

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

MAY
2025

A Minute with Madeline



Start Your Summer at Rock Springs Ranch

Kick off your summer at Rock Springs Ranch—a fun and meaningful way to spend time outdoors and create friendships that last a lifetime! Set in the heart of the beautiful Flint Hills, Rock Springs Ranch offers a perfect escape for families and youth to connect with nature and each other.

About Rock Springs Ranch

Founded in 1946, Rock Springs Ranch has been home to Kansas 4-H camp experiences for generations. Spanning over 700 acres, the ranch features miles of trails, streams, lodges, cabins, a swimming pool, riding arenas, and more.

It's operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation and welcomes thousands of campers each year—from first-time Cloverbuds to teens and entire families. The facility has recently undergone upgrades, offering a modern camp experience while maintaining its rustic charm and strong 4-H roots.

A Minute with Madeline Cont.

Activities Include:

- Archery 🎯
- Swimming 🏊
- Hiking 🌿
- Campfire storytelling 🔥
- Stargazing 🌌

Why Attend Camp?

Beyond just fun, camp offers powerful growth opportunities for youth and families alike:

- **Life Skills Development:** Campers build confidence, independence, and teamwork through hands-on activities and shared experiences.
- **Unplug & Reconnect:** With limited screen time, kids and adults alike can focus on quality time, reflection, and forming real-life connections.
- **Lifelong Friendships:** Camp encourages meeting new people from across the state, expanding horizons and forming strong bonds.
- **Supportive Environment:** Guided by trained 4-H staff and counselors, youth are encouraged to try new things in a safe, encouraging space.
- **Connection to Nature:** Whether it's a morning hike or a night under the stars, campers deepen their appreciation for the outdoors.

Contact & Registration

Website: www.rockspringsranch.org

Phone: (785) 257-3221

Email: info@rockspringsranch.org





LEADER'S LOUNGE

May 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
- 4-H/FFA Division Rules for the Butler County Fair (available [HERE](#))

Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects due by May 29th
- Coggins now required for Horse Project
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Camp

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
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- Speak with your club about doing a booth at Mini Fair
- Remind 4-H'ers of the 2 Meeting Requirement for the Butler County Fair (by July 14th)
- 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.
- Pre-Entries for the Butler County Fair open on June 1st (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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 Online & DNA Postmarked
- May 3: Shutterbug Workshop - Botanica
- May 10: Basic Shotgun Class 9 a.m. - Michael Murphy & Son
- May 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update - Rock Springs
- May 11: Black Gold Spring Show
- May 26: Extension Office Closed
- May 27: Recordbook Workshop
- 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. (must be dated May 29th or before)

June

- June 1: Pre-Entries open for the Butler County Fair (ALL projects require pre-entry)
- June/July: 4-H Camp Sessions, Rock Springs
- June 3: South East Region Livestock Day
- June 4-6: Discovery Days, Manhattan
- June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for Nominations
- June 10: 4-H Council Meeting
- June 11-14: K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy
- June 12: South East Region Challenge Day
- June 13-15: State 4-H Geology Field Trip
- June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat State Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
- June 15: Animal Registration Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- June 15: YQCA Deadline for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 16: Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline
- June 16: Dairy Cattle ID Paperwork Deadline
- June 17: 4-H Ambassador Day Camp
- June 22-27: 25th National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships - Grand Island, NE
- June 23: Pre-Entry Deadline for the Butler County Fair
- June 26-28: Insect Spectacular - El Dorado

July

- July 4: 4th of July - Extension Office Closed
- July 7: Superintendent Meeting
- July 11: Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- July 11: Extension Mug Mingle
- July 11: Club Quarterly Report Due
- July 13: Butler County Fair Horse Show
- July 14: Butler County Fair Auction Meeting Requirement Deadline
- July 14-23: Extension Office Hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- July 17-22: Butler County Fair
- July 21-August 6: State Fair Entries Accepted at the Extension Office
- July 24-25: Extension Office Closed

