blue

## **Senior Demo./Ill. Talk:**

Zoe, Boldly Go - Blue  
Acacia, Smoky View - Blue

## **Public Speaking:**

Ariana, Willing Workers - Blue  
Isaac, Smoky View - Top Purple  
Caleb, Boldly Go - Blue  
Matthias, Boldly Go - Red

## **Vocal Music**

### **Junior Solo:**

J.D., Smoky View - Blue

### **Senior Solo:**

Zoe, Boldly Go - Top Purple

## **Dance:**

Maia, Smoky View - Top Purple

## **Instrumental Music**

### **Junior Solo:**

Eddie, Smoky View - 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Purple  
Alexis, Solomon Valley - Blue

### **Senior Solo:**

Zoe, Boldly Go - Blue  
Matthias, Boldly Go - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Purple

## **Drama**

### **Junior Reading:**

Maia, Smoky View - Blue

### **Senior Reading:**

Colbey, Woodsdale - Blue  
Matthias, Boldly Go - 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Purple

## **Gavel Games**

### **Junior:**

Boldly Go Jr. A - 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Purple  
Boldly Go Jr. B - Top Purple

### **Senior:**

Boldly Go - Top Purple  
Friendly Valley - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Purple

# 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 4-H Horse Judging Contest provides youth an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement, in a competitive setting. This contest provides an educational experience for all participants. Congratulations to Lainey Garner, Gypsum Valley 4-H Club.

3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Individual Halter  
7<sup>th</sup> Senior Individual Overall

10<sup>th</sup> Senior Individual Performance  
10<sup>th</sup> Senior Individual Reasons

# Share Your News!

Got news to share? Don't forget to let the office know about successes and learning experiences! 4-H offers so many avenues for learning, and we want to help celebrate your project-related successes. Send us a note to share your great news!

# Information On Fundraisers

## Spring Fundraiser Begins April 1 -- No Foolin'

Our District spring fundraiser begins April 1 and will run until May 1. We are working with a new company, Little Ol' Cookie House, which is local and provides a variety of products. Some of you may have had the privilege of sampling their warm chocolate chip cookies at 4-H Club Day. Besides several kinds of cookie dough, they also sell pies, cheesecakes, candles, coffees, candies, Kreihbiels meats, and Alma cheeses -- something for every shopper and budget! Any questions, please contact Robyn Prickett, Master Volunteer for the Finance and Fundraising Committee, at [robynprickettks@gmail.com](mailto:robynprickettks@gmail.com) or (785) 493-0014.

## 4HOnline & Emails

It is important that 4-H Families are receiving emails through 4HOnline. The Central Kansas District tries to eliminate the amount of emails that we send. However, sometimes it is the only means of communication based on the timetable we are given. Everyone is encouraged to make sure their settings are such in 4HOnline that allows for you to receive emails to the email in which is checked the most.



By default, all members are subscribed to 4HOnline email. If you have received an email that you think doesn't pertain to your family and click on unsubscribe, it will unsubscribe you from ALL emails. To check if you are signed up for emails through 4HOnline, pull up your family profile. Click on "Family" on the left side of the page. Next to "Subscribe To Emails?" under the green Family tab, you will see the Yes/No box. Be sure the Yes box is blue. Once you have clicked on the Yes box, you will see a prompt on the screen that says "Opted in to receiving emails." It may take up to 48 hours for the change to take effect.

## National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 20-26, 2025. The purpose of this week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers on all levels. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many volunteers who make 4-H "work" for the Central Kansas District. There are hundreds of volunteers involved in the Central Kansas District 4-H Program. We wish we could name them all here. Without all of you, 4-H would not be as successful as it is today.



We would like to challenge each and every 4-H member to call and/or write a volunteer and thank them for all of their dedication and hard work they put into the 4-H program here in the Central Kansas District.

***Have You Thanked A 4-H Volunteer Today?***

## Spring Into Volunteering

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on Saturday, April 26 in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Salina Campus. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3:00 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 some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Personality types and volunteer work, strategies to prepare youth for real-world opportunities, 4-H volunteer resources, and more!

Registration for the day is \$20 and includes lunch and materials. Registration online can be found at <https://bit.ly/3XAGMov> and is due April 15, 2025. The fee will be submitted to your local Extension Office. Find all of the information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/>.

