

THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2025

A Minute with Madeline

Start the New 4-H Year Strong!



The beginning of a new 4-H year is always exciting—it's a fresh start filled with possibilities! Whether you're a returning member, brand new to 4-H, or a parent looking for ways to help your kids grow, now is the perfect time to jump in. Getting involved early helps youth discover new projects, build leadership skills, and make friendships that last a lifetime. And with 4-H's new national campaign, Beyond Ready, we're reminded that 4-H is more than just activities—it prepares young people with the skills and confidence to succeed in life.

4-H Open House – October 27, 6:00 p.m., Community Building

Bring the whole family and see what 4-H is all about! Our Open House will feature project showcase booths, interactive activities, and a chance to meet 4-H members and leaders. It's the perfect event for families curious about joining or those looking to explore new opportunities in the program. Youth interested in signing up for a project showcase booth can do so at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5A92FA4FACF8-58598398-4hopen#/>

Achievement Celebration – November 8, 10:00 a.m., Community Building

Celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H members and volunteers at this special morning of recognition and fun! Awards, project completions, record books, and leadership achievements will all be highlighted. It's a day to be inspired by the hard work and dedication of our 4-H community—plus, enjoy refreshments and social time with fellow families.

A Minute with Madeline Cont.

Volunteer Training – November 13, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office

4-H couldn't happen without our amazing volunteers! This training is a great way to gain new skills, exchange ideas, and connect with other leaders. Whether you've volunteered for years or are just getting started, you'll leave with fresh tools and confidence to make the 4-H experience even better for youth. Register here:

<https://forms.gle/8eQ4VvtijQzWMUuMA>

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Register now
via the QR
code!



Training for Screened and
Approved 4-H Volunteers

**Developmental
Relationships**

Learn about the 5 key elements of positive
developmental relationships and how they
shape positive youth development!

Butler 4-H Community Building
Thursday, November 13th
6:00 p.m.
Snacks provided

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Join us for in-depth leadership
training workshops designed to
unlock your true potential.

 SATURDAY, NOV. 8

 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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Officer Training – November 8, 1:00 p.m., Community Building

Calling all new club officers! Being an officer is a big responsibility—and an awesome opportunity. At this training, you'll learn the ins and outs of your officer role, practice running meetings, and pick up leadership tips to help your club succeed. Plus, you'll get to connect with officers from other clubs and have some fun along the way!

The start of a new 4-H year is your chance to dive in, try something new, and discover just how far 4-H can take you. Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and join us for these exciting events. Let's make this the best 4-H year yet!





LEADER'S LOUNGE

October Check-Up

- Celebrate the concluding 4-H year. Begin planning for your Club Achievement party.
- Hold an officer installation activity.
- 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.
- Have a club information booth at the Open House.

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

- Encourage participation in National 4-H Week October 5-11
- Club participation at the Achievement Celebration November 8th
- Club participation in the Officer Training November 8th

To-Do

- Notify Project Leaders of their specific responsibilities
- Encourage Project Leaders to conduct project meetings throughout the year
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Begin planning for election and installation of club officers
- Encourage 4-H'ers to explore new project areas
- Remind families to "Subscribe" to the 4-H Online broadcast messages. This is where all newsletters and important information is sent out to families!
- Begin planning for your Club to participate in the 4-H Open House
- Begin to discuss Club participation in 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- Check Club's progress towards goals
- Return Club Information Sheet to the Extension Office by 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 31st
- Financial Review due to the Extension Office
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

Remember

- Work with your co-leader!
- Remind 4-H Families & Volunteers to get enrolled for the new 4-H year that began October 1st!
- Make it a fun and rewarding year!

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



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

October

- October 1: The 2025-2026 4-H Year Begins!
- October 1: Youth Council & National Conference Application Deadline
- October 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show - Hutchinson
- October 4: Live Well, Lead Well Workshop - Great Bend
- October 5-11: National 4-H Week
- October 10: Club Quarterly Report Due
- October 10: Extension Mug Mingle
- October 11: 48 Hours of 4-H Volunteer Workday - Rock Springs Ranch
- October 11-12: 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- October 11-12: State Shotgun Match
- October 14: 4-H Council Meeting
- October 15: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) Registration Deadline
- October 18: Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop - Hays
- October 18-19: 4-H Dog Conference - Rock Springs
- October 25: Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop - Manhattan
- October 25-26: Shooting Sports Leaders Updates & Full Training - Cimarron, KS
- October 27: Butler County 4-H Open House
- October 31: 4-H Club Financial Reviews Due
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November