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

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Fair Photography Team



Apply Today via the QR Code

8 Team Members

5 Years in Photo.
Project Required

Work in Shifts to
Capture Fair Events

Great Experience for
your Recordbook

Build your
Photography Portfolio

Capture Memorable
Moments

Applications are due by
Monday, June 16, 2025
at 5:00 p.m.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqggBlxj2_xCkZjyqOZ7Ap4zVLTqNfyOvxdCXQT8SWB_OGRw/viewform?usp=header

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MINI FAIR

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025
6:00 - 8:00 PM

BUTLER COUMMUNITY/4-H BUILDING

**200 N. GRIFFITH
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Ambassador
Sponsored
Clover Click
(bring your
quarters!)

Event Highlights

**SHOW AND TELL, CLUB BOOTHS,
FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST, LIVESTOCK
SKILL-A-THON, HORTICULTURE
JUDGING, FACS JUDGING
SET-UP BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.**

Grab your friend
and join the water
balloon toss. Test
your skills and win
a cash prize!

REGISTER HERE FOR PRE-ENTRIES AND CLUB BOOTHS:

HTTPS: <https://forms.gle/t1ZKvsiJV5JsBGif6>

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RECORDBOOK WORKSHOP



**BUTLER
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**MAY 27TH
AUGUST 27TH**



**6:00 P.M. -
7:30 P.M.**

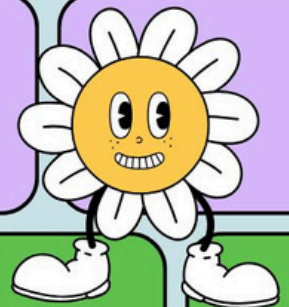
**PICK THE DATE THAT
WORKS FOR YOU!**



REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE

<https://forms.gle/QrjcmHTKqUWWj6Ym9>

**UNDERSTANDING THE
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**WHAT EVALUATORS ARE
LOOKING FOR**



**GET FEEDBACK FROM THE
AGENT ON YOUR BOOK**

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Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



2025 Updates



Use Existing ShoWorks Exhibitor Accounts for Nominations

State Livestock Nominations transitioned to an online system in 2022. Exhibitors who state nominated a market animal or commercial breeding female last year need to use their existing ShoWorks account this year. Do NOT create a new account, unless you truly are a family nominating for the very first time or adding a brand new exhibitor to the family. For help accessing an account, you may use the password reset option or contact the [Youth Livestock Program!](#) for assistance. Exhibitors will verify their contact information in ShoWorks from last year, update their age and 2025 YQCA #, then continue through the system.

Remember – all exhibitors who plan to show need their own ShoWorks exhibitor account. Animals must be nominated under each child a family would like to be eligible to enter and exhibit. It is highly encouraged to submit all animals under all kids. Families who have two (2) kids and three (3) animals should enter all three (3) animals under each child's ShoWorks account during nomination. Then, either child may enter and exhibit the animal at a state show.

Order Official DNA Envelopes in Advance

Families will need to purchase official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks, for each animal in which they plan to nominate. Envelopes that were purchased in 2022 – 2024 are still valid. Old DNA envelopes (2021 and before) will NOT be accepted. The new envelopes include all of the information necessary to enter each animal into the system, as well as provide a place for the barcode sticker, which families need to request from their local extension office. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline: **Market Beef – April 20; Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5**. There is also an option for expedited shipping. Orders will continue to be filled a few days after the DNA envelope order deadline, but families must pay the \$50 expedited shipping fee to have them overnighted. This is in addition to the cost of each DNA envelope.

4-H County and FFA Chapters Available Under Club Drop-down List

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local county. All FFA Chapters have also been added to the system under the county in which they are located. For example, Dickinson county 4-H'ers will select “Dickinson” as their “Club” in the system. An Abilene FFA member will find their chapter under “Dickinson – Abilene FFA”. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club”.