# County Fair Information



## 2025 Fair Dates and Fair Themes

Mark your calendars! Fair dates for 2025 and fair themes have been announced.

Ottawa County Fair  
Tri-Rivers Fair

July 15-18  
July 31 - August 3

Stayin' Alive in 2025!  
Fairadise

Watch the newsletter and emails for dates for pre-fair judging and other fair activities.

## Fair Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents

The dates for the Ottawa County Fair are July 15-18. The Tri-Rivers Fair will be on July 31 - August 3 (pre-fair days on July 29-30). Both fairs need superintendents and assistants. We need a lot of parents and youth to help ensure a smooth-sailing event. Do not forget that these leadership and citizenship opportunities can be counted in the 4-H member's record book. Interested 4-H members, parents and volunteers should sign up online by May 1 by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>. Go to County Fairs and choose Ottawa County Fair or Tri-Rivers Fair, and you will find a link for Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Sign Up. **Note: Sign-up is not open at this time but will be open soon.**

## Photography Themed Class at the County Fairs

We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2025 4-H Photography Competition is **Living in Paradise**. 4-H members can submit a photograph that illustrates what makes living here in our area or in Kansas great. Be sure and check out the specifics when the fair papers are available. You will need to choose the specific class number for Theme Photo Class when pre-entering for the county fair. This is a county only class and is not eligible for the Kansas State Fair.



## From the Tri Rivers Fair Board

This year marks the first time the **Tri-Rivers Fair** will have a full **fair-wide theme**, and we are excited to see how our **4-H clubs** bring "**Fairadise**" to life! With a **tropical, beach-inspired feel**, clubs can get creative by incorporating the theme into their fair activities, exhibits, banners, floats, and decorations. Ideas include designing **themed food booth displays**, adding **island vibes to livestock stall decorations** or hosting a **special club activity** that ties into the theme, like a **limbo contest, tropical trivia or a Fairadise photo booth**. Any fair activities can be geared to Fairadise, including the concession stand offerings, Fair Fun Day and anything else that happens. Clubs can also encourage members to wear Hawaiian shirts, flower leis or beach hats to create a fun, festive atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to showcase **4-H spirit, creativity, and community pride**, while making the fair even more engaging for visitors. Let's make this first **themed fair year** a true **Fairadise**!



## King & Queen Candidates & Contest Update

The Fair King and Queen represent 4-H during the Tri-Rivers Fair in the 4-H and Open Class Departments, and at the evening fair events. Since 4-H is part of the Tri-Rivers Fair, your club has a part by selecting the best candidates. The names for the King and Queen candidates are due online by May 1. The link will soon be emailed to Organizational Leaders.

Candidates must be 14 years old before January 1, 2025. They must have been a member for a minimum of three years. The contest consists of résumé/essay, interview, and thank you note writing. Details will be updated soon and may be viewed by going to the 4-H Youth Development page on the District website (<http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>) and clicking on the link under County Fairs (left hand side), click on Tri-Rivers Fair, and then scroll down to 4-H King and Queen Information.

# Minimum Livestock Weights at County Fair

The minimum weights for livestock to be eligible for grand or reserve champion or be eligible to sell in the premium auction at the 2025 Ottawa County Fair and 2025 Tri-Rivers Fair are as follows:

**Beef:** 1,000 lbs

**Meat Goats:** 50 lbs

**Sheep:** 90 lbs

**Swine:** 220 lbs

## Fair-Worthy Recipes Await! Get Baking with 4-H!

Hey 4-H Foods & Nutrition Stars! County Fair season is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about those winning recipes! We've got two fantastic resources to help you find the perfect baked goods to showcase your skills:

- **Home Baking Association:** <https://www.homebaking.org/skill-level/beginner/> This site is perfect for those just starting out or looking for solid, reliable recipes. It's packed with beginner-friendly options that are sure to impress the judges.
- **King Arthur Baking Company:** <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/recipes/collections> King Arthur Baking is a trusted source for bakers of all levels. Explore their recipe collections for a wide variety of treats, from classic cookies to show-stopping breads.

**Your Challenge:** As you browse these sites, keep your 4-H Foods & Nutrition knowledge in mind! Look for recipes that:

- Feature whole grains.
- Incorporate fruits and vegetables.
- Offer healthy substitutions (like using applesauce instead of oil).
- Are modifiable to reduce sugar or fat.