- November 1: 4-H & IFYE Outbound Application Deadline
- November 1: Live Well, Lead Well/Engineering & Technology Workshop - Wichita
- November 8: Achievement Celebration
- November 8: Officer Training
- November 8: Live Well, Lead Well Workshop - Garden City
- November 11: Veterans' Day - Extension Office Closed
- November 13: Understanding Developmental Relationships 4-H Volunteer Training
- November 22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - Rock Springs
- November 22-23: Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum - Rock Springs
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving - Extension Office Closed
- November 28-December 2: National 4-H Congress - Atlanta, GA

December

- December 12: Christmas Donation Drive Drop Off

4-H Open House

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Open House

**LEARN ABOUT OUR 4-H CLUBS,
DIFFERENT 4-H PROJECTS, AND
ATTEND THE NEW FAMILY MEETING**

**BUTLER COMMUNITY BUILDING
200 N GRIFFITH ST, EL DORADO**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

BOOTHS OPEN

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

NEW FAMILY MEETING

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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Live Well, Lead Well Workshops

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
GREAT BEND, KS

LIVE WELL, LEAD WELL
WORKSHOP

9:00 AM TO NOON

Register
Here



**Beyond
Ready**

Preparing our youth with

★ *Strong Minds*
★ *Helping Hands*

★ *Active Hearts*
★ *Healthy Lives*

Workshop Topics

Head

Yoga & Breathing
Modeling Dough & Activity Cards

Heart

Target Heart Rate
Line Dancing

Snack

Smoothie
Blender Bike

Hands

Conversation Rocks

Health

Re-Think Your Drink
Hands-On Activities

Who Should Register: All adults and youth (ages 7 to 18) interested in learning about healthy living choices and coping strategies through fun, hands-on activities.

Registration Fee: \$15 per attendee. (Registration fee includes workshop supplies, take home modeling dough and activity cards, conversation rocks, smoothie snack, and door prizes.) Please pay at your local Extension office by September 30th or bring your payment with you the day of the workshop.

What To Bring: Please bring your favorite drink for one of our activities.

Accommodations: Kansas State University Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested with registration to this event.



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Achievement Celebration

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ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

“How We Thrived in 2025”

Date/Time:

 November 8, 2025

 Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Address:

 Butler Community
Building
200 N Griffith St., El Dorado

**Light
Brunch
Provided**





The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 22-23, 2025, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2025. Registrations will be due on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. 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 and 18 by January 1, 2025, 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 programs, 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 <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/>

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025







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Prepare For The New 4-H Year!

The new 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2025! 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 led 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 at <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 of projects [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-HOnline beginning October 1st.
- 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 and subscribe to emails (we won't spam 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!

Volunteers

- Remember: Volunteers need to re-enroll every year!
- Volunteers should not be conducting 4-H events until they are enrolled in 4HOnline.
- If you would like to become a NEW 4-H Volunteer:
 - Speak with your Community Club Leader first to find out where help is needed most!
 - Enroll in 4-HOnline as a Volunteer and submit your information for a background check (this link will be emailed to you).
- Once the Butler County Extension Board has approved your Volunteer application, you can start your 4-H Volunteer journey!

North Butler 4-H Family Hosts Student Thru State's 4-H International Exchange Program

This past July and August 2025, our family hosted a Japanese student through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program. The States' 4-H International Exchange Program allows students from Japan, as well as several other countries, come to the United States to learn about American culture and 4-H. The primary contact for Kansas is Pamela Van Horn. She works for Kansas State University and works with contacts in Japan to bring both male and female students to Kansas that are between the ages of 12-17. The students that are selected to come to Kansas participate in a similar "club" experience in Japan learning English, as well as other languages and cultures.

We chose to host a 14-year-old girl named Rinka from Tokyo, Japan. She was in-between the ages of our two girls, Ella and Julia. After looking at her interests, we thought she would be a good match for our family. Once we decided we were interested and contacted Pam, we had a short zoom interview. Pam wanted to talk to our family and take a "zoom tour" of our home so she knew where Rinka would sleep. The only requirement to host a student was that you would provide 3 meals a day for your student and they have their own bed to sleep in. Each family also had to agree to a background check prior to getting the final approval.

In late June, we found out that Rinka would be staying with us. We picked her up at Rock Springs 4-H Camp the day after the fair and brought her to our house for 3 ½ weeks. She had been to Kansas City last summer with the same exchange program, but had never stayed with a family in the country before. We tried to teach her all we knew about rural life, Kansas and 4-H. At the beginning, Rinka did not speak English very well so thank goodness for Google Translate! (She understood more than she could speak). By the end of the last week, she was able to speak 2-3-word sentences in English.



the second day of school for a few hours to experience music class and saw Ella's high school as well.