Use Checkbox Under Market Division for Dual Nominated Females

Exhibitors will continue to have the option to dual nominate gilts, ewes, and does by using a sliding checkbox, under the market division for each specie, rather than entering the information twice (once under both the market and commercial breeding division). Dual nomination means the animal is nominated both in the market division and in the commercial breeding division. Therefore, they are eligible to be entered by an exhibitor and shown in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Families who wish to take advantage of this option will need to nominate all of their gilts, ewes, and does under the market division, and then move the “Dual Nom (Mkt & Com)” slider button to the blue “YES” on the bottom of the page.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Rule Changes

Continuing this year, all market beef with Maine-Anjou papers will show together in one division – All Maine Breeds. Shorthorn Plus has also been added to the market beef show. The swine show will now include dark and light divisions for both market and commercial breeding. Refer to the 2025 [Grand Drive](#) rules for more information.

KJLS Rule Changes

Limousin steers will show in the AOB division, but families may continue selecting that specific breed in the nomination system. For swine, the birthdate for gilts has been moved to January 1 of the current show year and they will show by weight. The maximum weight for gilts will be 350 pounds, with a 15- pound weigh back. The max number of animals that may be entered for all species is four (4). However, entered animals may be any combination of market and breeding, as long as the number entered per exhibitor does not exceed four (4) total animals. There will be some changes in the KJLS schedule as well. Refer to the 2025 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for additional details.

Club News

North Butler

Annual Parent/Officer Swap

The North Butler 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting March 10th at the Emmaus Church. Per annual tradition, this meeting was led by the parents of the 4-H officers; having the 4-H members and their parents swap roles. Parent president Ann B. led the meeting. Wes B. and Brett K. led the pledges. Roll call was taken by parent secretary Mindy A. with parents of members completing the statement, "My favorite snack is...": sixteen members were present.

For a leader's report, Debora C. recognized March birthdays and those who had competed in County 4-H Days. She again encouraged everyone to read the newsletter that is sent out by the Extension office each month. Announcements were made about YQCA training and small animal tagging. Debora also shared with the club the upcoming events of an arts and crafts meeting (March 15), Camp Beautification Day (April 12), and our upcoming exchange meeting (April 14).

Bonnie B. motioned to adjourn the meeting and Brett K. seconded the motion. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

All members were in for a treat as parents led the program. Highlights of the program included: Mindy A. with an interactive project talk about Physical Therapy: Thomas R. impressing us with his leatherworking demonstration: Debora R. amazing us with her crochet show-n-tell: and Kiley M. wowing us with her guitar and singing talent as she created a 4-H band before our very eyes!

The parent meeting was a success. We witnessed a demonstration of great leadership, and learned more about one another, bringing us close together as a club.

~Bonnie B., Parent Reporter



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the 4-H members and volunteers that came and helped with the fairgrounds cleanup on April 12th. Pictured are 4-H Members Keeghan R., Kenzie S., Valerie S., Brenna S., Kylee B., and River H.. 4-H Volunteers: Cari B., Kevin R., and Burgundy B.. Not pictured 4-H member Case R. and 4-H volunteers Shanna S. and Staci R..

Club News

Benton Busy Bees

23 volunteers came together on Sunday April 6th to help clean and organize the Benton Community Hall before the Benton Day celebration. 4-H members and parents cleaned bathrooms, organized the storage lockers in the basement, and sorted, labeled, and deep cleaned the kitchen. Pizza and drinks were enjoyed by everyone after the cleaning was complete!

~ Wiley P., BBB Reporter



4-H Spotlight

Grant H.

Purple Heart Cloverbud



Grant is a first grader and Clover Bud in Purple Heart and loves science. For 4-H days, Grant researched the moon and gave a presentation with a homemade flipbook to show the different phases of the moon. He used a big metal bowl to trace the moon circles on black and white poster board. His mom helped him hot glue crescent moons or half-moons on each circle, and then he taped the pieces together to make the flip book.