Remember, the fair isn't just about delicious treats; it's also about showcasing your understanding of healthy and nutritious food choices. We want to see your creativity and skill shine! Happy Baking!





# ***Leadership Opportunities***

## **Districtwide Leadership Workshops**

Come learn some fun activities you can use at club meetings for ice-breakers, team building, and discussion. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 29, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room. **Please register by Tuesday, April 22.** Register by going to <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h/> and click on the link under “Upcoming Events & Online Registration.”

Remember...This workshop will count for the leadership workshop on the pin application. ***Who can attend?*** 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers can attend! Participants will learn activities they can take back to their clubs and other groups they work with or are a part of. Key lessons that will be emphasized are: teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem-solving, communication, and decision making.

## **Host Families Needed for International Delegates**

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families this summer to host a new international friend in your home this summer. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from Costa Rica: June 25 - July 19; Japan: July 21 - August 16; Norway: June 25 - July 19; and Taiwan: July 3 - August 2. Host families are needed to host an international boy or girl. The international youth will be between the ages of 12 - 18. Kansas 4-H's responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-19 who are interested in a cultural exchange, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips or join their host siblings for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process. The Japanese Delegates' personal information forms arrive in February.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, (785) 826-8917, or e-mail [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) or Mary Kay Munson, State Coordinator Costa Rica, Norway, and Taiwan, [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu).

## **IFYE Exchanges Are Back!**

After a year of assessment and planning, IFYE USA, Kansas 4-H's partner for exchanges of young adults over 18, is back offering exchanges in a limited way in fall 2025. The exchanges will include both outbound and inbound exchanges with partners in Chile, Germany, Slovenia, and Taiwan. As of this writing, Switzerland is pending as a potential exchange partner.

These exchanges will be from September to December. Kansas will be seeking multiple hosts for each inbound we host. We anticipate most of these inbounds will seek farm experiences in Kansas. Outbound programs from the USA will place IFYE delegates in all of the participating countries. This is a great opportunity for 4-H alumni. Go to [www.IFYEUSA.org](http://www.IFYEUSA.org) for applications and information. In Kansas, individuals may contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu) for information and updates. Kansas IFYE Association has scholarships available for outbound delegates from our state. We anticipate application deadlines this spring for the 2025 exchanges.

# Discovery Days

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put June 4-6, 2025, on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2025. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required. Registration will open soon!

## 48 Hours of 4-H



Join us this fall to see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, October 11-12, 2025, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

Get this on your radar now! Watch for updated information at <https://kansas4h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/>.

## 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.

Entries must be post-marked or received before the April 15, 2025 deadline. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>

## You're Invited to Celebrate 80 Years of Rock Springs Ranch!

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is excited to invite you to join us in celebrating 80 years of Rock Springs Ranch! Our team is hosting a weekend of fun and meaningful events, and we'd love for you to be part of the celebration.

April 12 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Camp Beautification Day – Help us prepare for summer camp with various volunteer projects. A volunteer appreciation lunch will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

RSVP: [Camp Beautification RSVP Form](#)

April 12 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social – Join us for a sweet treat and enjoy a tour of Rock Springs Ranch.

April 13 – 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4-H Camp Open House – RSVP for Open House at <https://rockspringsranch.org/events/open-house>

If you can't make it to the events, please consider sharing your favorite memories from Rock Springs Ranch as we highlight 80 years of the state 4-H center. Submit your memories here: [Memory Submission Form](#). We hope to see you there!

# 2025 Shutterbug Workshops

This Shutterbug Workshop on Saturday, May 3 will be held at Botanica Gardens in Wichita. Doors open and registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Workshops begin at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. To register, go to this link <https://cvent.me/arPGWe> or click on the QR code. Registration deadline is April 15. Registration fee is \$24 per attendee (youth or adult). Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. Payment will need to be made to either Extension Office prior to the event. Each 4-H member will receive two photo mount boards with registration. The registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



Bring your smartphone or camera with extra batteries. Cameras will be available for checkout. Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

This workshop is open to 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop topics include: How to properly mount photos, using kaleidoscopes, how to use light and color, crested images and light shadows, and composition and how photos are judged.