Rinka learned about our 4-H projects, including our cattle and horses, crafts, woodworking, photography, and foods. She was nervous to pet our dogs and cats, let alone the cattle and horses, as she did not have pets in the big city of Tokyo. Rinka got to experience a cattle round up in the Flint Hills (riding along in the truck) and we taught her about local crops such as corn and soybeans. We took her to my cousin's wedding, my nephews' birthday parties, went swimming in several pools and lakes, enjoyed country walks, and took her camping. We took her to church, shared our favorite foods, made tie dye shirts, baked no-bake and chocolate chip cookies, and played lots of games. The girls had fun going school supply shopping with Rinka and took her to "Back to School" night. Rinka visited Julia's middle school on

North Butler 4-H Family Hosts Student Thru State's 4-H International Exchange Program Cont.

Gift giving is a big tradition to Japanese culture. Rinka brought several gifts with her to give our family including Japanese candy and ramen noodles. We learned other things from her such as how to write our names in Japanese, some Japanese words, how to fold origami and how to fit and wear a kimono. Ella was able to share these experiences with Rinka's help at our August 4-H club meeting and encouraged other 4-Hers to host next year.



We have continued to keep in touch with Rinka and her family though email. It is neat to know a friend on the other side of the world. The biggest lesson we gained from this experience is that a smile goes a long way and even if you speak a different language, you can still connect to others though similar interests. If you have additional questions about this program, feel free to email Mindy Amend at mday1018@hotmail.com or Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Written and submitted by the Amend Family of North Butler



To learn more about the programs associated with the 4-H Global Citizenship Exchange Programs, visit the Kansas 4-H website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/global-citizenship/>



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>

4-H Scholarship Update

E.W. Nath

4-H Foundation Scholarship

The E.W. Nath 4-H Foundation Scholarship can now be used towards trade schools, professional programs, or technical degree programs. This scholarship is no longer limited to a two- or four-year college or university.



Club News

Benton Busy Bees

The Benton Busy Bees had a successful year at the Kansas State Fair. The following 4-H'ers received these awards.

Individual Awards:

- Demonstration/Illustrated Talk-Purple
- Photography-6 purples, 7 blues, 1 red
- Arts- 2 blues
- Shopping in Style-Purple/call back
- Foods- 1 purple 1 blue
- Building Block Engineering-2 Purples
- Rocketry-Blue
- Woodworking-Red
- Horticulture-Purple
- Rabbit-2 purples, 5 blue, 4 whites
- Cattle, Swine, Goat exhibitors

Special Recognitions:

Brynlie N. - Photography-State 4-H Office Select
Alaxis J. - Photography - Rock Springs Ranch Select
Wiley P. - Engineering & Technology - Best In Show
Jack M. - Reserve Champion Berkshire Market Hog - Grand Drive Participant
Jackson S. - 3rd in Goat Division - Grand Drive Participant
Ellie N. - Larry Gleue Leadership Award

Judging Contests Participants:

Brynlie N. - Photography
Ayla W. & Hattie B. - FCS



Participants:

Aspen H., Alaxis J., Brynlie N., Rylan N., Wiley P., Isaac R., Josie R., Jackson S., Lorelai S., Otto S., Cole V., Lane V., Ayla W., Mason W., and Kale P.

-Wiley P., Reporter



48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge

Kansas 4-H gears up for weekend of community service Oct. 11-12

'48 Hours of 4-H' caps National 4-H Week in the U.S.

K-State Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Kansas 4-H will celebrate its long-standing commitment to community service when members across the state participate in 48 Hours of 4-H, Oct. 11-12.

Beth Hinshaw, a regional 4-H youth development specialist, said the 13th annual event wraps up National 4-H Week in the United States.

"In our (4-H) pledge, we say we commit our hands to larger service to my club, community and world," Hinshaw said. "48 Hours of 4-H helps fulfill the pledge that 4-H members make every time they meet together."

48 Hours of 4-H is a project that encourages clubs in the state to plan a community service project. "It's not a 48 hour project," Hinshaw said, "but rather a project that you do sometime during that 48 hour timeframe."

"We want the service to be meaningful and we want it to make a difference in their community," she added. "It's all about celebrating the impact Kansas 4-H'ers are making in their communities—and the volunteers, leaders, and mentors helping us grow. From leading service projects to lending a helping hand, we're showing what it means to be #4HBeyondReady."

In the past, Hinshaw said, groups have been very creative in how they have chosen to help their community, including such things as:

- Beautification of the community, such as painting equipment in parks, planting flower bulbs, picking up trash and trimming landscapes.
- Collections, such as non-perishable foods, pet foods and laundry supplies.
- Special events.
- Serving meals.
- Visiting nursing homes.