Grant submitted his presentation to Exploration Place to win a summer camp scholarship. His moon phase booklet was chosen under the "Science Teaching Tool" category for STEM projects. He is excited to attend the "Dinosaur Trek" camp this summer at Exploration Place!

Super Saturday Results

The Super Saturday judging contest was held on March 22nd at Colby Community College. Congratulations to our Butler County 4-H Members!

Senior Individual Results

Brenna Sommers

- 1st Photography Judging
- 2nd Lifeskills Judging
- 5th Crops Judging
- 7th Entomology Judging
- 9th Horticulture Judging

River Horner

- 2nd Entomology Judging
- 3rd Horticulture Judging
- 4th Lifeskills Judging
- 10th Crops Judging

Valerie Sommers

- 3rd Lifeskills Judging
- 3rd Photography Judging
- 4th Entomology Judging
- 8th Horticulture Judging
- 8th Crops Judging

Jonathan Peak

- 3rd Entomology Judging
- 4th Horticulture Judging
- 5th Lifeskills Judging
- 9th Photography Judging

Senior Team Results

1st Place Senior Crops Judging

- Brenna Sommers
- Valerie Sommers
- River Horner
- Jonathan Peak

1st Place Senior Entomology Judging

- Valerie Sommers
- River Horner
- Jonathan Peak

1st Place Senior Photography Judging

- Brenna Sommers
- Valerie Sommers
- Jonathan Peak

1st Place Senior Lifeskills Judging

- Brenna Sommers
- Valerie Sommers
- River Horner
- Jonathan Peak

Intermediate Individual Results

Kenzie Sommers

- 1st Lifeskills Judging
- 5th Crops Judging
- 6th Photography Judging
- 6th Horticulture Judging

Karly Peak

- 9th Crops Judging
- 9th Entomology Judging
- 10th Horticulture Judging



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/>

- **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*
- **May 30:** Online YQCA Certificates Deadline
- **June 1:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 15:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- **June 16:** Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- **June 16:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline*
- **June 23:** Pre-Entries Close at 11:59 p.m.
- **July 1:** Dairy Doe Registration/Ownership Deadline*
- **July 14:** 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline for Project Auction

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!

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

2025 Butler County Fair

Updates to 4-H/FFA Divisions

1.

Updated grievance policy and form

2.

Purple ribbons added for livestock

3.

Updated Horse classes

4.

Youth must be present for livestock and static judging

5.

Expanded STEM guidelines

6.

Kits allowed in Visual Arts – county only competition

7.

Registered market livestock breed classes

8.

Disqualification for use of Fractal Woodburning

9.

Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) test required for Horses

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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:

- 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.

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.



Butler County 4-H Shooting Sports



Shotgun Project News:

There will be a beginners shotgun meeting on
Saturday, May 10th at 9 a.m.

This meeting is required for all NEW shotgun project members and will be held at
Michael Murphy & Sons
6400 SW Hunter Rd
Augusta, KS 67010

All Shooting Sports Members must have the following completed in order to be eligible to participate:

1. Be enrolled in the Shooting Sports Project in 4-H Online
2. Have a signed copy of the Shooting Sports Waiver turned into the Extension Office
3. \$20 Shooting Sports Project Fee paid at the Extension Office

Coggins Now Required for Horse Project

See reverse for more Coggins information

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST
(10/10 Amendment 10/10)

FORM APPROVED - CDS NUMBER 10179-1017

SERIAL NO. 1. ACCESSION NUMBER 2. DATE BLOOD DRAWN

3. REASON FOR TESTING: ☐ Market ☐ Change of Ownership ☐ Show ☐ First Test ☐ Retest ☐ Export

4. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: ☐ AKSD ☐ ELISA

5. VETERINARY LICENSE OR ACCREDITATION NO.

6. TEST TYPE

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OR STABLE/MARKET (Please print or type)