Event dates and details will be coming soon for workshops in Manhattan and Hays in the Fall, 2025.

## Kansas Wheat Association Variety Naming Contest

Kansas Wheat Alliance is hosting a variety naming contest to help select names for up to three new wheat varieties on track to be released by Kansas State University this year. We'd love to see strong participation from 4-H members and 4-H clubs across the state to showcase their agricultural knowledge and creativity.

### Contest Highlights

- Cash Prize – A \$500 prize will be awarded for each selected name (up to 3 winners).
- Open to Everyone – While anyone can enter, we'd love to see strong participation from 4-H members and 4-H clubs to get involved in shaping the future of a Kansas wheat variety.
- Entries due by April 15, 2025.
- Submit entries to [bryson@kswheatalliance.com](mailto:bryson@kswheatalliance.com)
- Full contest details and rules can be found by visiting: <https://kswheatalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-KWA-Variety-Naming-Contest.pdf>





# Mid-Year Award Review Process



Every year, 4-H members have the opportunity to complete a 4-H Member Achievement Plan otherwise known as the 4-H Pin Application. Be sure you are using the Central Kansas District 4-H Pin Application found on our website <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> under Award, Recognition, & Records. For those of you who are new to 4-H, this process considers the entire 4-H year and everything that the 4-H member has done throughout the year. It is not something that is specifically based on one project like the Project Award Applications or Record Books are. This provides an opportunity for a 4-H member to set goals for their overall involvement in 4-H and earn a pin in the process. You can find the 4-H Member Achievement Plan at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> → Awards, Recognition, & Records → Member Achievement Plan. Regardless of what pin the 4-H member is applying for, they will all fill out the same form, but the items required will vary. (See the details on the first page of the application.)

Now is the time to do a **status check** on where the 4-H member is with their pin application. The Achievements & Awards Committee would like to offer the 4-H members the opportunity to do a mid-year appeal, if they can determine right now that they are not going to be able to get the pin in which they have set out to achieve. There are lots of 4-H events that will still occur this year, but there are several that have come and gone. A 4-H member may have missed an opportunity or two. What does this all mean and what should I do? Here are some steps for the process:

1. Fill out the 4-H Pin Application as completely as you can to make it current.
2. Determine if you are on the right track. Are there still things that you need to complete? Check the 4-H Newsletter and Master 4-H Calendar (both available at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>) to see what other things are still yet to come this 4-H year.
3. If you have missed an opportunity and do not see where it can be picked up later this 4-H year, please complete the CKD 4-H Appeal Process Form. This form can be found at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h> → Awards, Recognition, & Records → Appeal Process. **Follow the directions on this form and submit it with a copy of your 4-H Pin Application to either Extension Office no later than 5 p.m., May 1.**
4. The Achievements & Awards Committee will review your forms and get back to you with a response. This will allow you to know if you continue working towards your goal of achieving the pin, if you will be able to receive it for the year. Keep in mind, the Achievements & Awards Committee may ask you to do certain things in place of what you may have missed. All of this will be outlined in their response back to you.
5. Additionally, the document Helpful Hints for Parents (Revised 03/2022) – has been renamed to Central Kansas District 4-H Pin Application Completion Details and is now included in the 4-H Member Achievement Plan on page 2.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Pin Application, the opportunity for the appeal, etc. please let Kate know.

## Kansas 4-H Key Award

**While this award application is due in September with the other awards, the optional “review deadline” is 5:00 p.m., May 1 to either Extension Office. There will not be another opportunity for early review.** The Kansas 4-H Key Award is a State Award. The basic requirements are: 1) a 4-H member must have passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the current year; 2) completed four or more years of 4-H work; and 3) enrolled in leadership for four or more years. There are several other requirements for this award. The Kansas 4-H Key Award is found under 4-H Youth Development → Awards, Recognition & Records → Key Award Application (found under Additional Award Forms). Applicants are encouraged to attach additional pages to be able to describe in detail the answers to the questions. If a 4-H member submits their Key Award Application for review by May 1, the Achievements & Awards Committee will review it and provide them feedback on what they will need to change in order for the 4-H member to receive the Kansas 4-H Key Award. If a 4-H member does not turn an application in until the September deadline and the application is not thorough, the 4-H member will not receive an opportunity to revise the application. They will have to apply for the award the following year, if eligible. We highly recommend taking advantage of the early review for the Key Award application.