"They've found something to do that will make a difference in the community where they live," Hinshaw said. "Some groups have long-time partners that they work with; for example, one local unit helps with a Halloween Walk most years. But there are a lot of new projects, also."

In addition to asking local media to cover their project, Hinshaw urges Kansas 4-H clubs to post pictures to Instagram, Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag, #484H and #4HBeyondReady

More information about 48 Hours of 4-H and how to register a project is available online.

Hinshaw also noted that the new 4-H year began Oct. 1, noting that 48 Hours of 4-H is often an opportunity for those considering membership to see what 4-H is all about. More information about 4-H, including how to get involved, is available online, and from local extension offices in Kansas.





APPLY FOR
THE KANSAS
4-H YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL
TODAY



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Youth Leadership Council



The Kansas 4-H Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications are open! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for National 4-H Conference.

Learn more here: https://kansas4h.org/educational-experiences/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLH9M1leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETF1ZlJwRXdlVTf2UVJWeUZfAR5uf41Q-kwebxLzGr nSG W5xeOfntCrLowQJ-yorsuEUeOP4QAxbWI55BIUQ_aem_r7FumxMWcRycwmKfJLUwnA

The deadline will be October 1, 2025.

It All Started With Lego

From Lego to Manufacturing: One Engineer's Journey

“As a young kid, I was always into building things and Lego blocks were a huge part of that,” said Jonathan McPherson, director of advanced manufacturing research and training at K-State Olathe. “Then, when I was in fifth grade, my mom said I should think about becoming an engineer and somewhere, there’s a quote from me in a yearbook saying that I’m going to become a mechanical engineer.”

McPherson’s mom was right. Now, he leads K-State Olathe’s Advanced Manufacturing and Bulk Solids Technology Center, fulfilling the promise he made in his yearbook. The center provides in-demand training opportunities for professionals in the manufacturing industry throughout North America, as well as research and analysis on bulk solids.

But for McPherson, like many young engineers, the journey started years before he entered the business world.

“I’ve always been fortunate because I knew what I wanted to do,” McPherson said. “That desire to be an engineer followed me throughout high school and to college. I hadn’t necessarily considered getting involved in manufacturing, but life kept leading me in that direction.”

Originally, McPherson planned to design heavy equipment, such as bulldozers. Then he met someone at a career fair who changed the trajectory of his engineering career.

“They explained what the world of engineering was all about, invited me for an interview, and one thing led to another. That was my first job out of college.”

McPherson’s first engineering position really taught him what the worlds of engineering and manufacturing are all about: people who are passionate about the things they create.

“I also remember, in that experience, meeting some of the people I was going to be working with. I just knew this is the industry I wanted to be in, and these were the people I wanted to work with. Everyone was so down-to-Earth.”

One of the most important parts of McPherson’s first position was traveling throughout the United States. He had the opportunity to travel to a variety of manufacturing sites and plants.

“Each one was different,” McPherson said. “One plant made additives, one made lunch meat, one made snack food. I saw this huge range, and along the way, I started meeting and connecting with great people.”



It All Started With Lego

It's the people that who make manufacturing such a wonderful industry to work in, according to McPherson.

"A lot happens behind the scenes that people don't always think about with manufacturing," he said. "You don't think about purchasing agents, HR staff, people who transport raw materials or finished goods, leadership or maintenance."

Now, team members who work in a variety of positions have the opportunity to work with K-State Olathe at our Advanced Manufacturing and Bulk Solids Technology Center.

Of course, McPherson also has a message for anyone who wants to go into engineering or manufacturing.

"This type of work is right for anyone who wants to work with their hands or is very technical. Somebody who is good at organizing might also do well, somebody who is passionate, somebody who has a desire for leadership."

McPherson also shared that there is a lot of pride manufacturing, especially having the opportunity to say that you made something in your local community.

"When you walk into a plant and talk to people, generally, everyone is very proud of what they're a part of, and with good reason. Most people in manufacturing also are very dedicated. It's not uncommon for someone to spend most or all of their career at a particular site."

Of course, McPherson also shared encouragement for learners who may be considering a career in engineering but who may have some misconceptions about how to get started.

"People always say, 'You're an engineer. You must be good at math!' I'm not. Don't let anyone tell you that you have to be good at math or chemistry or physics to be good and make it in this world. If you're good at building things – whether that be a treehouse or a marketing program – you can be successful in manufacturing."

Of course, we also asked McPherson what he likes most about this industry.

His answer?