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER (Please print or type)

9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN (Please print or type)

10. SIGNATURE OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN

11. TYPE OR PREVIOUS USE OF HORSE

12. SIGNATURE DATE

13. SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT

14. SIGNATURE DATE

15. HEAD

16. LEFT FORELEMB

17. RIGHT FORELEMB

18. LEFT HINDLEMB

19. RIGHT HINDLEMB

20. LABORATORY NAME/CITY/STATE

21. DATE RECEIVED

22. DATE REPORTED OUT

23. TEST RESULTS: ☐ Negative ☐ Positive ☐ AGSD ☐ ELISA

24. REMARKS

Falsification of this form or knowingly using a falsified form is a criminal offense and may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (K.S.C. Section 1901).

VS FORM 10-11 (MAY 2009) (Replaces the VS 10-11 (4-90) and VS 10-11 (10-97), which may be used.)

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 forwards 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>

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>

2025 Butler County Fair Updates

*****NEW in 2025*****

- Updated Grievance Policy and Form
- Purple Ribbons Added for Livestock
- Updated Horse Classes
- Youth Must Be Present for Livestock and Static Judging
- Expanded STEM Guidelines
- Coggins REQUIRED for Horse Show
- Market Animal Registered Breed Classes
- Visual Art Exhibits Made From KITS Are for County Competition Only
- Projects Using the Lichtenberg Technique or "Fractal Burning" are NOT ALLOWED in Any Butler County Fair Exhibits in the 4-H/FFA Divisions

Livestock/ Project Auction Rules - *** You must attend (2) 4-H Club Meetings by July 14th to be eligible to participate in the Livestock/Project Auction at the 2025 Butler County Fair***



HPAI:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, is a rapidly spreading viral disease that can infect many types of birds. Avian influenza, often called avian flu or bird flu, can be common, but some strains are highly pathogenic, which means they are more deadly. Introduced by migrating wild birds, HPAI can spread through spring migration and affect **all** domestic poultry — small and backyard flocks as well as commercial industries.

Poultry with HPAI **do not** survive the illness. Vaccines for HPAI are not readily available.

Signs of Avian Influenza

- Coughing and sneezing
- Difficulty breathing
- Extreme depression
- Lack of energy
- Decrease in feed or water intake
- Swelling or purple discoloration of head, eyelids, comb, wattle and legs
- Decrease in egg production
- Sudden unexplained death

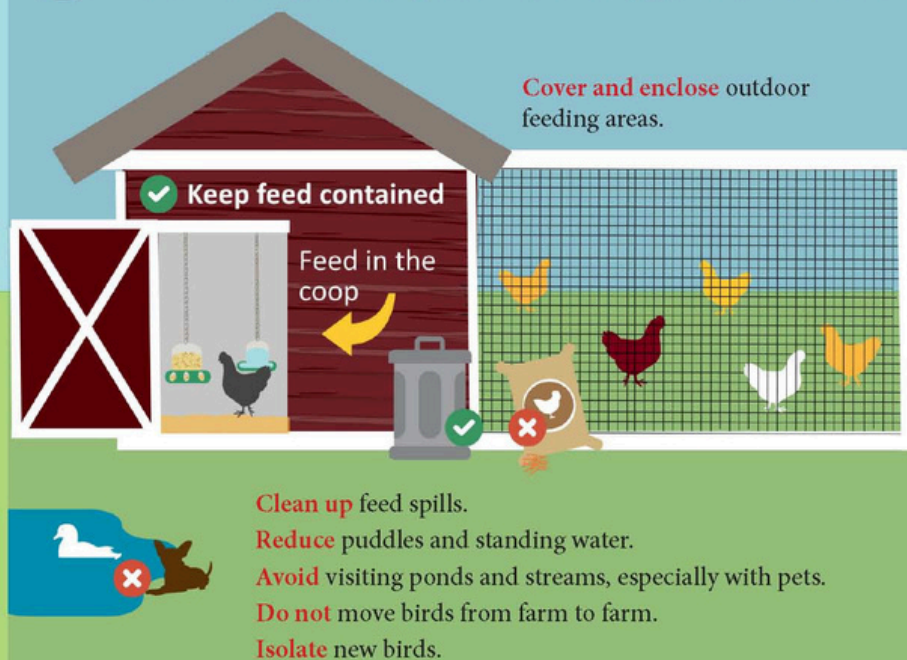
Biosecurity is your best option to prevent HPAI from entering your small or backyard poultry flock.