# Project News

## Districtwide Cloverbuds

Each month, we focus on one 4-H project area through books, activities, experiments, and snacks.

Date: Second Sunday of the month

(April 13, May 11, June 8, August 10)

Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Location: First Christian Church, 2727 E. Crawford, Salina)

RSVP: Email Allison at [allisonlecklider@yahoo.com](mailto:allisonlecklider@yahoo.com)

\*Must be received at least two days before the meeting (Friday) so there are adequate supplies.

## Rabbit Project Meeting



The next Districtwide Rabbit meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church on your calendar for a rabbit meeting about fair preparation, and showmanship demonstrations and practice. For more information, contact Lindi Fahrenthold, [lfahrenthold@yahoo.com](mailto:lfahrenthold@yahoo.com).

## Important Information for Coggins Test



**NEW FOR 2024-2025** - There are some new and upcoming changes and requirements for CKD Horse exhibitors. Please read carefully and also read the email FULLY that was sent on Thursday, February 27.

1. **All exhibitors in the Ottawa County and Tri-Rivers Fair 4-H Horse Show must present proof of a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at the time Horse IDs are due to the extension office - that deadline this year will be May 30, 2025.**
2. **Each horse the exhibitor plans to show/use must have a negative test.**
3. **Your negative Coggins test MUST be valid through October 1 of this year. This is to ensure that all tests are valid not only for district fairs but also for state fairs.**
4. **You must also have a negative Coggins test at any future CKD horse clinics.**

### What will this mean for OT County?

We understand this is a new requirement for Ottawa County. If you need help getting connected with a Veterinarian who can perform a Coggins or have questions about the test and the requirements, please reach out to the Extension Office.

### What will this mean for SA County?

Since it is already required at Tri-Rivers Fair, the only change for Saline County members is the deadline. We realize some of you may have Coggins that expire between June 1 - October 1, so we are recommending testing now to ensure your new expiration date matches up with the district deadline. Remember, it has to be valid through October 1.

We realize this is a change, but we believe it is only for the better to ensure we practice good biosecurity and keep our animals safe. We highly suggest you complete your Coggins test ASAP to ensure that you get results back in time to attend any clinics or for the deadline.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Justine Johns at 785-392-2147.

# New Horse ID's - Beginning for the 2024-2025 4-H Year

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) can be found at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate\\_P1039](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/horse-identification-certificate_P1039). The form has been updated for the 2024-2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2024-2025 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.
- The form MUST BE front and back of one page, not 2 pages.
- A standard-size color picture MUST BE attached for identification purposes. This should include all four feet and legs showing and a profile of the horse with the head turned a quarter turn toward the camera. ALL markings need to be clearly visible in the photo.
- Have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it.
- A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office.
- 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.
- This form can be signed anytime between now and May 30, 2025.

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 can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf>.

Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (S133) has been revised and can be found at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/kansas-4-h-horse-show-rulebook\\_S133](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/item/kansas-4-h-horse-show-rulebook_S133). 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.

## Attention Livestock Exhibitors – 2025 YQCA Certification

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through an age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

**CHANGES TO YQCA REQUIREMENTS** - YQCA will now only be required **every other year**, unless you are a newly enrolled livestock family (this is your first year in a beef, swine, sheep, meat goat project) or plan to attend the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). If you are not newly enrolled in a livestock project or will not attend KSF or KJLS, you are required to complete the YQCA certification in EVEN YEARS (2026, 2028, 2030, etc.).

If you are a 7-year-old and do not plan to show at KJLS, you are not required to have your YQCA certification, but you are more than welcome to attend just for the learning experience (no registration needed). If you are a **7-year-old who will show at KJLS, you must be YQCA certified** by attending an instructor-led course.

If you need YQCA certification for this year, the class for 2025 is set for April 10 (Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room), and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents do not need to attend. They may drop off and pick up children accordingly. Also, know that if you do not wish to attend in-person training, the online course is available.