"There's a lot of satisfaction and pride in building something. This feels overly poetic, but I legitimately believe that manufacturing strengthens communities, and being part of that is, well, it's very rewarding."

https://olatheblog.k-state.edu/from-lego-to-manufacturing-one-engineers-journey?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=From%20Lego%20to%20manufacturing%3A%20One%20engineer%26%2339%3Bs%20journey&utm_campaign=KST%20Faculty/Staff%209-10-25

Living Well Wednesday Fall 2025 Series

September 17

One Pill Can Kill: Opioid Crisis in Our Communities

October 15

Scam Smarts: Staying Safe in a Scamming World

November 19

The Buzz on Energy Drinks: Unpacking the Truth

All sessions start at 12:10pm CST.
Sessions will be recorded for later viewing.
Sign up at bit.ly/41E7kqJ

LIVING WELL
WEDNESDAY
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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

4-H

2x more likely to be
civically active

2x more likely to make
healthier lifestyle choices



The Top 5 Project Areas in Butler County:

1. Visual Arts
2. Foods & Nutrition
3. Photography
4. Woodworking
5. Fiber Arts (Includes 9 Projects)

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.

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

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316-321-9660

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LUNCH & LEARN

Bring your lunch and join Horticulture Agent, Calla Edwards, over the lunch hour during our monthly Lunch & Learn Program. This will be held over the lunch hour and will cover a variety of horticulture topics.

October 8th
12:15-12:45 p.m.

Andover Public Library
1511 E Central Ave
Andover, KS

October Topic:
Woody Plant Propagation

Vegetative propagation, cloning, and asexual propagation are all terms used to describe the process of making new plants that are genetically identical to your existing plants. Learn about the basics of plant propagation for the hobby gardener. With a little knowledge and some simple tools, learn how to be successful in propagating your plants.

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Join Us For Our 2025 Quarterly Extension Connection

Mug Mingle



**Grab a mug and mingle with your local
Butler County Extension Staff**

Friday, October 10th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.

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October 20th
12:15-12:45 p.m.

Lori's EMPORIUM!
1604 Custer Lane
Augusta, KS

October Topic:
Bringing Beauty with Bulbs

Nothing says "Hello Spring" like the cheery smile of a bright yellow daffodil or a bed of colorful tulips. This spring welcome does not just happen, it must be planned. Fall is the ideal time to plant spring flower bulbs in the landscape. Calla will cover everything you need to know to have success with spring-flowering bulbs.

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K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Keys to Successful Community Garden Spaces

Wednesday, October 1st 12:00PM -1:00PM CST

Community gardens are vital spaces for growing healthy food, fostering community connections, and enhancing personal well-being. Join Laura Phillips, Meadowlark District Horticulture Agent, as she explores the evolution of community gardens, common pitfalls to avoid, and offers guidance on establishing and sustaining a successful garden in your neighborhood. Bring your questions about creating a public garden space in your community!



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Climate Resilient Gardens

Wednesday, November 5th 12:00PM -1:00PM CST

Gardening in a changing climate can be a challenge. Join Pam Paulsen, Reno County Horticulture Agent, to explore practical methods to grow gardens that are resilient to tough growing conditions. Some of these methods include native and adapted plants, soil improvement, efficient use of water and nutrients, and attracting beneficial insects.



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2025 Hunter Education Course

The Hunter Education courses are open to anyone. No fee is required. No one under the age of 11 will be certified in Hunter Education. Those under age 11 may take the course with special permission from the instructor. Anyone taking the Hunter Education courses prior to age 11, will be required to take the course again for certification after turning 11. All courses are being held at the Butler County 4- H Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith in El Dorado. Call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660 to pre-enroll! Enrollment is limited, so call early! No Drop-Ins Will Be Accepted.

****Pre-enrollment is required for all courses****



Internet Assisted Course #1: September 27, 2025

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: Saturday, Sept 27th, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Pre-enroll between June 23rd – Sept 24th, 2025.



Internet Assisted Course #2: October 25th, 2025

Check-in: 7:30-8:00 AM

Field Day: Saturday, Oct 25th, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pre-enroll between June 23rd – Oct. 21st, 2025

You will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course. This independent study method requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session and completion of the Kansas online hunter education course. **DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.**

Pre-Enroll at Butler County Extension Office or call 316-321-9660

Field Day Instructions:

1. Pre enroll for the field day at the Butler County Extension Office
2. Go to the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website at ksoutdoors.com
3. Follow the prompts to access the on-line test and complete it. Education - Hunter Education - Internet Assisted Course - Free Kansas Internet Assisted Course (Yellow box at the bottom of the page) - take the test.
4. After completing the test, print the completion certificate and bring it with you to the field day.



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.