Here is what you can do:

Protect Your Small Flock from Avian Influenza

1

Avoid attracting wild birds and waterfowl to your home or farm. Song birds, sparrows, starlings, etc. are **low risk**.



2

Limit or **halt** travel with your birds to sales, shows and swaps.

Ensure you have clean hands, clothes, and footwear before handling your birds if you attend events. **Do not** allow others to handle your birds.



3

Limit your birds' visitors.

If someone must visit your birds: discuss where they have been. Have them wash their hands and wear clean clothes and footwear.



Call your veterinarian if your flock shows signs of influenza or you suspect exposure. No veterinarian? Call the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.

BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 11th, 2025

Butler County Fairgrounds located at 200 N Griffith Street.
El Dorado, KS, 67042



Entry Details

- ❖ **ONLINE ENTRY ONLY – even day of the show! Pre-Entry NOT required but you will have to enter and pay on-line at the show.**
- ❖ Everyone must check-in at the registration table upon arrival to receive cards and finalize weights.
- ❖ Enter online starting March 1 @ <https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show-afcb/>
- ❖ Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- ❖ Showmanship: \$5/species – pay at the gate!!
 - Grand wins 60%
 - Res. Grand wins 40%
 - **NEW** - Banners for Champion and Reserve
- ❖ \$50 deposit for pen use. Deposit will be returned upon inspection at conclusion of show.
 - No pens allowed to be used without deposit.
- ❖ Butler County Youth - \$15/hd/species
 - Only 1 Butler County Class/species
- ❖ \$200 cash prize for Grand Champion Market and \$100 cash prize for Reserve Grand Champion Market.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize for Champion Breeding Doe and Ewe. \$50 cash prize for Reserve Grand Breeding Goat and Ewe
- ❖ Cash prizes for each class
- ❖ Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.
- ❖ **NEW** – gift certificates to Supply Trailer for all (Dependent on Supply Trailer availability)

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Check-In Information

- ❖ Trailers may arrive beginning at Noon Saturday
- ❖ Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. Sunday
- ❖ Swine checked-in by 8:00 a.m. (Show at 9:00 a.m.)
- ❖ Sheep & Goats checked-in by 10:30 a.m. (Sheep show 11am or 30 min after swine show. Goat show 15 min after completion of sheep show)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Butler County Black Gold Committee, Butler County 4-H, Butler County Extension Council, and the Butler County Fair Board are not responsible for any accidents.
2. Open to all current 4-H/FFA members 18 years and younger as of January 1, 2025. Out of State exhibitors are welcome!
3. All males must be castrated.
4. All animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor & free of clinical signs of infestations or contagious diseases, infections and sickness.
5. Only one animal per exhibitor in Butler County classes.
6. **NO** bedding allowed in the barns.
7. Show from your trailer. A \$50 deposit/pen will be required the day of the show if you wish to stall in the barn. The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the designated pen being cleaned.
8. Watch Facebook for updates.
9. Declare your own weight by respective registration close times.
10. The show committee reserves the right to resolve all questions not covered in the rules, request to see registration papers, a weigh back, etc. and their decision is final.
11. Full fit for show for anyone who wants to fit!