**Follow the link <https://yqcaprogram.org/> to log into your 4H Online account and sign up for a class.** Help videos including information on registering, logging in, how to sign up for courses, and more can be located at <https://www.youtube.com/@yqca2199>. Please remember to have members complete the **PRE-TEST** before coming to the course and the **POST TEST** after attending the course. They will not be able to receive their certificate until both are completed. For more details about the YQCA program, contact Justine Johns ([jwho4@ksu.edu](mailto:jwho4@ksu.edu) or 785-392-2147).

# Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging - Market & Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine

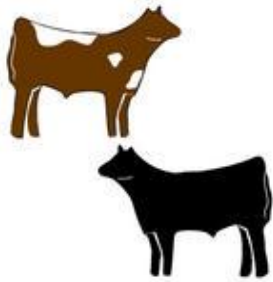
The Districtwide small animal tagging and weigh-in will be held April 23, in Salina (fairgrounds) and April 24, in Minneapolis (fairgrounds) from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for meat goats, sheep, and swine. Tags will cost \$3.00/tag.



Swine projects are now required to be at the small animal weigh-in and tagging.

**Photo submissions are no longer accepted as a way to tag pigs.** You will need to bring all market and breeding swine projects to tagging. They will not be weighed and will be left on trailers for tagging. Members or an associated adult will be required to tag all swine. All market and breeding sheep, meat goats and swine need to come to weigh-in.

## Central Kansas Beef Classic Show



This “Blow and Go” show will be held on Saturday, April 26. The show is open to any bonafide 4-H and FFA member who has not yet reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1, 2025. There will be a special class for the 4-H members enrolled in a club in the Central Kansas District. The entry fee is \$25 per head, but after April 18 the fee will increase to \$30 per head. All fees must accompany registration. For registration information, please go to the District website (<http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu>), click on 4-H Youth and Development on the left-hand side, and a flyer will be located under Upcoming Events and Online Registration.

## Livestock Declaration Form

District (for the county fairs) declaration forms can be found under 4-H Member Forms & Documents at <http://www.centrankansas.ksu.edu/4-h>. The form will be labeled as **DISTRICT** for the county fairs. The District Declaration Form for the county fair is due:

- By May 1 to either Extension Office

The State Livestock Declaration Form is required for all animals except Registered Breeding heifers for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show and can be found under nomination information on the State Youth Livestock website. This form should be uploaded during the nomination process.

## Livestock Nominations

**ALL State nominations are done online.** Kansas 4-H and FFA members who would like to exhibit livestock projects must nominate all market animals and commercial breeding females for those animals to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. When we refer to “state shows”, these are the two shows in which Kansas state livestock nominations apply.

For the KSF and KJLS, due dates are as follows:

- **May 1** - Market Beef
- **June 15** - Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats

Deadline to order DNA envelopes:

- **April 20** - Market Beef
- **June 5** - Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

## Reminder - Livestock Premium Auction Policy

**Attention Livestock Exhibitors:** Livestock that have sold through the Ottawa County Fair and Tri-Rivers Fair Livestock Sales are eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as long as they have not changed ownership. Please feel free to give the Extension Office a call if you have any questions.



## Mark Your Calendars - Tractor Safety Class in Solomon

Tractor Safety certification is required for youth ages 14 and 15 who plan to be employed on a farm or ranch. Central Kansas District Extension will once again be hosting their Tractor Safety course **on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. at KanEquip, Inc., 525 N. Poplar St., Solomon.** To register, go to <https://bit.ly/tractorsafety2025> or click on the QR Code.

Scan to register!



Manual cost is \$15 and can be picked up at either Extension Office. Please pick up your manual **PRIOR** to the course.

Agent contacts: Jay Wisbey [jwisbey@ksu.edu](mailto:jwisbey@ksu.edu) or 785-309-5850 and Justine Johns [jwho4@ksu.edu](mailto:jwho4@ksu.edu)  
Minneapolis office phone at 785-392-2147.

## Save the Date for the State Horticulture Judging Contest

Save the date for the 2025 Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest! We will be on the K-State Manhattan campus on Saturday, August 16, 2025. The 2025 Study Materials have also been updated and can be viewed at <https://kansas4h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/contests/horticulture-judging/docs/2025/2025%20STUDY%20MATERIAL.pdf>. More details will be soon!

Helpful Links and Resources can be found at <https://kansas4h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/contests/horticulture-judging/> on the contest page. If you have questions about how to get started, please contact Beth Hinshaw at [bhinshaw@ksu.edu](mailto:bhinshaw@ksu.edu).