PROSPECT SWINE

1. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Barrows and Gilts will show together.
2. Prospect market animals will show by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

1. **NEW** - Does and ewes must be less than 2 years of age.
2. Prospect market animals may be either sex. Must have milk teeth.
3. Exhibitors may brace animals, but all four feet must be on the ground. Show director has the right to disqualify any violators.
4. All market and breeding animals will be shown by weight. There will be no breed classes
5. Market may not be shown in breeding and vice versa

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4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.**

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA



Who Should Register: 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. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



Register for Shutterbugs:

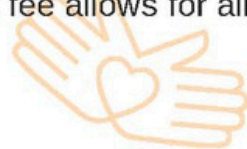


Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

Accommodations:

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JUNE 9 JUNE 23 JULY 7
JUNE 16 JUNE 30

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Whitewater Memorial
Library**

Origami, Tessellations, String Art,
Optical Illusions, and Structures

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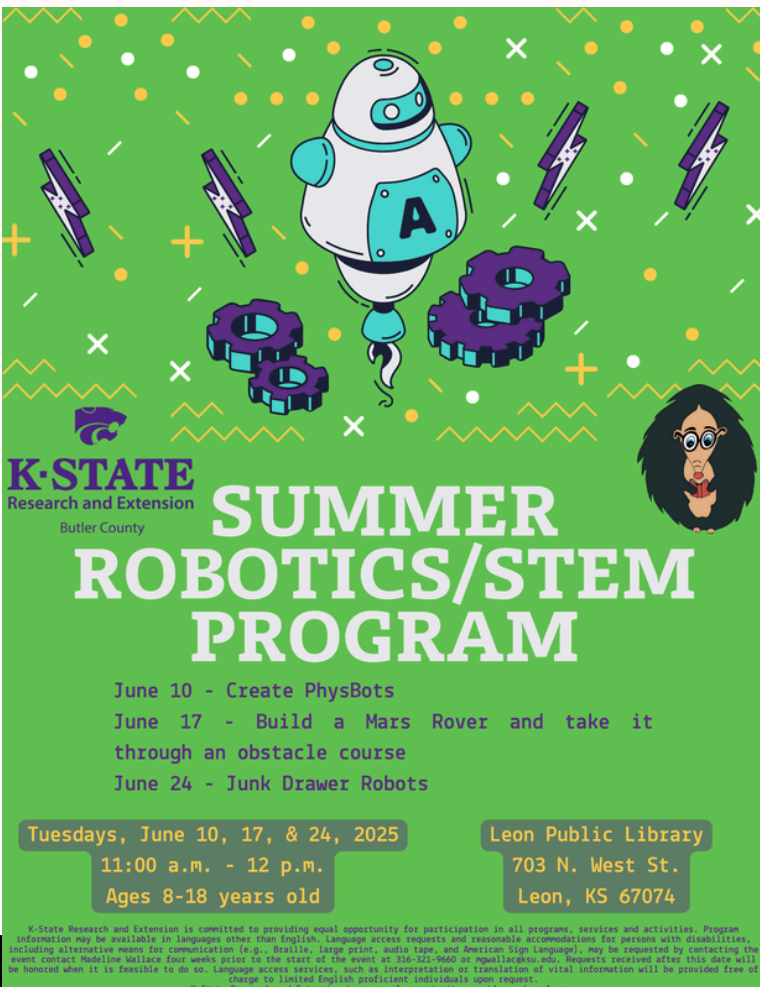
July 1 - Replace Sugary Drinks
July 8 - Color Your Plate
July 29 - Power Up Your Day



TUESDAYS, JULY 1ST, 8TH, & 29TH, 2025
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
AGES 8-18 YEARS OLD

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SUMMER ROBOTICS/STEM PROGRAM

June 10 - Create PhysBots
June 17 - Build a Mars Rover and take it
through an obstacle course
June 24 - Junk Drawer Robots

Tuesdays, June 10, 17, & 24, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 8-18 years old

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Leon, KS 67074

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