## Save the Date: 4-H Wheat Expo

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the South Hutchinson Community Building. Tours are being finalized and registration information will be out soon.

The 4-H Wheat Expo is an opportunity for 4-H families to engage in learning more about Kansas Wheat and our Kansas Agricultural industry. Youth participants have the opportunity to take part in hands-on judging opportunities including a Crop ID contest, exhibiting wheat related projects for foods, photography, wheat variety plot educational displays, 1 lb. bin run for crops members, and 1 lb. bin run for “adopt a producer”. Youth may bring multiple exhibits.



# News For Organizational Leaders

## April Check-Up

Are you counting down until school is out? Summer will soon arrive! Are you prepared for all the summer activities . . . baseball, vacation and fair? Let's look at our monthly check-up so we can keep on track before those summer activities start.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ready for the unexpected. ☺
- \_\_\_\_\_ All 4-H project additions and/or drops made **ONLINE by May 1** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>.  
**Please double check! After May 1, the system will not allow a member to add or drop projects.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Changes to 4-H online enrollment completed by May 1 to exhibit at the county fair.

### Review

- \_\_\_\_\_ *4-H Newsletter* read and important dates marked on calendar.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at club meeting.

### To-Do

- \_\_\_\_\_ All project leaders completed the volunteer screening process and enrolled in 4HOnline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check project leaders progress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fair preparations started - banner, float, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visitors reported to Kate ([klittich@ksu.edu](mailto:klittich@ksu.edu)).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a parent meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan summer activities - tours, picnics, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update 4-H Project Award Application, Pin Application and Club Summary.



### Promote/Recruit

- \_\_\_\_\_ Current Parents Committee recruiting new Organizational Leaders or Parent's Committee members for the next 4-H year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discovery Days promoted. **Registration will open soon.**

### Remember




- \_\_\_\_\_ Tri-Rivers Fair Queen & King names due **ONLINE, May 1.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tri-Rivers Queen and King Candidate résumés, etc., due **ONLINE, date to be determined.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Club representatives should attend 4-H council meeting.

## Organizational Leader Update

The next Organizational Leader Update will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, via zoom. We will be discussing county fairs and more! You won't want to miss this update.



# April, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 	<b>1</b> Camp Scholarship application DUE to either Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. District Fundraiser Begins April 1 - May 1	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b> Organizational Leaders' Update, Online via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> YQCA Training, 6:30 p.m., Minneapolis Courthouse Meeting Room May Newsletter articles due to Kate	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Cloverbud Meeting, First Christian Church, Salina, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp Open House, 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Districtwide Leadership Workshop , RSVP Due	<b>23</b> Meat Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in/Tagging, Salina, fairgrounds, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Meat Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in/Tagging, Minneapolis, fairgrounds, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Central Kansas Beef Classic Show, Salina
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Districtwide Leadership Workshop, Minneapolis, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	National Volunteer Week		<b>UPCOMING DATES:</b> <b>May</b> 1—Fair Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Sign-Up DUE Online 1—4-H Project add/drop deadline DUE online 1—New 4-H Members: Online Enrollment due to participate in fair 1—Tri-Rivers Fair King/Queen Names, DUE online 1—Mid-Year Appeals DUE to either office by 5:00 p.m. 1—District Declaration Form for county fairs DUE to either office by 5:00 p.m. 30—Horse IDs & proof of negative Coggins DUE to either office by 5:00 p.m. TBD—Discovery Days Registration DUE online TBD - 4-H Council Meeting, Minneapolis	
		<b>30</b>				



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## THE 4-H YEAR IN FULL SWING

Dear 4-H Families,

We are so grateful for your time and dedication for the CKD 4-H Youth Development Program. We appreciate all of our volunteers and their many roles which make our program successful. Your generosity with your time, expertise, and resources make a real difference for the youth and families in our 4-H community and beyond. When youth have caring adults working with and supporting them, many things occur: a sense of belonging, an opportunity to grow and develop interests, the opportunity to participate and engage in great programs, and ultimately, to develop long-term positive outcomes. We thank you for your efforts in our local programs to make an impact and to help keep our program thriving. We simply couldn't do it without you!

Many Thanks,

Kate

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